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*Joseph A Scott*

# ANNUAL REPORT

--OF THE--

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

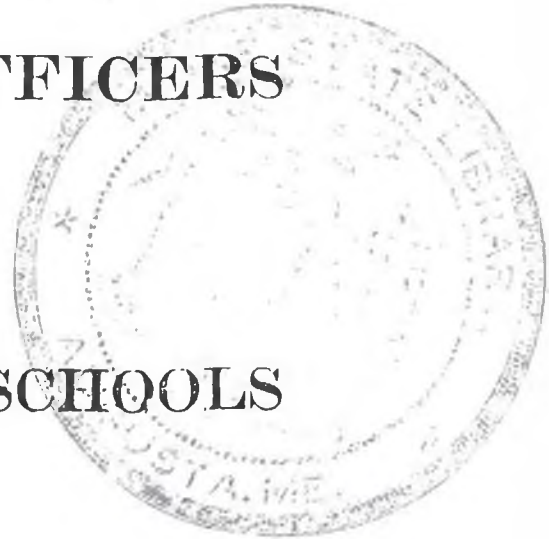
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## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

--OF THE--

### **Town of Denmark,**

For the Municipal Year of 1876. - 77



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# REPORT.

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Amount of Resident Real Estate,	\$238,083 00
“ Non-Resident Real Estate,	45,480 00
“ Personal Estate,	97,161 00
Total,	\$380,724 00
Whole No. of Polls, 265.	

## MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1876.

For the Support of Poor,	\$700 00
For Support of Schools,	1100 00
For Defraying Town Charges,	400 00
For Building the Bull Ring Road,	1050 00
	\$3250 00
Money Raised for Repairing Roads and Bridges,	\$2000 00
Rate per cent. on Highway, 4 mills on a dollar.	
Rate per cent. on Money Tax, one cent and one mill on a dollar.	

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount of School Money voted by the Town,	\$1100 00
“ received from the State,	642 39
“ of interest on School Fund,	32 88
	\$1775 27

Whole No. of Scholars in Town, 369.

Proportion to each scholar, \$4.78 and 5 mills.

July 26th, 1876, apportioned the above named sum of \$1775.27 to the several School Districts, as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT.	No. OF SCHOLARS.	AMOUNT OF MONEY.
School District Center,	72	\$344.52
District No. 1,	37	177.05
District No. 2,	59	282.31
District No. 3,	41	196.18
District No. 4,	23	110.05
District No. 5,	8	38.28
District No. 6,	15	71.77
District No. 7,	15	71.77
District No. 8,	30	143.55
District No. 9,	17	81.34
District No. 10,	21	100.48
District No. 11,	19	90.92
District No. 12,	10	47.85
District No. 14,	4	19.14
		\$1775.21

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*LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN from Feb. 25, 1876, to Feb. 16th, 1877, exclusive of School and Pauper Orders.*

To Geo. R. Bean, repairing Roads in District No. 12,	\$5 00
H. A. Shorey, for printing Town Reports for 1875,	18 00
H. A. Shorey, for blanks for Limits of Highway Surveyors,	1 50
Dresser & McLellan, for blank books and stationery,	16 80
Augustine Ingalls, balance for service as Selectman, &c., 1875,	11 25
J. G. Swan, to balance for services as Selectman, &c.,	6 00
Jacob H. Swan, for breaking roads in District No. 14,	2 50
J. G. Swan, for repairing Roads in District No. 14,	4 00
Geo. W. Gray, for balance due for Services as Selectman, &c., 1875,	8 70
Jeremiah Blaisdell, for repairing Highway in District No. 15,	4 39
Wm. Bean, for abatement of Tax assessed on Property not taxable,	16 00
Geo. R. Bean, for Services as Agent on the Bridgton, Denmark & Hiram Road,	15 00
Wm. Fessenden, for building the Bull Ring Road (so called),	981 25
Nathan Sanborn, for abatement of tax for the year of 1874,	9 00
Mrs. Silas Bennett, for damage caused by defect in Highway,	100 00
Dresser & McLellan, for Highway Surveyor's Books,	3 00
A. H. Witham, for repairing Town House,	30 00
Arthur S. Potter, for painting Guide Board,	50
George W. Gray, for services as Town Clerk,	8 27
James A. Head, for plank to cover bridge in District No. 4,	9 50
H. O. Moses, for stationery for Selectmen's office,	84
Caleb Warren, for abatement of taxes for the year 1875,	47 94
Caleb Warren, for services as Constable for the year 1875,	2 00
Caleb Warren, commission for collecting taxes for the year 1875,	96 50
Stephen T. Jewett, for repairing roads in District No. 17,	3 25
Geo. W. Moulton, for plank to cover bridge in District No. 6,	10 00
Thomas Freeman, for repairing roads in District No. 6,	4 38
Perley Bros & Weston, for stove and funnel for Selectmen's office,	7 25
Alfred Benton, for repairing bridge in District No. 6,	2 16
Nath'l Robinson, for repairing bridge in District No. 6,	1 00
Alfred Benton, for repairing roads in District No. 6,	8 25
S. G. Davis, Attorney fee in the Mabry Trustee case,	6 00
Moses M. Bennett, for repairing roads in District No. 23,	6 52
Dominicus G. Tarbox, for services as Committee on the Bull Ring Road (so called),	16 00
William Bean, for services as Committee, on the Bull Ring Road (so called),	12 00
E. P. Pingree, for services as Committee on the Bull Ring Road (so called),	12 00
	\$1486 75

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT,

DR.

To amount of Personal Property, as appraised by the Overseers of the Poor, Feb., 1876,	\$608 40
To amount paid for Stock, Labor and Merchandise,	759 88
	\$1368 28

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT,

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By amount of Personal Property now on the Farm, as appraised by the Overseers of the Poor, Feb. 15, 1877,	\$642 24
By amount sold from the Farm,	301 07
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	\$943 31

Excess of Expenditures over Receipts, \$424 97

Present number of Paupers on the Farm, 10.

The following is a schedule of Stock, Merchandise, etc., bought for the Farm from Feb. 18th, 1876, to Feb. 15, 1877.

To 1 pair of Oxen,	\$180 00
2 Heifers, 2 years old,	60 00
2 Pigs,	6 00
3 1-2 barrels of Flour,	28 00
amount paid for Meal and Shorts,	33 41
24 gallons of Molasses,	12 40
12 lbs. of Tea,	5 12
Tobacco,	7 37
5 3-4 gallons of Kerosene,	2 12
240 Crackers,	1 39
49 3-4 lbs. of Sugar,	6 24
73 3-4 lbs. of Fish,	4 04
17 lbs. of Saleratus,	1 45
2 boxes of Mustard,	26
1 lb. of Coffee,	25
Spices,	1 98
Cheese,	2 14
Matches,	1 24
amount paid for Salt and Saltpeter,	3 27
“ Grass Seed,	7 20
“ Clothing,	14 97
“ Farming Tools,	9 50
“ Blacksmith Work,	10 35
“ 1 barrel of Plaster,	1 90
“ 19 cords of Wood,	18 00
“ Hay,	25 83
“ Stove, Glass, &c.,	8 60
“ Superintendent,	281 25
“ Labor,	25 50
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	\$759 88

Amount Sold from the Farm from Feb. 18th, 1876,  
to Feb. 15th, 1877.

By 1 pair of Oxen,	\$175 00	
1 Cow,	40 00	
2 Calves,	3 00	
4 Calf-skins,	3 35	
215 lbs. of Butter,	43 49	
11 1-2 doz. of Eggs,	1 94	
60 lbs. of Pork,	10 55	
102 lbs. of Veal,	6 12	
60 lbs. of Lard,	9 17	
1 bushel of Oats,	45	
1 old Cook Stove,	4 00	
1 old Silver-cased Watch,	4 00	
	\$301 07	

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR REPAIRS ON TOWN FARM  
BUILDINGS.

By a vote of the Town we have expended \$66 75

AMOUNT PAID FOR PAUPERS NOT ON THE FARM.

To Mary J. Gray, last quarterly payment for the year 1875,	\$18 75	
Am't paid for medical aid and burial exp. of Alice E. Brown,	48 00	
“ for burial expenses of Joseph Gray,	22 37	
“ “ of Mebitable Porter,	20 20	
“ for the family of Daniel Gilman:		
Paid the Town of Bethel,	\$8 29	
Paid for Clothing, House-rent, etc.,	10 50	
Paid for expense moving Family to Denmark,	14 63	
	33 42	
Total,	\$142 74	

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Outstanding Orders,	\$2786 05	
“ Interest on the same,	249 20	
“ due the several School Districts,	855 86	
“ due Geo. R. Bean for collecting taxes,	72 00	
	\$3893 11	

RESOURCES.

Amount due from Geo. R. Bean, Col. for 1876,	\$2822 91	
“ from State Mill Tax and Sch. Fund.	642 39	
“ on Non-resident Taxes returned,	19 05	
“ from the Town of Windham,	13 49	
“ from E. P. Ingalls,	4 00	
	\$3501 84	

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

To E. P. Ingalls, for services as Selectman, Ass. and O. of P.,	\$55 00
E. P. Pingree, " " " "	51 50
Geo. W. Moulton, " " " "	53 00
Samuel G. Davis, for services as Supervisor of Schools,	70 00
Joseph Bennett, for services as Town Treasurer,	15 00
Geo. W. Gray, for services as Town Clerk,	8 27
Charles O. Pendexter, for services as Town Clerk,	5 00
George R. Bean, for services as Constable,	4 50
Henry H. Smith, for services as Constable,	5 00
Joseph P. Smith, for taking care of Town House,	3 00
	\$270 27

## REMARKS.

In the foregoing Report we have endeavored to make a correct Statement of the Financial Standing of the town. We find that the town is in debt about four hundred dollars. We account for that by there being no money raised to pay for Old Outstanding Orders that were issued prior to Aug. 11th, 1872, which have been paid the present year, amounting to \$680 10.

Four hundred and forty-eight dollars of the amount of Outstanding Orders now compose the School Fund. All the town need do is to Raise Money to pay the Interest.

On the Town Farm expenses, we have endeavored to make it as plain as possible, that all may see what has been expended.

In relation to Mr. Gore and Wife, Superintendents on the Farm, we must say that they have done as well as could be expected of any one. They have taken good care of the Paupers, and their bills are as small as could be expected; and we can heartily recommend them to the town for that position.

E. P. INGALLS,	}	Selectmen
E. P. PINGREE,		of
GEO. W. MOULTON,		Denmark.

Denmark, Feb 21st, 1877.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Supervisor of Schools.

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CENTRE DISTRICT. JOSEPH BENNETT, Agent.

The Summer Term, beginning May 15th, was 10 weeks in length. Whole number of scholars registered, 36. Average number attending, 32. I visited the school May 18th, and July 13th. There were present at my first visit, 34 scholars; at my second, 26. Quietness and studiousness were two prominent characteristics, so that it is unnecessary to say that everything was satisfactory. Teacher, Miss Lottie F. Hammond of Paris.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of S. G. Davis of Denmark. It commenced Aug. 28th, and closed Nov. 10th. Whole number of scholars attending, 50. Average attendance, 40. Assistance during the term was rendered by Miss Nellie Gray of Denmark.

The Winter Term is also under the instruction of S. G. Davis, with the same assistance as at Fall Term. It began Jan. 1st. Whole number of scholars attending, 46. This term has not been wholly destitute of incidents. There is one which, in its results, reached such a point that I deem it to be my duty to give the facts in this report. I had one scholar, a young man of the age of twenty years, as he informed me, Albie W. Lane by name, whose thoughts seemed mainly bent, not upon how much useful and necessary knowledge he could acquire in the least possible time, but rather upon how many ways he could resort to, to make himself generally disagreeable and obnoxious. At last, one day, I discovered the lathing upon one side of the school-room broken through. Learning a few days afterwards that it was this Albie W. Lane that had done the mischief, I asked him if he did it. In his usually frank, honest and manly way—for once forgetful of the truth—he replied no. I asked him if he knew who did it. He again replied in the negative. On inquiring of the other scholars about the matter, the fact was soon developed, even to Lane's satisfaction, that he had labored under a misapprehension, and that the contrary of his declarations was true. He did do it, and consequently knew who did it. This being made to appear, although he did not then confess the deed, yet he at once began to extenuate it by saying that the lathing was previously broken; that he did not really strike it, but only just put his hand against it, and it, well!—unexpectedly went in! The declaration of the scholar who saw him do it, and who had the honest manhood to so declare when asked, was, that apparently it was not an accident and that he did strike it, and as Lane had just labored under so mistaken an apprehension as to the facts, and as I had never detected the other party in a lie, I credited him, and accepted the guilt of Lane, and asked him which he pre-



ferred, a whipping or to go home. He indifferently answered that "He did not know as he cared which." I then asked him if he desired both. He as indifferently as before replied, "He did not know as he cared." Well, the result was that as he had no preference and as I had, I gave him both, a good whipping, and leave of absence.

DISTRICT NO. 1. TIMOTHY H. JACK, AGENT.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Cynthia E. Pangree of Denmark. It began July 24th and continued 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars registered, 17. Average attendance, 14. My visits to this school were made July 31st and Sept. 30th. There were present at the time of the first visit, 15 scholars; at the second, 13. The school was quiet and studious, and bore a good examination.

The Winter Term is now in session; Ashley J. Bangs of Sweden, teacher. It began Dec. 4th. I have visited the school twice. The first visit was made Dec. 13th, when there were present 18 scholars; the second, Feb. 10th, when 17 were present. The school appears well. Harmony prevails and everything seems to be as it should be.

DISTRICT NO. 2. GEORGE R. BEAN, AGENT.

The Summer Term, commencing June 6th, continued 8 weeks. Teacher, Miss Jessie F. Bennett of Bridgton. I visited the school June 10th and July 26th. Present at first visit, 22 scholars; at second, 7. Whole number of scholars attending, 24. Average attendance, 17. A good degree of interest was manifested and a corresponding improvement shown.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of M. K. Mabry of Hiram. The Term began Sept. 6th and closed Nov. 10th. Whole number of scholars registered, 35. Average number attending, 30. My first visit was made Sept. 30th, when the number of scholars present was 25. My second visit was Oct. 21st when 18 were present. The school appeared well.

Mr. Mabry also taught the Winter Term. It began Dec. 11th, on which day I made a visit. 18 scholars were present. My intended second visit was unavoidably dispensed with.

DISTRICT NO. 3. ABNAN F. BRADBURY, AGENT.

Miss Jennie Bennett of Denmark taught the Summer Term. She commenced May 15th, and the term continued 10 weeks. I visited it May 16th and July 11th. 22 scholars were in attendance at the time of the former and 20 at the second visit. Whole number attending, 29. The average was 24. The school showed good progress in its various branches of study.

Miss Bennett also taught the Fall Term, beginning Aug. 28th, and continuing it nearly 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending, 26. Average attendance 22. Progress good. There were 22 scholars present Sept. 9th, the time of my first visit. My other visit was Oct. 21st.

The Winter Term has not yet closed. It began Dec. 11th, Teacher, Albert W. Walker of Denmark. I have visited the school once,

Dec. 20th, and consider it in a prosperous condition. There were present at my visit 34 scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 4. FRANK B. WARREN, AGENT.

Miss Majetta Lord of Denmark taught the Summer Term. It commenced May 8th, and closed June 24th. The scholars made good progress. I visited it May 12th, and 12 scholars were present. I again visited it June 16th, when the same number of scholars were present as before. Whole number attending, 21. Average attendance, 13.

Miss Lord also taught the Winter Term, which was 15 weeks in length. It began Sept. 18th. My visits were made Sept. 26th, Nov. 13th and Jan. 6th. 14 scholars were in attendance at the time of my first visit, and 18 at my last. My other visit was made on account of sundry intimations that there was some serious difficulty existing in the school. I detected none, and judged that whatever of idle talk prevailed, must be made by parties uninformed, and I learned that the most of it emanated from a family that sent no scholars. I am satisfied that the scholars made fair improvement and that good order was maintained. Whole number attending, 23. Average attendance, 16.

DISTRICT NO. 5. ISSACHAR BRAGDON, AGENT.

The Summer Term, taught by Lydia E. Bragdon, began May 29th. Whole number of scholars attending, 4. Average number, 3. I visited the school June 5th and Aug. 5th. The scholars made rapid advancement. The term was 8 weeks in duration.

Miss Bragdon also taught the Winter Term with the same number of scholars attending as in Summer Term, with the average attendance increased by one. The term began Sept. 4th and continued 8 weeks. The scholars did equally as well as at the previous term.

DISTRICT NO. 6 THEODORE I. LOWELL, AGENT.

The only term of the year began Nov. 6th and closed Feb. 16th. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Lowell. I have visited the term twice, Nov. 23d and Jan. 27th. There were present at my visits 7 and 11 scholars. The school was studious and the scholars have learned finely.

DISTRICT NO. 7. CYRUS McLUCAS, AGENT.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Cynthia E. Pingree of Denmark. It was 7 weeks in length, commencing May 1st. I visited it May 11th and June 16th, finding present 10 and 17 scholars. Whole number attending, 19. Average attendance, 16. The school was quiet and studious. Examination good.

The Winter Term has not yet closed. It began Nov. 6th. Teacher, Miss Phebe Pingree, of Denmark. I have visited the school 2 times. 1st, Nov. 13th. Present, 11 scholars. 2nd, Nov. 22d. This visit was occasioned by a complaint being made to me that Herbert Adams, a young man of 17 years of age, and a scholar in the school, was obstinately disobedient. Upon investigation I found the following facts, and from Adams' own declarations. He said: "He didn't like the teacher when the school began; he had made

threats that he would not behave and he was able to carry them out to a certain extent without any assistance from others; he had refused to obey the teacher; he had thrown water on one of the scholars; he had thrown plaster about the school-room and at a class while at recitation." He further saw fit to add that he hadn't learned anything—it could hardly be otherwise from his own history of his conduct,—and he had as lief leave the school as not, but should not leave until I made him. I considered that the occasion justified the act, and bade him leave, which he did with a parting blessing to the school as he was closing the door in the following words: "Well, G—d d—n you take care of yourselves." While passing from the school-house he made considerable loud talk. With his leaving, so far as I know, trouble left the school-room, and since then harmony has prevailed. I believe the school to be a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 8. DAVID P. LORD, AGENT.

Summer Term was taught by Addie A. Harnden of Denmark. Began June 5th; continued 12 weeks. I visited it June 9th and July 12th. Present at my first visit 9 scholars. Whole number registered 13. Average attendance, 8. The school made good improvement.

The Winter Term was taught by Frank Hanscom of Brownfield. It was a term of a few days over eight weeks, commencing Nov. 6th. The time of my visits was Nov. 15th and Jan. 6th. 15 scholars were present at the former, and 5 at the later visit. Whole number of scholars attending, 15. Average attendance, 12. The school was a good one.

DISTRICT NO. 9. H. M. HARTFORD, AGENT.

The only term in this district during the year was taught by Miss Abbie Smith of Denmark. It began Sept. 25th and was 16 weeks in length. I visited it Nov. 14th and Dec. 22d. 12 scholars were present at my first visit, and 9 at the second. The scholars were quiet, and learned well.

DISTRICT NO. 10. WILLIAM H. HOLT, AGENT.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Amanda M. Weeks of Denmark. It commenced June 5th, and continued 9 weeks. I visited it twice, June 9th and July 26th. I found present at the first visit, 13 scholars, at the second 11. Whole number of scholars attending, 13. Average attendance, 11. The school made good progress.

Miss Weeks taught the other term of school in this district, which began Aug. 28 and continued 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending, 14. Average attendance, 12. I visited this term Sept. 22d. I started one day too late, to make another visit. I have no doubt from the success of the previous term, and the appearance of this, at my first visit, that it was a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 11. ALFRED BENTON, AGENT.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary S. Lowell of Denmark. It began June 5th. I visited it June 6th when there were

present 13 scholars. 11 scholars were in attendance July 11th, the time of my second visit. The scholars learned well.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Maria L. Burnham of South Bridgton. It began Nov. 6th and closed Jan. 19th. Whole number of scholars attending, 19. Average attendance, 11. Nov. 14th and Dec. 23d I visited the school. I found 12 scholars present at my first, and 8 at my second visit. The school was studious and very quiet, and made good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 12. S. D. McKUSICK, AGENT.

Miss Nellie Gray of Denmark taught the Summer Term. It commenced June 5th and continued 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending, 7. Average attendance, 6. I visited the school June 14th, July 8th, and Aug. 24th. 7 scholars were present at the time of each visit. The scholars were quiet and made good progress.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Clara Davis of Denmark. Whole number of scholars attending, 6. Average attendance, 5. The school began Sept. 4th and closed Oct. 27th.

S. G. DAVIS, SUPERVISOR.

Denmark, Feb. 19th, 1877.