Annual Report of the Municipal Officers and Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Denmark For the Municipal Year of 1880-1881

Denmark (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,

AND

Supervisor of Schools,

OF THE

TOWN OF DENMARK,

FOR THE

Municipal Year of 1880.

"NEW ERA" PRINT, Portland, Me.
REPORT.

VALUATION for the Year 1880.

Amount of Resident Real Estate, $187,179.00
" " Non-Resident " 37,658.00
" " Personal " 73,307.00

Total, 298,144.00

Whole No. of Polls, 260.

Money Raised and Assessed for the Year 1880.

For Support of Poor, $600.00
" " Schools, 1,000.00
" defraying Town Charges, 600.00

Total, 2,200.00

Money raised for repairing Roads and Bridges, 3,000.00

Rate per cent on Highway Tax,.0085
" " Money Tax, .0112

School Money.

Amount of School Money voted by the town, $1000.00
" Received from the State, 455.78
" of interest on School Fund, 32.80

Total, $1488.58

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN PRIOR TO MARCH 1st, 1880.

Paid James Wentworth for Wood for Selectmen’s office 1879, $1.50
" E. P. Ingalls bal. for Services as Selectman 1879, 7.00
" G. R. Bean, for Services as Constable 1878, 1.50
" " " Abatements on Taxes 1877, 49.19
" Stephen Long for Breaking Roads 1878, 2.00
" Augustine Ingalls balance for Services as Selectman 1878, 9.34
" James A. Head Repairing Roads in Dist. No. 17, year 1879, 3.00
" Dr. S. T. Brown for last quarter, Doctoring the casual
Poor, 1879, 15.00
" Abel Ingalls for last quarter on Town Farm year 1879, 50.00

$138.53
LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN FROM MARCH 1st, 1880 to FEB. 19, 1881. EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOL ORDERS.

Paid W. H. Jacobs for printing Town Report for year 1879. 15 65
" G. R. Bean Commission for Collecting Taxes year 1877 42 02
" E. P. Pingree expense to Pittsfield, Newport &c., 18 27
" Dresser & McLellan for Blank Books and Stationery, 8 28
" Moses E. Wentworth Jr. part pay for Oxen, 18 60
" L. A. Ingalls balance for Services as Selectman year 1879, 9 50
" " " Mdse. for Town Farm. 27 57
" G. W. Dyke, Pump for Town Farm. 10 00
" Thomas C. Smith repairing Roads in Dist. No. 4 year 1878, 2 00
" Rev. L. L. Jordan at the funeral of Abraham Batchelder, 2 00
" Jonathan Dresser for digging grave " " 1 50
" Samuel Hamden for Team at the burial of " 1 00
" A. P. Merrill, Coffin for " 10 00
" G. A. Wentworth, Cow for Town Farm. 30 00
" E. P. Ingalls, Seed Wheat and Oats for Town Farm. 4 25
" E. E. Black, first quarter on Town Farm 1880, 50 00
" E. E. Black, Cash paid out for Clothing, &c., for Farm. 2 00
" Dr. S. T. Brown, first quarter doctoring casual Poor 12 50
" S. T. Jewett, Mdse for Town Farm, 69 15
" Charles F. Swan, Blacksmith Work for Town Farm, 1880, 6 39
" James Walker, Meadow Hay for Town Farm. 17 00
" Moses E. Wentworth, Jr., two Pigs for Town Farm, 5 00
" Thorn & Seavey, Plank for bridge at Holt's Mill, 8 35
" William Fessenden, Potatoes and use of Bull for Farm, 4 75
" " " Services as Constable for year 1879, 1 00
" E. P. Ingalls, labor on Town Farm buildings and mowing
  8 acres of grass, 9 00
" William Fessenden, Abatement of Taxes year 1879, 54 00
" Dr. S. T. Brown, 3d quarter doctoring Casual Poor. 12 50
" E. E. Black " " on Town Farm 1880, 50 00
" Albert G. Berry & Son, Boards, Joist and other Lumber
  for Town Farm, 12 32
" John T. Blake, Meat, Fish &c. for Town Farm, 5 52
" Geo. W. Witham, Abatement of Poll Tax for year 1879, 2 45
" Abatement of H. H. Smith's Poll Tax for year 1879, 2 45
" Wm. Fessenden, Commission for Collecting Taxes year '79, 37 71
" " " Services as Constable year 1879, 2 00
" E. E. Black, 3d quarter on Town Farm 1880, 50 00
" Dr. S. T. Brown, 3d quarter doctoring Casual Poor 1880, 12 50
" James N. Smith, Hardware for Town Farm, 7 18
" H. H. Hartford, expenses to Cumberland and Gray in Case
  of Jennie E. Whiting a resident of Denmark, 7 40
" Moses E. Wentworth Jr., Repairing Roads Dist. No. 16, '80, 11 00
Paid, E. P. Mudder, tax, for Town from 1880, 10284
8. E. P. Tongree Cash paid out 3.74
Aug. Ingalls 1.72
W. W. Warfield 3.00
R. R. Berry 1.80
G. W. W. Bag 5.00

Town Officers Bills 1880

Paid, E. P. Tongree service as Selectman 55.00
Aug. Ingalls 45.00
W. W. W. Warfield 40.00
G. W. Gray " Town Treasurer 16.00
R. R. Berry " Clerk 10.00
A. W. Warbur " Supervisor 40.00
STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF DENMARK, FROM FEB. 19, 1880, TO FEB. 19, 1881.

Highways and Bridges.
Paid to G. O. Allen, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 12, in winter of 1879, as by vote of Town March 1st, 1880, 13 00
" Augustus A. Pingree, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 9, same as above, 7 00
" Alonzo D. Hartford, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 9, same as above, 7 50
" Luther Trumbull, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 18, same as above, 2 50
" Levi W. Merrifield, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 18, same as above, 3 41
" Levi W. Merrifield, Repairing Roads in Dist. No. 18, winter of 1879, as by order of C. P. Ingalls, 4 25
" Alonzo D. Hartford, Injury done his Oxen on highway and paid by vote of Town, 25 00
" George S. Bucknell, Building Bridge near Sanborn's Mill, 84 50
" Issachar Bragdon, Breaking Roads in Dist. No. 5, 1880, 2 00
" Alonzo D. Hartford, 9, 1.00

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By Cash received of McKenney & Hobson, Highway Tax for year 1879, and turned into Treasury; also Thomas H. Berry for same year, $102 15

STOCK AND PRODUCE ON TOWN FARM FEB. 16, 1880, AS APPRAISED BY SELECTMEN OF 1879.

Cash in hands of Overseer, $110 00
1 Pair three year old Steers, 35 00
1 " two " " 25 00
3 Cows, 68 00
2 Swine, 25 00
6 tons English Hay, 75 00
2½ bush. Meal, 1 75
40 " Potatoes, 12 00
200 lbs. Pork, 14 00
2½ bush. Beans, 3 50
5 bush. Garden Vegetables, 1 25
20 lbs. Lard, 1 60
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MDSE. BOUGHT FOR TOWN FARM FROM FEB. 17, 1880, TO APRIL 1ST, 1880, BY ABEL INGALLS.

Paid L. A. Ingalls for Mdse., $27.57

" C. E. Whidden " 4.50

**$32.07**

STOCK, PRODUCE AND GROCERIES ON TOWN FARM APRIL 1ST, 1880, AS APPRAISED BY SELECTMEN OF 1880.

Cash Received of Overseer April 1st, 1880, $93.90

1 Pair three year old Steers, 35.00
1 Pair two " 25.00
3 Cows, 60.00
2 Swine, 25.00
4 tons of English Hay, 50.00
1 bush. Potatoes, 30
80 lbs. Pork, 5.60
1 1/2 bush. Beans, 2.10
15 lbs Butter, 2.70
5 gal. Soap, 63
2 bbls. Apples, 2.06
Groceries on hand, 4.35
8 Cords Wood, 20.00

**$326.58**

Town Farm Account.

DR.

Amount of Supplies on hand as per Report April 1st, 1880, $232.68
Cash received from Overseer April 1st, 1880, 93.90
Superintendent's Salary, 200.00
Amount Paid for labor on Repairs, 4.00
Dr. S. T. Brown Medical Attendance for year 1880, 50.00
Amount Paid for Supplies, 444.74

**Total, $1025.32**
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Amount of Supplies on hand Feb. 16, 1881, $522 85
  " " Produce sold from Farm, 37 25
  " " Stock sold from Farm paid into Treasury, 112 50
  " Permanent Supplies, 58 59
  " Expense of Poor on Farm, 294 13

Total, $1025 32

Three persons on the Farm from April 1st, 1880, to Feb. 17, 1881 are 138 weeks; Mrs. John Richardson 8 weeks, Abraham Batchelder 3½ weeks, Fannie White 1½ weeks, Mary Wood 8 weeks, making a total of 159 weeks at $1 85 per week, is $294 13

LIST AND AMOUNT OF ARTICLES NOW ON HAND FOR USE THE ENSUING YEAR.

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Denmark vs. Sanborn.

Amount Paid in Case, Denmark vs. N. Sanborn

- to Joseph Bennett as Witness, $3.50
- Theodore I. Pingree, $3.50
- Augustine Ingalls, $4.85
- Travel and Attendance, $3.45
- E. P. Ingalls for Services in Suit, $17.10
- G. W. Gray, Execution vs. Denmark, $33.13
- N. S. Littlefield, Services in Suit, $75.38

AMOUNT PAID FOR THE POOR OUTSIDE THE TOWN FARM.

To paid Rev. L. L. Jordan preaching funeral sermon of Abraham Batchelder, $2.00
- Jonathan Dresser digging grave for same, $1.50
- Samuel Hamden, Horse for same, $1.00
- A. P. Merrill for Coffin, $10.00
- E. P. Pingree, expense of going to Newport, Lewiston and Pittsfield to ascertain the residence of Fanney J. White, $18.27
- Henry H. Hartford, expense going to Gray and Cumberland in Case of Jennie E. Whiting a resident of Denmark, $7.40

Liabilities.

Amount of Outstanding Town Orders drawn in 1873, $15.50
- " " " 1875, $89.75
- " " " 1876, $597.23
- " " " 1877, $967.53
- " " " 1878, $1365.41
- " " " 1879, $1993.14
- " " " 1880, $505.50
- " " " 1881, $378.74
- of Interest on above Orders estimated, $495.00
- Due the several School Districts, $745.49
- " Superintendent on Farm April 1st, 1881, $50.00
- " Commission for Collecting Tax 1878, $39.50
- " " " 1880, $60.15
- " Dr. S. T. Brown on last quarter ending Apr. 1, '81, 12.50

$7315.44
Assets.

Amount due from G. R. Bean on Tax 1878, $1000 00
" " " William Fessenden Tax 1879, 17 77
" " " " " 1880, 2292 21
" Cash in hands of Treasurer, 1762 17
" due from Overseer on Town Farm, 5 31
" " E. G. Wentworth, 1 20

$5078 66

Center School District.

Number of Scholars April 1st, 71.
Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $232 79
Appropriations for 1880, 338 67

Paid Fred H. Rounds, $70 00
" J. Bennett, 20 00
" Carrie M. Jewett, 10 00
" Augustine Ingalls, 6 75
" Henry E. Whales, 2 00
" E. P. Pingree, 9 08
" Cynthia E. Pingree, 50 00
" E. P. Pingree, 15 75
" " 11 50
" " 50 00
" E. P. Pingree, 11 50
" S. G. Davis, 75 00
" G. G. Wight, 36 00

$367 58

Balance unexpended, $223 88

District No. 1.

No. of Scholars April 1st, 1880, 22.
Unexpended balance Feb. 19, 1880, $4 33
Appropriations for 1880 104 94

Total, $109 27
Paid Nelson Thomes, $3 28
  " George G. Wight, 12 00
  " E. P. Ingalls, 77
  " Sidney Orcutt, 5 87
  " Lillie A. Allen, 22 00
  " Augustine Ingalls, 1 50
  " Charles B. Smith, 61 85

Total, $109 27

District No. 2.

No. of Scholars April 1st, 1880, 32.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880. $124 23
Appropriations for 1880. 152 64

Total, $276 87

Paid Samuel H. Colby, $4 75
  " Victoria Allen, 100 75
  " Jennie S. Bean, 40 00

Total. $185 50

Balance unexpended. $91 37

District No. 3.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS 47.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880. $148 16
Appropriations for 1880. 224 19

Total, $372 35

Paid Preston W. Charles. $97 50
  " Joseph W. Colby, 26 50
  " Georgie A. Cheney, 40 50
  " M. M. Bennett, 11 97
  " C. B. Smith, 8 10
  " Georgie A. Cheney. 40 50
  " M. M. Bennett, 13 00
  " Joseph W. Colby, 6 00

Total, $244 07

Balance unexpended, $128 28
District No. 4.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 22.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $103 69
Appropriations for 1880, 104 94

Total, $208 63

Paid Abbie L. Howe, $36 60
" Edwin B. Warren, 15 60
" Abbie L. Howe, 24 75
" " " 33 00
" Augustine Ingalls, 1 50

Total, $110 85

Balance unexpended, $97 78

District No. 5.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 5.

Appropriations for 1880, $23 85
Overdrawn on year 1879, $2 48
Paid Abbie Hibbard 1880, 17 50
" Augustine Ingalls 1880, 1 50
" William Nason, 50

Total, $21 98

Balance unexpended, $1 87

District No. 6.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 11.

Unexpended Balance Feb. 19, 1880. $7 81
Appropriations for 1880, 52 81

Total, $60 62

Paid Mary Hilton, $33 00
" Erastus W. Deering, 15 00

Total, $48 00

Balance unexpended, $12 62
District No. 7.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 12.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $11 55
Appropriations for 1880, 57 24

Due District No. 7, Feb. 19, 1881, $68 79

District No. 8.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 27.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $127 26
Appropriations for 1880, 128 79

Total, $256 05
Paid Osbourn F. Richardson, $3 60
" Charles H. Quincy, 77 00
" Frederick J. Morrill, 3 60
" Augustine Ingalls, 2 25
" William H. Gilman, 11 92
" Estelle Hartford, 27 50
" Ezra Davis, 10 00
" Walter B. Blake, 8 80
" Charles H. Quincy, 104 33
" William H. Gilman, 4 60

Total, $253 62
Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1881, $2 43

District No. 9.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 16.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $60 16
Appropriations for 1880, 76 32

Total, $136 48
Paid James H. Hartford, $8 70
" William A. Goodwin, 8 40
" Ella M. Stevens, 45 00
" Thomas Freeman, 6 00
" Humphrey M. Hartford, 4 00
" Albert W. Walker, 60 00

Total, $132 10
Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1881, $4 33
District No. 10.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 16.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $10 00
Appropriations for 1880, 76 32

Total $86 32

Paid Flora Bradbury, $33 75
" Hattie E. Durgin, 14 90
" Mial D. Tibbetts, 12 50
" Augustine Ingalls, 1 50

$62 65

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1881, $23 67

District No. 11.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 20.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, $8 84
Appropriations for 1880, 95 40

Total $104 24

Paid Phebe I. Pingree, $27 00
" Thomas Freeman, 2 00

$29 00

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1881, $75 24

District No. 13.

NO. OF SCHOLARS, 11

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1880, 16 01
Appropriations for 1880, 52 47

Total $68 48

Paid Luther Trumbull, $15 30
" Fannie Fogg, 34 00
" Alonzo D. Hartford, 4 00

$53 30

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, 1881, $15 18
We have been particular to report the schedule of property upon the Farm as taken Feb. 17, 1880, by Selectmen of 1879, and reported last year, because it differs so much from the appraisal of the property there taken by us the 1st day of April following, also reported. A comparison of the two schedules will show where the variations exist, and the amount of supplies consumed during that time. They show that the expense of supporting the paupers for that time was relatively much greater than for the rest of the year.

We have commenced suits against the city of Lewiston and the town of Newport for supplies furnished Fannie J. White, pauper, agreeably to the vote of the town.

We have been very fortunate in securing the services of a good Master and Mistress on the Farm; the Mistresses for several years past have given as good satisfaction and have been as good as we could wish for, or expect to get. They have been kind to the paupers and neat in the house. The Master, during the past year, has given as good satisfaction as any one that has been there of late years. He has rebuilt some of the stone wall beside the road, and cut down the bushes in the pasture, in addition to his other labors. We regard these as useful and permanent improvements, whether others may think it needless labor thrown away and time misspent, or not.

E. P. PINGREE,    Selectmen
AUGUSTINE INGALLS. of
H. H. HARTFORD.    Denmark.

Dated at Denmark, Feb. 19, 1881.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

CENTRE DISTRICT. Agent, Edmund P. Pingree. The summer school was taught by Miss Cynthia E. Pingree, commencing May 10th, and continued ten weeks. Visited school May 27th and July 16th. At first visit there were present 45 scholars and at my last 41. Average attendance 40. Wages of teacher excluding board, $5.00 per week. Miss Pingree is a Graduate of the Gorham Normal School and is an excellent teacher, as is shown by the love of the scholars toward her, and the advancement they have made in their studies.

In the Fall, there were two terms, Miss Pingree teaching the Primary School and Samuel G. Davis the High. The term commenced Aug. 30th and continued ten weeks. I visited school Nov. 5; present at High School 14, and at Primary 20. Whole number attending school 53; average 43.

The Winter schools are taught by the same teachers and are now in session. This term commenced Dec. 13. I visited school Dec. 26 and Jan. 26. At my first visit there were present at High School 17, and at Primary 16; at second, 19 at High and 17 at Primary. Order and discipline are all that can be wished for in this school. Mr. Davis is a teacher of experience and the scholars realize the benefit of it. Wages of male teacher, $1.50 per day excluding board; female teacher $5.00 per week excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 1. Agent, James Ingalls. The Summer School was taught by Lillie A. Allen; commenced June 7th and continued eight weeks. Whole No. of scholars attending school 22; average 20. This school was not visited, but I learn was a profitable one, and scholars made good progress. Wages of teacher $2.75 per week excluding board.

The Winter School was taught by Charles B. Smith; commenced Nov. 15th, and continued 7 weeks. I visited school Nov. 24th and Jan. 7th. Whole No. attending school 22; average 21. At each of my visits the whole No. of scholars were in attendance. This term, though short, was a very profitable one, and the scholars made good advancement. Wages of teacher $35.00 per month excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 2. Hosea Allen, Agent. Summer School was taught by Miss Vic. L. Allen; commenced June 7th and continued nine weeks. Whole number of scholars attending school 19; average 17. This school was not visited by me, but, I think, was a success in all respects. Wages of teacher $3.00 per week excluding board.
The Fall term was taught by Miss Jennie Bean; commenced Sept. 6th and continued ten weeks. No. of scholars attending school 21; average 21. I visited this school Nov. 12; present 21 scholars. As I visited this school but once I could not well tell what progress each had made, but am satisfied the school was a very profitable one. The examinations were good, especially in Geography, which were considerably above the average. The scholars showed a good degree of interest, and the school house was neat and tidy. Wages of teacher $3.00 per week excluding board.

The Winter term is under the instruction of Moses L. Sanborn; commenced Dec. 26th. Visited school Jan. 7th and 25th; at my first visit there were present 19 scholars, and at my second 21. Order good, and scholars making good advancement. Mr. Sanborn is a young man of peculiar talent for a teacher, and is wide awake in the school room. He has awakened quite an interest in Astronomy, which I think is an excellent study and should be more generally studied in our schools.

DISTRICT No. 3. Joseph W. Colby, Agent. Summer school was taught by Miss Georgie A. Cheney, of Cornish; commenced May 3d and continued nine weeks. Visited school May 25th. Order excellent. Whole No. of scholars attending school 29; average 26. Wages of teacher $4.50 per week excluding board.

The Fall term was also taught by Miss Cheney which is her 7th in this district. It commenced Aug. 2d and continued nine weeks. No. of scholars attending school 28; average 22. Wages same as Summer School. It is unnecessary that I should recommend Miss Cheney as a teacher, for her continued services in the District are ample recommendations.

The Winter term is now in session, under the instruction of Preston W. Charles, of Lovell, a Graduate of Farmington Normal School. The term commenced Dec. 3d. This is Mr. Charles second term in this district with his former success. I visited school Dec. 10th and Jan. 26th: at my first visit there were present 27, and at my last 26 scholars.

DISTRICT No. 4. Charles E. Smith, Agent. Summer School was taught by Miss Abbie L. Howe of Fryeburg; commenced May 10th and continued nine weeks. Visited school May 26th; No. of scholars attending school 14; average attendance 11. Wages of teacher $2.75 per week excluding board.

The Fall school was taught by same teacher; commenced Aug. 23 and continued twelve weeks. I visited school Nov. 9th; present 14 scholars; No. attending school 16: average 14. Miss Howe is a young, but very successful teacher, and gave the best of satisfaction. Wages same as summer school.
The Winter term is now under the instruction of Mr. Charles B. Smith; commenced Jan. 10th. I visited school Jan. 25th; present 10 scholars. Order excellent, and have no doubt the term will be a prosperous one.

DISTRICT No. 5. Melvill Nason, Agent. There was but one term of school in this District, taught by Miss Abbie Hibbard of Bridgton; commenced Aug. 30th and continued nearly five weeks. Whole No. attending school 4; average 3. Miss Hibbard, I learn, gave the best of satisfaction. Wages of teacher $3.85 per week excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 6. William A. Fessenden, Agent. Fall School was taught by Miss Mary E. Hilton, of Bridgton; commenced Aug. 16th, and continued eleven weeks. I visited this school but once, Nov. 4th present, 12 scholars. I was very much impressed with the examinations, which were excellent. No. of scholars attending school 12; average 11. Wages of teacher $2.75 per week excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 7. Abel Sanborn, Agent. The Summer School was taught by Miss Nellie F. Larrabee, of Limington; commenced May 10th and continued eight weeks. Visited school May 26th. Order excellent. No. of scholars attending school 12; average 11. Wages of teacher $3.50 per week excluding board.

The Winter term is now in session under the instruction of Miss Annie C. Pike, of Limington; commenced Dec. 1st. I visited school Dec. 6th and Feb. 7th; present 11 at each visit. Miss Pike is a teacher of excellent qualifications and possesses the peculiarities which should be sought for among teachers.

DISTRICT No. 8. William Gilman, Agent. The Summer School was taught by Miss Estell Hartford; commenced May 3d and continued ten weeks. Visited school July 9th; present 11 scholars. No. attending school 11; average 9. Order was good and a good degree of interest was manifested. Wages of teacher $2.75 per week excluding board.

The Winter term was taught by Charles H. Quincy, of Bridgton; commenced Oct. 18th and continued sixteen weeks. I visited school Nov. 24th and Jan. 25th; present at my first visit 14, and at my second 12. Whole No. attending school 18; average 13. Mr. Quincy is an excellent teacher and the scholars made good progress. Wages $5.00 per week excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 9. Humphrey Hartford, Agent. There was but one term in this District which was taught by myself; commencing Dec. 4th and continued eight weeks. No. scholars attending 8; average 7; Wages of teacher $1.50 per day including board.

DISTRICT No. 10. James F. Lord, Agent. The Summer term was taught by Miss Flora M. Bradbury; commenced June 7th and continued nine weeks. This school was not visited, but I learn the order
was excellent, and advancement good. This was Miss Bradbury's
first school, and with experience will make one of the best of teach­
ers. Whole No. of scholars attending school 17; average 11. Wages
of teacher $3.00 per week including board.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie E. Durgin, of Brown­
field; commenced Sept. 6th and continued ten weeks. I visited school
Nov. 9th: present 10 scholars. Whole No. attending school 16:
average 8. Order good and scholars studious. This is Miss Durgin's
5th term in this district. Continued services is as good recommend­
ation as could be given through a report. Wages of teacher $3.75
per week excluding board.

DISTRICT No. 11. Zebina Whitney, Agent. The Summer School
was taught by Miss Phebie I. Pingree; commenced June 7th and
continued nine weeks. This school was not visited, but I learn, was
a success. The scholars are few and learned well. No. of scholars
attending school 9; average 4. Wages of teacher $3.00 per week
excluding board.

The Winter term is now in session with the same teacher; com­
menced Dec. 4th. I visited school Dec. 10; present 2 scholars.

DISTRICT No. 13. Luther Trumbull, Agent. The Summer School
was taught by Miss Fannie Fogg, of Brownfield. This school was
not visited by me, but I learn, was a good one. It commenced June
1st and continued seventeen weeks. Wages of teacher $2.90 per
week excluding board.

In closing, I would say, so far as I can learn the schools have been
very successful the past year, and no waste of school money. I think
the inhabitants of our town have become fully aware of the impor­
tance of good schools, and are much more particular in the selection
of teachers. We are well aware that there are poor workmen in all
trades and professions, but this seems to be one where there are ma­
y. The school houses, as a general, are quite comfortable, although
in some of the smaller districts are not suitable for winter terms. I
would recommend that some steps be taken with some of our smaller
districts, particularly Districts Nos. 9, 11 and 6, where the schools
are so small as hardly to warrant one term of school a year, which
might, I think, be merged into one good school, and, if too much
expense to do this, have alternate schools, first in one district and
then the other, which would give the scholars much more schooling
than they now enjoy. A teacher can teach a school of 20 or 25 schol­
ars as well and as profitably as one of one-fourth the number.

The schools are now well supplied throughout with new text-books
and without any expense to the parents. I have made, (with no little
trouble) a thorough exchange throughout town of the following
books: Algebras, Arithmetic, Grammars, Readers, Spellers and
Geographys. All of the above books are now in school with the exception of the Higher Geography, which is now in press, but will be ready for our Summer schools which will be introduced then, and at their wholesale price, to remain in use the next five years.

One will notice by reading any of our past School Reports, the cry has always been too many kinds of books and consequently too many classes, and 1st—for the reason I made the exchange. 2d—our books were all old and had been in use, some of them, for many years, and had become monotonous and tiresome to the scholars. There is nothing that will please a little child more than a new book, and the larger ones are equally anxious to find the difference between the Old and New.

The privilege of which I have availed myself for the town, is one, I think we have never before had; it is this: giving an old book almost useless for a new one, superior to the old one in its best days.

With what success these books will be met by all teachers, scholars and parents, time will tell. It is beyond the nature of human event that any new thing (no matter how good) can be brought before the public and meet the approbation of all, and of course this is no exception to the rule.

And in conclusion I would say: Parents, visit your schools as often as you can, encourage your children, remembering the first impressions upon the mind are always lasting.

Following is the bill of books used in this town, at wholesale prices, for which I think I can express the opinion of the town in thanks to the Publishers.

From D. Appleton & Co., Readers, Geographys and Grammars to the amt. of................................................................. $333 09

Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., Algebras, Arithmetics and Spellers to the amt. of..................................................... 319 52

Total, ................................................................. $652 61

Respectfully Submitted,

ALBERT W. WALKER, Supervisor.

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