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OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF NORRIDGEWOCK FOR THE YEAR
ENDING March 4th, 1889.

EDWARD LOWE,	} Selectmen, Assessors
G. A. SAWYER,	} and
H. C. POWERS,	} Overseers of Poor.
ELBRIDGE PEPPER,	Supervisor of Schools.
GEO. A. HUSSEY,	Treasurer.
JOHN H. BURGESS,	Collector.
EDWARD LOWE,	Clerk.
A. O. FREDERIC,	Auditor.

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Of Poor.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Voted at March meeting 1888 :

For support of schools.....	\$	1200
“ “ poor and town expenses....		2000
“ payment of interest and debts.....		11000
“ highways (to pay arrearages).....	500	\$ 14,700
State tax.....	1604	50
County tax.....	887	17
		2,491
Total amount to be raised.....		\$17,191 67

INVENTORY.

Valuation April 1, 1888.

Real estate.....	\$	420,390
Personal estate (including supplement) ..		123,000
		\$543,390
Assessed 3 per cent on valuation.....	\$	16,277 70
“ 454 polls at \$3.....	1,362	00
“ 76 dogs at \$1.....	76	00
“ deficient highway, 1887.....	93	36 \$ 93 36
“ supplemental tax.....	24	00 24 00
“ overlay.....		524 03
		\$17,833 06 \$17,833 06

Voted for highway labor tax \$3500.

Assessed on property at 5.6 mills.....	\$	3038 61
“ 454 polls at \$1.40.....	635	60
Overlay.....		174 21
		\$3674 21
Total assessment.....		\$3674 21

DEPARTMENT OF POOR

Paid as follows :

For Asa Green and wife.....	\$	162 98
Daniel Woodman.....	64	00
Elias Davis.....	65	25

DEPARTMENT OF POOR—*Continued.*

Ellen Cochrane.....	78 00	
E. E. Adams and family.....	310 86	
John R. Avery and family.....	11 86	
Cyrus Bradbury.....	88 87	
C. E. McDonald and family.....	3 36	
Fred Walton.....	13 35	
Lucinda Walker.....	103 50	
Francis Lassor.....	12 99	
Roger Chase and family.....	91 19	
Hannah R. Gould.....	7 00	
Elihu Mosher's daughter.....	16 00	
Tramps.....	12 75	
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Total paid.....		\$1041 96
Rec'd as follows:		
Elihu Mosher for daughter.....	\$16 00	
Town of Fairfield for J. R. Avery.....	11 86	
“ Smithfield for Hannah R. Gould.....	7 00	\$34 86
Due from Town of Cornville for C. E. McDonald.....	3 36	3 36
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Net Cost of Poor.....		\$1003 74
There is due from the estate of Laforest Groves for '87		\$18 00
Richard Smith has kept Asa Green and wife for \$3 per week.		
Edward Taylor “ Lucinda Walker for \$1.75 “		
Frank Kilgore “ Ellen Cochrane for \$1.50 “		
H. B. Ramsdell and Stephen Holway has kept Cyrus Brad-		
bury for \$1.50 per week .		
We have furnished clothing and medicine extra in each case.		

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid as follows:

E. P. Mayo printing reports.....	\$14 00
Edward Lowe, stamps, blanks etc.....	1 36
Edward A. Hilton, Guide boards.....	3 00
H. C. Powers enrolling militia, 1887.....	5 00
G. A. Sawyer “ “ “	5 00
C. A. Harrington, services, &c. on Bond Com.....	73 70
C. H. Hussey, “ “ “ “	10 00
A. H. Conant, “ “ “	10 00
Elbridge Pepper, services as Supervisor.....	75 60
G. A. Hussey, “ “ Treasurer.....	75 00
H. C. Powers, “ “ Selectman &c.....	50 00
G. A. Sawyer, “ “ “	50 00
Edward Lowe, “ “ “	125 00

TOWN EXPENSES—Continued.

Express Co., collecting draft.....	3 40
Edward Lowe cash paid for town.....	11 80
" " expenses to Sumner on town business	11 45
Geo. F Kent, damage to horse on highway.....	14 00
Bates Post, Memorial Day services.....	30 00
G. A. Sawyer, sundry items of expense.....	4 75
E. F. Grant, witness fees.....	2 46
Edward Lowe, stamps and recording births & deaths	4 00
W. L. Jenkins, use of team.....	50
C. A. Harrington, services and expense in Hale cases	133 73
" " for costs paid in Hale cases.....	186 50
J. H. Burgess, Com. as collector.....	350 88
" " costs in Young tax case.....	2 22
Geo. A. Hussey, receipts, stamps and cards.....	4 60
J. H. Mitchell, police duty July 3d and 4th.....	4 00
H. H. Cross " " " 	4 00
R. M. Baker " " " 	2 00
H. C. Powers, expenses on town business.....	4 45
Edward Lowe, cash paid for ballot box etc.....	1 75
" " expenses for teams &c.....	8 45
G. A. Hussey, paid for advertising taxes.....	9 00
G. A. Sawyer, use of team.....	1 50
Elbridge Pepper, books for Frank Mosher.....	1 45
G. A. Sawyer cash paid out.....	1 35
Geo Sawtelle, work on Town Hall.....	6 10
G. A. Hussey, paid on account taxes.....	6 71
A. F. Jones, care of Hunnewell's body.....	3 00
G. A. Sawyer, team on town business.....	2 00
Geo. A. Hussey, stamps for the year.....	3 00
Edward Lowe, stamps, blanks, &c.....	1 55
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Total.....	\$1318 26
Add net cost of poor.....	1003 74
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Total for Poor and Town Expenses.....	\$2322 00
Raised for these departments.....	2000 00
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Oyerdrawn.....	\$322 00

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

At the last annual meeting the town voted to raise for highways:

In cash (to pay arrearages).....	\$500 00
In labor, or to be paid to Treas. in cash by June 1st, at 25 per cent discount.....	\$3500
Paid to Treas. under that vote.....	1190 83
Rec'd from Selectmen on highway taxes.....	15 34
“ “ Collector of 1887.....	78 02
“ on non-resident tax returned to Treasurer.....	8 12
Bal. in Treasury, Feb. 20, '88.....	23 67

Total cash, Highway Fund..... \$1815 98

Against which orders have been drawn for labor and materials as follows:

1888.

Feb 23	Chas. A. Atkinson.....	\$ 1 56
24	H. G. Tilton.....	5 13
Apr 12	Edward Lowe.....	30
30	W. A. Rogers.....	30 79
May 1	Fred Longley.....	19 03
	C. B. Jones.....	7 00
	R. A. Davis.....	4 62
	J. M. Smith.....	5 36
	B. C. Mosher.....	15 00
	O. B. Taylor.....	11 62
	Llewellyn Merrow.....	16 71
	Lorenzo McIntire.....	31 00
	James C. Morse.....	9 04
	James Campbell.....	4 44
	B. F. Mitchell.....	8 66
	Samuel C. Stevens.....	5 55
	L. D. Harding.....	29 75
	D. L. Rogers.....	33 40
	Geo. L. Morse.....	6 99
	Wm. E. Perkins.....	285 00
	Geo. A. Hussey.....	5 71
	J. H. Haynes.....	5 23
	H. G. Tilton.....	25 39
May 2	Herbert George.....	7 72
	Theodore Bailey.....	13 97
	Arthur and George Bailey.....	8 27
	Amos Holt.....	5 00
	Elisha Towns.....	5 25
	James Wasson.....	6 82

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—Continued.

	S. A. Gilman.....	9 58
	W. W. Spaulding.....	11 46
	C. E. Simonds.....	4 44
	J. S. Vickery.....	13 95
	H. S. Bigelow.....	7 97
	W. L. Jenkins.....	5 00
	Geo. F. Haald.....	15 70
	E. L. Hight.....	9 02
May	4 John Smith.....	11 95
	7 Enos Wilder.....	5 00
	11 Chas. B. Harmon.....	8 00
	Winfield S. Morse.....	4 77
	James T. Leavitt.....	7 00
	12 E. F. Grant.....	9 41
	Albion S. Huff.....	90
	15 G. A. Sawyer.....	7 00
	17 Chas. H. Longley.....	9 14
	Ariel T. Rogers.....	20 00
	E. C. Tracy.....	11 72
	19 A. C. Hale.....	9 06
	25 Sumner Robinson.....	1 15
	26 E. C. Austin.....	5 78
	Weston & Brainerd.....	6 00
	29 H. N. Page.....	1 00
June	2 Allen W. Stanley.....	4 70
	6 L. A. Wilder.....	13 90
	Guy Dunlap.....	10 50
	A. K. P. Hamlin.....	4 05
	7 J. B. Blackwell.....	2 00
	11 Chas. Morse.....	3 45
	G. A. Sawyer.....	3 88
	18 W. A. Walton.....	3 57
	26 D. T. Frederic.....	6 98
	29 Wm. W. Spaulding.....	13 05
July	9 H. C. Powers.....	27 00
	16 John Turner.....	215 20
	19 Geo. H. Greenwood.....	15 00
Aug	18 S. H. Holbrook.....	3 00
	25 E. C. Tracy.....	5 37
Sept	20 Edward Lowe.....	3 23
Oct	29 G. A. Sawyer.....	1 00
Nov	16 Cullen Ward.....	55 48
	16 Edward Lowe.....	7 21

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—*Continued.*

24 Andrew Cole.....	3 00	
27 A. D. Brown.....	58 08	
28 G. A. Sawyer.....	2 24	
28 Lawton Bros. & Co.....	9 00	
Dec 12 C. A. Atkinson.....	35 00	
28 W. M. Hobbs & Son.....	7 00	
1889.		
Feb 2 Calvin Hilton.....	1 75	
19 William Brackett.....	26 48	
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Total.....		\$1350 43
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Bal. in Treas. due highways Feb. 20, 1889....		\$465 55

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

1887.

J. H. Burgess, Collector of Norridgewock. Dr.

To Bal. tax 1887 due at last report.....		\$13,764 29
	CR.	
By Treas. Receipts for cash.....	\$13,488 80	
“ Non-res. tax ret. to Treas.....	163 69	
“ Abatements.....	111 80	
	<hr/>	\$13,764 29

1888.

To tax committed for 1888.....		17,833 06
	CR.	
By payment State tax.....	\$1604 50	
“ “ County tax.....	887 17	
“ Treas receipts for cash.....	1500 00	
Bal. tax '88 unpaid Feb. 20, '89.....	13 841 39	
	<hr/>	17,833 06

ABATEMENTS ON TAX OF 1887.

Andrews Chas. R., non-res. poll and del. highway.....	\$ 4 40
Baker Wm. H. “ “	3 00
“ Melvin G. “ “	3 00
Bates John W. “ “	3 00
Brooks Chas. F., gone off “	3 00
Carleton John P., non-res “	3 00
Chase Roger, poverty “	3 00

ABATEMENTS ON TAXES OF 1887—Continued.

Chapman Abbey H., poverty real estate.....	13 50
Devoll David A., gone off poll.....	3 00
Gould Edward S, poverty " and dog.....	4 00
Groves Laforest, deceased " and personal.....	4 45
Hartford Christopher, poverty, poll and del. highway..	4 40
Knowlton Joshua, dog dead, dog tax.....	1 00
Miller Nicholas non-res. poll.....	3 00
Perkins Henry R poverty, poll and personal.....	3 90
Pomroy Wm W " "	3 00
Reynolds Saul E non-res "	3 00
Redmond James poverty " and personal.....	2 40
Richardson William " "	3 00
Rowe Edward " "	3 00
Stackpole Charles, gone off before commitment, poll....	3 00
Tuttle Chas. H., off out of State, poll and dog.....	4 00
Vigue Peter, error, delin. highway.....	1 40
Wilkins Harriet E, poverty, real and personal.....	27 00
Young Thomas, error, del. highway.....	2 35
Townsend Benj C heirs "	1 88

Total abatements.....

\$113 68

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

G. A. Hussey, Treasurer 1888, In Account With the
Town of Norridgewock

	DR.
Feb. 20 '88, To cash in Treasury.....	\$3,629 94
" " rec'd on Loans.....	7,829 00
" " " for 4 per cent bonds.....	27,100 00
" " " Int. on 4 per cent bonds sold	231 52
" " " J. H. Burgess, Coll. in '87	13,488 80
" " " " " " '88	1,500 00
" " " R.R. Dunn on acct. R.R. b'ds	8,143 87
" " " Non-res. taxes return'd unp'd	163 69
" " " School Fund and Mill tax '88	814 09
" " " R. R. and Telegraph "	4 25
" " " rent of hall and basement...	49 00
" " " Highway tax '88 p'd Treas.	1,190 83
" " " Highway tax '86-7-8, Survey- ors and Selectmen.....	15 34
" " " Town Fairfield support W E. Hussey and family.....	71 11
" " " Town of Cornville, support C E. McDonald and family....	17 44
" " " Town of Smithfield, support E	

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT—Continued.

	S. Gould and family	2 95
" " "	Mrs. R. A. Mullen, in full pay- ment for burial of child.....	2 00
" " "	R. M. Baker, sale jugs, bottles	55
" " "	Elihu Mosher, am't p'd for by town for burial of child....	16 00
" " "	E. E. Barker, for tax deed....	7 99
" " "	Town of Smithfield; support of Hannah R. Gould.....	7 00
" " "	J. H. Burgess, col. '86-7, amt. on taxes abated for those years	9 40
" " "	Town of Fairfield, support of John R. Avery and family....	11 86
" " "	cost of advertising and int. on non-resident taxes paid.....	6 44
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		\$64,313 07
		CR.
By Ca sh paid on floating debt.....		\$48,715 29
" for 6 per cent. bonds bot... ..		1,550 00
" " " coupons issue 1868.....		3,074 47
" " " " " 1872.....		1,440 00
" 4 " " " " 1883.....		552 00
Int. on floating debt.....		2,683 35
Schools		2,040 57
Highways.....		1,350 43
Paupers.....		1,041 96
J. H. Burgess, com. as coll. '87.....		350 88
E. Lowe, services as Selectman.....		125 00
G. A. Sawyer " "		50 00
N. C. Powers " "		50 00
G. A. Hussey, services as Treas.....		75 00
E. Pepper " Supervisor...		75 60
Eates Post.....		30 00
E. P. Mayo, printing town reports.....		14 00
G. A. Sawyer, enrolling militia, spring '87		5 00
H. C. Powers, enrolling militia, spring '87		5 00
C. A. Harrington, ser. as bond com....		73 70
C. H. Hussey " "		10 00
A. H. Conant " "		10 00
E. C. Whiting, agt. American Exp. Co. cashing check.....		3 40
G. F. Kent, dam. to horse on highway		14 00
E. F. Grant, wit. fees Greenleaf vs town		2 46
W. L. Jenkins, team on town business		50

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.—Continued.

C. A. Harrington, costs on Hale suit...	186 50
“ “ ser. and money p'd in Hale cases.....	133 73
J. H. Burgess, costs and fees matter of Young tax.....	2 22
H. H. Cross, ser, as con. and watching July 3-4.....	4 00
R. M. Baker “ “ “	2 00
Heirs Benj C. Townsend, abatement on highway tax.....	1 88
G. A. Hussey, adv. taxes stamps chks. stationery.....	16 60
E. Pepper, amt, p'd for books Frank Mosher's children.....	1 45
Geo. Sawtelle, for plastering, lock and glass for town Hall.....	6 10
G. A. Hussey, amt. p'd on non-res taxes	6 71
A. F. Jones, caring for body of Alvin Hunnewell	3 00
J H. Mitchell, police duty July 3-4.....	4 00
H. C. Powers, team and exp. on town business	4 45
G. A. Sawyer, team, & exp. on town bus.	9 60
E. Lowe, books, stationery, teams, & exp. on town business.....	40 36
S. C. Mills, note taken for non-res taxes	78 75
E. A. Hilton, 3 guide boards.....	3 00
Feb 20, '89 Balance in Treasury.....	466 11
	—————\$64,313 07

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20. 1889

LIABILITIES.

Bonds outstanding, issue of 1868, 6 per cent.....	\$50,150 00
“ “ “ 1872 “	24,000 00
“ “ “ 1883 4 per cent	32,000 00
Town orders outstanding, 4 per cent.....	13,708 08
Int. on Bonds, issue of 1883 for year 1888.....	66 00
“ 1868 “ 1881.....	3 00
“ “ “ 1882.....	3 00
“ “ “ 1883.....	3 00
“ “ “ 1884.....	3 00
“ “ “ 1885.....	72 00
“ “ “ 1886.....	81 00
“ “ “ 1887.....	27 00

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1889—Continued.

Int. on bonds, issue of 1883 for year 1888.....	57 00
Int. on town bonds issue of 1868 from July 1, 1888 to date.....	1,922 42
Int. on bonds issue of 1872 from Dec. 15 1888 to date.....	260 00
" 1883 " Oct. 1st 1888 "	497 78
Int. due on town orders to date.....	387 29
Due highways.....	465 55
" school districts.....	534 54
Bills due estimated at	1,000 00
Full amount.....	\$125 240 66

RESOURCES,

Uncollected Taxes of 1888.....	\$13,841 39
Dunn Edge Tool Co.'s Note.....	3,000 00
Court House Building.....	1,500 00
House on bank of River.....	100 00
One Safe.....	100 00
Due from other towns for support of poor.....	3 36
" " F. J. Watts for rent.....	63 25
Tax deed.....	2 74
S. C. Mills Note.....	83 95
Cash in Treasury.....	466 11
Net debt Feb 20, 1889.....	106,079 86
	\$125 240 66
Net debt as reported Feb. 20, 1888.....	\$108,568 54
" " " " " " 1889.....	106,079 86
Reduction since last report.....	\$2,488 68

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS.

Due school districts Feb. 20, 1888.....	\$561 02
Raised by town March 1888.....	1,200 00
Received from State.....	814 09
Total.....	\$2,575 11
Paid during year.....	2,040 57
Bal. due school districts.....	\$534 54

EDWARD LOWE, } Selectmen Assessors and
G. A. SAWYER, } Overseer of
H. C. POWERS, } Poor of Norridgewock.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Norridgewock for the year ending Feb. 20, '89 and find them correct and properly vouched.

A. O. FREDERIC, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

What was said in last year's report of the "condition of the schools," the proficiency made by the pupils and "the success attending the modes of instruction and government thereof" holds in full force with this report. The question often is raised as to what can be done for the improvement of our schools. Combining, where it is practicable, evidently would help to solve this question; should No's 11 and 19 unite with No. 8 it would give to the half dozen or more children in these districts thirty weeks of schooling under experienced teachers, and save cost in fuel and schoolhouse repairs, a saving large enough to pay the expense of carrying these children to and from their school work. Possibly other combinations might be made. But, whatever solution of this question is attempted, all should be undertaken in perfect good feeling, as harmony is of strength in schools as in other interests.

DISTRICT No. 2.— CHARLES H. SPAULDING, AGENT.

Frances A. Jones, teacher. Spring school, 8 weeks, 8 pupils; average 6; Fall school 7 weeks, 12 pupils; average 9.

This was Miss Jones' first teaching experience. Her pupils were few and young but bright and quick to learn which they did, doing a good year's work. This district is commended for retaining approved teachers during the entire year, making thus to the school's interests a wide saving. The Fall school's average exceeds "the whole number of school age," as reported for the district; speaking well for the coming year.

DISTRICT No. 3. E. WYMAN, AGENT.

Sara Allen Frederic and Lillian M. Otis, teachers. Spring school 10 weeks 27 pupils, average 21. Summer school 12 weeks, 24 pupils, average 17. Winter school 12 weeks, 20 pupils, average 27.

Mrs. Frederic was reemployed for a repetition of like good work to that done in the preceding year. There is that, which improves with age. The district, having tested this, did not straightway desire that which was worse. But, resigning at the close of her summer term, a successor had to be sought and was found in Miss Otis, who is still in the midst of her work, enjoying her school and doing acceptable service.

DISTRICT No. 4, M. E. BROOKS, AGENT.

G. Isabel Farnham, teacher. Summer school 5 weeks, 7 pupils, average 7. Fall school 6 weeks, 7 pupils, average 7.

For regularity in attendance this district holds the first rank, which is creditable to children, parents and teacher. So also for retaining throughout the year a teacher of natural fitness, from an excellent training school, is the agent of this district to be congratulated. For the coming year's service there may be a profitable hint in the wise man's words to his son, "Meddle not with them that are given to change."

DISTRICT No. 6 ALBERT LONGLY, AGENT.

Minnie E. Russell and Wm. B. Longly teachers. Summer school 8 weeks 14 pupils, average 12. Winter school 12 weeks 20 pupils, average 18.

The choice of Miss Russell for the summer term occasioned no regret. She gave a good school. No risk was run in selecting Mr. Longly for the winter term. He was among his own kin, yet esteemed and loved for his work's sake. Such teachers make supervision a pleasure, relieving of all care as to what the issue shall be. As was forecast from the first, the result here was of the best. Agents in this district may as well look near home for that which they hope to find.

DISTRICT No. 8, F. C. HOLT, AGENT.

A. S. Wright, May E. Ward, Annie L. Beard, Minta J. Mosher and Alice M. Rogers, teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL: 12 weeks, 43 pupils average 38.

ADVANCED: Fall term, 12 weeks, 36 pupils, average 28. Winter term 12 weeks, 61 pupils, average 46.5.

GRAMMAR: Spring term, 10 weeks, 29 pupils, average 25. Fall term 10 weeks, 30 pupils, average 27. Winter term, 10 weeks, 34 pupils, average 27.

PRIMARY: Spring term, 10 weeks, 47 pupils, average 36. Fall term, 10 weeks, 50 pupils, average 42. Winter term, 4 weeks, 32 pupils, average 28. Winter term, 5 weeks, 17 pupils, average 12.

The High school arrangement; as by law provided, in charge of Mr. Wright, proved a wise and successful venture. Those conceiving and executing it, at no little cost of time and money with that wear and tear incident to like undertakings for the common good, are entitled to other award than usually falls to public benefactors previous to that grateful remembrance which somewhat too late erects to them sepulchral monuments. It is to be hoped these will not withhold from still further well doing, to be remembered by those to come after them. Better live for this than die forgotten for things that were never done.

The Fall and Winter schools in charge of Mr. Wright, were under district regulations. The long and approved service of Mr. Wright and his assistants were a sufficient pledge of that to be. Every term gives its increased solid results of thorough teaching. His work is growing in favor and the prayer that his last may be his best days is winged alike by faith and sight.

Miss Ward returned to the Grammar department for the spring term and conducted her school with like "modes of instruction and government thereof" which characterized her work of the previous year.

Miss Beard was promoted from approved service in the Primary department to her place for the two succeeding terms, to qualify herself for which she had completed her studies at Kents Hill. The respect in which Miss Beard is held by both parents and children, is justified by her character and teaching. It is now spoken as in future we trust it will be said of her teaching that it is well.

Miss Mosher is remembered for what she has done. She seemed born to her place in the school, from which she was taken after a week's sickness to her reward. Awake, asleep, through all this painful week, she was at her school work. A well filled church of "all mourners" was a truthful witness to the regard in which she was held for her work's sake. The term's work of her school was broken in her fall. Neither Miss Rogers, employed for her place, or any other teacher could have held it to the level of its first weeks.

The above given figures of the number and attendance of the first and last weeks of this broken term show better than words can how it was.

DISTRICT No. 9. HENRY BUZZELL, AGENT.

Martha E. Smith, teacher. Fall school, 5 weeks, 10 pupils, average 9.5
Winter school 8 weeks, 12 pupils, average 10.

A teacher of over thirty terms service is not likely to change much in her "method of instruction and government thereof," as the statute frames it instead of "thorough government" as the printer one year ago most kindly set to her credit, a change for the better possibly. Those attempting grammar in this school, as in more than one other, seemed to come short of their clear insight into language.

DISTRICT No 10, WILBUR TAYLOR, AGENT.

Mary R. Reed and Ernest L. Tupper, teachers. Winter school 8 weeks 12 pupils, average 9. Winter school 9 weeks 13 pupils average 10.

These teachers were both young; the one sufficiently confident as to her method of instruction; the other with hardly enough for getting into his teaching all there was in him. The long seasoned practice in this district of ceaselessly interrupting class work, by asking questions, leaving seats, going out and standing about the stove and the like seemingly ought to be broken up. Possibly the reins given into Mr. Blaisdell's hands or a like teacher for a term of years would effect this. Five weeks of what such teachers could and would do were better than a longer school without any air show of training in "Heaven's First Law."

DISTRICT No 11, L MERROW, AGENT.

Millie E. Cole, teacher. Summer school 8 weeks, 8 pupils, average 6.5.
Winter school 19 weeks 6 pupils, average 4.

It was pleasant to find Miss Cole enthroned in this school, the queen of all she surveyed, which "all" at the first visit of the winter term, numbered two and came to be at the closing visit double that number. These were young and not far advanced in school studies. This teacher did for them all that could be expected. To her care few were given and so of her less was required than from those with large numbers and of advanced scholarship; except in her need of patient endurance in well doing.

DISTRICT NO. 12. O. B. TAYLOR. AGENT.

Alice M. Rogers, Isa M. Austin, teachers. Summer school 8 weeks. 8 pupils, av. 8. Winter school, 11 weeks. 10 pupils, av. 6.5.

These teachers had taught one term each, Miss Austin's term being here at home. Miss Rogers did her work very pleasantly. Nothing appeared of which to complain. Miss Austin's work was like that of her first school. Teachers of these small schools who have not learned the art of teaching

under masters of schools appointed for the purpose of training teachers, can not be expected to do what graduates from this teaching are able to effect in large schools of advanced scholarship. It is creditable to them when it can be said, they have done well.

DISTRICT NO. 13. CHARLES HARMON, AGENT.

Alice M. Rogers, Elmer Nicholls, teachers. Summer school 8 weeks, 7 pupils, av. 6. Winter school, 8 weeks, 13 pupils, av. 11.

Miss Rogers won the favor of parents and friends who were ready to say "we have had a good school." She returned to still further pursue her studies in the village school under Mr. Wright and was making approved progress when she was invited to take Miss Mosher's place till her recovery, or to the end of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 16. C. S. BATES, AGENT.

Edith L. Powers, C. S. Bates, teachers. Summer school 6 weeks, 16 pupils av. 13. Winter school, 13.7, 16 pupils, av. 13.

Discretion was exercised in selecting Mr. Bates for agent and in appointing him to the winter school. He did not resent the districts encroachment upon personal rights and privilege in the matter and rewarded his appointing power with a good school for the confidence reposed in him. In Arithmetic his teaching was excellent, while not inferior elsewhere.

For the summer school, after careful inquiry for the best to be had, his choice fell on Miss Powers. He could have made a much worse selection. She exhibited both knowledge and energy in her work and with experience will be in-demand for other school rooms. The plague of borrowing and using others' books infests this district. To say that a boy seven or eight years of age, bright and quick to learn, was allowed to go through one, if not both terms of the year without one single book of his own, is sufficiently suggestive. Other districts are touched with this infliction.

DISTRICT NO. 20. HENRY STEVENS, AGENT.

Abbie S Merrow and Georgia F. Merrow, teachers. Summer school 8 weeks, 21 pupils, av. 17. Fall school, 10 weeks, 21 pupils, av. 18.

It was proposed to secure the very best teacher to be had and for the entire year, but like other wisest plans did not wholly succeed. Miss Merrow left for Canada at the close of the summer term, with her well merited earnings to complete her normal course for more effective service. With her partial course she was among our best teachers and all regretted the necessity of taking another in her place. To this place a younger and less experienced sister was chosen; not with the expectation however that she would be able to fill it as her sister had. She would resent as injustice to her elder, such suggestion. In teaching, as elsewhere, all good has its better, as to every bad there is a worse. The agent is commended for wise regard to the interests of this district.

In closing it is pleasant to add that no inharmony has marred the town's school work in the two years now closed. There may be those, wise enough to suggest that "if this or that had been thus or so," results would have been better. They might and then again, they might not. Grateful for the good there has been, the future invites to that which may prove to be better.

E. PEPPER.

