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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT, 1876-7.

**DISBURSEMENTS—ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAYS 1876.**

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Alden Spurr, labor,  22 68
Thomas Gilba,  "  32 72
E. M. Bailey, labor and materials,  55 95
P. D. Webster, labor,  16 50
Geo. P. Gilman,  "  10 44
John Hurley,  "  13 25
Stintson Peaslee,  "  11 52
Wm. Thompson,  "  6 09
Wm. Marcho,  "  8 61
A. G. Ring, materials and paid 21st,  45 71
Mrs. M. Babb, labor with team,  14 45
Patrick Shine,  "  3 12
Wm. R. Bartlett,  "  7 50
John B. Colburn,"  14 75
W. H. Colburn,  "  22 09
Elijah Page, 2d.,  "  1 87
John Widewake,  "  3 12
Abraham Colburn, labor and gravel,  24 00
Davis Estes,  "  1 25
C. P. Crowell,  "  4 83
E. R. Southard, labor,  8 00
A. B. Sutton,  "  13 50
John H. Davis,  "  12 25
B. P. Gilman,  "  7 50
Dennis McAuliff,  "  9 50
E. W. Mansfield,  "  12 64
Valentine Page,  "  3 75
Charles Buffum, lumber,  20 49
C. H. Colburn, labor and clean sidewalks,  47 68
Joel Hawes,  "  18 88
Eben Webster, " and lumber,  25 37
David McPheters, labor,  16 87
James Page,  "  5 36
Wm. Hagerty,  "  6 75
Louis McKenzie,  "  2 50
Dennis Clancey,  "  3 75
Peter Pooler, Jr.,  "  14 75
J. L. Hardy,  "  1 25
Malcolm, McKendrick, labor,  2 91
Daniel Estes,  "  3 75
J. W. Atwell, & Son., lumber,  3 60
Mitchell, Cowen, labor,  5 11
H. H. Page,  "  6 63
Wm. B. Inman,  "  3 40
John D. Cole,  "  7 18
E. F. Downs,  "  2 62
John Keilty,  "  1 60
John Longley,  "  1 75
There are in the Town 31 miles of highways and streets. The town raised for repair of same in 1876, $1000, being about $32 per mile. It is frequently found necessary to expend $75 to $100 in some miles; in addition we have in the town 100 culverts and 4 bridges, that are continually requiring to be rebuilt and repaired, and needing yearly large amounts of lumber to keep them in condition to meet the wants of the public.

On account of the above we recommend a sum of $1200 for repair of highways for 1877, the sum raised last year being in our judgment insufficient. For the past seven years it has cost the town but $3 for damages caused by defective highways. It is better to keep highways in repair and avoid litigation.

DISBURSEMENT OF PAUPER FUND.

Mrs. Abbie Lord, rent, Dilworth family, $  9 34
E. K. Stewart, supplies,  27 13
Abel Hunt, coffins,  24 50
Mary Carter, nurse,  4 00
L. S. Witham, services,  4 30
C. E. Young, medical service,  23 25
E. N. Mayo, "  68 00
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E. M. Bailey & Co., supplies, 38 $50
J. B. Chase, rent, 6 $00
John Kelley, shoe maker, 1 $50
John Chaplin, board of John Wallace, 13 $00
A. B. Webster, supplies of clothing, 15 $00
Mitchel Cousen, supplies for self, 1 $00
Sarah Ward, R. R. fare to Belfast, 3 $10
Town of Brewer, supplies for Pooler family, 10 $00
H. H. Page, " 6 $98
Lewis Leuro & Co., " 16 $18
City of Belfast, " on acct. of Thomas Ward, 10 $53
A. G. Ring, money paid out. 29 $29
E. B. Donigan, clothing, 32 $25
J. Page, supplies, 13 $50
Mrs. H. Morrison, as nurse, 26 $00
Mrs. H. Stewart, " 5 $00
Peter Pooler, services, 15 $00
Wm. C. Taylor, " and wood, 2 $50
Greenlief Haskell, supplies at Augusta, 10 $55
C. F. Buffum, team, 2 $00
J. H. Robinson, undertaker of Oldtown, 5 $00
E. M. Vinal, " Orono, 28 $00
M. W. Gammon, services, 200 $00
" supplies, 20 $20
Daniel Emery, blacksmithing, 8 $25
Cyrus Wilson, rent, 12 $00
M. S. Johnston, team at burial of Eddie Wise, 75 $00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Dr. for amount of orders on Treas., $2533 64
from other towns at close of 1875, 157 $49

$2691 13
$

Cr. by appropriation, $1500 00
Received from other towns, 680 $64
" " individuals, 9 $00
Amount due from other towns, 208 $58
" " individuals, 45 $00 $2443 22

Balance against the account, $247 91

The Overseers wish to call the attention of the town to the insufficiency of accommodation at the Alms House. The capacity of the house does not exceed room for twelve persons, including the Superintendent and his wife.

The Overseers think they could at times have sent not less than thirty persons there during the past year, at a saving to the town. The Overseers recommend an enlargement of the
buildings as soon as the means of the town will admit of it.
We have at the house four aged persons, who need better accommodations than we can at present give them.

DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL FUND.

C. A. Colburn, repairs, $96 81
Dole Brothers, seats, 423 50
L. A. Douglass, teaching, 44 00
L. B. Ring, " 132 00
Ella F. Gulifer, " 132 00
George H. Wilson, building fires and sweeping high school house, 38 50
Stephen H. Powell, principal of high school, 1069 45
Mary E. Hyde, assistant of high school, 81 00
Ellen Libbey, teacher of select school, 64 00
A. A. Colburn, teaching, 204 00
E. A. Hamilton, " 132 00
C. E. Johnston, " 132 00
Annie Gee, " 132 00
A. E. Colburn, " 60 00
S. E. Mayo, " 204 00
Mrs. Moran, labor for cleaning school rooms, 4 50
Alice Wise, teaching, 180 00
N. W. Bond, repairs, 7 50
R. M. Crombie, school supplies, 13 47
Samuel Libbey, " 3 74
John Hurley, sawing wood, 9 00
E. M. Bailey, building out house, 15 50
Patrick Wall, repairs, 3 50
Annie B. Taylor, teaching, 44 00
Burr & Robinson, printing school reports, 25 00
M. A. Files, assistant at high school, 130 00
Emma S. B. Wilson, teacher of select school, 200 00
P. A. Vinal, teaching, 72 00
N. Wilson, paid out, 5 90
C. C. Elwell, teaching, 104 00
Stewart McPheters, repairs, 20 22
Fred A. Colburn, teaching, 52 50
W. V. Bither, " 96 00
I. N. Webster, " 120 00
Frank Noal, making fires at Basin, 9 00
A. S. & H. B. McPheters, wood, 125 60
C. M. Gould, supplies, 97
Elijah Wyman, taking census of scholars, 8 00
John Keilty, sawing wood, 1 75
David Bugbee & Co., books $86 13, and school supplies, $25 36, 111 49
E. E. Ring, teaching, 136 70
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<td>S. S. Smith &amp; Son., printing town report</td>
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<td>A. B. Aubert, analyzing liquor</td>
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<td>E. &amp; N. A. Railway, freights on oil</td>
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<td>Donigan &amp; Chapman, action Orono vs. Peavey</td>
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<td>Solomon Gee, tending clock 1875</td>
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<td>D. Bugbee &amp; Co., school books</td>
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<td>Ammon Lewis, repair of sidewalk at R. R. bridge</td>
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<td>Springer McPheters, painting town house</td>
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A. G. Ring, postage stamps and stationery, 8 26
Samuel Libby, paints and oil for town house, 20 94
Joseph Leuro, sawing and piling wood for town house, 10 94
Hector Morrison, watchman, night of 4th July, 1 50
Charles Hays, painting hearse, 7 00
Treasurer of Orono Horticultural Society, 5 70
E. M. Paine, shingling old engine house, 6 50
Geo. S. Bean, settlement of case of J. W. Veazie vs. Orono, commenced in 1863, 78 50
Wilson & Woodard, legal advice, 2 00
Geo. W. Brown, care of town house, 45 00
E. T. & E. E. Ring, shingles for old engine house, 10 06
Dennis Clancy, watchman at N. Lunt’s fire, 1 50
Stinton Peaslee, acct. committing to jail
Patrick Hanley, with costs, 13 28
Stinton Peaslee, collecting taxes for 1875–76, 275 00
E. N. Mayo, health committee, 2 00
A. G. Ring, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, 175 00
J. W. Mayo, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor, 50 00
E. P. Butler, treasurer, 100 00
M. C. Marsh, town clerk, 35 00
E. P. Butler, acct. insurance, 185 50
David Bugbee, stationery for selectmen office, 8 50
Eben Webster, abatement on horses, 6 72
N. Wilson, services as S. S. committee, 30 00
Thomas Dean, care of and board of tramps, 1 50
E. M. Vinal, cemetery work, 8 25
Stinton Peaslee, post warrants town meetings, 2 50
E. E. Ring, service as S. S. Committee, 25 00
J. W. Mayo, services at Bangor, 1 95
Elijah Wyman, S. S. committee, 1875, 25 00
do. do. do. 1876, 25 00
Samuel Libbey, stationery, 1 05

Amount of orders drawn, $1850 67
Appropriation, 3000 00
Unexpended, $1,149 33

This amount unexpended provides for discounts on taxes, paid on or before Aug. 10th, 1876, and for any overdrafts on the various appropriations.
DISBURSEMENTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Charles Lee, preparing wood for Monitor, $2 50
Joseph Leuro, do. do. Eagle, 4 25
George W. Brown, care of Eagle, 6 50
C. W. Hays, paint for Eagle, 15 00
Thomas Dean, care of Eagle and Tiger, 60 00
N. W. Bond, repair of do. 2 50
Joseph McKenney, care of Monitor, 37 90
Samuel Libbey, neats oil for Monitor, 6 75
C. H. Colburn, repair and filling cistern, 19 65
Eben Webster, repair of cisterns, 5 04
Thomas Dean, filling cisterns, 12 00
I. N. Mansfield, repair of Eagle, 2 25
William C. Taylor, brakes for Tiger, 4 00
R. M. Given, filling cisterns, 2 50
George R. Holmes, do. 2 50
A. G. Ring, do. 7 00
Peter Pooler, do. 2 00
N. Wilson, do. 13 00
Samuel Libbey, oil and sand-paper for Eagle, 5 10
Eben Webster, sleds for Monitor, 44 17
William Lunt, wood for Eagle, 16 26
James Webster, repair of Tiger and Eagle, 6 95
Joseph McKenney, wood for Monitor, 16 00
Joseph McKenney, repairs on Monitor, 1 00
Daniel Emery, repairs on Eagle, 9 80

Amount orders drawn, $315 58
Appropriation, 250 00

Overdrawn, $65 58

Expenditure of Fire Department controlled by Fire Wardens.

Ringing of bell—appropriation, $50 00
Cyrus Wilson, for ringing, 50 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1876.

Highways, $1000 00
Support of Poor, 1500 00
Schools, 2312 00
High School, 500 00
Incidental, 3000 00
Fire Department, 250 00
Ringing the Bell,  50 00  
Town Debt,  1000 00  
\[ \text{Total amount assessed,} \quad 13,085 59 \]  
State Tax, 1876,  \$1970 09  
County Tax, 1876,  1154 05  
Overlayings,  349 45  
\[ \text{Total valuation of Real and Personal Estates for 1876 is} \quad \$407,535 00 \]  
\[ \text{The total do. of non-residents do.} \quad 130,541 00 \]  
\[ \text{Total valuation,} \quad \$538,076 00 \]  
\[ \text{Two and eight-tenths per cent, on} \quad \$538,076 \quad \text{gives} \quad 11,299 59 \]  
568 Polls, at $3, gives  1,704 00  
82 Dogs, at $1, gives  82 00  
\[ \text{Total amount taxed,} \quad \$13,085 59 \]  

**RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.**

For Highways,  \$1261 66  
Support of Poor,  2533 64  
Schools,  4668 09  
Incidental Purposes,  1850 67  
Fire Department,  315 58  
Ringing the Bell,  50 00  
\[ \text{TOWN FARM,} \quad \text{Dr.} \]  
Paid M. W. Gammon and wife's services,  \$200 00  
\[ \text{do. do. for supplies,} \quad 127 35 \]  
\[ \text{do. for supplies from other sources,} \quad 528 66 \]  
\[ \text{Cr.} \quad \$856 01 \]  
By Produce, etc., sold to Feb. 26, \$107 15  
512 weeks' board of inmates, at $1.44 per week,  739 26  
By over-charge in bill of C. M. Gould,  9 60  
\[ \text{Cr.} \quad \$856 01 \]
POOR AT THE FARM.

March 16, 1876,
Admitted since that date,

Whole number, 21
Discharged, 13

Now at the house, 8
Mrs. E. Lovett, admitted May, 1861, aged 70 years.
Michael Fitzgerald, admitted February, 1872, do. 70 do.
Mary Nado, admitted January, 1864, do. 30 do.
Etta Nado, born there, February 10, 1866, do. 11 do.
Joseph Cheney, admitted December, 1875, do. 77 do.
Lydia Cheney, admitted December, 1875, do. 80 do.
Sarah Ward, admitted January, 1877, do. 25 do.
Thomas Ward, admitted January, 1877, do. 29 do.

ESTIMATED VALUE TOWN FARM PROPERTY.

Farm and buildings, with Dunham house, $3000 00
Farming tools, with carriages, 250 00
Household property, 400 00
Household stores, 122 65
1 horse, 150 00
2 cows, 100 00
2 shoats, 25 00
3 tons hay, at $15, 45 00
½ ton straw, 4 00
20 bushels barley, at 75c., 15 00
20 do. oats, at 50c., 10 00
60 do. potatoes, at 85c., 51 00
10 cords hard wood, at $5, 50 00
30 do. soft wood, at $3, 90 00
18 hens, 13 50
½ ton shorts, 11 00

A decrease from last year of $4337 15

ESTIMATED VALUE OF TOWN PROPERTY NOT AVAILABLE FOR INDEBTEDNESS.

Cost of Town House, including furniture, $17,272 14
Eleven school-houses and lots, as follows:
High School house and lot, 3500 00
No. 1 do., Page district, 400 00
No. 2 do., Main street, 1000 00
No. 3 do., depot, foot Mill street, 3000 00
No. 4 do., Bennoch street, 500 00
No. 5 do., Basin Mills, 3000 00
No. 6 do., Marsh Point, 1500 00
No. 7 do., College road, 600 00
No. 8 do., old railroad, 200 00
No. 9 do., Kelley district, 500 00
No. 10 do., Temple district, 500 00
Old Tiger engine house and lot, 600 00
Three fire engines and apparatus, 2000 00
Sixteen hundred feet leather hose, 1600 00
Amount town appropriations Monitor house, 1900 00
Twenty-six and one-half acres land on Bog road for gravel, formerly White lot, 200 00

$38,272 14

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED FOR 1877.**

For Highways, $1200 00
Support of the Poor, 1500 00
Schools, 2310 00
High School, 500 00
Incidental Purposes, 3000 00
Fire Department, 300 00
Ringing the Bell, 50 00
Paying Town indebtedness, 1000 00

$9,860 00

**TOWN HOUSE AND HALL.**

The hall has been occupied on 38 occasions during the past year, 25 evenings, and 13 times by day.

Amount received for rent of Town Hall, $118 05
do. do. for sale gasoline casks, 4 50

$ 122 55

**EXPENSES.**

For paid care of the building, 50 00
do. Gasoline for lighting, 60 50
do. Freight on same, 6 78
do. Wood and preparing, 50 89
do. Repairing gas fixtures, 2 55

$170 92

Expenses above receipts, 48 37
Estimated on hand, 160 gallons of gasoline, at 33 1/2 c., $53.60
Estimated on hand 9 cords of wood $4.75, 42.75

Receipts of hall last year, $291.67
do. do. this year, 118.05

do. less 1876 than 1875, $173.62

$96.35

The Selectmen submit the foregoing as a correct exhibit of the affairs of the town, and the expenditures for the municipal year ending Feb. 26th, 1877.

A. G. RING,
JOHN W. MAYO, Selectmen of Orono.
M. C. MARSH,
## TREASURER'S REPORT, MARCH 1, 1877.

### RECEIPTS.

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DISBURSEMENTS.

State Pensions paid $60 00
Advertising and Recording tax deeds 29 14
Non-resident taxes, of 1875 returned 130 70
27 Resident tax deeds of 1875 633 57
Discount on taxes paid 786 81
Abatements on 1874, taxes $66 84
   "  " 1875,  " 316 00
   "  " 1876,  " 126 11
County tax of 1875 508 95
   "  " 1876 550 00
State 1,970 09
Loan paid $13,575 00
Interest 766 23
   "  14,341 23
Town Orders paid 10,170 33
Balance of Treasury Account 583 17
   "  $29,455 18
   "  $30,038 35

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TOWN ORDERS.

Amount outstanding March 4, 1876 $1142 17
   "  Drawn in 1876 10,679 56
   "  Paid $10,170 33
   "  Outstanding-March 1, 1877 1651 40
   "  $11,821 73

LOAN.

Treasury notes out March 4, 1876 $13,315 00
   "  " issued in 1876 13,125 00
   "  " paid in 1876 $13,575 00
   "  " out March 1, 1877 12,865 00
   "  $26,440 00

COLLECTOR.

Due on 1874 account, March 4, 1876 $308 03
Paid in 1876 281 84
   "  Balance due  $76 19
Due on 1875 account $6,105 01
Paid in 1876 5,511 56
   "  Balance due  $593 45
Amount Committed for 1876 $13,130 48
Paid 7,996 28
Balance due $5,134 20
Total amount due $5,803 84

TAX DEEDS.
Amount held March 4, 1876 $1,104 44
" recorded in 1876 774 92
" paid $146 97
" now held 1,732 39
Total $1,879 36

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.
Town Orders outstanding $1,651 40
Treasury Notes " 12,865 00
Accrued interest 425 00
County Tax 604 05
Due other towns 20 00
" on unsettled accounts 175 00
Estimated Abatements 375 00
" tax deeds unavailable 866 20
Total $169,81 65

RESOURCES.
Uncollected taxes in Collector's hands $5,803 84
" " " tax deeds 1,732 39
Due from other towns 208 58
" " individuals 45 00
Treasury balance 583 17
Total $8,372 98
Balance against the town 8,608 67
Total $16,981 65

E. P. BUTLER, TREASURER.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ORONO,
FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

The SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for the School Year of 1876-7, submit their Annual Report, as by law required, as follows, viz:

BOOKS.

The Town, at their Annual Meeting, March, 1876, instructed their Committee, as authorized by Chap. 11, Sec. 6, of the Revised Statutes, to provide school books for the use of the pupils of their public schools, and furnish them at cost.

In accordance with such instruction, your Committee have provided books to the amount of $222.92 in all, during the year.

The town has now on hand a fair supply of most kinds in use, at the cost, of the value of $100 or more.

This question of books is attended with many difficulties and inconveniences, and requires delicate discrimination. To determine who is and who is not able to pay for books called for and delivered, is far from an agreeable task.

Where furnished, and the parents or guardians are of sufficient ability to pay, but neglect, the law authorizes the amount to be put into the next year's tax of such party.

But, the people will be surprised to be informed how many profess themselves unable to provide absolutely needed books.

In more than a score of instances, during the past winter, scholars have attended school for days and weeks without a book; but, in every case, when known, they have been promptly supplied by the Committee.
The purchase of books by the town, some years since, and furnishing them free of expense to all scholars, has, in the judgment of the Committee, proved a great mistake, and to the town a large pecuniary loss.

A very large portion of these books are now in a worthless condition, parts of many missing, others torn and sadly defaced.

Then, the fact that the town has heretofore made a free distribution of books leads many to persist that this supply shall be continued; and, in consequence, delay to purchase, and, in not a few instances, absolutely to decline to buy needed books for their children.

Persons unacquainted with these difficulties and the feeling engendered on this subject, can form no adequate idea of the trouble and vexation thus caused to the teachers and the Committee.

The actual expense to the town, under such instructions as were given last year, cannot be very burthensome in the future, as all books are furnished at the actual cost and at wholesale prices; the actual saving being not less, on the average, than forty per cent.

Take, for example, the former price charged for writing books of a uniform series. Prior to 1876 the expense was twenty cents each; they now cost the pupil only nine cents, a saving of more than one-half.

Without books, school-houses and teachers are of little consequence. Books must be provided in some way for very many who are so unfortunate as to be unable to obtain them for themselves, and the town must pay the bills.

Should business revive, labor be in demand, and money once more circulate freely, as in "the good old time," most persons could and would cheerfully and promptly pay all such bills without expense to the town, and the per centage saved would be equal to the amount furnished to those in need and unable to pay.

In this connection, the Committee desire to express, on their part, sincere gratitude to Mr. R. M. Crombie and his accommodating clerk, George Lunt, for the keeping and sale of the town's books and school stationery, for which kindly service and attending trouble they make no charge, and absolutely refuse all compensation.

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount raised by the town in 1876 was $3312.00
" " " " " for the High School was 500.00
" " received from the State in all, 1936.35

Or a total of $4748.35

A less sum from this source than last year by $278.49; this reduction being in consequence of a diversion of a portion of the school tax to the Normal Schools.

BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

Not a dollar was raised last year for buildings or repairs on school-houses.
On examination of the High School room, it was found that the floor had become very much worn and uneven, and there was urgent necessity for an entire new floor and new seats.

After consulting with the municipal officers of the town and other gentlemen interested in our public schools, acting on their advice, the Committee decided to put in a new floor and Dole Brothers' new improved patent seats. These improvements cost $520.31; but all who have had their attention called to the favorable change in the appearance of this school room, and the advantage to the pupil on the score of health, convenience and comfort, cordially approbate the action of the Committee.

WOOD AND PREPARATION.

The total cost has been $147 50

GENERAL REPAIRS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

For erecting a new outbuilding at the Basin Mills, for school maps, stationery, crayons, etc., etc., 163 02
For building fires and taking charge of the different school rooms, washing windows, etc., etc., 56 50

FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES, 3660 45

a sum less than last year by $474 55.

PAID FOR PRINTING THE REPORT OF LAST YEAR

and other bills contracted in 1874, 1875 and 1876, 56 70

Making a total of expenditures for the year of $4,604 48

and leaving an unexpended balance of $143 87

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The school in the Page District was taught the Spring Term, ten weeks, by Miss Annie M. Gee, and a fall term of twelve weeks by the same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12. Wages, $6 per week. Miss Gee taught a good school, and gave general satisfaction.

The Winter Term (there being no grading of this school) was commenced by Mr. F. A. Colburn, a student of the State College. Wages, $32 per month. A large majority of the district were well satisfied with the order and improvement being made; but a minority discouraged the teacher by taking their children out of the school, and he voluntarily resigned after keeping only six weeks. As this school had already received more than its just portion of school money, the Committee decided to close it. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 10.

The school on Main street was taught, both Spring and Fall Terms, by Miss Addie A. Colburn. Wages, $6 per week. Number of scholars in the Spring Term of ten weeks, 41; average, 34. In the Fall Term of twelve weeks, 34; average, 29. Miss Colburn has had the continuous
charge of this school for some three years, and has proved herself to be a very successful and profitable teacher. Her pupils always exhibit thorough training and marked proficiency.

The schools designated as the "Mill Street Schools" consist of two schools in the same building. Miss E. F. Gullifer occupied the upper room the Spring and Fall Terms. Wages, $6. Total number of scholars, 41 and 39, averaging, 38 and 36.

Miss Elizabeth B. Ring occupied the lower room both terms. Wages, $6 per week. Total number of scholars, 42 each term; average, 36 and 37.

These are both experienced, profitable and popular teachers, and both taught excellent schools.

The school on the Bennoch road was in charge of Miss Alice Wise for the Spring and Fall Term, ten and twelve weeks. Number of scholars, 18 and 23; average, 14 and 18. Wages, $6. Miss Wise, although young, manifests much skill in government and in her faculty to communicate instruction, and bids fair to excel in this department.

The school on the College road was taught, both Spring and Fall Terms, twenty-two weeks in all, by Miss Carrie C. Johnston. Number of scholars, 37 and 35; average, 36 and 29. Wages, $6. Miss Johnston possesses a happy faculty in the management of her school, and gave entire satisfaction to those immediately interested and to the Committee.

The school on Penobscot street, Marsh Point, was taught the Spring and Fall Terms, of ten and twelve weeks, by Miss E. A. Hamilton. Wages, $6. Number of scholars, 43; average, 37. This was a good school, and judiciously managed.

BASIN MILLS.

Here were two schools—a Spring Term of ten weeks each, and a Fall Term of twelve weeks. Wages, $6 each school. Mrs. A. E. Colburn taught the Spring Term. Number of scholars, 42; average, 39. Mrs. Colburn has been employed 3 or 4 successive years in different schools in town, and with invariably good success. She has few superiors as a faithful teacher.

Miss P. Vinall took charge of the same school in the Fall Term. Wages, $6. Number of scholars, 44; average, 39. Miss Vinall is young and lacks experience, and succeeding so popular and efficient a teacher as Mrs. Colburn placed her somewhat to disadvantage. She labored hard, improved each week, and, on the whole, did well and merited approbation.

The other school was taught the entire year of thirty-four weeks by Miss Sarah E. Mayo. Number of scholars, 39, 40 and 45; average attendance, 34, 33 and 39. Wages, $6 per week. As a teacher, Miss Mayo has few equals and no superiors. The room was a pattern of neatness, and the most perfect and orderly arrangement in every department was
manifest, and no attempt at display. The improvement was all that could be asked. The Committee unanimously pronounced this a model primary school.

KELLEY DISTRICT.

The Spring Term of this school was taught by Miss L. A. Douglass; eight weeks. Wages, $5.50. At its close, when visited by the Committee, there were but seven scholars present. The Full Term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Annie B. Taylor. Number of scholars, 16; average, 12. Wages, $5.50. Miss Taylor succeeded well, and taught a good school.

TEMPLE DISTRICT.

This school is not graded. The number of scholars is small, and, as the people preferred to have a winter school, they have been allowed twelve weeks, with a male teacher. Mr. W. V. Bither taught the school the past winter. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 14 1-2. This was Mr. Bither's first effort at teaching. Ambitious and persevering, his scholars evidently made good progress, and he gave good satisfaction. Wages, $32 per month.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Four intermediate schools have been maintained the past winter of twelve weeks each. The requirements, except at the Basin school, are uniform. For special convenience, the Basin school was not graded. Mr. Ivan E. Webster, a student of the State College, taught this school. Number of scholars, 45; average, 39. Mr. Webster had had no former experience, and in consequence labored under some disadvantages. For some weeks there were war and rumors of war, and it became necessary to call in the aid of the Committee. The principal difficulty seemed to be that the teacher had faith in the wisdom of one Solomon of some fame in Biblical history. After a few experiments under "Professor Birch," peace was assured; and, having a Committee to fall back upon, and to sustain him in all reasonable efforts, order was restored; the teacher gained the respect of all the well disposed; and, before the expiration of his twelve weeks, a petition numerously signed was presented to the Committee for a continuation of his services. In this instance, finely illustrating what pluck and perseverance will accomplish, Mr. Webster proved to be just what was needed, and general satisfaction was the result. Wages, $40 per month.

MAIN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

This was again put in charge of Miss Addie A. Colburn for the third winter in succession. Wages, $24 per month. Number of scholars, 32; average, 29. The closing examination of this school was peculiarly satisfactory to the Committee, and to many friends of the school who showed their interest by being present.
PENOBSCOT STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

This was in charge of Mr. C. C. Elwell, a student of the State College. Term, twelve weeks. Wages, $35 per month. Number of scholars, 43; average, 32. On the score of order and quietness, there was some defect; but there was evidently the best understanding and sympathy between teacher and scholar. Mr. Elwell is an active, live teacher, and very systematic and practical. The improvement was very marked and satisfactory. No school has done better in arithmetic and geography.

MILL STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Mr. E. E. Ring taught this school twelve weeks. Wages $45 per month; number of scholars, 51; average, 43. Mr. Ring has taught quite a number of schools, and always with success. The Committee were entirely satisfied with this examination and the very evident improvement made by the scholars.

SELECT SCHOOL.

The Spring Term of this school was under the care of Miss Ellen Libbey, who has for several years in succession, taught the same school. Number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 39; wages $32 per month. Miss Libbey taught a good school, but at the close of the Spring Term, was compelled, by ill health, to resign the situation.

The Fall and Winter Terms of twelve and thirteen weeks, were taught by Miss Emma L. B. Wilson. Number of scholars, 45 and 47; average, 36 and 39; wages $32 per month.

It took some little time for the teacher to find out of what material this school was made up—as the age of most of the boys, who attend this school is what may properly be termed "the mischievous age." Fun and frolic having greater charms for many, than books. By a firm, even and quiet demeanor, a very decided change for the better, was brought about, good order and attention prevailed. The improvement has been very decided, the instruction thorough and both teacher and scholars deserve high commendation.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This important school has been for seven successive years under the care of Mr. S. H. Powell. He has always been allowed one assistant.

In the Spring Term he was assisted by Miss M. E. Hyde, who left for larger pay. In the Fall Term by Miss Mary M. Files, who did not continue by reason of some disagreement between her and the principal. In the Winter Term by Miss Emma O. Pratt, whose term has not yet expired.

The number of scholars has varied but little, the largest number in the Winter term, 78; average for the winter, 70; the Spring and Fall terms averaging about 60 to 62.

The salary of Mr. Powell for the past year, for 36 weeks teaching, five days each week, has been $1,100. That of each of the assistants, $10
per week, or $360. For several years prior to the present, the Principal
has been paid $1,200 and his assistant $450, or $1,650 for both. This
sum would seem to be generous pay for “hard times”; averaging for
each school day the past year, $6.11.

Justice to Mr. Powell and his assistants, requires us to say this school
has been well managed and Mr. Powell has been captain of the ship.
Obedience and absolute submission has been the rule. And, while in
most of the higher branches required, and in all the common branches
of an English education, Mr. Powell is prompt, ready and thorough and
an able teacher, he has not the advantage of a liberal or collegiate educa-
tion. The Committee are unanimous in awarding to Mr. Powell high
praise as a disciplinarian and eminent success as a practical teacher, and
his assistants have shown themselves intelligent and well qualified, and
have given very general satisfaction.

In view of the large salary demanded by and paid to Mr. Powell in
the past, and that last spring he absolutely declined to remain in charge
of this school, at the sum of $1000 offered him by the Committee, and by
reason of their inability to procure in due season any other desirable
teacher to take his place, were compelled, in order to induce him to re-
new his engagement, to offer him $1,100. Whereas, could an other, then
have been obtained, possessing the required qualifications, no member of
the Committee would have consented to pay over $1,000.

Fearing they might again be caught in a like predicament, your Com-
mittee have been on the look out and, as opportunity presented, have
made inquiries on the subject, as was their duty to do.

Now, it has so happened, that, an application, well deserving careful
consideration, has been made. The applicant’s name is Mr. J. Raymond
Brackett, a graduate of Bates, one of the leading Colleges of the State.
Mr. Brackett has had large experience in teaching in the common district
schools, and has furnished numerous certificates of his invariable success
in each. Since he graduated, a period of two years, he has been Precep-
tor of the Foxcroft Academy, an institution in its kind, holding rank
second to none other. Dilligent enquiries and earnest efforts have been
made to make a sure thing as to his qualifications, and we shall be par-
doned for producing short extracts from a few of these recommenda-
tions, as evidence highly important. Hon. J. S. Wiley, formerly a mem-
er of Congress, a lawyer and now one of the Trustees of Foxcroft
Academy, recommends him as the most successful teacher they have ever
had, with one single exception, and as possessing superior executive
ability.

Hon. E. J. Hale, Judge of Probate for Piscataquis Co., also, a Trustee
of Foxcroft Academy, writes:—“In my opinion, Mr. Brackett is decidely
the best teacher we have had in this place for years, and I do not hesitate
to advise you to secure his services if possible. I should regret exceedingly
to have him leave our Academy, but, in justice to him, I must say, that, he is, in every respect, well qualified to fill the position."

In another letter of later date, he writes:—"You will not find Mr. Brackett to be lax in discipline. He is not severe, but any pupil who infringes upon the rules of his school is obliged to make it satisfactory to his teacher and schoolmates. I will add, that, Mr. Brackett is beloved by all that attend his school, &c."

Hon. A. M. Robinson, also a Trustee and well-known in this community, writing at the bottom of this letter, "I concur in the above statement of Judge Hale."

We also have the evidence of B. F. Haze, (not President Hayes of Ohio,) but acting President of Bates College, as follows:—"The bearer, Mr. James R. Brackett, is a graduate of this College, in the year 1875. He was an excellent scholar while here, very diligent and thorough, and since his graduation, while teaching, he has been a careful and laborious student. He has been Principal of the Academy at Foxcroft for the whole time, and has proved himself a valuable and successful teacher. He is a man of most exemplary character, eminently fitted to be a guide and friend of young people. I regard him as a superior teacher, as a man whose influence in any community will be most excellent and whose scholarly habits and wisdom in management will make his work in any school all that can be desired. I therefore most heartily and most confidently recommend him."

And this high recommendation is concurred in and signed by all the other professors.

Another important fact is, that Mr. Brackett has adopted and intends to pursue teaching as a profession. His age is 25 years, and his countenance and appearance bespeak the gentleman.

Such are some of the facts laid before us and in every view the proposal impressed a majority of the Committee as one, commending itself to their approval.

The only occasion for declining to accept his proposal at once was, that, the Committee preferred to have the negotiation continued open, till after the annual March meeting, and write to him urging such a postponement.

This, as he states, he could not do, in justice to himself and others and, as he was required to give an immediate answer in another direction, he asked the same of us.

The proposition made by him, was to come and take charge of our High School, finding his own assistant and paying her, (and it was understood he should employ Miss Rolfe, the same who had been with him at Foxcroft,) and teach 36 weeks for $1,300, which is $160 less than last year, and $350 less than was paid prior to 1876.

In consideration of this large item saved from last year and of the unusually strong recommendations and evidence furnished, and in further consideration of the standing vote of the town, and in law, binding and
mandatory, and that we must decide at once, or lose this rare chance of securing an accomplished scholar and successful teacher, a majority of the Committee decided to accept the proposal.

This, the Committee by a majority had a legal right to do, and this act the inhabitants of the town of Orono, are bound in all good faith to sustain, and, we take the responsibility to say further, that, in our judgment, this action of the Committee has saved to the town at least $160—and, in all human probability, secured the right man in the right place.

In conclusion, the Committee take great pleasure in being able to report that they have no occasion to ask of the town to raise a dollar for repairs upon any of our school houses, nor to erect any new buildings, as every District is now properly supplied and all buildings in reasonable repair, or can be put into repair by the 10 per cent. allowed out of the funds raised for school purposes.

The Committee take great pleasure in saying that, in their judgment, the Public Schools of the Town for the past year have been well and faithfully conducted by the several teachers, and commend themselves to the continued generous support of all good citizens in the future as in the past.

Finally, if in any respect the Committee have failed in the faithful discharge of their responsible duties, or their doings have failed to command cordial approval, the error, if any, has been of the head and not of the heart.

ELIJAH WYMAN.
N. WILSON.