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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF POLAND,

For the Year Ending, March 1st, 1883,

BY THE

SELECTMEN.

ALSO REPORT OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

MECHANIC FALLS:

W. W. MERRILL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1883.
Z. LANE, - - - - - Clerk and Treasurer.
A. J. WESTON, - - - Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
L. D. COBB, - - -
L. C. HERRICK, - - -
A. J. WESTON, - - - - - Town Agent.
L. T. BROWN, - - - Collector of Taxes.
B. M. FERNALD, - - - Supervisor of Schools.
L. T. BROWN, - - - Constable.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Poland, for the year ending March 1, 1883, is herewith presented:

Total valuation of Real and Personal Estates, $470,885.00. No. of Polls, 468. Basis of valuation, fifty per cent.

In compliance with warrants from the State and County Treasurers, and a certificate from the Town Clerk, we assessed upon the Polls and Estates, the following sums:

- State Tax, $4,147 40
- County Tax, 1,239 92
- To pay Interest on Bonds, 925 00
- Support of Schools, 2,000 00
- Support of Poor, 1,000 00
- Contingent Expenses, 1,000 00
- Abatement and Commissions, 1,000 00
- Repair of Roads and Bridges, 700 00
- A. A. Dwinal, Post, G. A. R., 25 00
- Overlay, 137 87

$12,175 19

Delinquent Highway of 1881, 149 04

$12,324 23

Rate of Taxation.

Money Tax, .024 on one dollar. Poll Tax, $2.00
Highway Tax, .007 1-2 mills on one dollar. Poll Tax, $1.50.
Inventory of Town Farm Property.

Farming tools &c., 1 Express Wagon, 1 Farm Wagon, 1 Pair Horse Sleds, 1 Ox Sled, 1 Pung, 1 Ox Cart and Wheels, 4 Ox Yokes, 2 Pair of Ox Bows, 2 Shovels, 4 Pitch Forks, 2 Manure Forks, 2 Iron Bars, 2 Plows, 2 Harrows, 2 Harnesses, 1 Collar and Hames, 1 Horse Blanket, 1 Horse Rack, 1 Grind Stone, 4 Ox Chains, 2 Trace Chains, 1 Whiffletree Chain, 3 Rakes, 1 Scythe Snath, 2 Cross Cut Saws, 2 Axes, 2 Wood Saws, 13 Feather Beds, 22 Sheets, 40 Puffs, and Quilts, 26 Pillows, 26 Pillow Cases.

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<td>1 Pair Oxen,</td>
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<td>4 Cows,</td>
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<td>2 Shoats,</td>
<td>$16.00</td>
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<td>1 Horse,</td>
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<td>25 Hens,</td>
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Produce on Farm.

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<td>8 Tons Hay,</td>
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<td>30 bushels Oats,</td>
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<td>1-2 bushel Peas,</td>
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<tr>
<td>12 bushels Corn,</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>30 lbs. Saleratus,</td>
<td>$1.80</td>
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<td>1 1-2 bushels Beans,</td>
<td>$4.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Meal Bags,</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>25 lbs. White Lead,</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>48 lbs. Lard,</td>
<td>$6.24</td>
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<td>56 lbs. Butter,</td>
<td>$12.32</td>
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<td>28 bushels Potatoes,</td>
<td>$21.00</td>
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<td>1 bbl. Soap,</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>175 lbs. Pork,</td>
<td>$22.75</td>
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<td>6 lbs. Tea,</td>
<td>$2.70</td>
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<td>2 bbls. Flour,</td>
<td>$12.25</td>
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<td>5 lbs. Sugar,</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>50 lbs Dried Apples</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>12 cords Wood fitted for stove</td>
<td>48 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 1-4 M Shingles</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td><strong>$704 06</strong></td>
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**Town Farm Account,**

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<td>To Stock on Farm, March 1st, 1882,</td>
<td>$681 36</td>
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<td>&quot; Services of R. Wilber and wife,</td>
<td>175 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Supplies furnished,</td>
<td>203 43</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Paid for Oxen,</td>
<td>140 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 2 Pigs,</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Blacksmith's bill,</td>
<td>7 70</td>
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<td>&quot; Hawkes &amp; Whitney, Stoves and Plow Castings,</td>
<td>13 93</td>
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<td><strong>$1,226 42</strong></td>
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<td>By Stock on hand, March 1st, 1883,</td>
<td>$704 06</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Difference between Oxen,</td>
<td>36 50</td>
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<td>&quot; 2 Heifers, sold,</td>
<td>52 50</td>
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<td>&quot; Hoop poles,</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 2 Veal Calves,</td>
<td>9 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 19 bushels Oats,</td>
<td>10 45</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Butter and Eggs,</td>
<td>20 54</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Due from R. Wilber,</td>
<td>9 11</td>
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<td><strong>$845 16</strong></td>
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Balance against Farm, $381 26

Number of Paupers on Farm, 9
Average number for the year, 8.
Cost of Poor not on Farm.

Ellen Reed, $56 00
Joseph Tripp, 18 30
W. S. Estes, 59 89
Sylvia Brown, 22 00
Cora Edwards, 42 00
Alice Thurston, 2 00
E. M. Verrill, 95 87
E. Verrill, 10 00
Abbie Cash, 32 60
Timothy Berry, (Dr. Bill,) 18 80
Amos Harris, 3 12
Nathaniel Verrill, (Dr. Bill.) 33 50
John Strout, 24 26
H. Walker, 1881, 9 92
Charles Woodsum, $2.34, 1.50, 47.05, 50 89
D. D. Churchill, 5 00
E. Edwards, 34 00
Mrs. Hunnewell, 15 00

$533 15

Cost of Poor belonging to other Towns.

Uriah Berry, Scarboro, $30 75
J. N. Strout, Raymond, 32 21
Richard Edwards, Casco, 3 00
C. G. Hawes, Leeds, 33 50
Andrews Child, Buckfield, 5 00
Emeline Bowen, 4 93
Emerson Thurlow, Raymond, 4 76
Elizabeth Tripp's Child, Raymond, 1 20
Ivory Cobb, Casco, 27 00

$142 35
Abatements and Commissions.

To S. L. Littlefield, Commission on taxes, 1880, $280 17
" L. C. Herrick. " " " 1881, 100 00
" S. L. Littlefield, abatements for 1878 and 1879, 44 68
" " " " 1880, 189 78
" L C. Herrick, " " " 1881, 189 09
" Sundry abatements, 55 73
" Denison Paper Mfg. Co., by decree County Com., 418 00

$1,277 45

Repairs on Roads and Bridges.

L. C. Herrick, Tripp Pond Road, $430 94
L. C. Herrick, District No. 17, 6 18
N. E. Tenney, cutting bushes, District No. 23, 1881, 7 50
L. D. Cobb. Plank, Worthly Brook Bridge, 11 15
John Carpenter, Worthly Brook Bridge, 3 00
Jonathan Berry, Black Cat District, 1881, 5 15
L. C. Herrick, Black Cat District, 21 00
V. P. Waterhouse, Plank, 1881, 4 89
A. J. Weston, Lumber, Thurlow, W. Brook, and Iron Bridge, 81 85
J. W. Strout, ditching, District No. 11, 8 75
Wm. M. Megquire, repairs, hill, West Poland, 107 30
B. T. Cook, 2 Grates, hill, West Poland, 9 16
Wm. M. Megquire, repairing Bridge, Taylor Brook, 3 63
Wm. Hackett, Hauling plank, 3 00
C. S. Waterhouse. District No. 35, 8 00
L. N. Hayes, Building Bridge, District No. 35, 15 00
A. J. Weston, Plank, Page’s Mills, 27 19
E. G. Gossom. repairing roads, District 11, 19 25
Wm. Hackett, Tripp Pond road, 11 25
Dennis Bragdon, District No. 17, 4 00
Z. Lane, Timber, Worthly Brook, 3 50
F. K. Rawson, work, Allen Meadow and P. Corner bridges, 81 03

$872 72
### Snow Bills.

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<td>Lewis Chadbourne</td>
<td>4.05</td>
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<td>J. E. Ordway, Rabbit Valley</td>
<td>13.81</td>
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<td>Samuel Estes, Dist. No. 32</td>
<td>6.50</td>
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**Total:** $24.36

### Contingent Expenses.

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<td>O. S. Keen, for services as Selectman</td>
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<td>V. P. Waterhouse, for services as Selectman</td>
<td>150.00</td>
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<td>A. G. Thurlow, for services as Selectman</td>
<td>54.00</td>
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<td>B. M. Fernald, for services as Supervisor</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>Z. Lane, for services as Treasurer</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>W. W. Merrill for printing Town Report</td>
<td>22.00</td>
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<td>L. Perkins, for Stationery</td>
<td>11.00</td>
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<td>W. B. Merrill, for Milk for Martha Maxwell</td>
<td>8.00</td>
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<td>David Dunn and A. J. Weston, Com. on accts.</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>J. M. Libby, for Professional services</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>A. A. Dwinal, Post, G. A. R.</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>E. B. Gammon, for repairs on Martha Maxwell House</td>
<td>5.48</td>
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<td>Z. Lane, for supplies to Martha Maxwell</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>C. G. Thurston, Police Services</td>
<td>8.00</td>
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<td>G. A. Calahan for Printing list of voters</td>
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<td>A. J. Weston, for shingles for Town House</td>
<td>79.24</td>
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<td>G. O. Goodwin &amp; Co., for repairing wagon, 1881</td>
<td>5.80</td>
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<td>S. L. Littlefield, tax and costs</td>
<td>380.18</td>
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<td>Thos. Lane, for nails</td>
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<td>Z. G. Rowe, for shingling Town House</td>
<td>16.50</td>
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<td>J. A. York, for painting signs for Iron Bridge</td>
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<td>S. B. Campbell, School House taxes for Martha Maxwell</td>
<td>2.44</td>
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<td>Z. Lane, for supplies for Martha Maxwell</td>
<td>21.00</td>
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<td>D. B. Waterhouse, for supplies for Martha Maxwell</td>
<td>34.99</td>
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<td>G. O. Goodwin &amp; Co., for sundries</td>
<td>7.03</td>
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A. J. Weston, for cash paid for tramps, $ 8.47
H. J. Brown, for hauling shingles, $ 2.00
J. M. Libby, Office Rent, $ 17.00
John Colomy, $ 10.00
A. J. Weston, acct... paid, $ 18.55
G. W. Bray, Inst. on Bond, $ 6.00

$1,172.19

Liabilities.

Town Orders outstanding, $1,030.23
Due School Districts, $ 277.25
" Interest on Bonds, $ 542.01
" Raymond, $ 77.14
" Gray, $ 59.39
" Jason Walker, M. D., $ 23.50
" Temporary Loan, $ 515.00
" R. Wilbur, $ 75.00
" Z. Lane, Treasurer, 1882, $ 75.00
" Supervisor, 1882, $ 75.00
" Selectmen's Bills, 1882, $ 280.00

Bonds due July 1st, 1883, $2300.00
" " " " 1884, $2200.00
" " " " 1885, $1800.00
" " " " 1886, $1100.00
" " " " 1887, $2100.00
" " " " 1889, $1100.00
" " " " 1890, $1600.00
" " " " 1891, $2200.00
" " " " 1895, $1700.00
" " " " 1899, $1700.00

$20,829.52
(10)

Resources.

By Due from L. C. Herrick, Collector, 1881, $3,331 71
" " " S. L. Littlefield, Collector, 1880, 249 64
" " " L. T. Brown, Collector, 1882, 6,600 49
" " " State School Fund, 1882, 1,228 92
" " " Z. Lane, Treasurer, 328 98
" " " Martha Maxwell, 173 00
" " " S. Pottle, Note and Interest, 50 40
" " " W. S. Mills, 9 54
" " " Raymond, 19 25
" " " Casco, 39 00
" " " Scarboro, 30 75
" " " Lincoln, 3 00
" " " R. Wilber, 9 11
" " " Non-resident Taxes, 353 98
" " " Resident Taxes, sold, 446 26
" " " Balance against Town, 7,955 53

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Total Indebtedness. 820,829 52

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TREASURER’S ACCOUNT, 1882.

Z. LANE, TREASURER.

DR.

To Cash on hand March 1st, 1882, $ 378 36
" Received from S. L. Littlefield, Collector, 1880, 4,309 14
" " " L. C. Herrick, Collector, 1881, 2,471 95
" " " State School Fund, 1881, 1,325 39
" " " Bonds, (Issued 1882,) 7,700 00
" " " L. T. Brown, Collector, 1883, 236 42
" " " Towns, 230 93
" " " Town Farm, 55 50
" " " V. P. Waterhouse, 208 05
" " " Bondsmen, C. Lane, 171 75
(11)

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<td>Temporary Loan,</td>
<td>515 00</td>
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<td>Error,</td>
<td>1 77</td>
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<td>Non-resident Taxes,</td>
<td>427 28</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$18,070 56</strong></td>
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Z. LANE, TREASURER, CR.

By Paid Bonds, $8,400 00

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<td>Tax Deeds and Advertising etc.,</td>
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<td>Interest on Temporary Loan,</td>
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<td>Orders,</td>
<td>8,360 68</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Cash on hand, $328 98

**Total** $18,070 56

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures.

From March 1st, 1882, to March 1st, 1883.

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<td>State, $1,325 39,</td>
<td>$3,942.64</td>
<td>$3,593.01</td>
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<td>Town, $2,000 00,</td>
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<td>Due 1881, $617 25,</td>
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<td>Support of Poor,</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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<td>Roads and Bridges,</td>
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<td>Contingent Expenses,</td>
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<td>Interest on Bonds,</td>
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<td>Pay Bonds,</td>
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<td>Abatements and Commissions,</td>
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<td>1,277.45</td>
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<td>Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,592.64</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9,625.09</strong></td>
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Bonds to the amount of $2,300.00, mature July 1st, 1883.

The man who can devise means for a more speedy collection of Taxes, and put his theory into successful practise, will be a benefactor to the race, and will wake up some morning and find himself "famous." Who bids?

A. J. WESTON. Selectmen
L. D. COBB. of
L. C. HERRICK. Poland.
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.  CHARLES CHIPMAN, Agent.

Amount of school money for year, $78.18.
No. of scholars registered in summer, 12.  No. of scholars registered in winter, 13.
Wages of teacher, excluding board, $2.75.  Wages of teacher excluding board, winter, $3.75.
Price of board in summer, $2.00.  Price of board in winter, $2.00.
Summer and winter terms, taught by Miss Florence Welch.  Good satisfaction was given to both District and supervisor.

DISTRICT No. 2.  WARD SWORTH STROUT, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $90.53.
No. of scholars in summer, 15.  No. of scholars in winter, 12.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.50.  Wages of teacher in winter, $20.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.75.  Price of board in winter, $3.00.
Summer school, Miss Fannie Kimball.  This school made great advancement; was well attended, and Miss Kimball did credit to herself, in thoroughness, ability, and scholarship, and is destined to make one of the best teachers in the State.

Winter term, Frank E. Hanscom.  He kept a first rate school. His scholars manifested good interest.  Mr. Hanscom seems to have a natural aptitude for teaching, and with experience will rank with our first-class teachers.
DISTRICT No. 3.  S. A. Maguire, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $209.80.
No. of scholars in spring, 25. No. of scholars in summer, 27. No. of scholars in fall, 38. No. of scholars in winter, 36.
Wages of teacher in spring, $6.00. Wages of teacher in summer, $3.75. Wages of teacher in fall, $6.00. Wages of teacher in winter, $7.50.
Price of board in spring, $2.50. Price of board in summer, $2.50.
Price of board in fall, $2.00. Price of board in winter, $2.50.
Summer term by Miss Eva Brown, was not as successful as I hoped it might be. Spring term by Miss Ella R. Doten. Fall term by Miss Fannie O. Brown. Winter term by Miss Eliza H. Norton. These teachers were very energetic, and accomplished. Their style of instruction is modern. They require thorough work from their scholars, and any District would be fortunate to secure their services.

DISTRICT No. 4.  David Waterhouse, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $102.87.
No. of scholars in summer, 12. No. of scholars in winter, 10.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.50. Wages of teacher in winter, $20.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.60. Price of board in winter, $1.90.
Summer term, Miss Rosa Pulsifer. Her success in this school was equal to her former reputation. Charles H. Aldrich taught the winter term with excellent success. This was his first attempt, and for one inexperienced, takes high rank as an instructor.

DISTRICT No. 5.  W. M. Colomy, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $41.15.
No. of scholars for year, 3.
Wages of teacher, per month, $9.00.
Price of board, $2.25.
One term by Clarence Morrill. He was amply qualified in a literary point of view, and I should judge would make a successful teacher, but there are so few scholars in the District that I was hardly able to judge of his merits.
DISTRICT No. 6.  E. J. PULSIFER, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $152.25.
No. of scholars in summer, 19.  No. of scholars in fall, 22.  No. of scholars in winter, 18.
Wages of teacher in summer, $3.50.  Wages of teacher in fall, board included, $80.00.  Wages of teacher in winter, board included, $35.00.
Price of board in summer, $2.00.
Miss Laura A. Strout, taught the summer term, with satisfactory results.
Mr. Aaron Beede, taught the fall and winter terms.  Mr. Beede is second to no teacher, and with the instruction of such an able educator, the scholars as usual, made rapid progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.  CAPT. NATHAN WALKER, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $213.98.
No. of scholars in summer, 39.  No. of scholars in winter, 47.
Wages of teacher in summer, $5.50.  Wages of Primary teacher in winter, including board, $6.00.  Wages of High School teacher in winter, $41.00.  Price of board, summer, $2.50.  Price of board in winter, $3.50.
Miss Fannie O. Brown taught the summer school, and her former reputation was well sustained.  Mr. S. L. Littlefield in winter, again gained for himself a high reputation.  He has both tact and talent for teaching.  His method is practical, and he has rare powers for explaining, in an extremely plain manner.  Miss Maria L. Hackett has continued in charge of the Primary, and the result of her terms work has been most gratifying.  Her school is orderly, and her method such as to secure the entire confidence of all those under her charge.

DISTRICT No. 9.  LEVI COLE, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $102.87.
No. of scholars in summer, 18.  No. of scholars in winter, 29.
Wages of teacher in summer, $4.00.  Wages of teacher in winter, including board, $28.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.50.
Miss Mabel Davis in summer kept a fair school, although she is hardly up to the demand for an accomplished teacher.

Winter term, Mr. E. R. Cobb. His reputation as a teacher is a guarantee that faithful work was done. His scholars manifested an interest rarely seen and accomplished a good terms work.

DISTRICT No. 10. LUTHER D. COBB, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $115.22;
No. of scholars in summer, 16. No. of scholars in winter, 24.
Wages of teacher, board included, summer, $4.60. Wages of teacher, board included, winter, $30.00.

Mrs. Mattie W. Haskell taught the summer school with marked success. Mrs. Haskell is an energetic and accomplished teacher, and as an instructor, takes high rank. Mr. E. R. Cobb, in winter, well maintained his former reputation.

DISTRICT No. 11. W. W. HARLOW, Agent,

Amount of money for year, $115.22.
No. of scholars in summer, 9. No. of scholars in winter, 16.
Wages of teacher in summer, $3.00. Wages of teacher in winter, $16.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.37 1-2. Price of board in winter, $2.00.

Miss Emma A. Hayes kept an admirable school in summer. Her scholars made great proficiency in all branches taught. Winter term, M. E. Nash teacher. This was Mr. Nash's first attempt. The school made fair advancement. He seemed anxious to make his school successful, and with experience would rank quite well as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 12. Shakers.

Amount of money for year, $32.93.
No. of scholars in winter, 14.

These people seem anxious that their children should be well educated. Their school is under the charge of Miss Mace, who is amply qualified for the position.
DISTRICT No. 13.  O. SIMONS, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $69.95.
No. of scholars in winter, 14.
Wages of teacher, $18.00.
Price of board, $2.50.

One term commenced by Wm. E. Mann, who was hardly qualified to teach the school. Closed by W. B. Haskell, who gave satisfaction to the Dist., and in my judgement made a decided improvement from his last year's school.

DISTRICT No. 14.  EDWIN WOODSUM, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $111.10.
No. of scholars in summer, 11.  No. of scholars in winter, 14.
Wages of teacher in summer, $3.00.  Wages of teacher in winter, $25.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.50.  Price of board in winter, $2.50.

Summer term, Miss Anna Edwards taught a good school. She is an experienced teacher and is a thorough mistress of the business.

Winter term, John L. Goodwin. He is a teacher of great experience, and has maintained a high position as an instructor. The scholars made a commendable exhibit at the close of the term.

DISTRICT No. 15.  NEILKER D. HASKELL, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $98.76.
No. of scholars in summer, 18.  No. of scholars in winter, 20.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.50.  Wages of teacher in winter, $3.50.
Price of board in summer, $1.40.  Price of board in winter, $1.75.

Summer and winter terms, taught by Miss Ida G. Merrill, with profitable results.

DISTRICT No. 16.  JONAS EDWARDS, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $90.56.
No. of scholars in winter, 12.
Wages of teacher in winter, $20.00.
Price of board in winter, $2.00.
One term of school, Geo. F. Durgin teacher. This was Mr. Durgin's first term, but his school would have done credit to an experienced teacher.

The scholars made great advancement, and a splendid showing at the close of the term.

**DISTRICT No. 17.**

- Amount of money for year, $41.15.
- No. of scholars attending school, 4.
- Wages of teacher, $3.00.
- Price of board, $2.00.

One term, Miss Mary Webb teacher. I was well pleased with the advancement made by the scholars, and think the interest was better than could be expected with so few in number.

**DISTRICT No. 18.** **HENRY STARBIRD, Agent.**

- Amount of money for year, $65.84.
- No. of scholars in summer, 6. No. of scholars in winter, 9.
- Wages of teacher in summer, $2.00. Wages of teacher in winter, including board, $20.00.
- Price of board in summer, $1.50.

Summer term, Miss Bertha Quimby. This was her first school. Miss Quimby learned her scholars many important facts in history, and the school may be reported as a success. Mr. A. Ross Frank was the instructor at the winter term. The school made great progress, and a good show at the close of the term. Mr. Frank is deserving of a much larger school.

**DISTRICT No. 20.** **W. WATTERS, M. D., Agent.**

- Amount of money for year, $880.61.

Registers not returned.

Primary school on Poland side has been in charge of Miss Washburn of Minot. The result of her year's work has been most gratifying. Her methods are systematic, her discipline mild, but effective, and her work as shown by the examinations, has been quite satisfactory. The other school will be reported in Minot.
DISTRICT No. 21.  G. W. Farr, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $74.07
No. of scholars in summer, 9.  No. of scholars in winter, 9.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.50.  Wages of teacher in winter, $5.25.
Price of board in summer, $1.23.  Price of board in winter, $1.23.
Summer term, Miss Mary Welch, teacher.  Winter term, Miss Flora B. Rogers, teacher.

These school were well attended and there was a decided advancement from the commencement to the close of each term.

DISTRICT No. 22.  John L. Kimball, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $242.78.
No. of scholars in summer, 29.  No. of scholars in fall, 24.  No. of scholars in winter, 33.
Wages of teacher in summer, $5.00.  Wages of teacher in fall, $5.00.  Wages of teacher in winter, $30.00.
Price of board in summer, $2.00.  Price of board in fall, $2.75.  Price of board in winter, $2.75.

Miss Sara E. Burbank teacher of summer and fall terms. These schools were a success. The scholars applied themselves with energy, and the examinations reflected credit on both teacher and pupils.

Winter term by Walter H. Davis. Mr. Davis is an energetic teacher and made a good exhibition at the close.

DISTRICT No. 25.  Henry S. Lunt, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $102.87.
No. of scholars in summer, 13.  No. of scholars in winter, 20.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.25.  Wages of teacher in winter, $5.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.00.  Price of board in winter, $2.50.

Miss Nellie E. Jordan taught the summer term, with her usual good success. Miss Jordan has certainly made a wise choice in selecting an occupation, as she governs and instructs with perfect ease.

Miss M. Ella Stuart teacher in winter. Miss Stuart has a natural
aptitude for teaching and is not satisfied with superficial work from her scholars. The attendance was good, and the school a profitable one. The labor of more such teachers would be a credit to the town.

DISTRICT No. 27. SIMEON HARRIS, Agent.

Amount of money for year, $65.84.
No. of scholars in summer, 14. No. of scholars in winter, 14.
Wages of teacher in summer, $2.50. Wages of teacher in winter, $20.00.
Price of board in summer, $1.40. Price of board in winter, $2.50.
Miss Mellie Jordan taught in summer. Her rank as a teacher in District no. 25, was well sustained.
Nelson G. Elder in winter. This is a difficult school for a beginner, but Mr. Elder did his duty and worked earnestly for the school.
Some of the people in this District do not deserve any praise for their home influence.

DISTRICT No. 28. JOHN S. DUNN, AND OTHERS.

Amount of money from this town, $58.49.
This school will be reported in Oxford.

In summing up the year’s work I am pleased to say that we have had a decided improvement in the schools the past year. I attribute this greatly to the employment of better teachers, and in the future I would advise each District to be careful in the selection of their agents; that they are fitly qualified for the performance of that work, and there should be a rivalry with agents to see who should secure the best, instead of the cheapest teachers. Too much cannot be said upon the importance of employing the best teachers. Pay liberally, that you may have a good term’s work. Another improvement necessary, is that we consolidate many of our smaller Districts, that their means may be sufficient for the employment of skilled and competent teachers, and the number of pupils, such as to have an active and interest-school. We ought every year to have improvement. Instead of being stationary, our schools should show every year, constant
and marked progress. There has been a marked increase in the number of public examinations, and I am pleased to notice the interest shown by parents in their attendance. This will surely prove beneficial to our schools. I would again urge upon each District, the importance of obtaining wall Maps and Websters' Unabridged Dictionary. Hoping you may see it for your interest and the interest of education, I remain,

Yours Truly,

B. M. FERNALD, Supervisor.