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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
AND THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
For the Year 1882--83.

BANGOR:
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WARRANT.

TO ALBERT H. SMITH,

A Constable in the town of Orrington, in the County of Penobscot,

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Orrington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Fourth. To hear the report of the Superintending School Committee, and act thereon.

Fifth. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Sixth. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other Town charges for the ensuing year.

Seventh. To determine what way the Town will adopt for the repairs of its highways the ensuing year, and to establish the price of labor thereon.

Eighth. To determine in what way the Town will choose their Highway Surveyors, and School Agents, for the ensuing year.

Ninth. To see if the Town will tax dogs.

Tenth. To see if the Town will let their house to the Penobscot Council of United Fellowship to hold their regular meetings in, and establish a price per evening for the same.

Eleventh. To see if the Town will allow the said Council and the Good Templars to put a door from the entry, to the North ante-room, opposite the one now in said ante-room, under the head of the stairs, in the said Town House.

Twelfth. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen regarding the letting and care of Town House.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will rebuild, or repair the Oak Hill Cemetery fence, and raise a sum of money therefor.

Fourteenth. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure the removal of fences, or the replacing of the same with wire, along those portions of the highways where travel is obstructed by snow

drifts in winter, where in their judgment, the interests of the town require it.

Fifteenth. To see if the Town will abolish its school districts, or authorize the Superintending School Committee to employ teachers, or take any other measures to increase the efficiency of its common schools.

Sixteenth. To see if the Town will furnish free school books to their scholars, or furnish them at cost.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Municipal officers, Treasurer and Clerk.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office, one hour previous to the meeting, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand, at Orrington, this twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1883.

J. D. BAKER,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
A. N. LUFKIN,	
N. A. NICKERSON,	

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE,

In account with the Town of Orrington.

DR.

Feb. 24, 1882.	
To uncollected resident tax.....	\$146 91
Uncollected non-resident tax	354 87
Cash in the treasury.....	33 57
	\$535 35

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 6 AND 20, 1882.

For the support of poor.....	\$600 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges.....	465 00	
Town charges	400 00	
Highway deficiency for 1881.....	45 55	
Overlaying in assessments.....	216 11	
Tax on dogs.....	63 00	
	1,789 66	
Cash for fish privilege.....	3 00	
Charlotte Barnes' pension.....	72 00	
Ruth Rogers' pension.....	23 77	
Cash for gravel sold.....	75	
Tax from Railroad and Telegraph Co.....	5 56	
Received for clothing and furniture of Charlotte Barnes, sold.....	12 00	
Received for use of Town House.....	31 20	
	\$148 28	
Cash to balance account, (borrowed from school fund).....	\$86 01	
	\$2,559 30	

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By paid for support of Poor	\$1,045 15	
Pay of town officers	401 62	
Paid for repair of roads and bridges.....	402 75	
Paid miscellaneous expenses	149 25	
Paid interest on school fund for 1882.....	69 42	
	\$2,068 19	
Uncollected non-resident taxes for 1878.....	9 62	
" " " 1879.....	20 54	
" " " 1880.....	41 74	
" " " 1881.....	31 51	
" " " 1882.....	253 70	
	357 11	
Uncollected resident tax for 1882.....	134 00	134 00
		\$2,559 30

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Asa G. Kent, Collector	\$100 00
J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor.	91 50
A. N. Lufkin, " " " "	59 50
N. A. Nickerson, " " " "	42 75
A. G. Dole, Treasurer	40 00
J. Wyman Phillips, Supt. School Committee.....	29 50
A. N. Lufkin, " " " "	20 37
Hattie W. Pollard, " " " "	15 00
J. D. Hinds, Constable.....	3 00

401 62

SUPPORT OF POOR.

S. G. Nye, board and clothing of Fannie Ayer's child,	\$60 85
Geo. W. Brown, 2nd, board and clothing C. A. Ayer,	74 25
Mrs. Charlotte Barnes, board, care, and funeral expenses,	107 50
W. M. Baker, guardian of Mrs. Ruth Rogers,	83 46
City of Bangor, for supplies to Alonzo Thayer,	285 17
E. W. Rogers & Co., supplies, and funeral expenses of Tamson Fowler,	81 04
John Ryder, board, &c.,	38 13
Dan'l Appleton, Jr., support of Emily J. Tirrell,	91 50
Mrs. Clara Smith, board and clothes,	90 40
George Harvey, clothing and care,	25 00
Oliver H. Hymes, supplies,	29 75
City of Bangor, supplies to Angeline York,	12 40
Daniel Appleton, clothing and care of E. S. Appleton, to Aug. 31, 1883,	35 00
Mrs. Abbie D. Godfrey, care and expenses at Asylum,	26 70
Geo. B. Tibbetts, M. D., attendance on C. A. Ayer,	4 00

\$1,045 15

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

L. A. Chapin, for widening road, District No. 6, E.,	\$4 00
R. H. Dickzy, Surveyor, labor on road, Dist. No. 7, E.,	12 08
David Scott, Surveyor, labor on road, Dist. No. 6, W.,	9 85
A. A. George, Surveyor, labor on road, Dist. No. 7, W.,	19 18
A. F. Smith, Surveyor, labor on road, Dist. No. 2,	20 59
A. N. Lufkin, labor on Red bridge, Dist. No. 7, E.,	24 77
Aug. Chapin, Surveyor, Dist. No. 8 W.,	7 32
Thos. Bowden, Surveyor, Dist. No. 8, E.,	16 37
C. J. Rogers labor on road, Dist. No. 6, W.,	3 00
Kimball Carleton, Surveyor, Dist. No. 1,	10 50
Almon Rogers, bridge near G. E. Powers,	200 00
R. F. Rowell, labor, Dist. No. 7, E.,	2 24
Sargent & Jameson, labor and lumber, Dist. No. 7, E.,	13 27
H. P. Marston, Surveyor, labor, Dist. No. 1,	6 55
Wallace T. Little, " " " No. 3,	2 77
Jos. W. Bowden, " " " No. 9,	10 50
Almon Rogers, plank for roads and bridges,	21 16
Chas. Bowden, labor, Dist. 9 and 10	2 80
Geo. W. Brown, 2nd, labor in 1881, Dist. No. 5,	10 00
Wm. A. George, Surveyor, Dist. No. 7, W.,	5 80

\$402 75

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

B. A. Burr, printing town reports	\$20 00	
Town of Orrington, for handcuffs	4 00	
C. W. Freeman, perambulating town line	6 00	
Road Dist. No. 7, E., one scraper	2 50	
Perkins Bros., damage to sled	4 25	
Stamps, stationery and collecting C. Barnes' pension	6 00	
Witness fees and expenses, Tirrell case	11 80	
Abatement of taxes, to Geo. Brooks, for 1881	3 17	
Abatement of taxes, by vote of town, to N. Marston,		
for 1878	22 96	
Abatement of taxes, to A. G. Kent, Collector, 1881 ..	29 04	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1882 ..	24 62	
Abatement of non-res't taxes, to A. G. Dole, Treas ..	9 91	
Thos. H. Crowell, care of Town House	5 00	
		\$149 25

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident tax	\$357 11	
Uncollected resident tax	134 00	
Am't due from town of Holden, acc't of E. J. Tirrell	98 00	
Am't due from D. Godfrey estate	26 70	
		\$615 81

LIABILITIES.

Borrowed of the school fund	\$286 01	\$286 01
Balance in favor of the town		\$329 80

VALUATION FOR 1882.

Real estate of residents taxed	\$245,915 00	
Personal estate of residents	83,415 00	
		\$329,330 00
Real estate of non-residents	21,625 00	
Personal estate of non-residents	185 00	21,810 00
Total estates		\$351,140 00

Number of Polls, 389. Poll tax, \$3.00. Percentage, \$1.27 on \$100.

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 6 AND 20, 1882.

For Schools	\$1,450 00	
For Support of Poor	600 00	
For Repair of Roads and Bridges	465 00	
For Town Charges	400 00	
		\$2,915 00
Overlays in Assessments	216 11	
Highway Deficiency of 1881	45 55	
Tax on Dogs	63 00	
		324 66
State Tax for 1882	1,831 03	
County Tax for 1882	663 60	2,494 63
Total Assessments		\$5,734 29

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due districts, Feb. 24th, 1882,	\$507 68	
School mill tax for 1882,	525 00	
		\$1,032 68
Amount raised by town, Mar. 20, 1882,	\$1,450 00	
Interest on school fund for 1882,	69 42	
State school fund for 1882,	256 26	
		\$1,775 68
		\$2,808 36
School mill tax not apportioned,	\$500 00	

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportion'd	Due from 1881.	Paid.	Now Due.
1	44	\$201 08	\$45 94	\$225 93	\$21 09
2	52	237 64	20 43	202 30	55 77
3	44	201 08	150 74	349 37	2 45
4	109	498 13	48 51	513 20	33 44
5	22	139 25	4 59	55 75	88 09
6	24	136 68	14 34	144 55	6 47
7	81	370 17	137 47	396 02	111 62
8	18	109 26	5 61	114 85	02
9	17	105 77		105 68	09
10	3		54 53	4 60	49 93
Corner	66	301 62	25 52	326 64	50
	480	\$2,300 68	\$507 68	\$2,438 89	\$369 47

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAKER,
A. N. LUFKIN,
N. A. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
of
Orrington.

Orrington, Feb. 28, 1883.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERM.						WINTER TERM.					
No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.	No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.
1	11	21	18	6 00	2 00	1	12	23	17	6 00	2 75
2	10	31	27	4 00	1 50	2	12	27	20	7 00	3 00
3	8	21	18	3 50	1 75	3	12	26	23	7 00	3 00
3 Fall	8	23	21	3 50	1 75	*4	9	38	27	9 00	3 50
*4	8	24	22	5 00	1 50	†4	12	37	23	7 00	2 00
†4	8	33	31	4 25	1 25	5	14	16	14	4 00	2 00
*4 Fall	9	24	20	5 50	1 50	6	10	15	13	6 00	2 25
†4 Fall	9	33	24	4 00	1 50	7Fall	8	22	11	7 00	3 00
5	8	14	10	2 75	2 00	7	10	36	28	9 00	3 00
6	8	11	7	3 00	1 50	8	10	12	11	4 00	2 25
7	12	37	26	7 00	3 00	9	9	13	11	3 50	2 00
8	8	9	8	3 00	2 00	Cor. Fall	10	38	37	7 00	3 00
9	8	13	12	2 50	2 00	Corner	8	38	36	7 00	3 00
Corner	10	38	34	7 00	3 00						

* Grammar. † Primary.

Number of scholars in town.....	480
Number attending Summer schools.....	392
Number attending Winter Schools.....	281
Average number attending Summer schools.....	326
Average number attending Winter schools.....	223
Average length of Summer schools, in weeks.....	8.9
Average length of Winter schools, in weeks.....	9.8
Average length of schools, in weeks, for the year.....	9.3
Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board...	\$4.86
Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board...	\$30.66
Average price of board per week.....	\$2.11
Per cent. of average attendance in Summer and Fall, to number of scholars in town.....	.679
Per cent. of average attendance in Winter, to number of scholars in town.....	.464
Loss per cent. in average attendance for the year.....	.05

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer and Winter Terms.—MISS AGNES M. GOULD. These terms were characterized by good order, punctuality and cleanliness, which naturally precede good attainment; but it did not prove so in this school. The scholars fell into a careless way of recitation, and too often appeared quite indifferent whether their lessons were prepared or not. This was owing in part to the very bad practice of allowing classes, if not prepared, extra time to prepare their lessons. The scholars were quite thorough in what they had been over, but it was clearly evident that the older portion, at least, of the school, had not been pushed to the limit of common capacities.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term.—MISS MINNIE E. SNOW. It appeared that much care was exercised in the management of this school, by its good appearance. Fair success was obtained in study, and the examination was pleasant and quite satisfactory.

Winter Term.—ALBERT M. HARRIMAN. This school has had for several past winters, experienced teachers; and the change this term caused uneasiness from the first, which gradually increased to a critical point, but was satisfactorily arranged between the parties, and the school progressed with fair profit to the majority. A few of these scholars made a fine exhibit, and with a little more study, will be well qualified to instruct in our common schools.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer and Fall Terms—ROSA E. BOWDEN, Teacher. Owing to the prevalence of whooping cough during the Summer term, Miss Bowden maintained class organization and order with difficulty. She retained, however, the mastery of the school, and some thorough work was done both in Summer and Fall terms. Miss Bowden has returned the most complete supplementary register of any we have received.

Winter Term—MR. N. P. LIBBEY. A very pleasant feeling was manifest in this school, and profitable results obtained. Good order prevailed, seemingly without the effort of any one. Your Committee were much pleased with the exercise at the black-board of a young class in the fundamental rules of arithmetic, and with the proficiency of two young men whom we may soon expect to find in the teacher's profession.

DISTRICT No. 4.

PRIMARY.

MISS CARRIE E. BAKER had the charge of this school for the three terms of the year. Though without experience in primary schools, she managed very cleverly, and the scholars made considerable advancement during the time.

GRAMMAR.

Summer and Fall terms.—MISS C. BERTHA COLE. The school was under mild but firm government, and made very good advancement. The older scholars, especially, acquitted themselves with credit at the closing examinations, by their ready and comprehensive answers. There are good minds here, and only patient labor is wanting for high development.

Winter Term.—MR. JOHN O. HALL. This school was under gentle, polite and careful instruction. Had the scholars duly appreciated their opportunities, it might have proved a successful term; but, accustomed as many of them are to maritime discipline, they could not brook a request, but waited for a command which was not forth-coming. It was thought advisable by your Committee to shorten the term.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term.—MISS E. M. SMITH, Teacher. The advancement made in this school gave evidence of ambitious study on the part of some of the scholars, and pains-taking labor on the part of the teacher.

Winter.—MISS ROSA E. BOWDEN, TEACHER. A well conducted school; the instruction was careful and thorough; creditable improvement is noted, particularly in reading.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer.—MISS LIZZIE J. BAKER, Teacher. This small school appeared to be quiet and orderly, and made fair progress.

In this school, the absences exceeded one fourth of the number of scholars registered. This was a wrong, both to those absent, and to the other members of the school, and detracted from the general improvement.

Winter.—MISS NELLIE E. CHAPIN, Teacher. We need not comment on the methods and the success of this well known teacher. We find a better average attendance than in the summer, and fair proficiency in the work of the term.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer, Fall and Winter.—MISS RHODA PIKE, Teacher. Miss Pike brought to this school, large experience and thorough qualification for her work.—Twenty-two scholars were present at the closing examination of the year. These, generally acquitted themselves well in all the branches pursued, the examination being highly creditable to teacher and pupils.

That these schools have not been more profitable, is both the fault and the misfortune of the district, not of the teacher.

The attendance at the fall term became so small by reason of sickness, that it was thought best to close the school sooner than was intended.

The possible aggregate attendance of all the scholars registered in the summer and winter terms, was 4,422 school days. The actual aggregate attendance was 3,202 school days, leaving an aggregate truancy, from all causes of 1,220 school days—a loss of more than 27 per cent. More than this, there were in the same time, 1,199 instances of tardiness. This is more than 37 per cent. of the actual attendance. Since they seldom come prepared on the lessons gone over by their classes in their absence, it follows that these truant scholars are continually retarding, not only their own progress, but also that of all their classes. Add to this the loss of time to those already at work, by the entrance of 1,199 tardy scholars, to say nothing of the loss to the tardy ones themselves, and the evil becomes of such magnitude as to demand prompt and efficient action on the part of parents and guardians for its suppression.

What is true of the school in District No 7, is, in a measure, true of nearly every school in town.

DISTRICT No. 8.

MISS MARY A. CROOK, teacher.—Miss Crook commenced the work of the year acquainted with the school and its needs. The average number attending the summer and winter terms, has been but one less, respectively, than the number of scholars registered.

There were but sixteen instances of tardiness, and seventeen day's absence during the school year of eighteen weeks.

This has been an orderly, thoroughly instructed and profitable school, and shows the wisdom of continuing a good teacher in charge of the same school.

We are glad to note the presence of parents and friends at the close of the school. This is as it should be.

DISTRICT No. 9.

MISS JULIA C. SMITH, Teacher. These scholars have been under Miss Smith's instruction for several consecutive terms, and have made fair progress during the year. The Teachers' Register shows that 9-13 of the scholars registered during the summer term, were not absent one-half day. Irregular attendance during the winter term, hindered its progress somewhat; nevertheless, we count the year's work successful, Miss S., as well as other teachers of our small schools, having accomplished quite all that could reasonably be expected of them, under the present School District System.

CORNER DISTRICT.

MRS. GEORGIA A. WASHBURN taught here during the year. It must be very gratifying to the people of this district to know of the continued improvement of their school during the past few terms. It should be a joy to the whole town. All the scholars did themselves great credit through the extended examinations. They were neat, orderly and deferential; prompt in class drill, modest in reply, reading and reciting with comprehensive clearness. Among the points gained was thoroughness, rather than amount passed over.

The average wages of male teachers has decreased from last year, \$8.74 per month. This, so far as it goes, indicates poorer work. The average wages of female teachers has increased 43 cents per week, which is an indication of better work than last year. Since the proportional decrease of wages is greater than the increase, it may well be questioned whether our schools have more than maintained their usual average quality of instruction.

The average attendance in Summer, is two per cent. better than last year; the average attendance in Winter, is seven per cent. less, and the average attendance for the year, is five per cent. less than last year. This comparison of wages, and average attendance, indicates a net loss to the town; and your committee are of the opinion that this is the case, since the very marked improvement in some schols is quite overbalanced by losses in others.

Teachers and School Agents should bear in mind that it is the intention of the committee to make future examinations of teachers more rigid, and if possible raise the standard of instruction throughout our schools. Public written examinations will be required, and successful applicants must rank at least 75 per cent. on the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LUFKIN, HATTIE W. POLLARD, J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,	}	S. S. Committee of Orrington.
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Orrington, Me., March 1, 1883.



