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THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
For the Year 1861—62.

Pay of Town Officers, 1861.

Solomon Bolton, services as Supervisor,	49,75	
E. G. Nickerson, warning March meeting,	1,25	
		\$51,00

Support of the Poor for 1861.

Sewell C. Ryder, boarding Richard Ryder,	22,50	
E. C. Brown, Supplies to Mrs. Marshal,	1,46	
Alfred Richardson, keeping Keziah Baker,	13,50	
G. A. Richardson, keeping Delia Baker,	19,16	
Dr. B. K. Buker, attendance on Mrs. Hinkley,	4,50	
		\$61,12

Miscellaneous Expenses, 1861.

Wheeler & Lynde printing Sup. report,	15,00	
Warren Nickerson, care of Town house,	2,50	
Mrs. Jones, abatement of tax,	5,85	
G. W. Ladd, " " "	1,54	
		\$24,89

Pay of Town Officers, 1862.

Joseph Doane, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer,	36,58	
James Freeman, " " " "	26,67	
Lincoln Wheelden, " " " "	25,74	
Samuel Wiswell, Treasurer,	20,00	
J. H. Nickerson, Town Agent,	7,01	
Warren George, notifying Town Meetings, in part,	6,00	
J. B. P. Wheelden, Collector of taxes,	38,00	
		\$160,00

Support of Poor, 1862.

Elisha Baker, keeping Mrs. Fowler,	105,00	
S. C. Ryder, boarding Richard Ryder,	63,00	
E. & L. Wheelden, supplies to Richard Ryder,	25,37	
Charles Newcomb, supplies to Benoni Baker,	3,35	
Drake & Phillips, " " " "	6,06	
Frederick Badershell, " " " "	2,00	
Town of Fairfield, supplies to John Ryder,	12,45	
		\$217,23

Amount paid out on Roads and Bridges.

T. B. Rogers, on Fowler road,	1,75	
A. Chapin and W. N. Atwood, on Fowler road,	11,50	
		<u> </u> \$13,25

Miscellaneous Expenses, 1862.

D. Bugbee, stationary,	4,29	
J. A. Peters, counsel,	2,00	
Wheeler & Lynde, printing Supervisors report,	10,00	
Wheeler & Lynde, " Town "	6,00	
Mutual Fire Insurance Company,	2,60	
Joseph Doane, expense to Fairfield,	5,27	
Orderly Sergeants, for enrolment of Militia,	9,00	
Abatement of sundry taxes,	34,98	
Interest on School fund,	69,42	
		<u> </u> \$143,56

The Treasurer in Account with the Town of Orrington.

Dr.

To balance in the Treasury Feb. 20th, 1862,	309,94	
Money raised for town charges,	350,00	
Money raised for the support of the poor,	450,00	
Overlayings in Assessments,	49,18	
Highway deficiency,	44,62	
Cash received of Alvah H. Godfrey,	19,50	
Cash received of Amos Nickerson, house rent,	10,00	
		<u> </u> \$1,233,24

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By pay of Town Officers 1861 and 1862,	211,00	
Support of the poor 1861 and 1862	278 35	
Paid out on Roads and Bridges,	13,25	
Miscellaneous expenses 1861 and 1862,	168,45	
Balance in the Treasurer's hands,	562,19	
		<u> </u> \$1,233,24

Statement of the Finances of the Town.

Uncollected non-resident taxes,	41,37	
Uncollected advertised taxes,	4,57	
Note against the Chairman of the Selectmen,	214,50	
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	301,75	
		<u> </u> \$562,19

Balance due the several School Districts, in the hands of the Treasurer, Feb. 20th, 1862.	\$834,98
Amount raised,	1200,00
Bank tax received from State,	281,53
Interest on School Fund,	69,42
	\$2385,93

Apportioned as follows:

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportionment.	Balance Due 1861.	Paid.	Now Due.
No. 1	57	113,14	72,92	185,43	0,63
No. 2	81	160,78	91,37	158,96	93,19
No. 3	62	123,07	75,29	124,62	73,74
No. 4	94	184,60	125,15	155,48	154,27
No. 5	30	64,55	2,77	18,00	49,32
No. 6	75	148,87	119,54	264,75	3,66
No. 7	130	258,05	136,19	393,89	35,00
No. 8	49	97,26	0,51	92,65	5,12
No. 9	44	87,34	12,71	70,05	30,00
No. 10	19	43,34	5,68	40,00	9,02
Corner District.	63	125,05	83,35	199,10	9,30
South District.	73	144,90		139,49	114,90
	777	\$1550,95	\$834,89	\$1842,42	\$543,50

Balance due the several School Districts, \$543,50.

Whole amount of money raised by the Town,	2,000,00
State tax,	893,00
County tax,	489,64
Overlayings in Assessments,	49,18
	\$3,431,82

Town Valuation for 1862.

Real Estate of Residents,	221,985,00
Personal Estate of Residents,	84,330,00
Estates of Non Residents,	12,510,00
	\$318,825,00

Tax on \$100, .95 No. of Polls, 412

The foregoing Report shows that the Town has in the Treasury \$562,19; also, that there is due the town as follows, for Survey of Town Line, \$2,00. From Alvah Godfrey, \$30,50. Due from J. Lowell, \$12,00, Rent of Poor House.

The Town's indebtedness for money borrowed by the Treasurer, for the payment of Soldiers' Bounty, is \$5,645,00. Also the sum borrowed by the Selectmen for the Soldiers' families, \$292,78, which is to be refunded by the State.

JOSEPH DOANE, }
 JAMES FREEMAN, } *Selectmen*
 LINCOLN WHEELDEN, } *of*
 } *Orrington.*

Orrington, February 20th, 1863.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting this Annual Report of the Schools in town, during the past year, the following facts are respectfully submitted :

The amount of money raised for the support of Public Schools, is as follows :

From Town Tax,	- - - - -	\$1200,00
From State Funds,	- - - - -	281,52
Interest on School Fund,	- - - - -	69,42
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		\$1550,94

Whole number of Scholars attending Summer Schools,	488
Average number attending Summer Schools,	391
Whole number attending Winter Schools,	544
Average number attending Winter Schools,	453
Average Wages of Male Teachers per month, for town,	\$28,86
Average Wages of Female Teachers per week, for town,	2,30
Average Length of Summer Schools in weeks,	10.5
Average Length of Winter Schools, in weeks,	11.5
Average Length of Schools for the year,	22

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. Miss Maria S. Curtis, Teacher.

Miss CURTIS was a teacher of some experience, and labored hard for the interest of her school. The classes exhibited a very fair degree of improvement at the close. Had less precept and more example been given, it would have saved the teacher much labor and proved more profitable to the school.

No. 2. Miss S. L. Percival, Teacher.

Miss PERCIVAL, who had previously labored in this school, sustained her former good reputation. Good progress was made. A systematic and thorough course of instruction, and a regard for wholesome discipline (the principles upon which depend the usefulness of our schools) was obvious.

No. 3. Miss Laura S. Kent, Teacher.

Miss KENT, who has experience in teaching, succeeded in sustaining the interest awakened at the commencement throughout the term. The scholars through the labors of the teacher and their own exertions, made commendable improvement. Good order and quiet prevailed during the term and closed with general satisfaction.

No. 4. Miss Annette S. Ware, Teacher.

This district was very fortunate in again securing the services of Miss WARE who divided her time and talents, justly, among her numerous charge, giving to each a portion in due season. Order and improvement satisfactory.

No. 5. Miss Sarah A. Smith, Teacher.

This school opened with a small number, the attendance during the term being hardly sufficient to interest either scholars or teacher. The examination proved that those who attended regularly were much profited.

No. 6. Miss Lena Phipps, Teacher.

Miss PHIPPS is a good scholar and has a good faculty to explain a qualification, of which many teachers are deficient. Miss Phipps worked hard, and considering the number of scholars and her small experience, acquitted herself well. Course of instruction good. Many of the classes made satisfactory improvement. But the general appearance of the school showed a lack of discipline, essential to the greatest good attainable.

No. 7. Miss Sarah M. Springer, Teacher.

This school received the entire energies of the teacher, whose thorough course of instruction and wholesome discipline, proved highly profitable. It exhibited at the close a knowledge of the principles passed over. Miss SPRINGER is a worker, has the good of her school at heart, and is worthy of her hire.

No. 7. Primary. Miss R. A. Brooks, Teacher.

The labors of the teacher in this school were attended with much profit, were satisfactory to your committee and met with the general acceptance of the district. By her gentle untiring efforts she gained the affections of those under her care, and inspired them with a love for their books. The little ones were quiet and orderly.

No. 8. Miss Susie J. Wheeler, Teacher.

This was the teacher's first attempt. Miss WHEELER manifested much interest in her school, and the scholars were much profited by her labors. The discipline was not such as might have been expected from teachers of greater experience. An ability to teach was obvious, and experience will render her a worthy teacher.

No. 9. Miss Sarah A. Smith, Teacher.

The improvement made in this school fair. But the irregular attendance prevented that marked advancement made in some of our schools. It is impossible for any school to receive the greatest benefit possible, when its classes are often broken in upon.

No. 10. Miss M. E. Hutcherson, Teacher.

At the first visit, the appearance of this school was flattering. But not being advised of its close, no report of its progress can be given.

Corner District. Miss Annie M. Loud, Teacher.

Although being familiarly acquainted with her pupils, acquitted herself well. By her arduous labors maintained good order, giving evidence of success at the close. This attempt betokened many qualifications of a successful teacher.—Deceased.

South District. Miss Rubie King, Teacher.

The first visit proved that a more rigid discipline was essential to the prosperity of the school. The teacher in trying to enforce it in accordance with the instructions of the committee, met with strong opposition on the part of some parents, which greatly injured the usefulness of the school, a number of scholars being taken out. The close showed the order much improved, those present giving evidence of the advantage derived thereby. It is often easier to govern the many scholars than the few parents.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. Miss Sarah M. Springer, Teacher.

Having previously labored in this school, the teacher was at once prepared to enter upon the discharge of her duty. The exertions of the teacher were put forth with an eye single to the best good of her pupils, and her labors proved highly profitable to the school.

No. 2. Mr. S. Bolton, Teacher.

The school is still in operation, a large number attending through the term. The district showing its liberality, in thus admitting scholars from other districts. The interest and deportment of the scholars have been commendable, and it is hoped that they may reap the reward of their labors.

No. 3. Miss Laura S. Kent, Teacher.

This was a long term, the same teacher that labored in the Summer school, having it in charge. An undue familiarity with the scholars prevented that wholesome discipline essential to the happiest results. Questions asked and assignments made by the teacher, were executed with promptness. But a discount must be made for particular preparation for examination. The general improvement of the school fair.

No. 4. Mr. Z. R. Farrington, Teacher.

The teacher spent his time and energies for his school and made his mark. Sickness prevented many from receiving the full benefit of the school. Those present at the examination evinced good and thorough instruction. The improvement made, considering the circumstances, good. Mr. FARRINGTON is a fine scholar and a good instructor.

No. 5. Miss Sarah A. Smith, Teacher.

This was a good school, many of the scholars far exceeding the expectation of the committee. The first class in arithmetic acquitting themselves finely. All the classes gave evidence of application, and commendable effort on the part of the teacher. Order good.

No. 6. Mr. George E. Chapin, Teacher.

Where every thing is well it is useless to mention particular excellencies.—The examination developed a marked improvement, which is commendable alike to teacher and scholars.

No. 7. Grammar School. Mr. E. W. Parkman, Teacher.

This was a good school. Order and quiet was maintained with apparently little effort. The scholars were inspired with a love for the school room and the benefit to be derived from the exercises thereof. The recitations proved that mental and moral discipline received the special care of the teacher, thereby rendering the examination both satisfactory and pleasant.

No. 7. Primary. Miss R. A. Brooks, Teacher.

The teacher well sustained her reputation gained in this school the previous term, devoting herself wholly to the welfare of her school, insisting upon perfect obedience, awakening a cheerful industry, which produced the most happy results. Her labors were appreciated by the parents, whose hopes were fully realized.

No. 8. Mr. Frank E. Collins, Teacher.

This school at the commencement was orderly and quiet. But an outside prejudice (which was ungrounded) preconceived by a few scholars and fewer parents, much injured the usefulness of the school. The teacher labored on, regardless of the influence operating against him, thereby exalting himself in the estimation of the district. A few scholars whose influence was productive of no good voluntarily leaving, the last half of the term passed quietly. The examination proved that those who attended for the purpose for which our schools are designed, were much profited. This was the teacher's first attempt, and he may profit by experience.

No. 9. Miss Maria E. Brastow, Teacher.

This term was one of profit to the school. The course of instruction was thorough, the teacher being devoted to her labors. The progress made was commendable. But to curb the refractory spirit of scholars found in many of our Winter Schools, proves a task for which few females are competent.

No. 10. Miss Perkins, Teacher.

This school opened with fair prospects. But the last proved that the teacher had failed to govern her school, and instead of the orderly and quiet which we had been accustomed to find here, whispering and confusion prevailed largely. More improvement was made than might have been expected, considering the order.

Corner District. Mr. S. Bolton, Teacher.

The school passed quietly and profitably to those who attended constantly. Many of the scholars doing themselves credit by their earnest efforts.

South District. Mr. Charles H. Rogers, Teacher.

This school is still in operation. The last visit being two weeks before its close, a brilliant examination could not be expected. The scholars were studious, giving evidence of marked progress. The classes in Geography, by their prompt answers, proved that perfect lessons had been required.

In reviewing the Schools of the past year I think they compare favorably with those of former years. Our schools with a few exceptions, have been supplied with competent teachers, which reflects much credit upon district agents, for upon their selections of teachers, largely depends the usefulness of our schools. It is for them to decide in a great measure, whether the money of the district, placed at their disposal, shall be turned to the best account, or squandered. If we would see our schools prosper, we must have teachers who are able to keep as well as teach school. It is the teacher's prerogative to dictate the scholars duty to obey, and any scholar usurping other rights, transcends his position and becomes obnoxious to the school. Parents have much to do with determining the destiny of our schools. The sleigh ride, the dance, the evening party, and a too frequent indulgence with the skates or sled, serves to divert the mind and create a disrelish for the mental labor and restraint of the school room. The youth naturally cleave to these enjoyments, and it is for the parent to decide whether during the term of our school is the time for such indulgencies. Again, the frequent presence of parents in the school room, is an auxiliary to the school. It inspires confidence in the scholar and leads him to place a higher estimation upon the privilege enjoyed. In my connection with the schools, for the two past years, my object has been to secure uniformity in our text books. The change of Readers recently made, meet with the approbation of teachers and parents, and have proved a blessing to our schools.

In bringing this Report to a close, we appeal to Agents to notify the Committee of the commencement and close of their schools, as required by law; then no excuse can be given for neglecting their duty. Also, to forward the statistics called for in the blank, at an early date, and save much trouble.

SOLOMON BOLTON, } *Superintending*
HENRY B. NICKERSON, } *School Committee.*

STATISTICS.
SUMMER SCHOOL.

No. of Districts.	By whom Taught.	Residence.	No. of Days.			No. of Schol. Reg.		Average Atten.
No. 1	Miss Maria S. Curtis, Brewer.		60 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	27		\$2,00	
No. 2	" S. L. Percival, Hudson.		66	49	40		3,00	
No. 3	" Laura S. Kent, Brewer.		55	42	37		2,50	
No. 4	" Annette S. Ware, Orrington.		66	62	47		2,50	
No. 5	" Sarah A. Smith, "		44	16	9		1,25	
No. 6	" Lena Phipps, "		66	48	37		2,00	
No. 7*	" Sarah M. Springer, Litchfield,		55	32	25		3,00	
No. 7†	" R. A. Brooks, Orrington.		55	37	32		2,00	
No. 8	" Susie J. Wheeler, "		66	27	23		1,37	
No. 9	" Sarah A. Smith, "		55	33	26		1,50	
No. 10	" M. E. Hutcherson, _____		55	15	12		1,37	
Corner.	" Annie M. Loud, Orrington.		60 $\frac{1}{2}$	47	35		2,00	
South.	" Rubie King, "		45	48	39		2,00	

WINTER SCHOOL.

No. 1	Miss Sarah M. Springer, Litchfield,	70	38	32	\$3,75
No. 2	Mr. S. Bolton, Orrington,	49	72	66	34,00
No. 3	Miss Laura S. Kent, "	77	40	36	3,75
No. 4	Mr. Zenas R. Farrington, Holden,	72	59	45	33,00
No. 5	Miss Sarah A. Smith, Orrington,	66	24	18	2,50
No. 6	Mr. George E. Chapin, "	66	53	48	28,00
No. 7†	Miss R. A. Brooks, "	60	31	29	3,00
No. 7*	Mr. E. W. Parkman, East Corinth,	60	44	34	30,00
No. 8	Mr. Frank E. Collins, Brewer,	66	30	21	18,00
No. 9	Miss Maria E. Brastow, "	64	31	27	2,25
No. 10	Miss _____ Perkins, _____	55	17	13	1,75
Corner.	Mr. S. Bolton, Orrington,	54	48	42	29,00
South.	Mr. Charles H. Rogers, Orland, *Grammar. †Primary.	60	51	42	30,00