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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN

— OF THE —

TOWN OF PARIS.

For the Year ending February 20, 1870.

PARIS, MAINE.
OXFORD DEMOCRAT OFFICE.
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ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

AUDITOR, SELECTMEN

— AND —

Superintending School Committee

— OF THE —

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

The undersigned having attended to the duties assigned to him by law, as Auditor, during the fiscal year ending Feb. 22, 1870, herewith submits his Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the town, during that period. I found that there was appropriated, assessed and expended for the several purposes hereinafter mentioned, as follows :

State Tax,	\$5,631 33	
County Tax,	923 15	
	<hr/>	\$0,554 48
Support of Schools,	\$2,828 00	
Payment of Bounty Notes and Interest,	8,000 00	
Town Charges,	2,000 00	
Repair of Roads,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,828 00
Fractional Overlays,	\$952 79	
Delinquent Highway returned,	437 28	
Supplementary Assessments,	42 81	
	<hr/>	\$1,432 88
Total Committed for Collection,		<hr/> \$21,815 36
Whole number of Polls,	573	
Whole number of Dogs,	114	
Amount of Resident Real Estate,	\$597,218 00	
Amount of Personal Estate,	274,371 00	
Amount of Non-resident Real Estate,	57,090 00	
	<hr/>	\$928,679 00
Poll Tax,	\$3 00	
Dog Tax,	1 00	
Rate of Tax, twenty-one mills on a dollar.		

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Highway Tax raised,	\$6,000 00	
Money raised for repair of Roads & Bridges,		\$1,000 00
Amount expended in repair of same,		<hr/> 2,600 48
		<hr/> \$1,600 48

13828.00
 1432.88

 15260.88

APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

	No. School.	App.	Amt. Added.	Total.
No. 13—Tubbs District,	12	\$ 33 00	\$42 00	\$ 75 00
No. 11—Mountain District,	13	33 00	42 00	75 00
No. 7—Hall District,	27	74 25	30 00	104 25
No. 4—Discoe District,	31	85 25	22 00	107 25
No. 17—Forbes District,	35	96 25	20 00	116 25
No. 11—Stearns District,	40	110 00	15 00	125 00
No. 10—Tuell District,	40	110 00	15 00	125 00
No. 10—Partridge District,	41	112 75	15 00	127 75
No. 8—King District,	43	118 25	12 00	130 25
No. 3—Webber District,	41	121 00	10 00	131 00
No. 18—Hollow District,	44	121 00	10 00	131 00
No. 1—Bolster District,	46	132 00	3 17	135 17
No. 5—Porter District,	46	126 50		126 50
No. 15—Whitemore District,	50	137 50		137 50
No. 19—T. Corner District,	50	137 50		137 50
No. 6—W. Paris District,	64	176 00		176 00
No. 12—N. Paris District,	83	228 25		228 25
No. 9—Paris Hill,	116	319 00		319 00
No. 2—So. Paris,	218	599 00		599 00
		<hr/> \$2,871 00	<hr/> \$235 17	<hr/> \$3,107 17
Amount raised by Town,			\$2,828 00	
Amount State Fund,			75 42	
Amount Town Fund,			203 75	
			<hr/> \$3,107 17	
Amount per Scholar,		\$2 75		

TOWN FARM.

NAMES OF PAUPERS NOW SUPPORTED ON TOWN FARM.

Names.	Age.	Names.	Age.
Oliver W. Clark,	79	Eliza Cole,	64
Hartwell Stevens,	50	Emeline Walcott,	59
Elijah Monk,	58	Mary E. Jackson,	24
Lucy Ewell,	86	Ellis Richards,	7

Average number per week, 5.

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, ETC.

2 Oxen, five years old,	250 lbs. Pork,
2 Oxen, four years old,	100 " Ham,
2 Steers, three years old,	200 " Beef,
7 Cows,	15 " Fresh Beef,
1 Heifer, three years old,	18 " Candles,
2 Heifers, two years old,	40 " Lard,
4 Yearlings,	20 " Butter,
3 Shoats,	40 " Cheese,
17 Hens,	3 Gallons Molasses,
12 Bushels Corn,	1-2 Bbl. Soap,
17 " Oats,	1 2 " Flour,
4 " Beans,	140 Bushels Potatoes,
1 " Peas,	1 " Meal,

29 Feb. May.

EXPENDITURES

Overseer's Salary,	\$225 00
Labor hired,	164 17
Pigs bought,	15 00
Flour bought,	67 50
Clothing and bedding,	76 85
Groceries,	109 52
Potatoes,	11 00
Farming tools and furniture,	85 70
Material used in repairs,	20 00
Medical attendance,	17 20
Blacksmith's bills,	9 81
Seed,	6 50
	<hr/> \$808 25

RECEIPTS.

Stock sold,	\$ 63 12
Dairy products,	109 49
Poultry and eggs,	13 50
Pasturing,	9 00
Board of Mrs. Proctor,	75 00
Labor off the farm,	80 00
Produce sold,	22 32
Board of horse,	18 00
	<hr/> \$340 43
	<hr/> \$467 82

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

John Hathaway, bill at Hospital from Feb. 7, 1868, to Aug. 2, 1869,	\$101 64
Transient pauper bills,	17 25
Buckfield for support of Starbird girl,	32 25
	<hr/> \$151 14

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

TOWN AGENT.

Hiram Hubbard,	\$ 15 00
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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

S. P. Maxim,	130 00
Jonas Bisbee,	57 00
Andrew Bennett,	66 00

AUDITOR.

J. K. Hammond,	6 75
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CLERK.

H. E. Hammond,	7 00
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TREASURER.

A. M. Hammond,	50 00
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COLLECTOR.

John Black,	218 15
S. S. COMMITTEE.	
Seth Benson, estimated,	25 00
S. R. Hutchins,	48 25
Otis Rawson, estimated,	25 00
	<hr/> \$648 15
Town Officers' Bills remaining unpaid,	\$508 80

TREASURY.

A. M. HAMMOND, *in account with* Town of Paris.

Dr.

To amount of cash on hand Feb. 18, 1869,	\$ 680 43
“ Cash received on Town Notes issued,	3,875 00
“ “ Received from other sources,	779 80
“ “ Received of O. Ripley,	700 43
“ “ Received of John Black, bills of 1868,	2,535 36
“ “ Received of John Black, bills of 1869,	9,242 85
“ “ Received interest on School Fund,	187 04
	<hr/> \$18,000 91

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By amount paid on Town Notes,	\$6,057 00
“ “ “ Interest on Town Notes,	2,498 52
“ “ “ On accounts,	8,059 48
“ “ Cash on hand,	1,385 91
	<hr/> \$18,000 91

Amount of Notes paid more than has been issued during the financial year, \$2,182 00

By the vote of the town, Nov. 1869, the Selectmen were authorized to hire a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars to build the new bridge; five hundred dollars have been hired and the note is reported in the list of outstanding notes.

CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

Amount voted to meet current expenses,	\$2,000 00
“ Of Town Officers' Bill,	\$648 15
“ Balance against Poor Farm,	467 82
Miscellaneous bills,	722 14
Pauper bills off the farm,	151 14
	<hr/> \$1,989 25
Unexpended,	\$10 75

LIQUOR AGENCY

S. D. WEEKS, in account with Town of Paris.

Cash received for liquors sold,	\$1,081 87
" Liquors on hand,	466 73
Amount of Liquors received of Town,	\$ 178 00
" " " to Feb. 3, 1870,	1,477 86
Agent's Salary for eleven months,	110 00
Amount due State Agency,	303 73
Profits to the Town,	130 27

Amount of cash in hand of Agent,	\$2,090 56	\$2,090 56
		\$965 87

Statement of Paris Liquor Agency from Feb. 18, 1868, to March 6, 1869.

Amount received for sales,	\$1,968 08	
" Of Liquor on hand, March 6, 1869,	133 73	
Amount of Liquor on hand, Feb. 18, 1868,		\$ 190 00
" Liquor bought from Feb. 18, 1868, to March 6, 1869,		1,636 98
Agent's Salary,		197 09
Profits of the Agency,		57 77
		<hr/>
Balance of cash in Agent's hands,	\$2,101 81	\$2,101 81
		\$114 04

Balance of cash in Agent's hands,

According to vote of town I have carefully examined the Books and accounts of H. N. Bolster, Liquor Agent for 1868, and found the same correct and properly vouched, as the above account shows.

J. K. HAMMOND, Auditor.

Amount of money voted by town to defray town charges, repairs of roads, &c. :

Town Charges,	\$2,000 00
Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	1,000 00
Fractional overlays,	952 79
Delinquent highway,	437 28
Supplementary Assessments,	42 81
Drawn for repair of Roads and Bridges,	\$2,000 48
Balance against Town Farm,	467 82
Pauper bills off the Town,	151 14
Miscellaneous bills,	732 14
Town Officers' bills,	648 15

	\$4,432 88	\$4,589 73
Excess of expenditures,		\$156 85

I have carefully examined the vouchers entrusted to me, of the disbursements and expenses stated in the foregoing report, and find them correctly stated. In the item stated as "Miscellaneous Bills," I find charged against the town, abatements of taxes made by the assessors, amounting to about \$260. The reasons for such abatements are not known to me, personally, and I neither allow or disallow them. In relation to the general financial standing of the town, exclusive of the past year, I refer to the report of the Special Committee, chosen and authorized by the town for that purpose, having devoted my attention entirely to the financial proceedings of the town during the last year.

J. K. HAMMOND, Auditor.

TOWN NOTES

Issued under the several votes, and remaining unpaid to date.

1862. Issued by vote of July,			1865, Issued by vote of July,		
	now	outstanding,		now	outstanding,
1862,	"	Sept.,	1865,	"	March,
1863,	"	July,	1866,	"	March,
1863,	"	Nov.,	1867,	"	March,
1864,	"	Aug.,	1868,	"	March,
1864,	"	Aug.,	1869,	"	March,
1864,	"	Dec.,		"	Nov.,
1864,	"	Dec.,			
1865,	"	March,			

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES—

Notes outstanding,	\$35,309 91
Unpaid bills on Treasurer's Record,	90 29
Arrearages Town Farm unpaid,	255 22
Town Officers' bills unpaid,	508 80
Balance due School Districts,	761 68
Claimed by State for Bounties advanced,	4,400 00
Amount claimed by soldiers of October call 1863, 22 men,	
\$100 00 each,	2,200 00
	<hr/> \$43,624 80

RESOURCES—

Due on Collector's bills,	\$ 5,975 22
Cash in Treasury,	1,385 00
State Bonds,	17,233 33
Due from the State for State bounty advanced,	600 00
Orison Ripley, balance of Note,	244 06
	300 00
State bounty advanced E. W. Murdock—claimed,	<hr/> \$25,737 61
Indebtedness of town,	\$17,887 29

PAUPER CASE.

Auburn claims one hundred dollars of Paris for board, clothing and medical attendance furnished wife of John F. Lewis. The facts are these: John Lewis had his residence in Paris from 1847 to 1856, inclusive, and moved to the town of Green in February, before John F. was sixteen in April following. John Lewis has continued to reside in Greene, hence had acquired a settlement in said town when John F. became of age. The father gave the son his time, and the usual notice was published in the following spring after they had moved from Paris. The son, John F., married Miss Verrill of Auburn, who is now a town charge. John F. has gained no settlement for himself. Now, who shall pay the bill?

There is a suit now pending between Paris and Topsham for support of Mrs. J. E. Owen and children on our town farm.

THE SOLDIERS' CLAIMS

for additional bounty, and the claim of the State for bounties advanced.

Nov. 12, 1863, the town "voted to pay three hundred dollars to each person who will volunteer to fill the quota of the town under the last call of the President for three hundred thousand men, to be paid when they are accepted and mustered into the service of the United States."

"Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to pay those who may volunteer—in money or town scrip at their discretion."

The quota was partly filled, and it was then ascertained that re-enlistments in the field would be allowed and credited to towns on their quotas. At the time

towns commenced filling their quotas under the above call, the State was paying a bounty of one hundred dollars. The State and town of Paris bounty making four hundred dollars.

An act was passed in the winter following, authorizing the payment of a State bounty of three hundred dollars, but this amount was *not* to be paid to the soldier of any town, until said town had filled the quota referred to in the vote above.

The re-enlisted men came to Augusta on their way home and received from the State *three hundred dollars*, and then came to the Selectmen and demanded the other *one hundred dollars*. As there had a larger number enlisted than was required to fill the quota, the Selectmen *held* that the soldiers should be accredited by the town and paid in their regular order of enlistment according to date, until the quota was full, and that was not known to the board at the time the demand was made.

The State, as soon as it found by its records that the October quota of Paris was not full, notified the town authorities that unless the money, \$200 per man, for the deficiency in the quota, was refunded, the men would be transferred to some town that would pay it.

As the town authorities had advanced a State bounty to some men, the whole matter was thus adjusted. The State would not transfer the men or refund the town for State bounties advanced, nor would they require the town to reimburse the State, but would let the matter rest for final settlement between State and towns if it ever took place.

As soon as the date of all the enlistments was obtained an article was put in the warrant in March, 1866, to see what action the town would take to pay these claims. A full explanation was then and there made as set forth above, but the article was indefinitely postponed. The town has at least, saved the simple annual interest on the \$3,800, which would amount to not less than \$1,900.

This in brief is the claim of the State and the suit now pending.

The \$300 advanced E. W. Murdock is at this date unsettled. The claim has been presented and will probably be allowed.

The amount of interest on unpaid taxes is not less than \$250. This item does not appear in the resources of the town, but will here show that the tardy payers will, at least, pay the bill of collecting the taxes.

We suggest the following appropriations :

To meet indebtedness,	\$4000 (6)
Current expenses of town,	2000 00
To pay cash bills repair of roads and bridges,	1600 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. MAXIM,	} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
JONAS BISBEE,	
A. BENNETT,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF PARIS :

The undersigned present the following Report, as Superintending School Committee for the school-year 1869-70, "which is hereby respectfully submitted.

SETH BENSON,
S. R. HUTCHINS, } S. S. Com.
OTIS B. RAWSON, }

Your Committee, while they do not claim that everything has been done for our schools that might and should have been done, during the past year, yet feel that they have reason to be thankful that our teachers, with so little encouragement, have succeeded so well. We do not believe any other class of laborers would have been so faithful for so little pay; yet, to the good teacher, the wages are but trifling, in comparison to the satisfaction he feels when he knows that his labors are appreciated by those for whom he labors.

Many of our teachers have had but little experience. We have but one term of school in a year in which a master is employed, thus giving a teacher but little practical knowledge of his work, and as we can offer no sufficient inducement to draw teachers from away to take charge of our schools, our only remedy is to *make schools* for educating and training our teachers; this, we believe, the town of Paris might do by establishing one or more High Schools, or schools for advanced scholars, to be supported by the town. No teachers should be selected for such a school unless thoroughly qualified for the position. The school house should be supplied with sufficient space of Black Board, and school apparatus, such as blocks, globes, maps, a school library, &c. Teachers from such a school, availing themselves of the benefits of the County Institutes, would be much better prepared than they now are. Let us, at least, as committee, as agents, as teachers, and parents, attend better to the duties incumbent on us, so that we may not

only be up with, but in advance of the demands of the times.

School District meetings should be represented by every man in the district; then select the man for agent who will faithfully perform his duty. The school laws should be read, that agents may know what is required of them. Instruct the agent in regard to repairs upon school houses; see that the black-boards are in good condition before the opening of the Summer schools. Districts No. 8 and 18, in particular, we hope will attend to this.

Agents should engage teachers early, and be sure to hire the best, then give notice in writing to the school committee, giving the name of the teacher, the time when the school is to commence, and how long to continue; and before the Winter schools commence see that the school houses are in a condition to be warmed, and have them banked up. There will have to be a new school house built this season to take the place of the one burned. Let it be a suitable one, properly located, &c.

Teachers will be expected to be present at one of the general examinations, prepared to answer oral and written questions; they should attend, so far as they are able, the County Institutes. Something more will be expected of teachers than simply to answer questions; they should be familiar with the best methods of governing a school. In order to elevate the grade of teachers, we must be more careful in our examinations. Our standard has certainly been none too high, but let it be improved gradually rather than abruptly.

There has been but little complaint in regard to the government of our schools for the past year, and although your committee believe that the time for the abolishment of corporal punishment has not yet arrived, yet we think there would seldom be occasion to resort to severe measures if the parents would co-operate with the teacher, but where the scholars understand, that in obedience to the requirements of their parents they are exempted from such punishment, and fearing, or caring for no other, they give the teacher great trouble; but believing, as we do, that the fear of the rod has a great restraining influence, yet we would only resort to it in cases where such punishment is unmistakably deserved. No punishment should be inflicted in haste, or ill-temper, and in no case upon the head.

Your Committee do not purpose to make any changes at present in school books, (parents will agree with us here, if nowhere else), though we do not think that we are using the best books in the market, and would be glad of uniformity throughout the County, yet we do not think it best to make too frequent changes, nor to make a change unless for the better.

STATISTICS AND CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

DIST. No. 1.—BOLSTER DISTRICT. Miss Lottie E. Hall, teacher for Summer Term of 13 weeks. Number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 19. Wages of teacher, \$3.00.

Mr. Fred. M. Wilson, teacher for Winter Term. Register not returned.

Summer Term.—Promptness and diligence on the part of the students, the maintenance of order, and correct instruction of the teacher, characterized this school. The parents manifest more interest in the education of their children than is seen in most of our school districts.

Winter Term—The teacher, who commenced the school, feeling that the term was unsuccessful, voluntarily withdrew after keeping eight weeks. Last winter he was employed as a teacher in this town, and gave very general satisfaction.

DIST. No. 2.—SOUTH PARIS. Miss Mary T. Stone, teacher for Summer Term of Grammar School. Number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 32; wages of teacher, \$7.00, including board.

Miss Carrie M. Whitehead, teacher of Intermediate school.—Number of scholars, 60; average attendance, 50. Wages of teacher, \$6.50, including board.

Miss Louise Bennett, teacher of Primary School. Number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 42. Wages of teacher \$6.50, including board. Length of Summer Term, 10 weeks.

Mr. Otis B. Rawson, teacher for Winter Term of Grammar School. Number of scholars, 54; average attend., 48.

Miss Mary T. Stone, teacher of Intermediate School. Number of scholars, 61; average attendance. 50. Wages of teacher, \$7.50, including board.

Miss Louise Bennett, teacher of Primary School. Number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 39; wages of teacher, \$4.50; length of Winter Term, 10 weeks.

Summer Term—Primary.—This is a very difficult school, as any one having taught school of this grade cannot doubt. More than fifty pupils go, or ought to go; quite a percentage of whom never attended school before. This was the first term taught by

the teacher, who is a resident in the district. With commendable firmness and patience she governed and instructed those under her charge. Did those whose duty it is to govern the pupils out of school, in all cases discharge that obligation? a much more cheerful compliance with the requirements of the schoolroom would be manifested by the children.

Intermediate.—The teacher, having a heart and soul in the work, secured the respect and cheerful interest of the students. The term was a success.

Grammar.—The teacher, who has taught in the district several terms before, by her earnest devotion to all the duties of the faithful instructor, fully sustained her former reputation for keeping a model school.

DIST. No. 3.—WEBBER DISTRICT. Miss Mary A. Favor, teacher of Summer Term of 7 weeks. Number of scholars, 28; average attendance not given; wages of teacher, \$3.85, including board.

Mr. L. Clinton Young, teacher of Winter Term of 10 weeks. Number of different scholars, 30; average attendance, 25; wages of teacher, \$37.00, excluding board.

Summer Term.—The teacher, though young, and residing in the district, conducted her school with so much tact as to secure the most satisfactory results. Few districts contain more good studious scholars than this.

Winter Term.—The teacher himself, a close student, by example as well as precept, gives instructions. Good order and correct recitations are the characteristics of the school.

DIST. No. 4.—BISCOE DISTRICT. Miss Ida W. Andrews, teacher for Summer Term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 10; wages of teacher, \$3.00.

Mr. Albert Q. Pottle, teacher of Winter Term of 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; wages of teacher, \$25.00.

Summer Term.—This is a small school, and a portion of the scholars are quite irregular in their attendance. Less than ten scholars were present each time the school was visited by the committee. Good order and harmony appeared in the schoolroom.

Winter Term.—Good order and unremitting labor were required by the teacher, and secured by the cheerful compliance of the scholars, the thoroughness in all the exercise clearly showed that a large amount of work may be accomplished by a small school.

DIST. No. 5.—PORTER DISTRICT. No return from Summer school. Mr. Jennet A. Rawson, teacher of Winter Term of 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 21; wages of teacher, \$25.00.

Summer Term.—In this district the parents send their children to school, not “to have them out of the way,” but to learn. Children sent for that, seldom disappoint their parents or guardians. The teacher labored with commendable zeal for the improvement of her school.

Winter term.—The students, with scarcely an exception, manifested an interest in their studies, rarely exhibited by children of their age. The teacher manages to have a good amount of labor performed with very little noise. Our expectations, which were not small, were fully met.

DIST. No. 6.—Winter Term.—The closing examination was what we should expect of a school instructed by a teacher whose motto is, “Say just what you mean, no more, no less.” Order good enough.

DIST. No. 7.—HALL DISTRICT. Miss Augusta M. Bumpus, teacher of Summer Term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 8; wages of teacher, \$1.50.

Mr. Charles Elder, teacher of Winter Term of 10 weeks.—Number of scholars, 17; average attendance, $15\frac{1}{2}$; wages of teacher, \$20.00.

Summer Term.—The number of pupils attending school in this district, under the most favorable circumstances, is small, but this term it was rendered unusually so by illness of the scholars. With one exception, every student was absent a week on account of sickness. The teacher maintained good order and sustained the reputation of the school as one of the most quiet in the town.

Winter Term.—This was the teacher's first attempt in school-keeping; his success shows that he possesses the requisites of a good instructor. The closing examination was highly satisfactory. There is a superior class of students in this district. Of their age they are excelled by none in town.

DIST. No. 8.—KING DISTRICT. Miss Clara A. Forbes, teacher of Summer Term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 23; average attendance, $16\frac{3}{4}$; wages of teacher, \$2.25.

Mr. E. J. Whitman, teacher for Winter Term of 12 weeks.—Number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 23; wages of teacher, \$20.00.

Summer Term.—The scholars in this district are well advanced in reading and English grammar, and were favored with a teacher who was a thorough scholar and entirely devoted to the interests of her pupils. The progress made was valuable, because correct.

Winter Term.—It was hazardous most too much to allow so young and inexperienced a teacher to undertake a school so advanced as this is, but we find on visiting it near the close, that the

school has been by no means a failure, for the advanced scholars and the classes in Arithmetic have made commendable progress; one class in reading had made no perceptible improvement, as they were reading from a book too hard for them. The teacher has energy, and has worked faithfully with his school.

DIST. No. 9.—PARIS HILL. Miss Ella M. Smith, teacher of Summer Term of 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 45; average attendance, 25; wages of teacher, \$3.50.

Mr. Percival J. Parris, teacher of Winter Term of Grammar School. Number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 25 2-5; wages of teacher, \$40.00, including board.

Miss Lizzie H. Marble, teacher of Primary School. Number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 25; wages of teacher, \$6.00, including board. Length of the Winter Term, 10 weeks.

Summer Term.—The teacher of this school ranked high in the examination, and as she had had experience at teaching, and possessed the rare faculty of gaining the good will of her pupils, she gave general satisfaction. The reason of the small average attendance was on account of the older boys being kept out during haying. She afterwards taught a private school with good results.

Winter Term.—Mr. Parris, who is a member of Bowdoin College, and a resident in the district, sustained a good examination, and labored hard to secure the attendance of the pupils, (next to impossible in a village,) to promote the interests of the school, and to advance the scholars in their studies. Most of the scholars made good progress, but some of them did not manifest the interest in their books that your committee would have been glad to have seen. The teacher of this school, himself a penman, gave the school an excellent opportunity to improve in penmanship; their writing shows that they appreciated it.

Winter Term of Primary School.—This is the fourth term that Miss Marble has taught in this district. She is an earnest, working teacher, and her kindness and love for scholars, together with her spirit of enterprise in imparting new systems of instruction, rendered her school-room attractive to the pupils, thus securing a fair percentage of average attendance. At the examination nearly every scholar belonging to this school was present, and showed a great degree of interest and zeal in the recitations. Map drawing was taught to scholars of from nine to twelve years of age with good results. Her class of "Volunteers" in spelling and defining, comprising most of the school, was highly creditable to teacher and scholars, and was very interesting to the committee.

DIST. No. 10.—PARTRIDGE DISTRICT. Miss Ella F. Twitchell, teacher of Summer Term of 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 14; wages of teacher, \$2.00.

Mr. A. L. Crocker, teacher for Winter Term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 20; wages of teacher, \$20.00.

Summer Term.—This was the teacher's first effort at teaching. She succeeded very well in governing her school, and her pupils made fair progress in their studies. She has the elements of a good teacher, and although by an accident on the last day of her school she came near losing her life, we hope she may live to improve the lives of many more pupils in our schools.

Winter Term.—The Winter Term of this school was taught by A. L. Crocker, a member of Bowdoin College, a resident of this town. His school appeared very well, when visited, some two weeks from its opening,—did not have notice in season to visit earlier, and by reason of not having written notice of how long school was to continue, and as it closed sooner than other schools—we can only report, that we hear the school was a profitable one.

DIST. No. 11.—STEARNS DISTRICT. No return for Summer Term. Mr. Luther H. Maxim, teacher of Winter Term of 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 19; wages of teacher, \$27.00.

Winter Term.—The teacher labored hard; and it is believed with success.

DIST. No. 13.—TUBBS DISTRICT. No Summer Term. Miss Clara A. Holyoke, teacher for Winter Term of 13 weeks. Number scholars, 7; average attendance, 6½; wages of teacher, \$3.50.

Winter Term.—The teacher for District No. 13, came to us well recommended. She has sustained herself to the satisfaction of committee, parents and scholars.

DIST. No. 14.—MOUNTAIN DISTRICT. Miss Flora Cummings, teacher for Fall Term of 17 weeks. Number of scholars 9; average attendance 8; wages of teacher, \$2.75. Only one term for the year.

This district had but one term of school during the year. We visited the school at the commencement, and considered the teacher amply qualified to instruct and govern the school, but not having any written notice from the Agent of how long the school was to continue, did not visit at the close, and consequently can only report, that we learn that she gave entire satisfaction.

DIST. No. 15.—WHITEMORE DISTRICT. Miss Mary Hubbard, teacher of Summer Term. Number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 23; wages of teacher \$—

Summer Term.—This school commenced under the instruction

of Miss Wilmer Greene, who seemed to have the requisites of a good teacher, but after keeping a short time she resigned, in favor of Miss Hubbard, who readily won the good will of the scholars, and having the love for the work she succeeded very well, considering that it was her first effort at teaching.

Winter Term.—This is the second winter that Mr. Brackett has had charge of this school. He is a hard working, conscientious teacher; his school when visited, appeared under good discipline and the scholars anxious to advance in their studies, but in about six weeks the school was suddenly brought to a close by the burning of the school-house.

DIST. No. 16.—TUELL DISTRICT. Miss Ada M. Lane, teacher for Summer Term.

DIST. No. 17.—FORBES DISTRICT. Miss Ella M. Warner, teacher for Summer Term. Mr. Elliot F. Benson, Winter Term.

DIST. No. 18.—HOLLOW DISTRICT. Miss J. M. Briggs, teacher for Summer Term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 27; average attendance, 23; wages of teacher, \$3.00.

Mr. L. Clinton Young, teacher for part of Winter Term—7 weeks. Number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 28; wages of teacher, \$36.00, including board.

Mr. Otis B. Rawson, teacher for remainder of Winter Term—4 weeks. Number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 21; wages of teacher, \$36.00, including board.

Summer Term.—No. 18 was taught by an experienced teacher, it being her twelfth term; she is well qualified to instruct and govern a public school, and the scholars under her instruction made commendable progress.

Winter Term.—Mr. Young was a wide awake, energetic teacher; his school made good progress in their studies, especially the advanced classes in reading and arithmetic; and, as he is a fine penman, I trust the scholars availed themselves of the opportunity to improve in writing. As Mr. Young had engaged to teach the school in District No. 3, with the understanding that some other teacher would keep out this school, he only taught seven weeks and Mr. Benson was engaged to finish the school, but having taught a few days he exchanged with Mr. Rawson, who finished out the term in an exemplary manner. Mr. Benson finished out the school at South Paris which commenced under the instruction of Mr. Rawson. The difficulty was in governing the school. Mr. Benson succeeded in keeping order.

DIST. No. 19.—*Winter Term.*—The teacher, energetic and faithful, infused an interest into his school, surpassed by none in town. Some in this school are superior in grammar.

