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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

AND THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

For the Year 1877-1878.

BANGOR:

Burr & Robinson, Printers.

1878.

WARRANT.

To CHARLES BAKER, a Constable of the town of Orrington, or any one of the Constables of said town 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 11th 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 Supervisor of Schools, and act thereon.

Fifth—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

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 year ensuing.

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

Eighth—To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the support of one or more free high schools, locate the same, and determine when they shall be taught.

Ninth—To determine in what way the town will choose their highway surveyors and school agents for ensuing year.

Tenth—To see if the town will exempt from taxation for the year 1878, the East Orrington Cheese Manufacturing Association.

Eleventh—To see if the town will tax dogs.

Twelfth—To see whether the town will vote to abolish the school districts therein, as provided in the laws of Maine relating to public schools; referred at the last annual meeting to this meeting.

Thirteenth—To see whether the town will vote to furnish free text books to its scholars, or furnish them at cost; referred at the last annual meeting; to this meeting.

Fourteenth—To see if the town will instruct their Treasurer to sell the old town house lot.

Fifteenth—To see if the town will paint their town house.

Sixteenth—To see if the town will accept a private way as laid out by the Selectmen, near Alfred Baker's.

Seventeenth—To see if the town will accept a town road as laid out by the Selectmen, near George Brooks' pottery.

Eighteenth—To see if the town will make a dump of a part or the whole of the south end of the Red Bridge (so called,) at East Orrington, and appropriate money for the same.

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

Given under our hand, at Orrington, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1878.

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
ALMON ROGERS,	
CHAS. A. SEVERANCE,	

A N N U A L R E P O R T .

JOSEPH DOANE, Treasurer,

In account with the **TOWN OF ORRINGTON,**

—DR.—

To uncollected non-resident taxes,	\$239 39	
“ “ resident tax, 1875,	545 02	
“ Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00	
“ Cash in treasury at last settlement,	1,419 68	
	<hr/>	\$2,279 09
“ “ of Wilson & Woodard, Conant's note,	\$15 00	
“ “ of Town of Franklin, for Badger boy,	5 75	
“ Interest on Martin Sheehan's note,	4 50	
“ Am't of J. S. Smith, supplies to late J. Smith,	68 90	
“ “ of town of Eddington, to John Mann,	54 04	
“ “ of City of Bangor, to John McRan,	15 00	
“ “ of Thos. Robinson, for plank,	2 10	
“ “ of town of Bristol, supplies to Humphrey child,	13 66	
“ “ of Brewer, $\frac{1}{2}$ survey town line,	1 00	
“ “ of Holden, “ “	2 00	
“ “ of Lincoln Wheelden, for fish privilege,	2 00	
“ “ R. R. Smith, for plank,	61	
“ “ for license on dogs,	60 00	
“ “ of State, for free high school,	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$307 06
“ “ Raised by town for roads and bridges,	\$300 00	
“ “ Raised by town for town charges,	100 00	
“ “ of highway deficiency, 1876,	29 55	
“ “ overlayings on assessment,	153 74	
	<hr/>	\$583 29
		<hr/> \$3,169 44

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By pay of town officers,	\$415 90
“ paid for support of poor,	445 79
“ “ high school,	125 40
“ “ roads and bridges,	216 15
“ “ overwork on road, '76 and '77,	411 82
“ “ miscellaneous expenses,	166 07
“ “ interest on school fund,	69 42
“ Uncollected non-resident taxes,	140 03
“ “ resident tax, 1875,	311 13
“ “ resident tax, 1877,	770 94
“ Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00
“ Cash in treasury,	21 79
	<hr/> \$3,169 44

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. W. Phillips, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	\$91 75
Almon Rogers, “ “ “	58 00
Chas. A. Severance, “ “ “	57 50
Joseph Doane, treasurer,	40 00
A. N. Lufkin, supervisor of schools.	69 65
Chas. Baker, warning town meeting,	5 00
N. Marston, collector,	94 00
	<hr/> \$415 90

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Timothy Stubbs, labor on road, 1875,	\$2 33
E. L. Fowler, labor on road, 1874,	5 75
S. G. Nye, “	35 62
C. A. Severance, “	68 31
W. M. Baker, “	26 78
S. G. Nye, scraper and lumber on road,	2 75
Daniel C. Woodman, stone for culvert,	3 00
Baker & Doane, for plank,	9 94
Almon Rogers, “	33 03
Almon Rogers, drawing stone for bridge,	5 20
Horace Field, repairing culvert,	16 00
R. W. Godfrey, blasting ledge,	4 54
D. Sargent & Sons, for lumber,	2 08
Philander Kent, blasting rock,	50
C. A. Severance, nails for bridge,	32
	<hr/> \$216 15
Overwork on road, 1876 and 1877,	411 82
	<hr/> \$627 97

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Peter C. Baker, witness in Chase case,	\$4 08	
Burr & Robinson, printing reports,	23 00	
Almon Rogers, repairs on cemetery fence,	11 18	
N. Marston, abatement of tax, 1876,	23 52	
N. Marston, same, 1877,	61 61	
David Crowell, care of town house,	5 00	
J. W. Phillips, postage and stationery,	4 03	
J. H. Smith, repairs on plough,	4 25	
James Freeman, survey of town line,	6 00	
D. Bugbee & Co., books and stationery,	21 00	
Warren Nickerson, measuring road,	50	
Joseph Doane, recording papers,	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$166 07

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Charlotte Barnes,	\$115 52	
John McRan,	15 00	
John Mann,	54 04	
Mrs. Peter Field,	20 75	
Mrs. Ruth Rogers,	25 36	
Delia M. Staple's child,	22 25	
Eddie R. Humphrey,	13 66	
Mrs. Clara Smith,	66 10	
Charles E. Work or Eva Work,	29 00	
Mrs. Tamson Fowler,	23 16	
Aid to transient persons,	2 75	
Mrs. Angeline Downes,	58 20	
	<hr/>	\$445 79
Received from town of Franklin,	\$5 75	
“ “ Jefferson S. Smith,	68 90	
“ “ town of Eddington,	54 04	
“ “ City of Bangor,	15 00	
“ “ town of Bristol,	13 66	
Due from town of Dixmont,	29 00	
	<hr/>	\$186 35
Cost of poor,		<hr/>
		\$259 44

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance due from last year,	\$158 14	
Amount received from State,	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$220 64
Paid D. H. Taylor, teaching,	\$125 00	
" for crayons,	40	
	<hr/>	\$125 40
		<hr/>
		\$95 24

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Martin Sheehan's note,	\$75 00	
Due from Ebenezer C. Wheelden,	11 00	
Uncollected non-resident taxes,	140 03	
" resident taxes,	1,080 57	
Cash in treasury,	23 29	
	<hr/>	\$1,329 89
Old town house lot.		

VALUATION FOR 1877.

Real estate of residents,	\$250,080 00	
Personal estate of residents,	104,690 00	
	<hr/>	\$354,770 00
Real estate of non-residents,	\$18,240 00	
Personal estate of non-residents,	390 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,630 00
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Total estates,		\$373,400 00

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 12, 1877.

For schools,	\$1,450 00	
roads and bridges,	300 00	
town charges,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,850 00
State tax,		1,206 94
County tax,		1,059 59
Highway deficiency, 1876,		29 55
Overlayings,		153 74
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Total assessment,		\$4,299 82
Poll tax, \$3.00.		
	Percentage, \$.0081 on \$1.00.	

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the Districts, Feb. 26, 1877,	\$611 71
School mill tax, 1877,	\$563 60
Amount raised by town, March 12, 1877,	1,450 00
Amount interest on school fund,	69 42
Amount State school fund,	358 34
Amount apportioned,	\$2,441 36
Mill tax, 1878, unapportioned,	\$572 60

APPORTIONMENT.

Districts.	No. of Scholars.	Apportioned.	Due from 1876.	Paid.	Now Due.
No. 1,	45	\$187 65	\$39 59	\$180 55	\$46 69
No. 2,	69	287 73	168 10	393 83	62 00
No. 3,	43	179 31	3 99	172 75	10 55
No. 4,	128	533 76	2 09	531 05	4 80
No. 5,	19	119 23	8 01	127 93	*
No. 6,	30	137 10	27 26	161 47	2 89
No. 7,	102	425 34	107 03	532 37	
No. 8,	37	164 29	29 16	56 50	136 95
No. 9,	23	110 91	28 81	90 00	49 72
No. 10,	15	95 88	128 15	120 00	104 03
Corner,	48	200 16	69 52	218 30	51 38
	559	\$2,441 36	\$611 71	\$2,584 75	\$469 01
					*Overdrawn, 69

\$468 32

Respectfully submitted.

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, } Selectmen
 ALMON ROGERS, } of
 CHAS. A. SEVERANCE, } Orrington.

Orrington, March 1st, 1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term—Miss LETTIE PHIPPS taught an excellent school.

Winter—MR. B. GALEN EATON was a general favorite with his scholars, who profited by his instruction.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term—Miss MARIA E. COLLINS, Teacher.

The school appeared quite disorderly at first, but was gradually brought under restraint and closed with high success.

Winter—MR. JUDSON C. LONG.

This was Mr. Long's second effort in the school and it proved very successful. Some of the scholars are taking high rank in common school attainments and they all bore a persistent quizzing with much honor to themselves.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term—Miss ELLEN FIFIELD.

Winter—Miss HATTIE POLLARD.

When a school is under such systematic instruction as these teachers always give we are assured, even beforehand, that complete success will be the result. This proved to be the fact. The scholars are steadily advancing in mental culture.

DISTRICT No. 4.

PRIMARY—Summer Term—Miss HATTIE E. PHILLIPS, Teacher.

A large number of witnesses will bear me record that this school was very excellent in all respects. These primary scholars are rarely surpassed in prompt and exact recitations, and it would have afforded great pleasure and profit to every inhabitant of the town to have been present at the closing examination.

GRAMMAR—MISS EVA LONG, Teacher.

Reading, Algebra and Physiology were carefully taught. Thorough discipline rescued this school from a rapid tendency to disorganization, and placed it on a high plane of success; it was a very successful term.

Fall Terms—PRIMARY—MISS MARY M. WHEELDEN, Teacher.

GRAMMAR—MR. A. G. PETTENGILL, Teacher.

Both of these teachers were novitiates in teaching, and a great change from previous terms was clearly seen. Experience will stiffen them up to the work and develop their large ability to more efficient discipline and more direct results.

Winter Terms. PRIMARY. MRS. ELLA V. COLLINS, Teacher.

This school was under good management and proved a success. Although children require peculiar training Mrs. Collins adapted herself to the occasion very well for one who had never before attempted to teach a primary school.

GRAMMAR. MR. D. H. TAYLOR, Teacher.

The full attendance and small room made the school somewhat difficult to manage. A special visit by the Supervisor was deemed necessary to enforce obedience. The instruction was clear, thorough and impartial; and if the services of so excellent a teacher were not fully appreciated, the blame must rest upon the scholars themselves. A few young ladies rank well in scholarship.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer. Miss ETTA M. TRUE, Teacher.

"A good beginning makes a good ending." The teacher was efficient and her school prosperous.

Winter. Miss JESSIE RUSSELL taught quite a profitable term. She showed a slight deficiency in Grammar, which, perhaps, was due more to a lack of decision than a lack of knowledge.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer—The term was commenced by Miss LIZZIE WHEELDEN, who, after four weeks, voluntarily withdrew and it was successfully completed by Miss E. M. A. EVELETH.

Winter—Miss LETTIE PHIPPS.

The schools under her tuition have always proved a success. In this case the scholars appreciated her services and were profited. Query: Where is the comfort in sitting in high wooden chairs six hours a day when you cannot touch the floor with your feet? And this is the torture of the small children in this district.

DISTRICT No. 7.

PRIMARY—The summer and winter terms were under the direction of Miss JULIA C. SMITH, with her usual success. The advancement in books was moderate but the thoroughness was excellent.

GRAMMAR—Miss ANNETTE S. WARE.

The school was in good condition and passed a critical examination. The government was quite mechanical but resulted in mutual satisfaction and profit.

Fall Term—Mr. H. W. MAYO, Teacher.

There is no reason why this should not be pronounced one of the best taught schools in town, for the scholars at the examination demonstrated it.

Winter Term—Mr. HENRY C. WRIGHT brought his full scholarship and pleasing manners to bear upon his school, and the result was very beneficial. It would be gratifying to examining officers if all candidates were so ready with correct answers.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer—Miss ANNIE J. YORK, Teacher.

There were nine present at the examination who showed that a fair school had been obtained.

Winter—Mr. HARRY J. CHAPMAN made his first effort as a teacher in this school; and from all accounts, he has no reason to be ashamed of his record. The visit made showed one of the best organized schools in town and success naturally follows such efforts.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer—Miss ELLA V. COLLINS succeeded admirably in discipline and instruction. Though the school was small, it called for many of the excellent traits that so well fit her for a grammar school teacher.

Winter—Miss NELLIE E. RIDEOUT brought her large experience as a teacher to her aid in this school. The scholars, with one or two exceptions, profited by it and by her pleasing and thorough manner of instruction.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer—Miss E. M. A. EVELETH.

A pleasant and profitable school obtained here; though small in number it was large in attainment.

Winter—Mr. ARTHUR WENTWORTH, Teacher.

But one visit was made to this school which showed good management and instruction. All accounts are favorable to a successful school.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer—Miss NELLIE F. PIERCE, Teacher.

Winter—Mr. S. S. SMITH, Teacher.

These terms were characterized by similar methods of instruction, by a mild and somewhat reserved course of discipline, and by the like successes attained. The schools were quite large and handled with care and success; the advancement was general rather than specific and reflects credit upon all concerned.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Taught by D. H. TAYLOR, A. M. Length, 10 weeks; whole attendance, 47; average, 35; wages, \$50 per month, including board.

The school opened with every prospect of success, but by reason of some incompatibility between scholars and teacher, many left the school during the last half of the term, which contributed to weaken the interest of all concerned. Those who remained showed a very marked improvement in their studies at the final examination, both in technical definitions and a general understanding of the branches pursued. Mr. Taylor is one of the most thorough and methodical teachers we ever had in town; and it is to be regretted that every pupil had not availed himself of such an opportunity even at the sacrifice of time or any little peculiarities that at the moment might seem objectionable. We should always endeavor to adapt ourselves to circumstances if we wish to profit by them.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Length of School in days.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Price of Board per week.	No. of District.	Length of School in days.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Price of Board per week.
1	55	25	21	\$16.00	2 50	1	44	26	22	\$30.00	3 50
2	50	41	35	22.00	2 50	2	66	50	46	38.00	3 17
3	44	22	19	24.00	2 50	3	50	26	25	28.00	3 00
*4	44	33	31	22.00	2 50	*4	55	46	41	62.00	3 75
†4	44	42	40	18.00	2 50	†4	55	52	43	20.00	2 50
Fall *4	22	31	28	36.00	3 50	5	66	16	10	22.00	2 25
Fall †4	22	41	35	16.00	1 00	6	50	21	18	22.00	2 50
5	38	13	11	12.00	2 00	*7	38	36	26	36.00	3 50
6	50	19	14	16.00	2 00	†7	75	43	35	22.00	2 50
*7	55	22	18	26.00	2 50	8	60	19	14	26.00	2 50
†7	50	38	36	20.00	3 00	9	55	19	17	20.00	2 00
Fall 7	50	25	22	33.00	3 50	10	66	13	12	22.00	2 00
8	33	11	8	12.00	2 50	Corner	66	35	27	33.00	3 00
9	33	14	11	10.00	2 00						
10	33	9	8	12.00	2 00						
Corner	55	28	24	14.00	2 50						

*Grammar.

†Primary.

Number of scholars in town.....	559
Number attending summer schools.....	414
Average number attending summer schools.....	361
Number attending winter schools.....	402
Average number attending winter schools.....	336
Average length of summer schools, in days	42
Average length of winter schools, in days ..	57
Average length of schools for the year, in days .	50
Average wages of female teachers, per week, exclusive of board	\$4 56
Average wages of male teachers, per month, exclusive of board.....	34 40
Per cent. of average attendance in summer, to number of scholars in town.....	65
Per cent. of average attendance in winter, to number of scholars in town.....	60

CONCLUSIONS.

First. It should be distinctly understood now, as it was in earlier times, that the teacher is *master*, and should be implicitly obeyed without appeal to parent or guardian. If he exceeds his jurisdiction the law holds him accountable. Without this obedience our schools will become Babels and their usefulness void.

Second. There have been thirty school terms in town during the past year, and not a failure in either of them. It seems that unusual success has attended them especially in the direction of government; for in this failures are most frequent. Much of this success is to be attributed to district officers in selecting candidates for they have a personal pride that *their* teacher should succeed.

Third. It seems quite proper, and certainly within the duty of the Supervisor, to suggest the thorough repair of the school house in District No. 3, or the building of a new one. It is quite time this be done as the scholars have little respect for its remains and it is not in tidy keeping with the village that surrounds it.

Fourth. By an Act of 1873 it is declared, "when the governor and council have reason to believe that any town has neglected to faithfully expend the school money received from the State, it shall be their duty to direct the State Treasurer to withhold further payment" of school moneys, "until such town shall satisfy them that it has expended the full amount required by law for common school purposes." Under this law several towns in the State are yearly deprived of their proportion of the State school funds until a satisfactory explanation can be given; and if such an explanation cannot be given, then such towns lose the benefit of the money rightfully belonging to them, simply because of neglect to properly expend the money allowed them by the State. This town in 1875 had its state school money withheld for the above reason; and it was only after a personal statement and presentation of actual facts that they were allowed. Some seventy towns last year were put to the necessity of proving the proper expenditure of their school money before any further amounts would be allowed them. You will readily see, then, the importance of continuing the terms of school till all the money appropriated to the districts is expended; otherwise we may lose entirely our aid from the State.

Fifth. The law allows a certain per cent. of the school money to be given to the smaller districts in towns, over and above their regular apportionment. Such has been the practice in this town; but it is questionable whether the practice should longer be continued under

the present condition of things to those districts that fail to expend their money. To illustrate:

1876.	Allowed	No. 8,	\$20.00;	unexp'ded at end of the year,	\$29.16
"	"	" 9,	30.00;	" " "	28.81
"	"	" 10,	52.28;	" " "	38.15
1877.	"	" 8,	10.00;	" " "	37.95
"	"	" 9,	15.00;	" " "	49.72
"	"	" 10,	33.33;	" " "	32.03

It will hardly be pertinent for these districts to say that this money will be expended the next year, or that it will all be finally expended. The law justly contemplates its expenditure the same year it was apportioned, and this seems perfectly right; for otherwise the scholar may be defrauded of his high privilege, and the school funds of the town put in jeopardy.

Sixth. The law says that "five and one-half days shall constitute a school week;" therefore twenty-two days will make a school month; but it is becoming a general custom in town for teachers to call five days a week and twenty days a month; and in many cases agents agree to this arrangement. There is no valid excuse why this change should be made. I know of no reason why teachers should not be required to teach twenty-two days for a month, as they were formerly compelled to do; and it is earnestly recommended that district agents make this a stipulation in the agreement, and that the Selectmen hereafter refuse to pay any teacher who has not complied with the law in this respect.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,
Supervisor of Schools.

Orrington, March 4, 1878.