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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 1879-1880.

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1880.

W A R R A N T.

To JOSIAH D. HINDS, 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 8th 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 repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

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

Ninth—To see if the Town will tax dogs.

Tenth—Will the Town determine in what manner the bills for labor on the highways in the winter of 1878-9, shall be paid.

Eleventh—To hear the report of the Committee on Cemeteries, and act thereon.

Twelfth—To see if the Town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to employ teachers for the public schools; School Agents to perform all other duties as heretofore.

Thirteenth—Will the Town discontinue the road from the old Town House lot to the Penobscot river.

Fourteenth—Will the Town pay Albert G. Dole for damage to his sleigh on the road near Daniel C. Woodman's.

Fifteenth—Will the Town refund to Thomas B. Rogers a part or all of the money he paid Thomas J. Chase for loss of horse, killed near Red Bridge.

Sixteenth—Will the Town build or repair the fence around the Cemetery, near Nathaniel Marston's.

Seventeenth—To see if the Town will accept of the list of jurors as made out by the municipal officers, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

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 hands, at Orrington, this twenty-eighth day of Feb., A. D. 1880.

J. D. BAKER,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
W. M. BAKER.	
C. A. SEVERANCE,	

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ORRINGTON.

—DR.—

March 12, 1879.

To uncollected non-resident taxes, 1876,	\$7 23
“ “ “ “ 1877,	7 50
“ “ “ “ 1878,	130 99
“ “ resident taxes, 1875,	151 39
“ “ “ “ 1877,	243 10
“ “ “ “ 1878,	998 00
“ Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00
“ Jesse H. Nickerson's note,	40 00
“ Due from A. S. Conant, fish privilege,	8 00
“ Cash from sale of fish privilege, 1879,	6 00
“ Cash from Charlotte Barnes, pension,	85 00
“ “ “ Charlotte Barnes, pension,	21 50
“ “ “ W. M. Baker, guardian of Ruth Rogers, pension,	120 00
“ “ “ Wm. Dickey, oil cans, sold,	3 00
“ “ “ C. W. Freeman, Collector, for tax abated,	2 75
“ “ “ C. A. Severance, for lumber sold, (of Red Bridge,)	22 49
“ “ “ Rail Road tax,	6 86
“ “ “ Interest on Martin Sheehan's note,	4 50
“ “ “ Jesse H. Nickerson, on note,	10 00
“ “ “ hired of C. A. Severance, for making dump,	250 00
	— \$2,193 31

To amount raised by town for support of poor,	\$500 00
" " " " " " town charges,	500 00
" " " " " " roads and bridges,	100 00
" " " " " " dump at Red Bridge,	250 00
" " of highway deficiency, 1878,	13 68
" " of overlaying on assessments,	158 11
" " of tax on dogs,	62 00
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	\$1,583 79
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	\$3,777 10

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By pay of town officers,	\$431 97
" paid for support of poor,	700 11
" paid for roads and bridges,	132 46
" paid for pier and dump at East Orrington,	511 83
" paid for interest on school fund,	62 49
" miscellaneous expenses,	258 74
" uncollected non-resident tax for 1876,	7 23
" " " " " " 1877,	7 50
" " " " " " 1878,	13 41
" " " " " " 1879,	161 25
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	\$2,286 99
By uncollected resident tax for 1877,	\$87 63
" " " " " " 1878,	425 00
" " " " " " 1879,	391 00
" Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00
" Jesse H. Nickerson's note,	30 00
" Due from A. S. Conant, fish privilege,	8 00
" Cash in Treasury,	473 48
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	\$1,490 11
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	\$3,777 10

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

A. N. Lufkin, Supervisor of Schools, 1878,	\$80 25
J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	88 00
W. M. Baker, " " " " " "	66 85
C. A. Severance, " " " " " "	54 87
A. G. Dole, Treasurer,	40 00
A. G. Dole, Collector,	100 00
J. D. Hinds, Constable, 1878,	2 00
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	\$431 97

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Wm. A. George, 1878, District No. 7, west,	\$14 22	
Reuben R. Smith, 1878, District No. 7, east,	10 87	
Joseph W. Bowden, 1878, District No. 9,	5 04	
T. H. Crowell, Corner District,	80	
D. L. Dodge, District No. 6, east,	5 62	
Charles A. Severance, District No. 7, east,	15 25	
E. L. Bowden, lumber for bridge,	2 60	
Wm. Seavey, labor on bridge,	14 52	
Thomas Bowden, labor in District No. 8, east,	21 00	
Frank Lampson, " " No. 10,	2 27	
W. M. Baker and T. Bowden, District No. 8, east,	6 00	
Daniel Hodges, labor in Corner District,	4 90	
J. N. Wheelden, labor in District No. 4, 1877-78	12 69	
H. M. Smith, " " No. 7, east,	13 54	
S. H. Higgins, and David Scott, labor on Dow road,	3 14	
		\$132 46
Chas. A. Severance, material for pier at red bridge,	\$25 00	
Same, for labor and material for pier at red bridge,	133 07	
Same, for material on which to build dump,	40 00	
Loring Smith, for filling dump at red bridge,	285 00	
Chas. A. Severance, for railing, rocking, &c., dump,	28 76	
		\$511 83

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. D. Baker, expenses to Guilford, (pension case.)	\$6 70
Smith & Son, printing town reports, 1878,	20 00
T. W. Deane, abatement of tax, 1878,	22
W. H. Wheeler, abatement of taxes, 1878,	2 19
E. A. Hincks, Collector, abatement of tax by vote of town, 1875,	75 60
Charles Hight, Town Order Book,	3 05
P. W. Wood, tax refunded on dog, 1875,	1 00
E. A. Hincks, abatement of tax, on loss of horses,	1 23
Wilson & Woodard, bill for counsel, 1879,	4 00
David Bugbee & Co., books and stationery,	7 51

J. D. Baker, incidentals, stamps, stationery, &c.,	\$3 52	
Charlotte Barnes, medicine,	40	
Nathaniel Marston, Collector, abatement of taxes,	32 41	
J. D. Hinds, for keeping tramps,	2 50	
Geo. W. Patten, bill,	50	
W. M. Baker, for Custom House bill, &c.,	90	
C. A. Severance, incidental expenses,	35	
A. G. Dole, abatement of taxes,	96 66	
	<hr/>	\$258 74

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Charlotte Barnes, board, 1878-9,	\$89 43	
Mrs. Clara Smith, board and clothing,	65 23	
Mrs. Tamson Fowler,	121 15	
Mrs. Deborah B. Fling,	141 83	
Dr. Woodcock, medical attendance to Mrs.		
D. B. Fling,	16 40	
Mrs. Ruth Rogers,	76 44	
Mrs. Angeline Downes and child,	16 69	
Mrs. Ellen Nichols, wife of A. N. Nichols,	114 94	
George W. Gould and family,	5 00	
Wife and child of G. W. Gould,	10 00	
George Harvey, care and clothing,	25 00	
Daniel Appleton, care of daughter,	15 00	
John Rider, Jr.,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 11

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident tax,	\$189 39	
Uncollected resident tax,	903 63	
Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00	
J. H. Nickerson's note,	30 00	
Due from A. S. Conant, fish privilege,	8 00	
Cash in Treasury,	473 48	
	<hr/>	\$1,679 50

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Borrowed of school fund,	\$907 65	
Note to C. A. Severance,	250 00	
	<hr/>	1,157 65
Balance in favor of town, Feb. 27, 1880,		<hr/>
		\$521 85

VALUATION FOR 1879.

Real estate of residents,	\$236,295 00
Personal estate of residents,	73,995 00
	<hr/> \$310,290 00
Real estate of non-residents,	\$18,110 00
Personal estate of non-residents,	650 00
	<hr/> 18,760 00
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Total estates,	\$329,050 00
Number of polls, 412.	
Poll tax, \$3.00.	
Percentage \$.0123, on \$100.	

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 10, 1879.

For schools,	\$1,420 00
Roads and bridges,	100 00
Town charges,	500 00
Support of poor,	500 00
Dump, red bridge,	250 00
	<hr/> \$2,770 00
	1,607 78
State tax,	750 54
County tax,	13 68
Highway deficiency, 1878,	62 00
Tax on dogs,	158 11
Overlayings in assessments,	3 00
Supplementary tax,	<hr/>
Total assessments,	\$5,365 11

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the districts, Feb. 28, 1880,	\$349 09
School mill tax, 1879,	\$548 50
Amount raised by town, March 10, 1879,	1,420 00
Interest on school fund,	62 49
State school fund 1879,	242 13
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Amount apportioned,	\$2,273 12
Mill tax for 1880, unapportioned,	\$558 56

APPORTIONMENT.

District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportioned	Due from 1879	Paid.	Now Due.
No. 1,	40	\$160 00	\$156 15	\$315 10	\$1 05
No. 2,	61	244 00	110 70	354 70	
No. 3,	45	180 00	27 23	102 73	104 50
No. 4,	123	492 00	154 88	584 67	62 21
No. 5,	18	102 00	6 84	108 84	
No. 6,	36	154 12	11 49	161 74	3 87
No. 7,	89	356 00	57 66	377 36	36 30
No. 8,	29	136 00	2 76	138 40	36
No. 9,	22	113 00	57 00	166 95	3 05
No. 10,	13	92 00	8 04	95 29	4 75
Corner,	61	244 00	128 64	239 64	133 00
	537	\$2,273 12	\$721 39	\$2,645 42	\$349 09

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. BAKER,
W. M. BAKER, } Selectmen
C. A. SEVERANCE, } of
Orrington.

Orrington, March 1st 1880.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
For the Year 1879-80.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term—LYDIA M. AREY, Teacher.

Good order and a very good degree of improvement characterized this school.

Winter Term—J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, Teacher.

Complete success resulted from this teacher's careful and systematic instruction. This was proved as well by the awakened interest manifested by the parents, as by the scholars themselves, at the examination.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer and Fall Terms—Mrs. L. P. NICKERSON, Teacher.

Thorough discipline and systematic instruction rendered these terms in the highest degree successful.

Pupils not absent during summer and fall terms:—

Annie L. Brown, Lena H. Smith, Edith E. Baker, Lizzie M. Hoyt,
Issie M. Smith, Edith E. Kendall, Ernest D. Smith, Archie N. Harding,
Albert W. Nickerson, Etta M. Linnell.

Not absent during fall term :—

Chas. G. Hoyt, Abel Holmboe, Lottie E. Baker, Mabel M. Smith, Mary E. Holmboe.

Winter Term—ARTHUR WENTWORTH taught this school with a good degree of success. The final examination was creditable to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term—MAY A. DILLINGHAM, Teacher.

The correct deportment, and the exact and intelligent answers of these scholars, demonstrated that the school was well taught.

Winter Term—HARRY E. SNOW, Teacher.

Fair order and moderate improvement obtained. The term is to continue another week.

DISTRICT No. 4.

PRIMARY—Summer, Fall and Winter Terms—Miss ALLIE A. HOXIE, Teacher.

Miss H. is quick to perceive the intellectual needs of her scholars, and as quick to supply them. Under her management, this school has again been highly successful.

GRAMMAR—Summer and Fall Terms—Miss EVA L. LONG, Teacher.

Her usual good success attended Miss Long in this school.

Winter Term—JOHN STEPHENSON, Teacher.

A spirit of insubordination prevailed here from the first, so that the large experience and excellent qualifications of this teacher were not fully appreciated. Two special visits by the Supervisor were deemed necessary to enforce obedience, and four scholars were expelled; but the results obtained were not satisfactory. A part of these scholars made fair improvement; that any did not, was their own fault.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term—Miss ROSA E. BOWDEN, Teacher.

This was Miss B.'s first school. The government and instruction were quite mechanical, but fairly successful.

Winter Term—MARIA E. COLLINS, Teacher.

These scholars made good improvement, and sustained an excellent examination.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term—Miss NETTIE M. ROGERS, Teacher.

Considerable advancement was made. The work of this term was purely mechanical.

Winter Term—ROSCOE L. SMITH, Teacher.

A good school. These scholars have been very much interested in the work of the term, and substantial progress has been made.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term—Miss LETTIE PHIPPS, Teacher.

During the last two years the summer terms of the Grammar and Primary Schools, in this district have been united, on the ground of economy. While there seems to be too few scholars for two schools, there is clearly too much work for any one teacher in the ungraded school, and the assistance to be had is unprofitable; we fail, therefore, to obtain the desired results.

Miss Phipps has heretofore proved herself a successful teacher. Had she been in charge of only the Grammar school, her labors would have resulted in greater profit and more general satisfaction. She did what she could under the circumstances.

PRIMARY—Winter Term.

This school was continued under Miss PHIPPS' instruction. Good improvement was made in the various studies, particularly in reading. Some of these little folks are becoming very impatient of restraint.

GRAMMAR—Winter Term—J. C. LONG, Teacher.

The scholars passed a very good examination; nearly all gave evidence of satisfactory progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer and Winter Terms—Miss NELLIE E. CHAPIN, Teacher.

This was a small school and a good one; the scholars profited by the careful and thorough instruction.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term—Miss FLORA E. ATWOOD, Teacher.

A primary school. The teacher's efforts were well appreciated.

Winter Term—Miss IDA C. MORELEX, Teacher.

This term has been a profitable one, and mutually satisfactory to all.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Winter Term—ARTHUR WENTWORTH taught here with his former good success. There was no summer term.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss NELLIE F. PIERCE, Teacher.

These scholars were quite disorderly at first, but were very soon brought under good control, and the school continued to a successful close.

Winter Term—F. H. BUTLER, Teacher.

This school is in a prosperous condition, and promises very satisfactory results. It is still in session.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERM.

WINTER TERM.

No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Price of Board per Week.	No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Price of Board per Week.
1	8½	21	16	\$3 00	\$2 00	1	10	31	25	\$28 00	\$3 00
2	8	36	30	5 00	2 00	2	11	46	42	28 00	3 00
2 Fall	8	44	38	5 50	1 50	3	12	27	21	22 00	2 75
3	12	19	16	3 75	1 75	*4	12	47	33	17 00	2 00
*4	8	45	36	3 00	2 00	†4	10	48	38	46 00	2 50
*4 Fall	8	40	34	3 00	2 00	5	11	13	12	16 00	2 25
†4	8	23	19	6 00	2 00	6	11	24	20	20 00	2 50
†4 Fall	6½	30	27	6 50	1 50	*7	10	28	21	22 00	2 00
5	8	16	12	2 00	2 00	†7	10	34	31	34 00	2 50
6	10	17	15	3 00	2 00	8	10	14	13	22 00	2 50
7	10	49	40	7 00	2 00	9	13	16	13	15 00	2 00
8	8	10	10	3 00	2 00	10	11	10	10	20 00	2 50
9	7	13	12	2 00	2 00	Corner	13	46	36	39 00	2 75
Corner	12	38	31	6 00	2 50						

* Primary. † Grammar.

Number of scholars in town.....	536
Number attending summer schools.....	401
Average number attending summer schools.....	336
Number attending winter schools.....	384
Average number attending winter schools.....	315
Average length of summer schools in weeks of $5\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	8.7
Average length of winter schools in weeks of $5\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	11.1
Average length of schools for the year in weeks of $5\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	9.9
Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board...	\$4.30
Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board...	\$29.62
Average price of board per week.....	\$2.20
Per cent. of average attendance in summer, to number of scholars in town.....	.63
Per cent. of average attendance in winter, to number of scholars in town.....	.59

It seems proper to mention here the growing tendency on the part of scholars to do injury to the school buildings, in several of the districts. There is no satisfactory reason why our school-houses should not be as carefully used, as are our dwelling-houses. The injuries complained of seem to be in direct proportion to the indifference to the prosperity of schools, and so appear to be a direct outgrowth of that indifference. Parents can control this matter if they will. If they do not, Section 90, of the School Laws ought to be applied to all cases of malicious injury.

The law makes it, primarily, the duty of the Superintending School Committee to employ teachers for the several districts; it also contemplates a public examination of teachers. Experience demonstrates the wisdom of these requirements. Adopt this method, and your schools will secure better teachers, and better results will be obtained; for many of the inferior teachers will not then apply for schools; and those who do apply, will be incited to more thorough preparation for the work. It is therefore recommended that you authorize the Committee to employ teachers for the several schools; that you aid and sustain them in the methods employed in the schools, and hold them accountable for the results.

In a few instances, there have been gratifying manifestations of parental interest in the school work. In others, teachers have had to contend with indifference, and even direct opposition of parents. In such cases school government becomes one of force, and can but partially succeed. Pupils should be made to feel that parental influence is positively and unequivocally in favor of good government; then it will seldom be necessary for the teacher to use force to secure obedience; there will be an awakened interest on the part of scholars, and all will co-operate to render our schools eminently successful.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LUFKIN,

Supervisor of Schools.

Orrington, Me., March 1, 1880.

*Scissors 16.00
Dove 3.00
Rocks 5.00*