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SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE

YEAR 1874—1875.

BANGOR:

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1875.
CHARLES A. WISWELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ORRINGTON.

Dr.

To amount received for State Bonds, $7,000.00
  " A. L. Conant's note, 10.50
  " balance on Fowler & Atwood's note, 15.28
  " Martin Sheehan's note, 175.00
  " uncollected resident tax for 1869, 11.63
  "  "  " 1870, 86.29
  "  "  " 1872, 27.62
  "  "  " 1873, 751.96
  "  non-resident tax for 1871, 1.00
  "  "  " 1872, 33.21
  "  "  " 1873, 252.00
  " amount raised for support of the poor, 600.00
  "  "  " town charges, 550.00
  "  "  " roads and bridges, 500.00
  "  "  " High school, 150.00
  " of overlayings in assessment, 259.42
  " of highway deficiency for 1873, 121.72
  " of Interest on State bonds, 210.00
  " of Interest on M. Sheehan's note, 12.75
  " received from State for High school, 168.75
  " of road tax 1873, paid, 1.80
  " of tax on dogs, 71.00
  " of Supplementary tax, 12.75
  " received from sale of fish privileges, 27.75
  $11,050.43

By pay of Town Officers, $494.02
  " paid for support of Poor, 874.16
  " miscellaneous expenses, 433.89
  " on roads and bridges, 311.95
  " interest on School fund, 69.42
  " abatements to N. Marston, Collector, for 1873, 21.85
  "  to E. A. Hincks, " 1874, 61.09
  " A. L. Conant's note, 10.50
  " balance on Fowler & Atwood's note, 15.28
  " Martin Sheehan's note, 75.00
  " uncollected Resident tax, 1869, 11.63
  "  "  " 1870, 86.29
  "  "  " 1872, 27.62
  "  "  " 1873, 3.97
  "  Non-resident tax, 1872, 15.26
  "  "  " 1873, 1,054.89
  "  Resident tax, 1874, 223.93
  "  "  Non-resident tax, 1874, 5,824.45
  " Colyer Snow's note and interest, 350.00
  " paid on account of High schools, 390.26
  " paid School fund, 694.96
  $11,050.43
SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Charlotte Barnes, $115.75
" Clara Smith, 74.96
" Margaret Kent, 2.35
" C. S. Williams, to be refunded by town of Bradford, 13.50
Bangor, supplies to A. Downs, 94.78
Peter Field, 123.48
Z. Thayer, 177.26
L. Scovill, 51.38
Vinalhaven, attendance to M. Ayer, and board, 207.00
Staples' child, 13.70

$874.16

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

S. Bolton, Supervisor of Schools, $100.00
S. Bolton, Selectman Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 126.75
W. M. Baker, 68.95
E. G. Nickerson, 54.00
C. Baker, Constable, 5.00
C. A. Wiswell, Treasurer, 40.00
E. A. Hinks, Collector, 90.00
S. Bolton, Clerk, recording births and deaths, 1872-'73, 9.32

$494.02

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A. S. Conant, for labor, $10.46
J. W. Torrens, on Mill road, 30.00
A. N. Swett, 2.00
W. N. Harriman, 2.00
William Seavy, 2.40
Nathaniel Marston, building Culvert, 86.75
S. B. Snow, plank for bridge, 7.99
T. J. Chase on new road, 31.00
S. S. Harriman, labor on Culvert, 3.00
D. Sargent & Sons, for plank, 46.87
S. G. Nye, labor, District No. 5, 7.00
E. B. Lufkin, labor, 23.57
A. Rogers, plank and railing, 31.05
D. T. Hodgdon, labor, 10.66
James Freeman, labor, 1.00
Albert Bowdon, for plank, 8.70
Prince Higgins, labor, 7.50

$311.95
ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

A. L. Conant's note, $10.50
Balance on Fowler & Atwood's note, 15.28
M. Sheehan's note, 75.00
Uncollected Resident tax for 1869, 11.63
" " " 1870, 86.29
" " " 1872, 27.62
" Non-resident tax for 1872, 3.97
" " " 1873, 15.26
" Resident tax for 1874, 1,054.89
" Non-resident tax for 1874, 223.93
Cash in Treasury, 694.96

$2,219.33

VALUATION FOR 1874.

Real Estate of Residents, $238,895.
Personal " " " 112,485.
Estate of Non-residents, 16,755.
Total Estates, $368,135.
No. of Polls, 403. Poll tax, $3.00.
Percentage, $1.35 on $100.
Amount raised by the town, March, 1874, $3,250.00
" of tax on Dogs, 71.00
" of overlayings in assessment, 259.42
Supplementary tax, $12.75; Highway deficiency for 1873, $121.72,
Amount of County tax, 134.47
" of State tax, 671.06
2,008.60
$6,394.55

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the Districts, Feb. 26, 1875, $794.72
Amount raised by the town, 1,450.00
Interest on School Fund, 69.42
Amount received from State, 457.42
School Mill tax for 1874, 630.63
$3,402.19
" " " 1875, not apportioned to the Districts, $638.75
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

S. W. Nichols, damage to sleigh, 4.75
Mrs. M. A. Hoxie, land damage for cemetery, 3.00
S. S. Smith & Son, printing town reports, 25.66
D. Bugbee & Co., books and stationery, 13.95
S. Bolton, stationery and stamps, 3.75
Wilson & Woodard, counsel, 19.00
W. Nickerson, surveying Ferry road, 9.00
David Crowell, care of town house, 5.00
J. W. Phillip's attendance on Johnston case, 2.06
C. A. Wiswell's expenses to Bucksport, 4.00
Town of Brewer, one-third expenses of counsel to Augusta, 12.00
James Freeman, abatement on Hoben tax, 4.00
C. A. Wiswell, commission on sale of State bonds, 17.50
Error in commitment of tax to Coll, for 1873. 283.82
C. Newcomb, abatement on tax, 1873, 9.00
Nathaniel Marston, abatement on B. Bassett's tax, 1873, 13.33
" " " E. Littlefield's tax, 4.08

$433.89

APPORTIONMENT.

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S. Bolton, Selectmen
W. M. Baker, of
E. G. Nickerson, Orrington.

Orrington, March 2d, 1875.
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 eighth day of March next, at ten 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 other 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 the repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the year ensuing.
SEVENTH. To see if the town will tax dogs.
EIGHTH. To see if the town will choose a committee of three, for the North Cemetery, or a committee of one for each Cemetery in town, and define their duties.
NINTH. To see if the town will fence, or repair a part or all of the North Cemetery.
TENTH. To determine what method the town will adopt for the repairs of its highways, the ensuing year.
ELEVENTH. To determine in what manner the town will choose its highway surveyors for the ensuing year.
TWELFTH. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the support of one or more free high schools, and determine where they shall be located.
THIRTEENTH. To see if the town will enlarge Dean Hill Cemetery on the South and West sides, as in their judgment, the convenience of said Cemetery may require, and fence the same.
FOURTEENTH. To see if the town will change the limits of the Corner School District, so as to make Captain Samuel Bartlett's North line, the boundary on the North of said District.
Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take in regard to opening the Town House for public Entertainments.

Sixteenth. To hear Report of Selectmen on Ferry Road, and act thereon.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will accept said Road as laid out, widened and straightened by the Selectmen.

Eighteenth. To see what action the town will take in regard to the accident whereby T. J. Chase lost his Horse.

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 27th day of February, A. D. 1875.

S. BOLTON,
W. M. BAKER,
E. G. NICKERSON, }

SELECTMEN
of
Orrington.
REPORT
OF
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

In answer to the demands of law, your Supervisor presents following Report:

District No. 1, Summer Term,—Miss Mary A. Baker, Teacher. The teacher's efforts in this school were untiring. Most of those attending, received great benefit, while a few were careless; order good.

Winter Term,—S. Bolton, Teacher. The scholars attending this term, deserve much credit for their efforts. The term passed very pleasantly, and we feel warranted in saying, profitably.

District No. 2, Summer Term,—Miss Fannie E. Smith, Teacher. This school made fair improvement; had the teacher insisted upon closer application, it would have proved a blessing.

Winter Term,—A. Lewis, Teacher. This was a profitable term; the examination was satisfactory. Mr. L's. services were appreciated by his pupils with a very few exceptions. The neat appearance of the room was in keeping with the decoration of the mind.

District No. 3, Summer Term,—Miss F. E. Ferguson, Teacher. This term passed uninterrupted, but there was observed a lack of systematic and wholesome discipline, which should ever characterize the school room. Fair improvement was made.

Winter Term,—Mr. G. W. Nickerson. Teacher, This term passed pleasantly and profitably, giving satisfaction to all concerned.
District No. 4, Summer Grammar Term,—Miss J. C. Smith, Teacher. This was a successful term; Miss S. is deserving of much credit for her efforts; the scholars being interested, made the school a success.

Summer Term, Primary,—Miss Annie J. York, Teacher. The Teacher, succeeded finely with her numerous charges; this was her first attempt at teaching, but she developed a tact for the discipline of a school. The school was satisfactory.

Fall Term, Primary,—Miss Fannie E. Smith, Teacher. Miss Smith proved a blessing in this school and carried it through with general satisfaction.

District No. 4, Winter Term, Primary,—Miss Annie J. York, Teacher. Miss York will sustain her former good reputation; the school learned finely and the little ones conducted themselves with propriety; the teacher had the faculty of governing, and her labors in the school were highly profitable.

District No. 4, Winter Term, Grammar,—J. D. King, Teacher. This school opened with a good number, and progressed several weeks without interruption, but a prejudice imbibed previous to the commencement of the term by some scholars, grew;—scholars being allowed to leave, until the school was reduced to a small number; those present at the close, were orderly and did well considering the embarassing circumstances.

District No. 5, Winter Term,—Miss Annie Beales, Teacher. Miss Beales is a lady with a highly cultivated mind, and would have proved a great blessing, had the district allowed her, but after a few weeks the spirit of insurbordination was manifest, reaching beyond the limits of the school room, destroying her otherwise usefulness. It is sad that any district should work against their highest interest. Those scholars who attended during the term made fine proficiency.

District No. 6, Summer Term,—Miss F. F. Rogers, Teacher. This school was well conducted, and made good improvement, although the teacher had never taught before, the term proved a success.

Winter Term, Mr. J. M. King, Teacher. This term was not attended by the larger scholars of the district, and sickness detaining many of the smaller ones from school, rendered the school small; a very quiet and orderly school was found here, and those who attended constantly, made good proficiency.

District No. 7, Summer Term, Grammar School,—Miss Hardy, Teacher. This term commenced under favorable circumstances, the teacher being intent on doing her duty, but a failure to secure the co-operation of her pupils, deprived us from witnessing the results anticipated.
District No. 7, Summer Term, Primary School,—Miss E. B. Copeland, Teacher. This term was a successful one; Miss C. fully sustaining her former good reputation.

District No. 7, Fall Term, Primary,—Miss E. B. Copeland, Teacher. This term proved fully equal to the teacher's former efforts, improvement satisfactory.

District No. 7, Winter Term,—Mr. A. N. Lufkin, Teacher. This was a profitable school, proving satisfactory to all concerned.

District No. 8, Summer Term,—Mrs. H. M. Towle, Teacher. This was a profitable term; the examination proved critical teaching and attention to study.

Winter Term, W. A. Robinson, Teacher. Mr. R. had the good of the school at heart, but mistook those with whom he had to deal; his mild discipline was taken advantage of, and carelessness and disrespect gained the ascendancy, which detracted largely from the usefulness of the school.

District No. 9, Winter Term,—Miss Fannie E. Smith, Teacher. This school is still in operation, with fair prospects of success.

District No. 10, Summer Term,—Miss C. M. Baker, Teacher. This was a profitable term, both teacher and scholars acquitting themselves well.

District No. 10, Winter Term,—Miss L. P. Chapin, Teacher. The examination of this school was made under unfavorable circumstances, it being an extremely cold and windy day, and the broken glass gave the keen North West wind free admittance, benumbing the intellect as well as fingers. The very few present were orderly, those who had been injurious to the school, absenting themselves.

Corner District, Summer Term,—Mrs. C. B. M. Wood, Teacher. This was an orderly school, instruction thorough; most of the classes acquitted themselves well.

Winter Term, Miss E. R. Elder, Teacher. Miss E. taught a first-class school giving entire satisfaction.

High School, Spring Term,—Mr. F. A. Robinson, Teacher. Whole No. attending, Thirty-five, average attendance Twenty-nine; Branches taught, Philosophy, Geometry, Algebra, Astronomy, Latin and French, together with the common branches; good proficiency was made in all the above named branches, under the faithful instruction of Mr. R. Fall Term was put in charge of Mr. W. A. Allen, who managed the school with skill and prudence, gaining the respect and confidence of his pupils by adapting himself to the requirements of the school. The examination proved satisfactory, being witnessed by many patrons and friends of the school. The whole No. attending, was forty-three; average attendance, thirty-three. The same branches were pursued as in the Spring term, all the classes acquitting themselves well.
High School in No. 7,—A. W. Lufkin, Teacher. Whole No. attending, Thirty-six; average No. Thirty. One class in Latin together with the common branches were pursued in this school. The expenses of this school were defrayed by subscription, amounting to $186. The examination which I had the privilege of witnessing, was interesting, and portrayed a knowledge of the branches pursued. This was a quiet and pleasant term, and its patrons felt repaid for the exertion made.

Our Schools for the past year, have proved successful generally, the order maintained, being a great improvement upon former years; no troubles of a serious nature have occurred. Most of the teachers employed have been those of experience, and those of small experience have proved themselves equal to the task. A great hinderance to the highest good of our schools, is the irregular attendance, but I deem it useless to reiterate this fact, some more stringent measures must be taken; our schools are of too much importance to be held in so low esteem as they are by many scholars and some parents. I am of the opinion that it is our duty as citizens, to enforce the compulsory act, and thereby secure the attendance of our youth at the public schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. BOLTON, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.