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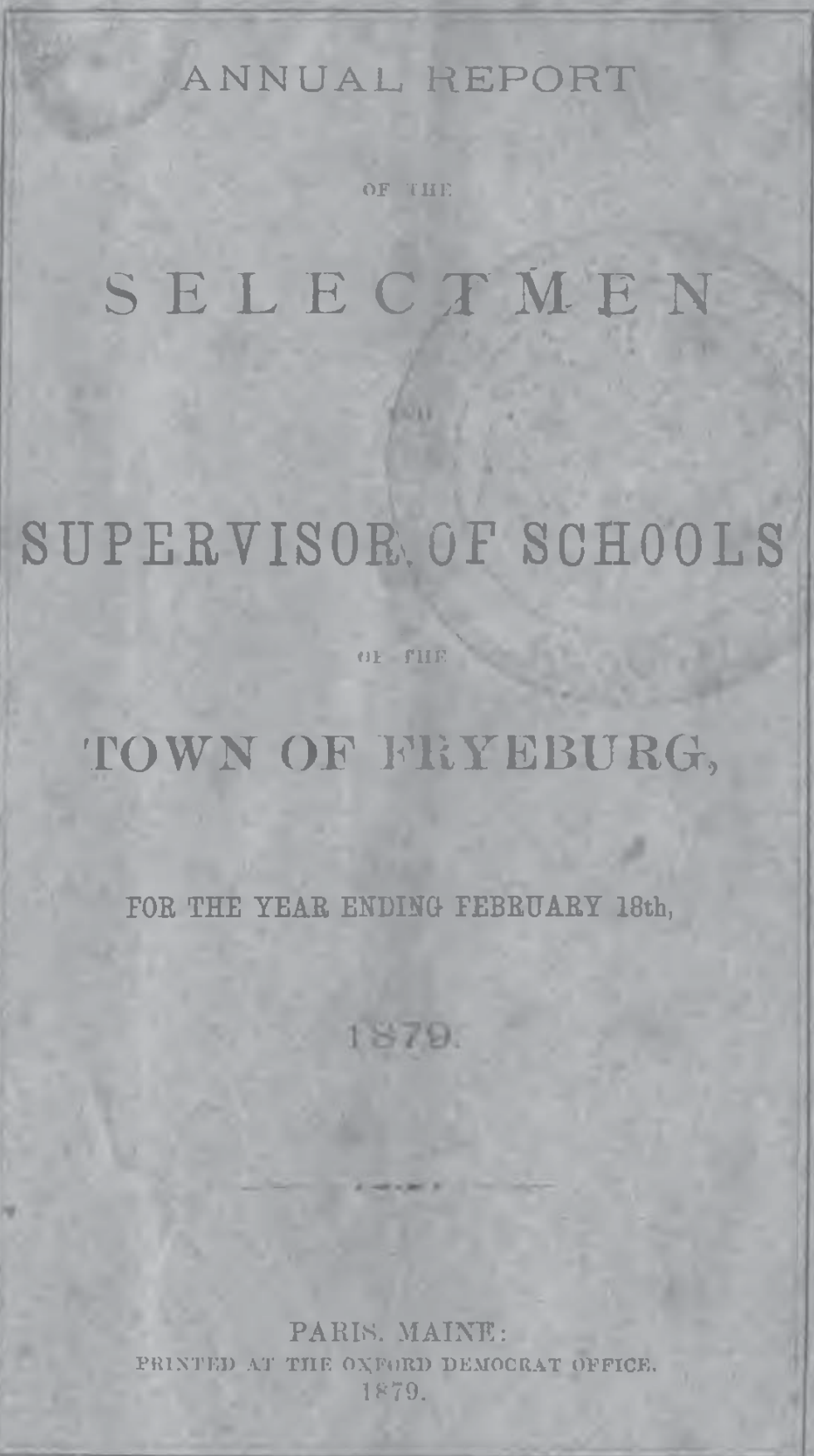
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FRYEBURG:

We herewith submit our annual report of the receipts and expenditures of your money, including an itemized list of general orders drawn the past year, ending February 18th, 1879.

The total amount of the taxable property, as shown by the valuation book for 1878, is:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Real Estate, | \$523, 380 00 |
| Personal Estate, | 134,219 00 |
| Total, | —————\$657,599 00 |

Whole No. Polls, 422. Rate per cent., 1.32 of \$100.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| State Tax, | \$2,685 42 |
| County Tax, | 888 26 |
| For support of Schools, | 1,300 00 |
| Current expenses of Town, | 1,750 00 |
| Payment of interest on P. & O. R. R. | |
| Bonds and sinking fund, | 2,550 00 |
| Repairs of town ways and bridges, | 350 00 |
| Fractional Overlay, | 422 34 |
| Total, | —————\$9,946 02 |
| Supplementary tax, | 9 30 |

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Amount raised by vote of town, | \$1,205 00 |
| Interest on School Fund, | 95 00 |
| Savings Bank tax and State school fund, | 276 92 |
| Mill Tax, from State, | 520 33 |
| Total, | —————\$2,097 25 |

Whole number of Scholars, 501.

47972

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Account with the several School Districts:

| No. | Number of District. | Number of Scholars. | Appropriated 1878. | Balance Unexp'ded 1877. | Amount Undrawn. |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | | 104 | \$350 00 | \$41 81 | \$201 56 |
| 2. | | 41 | 143 10 | 32 15 | 5 50 |
| 3. | | 6 | 54 94 | 3 62 | 3 56 |
| 4. | | 10 | 75 00 | 2 28 | 13 78 |
| 5. | | 6 | 52 00 | 4 25 | 56 25 |
| 6. | | 36 | 150 00 | 11 05 | 69 27 |
| 7. | | 12 | 67 00 | 6 21 | 6 21 |
| 8. | | 38 | 150 00 | 9 95 | 91 70 |
| 9. | | 20 | 90 80 | | |
| 10. | | 49 | 170 00 | ov'r 2 00 d'n | 94 30 |
| 11. | | 37 | 150 00 | | 38 43 |
| 12. | | 17 | 80 00 | 07 | 77 07 |
| 13. | | 34 | 140 00 | 13 83 | 10 33 |
| 14. | | 20 | 90 80 | | |
| 15. | | 40 | 155 00 | 33 | 10 63 |
| 16. | | 5 | 55 00 | 6 61 | 61 61 |
| 17. | | 17 | 85 00 | | 80 14 |
| Fryeburg & Denmark | | 7 | | | |
| | | 9 | 38 61 | | 4 46 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
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| Town voted to repair roads and bridges, | |
| to be expended in labor, | \$2,500 00 |
| In money by the Selectmen, | 350 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Expended in No. 1, for plank and stone work, | \$54 00 |
| “ “ 8 & 10 plank for bridges, | 38 50 |
| “ “ 17 on road near Wm. Holt's, | 51 00 |
| “ “ 15 on Hastings bridge, | 40 68 |
| “ “ 9 stone work for culvert, | 16 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$200 18 |

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Inmates of poor house:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Lavina Stevens, | 52 weeks. | Susan Smart, | 52 weeks. |
| Daniel Sargent, | 52 “ | Betsy Lovis, | 31 “ |
| Fred. B. Johnson, | 52 “ | Total, | 239 weeks. |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Salary of Master, Jacob P. Cole, | \$275 00 |
| Additional labor, | 62 23 |
| Supplies, | 333 43 |
| Loss on stock, | 175 00 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$845 66 |

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RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| By Milk, | \$12 63 | |
| Cheese, | 11 40 | |
| Butter, | 13 86 | |
| Poplar Bolts, | 12 00 | |
| Eggs, | 7 02 | |
| Hide and Beef, | 19 92 | |
| Potatoes, | 22 83 | |
| Miscellaneous, | 17 95 | |
| Work off the farm, | 25 00 | |
| By Bacon, | 3 88 | |
| Cattle sold, | 288 00 | |
| Total, | | \$434 49 |

Cost per week of each pauper, \$1.72.

Schedule of property on town farm:

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 2 Oxen, | \$135 00 | 5 tons English Hay, | \$60 00 |
| 2 4 year olds, | 100 00 | 12 " meadow " | 84 00 |
| 3 Cows, | 90 00 | 1 1-2 " Corn-fodder, | 8 00 |
| 1 3 year old, | 25 00 | 1 1-2 " Straw, | 8 00 |
| 2 2 year olds, | 32 00 | 40 bus. Corn, | 30 00 |
| 2 1 year olds, | 18 00 | 10 " Oats, | 4 00 |
| 2 Swine, | 20 00 | 2 " Beans, | 4 00 |
| 14 Hens, | 7 00 | 4 " Buckwheat, | 4 00 |
| 3 Turkeys, | 2 00 | 60 " Potatoes, | 45 00 |
| | | 50 lbs. Lard, | 6 00 |
| Total, | \$429 00 | 25 " Butter, | 5 00 |
| | | 350 " Pork, | 35 00 |
| | | 65 " Bacon, | 6 50 |
| | | 75 " Beef, | 7 50 |
| | | 50 " Cheese, | 5 00 |
| | | 100 " Flour, | 4 00 |
| | | 50 " Dried Apples, | 4 00 |
| | | | \$320 00 |

Household furniture and farming tools about the same as last year.

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Supplies furnished away from farm :

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Mrs. Chandler, for one year, | \$104 00 | |
| James Ela, house rent, | 36 00 | |
| Keeping tramps, | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. McCormicks, | 41 66 | |
| Medical attendance, | 25 00 | |
| Total, | | \$211 66 |

Orders drawn for the past year:

| | | |
|---|--|---------|
| March 8, 1878, Walker & Bell, for support of Mrs. Chandler, to March 4, 1878, | | \$60 00 |
| “ 8, T. S. McIntire, for services as town Clerk and Constable for 1877, | | 22 44 |
| “ 11, Wm. F. Ward, for rent of Selectmen's office, | | 16 00 |
| “ 14, N. O. McIntire, for services as Supervisor of Schools, 1877, bal., | | 45 00 |
| “ 16, J. P. Cole, money paid for supplies for poor farm, 1877, | | 56 27 |
| “ 16, E. P. Weston & Co., supplies furnished poor farm, | | 8 46 |
| “ 18, S. C. Hobbs, for recording valuation and tax for 1877, | | 12 00 |
| “ 18, Geo. H. Walker, abatements as Collector, '76, | | 55 70 |
| “ 30, S. C. Hobbs, money paid City of Portland for B. Richardson, | | 7 85 |
| April 9, John Locke, for services as Treasurer, for '77, | | 35 00 |
| “ 13, Caleb Frye, for stone for bridge near J. W. Stevens' | | 6 52 |
| “ 26, Henry Andrews, for wood furnished J. K. Hunt, | | 3 00 |
| “ 26, John Weston, for planking bridge, &c., | | 73 00 |
| “ 30, Foxwell C. Evans, for work on road in 1877, | | 9 25 |
| May 2, D. Lowell Lampson, printing 400 town reports, | | 30 00 |
| “ 6, Appleton Knight, abatement on tax, '76-77, | | 1 41 |
| “ 16, Thomas J. Bragdon, for work on poor farm buildings, | | 12 00 |
| “ 23, John Bachelder, abatement of highway tax, returned by mistake, | | 8 44 |
| “ 29, J. P. Cole, for services as Master of poor farm for 1877, bal., | | 150 00 |

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|--|--|--------|
| June 4, | J. C. Harriman, for work on road in 1877, | 2 50 |
| “ 14, | J. Heath, “ “ “ | 4 37 |
| “ 15, | Charles Chandler, supplies furnished poor farm, 1876-7, | 3 07 |
| “ 20, | George H. Walker, abatement of R. Tonge's tax, 1876. | 6 22 |
| “ 2, | Jos. W. Barker, work on road in fall of '77, | |
| The above were drawn on Collector of 1877, and are a part of that year's operations. | | |
| July 17, | T. S. McIntire, for trip to Portland after B. Lovis, | 4 00 |
| “ 20, | S. C. Hobbs, money paid for B. Lovis, \$6 and for books, \$1.50, | 7 50 |
| Aug. 8, | Jonathan Hardy, for work on stone in District No. 8, | 16 00 |
| “ 24, | John Locke, for supplies furnished poor farm, | 80 91 |
| “ 27, | Frank Locke, for plank for bridges, | 38 50 |
| Sept. 3, | T. S. Pike, for going after B. Richardson, to Brownfield and Denmark, | 3 50 |
| “ 26, | J. P. Cole, for salary as Master of poor farm in part for 1878, | 125 00 |
| “ 30, | S. C. Hobbs, for recording valuation and tax for 1878, | 12 00 |
| Oct. 14, | T. S. Pike, for work on road in No. 17, and money paid, | 51 00 |
| “ 18, | Asa Charles, for work on poor farm, haying, | 6 50 |
| “ 19, | Walker & Bell, for supplies furnished Mrs. Chandler, to Oct. 14, 1878, | 64 00 |
| “ 26, | Frank C. Haley, for money paid Marston for 75 feet plank, | 70 |
| “ 28, | George H. Walker for 5 hundred hay furnished poor farm, | 4 00 |
| “ 29, | John Weston, for paid R. G. Harriman for stone work, | 24 00 |
| | Same, for 3 thousand plank, | 30 00 |
| “ 30, | E. P. Weston & Co., for supplies furnished poor farm, | 21 88 |

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|----------------|--|------------|
| Oct 31, | E. C. Farrington, for services as Moderator for 1877-8, | 4 00 |
| Nov. 1, | Orrin Edgecomb, for work on poor farm in '78, | 4 33 |
| " 20, | George F. Snow, for abatement of tax in '74, | 3 00 |
| " 20, | Philbrick A. Bradley, for 5 per cent. discount on collections, | 251 31 |
| Dec. 7, | S. C. Hobbs, money paid town of Standish for H. Eastman, &c., | 15 00 |
| " 30, | C. H. Tibbetts, for pasturing cattle, &c., for poor farm, | 38 00 |
| Jan. 15, 1879, | Seth A. Page, supplies furnished poor farm, | 8 35 |
| Feb. 3, | George W. Thompson, work on H. bridge and plank, | 32 68 |
| " 3, | Charles W. Waterhouse, work on H. bridge and stringers, | 8 00 |
| " 11, | Wm. C. Towle, for medical attendance on paupers, in full to date, | 25 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,512 66 |
| Highway, | \$116 88 | |
| General, | 1,512 66 | |
| Total, | <hr/> | \$1,629 54 |

Orders drawn the past year for overwork on highway, in winter of 1876-7, and fall of 1877:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| March 8, 1878, | Carlton H. Walker, | Dist. No. 2, | \$64 94 |
| " 18, | J. Elmore Emerson, | " " 18, | 11 00 |
| " 30, | Isaac Davis, | " " 16, | 5 50 |
| April 19, | James E. Osgood, | " " 2, | 13 00 |
| " 27, | Millard C. Powers, | " " 3, | 8 04 |
| May 6, | Appleton Knight, | " " 12, | 75 |
| " 18, | H. K. Hobbs, | " " 13, | 2 00 |
| June 4, | Abial F. Smith, | " " 5, | 3 75 |
| July 20, | B. F. Buzzell, | " " 13, | 3 00 |
| Sept. 21, | Fremont Whitcomb, | " " 2, | 75 |
| Oct. 26, | N. W. Bennett, | " " 14, | 1 15 |
| Nov. 27, | Oliver F. Emery, | " " 14, | 3 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$116 88 |

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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ETC.

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| S. C. Hobbs, | \$75 00 |
| Wyman H. Jones, | 65 00 |
| Thomas S. Pike, | 60 00 |

CLERK AND CONSTABLE.

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Thomas S. McIntire, | 13 90 |
|---------------------|-------|

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| George C. Andrews, | 80 34 |
|--------------------|-------|

TREASURER.

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| John Locke, | 35 00 |
|-------------|-------|

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance from last year, | \$587 65 | |
| John Bachelder, Collector, | 135 00 | |
| Geo. H. Walker, do., | 678 41 | |
| A. O. Pike, do., | 2,843 65 | |
| P. A. Bradley, do., | 2,314 03 | |
| S. C. Hobbs, for Steers, | 90 00 | |
| Licences, | 20 00 | |
| Resident and Non-Resident Taxes, | 196 43 | |
| John Weston, for Oxen, | 105 10 | |
| Nutter & Shirley, Oak Bolts, | 115 50 | |
| Total | | \$7,085 77 |
| Received in Orders, A. O. Pike, | | \$915 01 |
| " " P. A. Bradley, | | 437 75 |

PAYMENTS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Advertising Non-Resident Taxes, | \$9 00 | |
| State Pension, | 48 00 | |
| E. Weeks, Note, | 582 66 | |
| J. Charles, Notes, | 410 00 | |
| First National Bank, | 200 00 | |
| Orders, | 3,249 29 | |
| Coupons, | 1,961 20 | |
| Total, | | \$6,460 15 |

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ACCOUNT AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance Jan'y 1st, 1878, | \$68 29 | |
| Deposit, | 200 00 | |
| Total, | _____ | \$268 29 |
| Paid Coupons, July, | \$48 00 | |
| " November, | 126 00 | |
| Total, | _____ | \$174 00 |

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Collector, 1875, | \$199 81 | |
| " 1876, | 1,497 07 | |
| " 1877, | 2,316 03 | |
| " 1878, | 4,062 26 | |
| Resident tax deeds, | 375 28 | |
| Non-resident tax deeds, | 123 15 | |
| Deposits, 1st N. Bank, Portland, | 94 29 | |
| Due from State Treasurer, | 132 00 | |
| H. B. Walker, | 20 00 | |
| Town of Brownfield, | 70 24 | |
| Balance in treasury, | 625 62 | |
| Total, | _____ | \$9,515 75 |

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Orders drawn, | \$240 54 | |
| Due school districts, over and above am't due from State, | 98 10 | |
| Collections and abatements, estimated, | 350 00 | |
| Due Master of poor farm, | 150 00 | |
| Interest, July coupons, | 600 00 | |
| A. Hill's Note, | 1,590 00 | |
| Coupons, | 120 00 | |
| Town officers' bills, | 329 24 | |
| Total, | _____ | \$3,477 88 |
| P. & O. R. R. Bonds, | | 27,700 00 |

JOHN LOCKE, Treasurer.

Fryeburg, February 18, 1879.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF

| Number of District. | Agent. | Teacher. | Term. | Weekly Wages. | Length in Days. | Average Attendance. |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| No. 1. | John Weston | Ida M. Baker | Summer | \$10 00 | 50 | 40 |
| | | Emily Farrington | Fall | 6 50 | 49 | 41 |
| 2. | Thomas Shirley | same | Winter | 6 50 | In session | 20 |
| | | Mrs. Dan'l Carleton | Summer | 7 00 | | |
| | | same | Fall | 7 00 | 60 | 14 |
| 3. | Noah Pendexter | Eliza G. Knight | Summer | 4 00 | 50 | 5 |
| 4. | Ivory Snow | Hallie G. Stearns | Summer | 2 50 | 39 | 5 |
| | | Nina W. Snow | Winter | 3 00 | 77 | 6 |
| 5. | Carleton Walker | Adelia S. Walker | Summer | 2 50 | 63 | 6 |
| 6. | B.C. Chadbourne | Eliza G. Knight | Summer | 4 00 | 40 | 21 |
| | | same | Fall | 4 10 | 38 | 17 |
| | | same | Winter | 5 00 | 37 | |
| 7. | N. O. McIntire | Mary E. Glines | Summer | 3 00 | 45 | 9 |
| | | Mary E. Warren | Fall | 4 00 | 55 | 9 |
| 8. | Paul Perkins | Mrs. Paul Perkins | Summer | 3 50 | 55 | 10 |
| | | same | Fall | 4 00 | 11 | 7 |
| 9. | Asa Charles | Orlando W. Charles | Summer | 4 00 | 40 | 17 |
| | | same | Fall | 4 00 | 50 | 20 |
| 10. | Benjamin Wiley | Elizabeth Chandler | Summer | 5 00 | 50 | 39 |
| | | same | Winter | 6 00 | In session | 19 |
| 11. | Charles Gordon | Mary R. Flint | Summer | 4 00 | | |
| | | James H. Walker | Winter | 5 00 | In session | |
| 12. | G. J. Smart | Cora Plummer | Winter | 3 75 | In session | |
| 13. | James M. Gordon | Hulda Hobbs | Summer | 4 00 | 49 | 15 |
| | | Fred. W. Powers | Winter | 5 75 | 90 | 16 |
| 14. | Towle Peary | Ellen M. Peary | Fall | 4 50 | 90 | |
| 15. | Norman Charles | Myra Bennett | Summer | 4 40 | 54 | 25 |
| 16. | Elden Smart | Orlando W. Charles | Winter | 6 00 | 55 | 32 |
| | | Carrie Dresser | Winter | 3 00 | In session | |
| 17. | William Bennett | Mrs. Thos. Pike | Summer | 3 50 | 32 | 8 |
| | | Chas. H. Quincy | Fall | 4 00 | 24 | 5 |

SCHOOLS IN FRYEBURG.

| Attendance on 1st visit. | Attendance on 2nd visit. | REMARKS. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 42 | 31 | Not perfect order; fair progress generally; not thorough in Arithmetic. |
| 40 | 38 | Order better; the school shows thoroughness of drill and has made good progress. |
| 40 | 43 | Better advancement this term than in the preceding one. |
| 20 | 20 | Has suffered from irregular attendance; teacher overanxious, and helped perhaps too much; the school made fair progress. |
| 12 | 15 | Has made probably as much progress as circumstances cited above would allow. |
| 5 | 5 | It will not mar Miss Knight's reputation as a successful teacher to say that she succeeds best in a large school. This school is backward and has made fair progress. |
| 7 | 7 | Poor government and poor instruction; went over some ground but was not thorough. |
| 7 | | Closed before time on account of sickness; If she were not Agent's daughter think it might have been successful. |
| 7 | 7 | Very thorough in every branch; excellent progress. |
| 23 | 19 | Each term has been a success; there has been order sufficient so that the school has not been interrupted, and scholars have made good progress in all their studies. |
| 24 | 20 | |
| 24 | 25 | |
| 9 | 10 | Not a very profitable term; scholars made but little progress. |
| 10 | 9 | Generally good progress; not good order and small improvement in reading; Teacher slightly deaf. |
| 7 | 8 | Small scholars; order poor; no grammar; just beginning geography; of little value to district. |
| 9 | | Spent whole day examining and investigating, and deemed it best to dismiss the Teacher. |
| 16 | 16 | Mr. Charles has been faithful in this school; order has been fairly maintained, and good progress made in studies. |
| 21 | 20 | |
| 36 | 32 | Summer school well advanced and excellent progress; Winter school only half through when visited, but believe it will equal the Summer term; excellent order. |
| 25 | 22 | |
| 27 | | Uncalled for prejudice against Teacher injured school; good Teacher; fair progress. |
| 22 | 27 | Last visit near middle of term; excellent order; promise of excellent progress. |
| 6 | 8 | Last visit near middle of term; small school; will make good progress. |
| 14 | 15 | Did not go over much ground, but were thorough. |
| 16 | 16 | Has been very profitable; scholars have made good progress. |
| 19 | 18 | Too long school for backward scholars; longer vacations would give better success. |
| 28 | 21 | Irregular attendance and an irregular course of study have hindered the teacher in her efforts for advancement; notwithstanding this good progress has been made. |
| 29 | 12 | Better attendance; fair order; good progress. |
| 3 | 3 | One in class; nothing to arouse ambition; will make fair progress. |
| 9 | 9 | Small school; well advanced; fair progress. |
| 5 | | Closed early, on account of sickness and death; good progress. |

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.



In presenting this, my report of the schools in Fryeburg for the year ending Feb'y 20, 1879, I wish, first, to express my gratitude, under God, to the citizens of the town, who have so cheerfully aided me, and so kindly borne with me, in performing the duties of Supervisor of Schools. That mistakes have been made, none will be so foolish as to deny; but according to my ability and judgment, I have executed the duties of the office impartially.

The schools generally have suffered during the winter session on account of the epidemic cold which has prevailed so extensively. Death, too has not been a stranger, having entered and borne away two scholars in district No. 17 who attended the summer school, viz: Nettie and Clara Seavey, daughters of Benj. Seavey.

In presenting the statistical summary of the schools I have departed from the custom of my predecessors, for the following reasons. In the first place by naming a half-dozen teachers as being specially qualified to instruct and govern the youth, others, who had worked perhaps just as faithfully, but under unfavorable circumstances, had a chance to feel that their efforts were not appreciated. In the second place, by this method no one could judge fairly of the fitness of teacher and school, and the progress that the schools had made.

In giving the summary in its present form, I have aimed at stating impartially the results of the year, using carefully the opportunities that my visits have furnished for his purpose.

I am not egotistical enough to say that the schools are now in their most prosperous condition, but I have endeavored to make some improvement on the past, chiefly in obtaining

UNIFORMITY OF TEXT-BOOKS.

When I entered upon my duties, I consulted the town records and found no standard text-book according to law; no record of adoption having been entered within five years. The best progress of any school must be hindered through the lack of uniformity that must exist under such circumstances. Consulting the best school authority in the town of Fryeburg, I deemed it best to adopt Monroe's series of Readers, in lieu of the two or three kinds that were used.

Warren's series of Geographies having been practically introduced at retail prices, I procured from the publishers, introduction rates, and adopted this, removing by this action what Guyot's, Our World, &c., series there were in the schools.

I have thought it best also to adopt by gradual introduction, Greene's series of Grammars.

The following is a copy of the certificate of adoption in each case, as entered upon the town records:

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION.

This certifies, that the following text-books are hereby adopted, according to the laws of the State of Maine, as the standard text-books for Reading, Geography and Writing, in the town of Fryeburg, County of Oxford, State of Maine:

Lewis B. Monroe's series of Readers.

D. M. Warren's series of Geographies.

Payson, Dunton and Scribner's series of Copy-Books.

GEORGE C. ANDREWS, Supervisor of Schools.

Fryeburg, Sept. 5, 1878.

FRYEBURG, Jan'y 23, 1879.

This certifies, that Prof. S. S. Greene's series of Grammars is hereby adopted according to the laws of the State of Maine, as the standard text-book on Grammar, in the town of Fryeburg, County of Oxford, State of Maine. The books are to be introduced by gradual introduction, to accomplish which the publishers, Mess. Cowperthwait & Co., in the following certificate, have agreed to furnish them at introduction rates until the introduction is completed.

GEO. C. ANDREWS, Supervisor of Schools.

BOSTON, Jan'y 20, 1879.

I have agreed with Rev. Geo. C. Andrews, supervisor, to supply Greene's Grammars for introduction into the schools of the town of Fryeburg, Maine, at introduction rates, until such introduction shall have been completed.

E. C. McCLINTOCK,
Agent Cowperthwait & Co.

The Arithmetics I have not disturbed, as I did not believe the town to be prepared to act, either in discarding or adopting for five years either book in use in the schools. In this connection, I wish to say a word

TO THE PARENTS.

You have been subjected to some expense the past year on account of the change of school-books. Cheerfully have you borne this and I take this method of informing you that, except as your children advance in the series, there will be no necessity for you to change, unless it be in Arithmetic, for nearly five years. If the school laws, relating to school-books, remain as they now are, no one has any right to introduce any new series of Readers, Geographies, or Grammars, during that time. Allow me, while addressing you, to say a word in relation to your interests in the schools. You have more interest in them than the Supervisor can possibly have, and yet I find, on examining the registers, that generally speaking, the Supervisor in each term has made more visits (and he has made but two as a rule) than all the parents in the district. This ought not so to be. Visit the school in your district as often as circumstances will allow, at the least as often as the committee are required to do so.

SCHOOL - HOUSES.

Our school-houses with a single exception, remain in the same condition that they were at the beginning of the year. At the Harbour, District No. 15, the school-house has been entirely reconstructed at an expense of only \$400, so that they now have, without any exception, the best finished and most convenient school building in the town of Fryeburg. If District No. 12, (Fish St.) remains an independent district, something will have to be done ere long, to their school-house to make it comfortable for

the school; but as this district is small and the children would be well accommodated as to distance, and much greater advantage in the matter of schooling would accrue to them and also to districts No. 10, 11 and 15 if this district were abandoned, I would recommend its abandonment, and the attaching that portion of the district lying between the school-house and district No. 10, to No. 10, that between the school-house and No. 11, to No. 11, the remainder to No. 15.

A REGULAR PRESCRIBED COURSE OF STUDY

will greatly add to the usefulness of the schools. It is practicable in ungraded schools, and it will stimulate the scholars by their desire to advance each term; it will aid the teachers by materially reducing the number of classes, and will produce thoroughness as could be produced in no other way.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

It seems to me that the time has come when a town with the reputation for intelligence that Fryeburg possesses, should take measures to hold that reputation; and one important measure is a graded school at the Village. There are enough scholars in districts No. 1 and 2, (146 according to the Census of last April), to have a large Primary and Grammar school; and, as the districts are now divided, some change must be made, because the school-room in No. 1, will not properly accommodate those that desire to attend school there; it seems to me it will be the opportune time to bring about this greatly needed reform. Then should the Trustees of the Academy feel disposed to turn over their property to the town for a Free High School,—the State paying one-half of the expenses of the school, provided said expenses do not exceed \$1000,—the town would have a graded school that she well might be proud of. The Academy building at little expense could be arranged to accommodate the three schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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