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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state treasurer	\$712 00	
county treasurer	974 54	
· ·	\$1,686 5	54
SCHOOL MONEY, LITERARY FUND,	AND DOG TAX	Σ.
Paid District No. 1, to Charles Chase	\$62 66	
2, to E. M. Leavitt	68 15	
3, to Alfred D. Emery	193 08	
4, to Charles C. Grant	84 51	
5, to William H. Whidden.	89 62	
6, to Roscoe J. Hook	77 98	
7, to James C. Crombie	103 71	
8, to Andrew F. Fox	88 33	
3, in Candia	80	
	\$768 8	34
	4,100	-
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PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND B		-
		-
Paid John B. Clarke, for printing reports for		-
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COLLECTOR'S, SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S. AND TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

TEE'S, AND TOWN CLERK'S SEE	RVICES.		
Paid Alfred T. Wood for 1874	\$12 00		
Henry Dockham in full for 1877	100 25		
Frank B. Coult for services and ex-	100 40		
penses as superintending school			
committee	35 60		
Simon G. Prescott, town clerk	19 97		
Simon G. Prescott, town cierk	15 51	\$167	82
		W 201	-
SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.			
Paid Mary E. Ball, for boarding Albert Ste-			
vens, from March 2, 1878, to March			
1, 1879	\$78 00		
Paul Burke, for boarding Joseph Derby			
two weeks	6 00		
M. Gilbert, for boarding Ellen Kimball			
five and three-sevenths weeks	12 39		
Amos W. Brown, for supplies and lodg-			
ings furnished seventeen transient			
persons, from March 1 to May 30,			
1878	12 75		
Shubael Pease, for boarding Mrs. Wil-	10		
liam Rand, from Feb. 27 to May 27,			
1878	20 60		
James R. Preston, for care of Moses O.	20 00		
Emery while sick	5 00		
William H. Whidden, for boarding and	0 00		
care of Moses O. Emery while sick	5 50		
	0 00		
Mehitable Wilson, for boarding Mrs.			
William Rand, thirteen weeks to	21 06		
August 27, 1878	21 00		
F. L. Wallace & Co., for coffin and robe	10 00		
for Lewis Latouch	10 00		
J. E. Pratt, for medical attendance on	4 50		
Lewis Latouch	4 90		
J. E. Pratt, for medical attendance on	14 00		
Frederick Piper	14 00		
J. E. Pratt, for medical attendance on			
the family of Samuel Rand from	4.50		
August 20 to Sept. 14, 1878	4 50		

J. E. Pratt, for medical attendance on			
the family of Samuel Rand from			
Jan. 9 to March 12, 1878	28.86		
J. E. Pratt, for medical attendance on			
Mitchel Latouch	17.70		
Enoch Watson, for furnishing wood for			
Lucretia Donovan, from April I.			
1878, to April 1, 1879	30 00		
Prescott & Clarke, for supplies furnished			
Lewis Latouch in April, 1878	4 (ii)		
Mrs. James Rogers, for boarding Mrs.	7		
William Rand, from August 27 to			
Nov. 26, 1878	21 06		
Marvin R. Proctor, for digging graves			
and attending funerals of Lewis			
Latouch and Lizzie Latouch	6 00		
Henry Dockham, for clothing and pro-			
visions furnished George Wood,			
from Feb. 23 to July 25, 1878	84 6×		
James F. Brown, for medical services			
rendered Moses (). Emery	8 (00		
J. E. Pratt, for medical services ren-			
dered Eliza Sargent	15 50		
F. L. Wallace & Co., for coffin for Liz-			
zie Latouch	7 (11)		
Prescott & Clarke, for groceries fur-			
nished Eliza Sargent	13.35		
Prescott & Clarke, for groceries fur-			
nished the family of Lewis Latouch	2 ()()		
William G. Brown, for supplies fur-	_		
nished six transient persons	4.50		
1		\$381	69

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

P aid John Leavitt	\$0	75
Charles W. Calef	19	68
Leroy McDuffee	23	06
Daniel II. Webster	4	65
Horatio G. Smith	29	(10)

A. C. Wallace	25 85		
O. E. Prescott	17 71		
Thomas J. Crombie	15 60		
Samuel Neal	44 37		
Abraham Hook	1 30		
Patrick Bannan	10 41		
Andrew F. Fox	19 20		
A. R. Glidden	7 87		
Asa B. Heselton	48 99		
John C. Morrill	18 21		
Charles Spofford	1 63		
Harrison Preston	53 75		*
John P. Griffin	3 00		
Hazen Sanborn	9 00		
Fletcher Brown	1 00		
Dennis Donovan	5 00		
George P. Clarke	3 20		
		\$364	13

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

Paid	John Leavitt, 1876	\$3	90
	John Leavitt, 1877	2	50
	John Leavitt, 1878	3	75
	Leroy McDuffee	1	05
	Charles W. Calef	5	40
	Thomas J. Crombie	1	95
	Henry Dockham	4	75
	David P. Brickett	11	22
	R. J. Hook	4	00
	A. F. Fox	1	95
	Wm. M. Neal, 1877	4	20
	E. M. Leavitt:	1	35
	Charles Spofford	2	90
	Frank D. Emery	3	90
	Irving F. Grant	2	70
	John P. Griffin	2	00
	James C. Crombie	4	05
	Wm. Hall	3	00
	George P. Clarke	1	50
	George 1. Ominor		

\$66 07

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAT TAXES	WORKED C	01.
Paid Leroy McDuffee, No. 4	\$34 95	
William A. Pingrey, No. 12	10 61	
Charles W. Calef, No. 1	2 27	
Daniel H. Webster, No. 14	8 75	
Horatio G. Smith, No. 13	1 58	
O. E. Prescott, No. 8	4 13	
Samuel Neal, No. 9	18 01	
Henry Dockham, No. 11	3 16	
Harrison Preston, No. 7	13 63	
Frank D. Emery, No. 10	3 69	
Patrick Bannan, No. 3	35 67	
Asa B. Heselton, No. 5	3 68	
John C. Morrill, No. 2	2 45	
Henry Dockham, certificates of taxes		
worked by non-residents	24 61	
Frank T. Colman, certificate	1 46	
· .		168 65
ABATEMENT OF TAX	ES.	
Paid on Alfred T. Wood's list for 1873:		
Freeman M. Brown, unable to pay	\$7 55	
John G. Coult, wrong tax	2 50	
Samuel Rand, unable to pay	3 75	
Amos West, unable to pay	3 75	
Oliver Williams, gone from town	5 25	
Woodbury A. Brown, gone from town	2 50	
woodstily 11. Brown, gone from town.		\$25 30
Paid on Frank T. Colman's list for 1875:		
Eugene A. Hamblet, gone from town	\$1.79	
Jonas H. Harvey, gone from town	1 47	
Amos West	82	
Freeman M. Brown	3 23	
John Leavitt	12/31	
Oliver Williams	10 81	
Addison Seavey	11 31	
Paid on Hanny Dookhaw's list for 1070		\$41 74
Paid on Henry Dockham's list for 1876:	@1 90	
Eugene A. Hamblet, gone from town	\$1.80	
David L. Hunt, gone from town	1 S0	

Nathaniel Foster, gone from town Henry A. Foster, gone from town Perry B. Foster, gone from town Emerson A. Dunham, gone from town. Frank Davis, gone from town Samuel Rand Amos D. West.	1 80 1 80 80 6 30 1 80 3 80 1 80	\$21 70
Paid on Henry Dockham's list for 1877:		\$21 1U
Frank Davis, gone from town	\$3 24	
Cyrus P. Bryant, gone from town	1 75	
George A. Emery, gone from town	1 75	
Roselyn S. Hook, gone from town	1 75	
Isaac M. Andrews, gone from town	1 75	
David L. Hunt, gone from town	2 27	
Charles H. Gardner, gone from town	3 75	
Eugene A. Hamblet, gone from town	1 75	
Lewis Latouch, deceased	1 75 88	
Andrew J. Butterfield, wrong tax Samuel Rand	3 75	
Amos D. West	1 75	
Silas M. Heselton, horse lost	2 10	
George G. Griffin, cow lost	61	
,		\$28 85
		\$117 59
DEBT PAID.		
Feb. 18. Paid L. Louisa Hoyt, note and in-		
terest	\$1,585 06	
-		\$1,585 06
MISCELLANEOUS BILL	LS.	
Paid School Dis. No. 1, school-house tax	\$76 58	
School Dis. No. 3, " " "	20 00	
Dr. J. E. Pratt, return of twenty-four		
births and deaths	6 00	
Grace Wyman, return of three births	75	
Isaac B. Parmeter, for public watering-	0.50	
trough	2 50	

Wm. T. Pennock, damage to wagon	4 00	
Guide-board Committee, services and		
expenses	6 50	
Enoch Watson, damage to plow	3 10	
George S. Patten, damage to horse	$2 \ 25$	
Charles W. Calef, damage to sheep by		
dogs	7 00	
Enoch Watson, for bier for cemetery	3 77	
Marvin R. Proctor, for care of hearse-		
house, and repairing graveyard fence.	4 50	
Wells C. Underhill, for carrying reports		
to printer and distributing	3 50	
Edwin Plummer, for going after and		
distributing town reports	3 50	
George P. Clarke, use of hall	15 00	
		\$158 95
SELECTMEN'S EXPENS	es.	
WELLS C. UNDERHILL'S BII	.L.	
1878.		
April 2-8. To eash paid while taking in-		
voice	\$4 00	
Paid town clerk's and justice's fees		
in sundry pauper cases	2 - 25	
Oct. 22. car fare and expenses to		
Portsmouth	2 40	
Dec. 24. car fare and expenses to Con-		
cord	1 80	
1879.		
Feb. 18. car fare and expenses to Con-		
cord and Loudon	3 05	
bounty on fourteen hawks	2 80	
To use of horse, wagon, and sleigh,		
fifteen times during the year	10 50	
To thirty dinners and ten horse-		
baitings for selectmen	12/50	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$39 30
WILLIAM G. BROWN'S BILL		
To use of horse and wagon eleven		
times	89-25	

To eighteen dinners and six horse-			
baitings for selectmen and col-			
lector	7 50		
Paid bounty on fourteen hawks	2 80		
bounty on twelve foxes	6 00		
for help to dispose of nui-			
sance	1 00		
expenses to Concord and Lou-			
don	3 05	A 00	00
		\$29	60
EDWIN PLUMMER'S BILL.			
Paid for affidavit in pauper case	\$0.50		
To use of horse, wagon, and sleigh,			
twelve times	7 75		
Paid bounty on three foxes	1 50		
for legal advice	1 00		
for keeping three transient			
persons	1 50		
express on county commis-			
sioners' reports	30		
expenses at Manchester	30	0.10	^ ~
		\$12	85
		\$81	75
SELECTMEN'S SERVICE	S.		

WELLS C. UNDERHILL'S BILL.

1878.			
March 14.	To one-half day on town business.	\$0	75
April 1-20.	seven and one-half days taking		
	invoice · · · · · ·	11	25
23.	one day making and returning		
	enrollment, etc	1	50
24.	one day on town business	1	50
May 4.	five and one-half days pre-		
	paring invoice and making		
	taxes	8	25
May 13, 18.	one and one-half days making		
	school-house taxes in Nos.		
	1 and 3	2	25
23.	one day on town business	1	50

May 2	4, 25.	two days preparing for and helping to make collector's	0.00
June	8.	one-half day making and post-	3 00
July	3.	ing warrantsone-half day to Chester on pau-	75
		per business	75
Aug.	13.	one-half day on town business.	75
	14.	one-half day to Deer-neck	~ ~
	21.	bridge	75
	27.	one-half day on town business. two-thirds day to Chester on	75
	26.	pauper business	1 00
	28.	one-half day on town business.	75
Sept.	12.	one-half day on pauper busi-	10
Copie	-2.	ness	75
	14.	two days copying invoice for	
		county commissioners	3 00
Oct.	16.	one-half day to Manchester on	
		town business	75
17, 18,	19.	two and one-half days making	
		and posting check-lists and	
		warrants	3 75
	21.	one day procuring affidavits	
	05	in pauper cases	1 50
	22.	one day to Portsmouth to set-	
		tle with county commission-	1 50
Nov.	2.	one-half day on check-list	75
Dec.	14.	one day settling bills against	10
Dec.	LT.	town	1 50
	19.	one-half day revising jury-box	75
	24.	one day to Concord to settle	10
		with state treasurer	1.50
	28.	one-half day on pauper busi-	
		ness. etc	75
	31.	one day on hearse business	1 50
1879 Jan.	9. 11.	one devicettling bills against	
oan.	11.	one day settling bills against town	1 50
Feb.	1.	one day on hearse business	1 50
1000	15.	one day settling bills against	1 00
	10.	town	1 50
			2 00

Feb.	17.	one-half day on pauper busi-			
10	3.0	ness	'	75	
18,	, 19.	one and one-half days to Con-			
		cord and Loudon to pay note,	9	0.5	
		etc	2	25	
		five days making warrants, set-			
		tling with collectors, and			
		preparing accounts for the	-	50	
	90	press		50	
	28.	one day with auditors		50	\$70 00
		WILLIAM G. BROWN'S BILL.			
187	8.				
March	14.	To one-half day on town business	\$0	75	
April	10.	four and one-half days taking			
		invoice	6	75	
May	3.	five days making highway sur-			
		veyors' books and recording			
		the same	7	50	
May	7.	one day on town business	_	50	
May	11.	one day disposing of nuisance.	1	50	
May	24.	two days making collector's			
		book		00	
June	5.	one day on town business	1	50	
Sept.	6.	one day preparing for burial of			
		Lewis Latouch	1	50	
	10.	one-half day examining high-			
		way		75	
	28.	one day on town business	1	50	
Nov.	13.	one day with county commis-			
		sioners	1	50	
Dec.	14.	one day settling bills against			
		town		50	
	31.	one day on hearse business	1	50	
187					
Jan.	11.	one day settling bills against	,	~ ^	
		town	1	50	
Feb.	15.	one day settling bills against	,	=0	
	1.0	town	1	50	
	18.	one and one-half days to Con-	0	2-	
	22	cord and Loudon		25	
	20.	one day on town business	1	50	

Collectors	Feb.	26.	one and one-half days making warrants and settling with		
### EDWIN PLUMMER'S BILL. 1878.			9	2.25	
### EDWIN PLUMMER'S BILL. 1878. March 14. To one-half day on town business.		98			
BOWIN PLUMMER'S BILL.		۵.	one day with additions		\$41 25
1878. March 14. To one-half day on town business. \$0 75 April 6. four and one-half days taking invoice					
April 6. four and one-half days taking invoice	187	78.	EDWIN PLUMMER'S BILL.		
invoice	March	14.	To one-half day on town business.	\$0.75	
June 2. two days on town business	April	6.	four and one-half days taking		
June 2. two days on town business	•			6 75	
Sept. 10. one-half day examining road 75 Oct. 19. one-half day making check-lists and warrants	June	2.		3 00	
Sept. 10. one-half day examining road 75 Oct. 19. one-half day making check-lists and warrants	Aug.	14.	one-half day examining road	75	
Oct. 19. one-half day making check-lists and warrants		10.		75	
lists and warrants		19.			
town				75	
town	Dec.	14.	one day settling bills against		
19. one-half day revising jury-list 75 31. one-half day at Manchester 75 1879. Jan. 6. one-half day on town business 75 7. one-half day on town business 75 9. one day at Manchester on pauper business 1 50 11. one day settling bills against town 1 50 24. one-half day on pauper business 1 50 7. one day at Manchester 1 50 15. one day settling bills against town				1 50	
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9. one day at Manchester on pauper business		7.	•	75	
per business		9.	· ·		
11. one day settling bills against town			-	1 50	
town		11.			
24. one-half day on pauper business 75 Feb. 1. one day at Manchester				1 50	
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7. one day on pauper business 1 50 15. one day settling bills against town 1 50 22. one-half day on warrants and other business 75 26. one day settling with collectors 1 50 28. one day with auditors 1 50	Feb.	1.		1 50	
15. one day settling bills against town		7.		1 50	
town		15.			
22. one-half day on warrants and other business				1 50	
other business		22.			
28. one day with auditors 1 50			•	75	
28. one day with auditors 1 50		26.	one day settling with collectors	1 50	
		28.		1 50	
					\$29 25



TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
Paid state and county taxes \$1,686 54	
school money, literary fund, and dog tax 768 84	
printing, stationery, and blank-books 35 19	
collectors, superintending school com-	
mittee, and town clerk, services 167-82	
support of paupers 381 69	
improvements on highways and bridges 364 13	
breaking out highways 66 07	
non-resident highway taxes worked out 168 65	
abatement of taxes	
debt paid 1.585 06	
miscellaneous bills	
selectmen's expenses	
selectmen's services 140 50	
services and expenses of auditors and	
expenses of selectmen	
Balanee in treasury 395 77	
\$6,126 0.	5

Town of Auburn in acco	unt w	ith 1	Vells	C. Und	lerhill	Cr.
Balance in treasury March 1, 1	878			\$712	10	CR.
Received of Alfred T. Wood, co	llecto	r for	1873	25	30	
Alfred T. Wood,	44		1874	52	00	
Frank T. Colman,	L	44	1875	70	20	
Henry Dockham,	44	44	1876	218	70	
Henry Dockham,	44	.4	1877	736	85	
Henry Dockham,	66	64	1878	3,488	85	

county of Rockingham	231	30		
state treasurer, savings-bank tax.	481 -	41		
state treasurer, railroad tax	41	01		
state treasurer, literary fund	58	83		
state treasurer, bounty on five				
wild-cats	5	00		
Refunded by Samuel Rand	4	50		
		_	\$6,126	05

I hereby certify that the above account is correct.

WELLS C. UNDERHILL, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the above account is correct.

WELLS C. UNDERHILL, WILLIAM G. BROWN, EDWIN PLUMMER, Selectmen of Auburn.

STATEMENT.

The town of Auburn owes the following notes: —										
1877.	Principal.	Rate per cent.	Amount of principal and interest to Mar. 1, 1879.							
Nov. 1.	To Levi Bartlett\$2,000 00	$4\frac{1}{2}$	\$2,121 35							
17.	Parke M. Emery 300 00	5	319 42							
Dec. 1.	Andrew F. Fox 600 00	5	637 87							
28.	Carrie A. Copp 400 00	5	423 49							
1878.										
Jan. 2.	Carrie A. Copp 1,400 00	5	1,481 63							
ა .	Margaret A. Fox 550 00	5	581 82							
26.	Lydia Ann Dockham 1,000 00	5	1.055 77							
28.	Samuel F. Heath 500 00	5	527 - 25							
28.	James S. Heath 400 00	5	421 80							
28.	George E. Heath 245 00	5	258 - 36							
			\$7,828 76							
Due from	A. T. Wood, collector for 1873	\$24 70	,							
	A. T. Wood, " " 1874	83 00								
	Frank T. Colman, " " 1875	48 74								
	Henry Dockham, " " 1876	31 30								
	Henry Dockham, " " 1877	263 15								
	Henry Dockham, " " 1878	1,757 92								
Balance in	n the treasury	395 77								
	·		\$2,604 58							

WELLS C. UNDERHILL. WILLIAM G. BROWN. EDWIN PLUMMER.

Selectmen of Auburn.

AUBURN, February 28, 1879.

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly east, with proper vouchers for the several charges, and we recommend that the town allow the same.

ALFRED D, EMERY, JOHN C, MORRILL, KENDRICK EMERY,

Auditors.



SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Auburn: -

Although there is nothing that may seem very remarkable to report in regard to the schools, vet there are some things to which it seems desirable to call attention; and, also, some suggestions in regard to what needs to be done hereafter. When we consider what a benefit our public schools have been in the past, and may be in the future, it seems but reasonable that we do what we can to sustain and improve them. The school work has been done quietly and well in most cases; the teachers have, nearly all, been well qualified; the parents have, in most cases, sustained and encouraged the teachers; and the scholars have, generally, done well; still, there is great need of improvement in our schools, for the work has not all been done in the best manner, while, in some cases, the time was so limited that what was desirable could not be accomplished, and, even if our schools were in perfect condition now, they would not continue to be so during another year, unless all concerned perform their work perfectly. The parents can do a great deal for the improvement of our schools by requiring the scholars to be prompt and constant in their attendance. An inspection of the registers shows great need of improvement in this respect, for very few are perfect in attendance, and, in some cases, the absences are very frequent. Sometimes absences are unavoidable, but frequently some trivial circumstance keeps the scholar at home.

It may seem to be a matter of small consequence if a scholar is absent occasionally; but a great many in our schools lose one or two weeks in this way, the school costs the same as it would if all were present, and the teacher is put to inconvenience when the absentees return. same principles apply to cases of tardiness and dismissal. When we have so little school it seems desirable to make the most of it. Another way in which parents may benefit our schools, is by requiring scholars to yield prompt and cheerful obedience to all reasonable requirements of the teacher. If any one feels injured, it is better to speak to the teacher; very likely a good understanding of the teacher's motive may prove it to be right, but if the teacher still insists upon doing what seems wrong, it should be referred to the committee; the law requires him to decide such matters.

No doubt all will admit that the selection and employment of teachers is an important matter, often attended with inconvenience, and sometimes not giving satisfactory results. Now, it seems as if it would be much better, when we have a good teacher in a school, to keep her as long as she does well, which is as long as one ought to stay anywhere. So long as the present system is in force, it seems desirable to elect the best prudential committee possible in each district, with the understanding that the same teacher is desired, unless a better can be obtained. seems as if our schools might be benefited by having a town school-committee, composed of those best qualified for the work, whose duty it shall be to employ suitable teachers and visit the schools, their term of office to continue for a series of years, thereby securing greater stability in our school system; but whatever system, or want of system, we may have, nothing but good, honest, earnest work can make our schools what they ought to be, and this any teacher ought to be willing to perform. Every one who employs a teacher should be sure that she is mentally and morally qualified for the work, able to govern the school, and to interest the scholars in their studies; but however much a teacher may try to do for the good of the scholar, she labors under great disadvantages, and cannot secure the best results, unless the home influences are what they should be. This being so, it seems unreasonable to complain of the teacher's shortcomings unless the parent is willing to do what he can for his own children, for how can he expect one who teaches them one or two terms to take a deeper interest in their welfare than he does himself? Every good teacher will feel under obligations to do what she can for the improvement of the scholars, and not teach merely for the sake of the money, but the teacher's work cannot take the place of that which should be done at home.

The branches that are required by law are reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, and history. Though a comprehensive education is desirable, yet the time in school is so limited that it does not, in most cases, seem desirable to go beyond these. The following are the text-books recommended to those purchasing, unless otherwise directed by my successor:—

Reading-books, — Monroe's series. Spellers, — Worcester's Pronouncing, Cambridge Edition. Writing-books, — Payson, Dunton, & Scribner's. Arithmetics, — Robinson's Shorter Course. Geographies, — Warren's Common School and Primary. Illustrated Lessons in our Language, by Quackenbos.

In regard to illustrative apparatus it seems desirable that something more be done. All the schools but one have dictionaries, which can be used to great profit. One school has a globe, and two have good sets of outline maps. It does not seem as though it need to require any very great exertion to procure so much for each school, and more would be desirable.

During the year, the school-house in District No. 1 has

been repaired and furnished with new seats, which add a great deal to the comfort of the scholars as well as to the attractiveness of the school-room. Some other districts might well profit by this example.

It seems desirable that something be done in regard to the school money, either that more be raised, or some means be used to make what we have go further. In some districts this is accomplished by the old-fashioned method of boarding the teacher and giving the wood. This old fashion proves good in those districts where each is willing to do his part, and gives several weeks more of school, but in some of our school-districts the people seem unwilling to do either. Our school money has been less than usual during the past year, and seems likely to be still less the coming year, as the dog tax cannot be used, and something will be taken from the school money according to law to pay for the new state map for the use of the schools. one district there have been only nine weeks of school during the year, and about enough money left for three weeks more. There is a large school in the district, and this certainly gives but little opportunity for a good education. Now, cannot more school money be raised?

It is not desirable to make personal remarks, either in regard to those who have done good work, or those who have failed to accomplish all that we could desire. No doubt the purpose was in every case better than the results achieved. Perhaps as much has been accomplished as we could expect, though not all that we could desire.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

FRANK B. COULT,
Superintending School Committee.

AUBURN, March 1, 1879.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	Term.	Length of terms.	Length of school in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. not absent.	No. between five and fifteen not attending school.	Te	Prudential Commit		udential Committee.
1 {	Carrie V. Whitney	1 2	8	16	14 17	13 16	12 15	7		\$ 19.00 19.00	} 1		Charles Chase.
24	Ella F. Hanson	1	9	9	22	21	20	3	4	22.00	}2	2	E. M. Leavitt.
3 {	Emily Sanborn. Frank B. Coult. Frank B. Coult.	1 2 3	8 9 9	26	31 27 34	29 26 29	26 23 24	2	4 4 5	26.00 28.00 28.00	}3	3	Alfred D. Emery.
4 {	Mary R. Colby. Hattie F. Ring	1 2	12 11	23	17 22	16 21	16 19	6 9		18,40 18.40	} 4	Į	Charles C. Grant.
5	Lillian S. BarronLillian S. Barron	1 2	8 9	17	18 18	16 17	16 16	8	2	$20.00 \\ 20.00$	} =	5	William H. Whidden.
6 {	Kate E. Harvey	1 2	8 7	15	7 10	6 9	8	3	1	20.00 20.00	}	;	Roscoe J. Hook.
	Ortensia M. Smith	1 2	10 13	23	14	13 13	12 10	50.02	1	24.00 24.00	}7		James C. Crombie.
8 1	Mary G. Fox Frauk S. Sutcliffe.	1 2	8 12	20	- T	5	5	3	2 2	24.00 32.00		3	Andrew F. Fox.

Fractions omitted.

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, according to the enumeration by the selectmen, April, 1878, was one hundred and thirty-three. Number of different scholars attending school, one hundred and fifty. Of these six live in Chester.





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