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ANNUAL REPORT



—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE TOWN OF—

ISLESBORO,

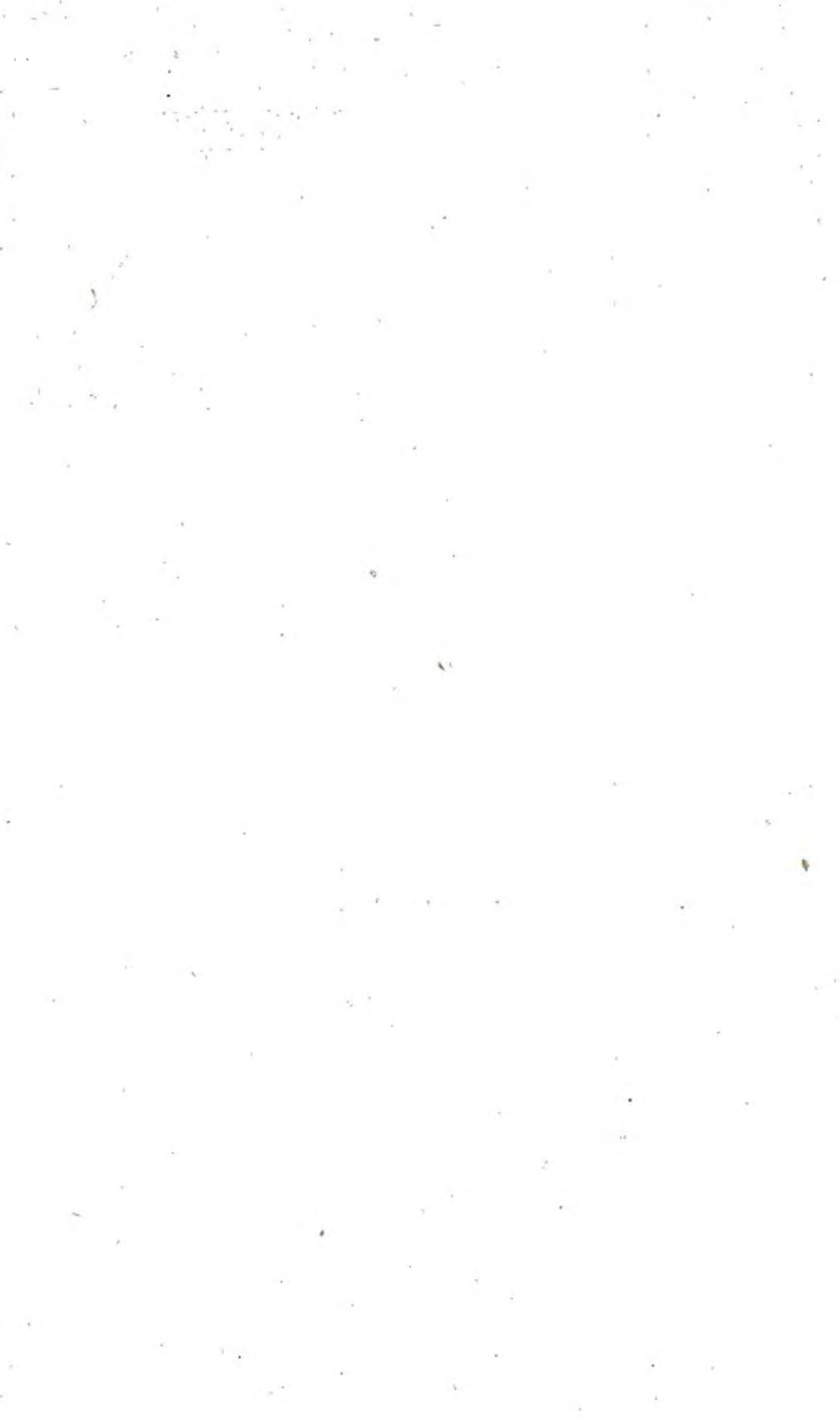
—FOR THE—

Municipal Year, Ending March 1st, 1897.

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SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ISLESBORO :

The board of selectmen hereby respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town agreeable to law.

Valuation of the year 1896.

Real estate of residents,	\$102,095 98	
Personal estate of residents,	40,985 46	
Real estate of non-residents,	131,341 00	
Personal estate of non-residents,	2,202 50	
	<u> </u>	\$276,624 94

Appropriation for the year 1896.

To defray town charges,	\$1,250 00	
For support of common schools,	900 00	
support of poor,	800 00	
support of free high schools,	150 00	
text books,	100 00	
To be expended on the highway,	250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,450 00
State tax,	667 59	
County tax,	523 67	
Overlayings,	190 73	
	<u> </u>	1,381 99
		<u> </u>
		\$ 4,831 99

Assessments for the year 1896.

On real estate of residents,	\$1,633 53	
personal estate of residents,	655 77	
real estate of non-residents,	2,101 45	
personal estates of non-residents,	35 24	
203 polls at \$2.00,	406 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4,831 99

Rate of taxation, .016.

Town Charges.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations,	\$1,250 00	
Overlayings,	190 73	
Deficient highway taxes,	206 57	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,647 30

Expenditures.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Belfast Age Pub. Co. printing 1895 reports,	\$ 12 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	2 10
E. D. Williams, money paid for cleaning school houses,	13 00
G. D. McCrillis, copying plan,	1 50
F. S. Pendleton & Co., stationery,	94
W. S. Pendleton, repairs and sup- plies for town hall,	10 94
R. F. Dunton, legal service,	12 00
Austin Trim, sundries,	7 93
Wm. B. Pendleton, janitor of town hall,	15 00
L. N. Gilkey, surveying,	1 25
E. D. Williams, money paid for repairing school houses,	31 11
T. S. Pendleton & Co. repairs on school houses,	79
P. O. Coombs, snow bill,	2 00
F. B. Keller, snow bill,	6 00
L. C. Farnsworth, snow bill,	1 90
F. R. Pendleton, snow bill,	80
G. L. Pendleton, snow bill,	80
F. L. Sprague, snow bill,	2 30
E. F. Williams, snow bill,	1 60
F. D. Pendleton, snow bill,	80
L. N. Gilkey, snow bills,	6 50
E. G. Pendleton, snow bill,	1 20

O. T. Scott, snow bill,	1 30	
F. L. Sprague, deficient highway taxes of 1895, Dist. No 6,	28 25	
F. B. Keller, deficient highway taxes of 1895, Dist. No. 5,	39 94	
L. C. Farnsworth, deficient high- way taxes of '95, Dist. No. 2,	17 38	
R. N. Pendleton, deficient high- way taxes of '95, Dist. No. 4,	33 00	
P. O. Coombs, deficient highway taxes of 1895, Dist. No. 6,	11 00	
W. A. Coombs, deficient high- way taxes of '96, Dist. No. 7,	7 55	
P. O. Coombs, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 7,	12 67	
J. R. Yeaton, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 7,	4 00	
Fred Patterson, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 1,	20 00	
C. N. Pendleton, deficient high- way taxes of '96, Dist. No. 1,	22 80	
S. D. Pendleton, deficient high- way taxes of '96, Dist. No. 1,	9 80	
J. O. Pendleton, deficient high- way taxes of '96, Dist. No. 1,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 355 15

Pay of Town Officers.

Paid D. A. Warren, moderator,	\$ 2 00
D. A. Warren, constable,	5 00
Wm. C. Hatch, election clerk,	4 00
D. M. Pendleton, election clerk,	4 00
E. S. Preble, election and ballot clerk,	4 00
W. H. Coombs, election and ballot clerk,	4 00

E. D. Williams, supervisor and expenses,	53 00	
Austin Trimm, assessor, selectman and overseer of poor,	100 00	
W. S. Pendleton, assessor, selectman and overseer of poor,	30 00	
B. F. Heal, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	20 00	
J. R. Ryder, treasurer and clerk,	70 00	
J. P. Bragg, commission collecting taxes of 1895,	91 44	
L. N. Gilkey, commission collecting taxes of 1896,	155 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 542 44

Abatements.

Islesboro Land and Improvement Co., error in listing in 1896,	\$ 11 28	
J. P. Bragg, collector tax bills of 1895,	51 94	
L. N. Gilkey, collector tax bills of 1896,	13 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 76 42
Total amount of town charges,		974 01
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Amount unexpended,		\$ 673 27

Improving Highway.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 250 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid F. B. Keller labor,	\$ 10 00
R. N. Pendleton labor,	72 00
Edson Sherman labor and material,	3 94
J. O. Pendleton labor,	11 20
C. N. Pendleton labor,	14 00
W. H. Boardman labor,	14 50
Wm. E. Hatch labor and material,	12 35

L. C. Farnsworth repairing Mill Creek bridge,	7 50	
E. A. Eames lumber for crossways,	2 20	
F. S. Pendleton & Co. dynamite, ex- pressage and material for cross- ways,	22 54	
W. S. Pendleton lumber for crossways,	16 79	
	<hr/>	\$ 187 02
Amount unexpended,		62 98

Support of Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid E. J. Dodge support of M. J. Brown,	\$ 130 00	
F. W. Adams support of Frances Chassey,	130 75	
S. T. Keller support of Eliza Decker,	159 00	
Maine Insane Hospital support of Mary Boardman,	151 74	
E. F. Pendleton support of Ralph Brown,	78 00	
J. O. Elwell support of Frank Brown,	65 00	
F. S. Pendleton & Co. clothing boots, shoes, cloth, etc. for paupers,	20 79	
	<hr/>	\$ 735 28
Amount unexpended,		\$64 72

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance of 1895,	\$ 71 96
Appropriation,	900 00
Received from the state,	813 01
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	\$1784 97

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching,	989 50	
for boarding teachers,	529 00	
for fuel,	124 91	
for supplies,	4 84	
	<hr/>	\$1648 25
Amount unexpended,		136 72

High School.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 150 00	
Received from the State,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. P. Clark teaching and board,	\$ 150 00	
E. B. Eddy teaching and board,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

Text Books.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		\$ 100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Edwin E. Babb,	\$ 10 72	
American Book Co.,	85 34	
	<hr/>	\$ 96 06
Amount unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 3 94

Unexpended Balances.

On town charges,	\$ 673 29	
highway,	62 98	
town poor,	64 72	
common schools,	136 74	
text books,	3 94	
Total amount unexpended,	<hr/>	\$941 67

Summary.

Whole amount of orders drawn,		\$ 3940 62
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$ 355 15	
Pay of town officers,	542 44	
Abatements,	76 42	
Expended on the highway,	187 02	
Support of poor,	735 28	
Common schools,	1648 25	
High schools,	300 00	
Text books,	96 06	
	————	\$3940 62

Finances of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds,	\$ 2000 00	
Interest on same,	53 33	
	————	\$2053 33

Assets.

Amount of Tax deeds in treasury,	\$ 67 98	
Due on old tax bills,	167 52	
Due on tax bills of 1896,	1074 73	
Cash in treasury,	153 75	
	————	\$1463 98

Balance against the town,	\$ 589 35
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AUSTIN TRIM,	} Selectmen of Islesboro.
W. S. PENDLETON,	
B. F. HEAL,	

Islesboro, March 1, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer, in account with Town of Islesboro, for the year ending March 1, 1897.

DR.

Cash in the treasury, March 2, 1896,	\$ 326 29
Received from state for reimbursement for bounty paid on seals for 1895,	6 00
from state reimbursement for dog licenses for 1894 and 1895,	57 40
on tax deeds of 1894,	19 44
on tax deeds of 1893,	32 82
on tax deeds of 1888,	5 82
for dog license of 1896,	24 00
from state for Free High schools,	150 00
from state school fund and mill tax,	813 01
from state reimbursement of pen- sions,	120 00
on non-resident tax deeds of 1895,	5 59
from state reimbursement for bounty paid on seals for 1896,	16 00
on non-resident taxes of 1894,	58
of W. S. Pendleton for rent of Town Hall,	51 75
of D. A. Hatch, surveyor in Dist. No. 1, for highway tax,	56 28
on tax bills of 1895,	937 32
of William Ladd for school house in former Dist. No. 8,	12 00
on tax bills of 1896,	3,979 91
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	\$6,614 21

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Paid selectmen's orders.	\$3,940 62	
state tax,	667 59	
E. D. Williams for return of births,	3 50	
Sylvester Fletcher, state pension,	48 00	
Catherine Bagley, state pension,	72 00	
seal bounty,	16 00	
for collecting State of Maine Line Co. tax,	1 64	
interest on town bonds,	120 00	
State Treasurer amount received for dog licenses,	24 00	
county tax,	523 67	
for acknowledgement of tax deeds and seal certificates,	1 00	
stationery and postage,	80	
town bond No. 2, and interest,	520 00	
town bond No 5, and interest,	520 00	
interest on town orders,	1 64	
Cash in the treasury,	153 75	
	<u> </u>	\$6,614 21

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer of Islesboro.

Superintendent's Report.

GENTLEMEN :—

I have the honor to present the following as my second annual report :

Statistics.

Whole number of scholars in town April 1,	334
Whole number of scholars in summer term,	187
Average number of scholars in summer term,	154
Whole number of scholars in fall term,	189
Average number of scholars in fall term,	164
Whole number of scholars in winter term,	179
Average number of scholars in winter term,	140

List of Teachers with Salaries.

SUMMER TERM.

NO.	NAME.	TERM.	WAGES.	BOARD.
1.	Lucy E. Pendleton,	10 weeks	\$3 00 per week	\$2 00
2.	Lottie Warren,	10 weeks	4 00 per week	2 50
3.	E. B. Eddy,	10 weeks	5 00 per week	3 00
4.	Maud E. Nichols,	10 weeks	5 00 per week	3 00
5.	A. W. Hall,	10 weeks	5 25 per week	3 00
6.	Lettie Ryder,	10 weeks	3 00 per week	2 50
7.	A. C. Trim,	10 weeks	4 00 per week	3 00

FALL TERM.

1.	Edna Coombs,	10 weeks	3 00 per week	2 00
2.	Lottie Warren,	10 weeks	4 00 per week	2 50
4.	Mabel E. Paul,	10 weeks	5 25 per week	3 00
5.	A. W. Hall,	10 weeks	5 25 per week	3 00

WINTER TERM.

NO.	NAME.	TERM.	WAGES.	BOARD.
1.	Edna A. Boardman,	12 weeks	\$3 50 per week	\$2 00
2.	Olive Grover,	12 weeks	5 50 per week	3 00
3.	E. B. Eddy,	12 weeks	32 00 per month	3 00
4.	W. A. Hanscom,	12 weeks	32 00 per month	3 00
5.	A. W. Hall,	12 weeks	32 00 per month	3 00
6.	Cochie E. Farrow,	12 weeks	3 50 per week	2 50
7.	A. C. Trim,	12 weeks	28 00 per month	3 00

Free High School.

7.	W. P. Clark,	10 weeks	\$48 00 per month	\$3 00
U. H.	E. B. Eddy,	10 weeks	48 00 per month	3 00

Common Schools.

Appropriation,	\$ 900 00
Received from State,	813 01
Balance from 1896,	71 96
	————— \$ 1784 97
Paid for teaching,	\$ 989 50
Board,	529 00
supplies,	4 84
fuel,	124 91
	————— \$ 1648 25
Unexpended balance,	\$ 136 7

High School.

Appropriation,	\$ 150 00
Received from State,	150 00
	————— \$ 300 00
Paid W. P. Clark teaching,	\$ 120 00
E. B. Eddy,	120 00
A. H. Parker board,	30 00
Martha J. Gilkey,	30 00
	————— \$ 300 00

Fuel Account.

J. W. Pendleton,	\$ 12 50	
E. A. Eames,	46 11	
W. S. Pendleton,	18 00	
Wm. P. Marshall,	17 50	
A. H. Parker,	17 00	
John P. Bragg,	13 80	
	————	\$ 124 91

Free Text Books.

Appropriation,		\$ 100 00
American Book Co.,	\$ 85 34	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	10 72	
	————	\$ 96 06
		————
Unexpended balance,		\$ 3 94

Repairs.

Repairs,	\$ 31 90	
Cleaning school-houses,	13 00	
Amount,	————	\$ 44 90

It gives me pleasure to report to you the results of another year's work in our schools. Good interest has been manifested by the pupils throughout the schools, and I am pleased with the results.

The teachers have proved themselves admirably fitted for their places.

In this report no attempt will be made to give a detailed statement of the work done. In my comments on teachers and their work I wish to say, that in point of scholarship, in quality of methods and in the thoroughness of the work done, our teachers will compare favorably with those who rank highest in the graded schools of our State. They know the facts they are requested to teach and are familiar with the subjects in which they

should give instruction. They emphasize the essential and give but little time to the non-essential. They despatch the details of their work expeditiously and quickly, in fact the mental and moral atmosphere of the school-room was inspiring and wholesome.

The above sentiments fairly express my judgment as to the teachers and their work.

It is to be regretted that there are so few children attending school over fifteen years of age. Ninety per cent of all the children found in our schools are under fifteen years of age.

The tendency to leave school and engage in some work, or waste the time in idleness is increasing each year. If these tendencies are allowed to control, our schools will soon be made up of pupils who belong in the primary grades only. The law provides that all persons between five and fifteen years of age shall attend school for at least sixteen weeks each year. It is evident that this law is evaded in a large number of instances. It is not necessary to state that it is of the highest importance that this law be enforced.

Many parents have an unwise and unreasoning ambition. They think if their children are reading in the fifth reader, reciting from the large geography and struggling with cube root, they are being educated; when in fact they should be studying the third reader, mastering fractions and learning the geography of their own state, a number of cases of this kind came to my notice in the past year. It is a great mistake to encourage children to attempt work which their previous training and present abilities do not fit them to study, they are lacking in application and destitute of the power of comprehension. Much of this disgrace is due to the feeling that the book the child study and not what is learned is the all important matter. Parents should know and their children must be led to see that it is necessary for them to master the studies assigned to the common school course in order to be fitted for the duties and responsibilities of life; that they must be able to read understandingly, write intelligibly, talk with ease and cypher with certainty. Parents must insist upon faithfulness, thoroughness in work done, and

regularity in attendance. All the schools report that they have had very few visits from parents for the purpose of learning what the work is or assisting in making it more efficient. Parents, it is your duty to visit the school and inform the teacher in a truthful and proper way of the abilities, limitations and peculiarities of your children. It is hoped that the good time is coming when parents will see the necessity of visiting the school and conferring with the teacher and school officials as to the abilities of their children. Parents, the welfare of the school depends largely on your willingness to impute the best motives to the teacher for the corrections she finds it necessary to administer and the methods she uses. As it is, scathing criticisms are often pronounced upon the teacher and her work based often times entirely upon the reports made by children who have been angered it may be by wholesome restraint. The favorite child comes home with some complaint that he does not receive the assistance which he imagines he needs, or that he has been corrected for some misdemeanor and at once the family take up the cudgel for the child against the teacher, all of which means a fatal injury to the school and the child. It is impossible for the teacher to give her best services if she feels that she has not the confidence and respect of the community for which she labors. One would not think of employing another to serve him and then seek in every possible way to cripple his power to work. It seems strange that parents cannot realize that these are facts. It would be stranger still if the time does not come, and come soon, when they will realize that they must act upon an entirely different line of policy if they are to be faithful guardians and honorable citizens.

Free High School.

During the past year we have maintained two terms of Free High School.

We need the co-operation of the parents to bring our high schools up to a standard as kept by many towns in our state no larger than ours. There seems to be a lack of interest on the part of parents, as well as pupils in certain localities of the town.

to take advantage of our high schools and consequently we are obliged to send to these schools primary scholars whose places should be taken by larger scholars from adjoining districts. Our teachers have worked faithfully, and met with good results but cannot build up these schools until the parents take the interest that they should do. These schools offer many advantages. Bring us teachers of experience, new ideas, a chance for study of higher branches that cannot be taught in our common schools at a very small cost and *ought* to bring together our high school scholars from every part of the town.

We recommend the uniting of schools in Ryder's, Parker's and western side districts into one school and have it graded. Parents do not realize what an improvement could be made by such a change. We recommend also the continuance of our high schools and have the work graded and primary pupils conveyed to some adjoining district. We have pupils and school money enough to have more interest and more work done in our high schools, the trouble seems to arise from lack of interest as before stated.

. With the hope of a full realization in the future of what should be, and with sincere thanks for the kindness and forbearance shown me, I am,

Very respectfully,

E. D. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

