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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,

AND

Supervisor of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF DENMARK

FOR THE

Municipal year of 1885.

PORTLAND:
CHAS. HOLBROOK & CO., PRINTERS.

1886.
REPORT.

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Amount of Resident Real Estate.............................. $187,344.00
     "     Personal Estate .................................. 87,320.00
     "     Non-Resident ..................................... 27,804.00

Total .........................................................$302,468.00

Whole number of Polls, 240.

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1885.

For support of Poor............................................ $600.00
For support of School ......................................... 1,000.00
For defraying Town charges .................................. 600.00
For amount to pay for Road Machine ........................ 225.00

Total .......................................................... $2,425.00

Money raised for repairing Roads and Bridges ............ $1,500.00

Rate per cent. on Money Tax, 01.1 on $1.00
Rate per cent. on Highway Tax, 00.425 on $1.00.
SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount of School Money voted by the Town .................. $1,000 00
Amount received from the State ................................ 508 34
Amount of interest on School Fund ......................... 32 80

Total .................................. $1,541 14

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES
OF THE TOWN OF DENMARK,
From March 2d, 1885, to February 20th, 1886.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Jonathan Alexander, for building bank wall over
Water course near Moses H. Bradbury's ...... $67 30
Rufus Bennett, repairing Roads in District No. 23 ... 4 30
James J. Watson, " " " No. 17 ... 4 31
George W. Howard, " " " No. 4 .... 2 25
Daniel F. Evans, " " " No. 15 .... 16 00
Charlton H. Warren, " " " No. 4 .... 7 00
Armond Warren, " " " No. 4 ... 4 00
Orin Q. Libby, " " " No. 4 .. 5 00
Andrew J. McKey, " " " No. 4 ... 1 00
Thomas Richardson, " " " No. 4 ... 1 00
Hermon D. Wilson, " " " No. 4 .... 2 00
Clarence Bragdon, " " " No. 5 ... 7 75
Nathaniel Robinson, " " " No. 6 ... 5 62
Abel Ingalls, " " " No. 5 ... 4 00
Wm. G. Nason, " " " No. 5, year '81, 5 36
Frederick Sanborn, " " " No. 5 .... 3 50

$140 39

PRINTING, BOOKS, STATIONERY,
WOOD, &c.

Paid Chas. Holbrook & Co., printing Town Reports and express, for year 1884 .................. $18 25
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books, stationery and express, for year 1884.......................... 9 75
Augustine Ingalls, for wood for selectmen’s office,...... 1 30

$29 30

TOWN OFFICER’S BILLS.
Paid Augustine Ingalls, balance for services for 1884........ $11 25
Almond P. Pingree, “ “ “ .......................... 7 00
Henry H. Hartford, “ “ “ .................. 9 00
Augustine Ingalls, for selectmen and assessor, 1885.. 60 00
Almond P. Pingree, “ “ “ .......................... 42 00
Jared F. Berry, “ “ “ .......................... 30 00
Moses B. Cobb, services as Supervisor, 1885........ 55 00
Dr. S. T. Brown, services as Town Clerk, 1885..... 5 00
George W. Gray, services as Town Treasurer, 1885.. 17 00
Edwin Pingree, for commission for collecting taxes, ’84 79 40
Edwin Pingree, for services as Constable, year 1885... 2 00

$317 65

AMOUNT PAID FOR POOR OUTSIDE THE POOR FARM.
To paid Rev. J. B. O. Colby, preaching sermon of Mrs. Sally Adams........................................ $1 00
John Colby, digging grave for same....................... 2 00
Albion P. Merrill, coffin and box for same............ 12 00
O. F. Alvord, preaching sermon of Mrs. Betsey Richard- son.............................................. 2 50
Potter & Ordway, coffin and box for same............ 12 00
Sidney Kenison, digging grave for same................. 2 00
O. F. Alvord, preaching sermon of Henry Gilman.. 2 50
Albion P, Merrill, for coffin, box and Robe for Henry Gilman........................................... 15 00
Joseph E. Wentworth, digging grave for same........ 2 00
C. I. Smith, for going with hearse to funeral of Mrs. Sally Adams................................. 2 00
Almon P. Pingree, expense getting Mrs. Betsey Jordan from Auburn .......... 14.90
City of Auburn, for supplies furnished same ......... 4.42

$72.32

STOCK, PRODUCE AND GROCERIES
ON HAND, FEB. 15, 1886.

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<td>1 1-2 bushels beets</td>
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<td>9 1-2 gal. molasses</td>
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<td>3 1-2 lbs coffee</td>
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6 lbs. sugar ................................................. 48
18 qts. Champion of England peas ...................... 1 80
3 cakes of soap ............................................. 15
1 1-2 lbs. saltpetre ......................................... 22
110 lbs. best middlings ..................................... 1 65
Tobacco .......................................................... 35
3-8 gross matches ........................................... 12
2 lbs. rolls ...................................................... 80
3 1-2 doz eggs ............................................... 70
30 lbs. lard ..................................................... 3 00
50 lbs. ham ..................................................... 5 00
1 gal vinegar .................................................... 15

Total ......................................................... $390 87

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Dr.
Amount of stock and supplies on hand, Feb. 16, 1885 .... $354 37
" Superintendent's salary .................................. 250 00
" paid for supplies ......................................... 210 50
" paid Dr. S. T. Brown, medical attendance, year '85, 8 25

$823 12

Cr.
Amount of stock and supplies on hand, Feb. 16, 1886 .... $390 87
" produce sold from farm ................................... 43 86
" received from Overseer for labor done away from Farm and in Augustine Ingall's hands, 15 00

449 73

SUIT: DENMARK vs. BIDDEFORD.

Paid Augustine Ingalls, for one day and cash paid out .... $3 00
Jared F. Berry, expenses to Biddeford ................... 4 75
Almond P. Pingree, " " " " 7 75
Augustine Ingalls, for one day and cash paid out ....... 3 00
Almon P. Pingree, " " " " " " " 3 00
Jared F. Berry, " " " " " " " 3 00

$24 50
Received of the City of Biddeford, on this suit .................. $172 00
This case was settled by Biddeford paying Denmark, $172.00 and
the legal cost. Biddeford is to be defaulted at Court for $172.00
and the cost of Court. D. R. Hasting’s bill not handed in.

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN FROM FEB.
19, 1885, TO FEB. 19, 1886, EXCLUSIVE
OF ROADS AND BRIDGES AND
SCHOOL ORDERS.

To Dr. N. P. Potter, for vaccinating Inhabitants of Town,... $75 00
Thomas Richardson, for abatement of Poll Tax, year ’83, 3 00
Perley & Berry, for hay for Poor Farm, year 1885...... 25 83
Minot Brazier, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 2 40
Strout, Gage & Strout, for council fees..................... 3 00
W. H. Merrill, for making 12 guide boards................ 10 00
Augustine Ingalls, for lumber for guide boards......... 1 50
Jared F. Berry, for abatement of tax on the S. R. R. R. 70
William W. Berry, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1 40
Perley & Berry, for mdse. furnished Town Farm, 1885.. 26 18
Cole Manufacturing Co., for plow Town Farm, 1885.... 7 75
D. P. Lord, for mdse. furnished Town Farm, 1885..... 28 72
Edwin Pingree, for abatement made to Edwin Pingree,
year. 1884................................................................. 51 57
Chas. E. Whidden, for mdse. furnished Town Farm, ’85, 5 93
Edwin Pingree, for discount made on taxes, paid before
Jan. 1st, 1886............................................................. 136 00
Augustine Ingalls, for express and postage paid out.... 2 08
Jared F. Berry, for oats for Town Farm, 1885........... 1 25
Jared F. Berry, for one day on Mrs. Elizabeth Traver’s
case................................................................. 1 50
Henry H. Hartford, for vinegar for Town Farm, year ’84, 1 50
James N. Smith, for hardware for Town Farm, year 85, 19 80
Perley & Berry, for mdse. furnished Town Farm, 1885.. 17 79
L. A. Ingalls, for mdse. furnished Town Farm, 1885..... 42 70
J. B. Westmore

Edwin Vinegar Co
By copy made to me

Dec. 13 J. B. Warner
" 21 W. T. Davis Esth
" 22 R. Bennet Ambrose
" 30 J. B. Westmore
" 40 James T. Ford
" 50 J. B. Davis
A. H. McVicar

2061.4

1914.4

195.4

1.1.25

888.1

2.25
LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding Town Orders drawn in 1881...

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<td>1885</td>
<td>4 50</td>
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Amount due the several School Districts.............. 338 22

- of interest on the above Orders, (estimated)........ 164 00
- due Superintendent on farm April 1, 1886............ 62 50
- due commission for collecting tax, 1885.............. 61 50

$1,602 17

RESOURCES.

Amount due from Edwin Pingree. on taxes, 1885........ $1,383 57

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<td>in Treasurer's hands</td>
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<td>due from Non-residents, on highway taxes, 1885</td>
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<td>in Augustine Ingall's hands</td>
<td>27 01</td>
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$1,833 93

Liabilities.......................................................... 1,602 17

$231 76

Amount received of the City of Biddeford............. 172 00

In favor of Town................................................. $403 76

Center School District.

Numbr of Scholars, April 1st, 1885. 74

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885................. $4 53

Appropriations for year 1885......................... 400 98

$405 51

Paid Mary E. Stone................................. $43 50

George A. Wentworth.............................. 16 50

Jared F. Berry................................. 28 00
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<td>George G. Wight</td>
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<td>Ernest H. Ingalls</td>
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<td>74 00</td>
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District No. 1.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1884, 24.

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<td>111 98</td>
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<td><strong>Total Appropriations</strong></td>
<td><strong>$188 29</strong></td>
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Paid Emma S Irish ........................................ $48 00
William A. Fessenden ................................................................ 15 00
Flora Bradbury ........................................................................ 28 00
Augustine Ingalls .................................................................... 1 25
Nelson Thomas ........................................................................ 7 50
Frank True .............................................................................. 6 76
Edward W. Hodge ...................................................................... 55 00
Sidney Orcutt .......................................................................... 8 00
Sidney Orcutt .......................................................................... 18 78

**Total** $188 29

District No. 2.

Number of Scholars April 1st, 1885, 31.

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$200 83</strong></td>
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Paid Jennie Bean..................................................$43 04
Minnie Pingree...................................................... 40 00
Edwin Pingree...................................................... 7 65
Minnie Pingree...................................................... 50 00

$140 69

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886.............................. $60 14

District No. 3.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 39.
Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885.............................. $64 86
Appropriations for year 1885.................................. 198 51

$263 37

Paid Georgie A. Bennett.................................$61 95
Georgie A. Bennett.............................................. 50 00
Ahban F. Bradbury.............................................. 11 21
Jennie Bean...................................................... 60 00

$183 16

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886.............................. $80 21

District No. 4.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 21,
Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885.............................. $81 99
Appropriations for year 1885.................................. 106 89

$188 88

Paid Mrs. Abbie Harnden.................................$60 00
Alonzo B. Warren.............................................. 6 00
Hulda Hobbs...................................................... 26 00
Lillian E. Smith................................................. 27 30

$119 30

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886.............................. $69 58
(12)

District No. 5.

Number of Scholars, April 1, 1885, 6.

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885 ........................................ $6 98
Appropriation for year 1885 ..................................................... 30 54

$37 52

Paid Annie E. Harnden ..................................................$15 75
John H. Martin ........................................................ 8 75

$24 50

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886 ................................................. $13 02

District No. 6.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 17.

Appropriations for year 1885 .................................................. $86 53

Paid Hattie H. Walker .....................................................$34 00
Georgie Bennett ...................................................... 40 00
Fred Sanborn ........................................................... 12 00

$86 00

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886 ................................................. 53

District No. 7.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 5.

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885 ........................................ $24 12
Appropriations for year 1885 ................................................ 25 45

$49 57

Paid Armond Warren .....................................................$21 08

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886 ................................................. $28 49

District No. 8.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 30.

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885 ........................................ $22 14
Appropriations for year 1885 ................................................ 152 70

$174 84
(13)

Paid Augustine Ingalls .................................................... $1.25
Mary E. Keith .......................................................... 54 00
Walter B. Blake ...................................................... 17 50
Mary E. Keith .......................................................... 65 00
Osbourn F. Richardson ........................................ 9 00

$146 75

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886................................. $28 09

District No. 9.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 20.

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885................................. $11 92
Appropriations for year 1885............................................ 101 80

Total....................................................... $113 72

Paid Evie Winn .......................................................... $27 60
Edgar M. Hilton ...................................................... 13 00
Evie Winn .......................................................... 58 80
Hollis Plant, ............................................................... 4 50

$103 90

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886................................. $9 82

District No. 10.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 17,

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885................................. $15 42
Appropriations for year 1885............................................ 86 53

$101 95

Paid Addie S Harnden ................................................... $42 00
Addie S. Harnden ..................................................... 48 00
Stillman R. Swan ...................................................... 2 00

$92 00

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886................................. $9 95
(14)

District No. 11.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 12.

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1885.......................... $1 71
Appropriations for year 1885............................... 60 08

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<td>Minnie Porter</td>
<td>32 50</td>
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<td>Henry M. Moxcey</td>
<td>1 60</td>
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$61 79

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886..........................$17 69

District No. 13.

Number of Scholars April 1, 1885, 4.

Appropriations for year 1885............................. 20 36

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<td>Annie M. True</td>
<td>7 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jacob Merrifield</td>
<td>1 57</td>
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$17 57

Balance unexpended Feb. 20, 1886..........................$2 79
REMARKS.

We have endeavored in this Report to give the voters a full and correct statement of the financial condition of the Town, as it exists at the date of this Report. The discount of five per cent. made to the Collector, on taxes paid to him before Jan. 1st, 1886, was $136 00, which makes so much less money in Treasury. The damages upon the highways caused by the heavy rains last year, have been repaired in part, at the cost of $140 39, which amount has been paid in Orders on the Treasurer, which makes a large bill, for which no appropriation was made at the last annual meeting. Two persons on Poor Farm the whole year, and six others which makes 149 weeks. The cost of the Poor has been more per week than other years; you must bear in mind that it costs as much for an Overseer for two as it does for six. We think our present Overseers have done as well as could be expected.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTINE INGALLS,
ALMON P. PINGREE,
JARED F. BERRY.

Selectmen of Denmark.

Denmark, Feb. 16th, 1886.
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Supervisor of Schools.

Center District. Aug. Ingalls, Agent.

The Summer term began May 11th and continued ten weeks with Mary E. Stone of Bridgton as teacher. My visits were made May 14th, when there were 41 scholars present, and July 16th, when there were 26 present. Whole number registered, 53; average number, 45.

The Fall terms were under the instruction of Miss Stone in the Primary, and Roland A. Crosse of Denmark in the High School. Began Sept. 26th and continued nine weeks. My first visit was made Sept. 30th when there were 26 scholars present in the Primary and 14 in the High School. My second visit was made Nov. 24th; present, 22 in the Primary and 20 in the High School. Whole number registered in the Primary, 27: average number 23— in the High School, whole number registered, 24; average number, 17.

The Winter terms began Dec. 28th and are now in session with the same teachers. Visited the Primary School Dec. 30th and Feb. 9th. There were 21 scholars present at my first visit and 21 at my second. Whole number
registered, 24; average number, 18. Visited the High School Dec. 30th, Jan. 18th and Feb. 9th. Present, 27, 23 and 24 scholars respectfully. Whole number registered, 29; average number, 22.

The scholars in these schools made excellent progress. Miss Stone is a superior teacher and the scholars show good results of her labors among them. Mr. Crosse has taught quite a number of schools with uniform success and these schools were no exception.


The Summer term of eight weeks began May 11th and was taught by Flora M. Bradbury of Denmark. I visited this school May 15th, at which time there were 19 scholars present; and June 30th, present 15. Whole number registered, 21; average number, 17. Miss Bradbury is one of our successful teachers and did all she could to make this school the success that it was.

The Winter term is now in session under the instruction of Edward W. Hodge of Denmark. Began Dec. 7th and is to be eleven weeks in length. Visited Dec. 10th and Feb. 9th. Present, 16 at my first visit and 20 at my second. Whole number registered, 24; average number 19.

This term of school has been noted for good order on the part of some scholars who have been in the habit of giving teachers more or less annoyance. Mr. Hodge has done a good work and merits the thanks of those who like a quiet, orderly school. Let us hope that the results are permanent.

Dist. No. 2. Edwin A. Pingree, Agt.

The Summer term began May 4th and continued eight weeks with Minnie J. Pingree of Denmark as teacher. Visited May 8th and June 25th. Present, 17 at each visit. Whole number registered, 19; average number, 17.
The Fall term of ten weeks began Sept. 14th with the same teacher. Visited Sept. 25th,—present, 17. Whole number registered, 20; average number, 18.

Through some mistake I had written in my book that this term was only eight weeks long and therefore would close Nov. 13th. I had sickness in my family and was unable to visit at that time. I did not learn my mistake until after the school had closed, Nov. 24th. Still I can safely say that there was good order, good recitations, and all that goes to make a successful school, for Miss Pingree is one of the best teachers in town.

The Winter term is now in session with Jennie Bean of Denmark as teacher. Began Jan. 4th and is to keep ten weeks. I visited this school Jan. 13th when there were 16 scholars present.

Dist. No. 3. Albert W. Walker, Agt.

The Summer term began April 27th and continued ten weeks, with Georgie A. Bennett of Denmark as teacher.

I visited this school May 6th and July 1st. Present at my first visit, 23; at my second, 17. Whole number registered, 25; average number, 20.

The Fall term was kept by Jennie Bean. Began Sept. 21st and continued ten weeks. My visits were on Sept. 24th—present, 21, and Nov. 23d—present, 20. Whole number registered, 24; average number, 21.

Miss Bean had the best of success with these scholars as indeed she has in all schools.

The Winter term is now in session under the instruction of Preston W. Charles of Lovell. Began Jan. 5th. I visited the school Jan. 14th, at which time there were 21 scholars present. Mr. Charles has taught several terms of school in this District with good success and is spoken very highly of.
Dist. No. 4. Lyman P. Harnden, Agt.

The Summer term began May 11th and was eight weeks in length. Hilda Hobbs of Fryeburg, teacher. I visited the school May 14th and July 1st. Present, 9 at my first visit and 10 at my second. Whole number registered, 13; average number, 10.

The school was quiet and prosperous. Miss Hobbs is a teacher of considerable experience and kept a good school.

The Fall term of six weeks was taught by Lillian E. Smith of Denmark. Began Oct. 12th. Visited Oct. 16th and Nov. 20th. Present at my first visit, 10; at my second, 11. Whole number registered, 11; average number, 10.

This term was marked by good attendance and everything indicated a good term of school.

The Winter term of school began Jan. 4th with Mary E. Keith as teacher. I visited the school Jan. 12th and found 11 scholars present. I called at the door Feb. 2nd and everything was quiet and I have no doubt that this term of school will be like this teacher's other terms in town, successful and prosperous.

Dist. No. 5. Will Nason, Agt.

There was but one term of school in this District and that began Nov. 30th, was seven weeks long, and was taught by Annie E. Harnden of Denmark. Visited Dec. 4th; present 4. Whole number registered, 4; average number, 4. I did not know when this school closed and so did not visit but once; at which time I found the school in J. H. Martin's house and all appeared to be doing well.

Dist. No. 6. D. Frank Evans, Agt.

The Summer term began June 15th and was eight weeks in length. Hattie H. Walker of Denmark, teacher. Vis-
ited June 18th and Aug. 4th. Present, 7 at my first visit and 4 at my second. Whole number registered, 9; average number, 8. This was Miss Walker's first school and her success should encourage her to try again. It is seldom that a young teacher does as well as she did. My second visit was made on a rainy day which accounts for the small attendance.

The Fall term was taught by Georgie A. Bennett. Began Oct. 5th and continued ten weeks. Visited Oct. 14th—present, 10; and Dec., 10—present, 9. Whole number registered, 10; average number, 8.

Mrs. Bennett fairly deserves the title of veteran teacher, as this was her thirty-second term of school. This term was pleasant and profitable, and adds another to her long list of successful schools.


There was but one term of school in this District, and that began Dec. 7th, Fannie C. Gordon of Fryeburg, teacher. Length of term, eight weeks. Visited Dec. 13th and Feb. 2nd,—present, 6 at each visit. Whole number registered, 7; average number, 7.

This was Miss Gordon's first school and the examination did her credit. She seems to have the qualities which go to make a successful teacher.

Dist. No. 8. Osborn F. Richardson, Agt.

The Summer term of twelve weeks was taught by Mary E. Keith; began Apr. 27th. My visits were made May 6th and July 16th. Present, 15 at my first visit and 6 at my second. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 12.

The Fall term began Sept. 28th and continued thirteen weeks with the same teacher. Visited Oct. 16th and Dec. 29th. Present, at my first visit, 7; at my second, 5.
Whole number registered, 12; average number, 8.


The Summer term of seven weeks, began May 25th and was in session seven weeks, under the instruction of Evie Winn of Bridgton. Visited June 5th and July 19th. Present, 12 at my first visit and 11 at my second. Whole number registered, 14; average number, 12.

The Fall term began Oct. 12th and was fourteen weeks in length, with the same teacher. I visited the school June 5th, at which time there were 13 scholars present and Jan. 29th when there were 10 present. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 11. There was a vacation of two weeks during the term.

These were Miss Winn's first and second terms of school. I think she did everything she could to make them successful.


The Summer term of twelve weeks began May 11th; teacher, Ada C. Harnden of East Fryeburg. Visited May 14th and July 29th. There were 15 present at my first visit and 16 at my second. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 15.

The Fall term began Aug. 31st with the same teacher, and continued twelve weeks. Visited Sept. 3d and Nov. 23d. There were 15 scholars present at my first visit and 16 at my second. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 11. Mrs. Harnden has taught in this district two years and always with the best of success.

Dist. No. 11. Elmer C. Hale, Agt.

There was but one term of school in this District, and that began Sept. 7th and was ten weeks long. Teacher, Minnie A. Porter of Bridgton. Visited Sept. 9th, at which time there were 16 scholars present. This school closed
one week sooner than was intended on account of the teacher's illness. Whole number registered, 20; average number, 15. This was Miss Porter's second term in this District. I was unable to examine at the close but I am confident that the time was well improved.


School began June 1st with Lillian E. Smith as teacher. I visited it Jan. 10th and found 3 scholars. I heard no more from it until the second teacher, Annie M. True, came to me for a certificate. As I have received no register, I don't know when it closed.

Miss True began school June 29th and I visited it July 2nd, when there were two scholars present. This term also closed quite unexpectedly to me, but the registers inform me that the term was four weeks long. Whole number registered, 4; average number, 2.

REMARKS.

Our schoolhouses are not all in as good repair as they should be, and there are several which are so much out of repair that a scholar's health is endangered during the cold part of the year. Let me ask the parents to visit the school and sit in the back seat an hour and see what a draft there is. Not that all our schoolhouses are such cold places, but there are quite a number which need repairing sadly.

The five years required by law since our text books were adopted, have expired, and while some of them are superior to those in use six years ago, on the whole our teachers and scholars will agree with me in saying that our text books are far from being the help that they should be. Just take the large Grammar in use, Quackenbos, and read over the first chapters and see how much you can remember of them and then think of scholars from nine years
upward studying such a book.

Our larger Geographies cost $1.40; Harper's Geography, a much better book, costs but $1.00 at retail. Harper Brothers will contract to furnish it to an agent in town for 80c. Appleton's Geographies are used by only one town in Oxford County, and but two and one-half towns in the State. Harper's are in use in all but seven towns in Oxford County.

If we wish our scholars to keep pace with those of other towns we must furnish them with as good text-books.

The Physiologies which have been put into schools this year are giving the best of satisfaction. I introduced 47 copies, and am glad to say that the scholars take a great interest in the study.

I wish to say a few words about the teachers in addition to what has been said: I have not done them justice in the few words which I have written after each term of school. I wish to add that our schools have been highly favored as regards teachers, and could I continue in charge of them I would ask but few changes. I have visited several towns and heard from others including one city, where district schools are taught in the suburbs, and from what I know and have seen I can truthfully say that Denmark is supplied with better teachers than many towns that think they are ahead of her in school matters.

In closing my labors and looking back over the past four years I can see some things that I could have bettered, but I have always done what I thought was right. I can see that great progress has been made by the scholars in that time. I am sorry to say good-bye to them for I feel a friendship for each one and an interest in them all.

As I look back I feel that these four years have been very pleasant, and I shall loose sight of many kind friends
that I have met while visiting schools. To all these I wish to extend my heart-felt thanks for their kind advice, encouragement and sympathy. Let me give the scholars a motto which I saw in a school-room this winter, "do your best and leave the rest."

I am loth to lay down the pen and say good-bye, but this report is already lengthy and I must draw it to a close. I hope your next school officer will be one who has kept pace with the improved methods of teaching, and will be a more efficient Supervisor than

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Supervisor of Schools.

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