

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
FOR THE
TOWN OF ALBION.

For the year ending March 1, 1876.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Albion, submit the following report :

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Resources.

In hands of Otis Meader, Coll. & Treas.	\$2,109 26	
Due from the town of Freedom.	3 00	
		—————2,112 26

Liabilities

Due the several School Districts, including the Mill Tax for 1876.	\$631 28
Outstanding Orders,	224 18
	<hr/> \$855 46
Balance in favor of the Town,	<hr/> \$1,256 80

DETAILED REPORT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN.

Receipts.

From Otis Meader, former Coll. & Treas.	\$1,509 14
“ F. Shorey, “ “	139 81
Tax bills for 1875,	7,637 60
Bank School Fund and Mill Tax.	714 18
State Bonds sold,	1,000 00
Premium and interest on State Bonds,	295 17
	<hr/> 11,295 90

Expenditures.

State Tax for 1875,	\$1,510 39
County Tax for 1875,	552 82
Pd. for labor on Highways,	16 50
Plank for bridges,	22 33
Rebuilding Rackliff Bridge,	58 00
Support of Schools,	1,884 25
Support of Poor,	531 57
Town Officer's bills,	312 15
Printing Town Reports of 1874,	16 00
Blank Books and Stationery,	7 50
Abatement of Taxes to F. Shorey for 1872—3,	16 29
“ “ Otis Meader for 1874—5,	59 57
Insurance on Town Farm Buildings,	15 00
Damage on highway to D. S. Drake,	20 00
Abatement of highway taxes worked out,	3,919 31
Otis Meader, bal. for services as Collector in in 1874, in full,	16 16
Expenses on account of S. District No. 13,	18 25
Outstanding orders of last year,	434 73
In hand of Otis Meader, Coll. and Treas.	2,109 26
	<hr/> \$11,520 08
From which deduct outstanding orders not paid and included in the above expenditures,	224 18
	<hr/> \$11,295 90

Town Officers Bills.

M. Rollins, 1st Selectman,	\$75 83
Same for horse & carriage & cash expenses, ..	6 50
R J. Whittaker, 2d Selectman,	35 50
Geo. B. Pray, 3d Selectman,	34 75
Same for horse and carriage,	2 00
Ora O. Crosby, Supervisor of Schools,	57 00
Otis Meader, Collector and Treasurer,	88 57
G. W. Kidder, Town Clerk,	9 00
E. C. Fowler, Auditor of Accounts,	1 00
G. B. Wood, Pound Keeper,	2 00
	\$312 15

Support of Poor in Poor House, from March 1, 1875, to
March 1, 1876.

Paid Winthrop Murry, balance of salary of 1874,	\$22 90
Tho. F. Clark, salary to Mar. 1, 1876.	343 75
For one pair of Oxen, \$140 ; 4 2-yr-old Steers \$110,	250 00
2 Pigs \$7 ; use of Bull and Buck \$3.75.	10 75
5 bu. Potatoes \$2.50 ; 1 bu. beans \$2.75,	5 25
1 Cook Stove \$25 ; Washing Machine \$3,	28 00
Carding wool \$0.50 ; cleaning clock 50 cts.	1 00
Washtub \$0.75 ; repairs on tin ware \$0.45 ;	1 20
Woodsled \$4 ; repairing boots for S. Bessey, 90c.	4 90
Coffins for F. Brown, T. Broad & S. Bessey,	26 00
Digging graves, and other funeral charges,	12 50
Window for T. farm \$1 ; hire of truck wagon \$2,	3 00
Doctor's Bills \$16.50 ; Store bills \$218.51,	235 01
J. S. Billings, attendance upon T. Broad,	5 75
	\$950 01

*Articles sold from Town Farm, from March 1, 1875,
to March 1, 1876.*

2 Oxen \$230 ; 4 calves \$26.	256 00
7 Lambs \$21 ; 1 cow \$32.50 ; Butter Tub, \$0.50.	54 00
112½ lbs of unwashed wool \$39.37 ; Poultry \$6.75.	46 12
Hay of Frank Brown \$9 ; Cider Apples \$4.50,	13 50
6 bush. Oats \$4.80 ; Old Iron \$1.20 ; Old Stove \$4,	10 00
30 lbs. of Dried Apple \$3 ; 1 Pelt \$1.25 ; Rags \$1.31.	5 56
207 lbs. of Butter \$51.75 ; 29 doz. Eggs \$5.33,	57 08
Rent of Town Farm Pasture for 1874 & 5,	30 00
	\$472 26

Expense of Poor on Town Farm, \$477 75

Support of Poor out of Poor House.

Pd. Benj. Bailey for clothing Elizabeth Brown,	\$8 35
Pd. Freeman Pratt do. Charles Brown,	15 29
Pd W. Waterville for sup't of Brown children,	4 68
Pd. Vassalboro' for R. Lancaster's wife & child,	18 00
Pd. Winslow for Isabella Brown and child.	7 50
	\$53 82

Total expense of Poor, \$531 57

Inventory of Stock and provisions on Town Farm.

2 Oxen \$185 ; 3 cows \$105 ; 6 3-yrs-old Steers \$225,	\$515 00
30 Sheep \$120 ; 2 Swine \$20 ; 11 hens \$5,	145 00
12 tons Hay \$120 ; 1½ tons Oat Straw \$6.	126 00
80 bu. Oats \$40 ; 7 bu. beans \$14 ; 1 bu. corn \$0.80,	54 80
1 bu meal \$75 ; 1 pk Grass seed \$0.80 ; 1 bu. Apples \$0.60,	2 15
60 bu. Potatoes \$15 ; 1 bu. Beets \$0.25 ; 1 pk Peas \$0.50,	15 75
½ bbl Flour \$2 25 ; 4 bbls cider \$20 ; 4 lbs Rolls \$2,	24 25
450 lbs Pork \$72 ; 40 lbs Lard \$6 50 ;	
10 lbs Butter \$2.50,	81 00
18 lbs. dried Apple \$1.80 ; 10 gals. Soap \$1.25,	3 05
4 gals. Pickles \$1.25 ; 1 box butter salt \$0.30	1 55
	\$968 55

There is in the hands of Treasurer, State Bonds to the amount of \$2,000.

The town is free from debt and has no unsettled claim.

MARK ROLLINS, } R. J. WHITAKER, } GEO. B. PRA. }	Selectmen of Albion.
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I have examined the Selectmen's bills and allowed them as herein reported.

E. C. FOWLER, *Auditor.*

REPORT

Of the Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Albion, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

DISTRICT No. 2, Geo. B. Pray, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Sarah L. Nichols, of Winslow. This school at the commencement appeared finely. I received so short notice of the close of this term, that previous engagements prevented my visiting it a second time; but learned she gave good satisfaction. The closing examination was witnessed by quite a number of the parents; the only district in town where a circumstance of the kind has come to my knowledge. Winter term by J. C. F. Kelley, of Unity. At my first visit this school appeared well. At the close several of the larger scholars were absent. Those present passed a fair examination. It was thought Mr. K. lacked a little of the “*vim*” so essential in a teacher. Consequently the school was not so profitable as it otherwise would have been.

DIST. No. 3, H. Quinn, Agent.—Fall and Winter terms by Miss Julia A. Gilman, an able and efficient teacher, under whose charge the scholars made *excellent* improvement.

DIST. No. 4, J. Moody, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Emma L. Spencer. Miss S. is second to none in the school room; the scholars under her care step to the mark. The closing examination was very interesting. Winter term by Josiah W. Pearsons, of Montville. Mr. P. did quite well in this his first school. The order was fair. The scholars were studious and tried to see how far they could go in their studies without spending much time reviewing; therefore the examination was not so interesting as it might have been.

DIST. No. 5, H. L. McLaughlin, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Mary E. Bradstreet, of Freedom. Miss B. has the faculty of gaining the confidence and good will of her scholars. The school was not so free from restlessness and moving about as we find in some, but the scholars were studious and the improvement was very good. The first three weeks of the winter term were taught by Mr. James E. Kelley, of Unity, who failed so in discipline that he was discharged. The remainder of the term by Webster Mudgett, a thorough and competent teacher. Order *first rate*; improvement good.

DIST. No. 6, T. Clark, Agent.—Summer and Fall terms by Miss M. C. Evans, of China, who gave such good satisfaction in this school last year, that her services were early secured for this season, and were eminently successful.

DIST. No. 8, Otis Chase, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Lillie V. Dilling, of Freedom. Miss D. is perfectly at home in the school-room. Course of instruction systematic and thorough. The examination at the close was excellent. Winter term by Miss Dilling and Olive A. Gould, Assistant. It was feared two teachers in this small room might cause considerable confusion and hinder the progress of the school. But under the skilful guidance of Miss D. everything moved like clock-work. This was the best school in town. Sickness of the Assistant, and in the school, caused quite a breach the last few weeks. The closing examination was very fine. Several young ladies there competent to teach any school in town.

DIST. No. 9, Erastus Shorey, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Caddie O. Fall. Although a beginner, she succeeded in maintaining a good interest in this small school. Winter term by the same teacher, who proved herself competent to manage a larger school. Order good. The scholars spoke well for themselves and teacher, at the closing examination. Miss F. bids fair to make one of the best teachers.

DIST. No. 10, L. White, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Katie S. Stinson. This was her first school. She commenced well, and with more practice will make a good teacher. Winter term by Eugene Rackliff. Mr. R. is a young teacher. He labored hard for the interest of his scholars, and succeeded in making the school profitable.

DIST. No. 11, J. Taylor, Jr., Agent.—Summer term by Miss Elfie L. Libbey, a young teacher. At the commencement this school appeared well. Not being notified when it closed, I cannot report the progress. Winter term by James E. Kelley, of Unity. He took hold of the work here with a will, and succeeded finely. Mode of instruction thorough, and I think the school a good one.

DIST. No. 12, Farden Bessey, Agent.—Summer term by Miss Caro M. Webb, who did well in this her first school. Miss Joanna Philbrick, of Thorndike, had charge of the winter term. She kept an excellent school. Good improvement made in all the branches studied. I was especially pleased with a class in geography. There is to be a spring term in this district, to commence Monday, the 13th inst., under the charge of Miss Alice Glidden, of Freedom.

By reason of a disagreement in No. 13, no school was put in operation till December, and that continued one week only.

DIST. No. 14, — Wiggin, Agent.—No summer term. Winter term commenced by Miss Elfie L. Libbey. Some of the parents becoming dissatisfied, at the end of five weeks she resigned. The rest of the term was taught by Miss Ida M. Holmes, of Freedom, who is one of the best teachers, and under whose charge the school made good progress.

In presenting the foregoing report, I have endeavored to give, briefly, the condition of each school, and the success of each teacher, as they appeared to me when visited. If I should undertake to tell the wants of our schools, in order to raise the standard of learning higher, I should only say what has been repeatedly laid before you by your committee.

The most of the school houses are in good repair. A few stand as relics of a darker age. Hope soon to see them replaced by some that will be not only an ornament, but an honor to the several districts and town. The school room in No. 8 is rather small for the number of scholars in that district. I think if room should be furnished so that the school could be graded, it would result in great advantage to the school.

ORA O. CROSBY, Supervisor of Albion.