

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ALBION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 5, 1881.

CLINTON;

B. T. Foster, Printer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Resources.

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| In hands of James Whitaker, Coll. and Treas | \$1, 157.66 | |
| “ “ “ Nathau Davis, former Coll.,..... | 137.00 | |
| Due from J. E. Copeland for pasturing..... | 14.00 | |
| | \$1,308.66. | |

Liabilities.

| | | |
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| Due the several school districts, unexpended money... | \$285.78 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ Mill Tax of 1880..... | 386.50 | |
| “ unpaid County Tax..... | 340.38 | |
| “ Selectmen's Bills..... | 143.45 | |
| “ Town Agent's Bill, estimated..... | 6.00 | |
| “ Outstanding orders..... | 258.78 | |
| | \$1,420.89 | |
| Balance against the Town..... | | \$112.23 |

Detailed Report of Financial Transactions of the Town.

Receipts.

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| Appropriated for State Tax..... | \$ 887.18 | |
| “ “ County Tax..... | 683.20 | |
| “ “ Schools..... | 1,084.80 | |
| “ “ Highways..... | 2,500.00 | |
| Overlayings..... | 243.61 | |
| | \$5,398.79 | |
| Received for State Bond sold..... | \$1,000.00 | |
| “ “ Premium on Bond..... | 160.00 | |
| “ “ Interest on Bond..... | 75.00 | |
| “ “ Bank School Fund and Mill Tax..... | 540.24 | |
| “ from West Waterville..... | 2.00 | |
| “ for Stock and produce sold from farm..... | 402.43 | |
| “ from School Dist. No. 5, drawn and not used | 5.00 | |
| “ “ B. F. Abbott, former Collector..... | 66.01 | |
| “ “ Nathan Davis, “ “ | 1429.88 | |
| | \$3,680.56 | |
| Total receipts..... | | \$9,079.35 |

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Expenditures.

Bills incurred prior to March 1st, 1880.

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| Paid for Benson Higgins, pauper bill..... | \$ 100.00 | |
| “ “ Daniel Lancaster, “ “ | 48.00 | |
| “ “ Polly Taylor, “ “ | 7.00 | |
| “ “ Doctors bill, 1879..... | 8.00 | |
| “ “ Taking care of Job Richards, 1879..... | 2.50 | |
| | | <u>\$155.50</u> |

Bills incurred since March 1st, 1880.

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| Paid State Tax of 1880 in full..... | \$1,887.18 | |
| “ County Tax of 1880 in part..... | 342.82 | |
| “ For Support of schools..... | 1,615.89 | |
| “ “ Labor on Highway. Highway Tax..... | 2,506.81 | |
| “ “ Plank for Bridges..... | 32.32 | |
| “ “ Repairs of Roads and Bridges..... | 29.96 | |
| “ “ “ Burying Ground Fence..... | 1.00 | |
| “ John Handy, Damage to Horse..... | 30.00 | |
| “ Costs in Injunction Case..... | 151.72 | |
| “ For Printing Reports of 1879..... | 14.00 | |
| “ Expense of moving Mrs. W. H. Bragg and children to Town Farm..... | 14.90 | |
| “ Pauper Bills off the Farm..... | 164.05 | |
| “ For Stock and expenses on the Farm..... | 776.92 | |
| “ James Whitaker, Collector and Treasurer..., | 73.00 | |
| “ G. B. Wood, use of Pound..... | 2.00 | |
| “ B. F. Abbott, Town Clerk..... | 9.00 | |
| “ “ “ “ Ballot Boxes & Express on Books | 2.90 | |
| “ F. P. Whitaker, Supervisor of Schools..... | 66.55 | |
| “ Cash Expenses of Selectmen..... | 7.68 | |
| “ Horse and Carriage out of Town..... | 19.60 | |
| “ For Blank Books and Stationery..... | 10.50 | |
| “ For Abatements..... | 60.63 | |
| “ J. W. Hall for keeping Bragg boy..... | 5.00 | |
| “ Orders drawn prior to March 1st 1880..... | 61.04 | |
| In hands of Nathan Davis, former Treasurer..... | 137.00 | |
| “ “ “ James Whitaker, Treas. and Coll., | 1,157.66 | |
| | | <u>\$9,335.63</u> |

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| From which deduct outstanding orders included in the above expenditures..... | <u>256.28</u> |
| | <u>\$9,079.35</u> |

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Abatements.

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| To B. F. Abbott, Collector of 1877..... | \$20.34 | |
| “ Nathan Davis, “ “ 1879..... | 26.53 | |
| “ James Whitaker, “ “ 1880..... | 12.36 | |
| “ John Murphy..... | 1.40 | |
| | | <u>\$60.63</u> |

Town Officers Bills.

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| A. H. Hammond, 1st Selectman..... | \$ 75.80 | |
| Same Horse and Carriage, out of town..... | 15.60 | |
| E. C. Chadwick, 2d Selectman..... | 26.00 | |
| George W. Littlefield, 3d Selectman..... | 41.65 | |
| Same Horse and Carriage out of town..... | 4.00 | |
| James Whitaker, Coll. and Treas..... | 73.90 | |
| F. P. Whitaker, Supervisor of Schools..... | 66.55 | |
| B. F. Abbott, Town Clerk..... | 9.00 | |
| G. B. Wood, Pound Keeper..... | 2.00 | |
| | | <u>\$313.60</u> |

Support of Poor out of Poor House.

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| Paid for support of Mrs. Sally Handy..... | \$ 77.48 | |
| “ “ “ “ Sarah A. Danforth..... | 21.52 | |
| “ “ “ “ Henrietta Lewis..... | 27.31 | |
| “ “ “ “ Eliza French..... | 15.00 | |
| “ “ “ “ Beuson Higgins..... | 17.74 | |
| “ “ “ “ Daniel Lancaster..... | 5.00 | |
| | | <u>\$164.05</u> |

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

Expenditures on Farm.

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| Paid David Fall, balance of Salary as Overseer of 1879—80..... | \$ 37.00 | |
| “ John Stinson, Salary as Overseer to Mar. 1881, | 253.00 | |
| “ Store Bills, total amount..... | 205.58 | |
| 2 pair Oxen, \$238.00 ; 2 cows, \$53.00 ; 2 pigs, \$3.50, | 294.50 | |
| 1 “ 2 yr. Olds, \$49.00 ; 4, 1 yr. Olds, \$39.00 | 88.00 | |
| Difference between horse-rakes, \$17.00 ; Shingles 2.00 ; | 19.00 | |
| Saw bill \$4.00 ; doctor's bill \$9.00 ; use of bull \$2.25 ; | 15.25 | |
| Blacksmith bill \$11.05 ; grass seed \$5.25 ;..... | 16.30 | |
| Beans, \$2.00 ;..... | 2.00 | |
| | | <u>\$930.63</u> |

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Brought forward..... \$930.68

Receipts from Farm.

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| For 2 pr. Oxen sold, \$252.00 ; 1 pr. Steers, \$55.00 | \$307.00 |
| 7 lambs \$15.00 ; 4 sheep \$16.00 ; 2 calves \$10.50 | 41.50 |
| 137½ lbs. wool \$57.75 ; bark \$14.43 ; eggs \$19.19 | 91.37 |
| 1 bbl. cider \$3.20 ; hemlock boards \$7.00 ; mutton \$.45, | 10.65 |
| 125½ lbs. butter \$20.05 ; 151 lbs. beef \$7.55 ;..... | 27.60 |
| potatoes \$2.40 ; beans 13.30 ; 3 pelts 1.95 ;..... | 17.65 |
| 5½ lbs. yarn 5.25 ; 169 lbs. dried apples 8.45 ;..... | 13.70 |
| 338 lbs. pork 23.66 ; hide 5.25 ; pasturing colts 7.50 ; | 36.41 |
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| | \$545.88 |

Expense of Poor on Farm..... \$884.75

Inventory of Stock and provisions on town farm, March 1st, 1881.

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| 2 oxen, \$125.00 ; 4 3 yr. old, \$120.00 ; 4 cows, \$90.00, | \$235.00 |
| 4 2 yr. olds, \$50.00 ; 28 sheep 140.00 ; 2 pigs, 12.00, | 202.00 |
| 23 tons hay, \$276.00 ; 125 lbs. beef, \$10.00 ; | |
| 240 lbs. pork, \$20.80,..... | 306.80 |
| 2 bbls. soap, \$7.00 ; 12 lbs. candles, 1.50 ; | |
| 50 lbs. lard, \$6.00,..... | 14.50 |
| 25 lbs. butter, \$5.75 ; 7 bush. barley. 4.20 ; | |
| 10 bush. potatoes, 4.00,..... | 13.95 |
| 3½ bush. beans, \$6.50 ; 1½ bush. peas, \$2.20 ; | |
| ½ bbl. flour, \$2.50,..... | 11.20 |
| 2 gal. molasses, 1.00 ; 1½ lbs. tea, .60 ; 3 lbs. sugar, .30 | .90 |
| 20 lbs. dried apples, 1.00 ; 2 bush. meal, 1.40 ; | 2.40 |
| 1½ bbl. cider, 3.00 ; 23 heus, 8.00,..... | 11.00 |
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| | \$898.75 |

Costs in Injunction Case.

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| Paid S. S. Brown, counsel fee..... | \$ 50.00 |
| “ Witness fees..... | 88.72 |
| “ A. H. Hammond, time and expenses looking up witnesses..... | 10.30 |
| “ George W. Littlefield, same..... | 2.70 |
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| | \$151.72 |

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| A. H. HAMMOND, | } Selectmen of Albion. |
| E. CHADWICK, | |
| GEO. W. LITTLEFIELD. | |

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE
TOWN OF ALBION,
For the year ending March 1st, 1881.

DISTRICT No. 2—Albert Burrill, Agent.

Summer Term—by Georgia A. Wilson, of Albion. This is a teacher of ability. She discharged her duties wisely and well.

Winter Term—By George W. Brown, of Hanipden. The appearance of this school at the commencement was very satisfactory, and it gave evidence of good success. At our second visit we found both teacher and scholars hard at work. The examination exercises were interesting.

DISTRICT No 3—Olney Worthing, Agent.

Summer Term—By Annie Chase, of Albion. At the time of our visits we found this teacher hard at work with her little charge, and saw no reason why the school was not a good one.

Winter Term—By Sadie F. Shorey, of Albion. She is an experienced teacher who is well known in town, therefore it is sufficient to say she fully sustained her reputation.

DISTRICT No. 4—Samuel Bradstreet, Agent.

Summer Term—By Sadie F. Shorey, of Albion, with success as in No. 3.

Winter Term—By F. B. Hussey, of Albion. Mr. H. did all possible to insure good success, and all who had a wholesome interest in themselves made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 5—Dearborn Fuller, Agent.

Summer Term—By Carrie Elkins, of Knox. A teacher possessing a good education, but a little remiss in discipline. The scholars made good progress in reading, arithmetic and algebra.

Winter Term—Was under the instruction of F. P. Whitaker.

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DISTRICT No. 6—William Varney, Agent.

Summer Term—By Gertrude Drake, of Albion. Although this school was a little noisy, we think the scholars made very good improvement and that it was a profitable term.

Winter Term—By Ollive A. Gould, of Albion. An experienced teacher. At the commencement we found this school in first class order. Was visited but once on account of a violent storm, but we feel safe in saying that it was a good school.

DISTRICT No. 8—B. F. Abbott, Agent.

Summer Term—By Carrie Webb, of Albion. A teacher who thoroughly understands her business in the school room. She commenced her school under difficulties, nevertheless we feel justified in saying it was a profitable term.

Winter Term—By J. C. Rider, of Waterville. A good organizer, a ready instructor and firm disciplinarian. At the close of the school we saw that the scholars had made good improvement. The classes in Arithmetic and Algebra deserve special mention, and the first class in Grammar is the best in town. The assistant for the term was Annie Chase, who did well.

DISTRICT No. 9—G. B. Shorey, Agent.

Summer Term—By Josie A. Rider, of Albion. This being her first term she lacked somewhat in judgment, but with more study and experience will make a good teacher.

Winter Term—By Annie McGray, of Unity. This school was visited but once on account of not being notified. Then it was progressing favorably. We understand she gave satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 10—Edwin York, Agent.

Summer Term—By Julia F. Worthen, of Palermo. Miss Worthen worked faithfully for those under her care, and she succeeded in making this a profitable school. The instructions of the teacher were thorough and faithful.

Winter Term—By May E. Bradstreet, of Freedom. Miss B. has the faculty of gaining the confidence and good will of her scholars. The scholars made good progress this term.

DISTRICT No. 11—Joseph Taylor, Agent.

Summer Term—By Florence F. Fowler, of Unity. The agent was very fortunate in securing the services of this excellent teacher. The examination was satisfactory and creditable to the school.

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Winter Term—By Georgia A. Wilson, of Albion. This school closed unexpectedly, consequently was visited but once. We cannot state more than at the beginning of the term the school gave promise of being profitable.

DISTRICT No. 12—P. T. Bessey, Agent.

Summer and Winter Terms—By Carrie Drake, of Benton. Being an old and well trained teacher, and carrying into the school room a love for her vocation, she labored effectively. The examination of the school was satisfactory, showing that the scholars had improved their opportunities.

DISTRICT No. 13—H. Robinson, Agent.

Summer Term—By Lillian C. McCurdy, of China. A more correct idea of a teacher's duty would have guaranteed her better success. This school is backward and small. Considering the length of the term we think fair progress was made.

Winter Term—By Millie Rowe, of Palermo. This small school was very fortunate in having a teacher so well adapted to instruct. Good progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 14—George H. Wiggin, Agent.

Summer Term—By Amanda Quinn, of China. We think Miss Quinn labored hard for the improvement of the scholars. At our last visit the order was good, and the progress made, satisfactory.

Winter Term—By Emma T. Webb, of Albion. Miss W. is an experienced teacher, who understands her vocation as teacher. It was easy to see at the commencement that the term would be a successful one. At the examination near the close the classes all acquitted themselves with credit. The first classes in reading and arithmetic deserve especial mention.

In submitting the foregoing report I have endeavored to give briefly the conditions of each school and teacher as they appeared to me when visited. Allow me a few remarks pertaining to the question, how shall we improve our schools. There are three requisites to good schools; good teachers, diligent pupils and interested parents. Great care should be taken in securing the first, for upon them depend the welfare of the whole department. The other two are generally found together, under the same roof. Many scholars need home stimulation, and all need encouragement in their studies. It is then by the parent's hand that the germ of knowledge should be

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planted, and that a parent's eye should watch its growth. One reason why our schools accomplish so little is the shortness of the terms and length of the vacations. In the interval between the summer and winter terms much knowledge, although not forgotten, becomes too indefinite for use, and a long school review is necessary, often requiring half the term; consequently we find our scholars year after year applying themselves to the same tasks. After the school has closed and a short interval has elapsed, take the education of the children into your own hands; see that they read and spell each day; cause a review of all their other studies to be made. By these means the school work can commence where it was discontinued, and rapid advancement will be your reward.

While we express our thanks for kindness and cordiality with which we have been met during the year just passed, we ask a more earnest support for our schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. P. WHITAKER, Supervisor of Schools.