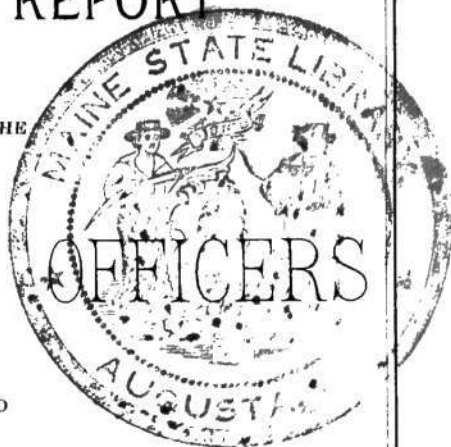


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF ALBION,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1886.

Real Estate.....	\$281,700 00
Personal Estate.....	98,610 00
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	\$380,310 00
Real Estate Supplementary.....	\$150 00
Personal Estate.....	70 00
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	\$380,530 00
No. of polls.....	302
No. of polls, supplementary.....	3
Poll tax.....	\$3.00
Rate of taxation.....	\$14.00 on \$1,000

ITEMS AND AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX.

State tax.....	\$1,392 83
County tax.....	1509 02
Support of schools.....	954 40
Town charges.....	1,200 00
Highways.....	2,000 00
Overlayings.....	174 09
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Total assessment.....	\$6,230 34
Assessed on 302 polls at \$3.00.....	\$906 00
Assessed valuation \$380,310 00 at \$14 on \$1,000.....	5,324 34
Gain in fractions.....	04
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	\$6,230 38
Assessed Supplementary on 3 polls at \$3.00.....	\$9 00
" " " \$150 real estate.....	2 10
" " " \$70 personal estate.....	98
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Committed to B. F. Abbott, Collector.....	\$6,242 46

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid John G. Parmeter, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	\$81 25
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	2 00
Charles Drake, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	45 50
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	3 00
Charles S. Billings, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	41 00
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	1 00
Benj. F. Abbott, Collector and Treasurer.....	91 00
Carroll W. Abbott, Supervisor of Schools.....	70 35
Fred T. Brown, Clerk.....	10 00
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	\$345 10

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS :

Paid O. D. Ewer, balance of salary as Overseer for 1885 to 1886.....	\$29 00
J. C. Parmeter, salary to March 1st, 1887.....	246 00
Store bill of O. D. Ewer.....	3 62
Store bill of J. C. Parmeter.....	98 95
For corn and meal.....	39 94
Mowing machine.....	53 00
Insuring farm buildings.....	15 00
Blacksmithing.....	6 25
Shotes.....	9 75
Phosphate.....	9 50
Potatoes.....	2 50
Barley.....	1 75
Beans.....	50
Grass seed.....	5 69
Buck.....	3 50
Labor.....	9 00
Pump.....	6 00
Medical services.....	4 00
Use of male animals.....	1 75
Miscellaneous articles.....	9 53
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	\$555 23

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

Received for Wool.....	\$22 68	
Lambs.....	42 50	
Butter.....	20 02	
Potatoes.....	10 78	
Calves.....	10 50	
Oats.....	10 30	
Hoops.....	9 50	
Eggs.....	8 18	
Poultry.....	1 55	
Felts.....	1 10	
Pasturing.....	1 00	
Flour barrels.....	60	
Peas.....	40	
Use of pasture.....	25 00	
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		\$164 11
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Expense of poor on farm.....		\$391 12

INVENTORY OF STOCK PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS ON TOWN
FARM MARCH 1, 1887

1 pair oxen.....	\$140 00
3 cows.....	75 00
5 three year olds.....	90 00
23 sheep.....	100 00
23 hens.....	10 00
1 swine.....	6 00
7 tons of hay.....	70 00
100 lbs. of pork.....	8 00
3 pounds lard.....	30
8 pounds butter.....	1 50
11 pounds sugar.....	80
14 pounds dried apple.....	56
4 1-2 pounds rolls.....	1 80
1 pound soda.....	05
25 pounds shorts.....	30
1-2 pound tea.....	25
60 bushels oats.....	27 00

1 1-2 bushels meal	1 00	
3-4 bushel peas	75	
10 bushels apples	2 00	
25 bushels potatoes	5 00	
1 1-2 barrels soap	7 00	
5-6 barrel flour	5 00	
1 1-2 gallons molasses	60	
3 gallons kerosene oil	38	
1-2 box salt	10	
		\$553 39

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Paid S. Chalmers & Sons for Polly Taylor	\$52 00
H. J. Durgin for Mrs. Lewis	15 14
John Carter for Mrs. Lewis	2 00
C. W. Abbott, professional services for Mrs. Richards	8 00
Insane Hospital for E. L. Stratton	103 42
" " " " " " bill of 1885	37 00
" " " Mrs. Jonathan Moody	40 16
	\$257 72
Deduct bill of 1885	37 00
	\$220 72
Cost of poor off farm 1886	8 00
Of this sum Benton has paid	
	\$212 72
Cost of poor out of poor house 1886	
There is claimed by Augusta on acct. of Jas. Austin and wife, which claim we believe can be successfully resisted, estimated at	8 00

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous	\$267 48
Abatement	94 62
Town Officers bills	345 10
Support of Poor on Town Farm	391 12
Support of Poor not on Farm	257 72

Support of Schools.....	1,558 70
State Tax.....	1,392 88
County Tax.....	509 02
County Tax balance of 1885.....	185 48
Highway Tax.....	2,050 00
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	\$7,052 07

ASSETS.

In hands of N. Davis, Col. and Tr., 1884 and '85....	\$99 96
“ “ “ B. F. Abbott, Col. and Tr., 1886.....	514 49
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	\$614 45

LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts.....	\$253 87
Due Insane Hospital for E. L. Stratton.....	29 27
“ “ “ “ Lucinda Moody.....	16 10
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	\$299 24
Less amts. due from several school districts, overdrawn,	3 43
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	\$295 81
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Balance in favor of town.....	\$318 64

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. PARMETER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES DRAKE,	
CHARLES S. BILLINGS.	

of
Albion.

REMARKS.

You will see that the pauper bill of Augusta on account of Jas Austin and wife has not been paid for the reason that we believe that his settlement was claimed and brought about by fraud.

The roads and bridges have cost more on account of the heavy snow bills of last winter and the small highway tax raised, there being no money in the several districts. The surveyors have had to be helped to keep the roads in repair.

The expense of the support of the poor on the farm has been more than common, there having been no sales of stock and prices depreciating, also for the season that there have been \$53 paid for mowing machine and \$9 for labor. Total \$62. The stock and produce on hand will compare favorably with past years.

Indulging in no lengthy remarks I would call the *poor* tax payer's notice to a few things. Consider well the matter of whom it is best to put in office. We should not hang to party when it means *higher taxes and poverty* so to do. We should never let a few men who hold the mortgages of our farms and who receive from six to eight per cent on them these hard times and stand ready to take, if need be, our last cow for interest, and then hide their notes and obligations for money taxable by law the same as our cattle and farms for which we owe them and evade the law of taxation in all the ways that can be conceived by a mind which makes gain its *supreme* aim in life. These men refuse to give in their property and if the assessors have mind and honor enough to tax *all property taxable by law* that they can find, they do all in their power to get rid of paying their taxes.

Thanking my townsmen for the honor of their votes, but *more especially those* who have supported me in my feeble attempts to do right and justice toward all, with "love toward all and malice toward none."

I remain in F. C. and L,

JOHN. G. PARMETER.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 2.—C. H. JOHNSON, Agent.

Summer Term taught by Miss Helen N. Brainerd of China. Although the school was small it was characterized by earnestness, good order, and thorough drill, especially in elocution.

Winter Term taught by N. A. Webb of Jackson, who is one of the best of teachers, combining a natural aptitude with a thorough preparation for his work, thorough practical scholarship and good discipline are his aim and in this school he has been eminently successful.

DISTRICT No. 3.—HILLARD L. COPELAND, Agent.

Miss M. Stella Fall taught the Summer term. This is a pleasant school to teach. Scholars apt and industrious. Miss Fall's order and good examination showed that the scholars had been thorough and made good advancement.

Miss Charlotte B. Taylor taught the Fall term. Miss T. is a firm but strict disciplinarian and very thorough in her methods of instruction. Scholars made marked improvements in their studies.

Miss Annie J. Chase taught the Winter term. Miss C. is an old and experienced teacher. She has that faculty of ruling the pupils with love. Teacher and scholars were both interested in their work and the result was an excellent school.

DISTRICT No. 4.—PREBLE LIBBY, Agent.

Miss Annie J. Chase taught both the Summer and Fall terms with her usual success. She at once interested the scholars in their studies and they made good advancement. The small geography class deserves mention. I was much pleased with it.

Miss Nell H. Barnes taught the winter term. Miss B. worked hard for the school with good result. There was adverse influence at work which injured the school somewhat. If parents, instead of taking their scholars from school, should visit it themselves, they

would be better able to judge its merits. Large scholars are supposed to have brains enough to decently behave but if they have not I believe a good old fashioned shaking has a beneficial effect.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—OTIS MEADER, Agent.

Summer term was commenced by Miss Maria T. Mitchell of Freedom an old and experienced teacher. After careful investigation I concluded the school not a profitable one so closed it.

Fall term taught by Miss Mae E. Foss. Miss F. is ambitious enough to place herself in the front rank of our teachers. She is an excellent disciplinarian, thorough, clear in explanation and a worker besides. A profitable term.

Winter term taught by Lewis C. Foss. Scholars learned well, but there was a lack of order on our last visit that we were sorry to see. Examination fair.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—L. M. SHOREY, Agent.

Miss Fannie M. Shorey taught the summer term. Miss S. is a fine scholar and worked well for the interests of the school. Scholars made good improvement, still there was a lack of energy and enthusiasm in the school on our last visit.

Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Olive A. Wiggins. Miss W. is a live, wide awake teacher who imbued her scholars with the same spirit. Advancement good. The primary class had a thorough drill on the map and did remarkably well.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—N. R. WELLINGTON, Agent.

There was a Free High School taught by Miss Rosa A. Abbott of Rumford in the district in the spring. Miss A. is too well known as a teacher to need any recommendation from us.

Fall term taught by John R. Wellington, class of Colby '86. Although a member of the district, Mr. W. succeeded admirably well. A fine scholar himself he makes a thorough teacher. A very profitable term.

Winter term taught by George W. Shay. This was the only school that has fallen below our expectation. There was a lack of interest on the part of both scholar and teacher. School was also injured by outside influence. Mr. Shay is a good scholar and capable of teaching a first class school, but failed to do so from lack of energy.

DISTRICT No. 9.—RUEL SHOREY, Agent.

Miss Mae E. Foss has taught the entire school year with most satisfactory results. We think the district fortunate in having the same teacher the second term. One good teacher for a year is far better than two or three different ones for the same time. Eight scholars this winter were not absent one half day.

DISTRICT No. 10.—AUGUSTUS LIBBY, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Nell H. Barnes. School was interesting at both visits. Teacher and scholars understood what they were at school for. Improvement good.

F. A. Davis taught the winter term. Mr. D. is a young teacher of fine executive and mental ability. School orderly, industrious and made marked improvement.

DISTRICT No. 12.—ORLANDO THOMPSON, Agent.

Miss Mina N. Libby taught both Summer and Fall terms. Miss L. is a model teacher. Interested in the scholars, thorough and energetic, the school could not help being a success.

Winter term taught by Miss Minnie F. Foss. Although young in experience Miss F. is a natural teacher and is destined to become one of our best. Profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 13.—JOHNATHAN MOODY, Agent.

Miss Josephine Holmes taught the Summer term. Miss H. had a small school, but succeeded well in establishing an interest and maintaining excellent discipline. Scholars showed on examination lack of thoroughness not pleasant to witness.

Winter term taught by Norman A. Tripp of Unity. Mr. Tripp is a young teacher this term being his first attempt at teaching. His methods of imparting instruction are good and correct. Scholars interested, thorough and made good advancement. Successful term.

DISTRICT No. 14.—L. L. TAYLOR, Agent.

Miss Bina M. Shorey taught Summer term. School showed marked improvement in order and appearance on our second visit. Miss S. worked hard for the advancement of the school with good success.

Winter term taught by George E. Worth of Freedom. Mr. W. is a worker of the right stamp. He enters into the spirit of teaching. Scholars interested and a very profitable term. Still I think if the review had been more closely looked after and a little better order maintained, better results might have been accomplished.

REMARKS.

The law specifically requires that the supervising official shall visit each school at least twice each term and as specifically it indicates the purpose of such visits as first to inquire into the regulations and discipline of the school, and second, to ascertain the proficiency of the scholars. It thus emphasizes the importance of inspection by fixing the minimum and by particularizing its purposes and processes.

I have tried to follow the spirit as well as the letter of the law in the discharge of my duty. By taking 20 per cent of the school money and dividing it among the smaller districts it gave us a larger number of terms than ever before. There were seven schools in operation this fall. I have made 68 visits and have endeavored to examine the scholars in such a manner as to ascertain the amount of work accomplished as well as the thoroughness in which it was done. Taken on the whole I never knew better work done than has been accomplished the past year in our schools. It has been a pleasure to me to witness the enthusiasm shown by the scholars in the examination and to note the marked advancement made in the various studies. I think parents are very remiss in their duty about visiting the schools and seeing for themselves the methods employed for governing and instructing the school. Only 48 visits have been made by citizens the past year. *Parents*, visit the schools and thereby show the scholars and teachers you are interested in their progress.

The majority of our school rooms need more and better black-board surface. I would advise agents to see that new boards are added and old ones repainted.

The school houses as a general thing are very comfortable but some of the out-houses are in a wretched condition and need to be remedied. A good hitching post is as much needed at every school house as any repairs on the building. I honestly object to a dancing school during term time. There is something fascinat-

ing about it and it always manifests itself in lack of interest among the scholars. You cannot educate the head and heel at the same time. Three of our schools this winter have been injured by its influence. Social intercourse should be useful but not destructive to all the interests of our schools by its too frequent occurrence. Let every one consider this and think of the greatest good to the greatest number and govern themselves wisely. I believe it to be the duty of the town to buy the books used in the schools direct from the publishers and place them in the hands of the supervisor to be furnished to the pupils at cost, a great saving would thus be made.

The majority of our teachers have been earnest and zealous in their labors and deserve the praise of all.

If mistakes have been made in the management of our schools they are wholly mine and I am the one to be censured.

With gratitude for the kindness shown me the past year I submit the annual report.

C. W. ABBOTT,

Supervisor of Schools.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amt. raised by vote of Town..... \$954 40
 Amt. received from State..... 557 59

Total school funds..... \$1,511 99
 20 per cent out 302.40. \$1,511.99-302.40=\$1,209.59 total divided.

Rate per scholar \$3.59.

The money was apportioned among the several districts as follows :

No. of Dist.	No. of Schol.	Amt. Apport. 1886.	Amt. Added 1886.	Total Apport. 1886.	Amt. not drawn 1885.	Total to expend 1886.
2	38	136.42	12.62	149.04	25.91	174.95
3	28	100.52	19.81	120.33	18.13	138.46
4	42	150.78	12.62	163.40	7.98	171.38
5	44	157.96	12.63	170.59	10.02	180.61
6	19	68.21	52.11	120.32	14.66	134.98
8	52	186.68	12.63	199.31		199.31
9	29	104.11	16.21	120.32	13.52	133.84
10	27	96.93	23.40	120.33	6.35	126.68
11					21.33	21.33
12	22	78.98	41.34	120.32	39.87	160.19
13	9	32.31	75.39	107.70	3.00	110.70
14	27	96.93	23.40	120.33	.78	121.11

SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN, SO FAR AS RETURNS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Number of District.	NAME OF TEACHERS.	Number Scholars Registered.			Average	Number Registered.			Length of School In Weeks.			Wages Per Month.	Wages Per Week.	Price of Board.
		S	F	M		S	F	M	S	F	M			
2	Helen N. Brainard . N. A. Webb	9	15	7	13.8	8	13	13	26.00	3.50	1.80			
		19	13	14.6		9	9	13						
3	M. Stella Fall . Charlotte E. Taylor Annie J. Chase	13	10	11.6	17	9	8	8	4.00	Given				
		26	26	20		11	8	8						
4	" " " " " " Nell H. Barnes	26	26	21	23	8	8	8	3.25	1.25				
		34	33	30.7		11	8	8						
5	Maria T. Mitchell Mae E. Foss Lewis C. Foss	34	27	23	23	12	9	11	25.00	3.50	1.10			
		33	15	13		9	11	11						
6	Fannie M. Shorey Olive A. Wiggins " " "	15	14	13	13	10	7	10	2.50	1.50				
		14	16	16		10	9	9						
8	John B. Wellington. George W. Shay	30	24	22	14	10	10	10	40.00	Given				
		14	24	12.6		9	9	9						
9	Mae E. Foss " " "	14	21	14	20	10	14	14	2.50	1.40				
		15	19	14		10	14	14						
10	Nell H. Barnes Fred A. Davie	15	14	14	16.1	10	9	9	18.00	4.25	Given			
		12	16	13		12	8	8						
12	Mina N. Libby " " " Minnie F. Foss	16	15	13	13	12	9	9	3.00	.92				
		16	14	12.4		8	9	9						
13	Josephine Holmes Norman A. Tripp	14	10	8.8	9	10	12	12	15.00	2.75	2.00			
		14	20	11.2		8	12	12						
14	Bina M. Shorey George Worth.	14	20	15.9	15.9	8	12	12	20.00	2.75	1.65			
		20	20	11.2		8	12	12						