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Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF 1897.

Resident real estate.....	\$254,140	00
Non-resident real estate.....	14,780	00
Personal estate.....	60,379	00
Total	\$329,299	00
Assessed on \$329,299.00 at \$11.00		
per \$1,000.00.....	\$3,622	29
Assessed on 267 polls at \$1.75....	467	25
Fractional gain assessing.....	1	23
Highway deficiency.....	27	56
		\$4,118 33

TAX ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO W. S. MAYBERRY, COLLECTOR :

For State tax.....	\$1,057	03
County tax.....	431	42
Town charges.....	1,000	00
Support of schools.....	836	00
Repairing school-houses.....	100	00
Free High school.....	75	00
Text books.....	40	00
Interest on town bonds.....	450	00
Overlayings.....	101	32
Highway deficiency.....	27	56
		\$4,118 33

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1st, 1898.

Rec'd from B. F. Abbott, treas., 1894..	\$45 00	
“ “ W. S. Mayberry, “ 1896..	837 05	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1897.	4,118 33	
“ “ State on account dog license.	49 28	
“ “ “ “ “ damage by dogs	13 00	
“ For state school fund.....	528 34	
“ “ Free High School.....	65 00	
“ “ Auctioneer's license.....	2 00	
“ “ Use of town-house.....	14 00	
“ “ Blank books.....	1 08	
“ “ Railroad and telegraph tax....	1 12	
“ “ Hearse out of town.....	10 50	
	\$5,684 70	

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,057 03
County tax.....	131 42
“ “ balance for 1896.....	100 00
For support of schools.....	1,384 26
Driving hearse.....	28 00
Printing town reports, 1896..	12 00
Text books.....	42 95
Support of Free High School.	130 00
Abatements of 1896.....	13 79
Edges for road machine.....	7 50
Repairs on “ “	2 50
Preparing state assessors' blanks	4 50
Filling out and recording birth cards and burial permits.	15 00
Plank and material for high- ways	76 30
Re-building Herrington bridge	13 00
L. Libbey, care of town-house.	5 00
G. B. Wood, use of pound...	2 00

Legal counsel.....	2 00	
Oil, and repairs on town-house	1 36	
Blank books, stationery and postage	10 87	
Cash expenses of selectmen..	3 50	
Sheep killed by dogs.....	13 00	
Coupons	407 25	
Repairs on school-houses....	91 08	
Insurance on " "	5 63	
Balance due on school-house..	20 00	
Ballot clerks.....	6 00	
G. H. Wilson, Moderator, '96-7	4 00	
Housing road machine.....	2 00	
School-house yard fence.....	10 98	
Outstanding orders.....	286 88	
Removing L. P. Webb home from hospital.....	5 00	
Rebuilding Harding bridge..	12 73	
O. Meader, services as Justice....	3 00	
Miscellaneous	4 70	
		\$3,915 23

Expenditures on Account of Highways.

Paid J. W. Swears, 1896.....	\$4 00	
G. W. Littlefield, 1897.....	1 50	
J. H. Whitaker, "	2 37	
A. B. Skillin, "	1 75	
Bert Denico, "	3 50	
A. D. Crawford, "	5 62	
E. C. Fowler, "	2 99	
J. W. Swears, "	10 99	
		\$32 72

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

Paid W. A. Grant, bal. of salary, 1896-7.....	\$25 00
“ “ “ salary to March 1, 1898.....	225 00
for corn, meal and shorts.....	62 05
“ flour.....	43 75
Store bill.....	116 74
Phosphate.....	15 55
Pump.....	6 25
Grass and garden seeds.....	6 27
Pigs.....	5 00
Beef and fish.....	10 16
Repair on furnace.....	2 50
Medicines.....	6 20
Scythes, axe, rakes and hoe.....	3 90
Clothing, boots and rubbers.....	15 51
Tinware, hardware and glass.....	2 67
Miscellaneous.....	3 08
Wash tub and hogshead.....	1 15
Salt, lard and vinegar.....	2 76
Bedding.....	7 18
Brooms, mop, soap and washing powder..	5 16
Repairs on mowing machine.....	3 78
W. H. Tukey, medical attendance.....	4 50
G. W. Wilson, “ “.....	5 00
	\$579 16

One hundred and nine tramps have received supper and breakfast and a night's lodging, adding materially to the expense of the farm.

Receipts from Town Farm.

Received for lambs.....	\$11 00	
“ “ Wool	20 50	
“ “ Eggs	9 01	
“ “ Pasturing.....	8 00	
“ “ Board	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$86 51
Expenses of poor on farm.....		\$492 65

Support of Poor Off Farm.

Paid Insane Hospital for L. P. Webb..	\$75 27	
“ “ “ “ F. M. Shepherd	30 47	
“ for support of James Pullen.....	30 50	
“ “ “ “ James Austin.....	23 25	
“ “ “ “ Hiram Hawes.....	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$181 99

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid G. B. Pray, Selectman, Assessor, &c	\$55 75	
Same for horse and carriage out of town	4 00	
L. Libbey, Selectman, Assessor, &c	28 50	
Same for horse and carriage out of town	50	
G. A. Skillin, Selectman, Assessor, &c	31 50	
C. E. Wilson, Supt. of Schools...	65 00	
C. E. Wilson, Town Clerk.....	10 00	
W. S. Mayberry, Coll. and Treas..	46 00	
W. A. Varney, Auditor.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 25

Board of Health.

Paid W. H. Tukey, M. D., Secretary...	\$5 00	
R. L. Baker.....	4 00	
L. L. Taylor.....	4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$13 00
Total expenditures.....		4,877 84
From which deduct outstanding orders included in the above expenditures		11 50
		<u> </u>
		4,866 34
In hands of W. S. Mayberry, Collector and Treasurer.....		818 36
		<u> </u>
		\$5,684 70

Financial Standing of Town.

RESOURCES.

In hands of W. S. Mayberry, Collector and Treasurer.....	\$818 36	
Due from State for dog licenses, estimated	40 00	
	<u> </u>	\$858 36

LIABILITIES.

Due for schools.....	\$70 10	
Interest on bonds.....	45 00	
Support of Frank M. Shepherd.	19 92	
" " James Austin, esti- mated.....	50 00	
On County tax.....	300 00	
Outstanding Orders.....	11 50	
	<u> </u>	\$496 52
		<u> </u>
Balance in favor of town		\$361 84

**Inventory of Stock, Produce, Provisions, and Farming
Tools on Town Farm, March 1st, 1898.**

4 oxen.....	\$185 00
2 cows.....	45 00
1 2-year heifer.....	18 00
1 calf.....	5 00
25 sheep.....	110 00
2 shoats.....	6 00
28 hens.....	10 00
22 tons hay.....	110 00
1½ " straw.....	4 50
15 bushels potatoes.....	11 00
1 " beans.....	1 35
20 " oats.....	6 40
150 lbs. pork.....	10 50
4 " butter.....	6 00
22 " lard.....	1 76
14 " sugar.....	80
7 " dried apple.....	42
¼ barrel flour.....	1 50
Tea and coffee.....	80
10 gallons oil, 8 bars soap.....	90
1 gallon molasses, 2 qts. vinegar.....	50
1 mowing machine, \$8.00; 4 harrows, \$10.00.....	18 00
1 cultivator, \$3.00; cart and wheels, \$10.00.....	13 00
Ox sled and chains.....	4 00
Yokes, bows, rings and staples.....	2 00
Axes, saws, scythes and snaths.....	2 00
Shovels, hoes, forks and rake.....	2 00
Horse rake and grindstone.....	6 00
Horse fork and fixtures.....	5 00
Plows.....	10 00
Sledge, wedges and crowbar.....	1 00
Fence auger and cross cut saw.....	1 00

\$599 43

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct.

W. A. VARNEY, *Auditor.*

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. PRAY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Albion.</i>
I. LIBBEY,		
G. A. SKILLIN,		

Report of the Board of Health.

The report of the local Board of Health for the town of Albion is respectfully submitted.

We, as required by the statutes, held four regular quarterly meetings, at which the sanitary condition of the town was fully discussed.

During the spring of 1897 an epidemic of measles occurred. Although the disease extended over the town extensively, attacking old and young alike, and in many cases being severe, there were fortunately no fatal cases. With this exception there were no epidemics or contagious diseases reported for the year. There were no nuisances reported for the year. Taken as a whole the year has been exceptionally healthy.

There have occurred sixteen deaths in town during the year, as follows :

1897.	DEATHS.	YRS. MO.	CAUSES.
Mch. 26.	Albina Wiggins,	60— 9,	Lobulæ Pneumonia.
Apr. 10.	Josiah Harding, Jr.,	65— 3,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
Apr. 22.	Hannah Webb,	68— 11,	Cancer.
Apr. 26.	Pardon T. Bessey,	53— 1,	Dropsy around heart.
May 8.	Orestus D. Ewer,	40— 5,	Bronchial Consumption.
May 22.	Ada M. Rich,	— 1,	Constipation and inanition.
July 15.	John Homsted,	78— 2,	Uræmia.
July 17.	Otis B. Chase,	63— 9,	Disease of spleen and liver.
July 26.	Julia A. Crosby,	75— 1,	Exhaustion from fractured hip
Aug. 3.	Emma R. Crosby,	47— 11,	Disease of brain and stomach.
Aug. 29.	Lysander P. Webb,	41— 7,	Asphyxia from foreign body in throat.
Sept. 29.	James Pullen,	85—	Old age and Diarrhoea.
Nov. 7.	Levi W. Keay,	74— 4,	Disease of kidneys & bladder.
Dec. 24.	Hiram Hawes,	62—	Dropsy.
1898.			
Feb. 15.	John W. Swears,	62— 5,	Disease of Heart.
Mch. 2.	Edith I. Kane,	30—	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
R. L. BAKER, <i>President.</i>			
L. L. TAYLOR, <i>Health officer.</i>			
W. H. TUKEY, M. D., <i>Secretary.</i>			

Albion Me., March 18, 1898.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Amount appropriated by town.....	\$836 00	
School fund and mill tax from state....	528 34	
Balance from '97.....	90 02	
		\$1,454 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' wages.....	\$703 50	
“ “ “ board.....	265 50	
“ “ Town of China, '97.....	12 48	
“ “ transporting scholars.....	284 00	
“ “ wood and janitor work.....	118 78	
		\$1,384 26
Balance		\$70 10

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Amount appropriated by town.....	\$40 00	
“ expended.....	42 95	
		\$2 95

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Amount appropriated.....	\$100 00	
“ expended.....	91 08	
		\$10 96
Outstanding bill.....		\$10 96

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Rec'd from State	65 00	
		\$140 00
Paid for support of same		\$130 00
Balance		\$10 00

Whole attendance, 25.

Average attendance, 18.

Taught by R. H. Cook of Friendship, Me.

SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 5, 1898.

No. of School.	Time.	TEACHERS.	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Wages per week.	Board per week.	Length of Term.	Taught before.
2	Summer	Eva M. Whitmore...	20	17	1-2	\$3.50	\$1.50	9 9
"	Fall	Minnie F. Foss.....	22	17	2	4.50	1.75	12 27
3	Summer	" " ".....	14	12		3.50	1.50	9 26
"	Winter	" " ".....	16	12		4.50	1.50	12 28
4	Summer	Helen McDonald....	13	12		3.50	1.50	9 2
"	Winter	Frank H. Thurston..	23	16		6.25	2.00	11 2
5	Summer	Laura G. Whitaker..	12	10	4-5	3.00	1.50	9 ..
"	Fall	Lilla Whitaker.....	14	12		4.00	1.75	12 8
8	Summer	Emma W. Peaslee... 35	29			4.50	1.50	9 4
"	Fall	" " "..... 31	27			4.50	1.50	10 5
"	Winter	Charles E. Gurney... 33	24			7.50	2.50	12 ..
9	Summer	Fannie M. Shorey... 19	14			3.50	1.50	9 24
"	Winter	Frank L. Tozier..... 27	20			6.25	2.00	12 8
11	Summer	Annie M. Abbott.... 8,	7	3-5		3.00	1.50	9 4
"	Fall	Ella M. Wixon..... 10	8	2-5		3.50	1.50	12 1

REMARKS.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: In submitting this report I have departed from the custom of former years in regard to making a separate report of each school. It does not seem to me to be for the best interests of the schools that the success or failure of each teacher should be commented on in this report, as it can be of no benefit to the schools, and it could work the teachers injury.

The schools for the past year, in my opinion, have been a success. Some could have done better work if better order had prevailed. It is useless to expect the best work of a school in which the order is not of the best.

The schools have been badly handicapped by the need of suitable books. It has been impossible to supply them without far exceeding the appropriation, which I did not feel at liberty to do. It seems to me that the scholars have but little care for the preservation of the books, thinking if one is lost or destroyed another will be supplied to take its place. I think the scholars should be allowed to retain their books until they are through with them instead of being given different books each term. It is not possible to do this as there are not enough books to supply them all. The books which are now in use are in a very dilapidated condition, very many being unfit for use. I am satisfied that many persons have books belonging to the town which they do not use, these should be delivered to the Superintendent before another term of school begins.

In my endeavor to care for the books, I have placed a book-case in each school-house and have had blanks printed, on which to keep a record of books in the hands of the scholars.

The school-houses are in need of a considerable outlay of money. Several need painting very badly as well as other repairs. It is for the best interests of the town that the condition and appearance of the school-houses be as good as possible.

I would recommend the following appropriations:

For repairs on School-houses, \$200; Text books, \$150.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WILSON, *Supt. of Schools.*