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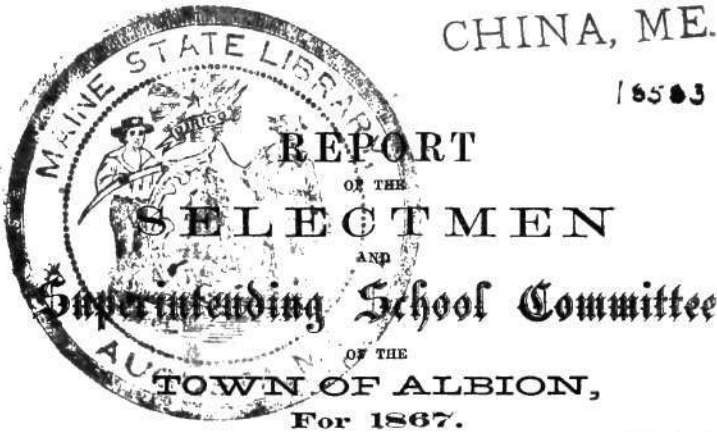
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1863



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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

Present Financial Condition.

LIABILITIES.

Due on outstanding orders,	\$3,768 69
Due as interest on same,	859 06
Due several School Districts,	20 47
Due G. B. Wood, for use of Pound,	1 50
Due for printing Reports, estimated,	15 00
Due on account of John Austin's family,	8 80
	————— \$4,673 52

RESOURCES.

In hands of G. M. Webb, Collector and Treasurer,	\$1,513 32
“ Liquor Agent,	37 29
	————— \$1,550 61
Total Town debt.	\$3,122 91

Detailed Report of the Financial Transactions of the Town.

RECEIPTS.

From former Treasurer,	\$4,676 30
Tax bills for 1867,	11,643 74
State aid from State, for 1866,	22 50
School fund for 1867,	36 85
Stock, produce and lumber sold from town farm,	260 50
Cash received for aid to transient paupers,	8 14
Cash from Town Liquor Agent,	150 00
	————— \$16,790 03

EXPENDITURES.

State tax for 1867,	\$1,832 52
County tax for 1867,	549 90
Paid for support of schools,	1,181 86
" Blank books and Stationery,	6 38
" Selectmen's bills for 1866,	158 25
" Selectmen's bills for 1867,	141 25
" Abatements on money taxes for 1865-6-7,	97 32
" Abatement of highway tax worked out,	2,908 99
" Lumber for town farm,	32 19
" Repairs of highways and bridges,	99 52
" Plank for bridges,	27 34
" Support of poor,	80 50
" G. M. Webb, Collector and Treasurer,	59 46
" Superintending School Committee,	75 07
" G. F. Hopkins, Town Clerk,	7 00
" N. R. Wellington, Auditor,	1 00
" Cash expenses of Selectmen,	9 47
" Insurance to 1871,	12 00
" Blacksmith's bill,	11 70
" Four years service of bull,	14 00
" Outstanding orders and interest,	7,970 99
In hands of Collector and Treasurer,	1,513 32
	<hr/> \$16,790 03

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

H. Jaquith, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$61 25
Cash expenses of same,	7 22
S. Rider, same offices,	44 45
Cash expenses,	1 40
H. Hammond same offices,	34 75
Cash expenses,	80
O. C. Hamlin, S. S. Committee,	25 75
Cash expenses,	4 25
Llewellyn Libby, S. S. Committee,	28 97
Otis Meader, S. S. Committee,	16 10
George F. Hopkins, Town Clerk,	7 00
G. M. Webb, Collector and Treasurer,	59 46
N. R. Wellington, Auditor,	1 00
	<hr/> \$292 40

TOWN FARM.

Inventory of Stock, Produce and Provisions on Town Farm, March 1st, 1868.	
2 oxen, \$230; 5 cows, \$250; 1 pair steers, \$125,	\$605 00
46 sheep, \$184; 2 swine, \$30; 23 tons of hay, \$276,	490 00
40 bushels corn, \$04; 37 do. barley, \$37; 4½ do. beans, \$18,	119 00
140 bushels potatoes, \$106; 1 do. peas, 2; 1½ barrels cider, \$15,	123 00

25 pounds butter, \$8.75; 44 do. lard, \$8.60; 43 do. tallow, \$5.16,	20 51
34 lbs. dried apple, \$4.42; 250 do pork, \$40.50; 100 do mutton, \$7,	51 92
70 pounds ham, \$8.40; 1 barrel beets, \$2; 1 do. turnips, \$1.50,	11 90
1 barrel flour, \$13.50; 2 thousand shingles, \$7,	20 50

\$1,441 83

Articles sold from Town Farm from March 1st, 1867, to March 1st, 1868.

2 pairs oxen,	\$400 00
29 lambs,	72 50
1 cow,	50 50
590 pounds pork,	50 85
169½ pounds wool,	76 16
3 calves,	16 00
15 pelts,	12 37
606½ pounds butter,	173 71
57½ pounds cheese,	9 77
6 bushels beans,	16 50
4½ bushels corn,	6 30
2 bushels peas,	4 00
Mow of hay,	36 75
Vinegar, \$1.17; apples, \$4 69; poultry, \$5.75,	11 61
Lumber,	124 60

\$1,061 12

Amount of stock, produce and provision on hand March 1st, 1868, 1,441 83

\$2,502 95

SUPPORT OF POOR IN POOR HOUSE.

Support of poor in poor house, from March 1st, 1867, to March 1st, 1868:

Amount of stock, produce and provisions on hand, as appraised March 1st, 1867,	\$1,578 80
George Woods, Overseer,	400 00
Total amount of store bills,	137 19
Paid for repairing barn,	68 89
“ Blacksmith's bill,	11 70
“ Shoemaker's bill,	2 00
“ One yoke of oxen,	150 00
“ One cow,	52 00
“ Three pigs,	9 00
“ Sundry bills,	3 03
“ Services of bull,	5 00

\$2,417 61

Balance in favor of Town Farm,

\$85 34

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Cynthia Davis,	\$40 00	
Martin Foss's family,	17 00	
John Robinson and wife,	17 50	
John Austin and family,	14 81	
	<hr/>	\$89 31
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		\$2,506 92
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Total expense of poor not paid by Town Farm,		\$3 97

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Paid by Liquor Agent to Town Treasurer,	\$150 00	
Cash in hands of Agent,	87 29	
Liquor on hand,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$217 29
Amount in hands of Agent March 1st, 1867.		158 55
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		\$58 74

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of money expended to defray town charges during the year, including town officers bills, repairs of roads and bridges, support of poor off the town farm, plank for bridges, and other incidental expenses,	\$591 10
Total town debt,	3,122 91
Town officers bills,	292 40
In hands of liquor Agent.	37 29

HARRISON JAQUITH, } *Selectmen*
 STEPHEN RIDER, } *of*
 A. H. HAMMOND, } *Albion.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Albion for the year ending March 1st, 1868, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHAN R. WELLINGTON, *Auditor.*

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
OF THE
TOWN OF ALBION.

The amount of money appropriated by the town for the support of schools was \$1,165.00; the amount received from the State, \$35.00; total, \$1,200.00.

DISTRICT. No. 2.—ELI FALL, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Louisa Fall. This was her first school, and as she was a member of the district, and in charge of scholars who had always attended school with her, it made her task doubly hard. At our first visit we found the school well arranged, method of instruction thorough; order not what it should be. We recommended the teacher to look more to the discipline of her school. At our next visit we found the order better, and at the close fair progress had been made. With more experience we think Miss Fall may become one of our best teachers.

Winter Term—by Miss Hattie Tilton, of China. Miss Tilton works hard for the good of those under her care, and she succeeded in making this a profitable school. The instructions of the teacher were thorough and faithful, and we think she fully sustained her former high reputation as a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—OLNY WORTHEN, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Lucy Reed. A friendly relation seemed to exist between the teacher and pupils of this school. By her earnest efforts she made for herself a pleasant and for her scholars a profitable term.

Winter Term—by Ora O. Crosby, who was a member of the School Committee for several years. This was decidedly a good school, both in point of order and instruction. It is not saying too much when we say that this was the best school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—H. MUDGETT, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss A. Mudgett. This is the largest school in town, and Miss M. was just the teacher for such a

school as this. The improvement was first-rate, and we hope we shall meet her again in the school room.

Winter Term—by Mr. Geo. E. Dudley of Vassalboro' The appearance of this school at the commencement was very satisfactory to us, and it gave evidence of good success. At our second visit we found the scholars had not made the improvement we had a right to expect from the beginning, still some of the classes had made good progress. The exercises of the first class in arithmetic and reading were very interesting.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—J. BURRELL, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Maria Gaslin. Miss G. commenced this school under rather discouraging circumstances, the house being in so miserable a condition that it was deemed almost impossible for any one to keep a good school in it, yet we are happy to say we found Miss G. equal to the task, as she kept a first-rate school in every respect, and we feel justified in saying she is among the best teachers we have in town, and hope more of our scholars may receive the benefit of her instruction.

Winter Term—by R. L. Baker. Found the house in same condition as in summer. Mr. B. informed us at the close that owing to the condition of the house, and the stupidity of the scholars, he found it impossible to create an interest in the school, and thought the improvement had been but slight, and we thought he gave a very good report of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—WM. A. VARNEY, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Cynthia E. Gardner. This was her first school. We are happy to say that she rendered it both pleasant and profitable.

Winter Term—by Wm. A. Varney. Mr. V. is an old teacher. He labored hard for the good of this school, but there seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of the scholars, although some of them learned well.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—G. B. WOOD, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Myra J. Norton, an experienced teacher, who is well known in town, therefore, it is sufficient to say she sustained her former reputation.

Winter Term—by Miss L. Osgood, of Palermo. At the commencement found order good and scholars well inclined. As it was visited but once we are unable to say what progress was made.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—D. S. DRAKE, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Effie Reed. The order in this school was not quite up to the mark. We think a slight appli-

cation of birch would have a wholesome effect upon quite a number of the scholars, but aside from this fault Miss R. is entitled to all praise for the interest she manifested in the welfare of those under her care.

Winter Term—by Chas. A. Drake. This was Mr. Drake's first school. Though a member of the district, he seemed determined to render himself as useful as he was able. His method of teaching was good. Taking into consideration the old school house in which he was obliged to stay we think he met with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 9. GEO. LITTLEFIELD, Agent.

Miss Anna Hanscom of China, had charge of the summer school. From the appearance of this school at our first visit we anticipated good improvement, and at the close were not disappointed. Mode of instruction was thorough, and we think the school a good one.

Winter Term—by Mr. — Marden of Palermo, who, being young and inexperienced did not give universal satisfaction; yet the improvement in many of the scholars was good.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—D. B. FULLER, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Sarah J. Gilman, an experienced teacher. At the commencement we found this school in excellent order. Was visited but once, but we feel safe in saying that it was a good school.

Winter Term—by Miss Mary F. Crane of China. Miss C. is a good scholar, and labored hard for the advancement of her pupils, but being young and not having had a very extensive experience in teaching, she failed somewhat in discipline. Some of the scholars learned well and showed to us at the examination that the teacher had not labored in vain. This is a hard school for a female, and we think it would be for the interest of the district to employ a male teacher in future.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—JOHN A. EWER, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Mary Snell. This was her first school, and was quite small. It was conducted with energy, and for a new beginner she evinced a good degree of tact in teaching. She is a good scholar, and we regret that she concluded to leave the field so soon.

Winter Term—by Miss Ellen Phillips. Miss Phillips is a first-rate scholar, and she kept a first-rate school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—J. HARDING, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Etta Webb of Unity, who did not fail to gain the good will of those under her care. We noticed

a good degree of improvement had been made by some scholars. Order not just the thing.

Winter Term—by the same teacher. This school was visited only at the commencement, when it appeared to be progressing favorably. From report it was a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—J. MOODY, Agent.

Summer Term—by Hattie J. Sherey. This was Miss S's first attempt at teaching. Although there were only eight scholars in this school, there was no lack of interest on the part of teacher or scholars. We think the improvement in this school would compare favorably with any in town.

Fall Term—by same teacher, with the same success.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—WARREN PHILLIPS, Agent.

Summer Term—by Hattie Tarbell. Miss T. is an old teacher and she taught a good school.

Winter Term—by Mr. Calvin Taylor, who succeeded well in this his first school. Improvement commendable.

In presenting our report of your schools for the past year we have briefly stated what we believe to be the progress made by the scholars, and the successes of the several teachers. There has been no change of teachers, and but very little difficulty in any of our schools for the past year, yet much less has been accomplished than might have been had the parents manifested a little more interest for their welfare. In some districts the parents have attended the examinations at the close of the schools, and we hope this practice will become general in all the schools. Not only attend the examination at the close of the school, but we say visit your schools frequently, for it would be of incalculable benefit to them. That we have had the wrong teachers in some of our schools, we admit, and we are willing to bear our part of the blame with the agents who made the engagement. We can ascertain but little about those who present themselves for examination, except that they are qualified as far as education is concerned, and though qualified in this respect, may be totally incapable of governing a school, and of course are unfit to teach. We think with a little more effort on the part of our agents to procure good teachers, and those that are known to be good teachers, a smaller number of unprofitable schools would be reported.

OSCAR C. HAMLIN,	} S. S. Committee of Albion.
LLEWELLYN LIBBEY,	
OTIS MEADER,	