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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ALBION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 9, 1891.

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Selectmen's Report.

Appropriated and assessed for the year ending Feb. 28, 1861.	
For State tax	\$ 837 08
County tax	397 67
Support of schools	954 40
Town charges	1,400 00
Chalmers bridge	100 00
Free High School	200 00
School text books	300 00
Overlaysings	147 85
Deficient highway tax of '89.	20 29
	\$4,357 29
Valuation of town April 1, 1890.	
Resident real estate	\$265,395 00
Non resident real estate	14,990 00
	\$281,385 00
Personal estate	98,053 00
	\$378,438 00
Rate of taxation, \$10 1-3 on \$1,000.	
Assessed on 258 polls at \$1.65.	
Due from N. Davis coll. and treas.	\$106 40
Total receipts for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1891.	
Rec'd from N. Davis, Treas. Acct. 1889	\$ 231 18
" " 1890	4,251 89
B. F. Abbott, former Treas.	1 79
Appleton	50 00
Dexter for sup. of Albert F. Wing	1,268 05
Palermo " J. Rust	3 00
State for Free High School	147 00
School district No. 2	1 98
Mae E. Foss, Supervisor	8 39
for use of hearse out of town	3 60
tuition Free High School	3 50
old bridge lumber	7 60
State school fund	569 85
	\$6,546 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$ 837 08	
County tax	397 67	
for support of schools	1,435 25	
driving hearse	30 00	
printing town reports of '89	15 00	
text books	307 49	
building graveyard fences	91 46	
blank books	8 25	
Stationery and postage	4 35	
repairs on road machine	13 34	
damage on highway, A. Thurston	3 00	
legal counsel	17 87	
court costs in Augusta suit	22 00	
" Appleton suit	21 80	
Albert F. Wing	1,083 50	
Simeon Harding	16 61	
interest on orders	61 50	
preparing State valuation	6 75	
use of pound	2 00	
storing road machine	2 00	
cash expenses of Selectmen	1 20	
Leroy Libbey, taking care of town house	5 00	
special constables	4 00	
outstanding order	243 76	
lamps for town house	8 45	
insuring town house	12 00	
windows for town house basement	3 30	
D. G. Mudgett, Moderator	1 50	
school house tax in dis no. 9	44	
abatements	27 02	
teachers for Free High Schools	297 50	
	-----	\$4,981 09

EXPEDITURES ON HIGHWAY.

Paid for Chalmers bridge	\$139 90	
Pratt " "	51 61	
bridge near Geo. Works'	19 52	
" No. 4 school house	9 60	
" Freedom line	10 00	
railing Lock bridge	15 41	
snow bill in No. 21	23 35	
repairing washout near Harrington's	10 00	
repairing road above White's turn	47 00	
labor and lumber on highway	51 20	
drain tile for causeways	40 77	
	-----	\$418 46

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Paid J. N. Hall bal. of sal. as overseer '89, '90..	\$ 30 00	
Arthur Crawford " '90, '91..	225 00	
store bill.....	160 98	
for corn and meal.....	32 56	
shorts.....	14 11	
phosphate.....	21 50	
farming tools.....	15 05	
grass seed.....	6 79	
blacksmith bill.....	11 12	
use of male animals.....	4 00	
1 yoke of oxen.....	92 50	
1 yoke steers.....	45 00	
19 sheep.....	57 00	
shoats.....	5 00	
outside windows.....	17 40	
sawing lumber.....	4 50	
boots for Er. Stratton.....	3 75	
wire for fence.....	17 50	
medical attendance.....	2 50	
labor on farm.....	95 09	
cart tongue.....	5 00	
beef.....	33 32	
fish.....	3 00	
hauling potatoes.....	2 00	
pigs.....	4 00	
		<u>\$904 18</u>

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

1 yoke of oxen.....	\$105 00	
4 yoke of steers.....	85 00	
Wood.....	16 82	
Potatoes.....	31 50	
Poultry.....	4 65	
2 calves.....	10 50	
Eggs.....	7 94	
Wool.....	19 50	
Rolls.....	1 00	
Barrels.....	75	
Butter.....	4 50	
Beans.....	4 50	
Miscellaneous.....	3 35	
		<u>294 91</u>
Expenses of poor on farm.....		<u>\$609 27</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid Insane Hospital for Lucinda Moody.....	\$145 55	
for Mrs. Burgess.....	21 25	
for Mrs. Ridlan.....	26 50	
		\$193 31

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Ora O. Crosby, selectman, assessor, etc.....	\$71 25	
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	2 00	
L. L. Taylor, selectman, assessor, etc.....	40 25	
C. S. Billings, " ".....	45 50	
Mae E. Foss, supervisor.....	95 00	
Nathan Davis, col. and treas.....	70 00	
C. A. Drake, town clerk.....	10 00	
Otis Meader, Sec. Board of Health.....	5 00	
C. H. Abbott, M. D., ".....	2 50	
R. L. Baker, ".....	1 50	
Otis Meader, auditor of accounts.....	1 00	
		344 10
Total expenditures.....		\$6,546 23

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correct. OTIS MEADER, Auditor.

ASSETS.

In hands of N. Davis, Coll. and Treas.....	\$106 40	
Due from Dexter for support of A. F. Wing....	154 00	
Easton " Simeon Harding	16 61	
		\$277 01

LIABILITIES.

Due several school districts.....	\$141 30	
Free High School.....	53 00	
		194 30
Balance in favor of the town.....		\$82 71
Statement of Free High School expenses and account of text books.		
Money raised by town.....	\$200 00	
" received from State.....	147 00	
" " for tuition.....	3 50	
		\$350 50
Paid teachers.....		297 50
Balance in treasury.....		\$53 00

Mae E. Foss in account with town of Albion.		
To books on hand from last year.....	\$ 21 41	
cash received during the year.....	307 49	
	<u> </u>	\$328 90
	CONTRA.	CR.
Cost of text books in stock.....	\$309 12	
old books.....	6 61	
copy books and blanks.....	4 78	
	<u> </u>	
	\$320 51	
Cash to balance.....	8 39	
	<u> </u>	328 90

INVENTORY OF STOCK ON FARM.

1 yoke of oxen.....	\$ 95 00	
1 yoke of steers.....	50 00	
3 cows.....	60 00	
38 sheep.....	160 00	
1 shoat.....	6 00	
32 hens.....	16 00	
10 tons of hay.....	100 00	
30 bush. of oats.....	19 50	
2 " " barley.....	1 50	
8 " " beans.....	11 25	
50 lbs. beef.....	2 50	
400 " pork.....	32 00	
50 " lard.....	5 00	
20 " butter.....	4 50	
50 bush. of potatoes.....	25 00	
1 " " meal.....	75	
2 1-2 bbls. flour.....	15 00	
100 lbs. shorts.....	1 40	
21 " sugar.....	1 50	
1 " " tea.....	50	
1 " " coffee.....	28	
21 " rolls.....	1 25	
400 " phosphate.....	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$674 93

Respectfully submitted,

ORA C. CROSBY,	} SELECTMEN	
L. L. TAYLOR,		OF
C. S. BILLING.		ALBION.

Report of Supervisor of Schools.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of town	\$954 40
" received from State	569 85
Total	\$1,524 25
20 per cent. out	304 85
Total dividend	\$1,219 40

Whole number of scholars, 305. Rate per scholar, \$4 00.

The money was apportioned among the several districts as follows:

No. of Dist.	No. of Schol.	Amt. Appro. 1890.	Amt. Added 1890.	Total Appro. 1890.	Amt. not drawn 1889.	Amt. overdrawn 1889.	Total to expend 1890.
2	23	\$ 92 00	\$34 85	\$126 85		\$ 74	\$126 11
3	30	120 00	7 00	127 00	\$ 20		127 20
4	39	156 00		156 00	20 95		176 95
5	27	108 00	17 00	125 00	77		125 77
6	17	68 00	48 50	116 50	33		116 83
8	46	184 00	11 00	195 00	17 94		212 94
9	37	148 00	2 00	150 00	2 49		152 49
10	19	76 00	40 50	116 50	63		117 13
11	10	40 00	30 00	70 00	2 83		72 83
12	21	84 00	30 00	114 00	1 79		115 79
13	11	44 00	70 00	114 00	35		114 35
14	25	100 00	14 00	114 00	2 78		116 78

School Statistics of the Town,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

	Number Scholars Registered			Average Number Registered			Length of School in weeks			Wages For Month	Wages Per Week	Price of Board	No. terms left before
	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W				
2 Eva M. Johnson	8			7	1	10					\$2 25	\$1 25	2
Chas. E. Wilson		10		8.2					7	\$20	1 85	1	
3 Ella F. Shorey	17			14		8			12		3 00	1 50	4
Marion L. Shorey		17		14					12		3 50	1 50	3
4 Lizzie A. Farnham	15			12		10					3 50	1 50	15
George Worth		23		19	1	2			11	33		1 00	5
5 Minnie F. Foss	16			12	1	5			10		3 50	1 00	8
Ella F. Shorey											4 00		6
6 Julia E. Wentworth	7			6		9					2 80		1
Vesta L. Mitchell		9				7			6	3	3 50	1 50	9
Ella F. Shorey		8				6	1	2			4 50	1 55	5
8 Anna A. Wood	22			16	1	2					4 00	given	6
T. N. Pearson		22				15	2	5				2 50	15
9 Nellie M. Dudley	22		27	17		20	10				3 00	1 25	11
											4 50	1 25	12
10 Mae E. Foss	11			8	9	10			12		4 00	given	12
Lizzie A. Farham		13				12			12		4 75	1 25	16
11 Nell H. Harding	4	2		3	1	8	8				2 25	1 00	2
											2 50	1 00	3
12 Maud F. Wixson	13			11	8	10					2 75	1 25	5
Mae E. Foss		12			9	4			10		4 00	1 50	14
13 Lilla Whitaker	6			5		8	8				2 00	1 40	
Anna A. Wood		6				4	6		12		3 50	2 00	7
14 Carrie E. Whitaker	13			11		8					3 00	1 12	4
Philip S. Leonard		21				13	7		10	20		1 75	

DISTRICTS IN DETAIL.

NO. 2—CHARLES JOHNSON, AGENT.

Summer term by Eva M. Johnson. The school was small and composed of the younger pupils. Under Miss Johnson's management they accomplished the term's work assigned them in a satisfactory manner.

Winter term by Chas. E. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is making rapid strides as a teacher and the term's work was a success.

NO. 3—ORA O. CROSBY, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Ella F. Shorey, who sustained her reputation for good order and thoroughness.

Winter term by Marion L. Shorey, who did her work in a painstaking manner. The scholars showed upon examination, that they thoroughly understood the work they had been over.

NO. 4—PORTER PLUMMER, AGENT.

Lizzie A. Farnham taught the summer term. Miss Farnham has taught here before and the term's work was up to her usual standard in thoroughness and discipline.

Winter term was in charge of Geo. E. Worth of Freedom, who was not successful as a teacher in this school. The term's work was in consequence, only a partial success.

NO. 5—OTIS MEADER, AGENT.

Summer term by Minnie F. Foss, her fourth term in succession in this district. The advancement made by the scholars was steady.

The winter term is still in session, under the instruction of Ella F. Shorey.

NO. 6—JOHN PARMENTER, AGENT.

Julia E. Wentworth of China, was employed for the summer term. Miss Wentworth is a natural teacher, mild but firm in government she succeeded admirably in the performance of her duties.

The winter term was begun by Vesta I. Mitchell of China. Finding that Miss Mitchell was not doing her duty in the school, she was dismissed and the term completed by Ella F. Shorey, who found no difficulty in discharging the duties devolving upon her in a manner that gave satisfaction.

NO. 8—DR. C. W. ABBOTT, AGENT.

Summer term by Anna A. Wood. Miss Wood is one of our hard working teachers and the term was one of profit to the district.

Winter term by T. N. Pearson, with success. At the close the examinations in several classes were written and the rank taken by the scholars reflected credit upon their work throughout the term.

NO. 9—DAVIS McDONALD, AGENT.

Both terms were taught by Nellie M. Dudley. Miss Dudley did excellent work in this school and good advancement was made.

NO. 10—EUGENE HUSSEY, AGENT.

Summer term by Mae E. Foss.

Winter term by Lizzie A. Farnham, who carried forward the work in a manner pleasing to witness.

NO. 11—L. C. FOSS, AGENT.

The school for the year was taught by Nell H. Harding, who did her part well and the few scholars who attended school profited thereby.

NO. 12—L. P. WEBB, AGENT.

Maud F. Wixson had charge of the summer term. Miss Wixson was devoted to the interests of her school and maintained a high standard of order and general excellence.

Winter term by Mae E. Foss.

NO. 13—PAUL STRAUSS, AGENT.

Summer term by Lilla Whitaker. Miss Whitaker is young and this was her first attempt; for these reasons, we think, the scholars did not manifest that spirit of cooperation which they should have done in self interest. They did make advancement in their studies, however, and we think with experience that Miss Whitaker will make an excellent teacher.

Anna Wood taught the winter term with success. The scholars were prompt and acquitted themselves with credit at the closing examination.

NO. 14—WESLEY RIDLON, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Carrie E. Whitaker. A profitable term.

Winter term was given in charge of Phillip S. Leonard. This was his first term and he labored under the disadvantage of making the attempt in his own district. Judging from the appearance of the school at my several visits, Mr. Leonard maintained first class order and we think he did his duty as an instructor. From the examinations, we must conclude that the school was profitable to all who desired to profit by it.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Fall term in District No. 8, T. N. Pearson, principal, Mae E. Foss, assistant. The success of this term under Mr. Pearson's principalship is too well known to need comment. Length of school 10 weeks. Number scholars registered 87. Average number 68 7-10. Cost of school \$217.50. Received for tuition \$3.50. Net cost of school \$214.

Fall term in District No. 9, was placed under the instruction of Miss Dencie L. Mudgette, a graduate of the Eastern State Normal School, and a teacher who understands the business. A profitable term was the result of her labors. Length of school 10 weeks. Number scholars registered 33. Average number 29. Cost of school \$80.

Net cost of both schools \$294 of which the State pays one half, making the actual cost of same to town \$147.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The schools of the past year have, with exceptions referred to, proved profitable. Some of them reached a higher standard of excellence than was maintained last year. We notice that the number of scholars studying Physiology, Book-keeping and Algebra, is increasing. Classes in the above named studies were formed in every district, during the year, excepting No. 11. We think a mistake was made in not employing more of the teachers for the school year, as we do not believe continual changes are desirable.

We have noticed with approval the repairs that have been made upon the school houses the past year. School house in No. 2 has been put in excellent condition. The citizens of No 9 have made a grand move in the matter of improvement. The school room has been newly painted, papered and furnished with the automatic seats (which contribute not a little to the comfort of the scholars) and now presents an attractive and homelike appearance.

We think the town system possesses advantages over the district system in many ways, one of which is economy. We should not be satisfied until our schools average thirty weeks each, per year, and we think this possible under a different plan of expenditure, as you will notice that the difference between the cost of a school of twenty scholars and one of six or seven is trifling, while the interest of the scholars in the larger school is the greater. We submit this question for your consideration.

From the results of the Free High School, we think they should be maintained every year, but if such were to be the case, we believe in grading. All would, in time, reap equal benefits and the money so raised would be expended for the purpose of giving the scholars, as they advance, better privileges than they now have, scattered as they are through the districts of the town.

The task of selecting, purchasing and care of books under the free text book law, has greatly increased the work devolving upon your Supervisor. We hop, however, that the changes made will meet with your approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MAE E. FOSS, SUPERVISOR.

