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# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—AND—

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

# TOWN OF ALBION

—FOR THE—

**Year Ending March 1, 1897**

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## Selectmen's Report.

### VALUATION OF 1896-7 :

Resident real estate .....	\$256,800 00	
Non-resident real estate.....	15,015 00	
Personal estate .....	63,029 00	
Total .....	\$334,844 00	
Assessed on \$334,844.00 at \$13.25		
per 1,000.....	\$4,436 68	
Assesed on 246 polls at \$1.75....	430 50	
Fractional gain assessing.....	07	
Highway deficiency.....	17 47	
		\$4,884 72

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

For State tax.....	\$892 15	
County tax.....	444 77	
Town charges.....	1,400 00	
Support of Schools.....	836 00	
Building school-house.....	300 00	
Repairing school-house.....	50 00	
Free High School.....	150 00	
Text books.....	75 00	
Bridges .....	100 00	
Interest on town bonds.....	450 00	
Overlaysings .....	169 33	
Highway deficiency.....	17 47	
		\$4,884 72

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 1st, 1897.

Rec'd from B. F. Abbott, treasurer, 1894	\$197	87
" C. H. Chalmers, " 1895	176	70
" W. S. Mabberry, " 1896	4,884	72
" State on acc't of dog license	51	21
" " " " " damages by dogs.....	5	50
For state school fund.....	579	32
" Free High School.....	150	00
" Peddler's license.....	6	00
" use of town-house.....	3	50
From China for support of Hiram Weymouth .....	52	37
For hearse out of town.....	12	00
	\$6,119	19

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$990	99
County tax in part.....	344	77
For support of schools.....	1,457	70
Driving hearse.....	32	00
Printing town reports, 1895.	8	00
Text books.....	126	18
Support of free high school..	300	00
Abatements .....	20	56
" to G. H. Crosby by vote of town.....	148	95
Edges for road machine.....	4	30
Repairs on road machine....	8	15
Preparing state assessor's blanks .....	4	50
Filling out and recording birth cards and burial permits.	14	05
Plank and material for highways	40	57
Rebuilding McDonald bridge.	100	00
" Danforth bridge...	56	48
" Chalmers bridge..	27	80

C. O. Drake, care town-house	5 00
O. Meader, services as Justice	3 00
G. B. Wood, use of pound...	2 00
O. O. Crosby, running out road	00
J. E. Copeland, damage on highway (by vote of town)	100 00
Oil and repairs on town-house	1 40
Blank books, stationery, and postage .....	6 63
Cash expenses, selectmen....	2 00
Sheep killed by dogs.....	5 50
Coupons .....	450 00
Repairs on school-houses....	77 62
Insurance on " " ....	7 50
" on farm buildings 3 yrs	40 00
" Town-hall.....	21 00
Building school-house.....	255 01
School-house lot.....	25 00
Grading school-house lot and out building. ....	13 80
Committing L. P. Webb to hospital .....	5 75
Building graveyard fences....	12 60
Ballot clerks.....	12 00
Varnishing hearse.....	8 00
Warning extra town-meeting..	1 50
Executing dog law.....	1 00
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	\$4,743 91

## EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAYS.

SNOW BILLS, WINTER, 1895-6.

A. E. Runnels.....	\$1 41
N. N. Walcott.....	2 42
E. F. Crommett.....	7 27
W. H. Metcalf.....	3 13
John Garland.....	4 47
J. A. Ewer, 1894-5.....	7 77
E. K. Plummer.....	2 46
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\$28 93

## SUMMER, 1896.

Paid F. W. Metcalf, holding r'd machine	\$1 50	
J. C. Chalmers.....	4 00	
Maxcy Hamlin.....	3 00	
G. A. Skillin.....	7 02	
A. R. Abbott.....	1 50	
Myrick Peaslee.....	3 00	
W. L. Davis.....	2 50	
Chas. Baker.....	75	
G. B. Wood.....	4 00	
E. W. Hussey.....	2 15	
H. J. McLaughlin.....	3 34	
B. F. Abbott.....	1 25	
Otis Meader.....	2 25	
		\$36 26

## SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Paid E. H. Wood bal. of salary, 1895-6	\$25 00	
W. A. Grant, salary to Mar. 1, 1897	225 00	
For corn, meal and shorts.....	32 22	
Flour.....	31 00	
Store bill.....	120 65	
Phosphate.....	12 00	
Grass and garden seeds.....	2 34	
Pigs.....	3 50	
Steers.....	50 00	
Beef, fish and pork.....	8 49	
Seed oats.....	4 20	
Repairs on furnace.....	1 00	
Butter, lard and vinegar....	3 42	
Salt, fork and rake.....	2 50	
Wash tub and board, firkins and soap.....	7 96	
Tin-ware and hardware.....	3 52	
Room paper and oil cloth....	2 78	
Crockery and whitewash brush	4 92	
Basket, lantern and line.....	1 10	
Repairs on mowing machine.	80	
		\$542 40

## RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

Rec'd for 1 yoke oxen.....	\$105 00	
1 yoke of steers.....	70 00	
1 calf.....	10 25	
Wool.....	18 27	
Butter.....	6 89	
Eggs.....	7 32	
Pasturing.....	10 00	
Pork.....	6 34	
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	\$234 07	
Net expense for support of Poor on farm		\$308 33

## SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

Paid Insane Hospital for L. P. Webb...	\$106 60	
Augusta for James Austin for 1894		
'95-6.....	42 33	
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		\$148 93

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Geo. B. Pray, selectman, assessor, &c.....	\$78 50	
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	4 00	
Myrick Peaslee, selectman, assessor, &c.....	46 25	
G. A. Skillin, selectman, assessor, &c	40 50	
F. W. Drake, superintendent of schools.....	75 00	
Dr. F. E. Withee, town clerk.....	10 00	
W. S. Mayberry, coll. and treas...	50 00	
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		\$304 25

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid F. E. Withee, M. D., secretary...	\$5 00	
R. L. Baker.....	4 00	
L. L. Taylor.....	4 00	
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		\$13 00
Total expenditures.....		<hr/>
		\$5,583 61



From which deduct outstanding orders included in the above expenditures	\$291 62
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	\$5,291 99
In hands of W. S. Mayberry, coll. and treas. ....	\$827 20
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	\$6,119 19

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN.

## RESOURCES.

In hands of W. S. Mayberry, coll. and treas., 1896.....	\$827 20
In hands of B. F. Abbott, coll. and treas. 1894 .....	45 00
Due from State for dog licenses, estimated	45 00
Due from O. O. Crosby, guardian of L. P. Webb .....	106 60
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	\$1,023 80

## LIABILITIES.

Due for schools .....	\$90 02
Interest on bonds.....	2 25
Outstanding orders.....	291 62
Counsel, estimated.....	4 00
On County tax.....	100 00
On school-house.....	20 00
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	\$507 89
Balance in favor of town.....	\$515 91

INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE, PROVISIONS, AND  
FARMING TOOLS ON TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1897.

4 3-year old steers.....	\$120 00
2 cows .....	50 00
1 calf .....	8 00
24 sheep .....	65 00
2 shoats.....	5 00
30 hens .....	12 00
9 tons hay.....	80 00

3 tons of straw.....	9 00
75 bushels oats.....	22 50
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " beans.....	4 50
" meal.....	75
40 " potatoes.....	10 00
8 " apples.....	2 00
125 pounds pork.....	10 00
12 " dried apple.....	40
14 " butter.....	2 30
15 " lard.....	1 50
18 sugar.....	1 00
5 " rice.....	35
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " tea and coffee.....	40
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> barrel flour.....	3 00
9 bars soap.....	35
Crackers and raisins.....	45
1 gallon oil and vinegar.....	30
1 " molasses.....	40
5 doz. eggs.....	75
Spices.....	1 00
Oat meal.....	25
1 bag salt.....	20
1 mowing machine.....	15 00
4 harrows.....	10 00
Cultivator.....	4 00
Ox sled and chains.....	5 00
Cart and wheels.....	10 00
Yokes, bows, rings and staples.....	2 00
Axes, saw, scythes and snaths.....	2 00
Shovels, hoes, forks and rakes.....	2 00
Horse rake and grindstone.....	8 00
Horse fork and fixtures.....	5 00
Plows....	10 00
Sledges, wedges and crowbar.....	1 00
Fence auger and cross cut saw.....	1 50

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 \$486 90

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. PRAY,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
M. PEASLEE,		
G. A. SKILLIN,		

*of*  
*Albion.*

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

APPROPRIATION.....	\$836 00	
School fund and mill tax from state....	579 32	
Balance from '96.....	132 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,547 72
Expended for teaching.....	\$782 25	
Town of China, '96.....	23 80	
Teachers' board.....	250 75	
Conveying scholars.....	267 50	
Wood and janitor work.....	133 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,457 70
Balance .....		\$90 02

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Expended .....		\$126 18
Appropriation .....	\$75 00	
Balance from '96.....	50 33	
	<hr/>	\$125 33
Balance due .....		\$ 85

## SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

Expended .....		\$77 62
Appropriation .....	\$50 00	
Balance from '96.....	12 38	
	<hr/>	\$62 38
Balance due....		\$15 24

## FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Appropriation .....	\$150 00	
Rec'd from state.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
Paid for support of same.....		\$300 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

No. School.	Time.	TEACHERS.	Whole Att'd'nce		Wages per w'k.	Price of board per week.	Length of term.	Taught before.
			Average	Attendance.				
2	Summer	Fannie M. Shorey.....	20	19	4.00	\$1.50	10	23
	Winter	Emma Peaslee.....	13	11.7	4.50	1.75	12	3
3	Summer	Lilla Whittaker.....	20	18	3.00	1.50	10	7
	Winter	O. A. Gould.....	17	15	5.00	1.75	12	59
4	Summer	Hattie Shorey.....	11	8	3.50	1.50	10	12
	Winter	Chas. E. Wilson.....	22	19	6.25	1.75	12	4
5	Winter	Ella Wixon.....	11	8	4.00	1.50	12	0
8	Summer	O. A. Gould.....	29	27	4.50	1.50	10	57
	Winter	T. W. Drake.....	41	35	8.75	2.00	11	3
9	Summer	Myra T. Libbey.....	11	9	4.00	1.50	10	19
	Winter	Ethel T. Clark.....	26	21	6.25	2.00	12	11
10	Summer	Helen T. McDonald.....	16	13.5	3.50	1.50	10	0
	Winter	" " ".....	8	6	4.00	1.50	12	1
11	Winter	Lucy Crosby.....	7	6.4	4.00	1.75	9	0

## SECTION NO. 2.

The summer term was instructed by Miss Fannie M. Shorey, a teacher of experience who taught this school the preceding year. Teacher and scholars were familiar with each other and no time was lost in entering upon the term's work. The amount and thoroughness of the work done was satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Miss Emma Peaslee a graduate of Coburn, '96. Miss Peaslee is a teacher interested in the work. The examinations were excellent and general satisfaction was given. This is a very pleasant school.

## SECTION NO 3.

Summer term by Miss Lilla Whittaker. Although Miss Whittaker had associated with most of the scholars as a school-mate it was evident she had their confidence and respect. The school was orderly and the advancement thorough. Miss Whittaker ranks among our ablest teachers.

Winter term by Miss O. A. Gould. Miss Gould's success as a teacher is too well known to need comment. The methods employed showed the teacher familiar with the work. Examinations perfect.

## SECTION NO 4.

Summer term by Miss Hattie Shorey. The school was comparatively small and the larger scholars showed a lack of interest in attendance. A few made fair advancement, though the work as a whole showed plainly a lack of application and thoroughness.

Winter term by C. E. Wilson. The winter school in this section has frequently been annoyed by a desire on the part of a few pupils to make their own laws of order. Mr. Wilson succeeded in making his manner of governing recognized and a profitable term's work was the result. The scholars were interested. The examinations gave evidence that teacher and scholars had worked together.

## SECTION NO 5.

Winter term by Miss Ella F. Wixon. This was Miss Wixon's first attempt at teaching. She commenced with the determina-

tion to succeed and was not unsuccessful. The scholars were interested, the attendance regular, and advancement satisfactory. With experience, Miss Wixon will rank high in the work.

Summer term in Section 5, united with Section 10.

#### SECTION NO. 8.

Summer term taught by Miss O. A. Gould with her usual success.

Winter term by F. W. Drake.

#### SECTION NO 9.

Summer term taught by Miss Myra T. Libbey, a teacher of considerable experience, who succeeded in keeping the pupils interested in their work. The examinations showed that thorough work had been done.

Winter term by Miss Ethel T. Clark, a student of Castine Normal School, Class '97, and a teacher thoroughly interested in the work. Miss Clark came to us well recommended and her work indicates that she is a thorough and energetic teacher. Examinations excellent.

#### SECTION NO. 10.

The school for the year was instructed by Miss Helen McDonald. This was Miss McDonald's first year in the work. From personal acquaintance, we predicted her a successful year. The quantity and quality of the work, convinced us that we were not mistaken. A profitable year for this Section.

#### SECTION NO 11.

School was in session here nine weeks under the instruction of Miss Lucy Crosby, a student of Colby University. Miss Crosby seemed to understand the few scholars in this school, and we believe worked hard for their interest. Many novel methods tended to make the work of interest to the pupils. Terms work highly satisfactory.

#### REMARKS.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: In submitting this report we feel justified in stating that the schools the past year as a whole have been a success. No school has been a failure, though some have done more satisfactory work than others.

We believe that if each parent would visit, at least, the school in their own section several times each term, thus showing their interest in the welfare of the school, it would tend to develop a higher grade of work on the part of both pupils and teacher. It is a noticeable fact that we pay yearly a considerable sum for the conveyance of scholars. A few years ago this was more necessary on account of the age of the scholars in the abolished districts. At present in several sections these pupils have reached the age and strength where they are capable of walking the distance required. We believe that the amount paid for conveyance should be reduced.

The sections 5 and 10 might be united with section 4 with profit, both financially and for the best interests of the schools. The combined average attendance, winter term, of sections 5 and 10 was only 14 scholars. In no one of these houses at present can a winter term of school be held with any degree of comfort. On cold days the wind draws through the walls, the scholars are obliged to huddle around the stove, and the teacher who can arouse an interest in the work under such circumstances must indeed be worthy of his calling. By combining these three schools, the difference between the cost of supporting and the cost of conveying them would change the building from its present condition to one of comfort.

From the work done in the Free High Schools the past year it does not seem advisable to support two schools the present year. We believe, however, that there are students enough taking advanced work so that one term in section 8 would be profitable.

The committee recommend that the towns appropriate the following amounts for school purposes :

Free High School, \$100; Text books, \$100; Repairs, \$100.

We also recommend that the town take some action in regard to re-seating school-house in section 8.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. DRAKE, *Supt. of Schools.*

## Report of the Board of Health.

As the statute requires, the Local Board of Health of the Town of Albion have held four regular meetings during the past year. No epidemics of a severe character have visited the town.

The following deaths have occurred during the past year :

1896.	DEATHS.	CAUSES.
May 5.	F. M. Swears.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
May 6.	Edith M. Ewer,	" "
May 13.	Alvah Thompson,	Exhaustion from old age.
June 10.	Lydia Kidder,	Exhaustion following surgical operation.
June 27.	Mina N. Chalmers,	Pulmonary Consumption.
July 1.	Cora H. Norton,	" "
July 15.	Clyde W. Cookson,	Ulcerative.
Aug. 14.	Sylvanus Davis,	Acute Nephritis.
Aug. 24.	Ida M. Sennett,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
Aug. 27.	Erastus Smiley,	Acute Peritonitis.
Sept. 21.	John S. Waldron,	Cerebral Abscess.
Sept. 26.	Prussia A. Shorey,	Goiter.
Oct. 1.	Luther G. Shorey,	Disease of Heart.
Oct. 16.	Eugene W. Handy,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
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Jan. 24.	Ada M. Danforth,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
Feb. 26.	A. W. Pottle,	Typhoid Fever.
		R. L. BAKER, <i>President.</i>
		F. E. WITHEE, M. D., <i>Secretary.</i>