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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,
OF THE
TOWN OF FALMOUTH,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1876.



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1876.

ANNUAL REPORT.

TAXES ASSESSED 1875.

For State tax,		\$2,758 54
“ County tax,		1,112 44
“ Schools,	\$2,000 00	
“ Interest,	900 00	
“ Bridges,	1,000 00	
“ Poor,	800 00	
“ Town Officers,	500 00	
“ Contingencies,	500 00	
“ Snow bills,	500 00	
“ Highways,	500 00	
“ Overlay,	517 63	
“ Unpaid Highway,	186 10	
“ Supplement,	238 35	7,642 08
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		\$11,513 06
Total valuation, \$697,640 00		
Number of Polls, 362.		
Rate of taxation, \$1.44 on \$100.00		
Poll tax, \$3.00		

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

FOR TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1874.

D. F. Small, Clerk and Treasurer,	\$45 93
John Noyes, Selectman and Overseer,	64 00
George D. York,	58 00
C. W. Winslow,	74 00
D. O. Moulton, Supervisor,	72 00
A. O. Field, Constable,	25 00
Bela Blanchard, services as Auditor,	2 00
Smith Barbour, “ “ Moderator,	2 00
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	\$342 93

SNOW BILLS.

Alexander Pride, 1873 and 1874,	\$39 03
J. A. P. Merrill,	12 95
Richard Mountfort,	34 90
Alfred Hicks,	24 40
John Woodbury,	12 00
Joseph Roberts,	28 12
Robert Huston,	21 50
Albion Field,	10 50
L. D. Wells,	77 22
J. J. Merrill,	18 80
R. H. Whitney,	32 90
Alfred Merrill,	46 65
Bela Blanchard,	14 00
Fenwick Merrill,	14 00
A. O. Field,	8 30
John Merrill,	5 15
Lorenzo Leighton,	38 60
Alfred Soule,	8 30
Amos Knight,	7 70
Joseph Knight,	12 00
Edmond Frye,	28 00
D. W. Ward,	148 27
Oliver Hardy,	19 50
A. F. Winslow,	20 80
Merrill Huston,	4 50
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	\$688 09

HIGHWAYS.

Rodman Allen,	1874	\$21 75
Charles Knight,	"	6 00
Curtis Colley,	"	14 40
Richard Mountfort,	"	4 50
L. D. Wells,	"	11 43
J. J. Merrill,	"	49 40
Alfred Merrill,	"	35 42
George Libby,	"	53 55
J. C. Brackettt,	"	3 60
J. P. Shattuck,	"	6 75
E. P. Merrill,	"	3 93
Robert A. Merrill,	"	7 24
A. B. Melcher,	"	1 14
E. A. Noyes,	"	7 10
J. H. Whitney,	"	5 64
J. T. Mountfort,	1875	3 00
Small & Newnan,	"	4 60
Richard Mountfort,	"	19 90
Lorenzo Mountfort,	"	22 00
Granville Hall, Gravel,	"	12 00
J. J. Merrill,	"	29 00
Robert Huston,	"	63 50

John Anderson, Gravel, 1875,	1 50
Simon M. Swett,	25 00
C. W. Winslow,	17 06
S. M. Latham,	33 65
Alexander Pride,	11 19
Stephen Huston,	8 15
Wm. H. Allen,	6 90
George Mountfort, Jr.,	10 50
Albion Field,	26 20
Stephen Huston,	2 90
Joseph Knight,	8 60
B. F. Hall,	25 50
Lorenzo Mountfort,	9 00
Seward Latham,	26 54
George Mountfort, Jr.,	11 20
J. L. Whitehouse,	19 03
Richard Mountfort,	2 90
E. H. Starbird,	3 20
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	\$634 87

BRIDGES.

F. F. Hall, for plank,		\$157 50
Alfred Hicks,	1874	29 40
E. R. Woodbury,		5 00
A. F. Winslow,	"	36 33
Merrill & West,	"	2 27
I. E. Huston,	"	4 30
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		\$234 80

OUT POOR.

Town of Andover,		\$75 86
J. W. Beesley, for Margaret Blisset,		50 75
Dexter Hamilton, for boarding Mrs. Blanchard,		52 00
Lucien Ingalls, medical attendance on M. Blisset,		85 00
S. S. Rich & Son, coffin for M. Blisset,		11 00
Uriel Whitney, burial of " "		2 00
Mrs. B. F. Merrill,		44 67
John Whitney,		2 58
Miss Etta Whitney,		6 30
Lucien Ingalls, medical attendance on A. Tuttle,		16 50
" " " " " J. Whitney,		6 00
" " " " " Mrs. J. May,		34 00
George D. Sargent, supplies for J. W. May,		24 61
George F. Libby,		13 00
C. Knight, wood for out poor,		4 00
George Merrill, funeral expenses of Lois Merrill,		15 00
Dr. Bates, medical attendance,		3 75
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		\$447 02

CONTINGENCIES.

C. W. Winslow, expenses to Andover,	1874	\$16 85
E. G. Libby, abatement of taxes,	"	2 00
Curtis Colley, damage to horse,		75 00
S. M. Barbour, abatement,	1874	22 26
E. C. Blanchard, care of town house,		4 50
C. H. Marston, heirs, abatement,	1874	6 33
Charles Cobb, office rent,		12 00
A. O. Field, resident tax bid in by town,		89 60
Hoyt, Fogg & Co., books,		10 00
Wm. E. Edwards, for list of vessel property,		5 00
R. H. Hinds, abatement,	1874	8 80
Jefferson Dobbin, abatement of cost,		1 81
P. C. Brigham, " " "		1 23
Town of Gray, for taxes,		2 66
John Noyes, abatement of taxes,	1874	4 20
D. F. Small, abatement of railroad taxes,		9 81
B. F. Hall, payment on note,		40 00
D. F. Small, school tax bid in by town,		5 81
Smith Barbour, for examining records of county roads,		3 00
Portland Publishing Co., for advertising taxes,		66 66
D. F. Small, non-resident tax bid in by town,		235 56
D. F. Small, expenses to Augusta,		6 40
S. R. Small, making tax deeds,		18 00
McLellan & Co., tax book,		1 50
Howard & Cleaves, legal advice,	1874	4 00
" " " " "	1875	12 00
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		\$664 98

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

To Small & Newman, for supplies,.....	\$543 24
" " " " for 7 bushels of potatoes for planting....	6 70
" " " " for $\frac{1}{2}$ " " peas " "	1 50
" " " " " " " " beans " "	1 75
" " " " " 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. H. G. seed.....	10 25
" " " " " 30 " clover.....	3 90
" " " " " 7 bushels oats.....	5 25
" " " " " farming tools.....	12 20
" Simeon Clough, for cow.....	55 00
" Wm. C. Brown " pig.....	12 00
" Thomas M. Fowler, salary.....	80 00
" G. W. Snell, smith work.....	30 71
" F. J. Bean, labor in haying.....	37 00
" J. E. Fowler " "	46 00
" Wm. R. Sturdivant, "	9 50
" Richard Mountfort "	9 50
" Merrill Brothers, for oxen.....	228 00
" Bacon Brothers, threshing.....	10 40
" L. S. Washburn, pressing hay.....	110 69
" S. I. Merrill.....	2 00

To Dr. Hall, medical services.....	3 00
“ Dr. Ingalls, “ “	1 50
“ Thomas M. Fowler, supplies	58 22
“ Thomas M. Fowler, balance of salary.....	220 00
“ Decrease of stock on farm.....	227 00
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	\$1725 31

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By surplus of hay and straw.....	\$400 00
“ oxen sold from farm.....	400 00
“ cows “ “	110 00
“ 2 calves “ “	15 50
“ produce “ “	70 22
“ labor on highways.....	37 00
“ board of William Bragdon.....	3 00
“ wood furnished out poor.....	36 00
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	\$1071 72
Balance against the farm.....	\$ 653 59

BILLS AGAINST POOR FARM PAID FOR 1874.

Thomas M. Fowler, balance of salary.....	\$125 00
W. H. Winslow, hauling hay.....	11 58
Amos W. Noyes, labor on farm.....	3 00
Richard Mountfort, “ “	4 25
S. N. College Co., bill for supplies.....	32 65
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	\$176 48

RECEIPTS FROM POOR FARM 1874.

For hay sold.....	\$453 24
“ John Anderson’s bill.....	24 00
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	\$477 24
Value of hay unsold (1874 crop) ..	\$108 00
Greatest number of inmates in the Alms House.....	5
Present “ “ “ “ “ “	5
Males	2
Females.....	3

INVENTORY OF STOCK AND PRODUCE ON THE FARM.—2 oxen, 2 cows, 100 bushels potatoes, 2 bushels meal, 2 bbls. barley, 1-3 bbl. pork, 4 bushels beans.

B. F. HALL,	}	Overseers of Poor of Falmouth.
COLUMBUS KNIGHT,		
SAMUEL BELL,		

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

For Schools.....	\$2,000 00
“ Highways.....	2,500 00
“ Bridges.....	1,000 00
“ Town Officers.....	500 00
“ Poor	1,000 00
“ Snow bills.....	300 00
“ Contingencies.....	500 00
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	\$7,800 00

B. F. HALL,	}	Selectmen of Falmouth.
COLUMBUS KNIGHT,		
SAMUEL BELL,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tax payers of Falmouth.

Herewith I have the honor to submit the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Falmouth, for the fiscal year, ending March, 1876, with its present financial condition.

RECEIPTS.

1875.	Cash on hand last report,	\$92 80
Mch. 8	“ from A. O. Field, tax bills 1873,	800 00
	“ “ Non Res. tax bills 1874,	1,349 82
10	“ “ C. Chute, three cows,	110 00
12	“ “ A. O. Field, deeds,	1 00
24	“ “ S. M. Barbour, tax claim,	45 00
Apr. 13	“ “ E. Bucknam, land sale,	40 00
15	“ “ Hay sold from farm,	453 24
17	“ “ A. O. Field, tax bills 1874,	975 18
17	“ “ State school fund 1874,	972 87
20	“ “ Wm. Williams & Co., tax deed,	19 41
30	“ “ Board of Wm. Bragdon,	3 00
May 25	“ “ Sale of Roberts' stock,	76 06
26	“ “ F. F. Hall, town oxen,	250 00
June 2	“ “ A. O. Field, tax bills 1874,	1,332 00
7	“ “ J. Dobbin, tax claim,	5 81
Aug. 6	“ “ A. O. Field, tax bills 1873, in fu	303 70
	“ “ “ “ 1874,	1,173 00
Sept. 6	“ “ John Anderson, hauling wood,	24 00
Oct. 11	“ “ School District No. 10,	74 69
Nov. 3	“ “ State school fund 1875,	958 84
23	“ “ 43½ bush. oats from farm,	23 06
Dec. 6	“ “ W. W. Weymouth, tax claims,	5 71
28	“ “ C. Chute, town oxen,	150 00
1876.		
Jan. 13	“ “ A. A. Strout,	245 86
19	“ “ Wm. Russell, tax claim,	17 45
Feb. 16	“ “ Bondsmen of A. O. Field,	3,512 17
	“ “ Tax bills 1874,	5,656 60
	“ “ “ “ 1875,	6,356 68
	“ “ Thomas Fowler, produce sold,	12 00
	“ “ Costs collected on Non Res. tax,	66 66
	“ “ Interest on Non. Res. tax,	30 00
	“ “ Isaiah H. Baker, tax claim,	24 22
		\$25,160 83

EXPENDITURES.

1875.		
Mch. 8	Paid insane hospital for E. Field,	\$16 28
June 5	“ A. O. Field, deeds,	2 00
Sept. 10	“ County tax in full 1875,	1,112 44
Nov. 2	“ W. L. Pennell, State tax 1874 with costs,	3,660 56
3	“ State treasurer, bal. State tax 1873,	487 63
	“ State tax for 1875 in full,	2,758 54
Feb. 16	“ Orders for highways,	830 11
	“ “ “ poor,	2,036 31
	“ “ “ bridges,	288 69
	“ “ “ interest,	541 89
	“ “ “ contingencies,	625 94
	“ “ “ snow bills,	708 61

Paid orders for schools,	3,250 67
“ “ “ town officers,	340 93
“ Debt and interest,	7,537 27
“ Postage,	3 00
“ Cash on deposit,	959 96
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	\$25,160 83

This certifies that the above account has been examined, found correct and properly vouched.

E. H. STARBIRD, Auditor.

Falmouth, Feb. 19th, 1876.

A. O. Field, Collector, in account with Treasurer.

1873.		DR.		
June 2	To tax bills for 1873,			\$7,450 22
1875.		CR.		
Aug. 6	By Cash as per receipts,		\$6,971 64	
	“ Abatements,		195 01	
	“ Commissions,		283 57	
			<hr/>	7,450 22
1874.		DR.		
July 6	To Tax bills for 1874,		\$12,264 08	
1875.				
Nov. 2	“ State tax for 1874,		3,447 06	
	“ Cost on tax of 1874,		213 50	
	“ Balance of State tax 1873,		487 63	
1876.				
Feb. 14	“ Tax collected and not credited,		16 00	
20	“ Costs of collecting bal. of 1874,		75 00	
			<hr/>	16,503 27
1875.		CR.		
Aug. 6	By Cash as per receipts,		4,830 00	
1876.				
Feb. 14	“ “ from bondsmen,		3,512 17	
	“ “ collected by D. F. Small,		5,656 60	
	“ “ uncollected and in law,		308 64	
	“ Tax disputed and referred,		126 71	
	“ Abatements,		193 84	
	“ Commissions,		166 38	
			<hr/>	14,794 34
	Acknowledged liability of bondsmen,			1,708 93

In presenting the account of Mr. Field for 1874, I deem it proper to remark, that it is difficult to do so intelligently within the scope of a town report. I therefore present a condensed statement of the matter, showing the amount due from his bondsmen upon which there is no question. The item of 126.71, placed to his credit in the above statement will be submitted in detail at your annual meeting to be disposed of as you may direct. Any information in reference to the matter will be cheerfully given to any citizen.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

DISTRICT NO. 2.		
Whole amount assessed,		\$1,209 50
Paid Assessors,	\$6 00	
“ A. O. Field, commissions,	11 24	
“ W. P. York,	1,129 36	
“ Abatements,	62 90	
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DISTRICT NO. 3.		
Whole amount assessed,		76 04
Paid Assessors,	\$2 00	
“ D. O. Moulton on note,	30 00	
Uncollected,	9 35	
Cash on hand,	34 69	
	<hr/>	\$76 04
DISTRICT NO. 4.		
Whole amount assessed,		\$54 70
Paid John Noyes for assessing,	\$1 00	
“ Geo. F. Richards,	52 25	
Cash,	1 00	
Uncollected,	45	
	<hr/>	\$54 70
DISTRICT NO. 8.		
Whole amount assessed,		\$1,413 23
Paid F. B. Blanchard,	\$1,047 77	
Uncollected,	208 33	
Cash on hand,	157 13	
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DISTRICT NO. 10.		
Whole amount assessed,		\$104 30
Paid Lorenzo Leighton,	\$80 00	
Uncollected,	15 78	
Abated,	4 85	
Cash on hand,	3 69	
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NON RESIDENT TAX DEEDS.

Your attention is called to the following statement of the amount of tax claims held by the town upon property now occupied by the following persons, from whom the town receives no income. Interest at twenty-five per cent is added.

Austin, Stephen	\$14 72
Andrews, John	9 48
Berry, Martha A.	3 20
Dame, Charles	30 98
Furbish, P. H.	21 96
Gore, Joshua, heirs of,	13 59
Goodwin, Charles, heirs of,	8 77
Jones, J. W.	21 15
Jones, Caleb, heirs of,	11 45
Jordan, Albert	8 59
Knight, Aaron, heirs of,	11 80
Leighton, Robert	91 74
Merrill, R. M.	30 02
Pope, Isaiah & Co.,	28 12
Smith, F. O. J.	396 17
Torrey, James, heirs of,	3 83
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	\$705 57

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

AVAILABILITIES.

Cash in Treasury,	\$959 96	
Balance of tax bills 1874,	308 14	
“ “ “ 1875,	4,397 24	
Tax deeds held by town,	705 57	
Hay on farm, (crop 1874,)	108 00	
“ “ (crop 1875,)	400 00	
Due from bondsmen of A. O. Field,	1,708 93	
“ Raymond,	62 36	
“ Pownal,	13 00	
“ Freeport,	16 50	
6000 Bridge plank,	90 00	
Sundry bills,	6 00	
	\$8,775 70	

LIABILITIES.

Notes and accrued interest,	\$4,394 01	
Outstanding orders,	225 00	
Due to schools,	948 74	
B. F. Hall, selectman,	81 00	
Columbus Knight,	67 00	
Samuel Bell,	66 00	
D. F. Small, Clerk and Treasurer,	45 35	
“ “ Constable,	7 00	
“ “ Services to date as Collector,	20 00	
Thomas Fowler, bal. of salary,	220 00	
E. H. Starbird, Moderator,	3 00	
“ “ Auditor,	4 00	
Sundry bills,	50 00	
	\$6,131 10	
	\$2,644 60	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Total debt in notes and orders, March, 1875,	\$12,713 91
Amount paid during the year,	8,094 90
	4,619 01
Total debt in notes and orders March, 1876,	4,619 01
Current expense for the year not paid,	1,512 09
	6,131 10
Total indebtedness, March, 1876,	6,131 10
Excess of assets above liabilities,	2,644 60
	\$8,775 70

It will be seen from the above exhibit that your town is practically out of debt, and that it is not necessary to appropriate any more money for debt or interest. Should the assets of your town as reported above be properly cared for and correctly used, every liability of the town can be paid within a few months.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SMALL, TREASURER.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Supervisor would respectfully submit the following annual report ending February 17, 1876 :

Amount appropriated by the town for Schools,	\$2000.00
Amount received of State, Bank Tax and School Fund,	408.18
“ “ “ “ Mill Tax,	550.66

Total Amount Expended,	\$2958.84
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This was apportioned to the several Districts as follows :

No. 1, \$261.07	No. 5, \$271.11	No. 9, \$256.05
“ 2, 271.11	“ 6, 159.23	“ 10, 196.93
“ 3, 441.78	“ 7, 421.70	“ 11, 199.83
“ 4, 165.39	“ 8, 159.23	“ 12, 155.41

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term. At my first visit the school appeared orderly and well classified. The closing examination showed fair improvement in all branches.

Winter Term. This term opened well and bid fair to be a profitable one. Owing to a severe storm at the closing examination, not many of the scholars were present. The improvement in Writing was highly commendable. There was not that promptness in Arithmetic that we desired. We think if Mr. M. would look a little more to the discipline of his school, his efforts, as a teacher would be very successful.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term. This school appeared well at commencement. The order was fair, and the scholars seemed to manifest a good degree of interest. On visiting it at close I found both teacher and scholars had been at work. The order was all that could be desired, and all classes showed a decided improvement. There was that perfect understanding between teacher and scholar, so pleasing to look upon. I was particularly pleased with the position of the scholars in their seats. Mrs. Thompson is a teacher of considerable experience, and ranks among our very best.

Winter Term. As this was taught by myself, I will briefly say for the scholars that with a few exceptions they applied themselves to their studies with a will thus making it an easy and pleasant task for their teacher to work with them. We were cheered and encouraged during the term by frequent visits from the parents and friends of the scholars, showing by their presence that they felt an interest in us. We closed our term hoping our time had been well improved.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term. This district retained the same teacher throughout the year. On visiting at commencement of the term found both teacher and scholars at work in earnest, with every prospect of

a profitable term. We were however somewhat disappointed at our second visit. There was a certain air of embarrassment that we could not fail to notice, occasioned perhaps by our unexpected presence. We were sorry to see, particularly among the larger scholars, a lack of promptness in Arithmetic, and not that progress in Grammar we had anticipated. There was a fair degree of improvement among the smaller scholars.

Fall and Winter Term. There was a decided improvement at the last examination. The order was better than we have ever seen it. The first class in Arithmetic showed careful drill and close application, answering all questions with an accuracy and promptness we seldom see equaled. There was good improvement in Grammar. The specimens in Writing and Map Drawing showed much care and taste on the part of the scholars; also a good work done by the class in Book Keeping. We think Miss N. has some fine talent for teaching.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term. Fair improvement was shown, particularly in the art of Penmanship. At our visit at commencement of Winter Term, were pleased to again greet Mr. M. in the school room; feeling that as the school was under his instruction the previous term, he would know just where to commence with his scholars. This is a small school, there being very few large scholars. At our visit at close found there had been creditable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term. Miss L. has taught several terms in this district. The improvement of this term was very noticeable, though the order was not just what we hoped to see.

Winter Term. The district was very fortunate to secure the services of a teacher of such large experience as Mr. R. At our first visit it was plain to see that the right man was in the right place. The order was good which is always the first requisite. The closing examination showed a marked improvement in all branches, especially in Writing and Grammar. We consider the school a decided success.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This district acted wisely in again securing the services of the teacher of the previous year. We felt confident, when we found her again settled among her scholars, that everything would move along with regularity, and we were not disappointed. The closing examination of both Summer and Winter Term, showed a marked degree of improvement in all branches pursued. We were very much pleased with the class in Mental Arithmetic; quite difficult examples being performed with readiness in all the simple rules.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term. Miss H. came as a stranger among us with but little experience as a teacher, yet at our first visit we found her at home in the school-room, and was well pleased with her method of instruction. The order was hardly what we desired.

At the close all classes showed creditable improvement, and the order was much better than at commencement.

Fall Term. Mr. L. is an active and energetic teacher, one that labors for the interest of his scholars. This is one of our largest schools and we here find some of our best scholars. The school appeared orderly at commencement, and there was every reason to believe that this would be a successful term. The closing examination showed a thorough drilling on the part of the teacher, and much thought and study by the scholars. The first class in Arithmetic performed examples and gave reasons and explanations in a manner highly pleasing to us.

Winter Term. This opened under the same instruction. As the vacation was short, both teacher and scholars were prepared to enter at once upon their labors; and we found them doing all that could be required. The school closing suddenly we were unable to make our second visit, but feel free to say it was a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This district had but one term, and this we were obliged to visit some time before its close; yet the school passed a very satisfactory examination. Much credit is due both teacher and scholars for the care they have taken of their new house. We scrutinized it closely, but scarce a scar or even a pencil mark could be found. We hope they will ever exercise the same care in regard to it.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term. I found the scholars at both visits orderly and seemingly interested in their studies. Miss Small has had but little experience in teaching, yet she has good methods of imparting knowledge and a faculty of gaining the good will of her pupils. All classes showed fair improvement.

Winter Term. This was under the same good discipline as the Summer Term. We were sorry to see a lack of confidence on the part of the scholars. And would here suggest that their parents and friends visit them more frequently; thereby encouraging and helping them to gain the confidence they so much need. The Writing Books exhibited by the class in Penmanship, were examples of neatness. On the whole the school passed a fair examination.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer and Fall Terms. Miss L. brought to this school a large experience and a well earned reputation. Good order was maintained throughout the term. We were sorry to learn that owing to the difficulties existing in the district, some parents were so unwise as to keep their children from school, thereby causing a loss to them and making it hard and unpleasant for the teacher. The final examination of both terms showed that the teacher had been faithful in her labors. We were satisfied with improvements made.

Winter Term. Mr. B. passed a very creditable examination, and the only fear we had in regard to his success, was his inexperience. At our first visit, it was evident that his was no enviable

position, some of the large scholars being prejudiced against him. At our last visit we found that some had left the school, yet we believe that if the pupils and citizens of the district had labored with the teacher in his efforts, a more profitable term would have been the result.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term. The scholars are mostly small and when we considered their number with their uncomfortable seats were not surprised to find them a little noisy. As the school continued into July some of the scholars left before the closing examination. Those present showed a good degree of improvement. The school quite met our expectations.

Winter Term. For sufficient reason we did not visit at close. Miss Cummings is an experienced teacher and seems to understand the nature of her scholars. We found the school well classified and the order very good. The teacher and scholars seemed interested, and we saw no reason why this should not be a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer Term. This is the smallest district in town, consequently it is difficult to awaken that degree of interest, among the scholars that we find in some of our larger schools. Miss S. is a faithful teacher, and we were pleased to find at close a noticeable improvement.

Winter Term. As I was not notified of the closing of this school in season, I visited it only at commencement. Then there was good order manifested, and the first classes in Reading and Arithmetic did exceedingly well. If the same interest continued throughout the term, we should judge the money in this district had been wisely expended.

CONCLUSION.

Aside from the separate report of each school, we submit to your attention a few general remarks. In the examination of our schools, it gives us pleasure to report that most of them have been successful, but still we do find some of them lacking. In some of our schools we have alluded to the improvement made in the different branches. The two branches in which improvement is particularly obvious, are Reading and Writing, especially the latter. Still we fear Reading is too much neglected, and the same is true of Spelling. We think the things most proper for scholars to learn, are those which they will be called upon to practice when they become men and women. And what part of an education is more practical through life, or in what branches is accuracy more important than Spelling and Writing? We hope our teachers and scholars will think of this.

Some of our large scholars have been so foolishly wise the past year as to leave their schools without sufficient cause and others to absent themselves entirely. Can they afford to do this? Can they

afford to squander a term of school, not only deprive themselves, but by their influence partially destroy its usefulness to others? We feel to answer, *no*. In the performance of our duties we have endeavored to impress upon the minds of our scholars the importance of good order and regularity of attendance in our schools. In order that these may be carried into effect, much depends upon the parents and guardians of the pupils. We do not think teachers are responsible for all the defects in the schools. And here let us earnestly urge the presence of the parents and friends of the scholars, in the schoolroom. It not only shows that you feel an interest there, but it encourages the teacher, and is a stimulant to the scholar.

Now a few words in regard to our agents. The prosperity of our schools depends very much upon them. We should therefore be careful to select those men whom we feel will look well to the interests of their schools, and employ able and efficient teachers. There are but few offices in town to which more responsibility is attached than that of the school agent. Hence it is the duty of the town to see that their agents are properly qualified for their position. And here let me ask: Do we attend to this matter as we ought?

Text Books. Through the aid and advice of our former Supervisor we have secured a town uniformity in Readers. And in those schools where reading has been made a *study*, much good has resulted from their use. We would warn parents against making any change in text books through the advice of teachers without first consulting the S. S. Committee, who alone has the power to effect a change.

School Houses. District No. 8 has erected, during the past year, a nice and convenient house, at an expense of about \$1460. No. 10 has made improvements on the inside of their house, and we hope soon to see a change in Nos. 1, 4, 9, 11. We trust that the year to come may witness greater interests and improvements in our schools and in all that concerns them. In closing we can only say that we have endeavored to discharge our duties faithfully, if we failed to perform them acceptably.

F. B. BLANCHARD, SUPERVISOR.

Falmouth, Feb. 17, 1876.

Tabular view of the Schools of Falmouth for the year ending February 17, 1876.

No. of District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Whole number of Scholars.	Length of Sch'l in days.	Whole attendance.	Av. Attendance.	No. of pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	Instances of Tardiness.	Num. of daily recitations.	Taught how many schools.	Wages of Teacher per month, excluding board.	Price of board per week.
	SUMMER TERM.	WINTER TERM.										
1	Abbie C. Lord,	H. J. Merrill,	52	50	19	16	3	90	25	2	\$30 00	
2	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	F. B. Blanchard,	54	70	27	23	2	124	24	3	40 00	
3	Ella M. Newhall,	Ella M. Newhall,	88	40	30	26	6	28	24	8	28 00	\$2 50
4	H. J. Merrill,	H. J. Merrill,	24	57	30	24	3	116	23	8	55 00	
5	Ellen Leighton,	E. H. Ramsdell,	54	45	40	37	8	20	18	9	32 00	3 00
6	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	22	80	44	15	7	52	17	11	38 00	3 00
7	Floren. M. Henderson,	O. M. Lord,	84	40	17	15	2	17	26	1	30 00	
8		Emma A. Mountfort,	22	50	17	15	2	80	22	2	40 00	
9	Patia D. Small,	Patia D. Small,	51	50	43	30	0	32	30	11	20 00	3 00
10	Emily F. Leighton,	John G. Boody,	35	60	40	34	13	133	38	30	56 00	
11	Esther M. Merrill,	Susie S. Cummings,	36	35	14	13	3	79	25	25	24 00	
12	Ida M. Stiles,	Susie McDonald,	20	65	18	17	6	25	25	26	37 00	2 00
3	Fall Term,	Ella M. Newhall,		48	35	28	0	32	16	2	22 00	2 50
7	" "	O. M. Lord,		50	43	36	0	20	8	8	45 00	4 00
10	" "	Emily F. Leighton,		50	19	17	6	64	17	17	20 00	2 00