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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN,
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 1864,
AND ENDING MARCH 1, 1865.

REPORT.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN :

The Selectmen, Auditors for this year, in pursuance of a law approved March 25, 1864, (but unofficially reported at this date to be repealed,) in presenting their Report would premise that the past year has been peculiarly an unfortunate one to the town.

Scarcely had the financial year commenced when the Small Pox made its appearance in a locality of the town, and among a class of people which could not or would not keep themselves isolated, and it became necessary to establish a temporary Hospital, and conduct it at a large expense, as will be seen by this report.

Added to this, just at the commencement of spring work on the Poor Farm, the House was burnt, consuming nearly all the supplies, furniture, bedding, &c., the value of which, besides the house, was not less than \$450. A new farm was purchased and the old one sold, and we think the result shows that the wisdom of the town was justified in their vote for the purchase and sale rather than to rebuild on the old farm. The expense for the Poor of the town as will be seen, is largely increased from last year, partly owing to the temporary support of the inmates of the Poor House until they could be removed to the new Farm; but chiefly to the enhanced cost of food and clothing, caused by the inflation of the currency. The estimates of the Selectmen last year on the various items of expenditure have all fallen below the actual cost for the same reason. All these things have added largely to the current expenses of the town.

The above casualties together with the furnishing men for the war, and in raising money therefor, have imposed an amount of labor and responsibility upon the Selectmen perhaps not generally understood by the town, but they will probably be brought to a realizing sense of it when they look at the amount of their bills for services. With what success they have managed affairs it is not for us to decide.

ANNUAL REPORT,

Of the Financial Standing of the town of SKOWHEGAN, for the year commencing March 1, 1864, and ending March 1, 1865.

Assessments.

For State tax,	\$8491,24	
“ County tax,	1115,61	
“ Schools,	220,00	
“ Debt on account of Soldiers bounties,	4250,00	
“ Current expenses,	3250,00	
Tax on Dogs,	83,00	
Overlayings,	822,15	
Supplemental,	8,00	
		\$20820,00

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Sale of town farm,	\$1750,00	
License to two Circuses,	40,00	
Profits of Liquor Agency,	200,00	
Sale of house to Mrs. Young,	35,00	
“ “ Cow from Clark's,	42,00	
		\$2067,00

State and County Taxes.

Assessed for State Tax,	\$8491,24	
“ “ County “	1115,61	
		\$9606,85
Paid Nathan Dane, State Treasurer,	\$8491,24	
“ S. W. Turner, County “	1115,61	
		\$9606,85

Schools.

Amount assessed for Schools,	\$2200,00	
Received from State School Fund,	275,78	
Balance due Districts last year,	1021,19	
		\$3496,97
Paid the several School Districts,	\$2346,65	
Balance due to “ “	1150,32	
		\$3496,97

Roads and Bridges.

Assessed in money for Roads and Bridges,	\$600,00	
Deficiency,	247,45	
		\$847,45
Paid for building new road from Lambert's to Richardson's,	646,25	
“ Repairs on new road from the Eddy,	52,75	
		\$699,00

Amount brought up,	\$699,00	
Paid Bridge near S. W. Coburn's,	21,52	
“ Sewer near Turner's Hotel,	65,00	
“ Plank for various bridges,	17,68	
“ Sundry repairs.	25,25	
“ Breaking Snow Roads,	19,00	
		\$847,45

Abatement of Taxes.

Abated on James Steward's bills, 1863,	\$30,79	
“ “ John Weston's “ 1864,	103,50	
		\$134,29

Expense of Small Pox.

Paid Franklin Gray, services,	\$200,00	
“ Martin D. Ward, supplies and payments,	255,73	
“ John Morisset, services,	100,00	
“ C. C. Whitney, Medicines,	13,15	
“ Dr. J. S. Houghton Physician,	74,00	
“ Dyer & Cushing, Medicine,	26,95	
“ Robert Tuttle, Coffin,	18,75	
“ W. B. Nutter, Meat,	67,65	
“ Stephen H. Malbon, Supplies,	243,31	
“ John Vosmus, Funnel, &c.,	17,14	
“ S. D. Sayward, “	5,70	
“ Samuel P. Cleveland, Cook Stove,	13,00	
“ Dr. Wm. Snow & Son, Vaccination,	24,00	
“ Henry K. White, Lumber,	48,62	
“ Emery, Folsom & Co., Supplies,	8,89	
“ J. B. Hussey, Agent, Liquor,	6,60	
“ Morrison & Drew, Lumber, &c.,	6,68	
“ Amos H. Fletcher, Biscuit,	17,02	
“ Joseph Robinson, work on Hospital,	19,44	
“ Nathaniel Malbon, sundry payments,	26,80	
“ Daniel Snow, “ “	3,00	
“ James B. Dascomb, “ “	2,25	
“ Sumner Parlin, Sexton,	1,00	
“ Elbridge Nicholas, Bedding,	5,00	
“ Jonas Parlin, Wood, &c.,	8,75	
“ D. L. Fogg, Shoes,	2,30	
“ Edward Manchester, Carriage,	2,50	
“ A. W. Calden, Rent and damage of Hospital,	67,50	
“ Henry Colway, to go to Canada,	25,00	
		\$1285,73
Deduct for lumber sold,	12,00	
Total expense,		\$1273,73
Amount raised to pay Small Pox,	\$1000,00	
Deficiency,	273,73	
		\$1273,73

State Aid to Soldiers Families.

Paid from March 1, 1864, to Jan. 1, 1865,	\$2432.62
“ “ Jan. 1, 1865, to March 1, 1865,	375.18
	\$2807.80

Distributed to the following Families.

Henry C. Hamilton,	128,21	Joseph Pomalo Jr.,	32,25
David Dulac,	64,10	Alex. Bootier,	49,00
Charles J. Barbeau,	122,90	John R. Teague,	33,00
Dennis Murphy,	125,21	Jeremiah Hill,	120,35
Theodore Lapwait,	19,50	Timothy Brown,	91,00
Ephraim Winship,	114,39	Charles E. York,	111,00
John Donahue,	111,39	George Varney,	29,46
Charles H. Clukey,	38,46	Levi E. Bigelow,	60,10
Thomas Steward,	89,30	Nehemiah A. Ward,	57,50
Aretas Ames,	16,00	William Maines,	65,75
Alonzo R. Herrin,	39,00	Amos Young,	26,25
Parris Morse,	20,67	Daniel Lambert,	12,00
Amasa Weston,	114,58	Lucius R. Elliot,	29,46
Samuel V. Young,	125,82	Henry L. Bray,	28,92
Isaac Cone,	84,43	Littlefield W. Merrill,	74,64
Edgar Ames,	23,25	George W. York,	13,06
Fairfield Ireland,	38,03	Joseph Gero,	57,75
Reuben Ireland,	33,21	Thomas Barwise,	52,85
Peter Dulac,	82,75	James H. Lord,	13,06
Freeman T. Knowls,	34,71	Alonzo Spaulding,	52,85
George Goodwin,	59,10	Gorham P. Fasset,	4,50
Llewellyn Goodwin,	21,00	Leander T. Thurston,	8,25
Elwin H. Green,	15,75	Amos K. Hall,	11,25
Charles Smith,	29,46	James Pierce,	2,00
John E. Wyman,	59,10	John G. Gould,	89,48
James H. Ketchum,	12,25	James Lambert,	23,50
Peter Demo,	12,00	Sanford Pennell,	5,00
Horace E. Manley,	19,00		
			\$2807,80

Due from State for State Aid from Jan. 1, 1864,	
to Jan. 1, 1865, to be paid this year,	\$2810,79
Paid and due from State from Jan. 1, 1865, to	
March 1, 1865, to be paid next year,	375,18
	\$3185,97

Borrowed by vote of the town to pay State Aid,	\$2510,00
Transferred from debt due last year for current ex.	200,00
Int. due on amount borrowed and transferred,	47,06
Due on acct. of State Aid to Jan. 1, 1865,	68,00
Balance in favor of town,	360,91
	\$3185,97

Debt for Bounties to Soldiers.

Amount assessed to pay debt due last year	\$4250,00
Paid more than appropriated,	25,78
	\$4275,78
Paid of principal,	\$3435,45
Interest,	840,33
	\$4275,78

Bounties To Soldiers and Recruiting Expenses.

Whole amt. borrowed during year to pay bounties,	23769,17
Less discount to banks included in notes,	163,00
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	\$23606,17
Borrowed for Recruiting Expenses,	900,00
Cash in hands of Selectmen last March,	169,90
	\$24676,07
Paid J. F. Pollard, Chairman Recruiting Com.,	900,00
“ 1 man under Oct. call, 1863,	175,00
“ 37 “ “ July “ 1864,	7400,00
“ 28 3 yrs. men under Dec. call, 1864,	12600,00
“ 3 one year men,	600,00
Bal. in hands of Selectmen deposited in Bank,	3001,07
	\$24676,07

Debt Due for Soldiers Bounties and Recruiting Expenses, as it stands Feb. 28, 1865.

Temporary Loan from Banks,	8163,00
Permanent Loan due in 1865,	12958,10
“ “ “ 1866,	6824,15
“ “ “ 1867,	6112,60
“ “ “ 1868,	900,00
	\$35957,85

At this date there is deposited to the credit of the Selectmen at the Bank,	3001,07
From which must be deducted for amount due two men for one year,	400,00

Leaving	\$2601,07
Which may be applied either to the payment of the temporary loan or towards filling the balance of our quota.	
But the debt as it now stands is	35957,85
Less the amount on hand,	2601,07
	\$33356,78

Full statement of all Monies borrowed and paid out for Soldiers Bounties & Recruiting Committee, from the Commencement.

Whole amount borrowed to this date,	\$41152,40
Principal paid in 1863,	1759,10
“ “ 1864,	3435,45
Amount now unpaid,	35957,85
	\$41152,40

The whole disposed of as follows :

Paid 38 men under call of July, 1862,	3800,00
“ 45 9 months men under call of Sept. 1862,	4450,00
“ 41 men under call of Oct. 1863,	8175,00
“ 37 men under call of July, 1864,	7400,00
	\$23825,00

Amount brought up,	\$23825,00
Paid 28 3 years men under call of Dec. 1864,	12600,00
" 8 one year's " " " "	600,00
Due to 2 1 " " " "	400,00
Paid J. F. Pollard, Chairman Recruiting Com.	900,00
Cash on hand less amount due,	2601,07
Discount and interest included in orders,	226,32
	\$41152,40

Town Farm, Dr.

Purchase of Wheeler Farm,	3100,00
Expended for finishing L,	239,04
Furniture and bedding to replace loss by fire,	100,00
Total cost of farm not chargeable to current ex- penses,	<u>\$3439,04</u>
Paid for supplies, tools, seed, labor, &c.,	707,58
Furniture and Bedding chargeable to this year,	34,20
Insurance on buildings,	15,25
Overseer and family,	275,00
	\$4471,07

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Sale of Malbon Farm,	1750,00
Sale of products of farm,	369,71
Produce on hand,	575,50
Total balance against farm,	1775,86
	\$4471,07
Whole expense of supplies, farming tools, Overseer, In- surance and furniture properly chargeable to this yr.	\$1032,03
Amt of sales from farm and produce on hand,	945,21
Balance against farm operations,	86,82
	<u>\$1032,03</u>
Number of weeks board of Poor on farm, 598, at a cost of 15 cts per week exclusive of interest on cost of farm.	

Debt for Town Farm.

Amount of purchase money of farm,	3100,00
Interest,	126,00
	\$3226,00
Paid on account of purchase,	1000,00
Amt due and payable next May,—Principal	2100,00
Interest,	126,00
	\$3226,00

Stock and Produce on Farm March 1, 1865.

Stock.		Three yearlings,	45,00
One yoke oxen,	\$150,00	53 Sheep,	200,00
Three Cows,	135,00	One Swine,	20,00
Two 2 yrs old Steers	65,00		
			\$615,00

Produce.				
40 Bush. Barley,	\$50,00	50 "	Butter,	20,00
25 " Corn,	50,00	60 "	Cheese,	12,00
6 " Wheat,	13,00	65 "	Dried Apples,	9,00
30 " Oats,	25,00	40 "	Lard,	10,00
3 " Beans,	7,50	20 "	Candles,	4,00
325 " Potatoes.	195,00	150 "	Flour,	10,00
500 lbs. Pork,	100,00	2 tons hay more than		
200 " Beef,	20,00	enough to winter stock,	50,00	
				\$575,50

Support of Poor off the Farm.

Benj. Pennell's family,	76,10	Olive Lougee,	10,00
Mrs John Ayer "	25,18	Peter Basquet,	7,00
Martin Roderick, "	98,00	Thomas Brawn,	20,00
John Clark, "	92,11	Charles Lee,	11,12
Ira Mason, "	168,11	Betsy Clark,	27,00
John Drinkwine, "	34,92	Freeman Nickerson,	22,50
Robert Kendall, "	10,00	Nathan Moore,	5,00
George Dolloff, "	100,00	Polly Russell,	20,00
Gorham Lawrence "	19,03	John Whitman,	49,98
Ezekiel Dunlap, "	32,80	Almira Rowe,	15,09
Abraham King, "	11,45	William Long,	9,49
Levi Priest, "	10,00	Elijah Herrin's wife,	6,75
Isaac Gage, "	28,00	David Ames' child,	27,83
Mrs. Lally, "	25,00	George Badger,	10,00
Sum. Steward in Hos.	110,42	James Fly,	10,32
John Woods,	28,00	Nancy Badger,	7,75
Hannah Ireland,	25,04	David Smith,	8,50
Susan Ireland,	39,25	Patience Herrin,	23,25
Olive Ireland,	15,50	Mrs. Louis Belongy	20,53
Mary Ireland,	33,33	Eliza Whitman,	6,00
Elizabeth Lougee,	50,68	Frank Holway,	4,00
			\$1354,03
Support of Poor on the Farm,			86,82
Off the Farm,			1354,03
Total,			\$1440,85

Miscellaneous Bills.

John Pooler, cutting bushes in North Cemetry,	4,00
M. D. Ward, Sh'ff fees, Town vs. Elijah Herrin, last year,	5,00
M. Littlefield, printing last year's Report of Selectmen and Sup. School Committee,	20,00
For Blanks and Advertising,	2,55
J. P. Varney, Repairs of Hearse,	1,00
Dyer & Cushing, Books & Stationery,	24,37
John O. Hill, damages to Carriage, 1863,	5,00
E. Whittier, redemption of G. W. Dolloff's house,	132,50
Daniel Snow, Selectman, cash expenses,	11,25
Nath'l Malbon " " "	12,00
J. B. Daseomb, " " "	34,10
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	\$251,77

Amount brought up,	\$251,77
Seth Getchell, fires and care of Town Hall,	5,00
C. C. Whitney, School Books for Poor,	2,95
Joseph Barrett, witness action Hill vs. Eaton,	3,00
Fuel for Selectmens Office,	3,37
Committee of Five on purchase of Town Farm,	15,00
Stamps for Town orders and Deeds,	15,59
J. B. Dascomb, paid for Collector's Book and Blanks,	2,25
“ “ “ “ making and Recording Deeds,	2,00
“ “ “ Postage,	2,94
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	\$303,87

Town Officers Bills.

George H. Eldridge, Sup. School Committee,	\$61,25
Charles W. Snow, “ “ “	17,25
Charles H. Allen, “ “ “	27,50
Stephen Coburn, Town Agent,	55,00
Albert Fuller, Treasurer,	30,00
John Weston, Collector,	208,20
James B. Dascomb, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor,	175,00
Daniel Snow, “ “ “ “	150,00
Nathaniel Malbon, “ “ “ “	150,00
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	\$874,10

Liabilities and Resources of the Town.

Liabilities.

Due on acct. of Soldiers Bounties & Recruiting Expenses,	\$33,356,78
“ “ purchase of Town Farm and interest,	2,226,00
“ to the several School Districts,	1,150,32
“ on Pauper Bills,	77,29
Interest on Orders on Soldiers Bounties, due and uncalled for,	45,00
Orders drawn and unpaid,	635,34
Costs on Road Indictments,	5,00
Probable abatement on Tax Bills, 1864,	25,00
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	\$37,520,73

Resources.

Due from James Steward, Collector, 1863,	49,48
“ “ John Weston, “ 1864,	1,413,15
“ “ State for State aid above the amount borrowed for the same,	360,91
“ from town of Madison, Pauper bill,	114,38
“ “ “ Smithfield, “ “ in suit,	12,92
Invested in G. W. Dolloff's House,	132,50
Hay and Potatoes to be sold from Farm,	170,00
Cash in Treasury,	35,99
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Total indebtedness of the town,	\$35,231,40
	\$37,520,73

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. DASCOMB, } SELECTMEN
DANIEL SNOW, } OF
NATHA'L MALBON. } SKOWHEGAN

Skowhegan, Feb. 28, 1865.