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OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF FALMOUTH,

FOR THE

Year ending March, 1881.



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Report of the Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Falmouth:

We herewith submit for your consideration a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town, for the year ending March, 1881.

TAXES ASSESSED, 1880.

| \mathbf{F} or | State tax, | | | \$3,447 | 07 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|----|------------------|----|
| " | County, | | | 778 | 88 |
| " | Schools, | \$2,000 | 00 | | |
| " | Bridges, | 300 | 00 | | |
| " | Falls Bridge, | 400 | 00 | | |
| " | Town Officers, | 400 | 00 | | |
| 46 | Snow Bills, | 200 | 00 | | |
| " | Contingencies, | 500 | 00 | | |
| " | Poor, | 800 | 00 | | |
| " | Alms House, | 250 | 00 | | |
| " | Discount, | 300 | 00 | | |
| | , | | | \$5,1 50 | 00 |
| " | Overlayings, | | | 390 | 84 |
| " | Deficient highway tax for 1879, | | | 352 | 62 |
| " | Supplementary tax, | | | 117 | 16 |
| | | | | \$10,2 36 | 57 |

VALUATION, 1880.

| Real Estate, | \$ 592,825 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Personal Estate, | 110,585 | |
| Total Valuation, | | \$703,410. |
| Number of Polls, 371. | | |
| Rate of taxation, \$1.23 on \$100.00. | | |
| Poll tax, \$3.00. | | |

Account of Expenditures.

TOWN OFFICERS.

| Appropriation, | | | | | | | | \$400 | 00 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|--------|------|--------------|----|-----------------------|-----------|
| Silas Skillen, selectn | oan | and ass | essor, | 1879 | , | \$ 89 | 50 | | |
| Geo. D. York, " | | " | " | " | | 64 | 39 | | |
| L. S. Washburn, " | | 44 | " | " | | 71 | 25 | | |
| J. M. Thompson, ser | v. a | s school | sup'v | isor, | 79, | 72 | 00 | | |
| D. F. Small, | " | Treasu | ırer, | | " | 30 | 00 | | |
| D. F. Small, | " | Clerk, | | | " | 11 | 50 | | |
| D. F. Small, | " | Collec | tor, | | " | 19 | 50 | | |
| D. F. Small, | 66 | Consta | ble, | | " | 4 | 50 | | |
| | | | | | | | | \$ 362 | 64 |
| | | BR | DGE | S. | | | | | |
| Appropriation, | | | | | | | | \$ 30 0 | 00 |
| E. Corey & Co., iro | n, I | 1879, | | | | \$1 | 85 | | |
| B. U. Swett, hauling lumber for U. W. | | | | | | | | | |
| bridge, 1879, | • | | | | | 2 | 00 | | |
| B. F. Hall, 25 stick | s ti | mber, E | Iobbs | bridge | e, | 11 5 | 00 | | |
| Samuel Bell, labor of | on | | 6 | • | | 39 | 65 | | |
| A. E. Stevens & Co |)., s | pikes, | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 50 | | |
| Edw. Merrill, lumbe | r, | - | 4 | • | | 3 | 00 | | |
| James S. Libby, lab | or | on | 66 | | | 225 | 88 | | |
| Geo. W. Snell, bl'ka | smit | th work | for " | ; | | 10 | 25 | | |
| Nath. Packard, wor | k o | n bridg | e near | Capt | ι. | | | | |
| Tibbetts, | | | | | | 17 | 10 | | |
| S. M. Latham, split's | g ste | one, nea | r Cap | t. Tib | 'ts, | 5 | 81 | | |
| Jesse Babbidge, | " | " | | 46 | | 4 | 41 | | |
| Oliver Hardy, labor | on k | ridge " | | " | | 14 | 38 | | |
| Legrow Bros., plank | τ, | | | | | 17 | 23 | | |
| - | | | | | - | | | \$461 | |
| Balance agains | t to | wn, | | | | | | \$161 | 06 |

FALLS BRIDGE.

| THEO DIOCE. | | | | |
|--|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|----|
| Appropriation, | | | \$400 | 00 |
| Wm. P. Newman, spikes, | \$4 | 77 | | |
| John T. Mountfort, making tool chest, | 3 | 30 | | |
| Joseph Knight, labor, | 11 | 25 | | |
| George O. Noyes, 8 bush. meal, | 4 | 80 | | |
| E. M. Lunt, labor, | 31 | 50 | | |
| Alton E. Lunt, labor, | 10 | 50 | | |
| S. M. Latham, " | 42 | 12 | | |
| Stephen Huston, " | 27 | 00 | | |
| Benj. F. Hall, hauling 14 loads stone, | 42 | 00 | | |
| " boarding oxen 8 days, | 8 | 00 | | |
| Charles E. Knight, labor, | 5 | 24 | | |
| E. Corey & Co., iron, | 4 | 14 | | |
| W. P. Newman, nails, | 1 | 23 | | |
| Granville Hall, granite, | .3 | | | |
| Stephen Staples, labor, | 11 | 25 | | |
| W. S. Cobb, " | 3 | 00 | | |
| Legrow Bros., plank, | 45 | 00 | | |
| Geo. W. Allen, rope, | | 33 | | |
| Dorcas A. Ricker, 2250 lbs. hay, | 15 | 75 | | |
| John T. Mountfort, splitting stone, | 9 | 50 | | |
| · • | | | \$284 | 18 |
| Balance in favor of town, | | | \$115 | 82 |
| CONTINGENCIES | J. | | | |
| Appropriation, | | | \$ 50 0 | 00 |
| M. S. Locke, funnel for town house, | \$4 | 00 | | |
| E. C. Blanchard, care of town house, | 3 | 00 | | |
| Bela Blanchard, auditor, | 2 | 00 | | |
| Charles Cobb, office rent, | 12 | 00 | | |
| Portland Publishing Co., printing 400 repo | orts, 17 | 00 | | |
| Dresser & McLellan & Co., stationery, | 12 | | | |
| W. P. Newman, stationery and postage, | | 77 | | |
| Amount carried forward, | \$5 1 | 12 | | |

| Amount brought forward, | \$51 | 12 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| George D. York, expense on inventories from | 1 | |
| Augusta, | | 55 |
| George D. York, postage on State tax, | | 12 |
| W. P. Newman, printing surveyor's notices, | 1 | 19 |
| Hale Leighton, for gravel, | 10 | 00 |
| D. F. Small, taxes bought by town, | 112 | 92 |
| A. L. Burbank, revising shipping list, | 3 | 00 |
| George O. Knight, highways, | 1 9 | 24 |
| Glendy Moody, services as moderator, | 2 | 25 |
| William Leighton, highways, | $\bar{1}$ | 40 |
| F. F. Hall, | 1 | 80 |
| Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves, | 450 | 00 |
| Town of Gray, tax, | 1 | 51 |
| Granville Hall, gravel, | 10 | |
| Amos Leighton, highways, | 3 | |
| B. J. Adams, " | 3 | 11 |
| L. S. Washburn, " | 4 | 80 |
| Thaddeus M. Lewis, " | 1 | 92 |
| Alexander Pride, " | 8 | 33 |
| A. P. Field, " | 1 | |
| W. A. Allucison, | 1 | |
| r. O. Fride, | 2 | $\frac{25}{25}$ |
| J. L. West, lumber for town house, | 41 | 06 |
| Samuel Bell, hauling lumber for town house, | 7 | 00 |
| King & Dexter, 1 box cement, | . 0 | 50 |
| Kendall & Whitney, cement pipe for chimney | y, 2 | $\frac{65}{00}$ |
| David T. Hamilton, 2 1-2 days work painting W. H. Barker, 2 1-2 " " " | g, 5 | 00 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 10 | 56 |
| Burgess & Fobes, paint and oil, | 10 | 70 |
| Emery, Waterhouse & Co., nails, | 2 | 41 |
| Sargent & York, glass, putty and nails, | 4 | 60 |
| Finney & Leighton, elbow and zinc, George D. York, 1 bunch clapboards, | | 40 |
| R. W. Lunt, 13 3-4 days labor, | 17 | |
| S. W. Colley, 13 3-4 " " | 17 | |
| Legrow Bros., lumber for desk, | i | 38 |
| J. L. Whitehouse, highway, | $\overline{4}$ | 91 |
| Oliver Hardy, " | $\overline{7}$ | 80 |
| Second Parish Church, interest, 1879-80, | 49 | 44 |
| D. F. Small, non-resident taxes bought by town | | 87 |
| , | | |

SNOW BILLS.

| Appropriation, | | \$200 00 |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| George F. Merrill, | \$3 97 | |
| L. N. Swett, | 11 78 | |
| Stephen Huston, | 1 05 | |
| William H. Allen, | 8 86 | |
| Albert Winslow, | 5 45 | |
| George Mountfort, | 11 70 | |
| Alfred Soule, | 3 82 | |
| Joseph Knight, | 4 50 | |
| Oliver Hardy, | 11 74 | |
| John K. Watts, | 8 02 | |
| Robert Huston, | 17 27 | |
| A. P. Field, | 2 85 | |
| L. S. Washburn, | 4 94 | |
| B. J. Adams, | 4 13 | |
| Abraham Ingersoll, | 1 35 | |
| F. F. Hall, | 2 10 | |
| J. L. Whitehouse, | 4 80 | |
| Andrew Gowell, | 8 37 | |
| Silas O. Skillin, | 2 70 | |
| Josiah Allen, | 1 20 | |
| Benjamin U. Swett, | 1 20 | |
| Adam F. Winslow, | 10 35 | |
| | | \$132 15 |
| Balance in favor of town. | | 67 85 |

ALMSHOUSE.

| Almonouse. | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|---------------|----|
| Appropriation, | | | \$250 | 00 |
| William P. Newman, for paint, | \$ 1 | 1 5 | | |
| Samuel Bell, hauling lumber, lime, etc., | 10 | 00 | | |
| James L. West, lumber, | 62 | 68 | | |
| Burgess & Fobes, paint and oil, | 33 | 82 | | |
| Emery, Waterhouse & Co., nails, | 10 | 01 | | |
| David T. Hamilton, 6 days labor painting, | 12 | 00 | | |
| William H. Barker, 29 days labor joiner | ing | | | |
| and painting, | | 00 | | |
| W. H. Barker, material furnished, | 8 | 34 | | |
| Edw. S. Prince, 17 days labor, | 29 | 75 | | |
| C. A. B. Morse, lime, | 4 | 92 | | |
| 7.1 | | _ | \$230 | |
| Balance in favor of town, | | | 19 | 33 |
| OUT POOR. | | | | |
| A. L. Perry, supplies furnished J. E. True, | . \$ 83 | 21 | | |
| " " Asa Field, | | | | |
| Josiah Bailey, for board of Mrs. Roberts, | | 00 | | |
| D. H. Hamilton, "M. A. Tolman, | | | | |
| C. L. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance | | | | |
| Stubbs family, | | 00 | | |
| C. L. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance | for | | | |
| Elbridge Field's child, | | 50 | | |
| Sargent & York, supplies furnished G. F. Li | - | | | |
| " " " J. E. Tı | - | | | |
| Town of Durham, for W. W. Leighton & fan | ily, 19 | 00 | | |
| A. M. Parker, M. D., medical attendance | for | ~ 0 | | |
| S. W. Hackett, | | 50 | | |
| C. A. Leighton, clothing for Elbridge Fie child, | | 1.47 | | |
| Lucien Ingalls, M. D., medical attendance | | | | |
| Asa Field, | 5 | 50 | | |
| Geo. W. Allen, board and nursing for S. | W. | 00 | | |
| Hackett, C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance | | 00 | | |
| Stubbs family, | | 00 | | |
| | | | \$ 529 | 58 |

LITIGATION.

During the last few years the town has had several important cases in court.

The suit of Geo. H. Merrill, against the town, to recover five thousand dollars for personal injuries, was tried under the direction of our predecessors some two years since and resulted in a decision in favor of the town.

Exceptions were taken by the plaintiff but were not sustained. Suit was commenced by the town against the executor of the late Hiram Field upon a note for \$395.00 and interest due the town, which was settled before trial, by payment of the amount claimed.

The suit of Baker against the town upon a note, given under the conscript act has been heard before the court during the last year, and is now pending before the law court.

The case of Naples against Falmouth for pauper supplies furnished one Charles Gammon is still pending, but a verdict has been rendered against the town of Raymond, for the same claim, which, if sustained, will dispose of this suit without further litigation.

An action was commenced against the town of Deering for supplies furnished Lewis Grant, which was settled just previous to the day fixed for the trial by payment of the full amount of the claim. Other claims and matters of less importance have been adjusted satisfactorily.

The bills of Howard & Cleaves and N. & H. B. Cleaves for services which appear in our report, extend over a period of some five years, including a large amount of litigation, which has been successful in every instance.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

| Appropriation, | | \$ 80 | 0 | 00 |
|--|----|--------------|---|----|
| Dr. | | | | |
| To W. P. Newman, for supplies, \$269 | 7 | 4 | | |
| A. L. Perry, meal, | 3 | 4 | | |
| A. Butler, dry goods, | 1 | 4 | | |
| C. D. B. Fisk & Co., clothing, | 5 | 0 | | |
| Mark O. Morrill, received on salary, 166 | 2 | 5 | | |
| Nath. Bowie, 1 pair cart wheels, 26 | 5 | 0 | | |
| S. S. Rich, coffin and robe for M. A. Tolman, 15 | 0 | 0 | | |
| G. D. Hamlin, exchange of mowing machine, 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Lawrence Miller, labor haying, 19 | 8 | 8 | | |
| S. S. Rich, coffin and robe for Lewis Grant, 11 | 2 | 5 | | |
| " Mrs. Whitney, 11 | 5 | 0 | | |
| C. J. & F. R. Farrington, clothing, 14 | 3 | 9 | | |
| Samuel Bell, boots for M. A. Tolman, 1 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Bela Blanchard, 1 swine, | 4 | 6 | | |
| George W. Snell, blacksmithing, 23 | 4 | 0 | | |
| L. Ingalls, M. D., med. atten., Mrs. Whitney, 24 | 5 | 0 | | |
| " " Lewis Grant, 9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Josiah Burleigh, clothing for F. Grant, 14 | 1 | 0 | | |
| W. Falmouth Mf'g Co., grinding barley, etc., 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| E. Hamilton, labor haying, 10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| H. A. Poole, help digging and filling graves, 4 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Richard Mountfort, mending cart wheels, 3 | 00 |) | | |
| Goods bought off the farm, 49 | 88 | 3 | | |
| Mark O. Morrill, bal. on salary, 58 | 7 | | | |
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| Ву | Produce sold and labor off the farm. | | | | |
|----|--|------------|-----------|---------------|----|
| ٠ | | B44 | 54 | | |
| | 234 1-2 doz. eggs, | 37 | 37 | | |
| | 455 lbs. butter, | 102 | 00 | | |
| | straw, | 4 | 20 | | |
| | 6 bush. potatoes, | 2 | 70 | | |
| | 2 tons hay, | 2 6 | 00 | | |
| | 24 lbs. chickens, | 3 | 36 | | |
| | 48 1-2 lbs. fowl, | 5 | 83 | | |
| | 450 lbs. squashes, | 4 | 50 | | |
| | 1 calf skin, | | 35 | | |
| | 7 bush. beans, | 14 | 00 | | |
| | horse baiting for peddler, | | 25 | | |
| | due from Deering for board, etc., of Lewis | | | | |
| | Grant, from Mar. 1, 1880, | 113 | 57 | | |
| | labor performed off the farm, self and oxen, | 70 | <u>25</u> | \$ 428 | 92 |
| | Balance in favor of the farm, | | | \$419 | 04 |

BILLS PAID FOR POOR FARM FOR 1879.

| Silas Skillin, 1 pr. shirts, | \$1 50 |) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---|
| L. H. Daggett, 1 lb. tobacco, | 50 |) |
| Geo. F. Libby, bal. on salary, | 113 00 |) |

Greatest number of inmates in the Almshouse, 7; present, 4; average, 5.

By request of Mr. Morrill we have not given him credit for the oxen when they were at work upon Falls bridge, consequently there is no charge made against the farm for hay and grain that appears in the account for bridges.

In conclusion after looking over the premises at the town farm and seeing the faithful exhibition of fidelity to the inmates and the

farm work generally, we take pleasure in recommending Mr. Morrill and his wife for economy, industry and good care of the unfortunate poor, and we think that they are entitled to our warmest regards.

Inventory of stock and produce on the farm:—2 oxen, 3 cows, 1 yearling heifer, 1 two year old, 2 swine, 34 hens, 15 bush. potatoes, 6 bush. beets, 6 bush. turnips, 5 1-2 bush. shelled corn, 10 bush. barley, 1-2 bush. peas, 8 bush. beans, 400 lbs. pork, 11 tons hay, 1 ton straw, 1 bbl. flour, 50 lbs. lard, 28 1-2 lbs. butter, 9 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. tea, 14 lbs. fish, 4 galls. Kerosene, 6, galls. molasses, 4 doz. eggs.

Additions made to farming tools and household articles:—1 mowing machine, 1 pr. block cart wheels with axle and tongue, 1 crow bar, 2 hand rakes, 1 pitch fork, 1 shovel, 1 axe and helve, 4 chain-ties, 1 doz. large tin milk pans, 1-4 doz. small do., 1 coffee pot, 1 milk pail, 1-2 doz. spoons, 1 large washtub and washboard, 1 pork bbl., 4 sheets, 4 comforters, 1 rubber blanket, 3 towels and 1 rubber cushion.

GEORGE D. YORK, SAMUEL BELL, STEPHEN STAPLES, of Falmouth.

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

| For | Schools, | \$2,000 | 00 |
|-----|----------------|---------|----|
| " | Highways, | 3,000 | 00 |
| 66 | Bridges, | 500 | 00 |
| " | Town Officers, | 400 | 00 |
| 66 | Poor, | 600 | 00 |
| 44 | Snow Bills, | 350 | 00 |
| " | Contingencies, | 600 | 00 |
| " | Discount, | 300 | 00 |
| " | Out Poor, | 400 | 00 |
| | | \$8,150 | 00 |

GEORGE D. YORK, SAMUEL BELL, of STEPHEN STAPLES, Falmouth.

Treasurer's Report.

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Falmouth, for the year ending March, 1881, with its present financial condition.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | RECEIPIS. | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1880 | • | | | | |
| Mar. | 8. | Cash on hand, | | \$ 589 | 70 |
| 66 | 8. | Received from | City of Saco, | 1 5 | 25 |
| " | 8. | " | Town of Pownal, | 2 | 87 |
| " | 8. | 66 | S. Skillen, | | 72 |
| Mar. | 28. | :6 | H. H. Furbush, tax claim, | 71 | 75 |
| Apr. | 5. | " | City of Portland, | 23 | 43 |
| 66 | 5. | 66 | Stephen Austin, tax claim, | 25 | 00 |
| " | 5. | " | City of Saco, | 3 | 00 |
| Apr. | 16. | " | Town of Pownal, | 17 | 50 |
| May | 3. | 66 | G. D. York, hearse house, | 9 | 00 |
| " | 3. | 66 | Stephen Staples, hearse, | 7 | 50 |
| " | 5. | " | Estate of Joshua Ilsley, | 46 | 50 |
| May | 21. | " | School Fund, | 24 0 | 77 |
| " | 21. | " | Mill Tax, | 555 | 44 |
| " | 21. | 66 | Stephen Staples, | 2,000 | 00 |
| May | 28. | " | A. F. Winslow, on note, | 100 | 00 |
| " | 28. | " | C. Rice, | 8 | 13 |
| \mathbf{J} une | 7. | " | Louisa F. Adams, note and int | ., 80 | 50 |
| " | 18. | " | Wm. Babb, hay, | 26 | 00 |
| | | " | N. Wilbur, tax claim, | 7 | 08 |
| " | 23. | " | J. W. Jones, " | 35 | 00 |
| July | 5. | 66 | Sam'l Bell, hearse house, | 20 | 50 |
| Aug. | | " | C. Rice, | 8 | 13 |
| " | 17. | 46 | R. C. Sargent, tax claim, | 10 | 17 |
| | | | · | | |

Amount carried forward,

\$3,903 94

| | Amo | unt brought for | rward, | \$3,903 | 94 |
|------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sept | 6. | Received from | estate of M. A. Tolman, | - | 73 |
| | | " | S. S. Rich & Son, | 2 | 00 |
| Nov. | 3. | 46 | Alfred Hicks, bal. of note, | 126 | 47 |
| " | 12. | 46 | F. P. Maston, tax claim, | 38 | 00 |
| " | 15. | " | G. L. Wright, " | 23 | 50 |
| " | 18. | " | C. Rice, | 8 | 13 |
| Dec. | 6. | 44 | Bal. of Tax Bills for 1878, | 604 | 23 |
| 1881 | . • | | | | |
| Feb. | 7. | 44 | Town of Deering, | 3 | 00 |
| " | 7. | " | Louisa F. Adams, on note, | 60 | 00 |
| " | 7. | " | Geo. W. Snell, hearse, | 8 | 25 |
| " | 12. | 46 | Wm. Lucus, tax claim, | 4 | 01 |
| " | 15. | 46 | Tax Bills of 1879, | 1,669 | 18 |
| " | 15. | " | " " 1880, | 5,696 | 89 |
| " | 15. | 46 | A. F. Winslow, note in full, | 196 | 64 |
| | | " | M. O. Morrill, for the year, | 151 | 68 |
| | | | | \$12,496 | 65 |

EXPENDITURES.

| 1880. | | |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| April 4. | Paid town orders, | \$917 16 |
| May 3. | 66 66 66 | 288 52 |
| " 21. | " State tax, 1879, | 2,758 54 |
| June 7. | " Town orders, | 178 66 |
| Aug. 2. | " " " | 847 12 |
| Oct. 4. | " " " | 497 71 |
| Nov. 1. | " County tax, | 778 88 |
| " 3. | " Town orders, | 900 39 |
| "4. | " Alfred Hicks' note | and int., 149 68 |
| Dec. 6. | " Town orders, | $946\ 72$ |
| 1881. | · | |
| Feb. 15. | " " | 1,312 63 |
| " 15. | " Cash on hand, | 2,920 64 |
| | · | \$12,496 65 |

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

| ASSETS. | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|----|
| Cash on hand, | \$2,920 | 64 | | |
| Due on notes, | 1,179 | 85 | | |
| " " tax bills, 1879, | 648 | 60 | | |
| """"1880, | 4,191 | 92 | | |
| " from State, | 757 | 24 | | |
| " town of Deering, | 155 | 32 | | |
| " on tax deeds, | 100 | 00 | | |
| , | | | \$ 9,953 | 57 |
| LIABILITIES. | | | | |
| Due to schools, | \$ 935 | 75 | | |
| " on notes, | 2,520 | 00 | | |
| " State tax 1880, | 3,447 | 07 | | |
| " G. D. York, | 75 | 49 | | |
| " Samuel Bell, | 82 | 80 | | |
| " Stephen Staples, | 53 | 62 | | |
| " D. F. Small, Clerk and Treas., | 37 | 50 | | |
| " Constable, | 4 | 50 | | |
| " Collector, | 23 | 16 | | |
| " Julia M. Thompson, | 75 | 00 | | |
| " Outstanding orders, | 145 | 13 | | |
| " Glendy Moody, | 1 | 50 | | |
| " M. O. Morrill, | 58 | 75 | | |
| ···, | | | \$7,460 | 27 |
| Balance in favor of town, | | | \$2,493 | 30 |
| | | | \$9,953 | 57 |

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SMALL, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of D. F. Small, Treasurer and Collector, and find them correct and properly vouched.

GLENDY MOODY, Auditor.

FALMOUTH, Feb. 15, 1881.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FALMOUTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881.

| Town appropriation, | \$2,000 00 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Received of State (mill tax), | 541 74 |
| " " (bank tax), | 215 50 |
| Total, | \$2,757 24 |

The money was apportioned to the several districts, as follows:

| No. 1, | \$225 10 No. 7, | \$337 40 |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| " 2, | 270 62 " 8, | 167 90 |
| " 3 <u>,</u> | 300 00 " 9, | 238 86 |
| " 4 , | 196 56 "10, | 202 60 |
| " 5 <u>,</u> | 256 16 "11, | 199 58 |
| " 6, | 181 00 "12, | 181 23 |

Whole number of scholars in town, 514.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Irregular attendance interfered with the progress of the Summer Term, but those present at the examination gave evidence of faithfulness in the teacher, Miss Hattie R. Locke.

Mr. E. H. Ramsdell has, from time to time, had many successful terms in this district, and is doing excellent work this winter; but there are some scholars here who fail to appreciate a teacher's efforts in their behalf, or the value of an education.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Teacher of Summer and Winter Terms, Miss Emma A. Mountfort, of North Yarmouth; Fall Term, Miss Helen M. Lawrence, of Gray; both teachers of experience. The last term, which is still in session, has been interrupted by sickness. With this exception, the three terms have been uniformly pleasant and profitable. The scholars here mean work, and results of their industry is always apparent.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

In attendance and scholarship this school compares favorably with other schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school has only young scholars, but they are good workers, and all was done in the Summer Term which could reasonably be expected. Miss Esther M. Merrill, teacher.

Miss Annie C. Colley taught the Fall, and is now teaching the Winter Term. She is doing her work well, and the school is in a prosperous condition.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Since we first knew this school, it has made a rapid advance in attendance and scholarship. It has been under the instruction of Mr. H. J. Merrill, three terms in succession, and may well be classed with our successful schools.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Hattie R. Locke has had charge of both terms. At all our visits this school has maintained its former reputation of being quiet, orderly and obedient. The winter term continues several weeks longer, and we anticipate a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Annie C. Colley taught the Summer Term, which was fairly successful. Fall and Winter Terms have been under the direction of Mr. F. B. Blanchard, who taught the same terms last year. Mr. B. has displayed excellent judgment in the discipline of this school, and the recitations at the close showed thoroughness and skill in teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The Fall Term in this district numbered only ten scholars, yet the teacher, Miss Ella F. Mountfort, employed the time to the best advantage, and good progress was made. Winter Term, with Miss Margie A. Knowles as teacher, continues two weeks longer. Has been much disturbed by colds among the scholars, and at our last visit only eight were present.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss M. Ella Stuart, a graduate of Westbrook Seminary. Although there were but few scholars present at our last visit, we believe the teacher did her part toward making the term a profitable one.

The success of Mr. I. E. Cook in the Winter Term is unquestionable. He has had a long experience in this business.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Annie M. Leighton, of Cumberland, taught the Summer Term. A very perceptible improvement was made in discipline, also in the studies pursued.

Miss Addie A. Stevens of No. Windham, who taught the Winter Term, is an able and energetic teacher, and an exceedingly prosperous term was the result of her labors.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

This school is small in point of numbers, but one of the pleasantest in town. Miss Ardelia Whitney, of Cumberland, has managed it very successfully throughout the year.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Miss Ida M. Washburn has taught four terms in this district during the last two years, and wrought a good work. Her scholars have yielded a cheerful and ready obedience, and it is always a pleasure to teach such.

In submitting the report of our schools for the municipal year now closing, it affords satisfaction to record no failures. General results, certainly, have been of a somewhat better character than last year, which is attributable, mainly, to the employment of experienced teachers, and less frequent changes. This is a step in the right direction, which, if persisted in, will work incalcula-

ble good. Little or no advancement can be made with a change of teachers every term. It is also economy, as well as justice, to give preference to those who intend to make teaching a life-work. The class who engage in it as a sort of drudgery, to be endured for a few terms only, carry no enthusiasm into their work, and have no reputation to gain, consequently are not likely to render an equivalent for what they receive. The act establishing Normal Schools prescribes that "they shall be thoroughly devoted to the work of training teachers for their professional labors." These schools are sustained out of the fund that belongs to the common schools, and our young teachers can ill afford to lose such opportunities of perfecting themselves in the art of teaching.

The matter of consolidating school districts is being considered and adopted by other towns. Our scattered population, and the long distances between districts, would seem to make it almost impracticable here; yet if some of the smaller districts could be united, it would give them longer and better schools.

This would probably involve sacrifice and painstaking; but if we can leave our children no other legacy, let us do what we can for them in the way of education. Ignorance and idleness are the foster-parents of crime; and to our shame be it said, that in our own town there are over one hundred children and youth, between the ages of four and twenty-one years, who do not attend school anywhere. Allowing this to be the average for all the towns in the State, what a future it predicts! We cannot "gather grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles," neither can any one person remedy this dire evil; but all law-loving, and law-abiding citizens should stand shoulder to shoulder in the adoption and enforcement of all measures conducive to the welfare of our common schools.

In laying aside the duties which have devolved upon us during the last two years, we would gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies and special favors received at the hands of citizens.

We would also extend the "right hand of fellowship" to all laborers in this common cause, and wish for our native town in all future, the glorious results of well directed labor.

JULIA M. THOMPSON, Supervisor.

TABULAR RECORD

OF THE

SCHOOLS OF FALMOUTH,

For the Year ending February 21, 1881.

| No. of District. | Terms. | No. of Days in Term. | Whole No. Schol'rs. | Whole Attendance. | Average Attend'ce. | No.not abs'nt 4 day. | Instances of Tardiness. | Terms taught before. | Wages per Month, including Board. | Price of Board per Week. |
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| 5 | First Second | 50 70 | 53 | 34 38 | 27 30 | 6 3 | 13 73 | 8 9 | 40 00 40 00 | |
| 6 | First Second | 35 | 28 | 16 15 | 14 13 | 3 | 29 11 | 7 8 | 20 00 32 00 | |
| 7 | First Second Third | 40 52 55 | 70 | 43 49 3 8 | 33 43 33 | 7 13 9 | 66 102 172 | 3 14 15 | 28 00 45 00 40 00 | 2 00 |
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