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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 19,

1898.

PORTLAND:
PRESS OF SOUTHWORTH BROS.
1898

Warrant for Town Meeting.

*To Walter K. Swett, a Constable in the Town of Falmouth,
in the County of Cumberland.*

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Falmouth, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house, in said town, on the seventh day of March, 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the reports of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools.

Fourth. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Fifth. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and the repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other necessary town charges for the ensuing year.

Sixth. To see what action the town will take in regard to the pay of Town Officers.

Seventh. To see if the town will vote to make a discount of one per cent. or more, on all taxes paid within a stated time, and raise money for the same.

Eighth. To see if the town will vote to charge interest, and how much per cent. on all taxes not paid within a stated time from the time of commitment.

Ninth. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, on a written order from the Selectmen, to hire on the credit of the town, such sums of money, as in their opinion, may be necessary to meet the liabilities and current expenses of the town, or act anything relative thereto.

Tenth. To see what action the town will take to protect its clamming interest, and to make all necessary rules and regulations therefor.

Eleventh. To see if the town will vote to build a new town house, and raise money therefor.

Twelfth. To see if the town will vote to procure a new fire proof safe for the keeping of the town records, and raise money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will vote to accept the road from the present terminus of the road leading past the house of Fred Marston, at a point near the division of property of Fred Marston and A. F. Minott, to the dwelling house of A. F. Minott.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as revised and prepared by the Selectmen, Treasurer and Town Clerk.

Fifteenth. To see what instructions, if any, the town will vote the Road Commissioner or Selectmen, or both, in relation to the repair of the highways, bridges and culverts.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will vote and choose a committee to thoroughly examine school house No. 10, with the view of remodeling the same, or to select a lot for a new school house and outbuildings. In either case to give in detail an estimated cost of same. Said committee to report at the next annual town meeting.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will vote to establish a free high school, and raise money for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the town office, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1898.

ALBERT H. WAITE, } *Selectmen*
 HENRY J. MERRILL, } *of*
 ARTHUR S. NOYES, } *Falmouth.*

REPORT OF

Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of Poor

To the Inhabitants of Falmouth:

We, the undersigned Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year ending Feb. 19, 1898.

VALUATION OF TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1897,

AT FAIR CASH VALUE.

Resident real estate,	\$539,525 00	
Non-resident real estate,	174,760 00	
	_____	\$714,285 00
 Resident personal estate,	 \$161,955	
Non-resident personal estate,	24,340	
	_____	186,295 00
Total value estates,		\$900,580 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.17 on \$100.

Number of polls, 400.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Highway tax, .0019 on the dollar.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1897.

For State tax,	\$2,499 27
County tax,	1,174 88
Schools,	2,000 00
Poor,	300 00
Out poor,	200 00
Bridges and culverts,	400 00
Town officers,	500 00
Collector's percentage,	300 00
Snow,	200 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Interest,	200 00
Text books,	200 00
Repairs on school houses,	200 00
New school house,	1,000 00
Purchase of school house in Dist. No. 5,	1,200 00
Overlay with fractions,	480 55
Delinquent highway, 1896,	293 76
Supplementary tax,	3 51
	\$11,651 97
Total amount committed to Collector,	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Wm. E. Winslow, election Clerk and Moderator,	\$ 6 00
F. B. Blanchard, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	175 00
D. W. Lunt, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	109 50
A. S. Noyes, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	151 50

A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk,	18 55	
Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer,	75 00	
Henry J. Merrill, Supt. of Schools,	102 75	
B. F. Lunt, Ballot Clerk,	4 00	
James E. Merrill, Constable,	3 00	
Roland S. York, Election Clerk,	4 00	
George D. York, Ballot Clerk,	4 00	
George D. York, Auditor,	2 00	
Henry J. Merrill, Sec. Board of Health,	5 00	
Henry J. Merrill, Moderator,	1 00	
W. K. Swett, Constable,	18 50	
Balance against appropriation,		179 80
	<u>\$679 80</u>	<u>\$679 80</u>

COLLECTOR'S PERCENTAGE.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
W. K. Swett, 1895, in part,	\$ 75 00	
Balance in favor of appropriation,	225 00	
	<u>\$300 00</u>	<u>\$300 00</u>

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
F. O. J. Pride, balance on new iron bridge, 1896,	\$ 8 74	
C. H. Chenery, labor,	3 70	
C. K. Richards, "	2 40	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	3 33	
O. S. Thomes, plank,	21 55	

George E. Nickerson, labor,	\$ 8 00	
J. H. Anderson, “	4 00	
C. H. Lord, “	6 50	
D. T. Hamilton, “	1 60	
Hans. Hansen, “	6 00	
Silas O. Skillin, “	27 50	
F. M. Blake, “	6 40	
C. J. Fries, “	7 80	
John F. Williams, “	14 20	
George W Cobb, “	2 82	
Frank Adams, “	2 20	
Alberta Pettengill, “	11 20	
J. T. Richards, “	14 00	
A. H. Marston, “	6 90	
F. B. Blanchard, “	4 05	
Geo. E. Nickerson, “	5 00	
Legrow Bros., lumber,	62 15	
Balance in favor of appropriation,	169 96	
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	\$400 00	\$400 00

SNOW.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
L. M. Winslow,	\$ 1 00	
J. H. Fabricius,	2 00	
Canute Hansen,	1 00	
Reuben Sawyer,	50	
Simon Chase,	2 00	
J. Wm. Merrill,	3 80	
C. P. Huston,	1 50	
C. H. Chenery,	2 05	
N. H. Leighton,	11 00	
Elmer Leighton,	2 60	
Eugene Leighton,	3 90	

C. J. Fries,	\$ 2 00
Edgar B. Leighton,	60
Hans. Jensen,	40
Ernest W. Winslow,	30
S. M. Latham,	8 80
Wm. E. Winslow,	14 75
Wilbur Libby,	3 70
Elbridge Tolman,	1 20
Louis A. Goudy,	1 20
John P. Aaskov,	1 34
Charles E. Wilson,	1 38
Wm. E. Graham,	56
Walter Frank,	1 50
C. E. Clifford,	1 40
F. P. Marston,	1 45
M. O. Flye,	1 40
C. K. Richards,	3 12
J. T. Richards,	1 20
H. D. Richards,	1 20
L. S. Elliott,	5 40
L. M. Ingersoll,	6 60
Fred M. Blake,	3 20
D. E. Leighton,	75
Danforth Black,	2 20
B. W. Shaw,	40
R. M. Leighton,	1 00
R. Roberts,	3 60
W. H. Snell,	2 40
Isaac Harmon,	1 00
J. E. Pearson,	5 20
E. J. Leighton,	1 30
W. R. Duff,	1 30
W. W. Libby,	2 40
Charles Blake,	2 50
Andrew Iversen,	1 60
C. H. Webe,	1 20
R. A. Looke,	7 00

N. S. Clifford,	\$ 1 10	
C. H. Lord,	1 10	
C. R. Dresser,	2 00	
Shaw & Leighton,	4 30	
A. F. Winslow,	16 00	
W P. Knight,	4 80	
Fred Marston,	14 20	
G. W. Leighton,	4 45	
John Coughlin,	1 90	
W. E. Knight,	2 60	
L. G. Baker,	2 60	
Charles F. Baker,	2 60	
F. M. Swett,	2 10	
W R. Brown,	1 30	
Stephen O'Brion,	5 10	
Fred S. Huston,	3 00	
W. H. Merrill,	1 40	
E. A. McLaughlin,	40	
W. H. Eustis,	1 30	
Leroy Eustis,	1 20	
John C. Conner,	2 80	
Charles G. Purrington,	2 60	
Peter Aaskov,	1 40	
George T. Richards,	2 90	
John E. Forbes,	1 80	
Martin Iversen,	4 80	
J. P. Jensen,	6 40	
H. F. Leighton,	5 60	
A. F. Minott,	4 00	
Huston Bros.,	7 10	
A. J. Morgan,	1 20	
J. A. P. Merrill,	1 25	
L. G. Leighton,	3 00	
F. O. J. Pride,	4 50	
Fred O. Whitehouse,	30	
Balance against appropriation,		51 00
	<u>\$251 00</u>	<u>\$251 00</u>

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Delinquent highway, 1896,		293 76
E. A. Marston, labor on highway,	\$ 2 20	
J. E. Forbes, labor on highway,	8 85	
R. S. Norton, recording tax deeds, etc.,	9 91	
Southworth Bros., printing town reports,	28 05	
W. K. Swett, Coll. 1895, tax deeds		
and costs,	29 69	
C. H. Chenery, highway, 1896,	5 90	
Hale Leighton, highway, 1896,	2 90	
N. H. Leighton, gravel,	7 60	
N. H. Leighton, labor on highway,	17 50	
S. M. Latham, " "	25 32	
Wilbur Libby, " "	3 70	
Oscar Reed, " "	53	
Falmouth Cottage Co., damages per		
vote,	18 00	
Geo. W. Knight, labor on highway,	13 00	
George D. Loring, office books,	8 98	
A. M. Parker, M. D., certificate births		
and deaths,	2 50	
F. P. Marston, gravel,	5 60	
F. P. Marston, labor on highway,	5 11	
C. K. Richards, " "	4 00	
Noyes & Pearson, office supplies,	20	
Ralph Leighton, labor on highway,	40	
Silas O. Skillin, " "	6 40	
N. & H. B. Cleaves, legal services, '96,	76 00	
R. A. Looke, labor on highway,	43 17	
W. Scott Pride, repairs on road mach.,	5 25	
S. L. Adams, casting for road machine,	1 50	
S. Huston, Jr., labor on highways,	7 40	
Noyes & Pearson, office supplies,	2 08	
David Knight, repairs on road machine,	2 40	

Fred Marston,	labor on highways,	\$16 00
G. W. Leighton,	“ “	6 00
Geo. W. Knight, Jr.,	“ “ ’96,	1 60
Geo. W. Knight, Jr.,	“ “	2 30
F. M. Swett,	“ “	4 95
A. F. Minott,	“ “	16 00
Stephen O’Brion,	“ “	1 50
W. H. Merrill,	“ “	18 10
N. Hansen,	“ “	1 60
G. W. Cobb,	“ “	20 26
L. S. Huston,	“ “	5 34
Lincoln Wilder,	“ “	8 24
C. H. Leighton,	“ “	3 10
L. G. Baker,	“ “	4 00
L. G. Baker, Jr.,	“ “	5 10
Geo. W. Brooks’ heirs,	“ “	4 31
Charles Baker,	“ “	5 60
W. G. W. Purrington,	“ “	1 97
H. L. Waite,	“ “	2 55
C. G. Raymond,	“ “	7 60
J. P. Jensen,	“ “	8 00
W. K. Swett, receipt book,		75
G. Fred Murch, mortgage list,		2 00
Winslow & Co., tile,		3 60
George E. Nickerson, labor on highway,		1 80
N. H. Leighton, gravel,		14 70
N. H. Leighton, labor on highway,		21 40
E. A. Marston,	“ “	53 23
H. D. Babbidge,	“ “	3 40
A. Bowie,	“ “	2 00
J. T. Richards,	“ “	2 00
Alfred L. Leighton,	“ “	5 27
S. M. Latham,	“ “	18 23
Howard Pride,	“ “	12 00
John Mitchell,	“ “	7 43
Nathaniel Leighton,	“ “	7 60
L. Hawkes,	“ “	3 00

Joseph Staples,	labor on highway,	\$ 2 90	
Geo. T. Richards,	“ “	7 30	
Martin Iversen,	“ “	16 00	
F. M. Blake,	“ “ 1896,	2 60	
F. M. Blake,	“ “	2 80	
F. B. Blanchard,	gravel,	5 00	
W. W. Libby,	gravel,	10 00	
H. M. Pelton,	labor on highway,	5 20	
L. A. Olmstead,	“ “	7 00	
Ira E. Knight,	“ “	8 55	
John E. Forbes,	“ “	4 00	
Fred Marston,	“ “	7 00	
Fred Marston,	repairs on plow,	2 00	
Fred Marston,	blacksmith work,	65	
John P. Jensen,	labor on highway,	8 00	
A. F. Minott,	“ “	2 30	
U. R. Pride,	“ “	10 00	
Noyes & Pearson,	repairs on road machine,	26	
W. H. Winslow,	repairs on road ma- chine,	2 35	
Lemuel Rolfe,	gravel,	12 75	
A. H. Marston,	disinfecting school house,	2 00	
J. T. Richards,	subduing fire,	2 00	
A. H. Marston,	labor on highways,	16 45	
W. K. Swett,	Coll. tax sale and cost, 1896,	70 82	
Fred S. Huston,	labor on highways,	6 50	
Benj. Thompson,	legal services,	27 00	
W. Scott Pride,	smithworth,	2 07	
Balance against assets,			96 41
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		\$890 17	\$890 17

OUT POOR AND INSANE.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Balance from 1896,		135 02
Maine Insane Hospital, for board and supplies furnished Charles F. Mer- rill and Mary Leighton,	\$266 50	
H. J. Merrill, telegrams and express on account of Mary Leighton,	1 80	
H. J. Poland, lodging and meals for tramp,	75	
Balance in favor of assets,	65 97	
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	\$335 02	\$335 02

Mary Leighton died Nov. 13th, 1897.

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Balance from last report,		11 18
Books sold,		1 08
Burleigh & Flynt, labels,	\$ 3 50	
F. B. Blanchard, labeling, express, &c.	6 46	
Ginn & Company, text books,	154 74	
Thompson Brown & Co., text books,	7 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books,	12 35	
Balance in favor of assets,	27 71	
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	\$212 26	\$212 26

TAXES ABATED.

On list of W. K. Swett, Col., 1895,	\$38 02
“ “ “ 1896,	16 76
“ “ “ 1897,	36 96
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	\$91 74

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Amount of balance last report,		\$164 72
Appropriation,		200 00
Stock on hand,		4 68
Chas. G. Purrington, labor, 1896,	\$ 8 00	
N. H. Leighton, “	2 05	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies, 1897,	60	
Noyes & Pearson, “	1 60	
Noyes & Pearson, “	17	
David Knight, labor, 1896,	50	
H. H. Hay & Son, supplies, 1897,	3 50	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	85	
O. M. Flye, labor,	17 00	
C. H. Lord, “	17 00	
J. H. Anderson, “	3 62	
O. M. Flye, “	29 50	
W. R. Duff, “	1 25	
C. H. Lord, “	30 00	
O. S. Thomes, lumber,	35 75	
F. B. Blanchard, services,	1 50	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	18 45	
O. M. Flye, labor,	4 00	
Chas. S. Chase, lime,	85	
LeGrow Bros., lumber,	88 98	
The Emery Waterhouse Co., supplies,	7 54	
H. H. Hay & Son, “	7 00	
C. H. Lord, labor,	5 00	
J. F. Williams, “	21 00	
A. Flynn, “	34 00	
F. B. Blanchard, labor and materials,	16 99	
C. H. Lord, labor,	1 90	
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,	5 00	
James L. Dunn, “	50	
H. K. Norton, labor,	1 50	
George E. Nickerson, “	3 85	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	98	
O. D. Bucknam, labor,	2 00	
Balance against assets,		3 03
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	\$372 43	\$372 43

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 12.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	\$	16 66
C. H. Lord, labor,		34 50
W. R. Duff, ..		21 10
O. S. Thomes, lumber,		192 69
Horace G. Ross, underpinning,		41 30
Charles S. Chase, lime and cement,		10 99
LeGrow Bros., lumber,		220 77
Paris Manufacturing Co., desks,		106 50
W H. Winslow, bricks,		9 00
Augustus Flynn, labor, painting,		20 00
O. M. & D. W Nash, register,		1 00
The Emery Waterhouse Co., supplies,		20 55
H. H. Hay & Son, ..		6 00
B. W Shaw, labor,		15 00
W W Libby, sand,		1 00
Huston Bros., labor and materials,		3 05
Robert Low, labor, as per contract,		245 00
Robert Low, material furnished,		23 88
F. B. Blanchard, labor and material,		36 42
W E. Winslow, surveying lot, and labor,		2 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,		2 50
F. C. Batchelder, labor,		5 50
L. G. Leighton, supplies,		4 50
W. Scott Pride, smith work,		60
Charles Blake, labor,		17 00
West Falmouth Manufacturing Co.,		1 00
Stock on hand,		19 09
Balance against appropriation,		40 17
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	\$1,059 26	\$1,059 26

SCHOOLS.

Amt. of balance from last report,	\$ 475 12
Appropriation,	2,000 00
State mill and bank tax,	1,090 61
Tuition,	3 00
Grace G. Pride, teaching, 1896,	\$ 90 00
J. M. Stewart, wood, "	3 25
Stella A. Purrington, teaching, "	74 25
Susie Mc. Winslow, " "	22 50
Henry J. Merrill, " "	121 00
Sumner Barber, Trustee, No. 5, rent, 1896,	50 00
Sumner Barber, wood and fitting, 1896,	4 25
Fred M. Blake, wood, "	11 30
Noyes & Pearson, stationery, 1897,	4 35
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	60
Niels Hansen, wood,	7 00
C. B. Richards & Co., supplies,	1 45
Edward Garsoe, wood,	2 00
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	85
Henry Adamson, labor,	2 00
Broda A. Hincks, wood,	17 50
May C. Morrill, teaching,	90 00
Hannah Clifford, "	90 00
Susie Mc. Winslow, "	25 00
D. W. Lunt, "	100 00
Ida M. Chadbourne, "	75 00
Christine Hansen, cleaning, No. 4,	2 50
Grace G. Pride, teaching,	80 00
Lizzie M. Colley, "	75 00
Grace L. Brackett, "	75 00
Mary E. Harvell, "	90 00
Henry J. Merrill, "	99 00
Blanche L. Mills, "	80 00
Blanche L. Mills, supplies,	80
Evelyn T. Kahrs, teaching,	75 00

L. M. Ingersoll, transporting scholars,	\$28 40
Christine Hansen, cleaning, No. 7,	4 00
Moses G. Blake, wood,	32 50
A. R. Alexander, stove, etc.,	23 52
Palmer & Morgan, shades,	1 50
C. H. Lord, labor,	2 00
Henry Adamson, wood,	3 00
Albert Green, fitting wood,	1 00
F. B. Blanchard, wood,	10 00
Mabel W. Winn, teaching,	13 50
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	19 20
Winslow Bros., wood,	12 00
C. B. Richards & Co., supplies,	1 15
F. B. Blanchard “	5 68
Loring, Short & Harmon, “	4 00
Ida M. Chadbourne, teaching,	60 00
May C Morrill, “	90 00
Grace G. Pride, “	80 00
Blanche L. Mills, “	80 00
Lizzie M. Colley, “	75 00
Alice E. Ballantyne. “	90 00
Evelyn T. Kahrs, “	75 00
Grace L. Brackett, “	75 00
Henry J. Merrill, “	99 00
D. W. Lunt, “	100 00
Howard L. Winslow, “	76 50
Mrs. Emma Ingersoll, conveying schol'rs,	24 40
C. P. Huston, wood,	5 00
Simon F. Chase, “	11 25
George D. Sargent, supplies,	1 33
Fred O. Whitehouse, labor,	1 50
Noyes & Pearson, supplies,	1 80
John S. Abbott, wood,	5 00
Chas. W Mountfort, teaching,	81 00
Chas. W Mountfort, supplies,	1 35
J. L. Hammett, “	5 40
Blanche L. Mills, teaching,	72 00
Howard L. Winslow, “	81 00

Howard L. Winslow, supplies,	\$	35	
D. W. Lunt, teaching,		90	00
Grace L. Brackett, “		67	50
Balance due schools,		688	30
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	\$3,568	73	\$3,568 73

STATEMENT.

Paid E. P. Aaskov, salary 1896,	\$235 00
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TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid Noyes & Pearson, farm and household supplies,	\$248 41
C. B. Richards & Co., farm and household supplies,	102 78
Geo. D. Sargent, farm and household supplies,	135 94
Sweetsir and Osgood, supplies,	63 94
F. L. Haskell, mowing machine,	33 50
W Scott Pride, smith work,	14 50
E. P. & P. W. Aaskov, labor haying,	23 50
J. W Starling, digging and filling grave,	4 00
Bills paid by Supt. for supplies,	110 13
E. P. Aaskov, salary due,	250 00

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By cash received from produce sold by Supt.,	473 89
Balance against appropriation,	212 81
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	\$986 70
	\$986 70

An inventory of stock, etc., at the farm, Feb. 19, shows :
 4 cows, 1 heifer, 1 calf, 1 horse, 2 pigs, 54 hens, 3 ducks,
 14 tons hay, 1 ton bedding, 18 cords wood cut, 10 bu.
 potatoes, $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. pork, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. flour, 100 lbs. shorts, 100
 lbs. cotton seed meal, 50 lbs. meal, 12 tons ice, 1 bu. oats,
 1 bu. corn, 1 lb. tea, $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. molasses, 2 gals. oil, 1 new
 mowing machine, other farm and bridge tools same as last
 year.

Greatest number of inmates at farm during year, 2 ;
 present number, 1, Robert P. Jones. John A. Winning
 died Jan. 11th, 1898.

Lodgings have been furnished 36 tramps, and 72 meals.

One new stove has been purchased at a cost of \$4.00.

No other additions have been made to furniture or bed-
 ding.

Financial Condition of Town.

ASSETS.

Due from W. K. Swett, Coll., 1896,	\$	235 42	
“ “ “ 1897,		4,499 22	
State Treas., seal bounty,		15 00	
“ “ dog licenses, estimated,		100 00	
Tax deeds, tax of 1895,		95 67	
“ “ “ 1896,		60 82	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,		728 52	
Due from State Treas, mill tax,		1,090 61	
		\$6,825 26	

LIABILITIES.

Due on State tax, 1897,		\$2,370 25
on note to Dist. No. 5, with interest,		1,250 00
A. H. Waite, Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor,		79 50
H. J. Merrill, Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor,		77 00
A. S. Noyes, Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor,		66 00
F. B. Blanchard, Supt. of Schools,		118 00
A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk,		18 35
Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer,		50 00

W. K. Swett, Coll., 1895,	\$ 23 72	
“ “ “ 1896,	200 00	
“ “ “ 1897,	200 00	
Schools,	688 30	
On outstanding orders,	27 52	
“ “ bills,	50 00	
E. P. Aaskov, salary 1897,	250 00	
	<hr/>	5,468 64
Assets over liabilities,		<hr/> \$1,356 62

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

Schools,	\$2,000 00
Highways,	2,000 00
Poor,	300 00
Out poor and insane,	200 00
Bridges and culverts,	200 00
Town officers,	600 00
Snow,	1,000 00
Contingencies.	500 00
Text books,	200 00
Repairs on school houses,	200 00

ALBERT H. WAITE, } *Selectmen,*
 HENRY J. MERRILL, } *Assessors and*
 ARTHUR S. NOYES, } *Overseers of Poor.*

FALMOUTH, ME., Feb. 19th, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for the years 1897 and '98, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE D. YORK, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report,	\$4,193 27
From Walter K. Swett, Collector '95,	
in full,	76 60
Walter K. Swett, Col., '96,	5,488 42
Walter K. Swett, Col., '97,	7,115 79
J. Hopkins Smith, proceeds of four months' note dated July 8th, for \$5,000, discounted at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.,	4,927 40
Arthur S. Noyes, Town Clerk, dog licenses,	134 00
Town farm account,	363 78
F. M. Simpson, State Treas- urer, 1896, dog licenses re- funded,	129 02
F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, seal bounties paid in 1896, refunded,	34 00
F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, sheep damage paid in 1896, refunded,	57 00
S. D. Warren & Co., highway tax, 1897,	76 00
H. J. Merrill, stone sold,	1 50
School tuition,	3 00
Text books,	1 08
Portland Trust Co., interest on deposits,	22 36
	<hr/> \$22,623 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid town orders,	\$7,770 26
(July 10, 1897) Portland Trust Co., 12 mos. note, dated July 7, 1896,	5,000 00
Interest on above note,	114 36
(July 10, 1897) Portland Trust Co., 12 mos. note, dated. July 7, 1896,	2,500 00
Interest on above note,	57 18
(Nov. 8, 1897) J. Hopkins Smith 4 mos. note dated July 8, 1897,	5,000 00
D. D. Chenery, County Treas- urer, County Tax for 1897, in full,	1,174 88
F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, on account of State tax for 1897,	129 02
F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer dog license fees for 1897,	134 00
Bounty on 15 seals,	15 00
Cash now in Treasurer's hand,	728 52
	\$22,623 22

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH S. NORTON, *Treasurer.*

FALMOUTH, ME., Feb. 19, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer of Falmouth for the year 1897-'8, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and find in his hands seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-two cents.

GEO. D. YORK, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT

Whole number of scholars, 450.

Greatest number attending, 298.

Total length of each school, in weeks, 29

To the Citizens of Falmouth:

In making this annual report of our schools, I am able to say the past year has been one of satisfactory prosperity. Although there have been elements which have impaired, in a measure, the usefulness of some schools, yet considered as a whole, they have done good work.

At the opening of the year it became evident that repairs were needed on many of our school buildings, in some instances quite extensive, namely, at Nos. 1, 2 and 6, with slight repairs also at Nos. 4, 9 and 10, and painting the outside of Nos. 7 and 8.

The new house built this year for No. 12 school is a substantial building and is highly appreciated by the scholars and community. Much credit is due the pupils of this school for the disposition they have already shown of a proper regard for public property and a feeling of responsibility for its care and preservation. Through the efforts of teacher and pupils, No. 7 school has been provided with a bell.

In the matter of text books, as considered by your Committee, it was decided that inasmuch as many of the smaller grades of books, particularly the readers, had become badly worn and soiled by the seven years' use, to discard them

and substitute Cyr's. For similar reasons a change was made in the speller and primary arithmetic. We would urge upon the parents the necessity of greater home influence to be exercised by our children in the care of our books and school property in general. In fact, we believe that home influence—perhaps better, home training, together with the sentiment which exists in the community, have much to do with the success or failure of a school. No school is doing its best work until its importance is recognized and a certain amount of stimulus given in its support by the community. If this interest and sympathy are wanting the school will fall but little short of a failure.

In conclusion, we commend our schools to the wise and generous regard of our people, on whom rests the responsibility of their success. By means of them we hope to make better men and women and raise the standard of education.

Thanking the many who have shown a common interest in our labors the past year, I submit this report for your perusal.

F. B. BLANCHARD,
Supt. of Schools.

FALMOUTH, Feb., 21, 1898.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT FOR THE YEAR.

- No. 3. Pearl A. Bowie, George L. Bucknam.
- 6. Arthur B. Lawsen.
- 9. Maud M. Alburts.
- 10. Belle Ingersoll.

NO. OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	TERM.	WHOLE ATTENDANCE.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	NOT ABSENT $\frac{1}{4}$ DAY.	WAGES PER MONTH.
1	Ida M. Chadbourne,	Spring	17	15	2	30.00
		Fall	18	13	1	30.00
		Winter	14	13	2	34.00
2	Mary E. Harvell, Alice E. Ballantyne, Charles W. Mountfort,	Spring	31	27	4	36.00
		Fall	28	24	2	36.00
		Winter	24	21	0	36.00
3	Henry J. Merrill,	Spring	58	46	12	44.00
		Fall	54	50	7	44.00
		Winter	53	43	2	44.00
4	Blanche L. Mills, " " " "	Spring	24	19	4	32.00
		Fall	25	20	2	32.00
		Winter	17	14	1	32.00
5	Hannah Clifford, Mabel W. Winn, Howard L. Winslow,	Spring	27	22	1	36.00
		Fall	30	23	1	36.00
		" "	31	25	5	36.00
6	Daniel W. Lunt, " "	Spring	24	22	6	40.00
		Fall	23	20	6	40.00
		Winter	23	20	8	40.00
7	May C. Morrill,	Spring	40	34	10	36.00
		Fall	41	35	13	36.00
		Winter	38	31	3	36.00
8	Evelyn T. Kahrs, " " " "	Spring	16	13	0	30.00
		Fall	17	14	0	30.00
		Winter	19	15	0	32.00
9	Grace L. Brackett, " "	Spring	13	10	2	30.00
		Fall	14	11	7	30.00
		Winter	12	10	3	30.00
10	Grace G. Pride, " " Stella A. Purrington,	Spring	16	14	2	32.00
		Fall	16	15	5	32.00
		Winter	15	13	3	34.00
11		Suspen'd				
12	Lizzie M. Colley, " " " "	Spring	21	19	6	30.00
		Fall	20	19	6	30.00
		Winter	19	16	3	32.00

DEATHS.

IN TOWN OF FALMOUTH, FROM JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1897.

- Jan. 9. George W. Brooks, aged 66 yrs., 7 mos., 9 days.
 Feb. 5. Eben H. Ramsdell, aged 69 yrs., 11 mos.
 21. Edward S. Dow, aged 60 yrs., 4 mos.
 24. Cornelia N. Moulton, aged 70 yrs., 10 mos., 21 days.
 Mch. 24. Susan I. Robinson, aged 2 mos., 1 day.
 31. Edith Pearl Libby, aged 6 mos., 10 days.
 Apr. 11. Clara Chr. Jensen, aged 7 mos., 10 days.
 19. John Waite, aged 86 yrs., 3 mos.
 21. Emery C. Blanchard, aged 89 yrs., 6 mos., 14 days.
 May 17. Maria Christina Webe, aged 3 mos., 3 days.
 20. George Leighton.
 July 1. Jesse W Babbidge, aged 64 yrs., 10 mos.
 3. Effie May Huston, aged 21 yrs., 11 mos.
 28. Lewis M. Ingersoll, aged 36 yrs., 1 mo., 11 dys.
 Oct. 15. Lois Hicks, aged 73 yrs.
 Oct. 31. Melinda Gerrish, aged 78 yrs., 11 mos.
 Nov. 18. Mary Leighton.
 Dec. 28. Frederic A. Clough, aged 58 yrs., 4 mos.
 31. Leonard G. Baker, aged 80 yrs., 6 mos.

ARTHUR S. NOYES,

Town Clerk.