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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

FALMOUTH,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year ending Feb. 13th,

1897.

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 first day of March, 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon 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 Assessors, Selectmen, 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 what method the town will adopt to repair highways for the ensuing year.

Eighth. To see what the town will allow per hour for the labor of men, horses and oxen on the highways.

Ninth. 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.

Tenth. 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.

Eleventh. To see if the town will vote to build a new schoolhouse in District No. 12.

Twelfth. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Superintendent of Schools not to hold a session in any of the schools in town on days of severe storms.

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

Fourteenth. On petition of H. M. Sargent, L. N. Sweet, F. E. Sargent, William Griffen, Frank Moulton, George D. Sargent, H. C. Titcomb and J. B. Lord, : "To see if the town will vote to take a new valuation of the town, believing the one taken last year to be unfair and unjust.

Fifteenth. To see if the town will vote to reimburse the Falmouth Cottage Co. to the amount of \$18.00 for damage to their wharf in 1894.

Sixteenth. On petition of Algernon Bowie, Chas. K. Richards, J. T. Richards, Wm. P. Merrill, J. Wm. Merrill, J. M. Prince, and six others : "To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to locate the proposed Electric Railroad on the southeast side of the Foreside Road, so call, from Martin's Point Bridge, to, or past the house of Silas Skillin."

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 hands this 16th day of Feb., A. D., 1897.

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| F. B. BLANCHARD, | } <i>Selectmen</i> | |
| DANIEL W LUNT, | | <i>of</i> |
| ARTHUR S. NOYES, | | } <i>Falmouth.</i> |

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

To the Inhabitants of Falmouth:

We, the undersigned Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year ending February 13, 1897.

VALUATION OF TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1896.

AT FAIR CASH VALUE.

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Resident real estate, | \$532,970 | |
| Non-resident “ | 172,330 | |
| | <hr/> | \$705,300 |
| Resident personal estate, | \$160,090 | |
| Non-resident “ | 14,535 | |
| | <hr/> | \$174,625 |
| Total value estates, | | <hr/> |
| | | \$879,925 |

Rate of taxation, \$1.60 on 100.

Number of polls, 392.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Highway tax, .002 on the dollar.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1896.

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| For State tax, | \$2,125 19 |
| County tax, | 1,228 86 |
| Schools, | 2,000 00 |
| Out Poor, | 300 00 |
| Poor, | 300 00 |
| Bridges and culverts, | 500 00 |
| Town officers, | 500 00 |
| Collector's percentage, | 525 00 |
| Snow, | 100 00 |
| Contingencies, | 500 00 |
| Interest, | 300 00 |
| Text books, | 300 00 |
| Repairs on school houses, | 400 00 |
| Water closets, | 25 00 |
| Notes, | 2,000 00 |
| Iron bridge, | 2,500 00 |
| Abutments, iron bridge, | 800 00 |
| Overlay including fractions, | 458 99 |
| Delinquent highway, 1895, | 247 60 |
| Supplementary. | 8 00 |
| Total amount committed to Collector, | <u>\$15,118 64</u> |

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$500 00 |
| F. B. Blanchard, service and expenses, as Selectman, etc., | \$124 30 | |
| D. W. Lunt, service and expenses as Selectman, etc, | 93 00 | |
| Henry J. Merrill, service and expenses as Selectman, etc., | 101 25 | |
| Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer, | 75 00 | |
| A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk, | 17 95 | |
| D. W. Lunt, Superintendent of schools, | 97 00 | |
| J. Wm. Merrill, health officer, | 1 50 | |
| Henry J. Merrill, Secretary Board of Health, | 5 00 | |
| Henry J. Merrill, Moderator, | 3 00 | |
| George D. York, Auditor, | 2 00 | |
| D. W. Lunt, on account, 1896, | 50 00 | |
| W. K. Swett, Constable, account of dog license, | 5 00 | |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 75 00 |
| | <u>\$575 00</u> | <u>\$575 00</u> |

COLLECTOR'S PERCENTAGE.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$525 00 |
| A. S. Noyes, 1892, in full, | \$19 46 | |
| J. E. Merrill, 1894, “ | 349 05 | |
| W. K. Swett, 1895, in part, | 75 00 | |
| Balance in favor of appropriation, | 81 49 | |
| | <u>\$525 00</u> | <u>\$525 00</u> |

HIGHWAYS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Balance unexpended last report, | | \$68 48 |
| H. A. Turner, labor, 1895, | \$6 41 | |
| A. H. Marston, " " | 11 70 | |
| Wilbur Libby, " " | 13 00 | |
| John M. Stewart, " " | 1 03 | |
| Wm. E. Graham, " " | 1 46 | |
| James Eaton, " " | 5 03 | |
| Oscar Reed, " " | 88 | |
| John Aaskor, " " | 1 59 | |
| Mary McLean, " " | 5 20 | |
| J. F. Allen, " " | 27 | |
| Geo. E. Nickerson, " " | 22 00 | |
| Martin Iverson, " " | 5 00 | |
| Ira Knight, " " | 4 50 | |
| O. C. Garsoe, " " | 1 00 | |
| Balance overdrawn, | | 10 59 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$79 07 | \$79 07 |

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$500 00 |
| F. B. Blanchard, labor and expense, | | |
| '95, | \$10 24 | |
| H. J. Merrill, labor and expense, '95, | 4 50 | |
| D. W. Lunt, " " " " | 4 00 | |
| W. E. Winslow, labor, | 8 00 | |
| Leon M. Winslow, " " | 7 25 | |
| J. L. Whitehouse, " " | 10 50 | |
| H. J. H. Smith, " " | 1 00 | |
| B. F. Lunt " " | 75 | |
| A. G. Merrill, " " | 25 | |
| G. W. Knight, " " | 1 00 | |
| Harry Treadwell, " " | 1 00 | |
| J. A. P. Merrill, care of lanterns, oil, | | |
| etc., | 1 75 | |

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|---|---------|
| J. H. Anderson, labor, | \$ 4 00 |
| Wm. H. Merrill, “ | 13 60 |
| Silas O. Skillin, “ | 5 00 |
| C. H. Lord, “ | 44 45 |
| W L. Mountfort, care of lanterns, oil, etc., | 3 00 |
| Neils Hansen, labor, | 2 40 |
| Deering Winslow & Co., stringers, | 57 80 |
| Noyes & Pearson, nails, steel, etc., | 11 63 |
| B. A. Hinck, labor, | 6 31 |
| H. M. Lowe, “ | 60 |
| A. C. Miller, labor, care of lanterns, etc., | 21 20 |
| J. B. Sommers, labor, | 1 20 |
| Fred. M. Blake, hauling lumber, | 11 00 |
| J. Wm. Merrill, labor, Barber’s cul- vert, | 42 32 |
| LeGrow, Bros., plank, etc., | 93 64 |
| L. W. Huston labor, | 1 70 |
| O. C. Garsoe, “ | 2 00 |
| Geo. T. Richards, “ | 3 30 |
| J. T. Richards, “ | 7 50 |
| H. D. Richards, “ | 5 00 |
| C. B. Richards & Co., nails, | 20 |
| Lawrence L. Miller, labor, | 1 60 |
| Fred. Marston, “ | 2 80 |
| C. G. Raymond, “ | 3 15 |
| Frank Jipson, “ | 3 50 |
| Thomas Laughlin, Co., blocks, rope, etc., | 20 26 |
| F. C. Batchelder, labor, | 2 00 |
| F. O. Whitehouse, “ | 11 00 |
| Augustus Flynn, “ | 11 00 |
| Clarence Lincoln, “ | 1 00 |
| L. L. Huston, “ | 2 60 |
| D. F. Palmer, hauling stringers, etc, | 5 20 |
| Winslow & Co., tile, | 4 38 |

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| Frank Douglass, plank and timber, 1895-96, | \$ 38 20 | |
| Huston Bros., filling at West Falmouth Bridge, shutting down mill, etc., | 40 45 | |
| J. H. Fabricious, labor, | 21 00 | |
| Amos Marston, “ | 13 00 | |
| D. W. Lunt, account bridges, | 5 00 | |
| F. M. Swett, labor, | 5 60 | |
| Wm. R. Brown, “ | 5 60 | |
| A. H. Marston, | 2 50 | |
| W. Scott Pride, smith work, | 6 92 | |
| Maine & N. H. Granite Co., material and labor W Falmouth bridge, | 520 68 | |
| Shaw & Leighton, | 1 20 | |
| F. B. Blanchard, | 18 25 | |
| A. S. Noyes, | 4 10 | |
| Fred. W Skillin, labor, | 2 00 | |
| B. J. Adams, “ | 3 00 | |
| Stephen O’Brion, “ | 1 00 | |
| Town of Cumberland, use of derrick, | | 8 00 |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 637 08 |
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| | \$1,145 08 | \$1,145 08 |

REBUILDING IRON BRIDGE.

| | | |
|--|---------|------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$2,500 00 |
| G. T. Railway, freight, | \$ 4 50 | |
| G. H. Lunt, labor, | 4 80 | |
| L. H. Lunt, “ | 13 00 | |
| N. P. Anderson, “ | 14 30 | |
| Geo. G. Colley, “ | 5 20 | |
| Elbridge Colley, “ | 39 50 | |
| F. B. Blanchard, service, express, freight and supplies | 35 89 | |
| J. H. Anderson, labor, | 17 50 | |

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| Rec'd of A. R. Wright Co., timber, | | \$ 22 77 |
| A. S. Noyes, “ | | 1 80 |
| Huston Bros., iron, | | 3 96 |
| Plank, timber and iron used | | |
| in other bridges, estimated, | | 30 00 |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 11 63 |
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| | \$2,570 16 | \$2,570 16 |

From above account we are able to make the following statement:

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| Total cost of removing wrecked bridge from river and freighting to East Berlin, Conn., | \$487 00 |
| And from all other accounts we find the direct expense to the town on account of the flood of March 1, 1896, to be in round figures, | \$4,500 00 |

To which credit should be allowed for the improved condition of the bridges and abutments.

RAISING ABUTMENTS OF IRON BRIDGE.

| | | |
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| Appropriation, | | \$800 00 |
| Maine & N. H. Granite Co., stock and labor as per contract, | \$750 00 | |
| Wm. H. Merrill, filling as per contract, | 50 00 | |
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| | \$800 00 | \$800 00 |

SNOW.

| | | |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$100 00 |
| H. A. Turner, | \$ 5 40 | |
| A. H. Marston, | 1 00 | |
| John C. Connors, | 2 20 | |
| W. L. Mountfort, | 1 10 | |

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|----------------------|---------|
| R. W. Lunt, | \$ 2 40 |
| A. G. Leighton, | 1 90 |
| J. W. Babbidge, | 2 40 |
| S. M. Latham, | 1 20 |
| Fred Hansen, | 2 10 |
| W. E. Winslow, | 3 10 |
| C. P. Huston, | 2 68 |
| L. S. Elliott, | 2 80 |
| Wilbur Libby, | 3 10 |
| John Aaskov, | 50 |
| Peter Aaskov, | 79 |
| Mary McLean, | 50 |
| A. F. Winslow, | 13 80 |
| Frank Moulton, | 1 60 |
| George E. Nickerson, | 7 00 |
| F. E. Sargent, | 1 00 |
| L. N. Swett, | 1 20 |
| Geo. D. Sargent, | 1 00 |
| J. B. Lord, | 60 |
| F. A. Clough, | 3 60 |
| Martin Iversen, | 14 80 |
| Carl O. Lund, | 1 70 |
| Canute Hansen, | 2 40 |
| W. H. Snell, | 2 55 |
| A. C. Miller, | 1 05 |
| J. B. Sommers, | 9 20 |
| H. G. Adamsen, | 7 80 |
| U. R. Pride, | 10 40 |
| T. J. Pearson, | 2 00 |
| N. H. Leighton, | 6 80 |
| Peter Lawsen, | 3 20 |
| E. B. Leighton, | 1 30 |
| Ernest W. Winslow. | 1 60 |
| Rufus Leighton, | 1 00 |
| Willie H. Leighton, | 80 |
| Fred Marston, | 5 20 |
| L. A. Olmstead, | 5 40 |
| C. B. Ross, | 1 80 |

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| T. M. Lewis, | \$ 1 50 | |
| J. W. Lincoln, | 1 00 | |
| L. M. Winslow, | 2 80 | |
| R. A. Looke, | 5 70 | |
| A. F. Minott, | 14 80 | |
| C. G. Purrington, | 1 90 | |
| J. P. Jensen, | 5 00 | |
| Stephen Staples, | 85 | |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 75 52 |
| | <u>\$175 52</u> | <u>\$175 52</u> |

CONTINGENCIES.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$500 00 |
| Delinquent highway, 1895, | | 247 60 |
| Southworth Bros., town reports, | \$ 27 20 | |
| J. A. P. Merrill, highway, | 2 00 | |
| N. & H. B. Cleaves, legal services, | 74 00 | |
| J. Wm. Merrill, highway, | 18 27 | |
| Wm. H. Merrill, “ | 37 10 | |
| W. L. Mountfort, “ | 3 20 | |
| S. M. Latham, “ | 5 20 | |
| S. W. & A. P. Babbidge, labor and fuse, | 4 90 | |
| N. Leighton, highway, | 6 00 | |
| Fred Hansen, “ | 1 96 | |
| Hale Leighton, “ | 5 60 | |
| Paul Ricker, “ | 1 90 | |
| Geo. W. Knight, labor and gravel, | 43 16 | |
| L. S. Elliott, highway, | 10 80 | |
| Neils Hansen, “ | 11 12 | |
| A. F. Winslow, “ | 7 20 | |
| Geo. E. Nickerson, carting weights and measures, 1895, | 50 | |

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| Geo. D. Loring, valuation books and supplies, | \$ 19 23 |
| Noyes & Pearson, office supplies, | 7 35 |
| Walter C. Carlisle, highway, | 6 60 |
| F. A. Clough, “ | 43 20 |
| C. K. Richards “ | 12 10 |
| J. E. Pearson, “ | 3 40 |
| H. M. Lowe, “ | 4 00 |
| G. W. Leighton, “ | 7 60 |
| C. H. Mitchell, repairs for road machine, | 13 75 |
| F. B. Blanchard, telegram and gravel, | 5 25 |
| J. P. Sommers, highway, | 1 40 |
| John Anderson, gravel, 1894 and '95, | 25 15 |
| Stephen O'Brion, highway. | 10 75 |
| L. M. Ingersoll, “ | 27 70 |
| Shaw & Leighton, “ | 28 90 |
| U. R. Pride, “ | 12 00 |
| N. H. Leightou, “ | 42 20 |
| Geo. T. Richards, “ | 5 32 |
| Martin Iversen, “ | 24 50 |
| Transcript Printing Co., check list, | 9 00 |
| R. H. Whitney, highway, | 4 80 |
| W. F. Babb, “ | 12 00 |
| Lemuel Rolfe, gravel, 1894, '95 and '96, | 5 50 |
| Willie H. Leighton, highway, | 16 70 |
| Fred Marston, “ | 19 60 |
| Daniel Knight, “ | 7 00 |
| Frank Jipson, “ | 10 00 |
| C. G. Raymond, “ | 10 00 |
| Edward Libby, “ | 6 05 |
| T. M. Lewis, “ | 12 01 |
| Geo. W. Cobb, “ | 9 46 |
| Charles M. Cole, gravel, | 10 00 |
| Huston Bros., highways, | 2 00 |
| J. L. Whitehouse, “ | 3 60 |
| E. A. McLaughlin, “ | 6 80 |
| F. O. J. Pride, “ | 23 92 |

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| J. L. West, highways, | \$ 39 39 | |
| W. W. Libby, gravel, " | 10 00 | |
| E. F. Robinson, M. D., certificate births and deaths, | 7 50 | |
| G. Fred Murch, mortgage list, | 2 00 | |
| A. F. Minott, highway, | 1 97 | |
| Miranda Hall, " | 7 25 | |
| C. P. Huston, repair road machine, | 2 00 | |
| F. M. Swett, highway, | 15 35 | |
| Wm. R. Brown, " | 15 30 | |
| W. Scott Pride, smithwork, | 3 50 | |
| Edward Lewis, highway, | 4 13 | |
| A. J. Morgan, blasting ledge, | 17 30 | |
| C. H. Lord, rep. town house and shed, | 2 00 | |
| H. M. Moulton, M. D., certificate births and deaths, | 1 25 | |
| W. H. Winslow, dynamite and caps, | 90 | |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 111 19 |
| | <u>858 79</u> | <u>\$858 79</u> |

SCHOOL DISTRICT REBATE.

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Amount to be remitted by Col. per last report, | | \$104 02 |
| Amount remitted by Col., | \$104 02 | |
| | <u>\$104 02</u> | <u>\$104 02</u> |

TAXES ABATED.

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| On lists of W K. Swett, Col., 1895, | \$23 15 |
| " " " 1896, | 16 72 |

INTEREST.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$300 00 |
| Int. on deposits, | | 33 60 |
| Interest paid on notes by Treas., | \$352 69 | |
| Balance against appropriation, | | 19 09 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$352 69 | \$352 69 |

OUT POOR AND INSANE.

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$300 00 |
| Rec'd from town of Pownal, | | 7 00 |
| E. F. Robinson, M. D., attend. Libby family, | \$ 7 00 | |
| Maine Insane Hospital, Mary Leighton, | 135 33 | |
| A. S. Noyes, expense, case of Sabina Foley, and taking Chas. F. Merrill to hospital, | 10 70 | |
| L. M. Ingersoll, transportation, Sabina Foley, | 2 00 | |
| F. B. Blanchard, expense, case of Sabina Foley and taking Charles F. Merrill to hospital. | 14 95 | |
| D. W. Lunt, account of tramps, | 2 00 | |
| Balance in favor of appropriation, | 135 02 | |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$307 00 | \$307 00 |

Town Farm Account.

STATEMENT.

Paid E. P. Aaskov, balance salary, 1895, \$100 00

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$300 00 |
| Noyes & Pearson, farm and household supplies, | \$214 26 | |
| C. B. Richards & Co., farm and household supplies, | 102 56 | |
| Geo. D. Sargent, farm and household supplies, | 111 87 | |
| Sweetser & Osgood, supplies, | 42 35 | |
| Carl O. Lund, labor haying, | 26 75 | |
| Dr. H. M. Moulton, cert. of insanity, C. F. Merrill, | 5 00 | |
| Dr. E. F. Robinson, cert. of insanity, C. F. Merrill, | 5 00 | |
| W. H. Winslow, rep. express wagon, | 1 65 | |
| Supplies bought and bills paid by Supt., | 105 73 | |
| E. P. Aaskov, due salary, | 235 00 | |
| By 1001 lbs. butter sold, | | 250 25 |
| 196 doz. eggs, | | 38 93 |
| 428 lbs. pork, | | 25 68 |
| 34 " chicken, | | 3 67 |
| 73½ gals. sour milk, | | 7 35 |
| 62½ bush. potatoes, | | 32 60 |
| 148 doz. sweet corn, | | 9 42 |
| 22 bbls. cabbage, | | 13 80 |

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| 16¼ bbls. squash, | \$ 16 25 |
| 3½ bush. peas, | 3 00 |
| 3 " beans, | 4 50 |
| 6 " string beans, | 3 05 |
| 10 qts. shelled " | 1 00 |
| 5 bush. apples, | 2 40 |
| 5 " beets, | 2 60 |
| 2 " carrots, | 1 00 |
| 2 " turnips, | 95 |
| 2 calves, | 1 50 |
| 1 pig, | 2 00 |
| 500 lbs. hay, | 3 50 |
| Bedding, | 4 00 |
| 3 bush. barley, | 2 25 |
| Old iron, | 25 |
| Labor off farm on bridges, culverts and highways, and material, | 86 45 |
| Board of horse, 1895, | 9 00 |
| Town of Cumberland hauling derrick, | 2 00 |
| Additions to household goods, | 3 00 |
| Balance against appropriation, | 19 77 |
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| | \$850 17 \$850 17 |

An inventory of stock, etc., at the farm Feb. 13th, shows: 4 cows, 1 heifer, 16 mos., 1 horse, 2 pigs, 52 hens, 7 tons hay, 16 cords wood, 150 fence stakes, 12 tons ice, 20 bush. potatoes, ½ bbl. cabbages, ½ bbl. apples, 3 bush. carrots, 1 bush. beets, ½ bbl. pork, 4 bush. beans, 3 bush. barley, 800 lbs. C. S. meal, 100 lbs. bran, 2 bush. meal, ½ bush. cr. corn, ½ bush. corn, 1 bush. oats, ½ bbl. flour, 16 lbs. butter, 5 lbs. sugar, ½ lb. tea, ½ gal. molasses, 5 gals. oil.

Complete list of farm and bridge tools on file in town office.

Greatest number of inmates 3; present number 1, John A. Winning. Robert P. Jones left in October. Charles F. Merrill returned to Hospital, Jan. 22.

Lodgings for tramps, 26, meals, 52.

No additions having been made to the bedding for several years, we find it old and much worn, and some provision should be made for a new supply.

SCHOOLS.

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| Amt. balance from last report, | \$ 353 78 |
| Appropriation, | 2,000 00 |
| State mill and bank tax, | 1,088 07 |
| Tuition, | 6 00 |
| Alice G. Knight, assistant, No. 5, 1895, | \$ 30 00 |
| H. J. Merrill, teaching, | 121 00 |
| D. W. Lunt, " " | 100 00 |
| City of Deering, tuition, | 11 50 |
| C. B. Richards & Co., supplies, | 1 30 |
| Silas O. Skillin, wood, | 2 75 |
| Sumner Barber, Trustee, rent, | 50 00 |
| Geo. E. Nickerson, cleaning vault, | 75 |
| J. L. West, wood, | 1 00 |
| May C. Morrill, teaching, | 72 00 |
| Lena E. Skillings, " " | 63 00 |
| Julia E. Merrill, " " | 67 50 |
| G. W. Nickerson, cleaning, | 4 25 |
| M. O. Huston, wood, 1895, | 4 75 |
| O. M. & D. W. Nash, 2 stoves, 1895-6, | 18 00 |
| Stella A. Purrington, teaching, | 67 50 |
| L. L. Brooks, " " | 81 00 |
| Edith M. Brooks, " " | 72 00 |
| Henry J. Merrill, " " | 80 00 |
| Grace G. Pride, " " | 72 00 |
| D. W. Lunt, " " | 72 00 |
| Grace L. Brackett, " " | 72 00 |
| Mary L. Bickford, " " | 90 00 |
| Noyes & Pearson, supplies, | 15 08 |
| N. H. Leighton, transportation of scholars, | 27 00 |
| Ellingwood Furniture Co., table, | 3 75 |
| C. B. Richards & Co., supplies, | 2 15 |
| Holden Pat. Book Cover Co., | 8 50 |
| Fred M. Blake, wood, | 70 00 |
| B. A. Hinck, " " | 18 00 |
| Fred Hansen, " " | 9 25 |
| H. A. Smith, " " | 4 50 |

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| F. O. Whitehouse, storing wood, | \$ 1 25 |
| F. B. Blanchard, wood, | 10 00 |
| Grace L. Brackett, teaching, | 70 00 |
| Edith M. Brooks, “ | 80 00 |
| Lena E. Skillings, “ | 75 00 |
| Evelyn T. Kahrs, “ and supplies, | 70 12 |
| D. W. Lunt, “ | 99 75 |
| H. J. Merrill, “ | 99 00 |
| Stella A. Purrington, “ | 80 00 |
| Alice M. Jameson, “ | 60 00 |
| L. L. Brooks, “ | 90 00 |
| Grace G. Pride, “ | 100 00 |
| May C. Morrill, “ | 90 00 |
| Susie M. Winslow, “ | 25 00 |
| L. M. Ingersoll, transportation of scholars and supplies, | 32 20 |
| W. E. Winslow, wood, | 4 50 |
| Wm. R. Brown, “ | 4 88 |
| S. F. Chase, “ | 2 00 |
| Wm. H. Eustis, “ | 5 25 |
| Lena E. Skillings, teaching, | 67 50 |
| Edith M. Brooks “ | 72 00 |
| Grace L. Brackett, “ | 72 00 |
| Alice M. Jameson, “ | 72 00 |
| L. L. Brooks, “ | 81 00 |
| May C. Morrill, “ | 81 00 |
| Blanche L. Mills, “ | 76 50 |
| Lillian E. Lowell, “ | 12 00 |
| D. W. Lunt, “ | 90 25 |
| J. A. Ricker, setting stoves, etc., | 1 00 |
| L. M. Ingersoll, transportation of scholars, | 36 00 |
| Balance due to schools, | 475 12 |

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TEXT BOOKS.

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| Appropriation, | | \$300 00 |
| Ginn & Co., 1895, | \$ 99 35 | |
| G. T. Railway, freight, | 2 21 | |
| Am. Book Co., | 8 00 | |
| D. C. Heath & Co., | 17 75 | |
| H. J. Merrill, express, | 1 45 | |
| Ginn & Co., | 160 06 | |
| Balance in favor appropriation, | 11 18 | |
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| | \$300 00 | \$300 00 |

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES.

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| Appropriations, | | \$425 00 |
| Paint sold, | | 6 29 |
| Vaughn C. West, banking, 1895, | \$ 2 50 | |
| C. B. Richards & Co., material, | 4 36 | |
| W. H. Stevens, blackboards, | 16 00 | |
| Wm. McDonald, labor, | 26 00 | |
| Chas. S. Chase, lime and cement, | 5 70 | |
| J. E. Gould, lead, oil, etc., | 46 33 | |
| Angus McDonald, labor, | 35 00 | |
| J. F. Williams, labor and material, | 40 74 | |
| St. Clair McDonald, labor, | 33 32 | |
| G. W. Lord, use of jack screws, | 3 37 | |
| J. T. Richards, labor, | 25 00 | |
| H. J. Merrill, " " | 11 00 | |
| C. H. Lord, " " | 50 | |
| O. M. Flys, " " | 2 50 | |
| J. E. Rieker, banking, | 2 00 | |
| A. H. Wilson, labor and material, | 1 00 | |
| W P Norton, " " " for | | |
| water closets, | 11 25 | |
| Balance in favor appropriations, | 164 72 | |
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| | \$431 29 | \$431 29 |

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

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| Schools, | \$2,000 00 |
| Highways, | 2,000 00 |
| Poor, | 300 00 |
| Out poor and insane, | 300 00 |
| Bridges and culverts, | 400 00 |
| Town officers, | 650 00 |
| Collector's percentage, | 300 00 |
| Snow, | 200 00 |
| Contingencies, | 500 00 |
| Interest, | 200 00 |
| Text books, | 200 00 |
| Repair of schoolhouses, | 200 00 |

Financial Condition of the Town.

ASSETS.

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| Due from W. K. Swett, Col., 1895, | \$ 145 56 |
| W. K. Swett, " 1896, | 5,511 76 |
| State Treas., Seal bounty, and Sheep damage, | 91 00 |
| State Treas., dog licenses, estimated, | 150 00 |
| Tax deeds, | 95 67 |
| Cash in Treasurer's hands, | 4,193 27 |
| | <u>\$10,187 26</u> |

LIABILITIES.

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| F. B. Blanchard, Ass'r, Selectman, etc., | \$173 00 | |
| D. W. Lunt, " " bal- | | |
| ance due, | 107 50 | |
| A. S. Noyes, Ass'r, Selectman, etc., | 151 50 | |
| A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk, | 18 55 | |
| H. J. Merrill, School Supt., | 102 00 | |
| Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer, | 75 00 | |
| W. K. Swett, bal. Col. per cent., 1895, | 98 72 | |
| W. K. Swett, Col., 1896, | 200 00 | |
| Schools, | 475 12 | |
| Outstanding bills, estimated, | 150 00 | |
| Outstanding orders, | 21 50 | |
| Outstanding Town notes, | 7,500 00 | |
| Ballot and Election Clerks, | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,088 89 |
| Assets over liabilities, | | <hr/> \$1,098 37 |

F. B. BLANCHARD, } *Selectmen, Assessors*
 DANIEL W. LUNT, } *and*
 ARTHUR S. NOYES, } *Overseers of Poor.*

FALMOUTH, ME., Feb. 13, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, for the year 1896-7, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE D. YORK, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance on hand last report, | \$1,110 57 |
| From Arthur S. Noyes, Collector, '92, in full, | 27 39 |
| James E. Merrill, Collector, '93, in full, | 3 82 |
| James E. Merrill, Collector, '94, in full, | 243 10 |
| Walter K. Swett, Collector, '95, | 4,768 88 |
| “ “ “ '96, | 9,594 08 |
| Portland Trust Co., for 12 mos. note, with int. at rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent (July 7, 1896,) | 5,000 00 |
| Portland Trust Co., for 12 mos. note, with int. at rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (July 7, 1896,) | 2,500 00 |
| Arthur S. Noyes, Town Clerk, dog licenses, | 144 00 |
| Town farm account, | 324 63 |
| Tax deeds cancelled, | 50 00 |
| F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, 1895 dog licenses refunded, | 130 67 |
| F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, seal bounties paid in 1895, refunded, | 32 00 |
| F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax, '96, | 1,088 07 |
| Town of Cumberland, use of derrick, | 10 00 |
| Town of Pownal, | 7 00 |
| School tuition, | 6 00 |
| Lumber sold. | 24 57 |

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| Paint sold, | 6 29 |
| Scrap iron sold, | 3 96 |
| E. P. Aaskov, board of horse' 95, | 9 00 |
| Portland Trust Co., interest on deposits, | 33 60 |
| | <hr/> \$25,117 63 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paid town orders, | \$11,039 62 |
| (July 10, 1896,) Swan & Bar- rett, demand note dated Mar. 15, 1895, in full, | 2,000 00 |
| (July 10, 1896,) Swan & Bar- rett, demand note date Feb. 8, 1896, in full, | 3,000 00 |
| Swan & Barrett, interest on above notes, | 138 94 |
| (Jan. 9, 1897,) Henry P. Dew- ey, 12 mos. note dated Jan. 10, 1896, in full, | 1,000 00 |
| Henry P. Dewey, interest on above note, | 45 00 |
| Portland Trust Co., interest on notes to Jan. 7, 1897, | 168 75 |
| F. M. Simpson, State Treas- urer, State tax, for 1896, in full, | 2,125 19 |
| F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer, dog license fees for 1896, | 144 00 |
| D. D. Chenery, County Treas- urer, county tax for 1896, in full, | 1,228 86 |
| Bounty on 34 seals, | 34 00 |
| Cash now in Treasurer's hands, | 4,193 27 |
| | <hr/> \$25,117 63 |

DESCRIPTION OF OUTSTANDING NOTES.

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| Note to Portland Trust Company, dated July 7th, 1896, given for twelve months, with interest at rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, | \$5,000 00 |
| Note to Portland Trust Company, dated July 7th, 1896, given for twelve months, with interest at rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, | 2,500 00 |
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| | \$7,500 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH S. NORTON, *Treasurer.*

FALMOUTH, ME., Feb. 13th, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of Ralph S. Norton, Treasurer of Falmouth for the year 1896-7, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and find in his hands four thousand, one hundred and ninety-three and 27-100 dollars.

GEO. D. YORK, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT

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| Whole number of scholars, | 447 |
| Total length of schools, | 28 weeks |

Fellow Citizens of Falmouth :

In attempting to present an outline of our work in the several schools the past year, I find much to commend, and, as perfection is never attained, some to regret. Regarded as a whole, I think the work done compares favorably with other years. The introduction of the new Geography and Grammar begun last year has been completed the present year. The "Course of Study" adopted last year by the School Board has proved to embrace more work than can be thoroughly and successfully accomplished in our ungraded schools in the time specified, more especially as the new books introduced are much more comprehensive than the ones' displaced. Circumstances beyond the control of your committee have prevented the changes that seem necessary to make the course outlined the complete success we look for. From the fact that no limit to the amount of work to be done in the new works on Geography and Language within the year, has been established, and some other obstacles, a written test to compare the work of the several schools with fairness to teachers and pupils was found impracticable and had to be abandoned. Our school year has been shortened by the opening of schools which were suspended last year. The same teachers were employed as far as possible, and the most satisfactory work has been accomplished, as a rule, where no change has been made. We

hear the remark, "As is the teacher so is the school," and I wish to say in justice to our teachers who work hard to raise the standard of their respective schools, morally as well as intellectually, that the best teacher with the best school appliances, under the best supervision, cannot teach a good school unless she has pupils whose parents have a high appreciation of education, and teach their children that it is a most desirable thing, a pearl of great price, a key by which success may be attained, and a source of continual happiness. The interest, life, enthusiasm, upon which so much depends, cannot be sustained, even if awakened, in schools, unless every member is in his class at each recitation.

If we seek to know the true condition of any school, we shall find that its work, in a very large measure, depends upon the attitude of the people toward the school. With the weight of responsibility of the education of children so divided between parent and teacher, is not a thorough understanding and hearty co-operation of the highest importance? Parents, with the aid of your friendly counsel, confidence and respect, the teacher is almost sure of a glorious success. Without this support she is working against odds which many have not the power to overcome.

The teacher's position is a responsible, dignified and useful, though not always an enviable one; and failure in any part of the school work is, or may be to the discredit of the teacher, but to your children it may be a loss beyond any power to estimate.

If you wish the best possible service a teacher can render, assure her of your confidence and esteem, and if the elements of a good instructor of youth are not lacking, you will receive a hearty response.

The school in No. 9 opened in the fall with fifteen scholars and has given the most satisfactory results. The school room was renovated and much credit is due to the parents and teacher who have caused it to be one of the most bright and cheerful rooms in town. The teacher and

scholars in No. 8 have started a reference library of fifteen volumes, which may be a nucleus for future additions. Through the efforts of the pupils and the generous response of parents and friends, the school house in No. 3 has been provided with a fine bell, which is enjoyed by old and young alike. Let the good work continue, and in any case that has seemed to come short of a just demand, let us diligently inquire of ourselves, "Have I, as parent, as teacher, as superintendent, as a friend of education and a loyal citizen, faithfully performed the duties devolving upon me"? Then we may criticise justly rather than harshly. Thanking the many whose kind words and suggestions have often encouraged us in our work, I leave these thoughts for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. MERRILL,

FALMOUTH, Feb. 15, 1897.

Supt. of Schools.

Pupils who have not been absent for the year :

- No. 2. Horace Sargent, Ray Ricker, Carlos Norton, Hattie Spinney, Margaret Sargent, Marion Sargent, Grace Norton.
- No. 3. Inez W. Bucknam, Charles H. Bucknam, Frank Colley, Erland Merrill, Ethel Colley, Marion Richards, Pearl Bowie.
- No. 4. Alice G. Wilson, Harold Wilson.
- No. 7. Julia F. Winslow, Lois G. Winslow, Fenwick M. Winslow, Clara H. Marston, Lena H. Mountfort.

| No. of School. | NAME OF TEACHER. | TERM. | Whole Attend- ance. | Average Attend- ance. | Pupils not absent ½ day. | Wages per month |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Edith M. Brooks. | Spring | 20 | 7 | 2 | \$32 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 19 | 17 | 2 | 32 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 19 | 18 | 9 | 32 00 |
| 2 | Lucretia L. Brooks. | Spring | 30 | 28 | 16 | 36 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 31 | 29 | 17 | 36 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 28 | 24 | 13 | 36 00 |
| 3 | Henry J. Merrill. | Spring | 44 | 38 | 10 | 40 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 51 | 48 | 14 | 44 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 47 | 40 | 13 | 44 00 |
| 4 | Grace L. Brackett. | Spring | 25 | 23 | 9 | 32 00 |
| | Evelyn T. Kahrs. | Fall | 28 | 22 | 6 | 28 00 |
| | Blanche L. Mills. | Winter | 25 | 20 | 3 | 34 00 |
| 5 | May L. Bickford. | Spring | 40 | 38 | 11 | 40 00 |
| | Grace G. Pride. | Fall | 39 | 32 | 6 | 40 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 37 | 32 | 6 | 40 00 |
| 6 | Daniel W. Lunt. | Spring | 22 | 20 | 6 | 36 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 24 | 22 | 6 | 38 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 23 | 21 | 1 | 38 00 |
| 7 | May C. Morrill. | Spring | 37 | 31 | 8 | 32 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 39 | 33 | 15 | 36 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 35 | 31 | 13 | 36 00 |
| 8 | Lena E. Skillings. | Spring | 14 | 11 | | 28 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 15 | 12 | | 30 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 15 | 11 | 2 | 30 00 |
| 9 | Grace L. Brackett. | Suspended | | | Spring | |
| | “ “ | Fall | 15 | 13 | 5 | 28 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 16 | 14 | 3 | 32 00 |
| 10 | Stella A. Purrington. | Spring | 15 | 13 | 5 | 32 00 |
| | “ “ | Fall | 16 | 14 | 4 | 32 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 15 | 12 | | 34 00 |
| 11 | Grace G. Pride. | Spring | 8 | 7 | | 30 00 |
| | | Suspended | | | Fall & Winter | |
| 12 | Julia E. Merrill. | Spring | 20 | 17 | 4 | 30 00 |
| | Alice M. Jameson. | Fall | 17 | 14 | 3 | 30 00 |
| | “ “ | Winter | 16 | 12 | 1 | 32 00 |

Deaths in Falmouth

FROM JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1896.

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- Jan. 3. Mary York, aged 73 yrs., 9 mos.
 6. Sarah Sommers, aged 31 yrs., 2 mos.
 28. John R. Dellow, aged 64 yrs.
- Feb. 9. Wm. H. Wilson, aged 78 yrs., 2 mos., 9 days.
 12. Martha E. Graham, aged 63 yrs., 9 mos.
 15. Granville Hall, aged 73 yrs.
- Mar. 3. Robert Huston, aged 76 yrs.
- April 5. Neils B. Jensen, aged 64 yrs.
 5. Sophia Watts, aged 79 yrs.
 25. Emma M. Lockhart, aged 41 yrs., 6 mos.
- May 8. Elsie J. Libby, aged 5 mos., 23 days.
 8. Benjamin O'Brien, aged 35 yrs., 11 mos.,
 23 days.
 14. Sarah W. Dobbin, aged 78 yrs., 10 mos.
- June 21. Phœbe Swett Brown, aged 56 yrs., 11 mos.,
 17 days.
 24. Carl E. Meloon, aged 4 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days.
- July 22. George Rose, aged 80 yrs., 3 mos.
- Aug. 12. Inez M. Lufkin, aged 20 yrs., 9 mos.
- Sept. 28. Austin Merrill, aged 3 yrs., 8 mos.
- Dec. 13. Horace B. Mountfort, aged 36 yrs., 7 mos.,
 23 days.
 27. Olaf Garsoe, aged 35 yrs., 6 mos., 15 days.

ARTHUR S. NOYES, *Town Clerk.*