

1908

Annual Report of the Town Officers of the Town of Falmouth, for the Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1908

Falmouth (Me.).

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

Repository Citation

Falmouth (Me.), "Annual Report of the Town Officers of the Town of Falmouth, for the Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1908" (1908).
Maine Town Documents. Paper 1794.
<http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs/1794>

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE
Town of Falmouth

FOR THE
Fiscal Year ending Feb. 15
1908.

WEST FALMOUTH, ME:
NOYES PRINTING CO., PRINTERS
1908.

Town Officers, 1907.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

FRANK B. BLANCHARD, ALGERNON BOWIE
LAWRENCE L. RAMSDELL.

Town Clerk.

ARTHUR S. NOYES.

Treasurer.

ARTHUR S. NOYES.

School Committee.

STEPHEN G. HUSTON, FRANK B. BLANCHARD
WILSON NEVINS.

Superintendent of Schools.

H. M. MOORE.

Board of Health.

DANIEL W LUNT, ALFRED H. HASKELL.

Collector of Taxes.

JOHN F. WILLIAMS.

Road Commissioners.

SEWELL P. WINSLOW, WILLIAM E. WINSLOW
JOHN H. LUNT.

Auditor.

D. W. LUNT.

Constable.

JOHN F. WILLIAMS.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To JOHN F. WILLIAMS, a Constable in the Town of Falmouth,

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Falmouth, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town, on the second day of March, 1908, 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 the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, 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 repairs of roads and bridges and 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 raise a sum of money and how much for the destruction of the brown tail moth, and act anything relative to its expenditure.

Eighth. 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.

Ninth. To see if the town will vote yes, or no, upon the adoption of the provisions of chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine, for the year 1907, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1908.

Tenth. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart for permanent improvement of the main highways within the town, such sums of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of \$163.00.

Eleventh. By request of S. P Winslow, to see if the town will vote to lower the grade of Abbott's hill, so called, on the Old Gray road, and raise money for the same.

Twelfth. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the culvert near Mrs. Adamson's, on road leading to Skillin's Corner, and raise money for the same.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will vote to establish an easier grade at the hill just easterly of W. H. Pearson's house, and raise money for the same.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the culvert just below the residence of W. H. Harmon, and raise money for the same.

Fifteenth. To see if the town will vote to buy a new road machine, and raise money for the same.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen upon petition of trustees of the estate of John Marshall Brown.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of Waite's Landing road between the termini of the proposed road.

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

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 lists, at the town office, at eight o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day February, A. D. 1908.

FRANK B. BLANCHARD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ALGERNON BOWIE,	
LAWRENCE L. RAMSDELL,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Falmouth.</i>

The following articles were handed in for insertion in the warrant after the copy had been given to the printer.

Nineteenth. To see if the town will vote to adopt the recommendations of the Superintendent of schools with regard to changing schools No. 1 and 2 on the Foreside into a Grammar and a Primary School by conveying the pupils by the electrics.

Twentieth. To see if the town will vote to add a recitation room to the school house at West Falmouth (No. 7) with a view of conveying the pupils from No. 8 and No. 12 to this school; and raise the sum of five hundred dollars to meet the expense of the same.

Twenty-first. To see if the town will vote to grade the school house lot at Falmouth corner, No. 3, and raise money for the same.

REPORT OF

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

To the Inhabitants of Falmouth:

We, the undersigned, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, herewith submit our report for the municipal year ending Feb. 15, 1908.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR YEAR 1907

Real estate, resident,	\$597,715 00	
Real estate, non-resident,	421,250 00	
	<hr/>	
Total real estate,		\$1,018,965 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$295,355 00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	32,000 00	
	<hr/>	
Total personal estate,		327,355 00
		<hr/>
Total value estates,		\$1,346,320 00
Rate of taxation, \$11.50 on \$1,000.		
Number of polls 403.		
Poll tax, \$2.00.		

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1907.

For State tax,	\$3,927 83
County tax,	1,254 63
Highways,	3,000 00
Out Poor and Insane,	600 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Bridges and Culverts,	400 00
Snow,	1,500 00
Interest,	80 00
Contingencies,	200 00
Schools,	2,500 00
High School Tuition,	800 00
Text Books,	175 00
School Supplies,	25 00
Repairs of School Houses,	250 00
State Road,	200 00
Underwitted Road,	150 00
Brown Tail Moth,	200 00
Wharf,	100 00
Overlay,	27 98
Supplementary,	8 04
Total amount committed to collector,	<u>\$16,298 48</u>

Account of Expenditures.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Balance last report,	\$ 89 16
Appropriation,	900 00
Due from State, for Supt. Schools,	75 00
F. B. Blanchard, Selectman, etc.,	\$141 90
Algernon Bowie, " "	130 50
Roland S. York, " "	112 00
Arthur S. Noyes, Town Treasurer,	75 00
Arthur S. Noyes, Town Clerk,	25 00

C. W. Pierce, Supt. of Schools,	\$125 00	
H. M. Moore, " "	112 50	
Arthur S. Noyes, Collector,	100 00	
W. E. Winslow, " "	10 00	
John F. Williams, Coll., 1906-7,	200 00	
S. G. Huston, S. S. Com., 1905-6-7,	15 00	
F. B. Blanchard, S. S. Com.,	6 00	
D. W. Lunt, Board of Health,	11 00	
A. H. Haskell, " "	3 00	
E. W. Winslow, S. S. Com.,	4 00	
Geo. D. York, Auditor-Election Clerk,	4 00	
N. S. Clifford, Election Clerk,	2 00	
Geo. H. Hill, Constable and Police,	14 00	
F. B. Blanchard, Moderator,	2 00	
From contingencies,		28 74
	<u>\$1,092 90</u>	<u>\$1,092 90</u>

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,		\$3,000 00
Expended and carried to Bridges		
and Culverts account,	\$3,005 29	
From contingencies,		5 29
	<u>\$3,005 29</u>	<u>\$3,005 29</u>

JOHN H. LUNT, Commissioner.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
John H. Lunt,	\$144 10	
Martin Iversen,	248 50	
Iver Iversen,	140 50	
William C. Waite,	71 76	
Andrew Iversen,	74 00	
Silas O. Skillin,	6 80	
F. Ebbesen,	84 88	

Ole Andersen,	\$46 82	
J. C. Smith,	12 25	
E. Iversen,	8 25	
William Homden,	5 40	
John A. Ricker,	55 57	
John P. Jensen,	2 88	
James Wescott, blacksmith-work,	15 10	
H. J. Poland,	5 80	
Dow & Hodsdon,	93	
C. K. Richards,	12 00	
Good Roads Machinery Co., tools,	21 30	
W S. Pride,	1 93	
J. M. Brown, gravel,	37 50	
Alberti Starling,	1 75	
Balance in favor appropriation,	1 98	
	<hr/>	
	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

WILLIAM E. WINSLOW, Commissioner.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
William E. Winslow,	\$159 35	
Leon M. Winslow,	59 30	
Hans Petersen,	114 60	
Levi W Huston,	97 35	
American Express Co.,	1 81	
W. L. Mountfort,	20 55	
F. M. Winslow,	60 35	
Harry Merrill,	23 35	
Edgar B. Leighton,	34 45	
A. H. Haskell, labor and gravel,	33 10	
Harry D. Winn,	20 00	
Harry Strout,	4 00	
John Waburg,	43 60	
W. J. Thurlow,	19 10	
Frank Thurlow,	36 60	

Fred O. Whitehouse,	24	10	
W. H. Winslow,	2	60	
Geo. H. Huston,	8	00	
F. B. Blanchard, gravel,	10	60	
Lemuel Rolfe, “	8	25	
W. H. Pearson, supplies,		87	
E. H. Ingalls, gravel,	19	20	
F. M. Swett,	8	45	
E. P. Aaskov,		30	
John Johnsen,	4	80	
Harry Brink,	6	10	
F. C. Colley,	4	00	
Ole Petersen,		80	
L. C. Smith,	7	00	
C. Lawsen,		30	
Good Roads Machine Co., tools,	21	30	
F. P. Marston, labor and gravel,	21	20	
Lester N. Winslow,	13	65	
Hans Alling,		85	
John E. Marston,	2	65	
Frederic Hansen,	8	00	
Hartwell Fries,	8	00	
Warren G. Lunt,	9	85	
Hans Jensen, gravel,	9	10	
Geo. W. Cobb, heirs of, gravel,	5	70	
William Homden, gravel,	1	70	
C. K. Richards, “	4	40	
George Beck,	2	00	
L. W. Hadlock,	3	10	
Lester Marston,	1	00	
W. Scott Pride,	10	49	
Percy R. Winslow,		35	
W. W. Harmon,		50	
Carried Bridges and Culverts accounts,	43	28	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	
	\$1,000	00	\$1,000 00

SEWELL P. WINSLOW, Commissioner.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
S. P. Winslow,	\$156 12	
E. A. Marston,	78 38	
C. E. Harmon,	96 90	
Percy F. West,	76 80	
H. W. Hicks,	20 03	
D. B. Strout,	27 69	
W. W. Libby, gravel,	37 40	
W. H. Pearson, supplies,	2 55	
F. M. Blake,	4 67	
C. S. Blake,	14 00	
J. M. Leighton,	7 50	
George P. Dearborn,	28 75	
Elton L. Clough.	4 50	
A. H. Haskell, gravel,	16 80	
A. E. Tibbets,	78 23	
David Spearin,	15 80	
King & Dexter,	5 37	
John McDonald,	12 25	
Good Roads Machinery Co., tools,	21 30	
W. Scott Pride, smithwork,	3 28	
H. D. Babbidge,	14 25	
W. Libby,	9 50	
B. W. Shaw,	2 00	
R. M. Leighton,	2 62	
J. Gundersen	53 46	
E. B. Huston,	14 20	
W. H. Winslow.	4 00	
W. F. Dearborn,	14 38	
C. L. Shaw,	5 00	
Fred S. Huston,	10 50	
George A. Carter,	34 65	
R. W. E. Winslow,	4 40	
Wilson & Roberts,	12 00	
L. W. Hadlock,	5 17	

John J. Frye, tools,	\$ 4 85	
E. Storer,	16 00	
E. F. Huston,	28 14	
G. T. Graham,	45 98	
H. S. Pride,	17 85	
Balance against appropriation,		7 27
	<u>\$1,007 27</u>	<u>\$1,007 27</u>

SNOW

Appropriation,		\$1500 00
L. E. Pride,	\$11 70	
C. G. Purrington,	24 60	
John Stewart,	39 20	
H. W. Hicks,	1 20	
W. E. Winslow,	25 50	
Frank H. Winslow,	20	
Harry Merrill,	30	
A. H. Haskell,	14 10	
Warren G. Lunt,	1 10	
David Spearin,	3 20	
E. L. Huston,	10 00	
W. H. Pearson,	9 90	
Carl Pearson,	1 75	
F. M. Winslow,	9 45	
Leon M. Winslow,	3 80	
W. L. Mountfort,	1 50	
Edgar B. Leighton,	3 80	
F. O. Whitehouse,	1 60	
H. F. Leighton,	6 00	
C. F. Colley,	20 00	
Wilson Nevins,	4 10	
N. P. Thim,	11 25	
A. P. Thim,	10 85	
Robert Colley,	5 20	
Donald Colley,	3 50	

B. W. Shaw,	\$29 50
H. T. Meloon,	4 30
J. Gundersen,	12 40
W. H. Snell,	6 20
George S. Latham,	5 10
S. P. Winslow,	20 20
L. W. Hadlock,	4 10
Hans Petersen,	19 75
H. D. Winn,	2 60
L. W. Huston,	11 10
Neils Miller,	1 50
W. W. Harmon,	10 10
J. E. Marston,	80
Reuben Merrill,	7 00
John Johansen,	2 00
F. O. Dupee,	2 20
John H. Lunt,	43 55
Andrew Iversen,	99 00
Silas O. Skillin,	17 80
W. C. Waite,	23 60
John A. Ricker,	16 00
Eugene S. Ramsdell,	10 00
Alberti Starling,	10 80
Ferdinand Ebbesen,	17 40
Christian Wibe,	19 00
Herbert Farr,	4 60
H. E. Rice,	5 80
Ray Ricker,	2 00
Howard C. Titcomb,	2 00
John F. Williams,	9 40
D. W. Hodgdon,	11 00
Martin Iversen,	58 60
Neils Jensen,	6 00
D. W. Lunt,	2 40
C. K. Richards,	25 05
Iver Iversen,	33 60
John Jensen,	8 20

Emil Iversen,	\$ 7 60
S. A. Whitney,	10 20
Sterling Mowatt,	5 00
F. W. Hinck,	38 00
A. C. Hinck,	10 00
L. H. Hinck,	6 00
Augustus Hansen,	16 00
Walter Cady,	11 00
Neils <i>Johnsen</i> ,	14 00
C. H. Chenery,	8 80
Charles Clark,	15 00
B. L. Jones,	39 00
E. W. Winslow,	26 00
John Waburg,	14 25
F. P. Marston,	20 10
George W Skillin,	1 20
Washington Skillin,	1 90
C. H. Leighton,	1 40
P N. Packard,	33 60
P P. Aaskov,	6 60
H. D. Babbidge, 1906-7,	33 40
Henry Brink,	1 05
Harry G. Brink,	3 05
W J. Thurlow,	1 20
C. E. Wilson,	39 50
F. A. Sylvester,	6 80
Hans F. Jensen,	2 60
L. Dyhrberg,	2 00
Hans Alling,	2 00
Hartwell Fries,	2 70
Wilbur Libby,	23 80
Everett W Libby,	3 60
Earl Wilson,	7 60
R. M. Leighton,	6 50
L. A. Goudy,	29 30
U. R. Pride,	1 60
E. A. Marston,	28 40

J. McDonald,	1 80	
Oliver Blake,	1 60	
R. McLain,	1 30	
Isaac Harmon,	12 15	
A. H. Wilson,	1 20	
W. W. Weymouth,	60	
Neils C. Andersen,	1 10	
W. T. Curtis & Sons,	5 80	
Elton L. Clough,	6 70	
E. H. Marston,	1 10	
George L. Hall, 1906-7,	41 40	
Fred S. Huston,	1 00	
C. S. Blake,	25 50	
George P. Dearborn,	18 40	
Stephen O'Brion,	2 00	
Percy F. West,	4 00	
George F. Young,	7 10	
C. R. Dresser,	1 00	
F. R. Pride,	4 40	
D. B. Strout,	3 49	
Bal. in favor of appropriation,	89 16	
	<hr/>	
	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
William E. Winslow,	\$53 05	
F. M. Winslow,	22 45	
Hans Petersen,	39 90	
S. W. Hamilton, plank,	17 00	
J. H. Lunt,	26 77	
Martin Iversen,	12 50	
F. Ebbesen,	3 50	
John A. Ricker,	1 50	

W E. Howell, stone,	\$ 1 50	
Deering, Winslow & Co., plank,	35 00	
D. B. Strout,	1 20	
Jerome Rumery & Co., lumber,	18 81	
W C. Waite,	15 75	
Dow & Hodsdon, paint and nails,	6 93	
Welch Stencil Co.,	95	
Leon M. Winslow,	20 65	
Lewis C. Smith,	19 35	
A. H. Haskell, stone,	5 00	
Geo. L. Hall, stone,	5 00	
Elliott & Flanders, plank,	17 59	
Geo. M. Whitney,	10	
Joseph B. Libby,	31 50	
S. P Winslow,	17 00	
A. E. Tibbetts,	15 75	
C. E. Harmon,	4 63	
Percy F. West,	16 00	
E. A. Marston,	9 75	
E. F. Huston,	3 50	
G. T. Graham,	10 50	
W H. Winslow,	40	
J. L. Brackett, estate, plank,	22 64	
J. E. Gould & Co., paint,	4 95	
L. W Hadlock,	2 90	
King & Dexter, spikes,	6 05	
From W. E. Winslow, highway acct.		43 28
Contingencies,		28 79
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$472 07	\$472 07

STATE ROAD.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Due from State,		200 00
John H. Lunt,	\$61 10	
Martin Iversen,	94 50	
Iver Iversen,	85 88	
John A. Ricker,	40 25	
F. Ebbesen,	35 00	
W. C. Waite,	33 25	
Paul Jensen,	19 25	
John P. Jensen,	1 75	
C. K. Richards, drag,	3 50	
Dow & Hodsdon,	3 32	
J. R. Wescott, smithwork,	75	
William Homden, gravel,	2 25	
W. H. Barker, estate,	12 40	
Charles S. Deake, stone,	6 80	
	<hr/>	
	\$400 00	\$400 00

CONTINGENCIES.

Balance last report,	\$ 42 35
Appropriation,	200 00
State, dog licenses refunded,	125 35
State, railroad and telegraph tax,	159 05
State, damage to domestic animals,	30 25
Recd. on account of tax deeds,	33 25
Telephone tolls,	1 78
Noyes Printing Co., town reports, stamps,	
envelopes, assessors & dog license blanks,	\$55 45
C. G. Purrington, subduing fire 1905,	1 00
John Stewart " " "	75
A. H. Haskell, Board Health, disinfectant,	2 40
C. W. Pierce, express and postage,	2 49
Geo. D. Loring, office supplies,	14 20

Wilson Nevins, removing flag pole,	\$ 1 00	
W H. Pearson, supplies,	59	
Portland Stone Ware Co., drain pipe for drinking fountain,	20 90	
P. P. Baxter, hen damage,	22 50	
W E. Winslow, surveying town lot,	1 50	
D. W. Lunt, disinfectant and fumigating,	14 71	
F. O. J. Pride, sheep damage,	5 00	
Hall L. Davis & Co., stationary,	1 70	
H. M. Moulton, M. D. cert. births & deaths,	1 75	
Portland Water Co. material and labor on overflow drain,	17 90	
Eugene S. Ramsdell, removing dead seal,	2 00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. use of toll lines,	3 94	
Loring Short & Harmon, order book,	6 50	
Fred Hinck, wood for town house,	7 00	
Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves & S. C. Perry, service and legal advice 1906,	138 00	
Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves & S. C. Perry, legal advice 1907,	2 00	
E. F. Robinson, M. D. cert. births and deaths 1905-6-7,	10 75	
Frank L. Clark, recording tax deeds,	3 00	
J. F. Williams, tax sale,	81 48	
Carried to other accounts,	89 22	
Balance in favor of appropriation,	84 30	
	<hr/>	
	\$592 03	\$592 03

UNDERWITTED ROAD.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Unexpended,	\$150 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$150 00	\$150 00

WHARF.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Unexpended,	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$100 00	\$100 00

CEMETERIES.

Balance last report,		\$135 63
Emery, Waterhouse Co., wire and staples, \$	5 33	
Jerome Rumery & Co., lumber,	17 78	
R. E. Webb & Co., “	18 68	
Dow & Hodsdon, paint,	8 35	
Frank M. Brown, “	2 55	
L. L. Ramsdell, labor,	10 50	
Benjamin Double, “	6 72	
C. F. Colley, “	4 38	
R. W. Merrill, “	18 20	
Fred Hinck, carting,	1 25	
Balance in favor appropriation,	41 89	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$135 63	\$135 63

INTEREST.

Appropriation,		\$ 80 00
Interest on deposits,		68 60
Columbus Knight,	\$100 00	
Portland Trust Co.,	75 00	
From Contingencies,		26 40
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$175 00	\$175 00

ALMS HOUSE REPAIRS.

Balance last report,		\$65 08
Dyhrberg and Alling, cleaning,	\$15 40	
D. W. Lunt, wall paper and labor,	32 20	
R. W. Lunt, labor,	12 50	
Flaherty Bros., mason work,	9 40	
Frank M. Brown, paint,	11 49	
Emery, Waterhouse Co.,	51	
A. Bowie,	1 35	
C. Petersen, cash paid for material,	16 20	
From Town farm account,		33 97
	<u>\$99 05</u>	<u>\$99 05</u>

BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Joel H. Howard,	\$ 1 45	
J. Gundersen,	85	
Robert Colley,	86	
James H. Whitney, 2nd,	11 05	
Percy Winslow,	33	
Wellington C. Pratt,	3 50	
Harold G. Beck,	2 05	
Everett L. O'Brion,	1 69	
George P. Noyes,	11 09	
Everett Wilson,	8 50	
Forest Babbidge,	97	
Clarence Leighton,	3 26	
Rose Starling,	3 40	
Willis Whitney,	5 20	
Howard Ramsdell,	8 66	
Ralph Doughty,	14 58	
Frank Moulton,	1 00	
Ray Ricker,	1 07	
Marcellus Ricker,	40	

Neils Knudsen,	\$10 23
Walter Swett,	2 30
Marion Ramsdell,	71
Arthur V Lunt,	6 87
Hans Jensen,	30
Fred M. Blake,	40
Stevie Pratt,	1 91
Emil Iversen,	2 79
H. D. Winn,	1 40
E. L. Clough,	2 00
U. R. Pride,	1 32
Willie Hansen,	1 53
Arthur Ulricksen,	2 06
Charles B. Leighton,	1 39
Harold Leighton,	2 70
Harold Marston,	1 14
Lester Marston,	4 04
Thaddeus Young,	2 43
J. H. Fabricius,	35
Howard Olmstead,	2 95
Howard Thurlow,	2 03
E. Clifford Mason,	90
Nelson V Pelton,	18
George R. Mountfort,	1 10
Vernon Wilson,	3 07
Charles Sommers,	3 08
Marshall H. Taylor,	2 10
Karl Pearson,	2 36
Ernest Field,	41
Edgar Leighton,	24
Carl E. Lund,	67
Louis Jordan,	2 03
Everett Libby,	2 60
Lawrence Aaskov,	11
Melville Hinck,	4 95
	1 45
Noyes Printing Co., envelopes and stamps,	11 05

F. B. Blanchard, service on notices,	\$ 5 00	
Algernon Bowie, " "	5 00	
Ham & Ramsdell,	31 10	
Balance against appropriation,		8 06
	<hr/>	
	\$208 06	\$208 06

SCHOOLS.

Balance last report,	\$	282 79
Appropriation,		2,500 00
State Mill and Bank tax,		1,333 83
Carrie H. Winslow, teaching 1906,	\$	99 00
Georgia M. Sawyer, " "		90 00
Bessie Clough, " "		88 00
Lottie M. Morrison, teaching and janitor, 1906,		11 00
Ralph H. Doughty, janitor, "		3 25
C. Mason, storing fuel & janitor, 1906,		4 00
R. Pratt, sawing fuel & janitor "		5 25
V Wilson, " " " "		5 50
P K. Merrill, " " " "		7 50
M. Iversen, 3d, " " " "		6 50
S. W. Hamilton, fuel,		7 00
Anna C. Colley, teaching and janitor,	330 00	
Grace Drinkwater, teaching, 1907,	133 00	
D. W. Lunt, "	275 00	
Josephine Pullen, "	172 00	
Evelyn Yeaton, "	299 50	
Ethel N. Colley, "	223 00	
Grace M. Graham, "	165 00	
Addie G. Barber, "	82 50	
Sadie Sylvester, "	207 00	
Georgia M. Sawyer, "	198 00	
Flora M. Walker, "	120 00	
Sadie E. Balmforth, teaching, janitor,	101 75	
Lottie M. Morrison, " "	192 50	
Frances S. Blanchard, " "	74 25	

Ina M. Huston, teaching and janitor,	\$ 74 25
Wallace L. Merrill, fuel,	2 50
C. F. Colley, “	13 25
Hans Petersen, “	11 00
Winslow Bros., “	61 65
E. L. Huston, “	33 35
Percy F. West, “	66 00
F. B. Blanchard, “	6 50
John Aaskov, “	3 00
S. W. Hamilton, “	13 00
H. D. Babbidge, “ 1906,	6 00
S. A. Whitney, fitting and storing fuel,	10 00
S. M. Blanchard “ “ “	1 75
S. G. Huston, paid for storing fuel,	1 25
W. H. Pearson,	85
Thaddeus Young, janitor,	2 75
Ralph Doughty, “	2 75
P. K. Merrill, “	5 50
Vernon Wilson, “	3 00
Fred Young, “	4 00
Frank Tocher, “	2 75
Clifford Blake, “	6 50
Morris Blake, “	2 75
George P. Noyes, “	2 75
Rossie Pratt, “	5 50
G. R. Mountfort, janitor, storing fuel,	4 75
James B. Tocher, “ “ “	3 00
Emma Ingersoll, conveying scholars,	55 00
C. H. Field, “ “	81 00
L. L. Huston, fuel and sawing,	13 63
Wilson Nevins, carting, fitting and storing fuel,	7 63
Due to schools,	708 51

\$4,116 62 \$4,116 62

TEXT BOOKS.

Balance last report,		\$ 38 72
Appropriation,		175 00
Loring Short & Harmon,	\$ 4 09	
American Book Co. 1905-6,	123 27	
American Express Co.,	5 63	
D. H. Knowlton,	2 70	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	9 00	
Ginn & Co.,	81 23	
Balance against appropriation,		12 20
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$225 92	\$225 92

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Balance last report,		\$ 5 04
Appropriation,		25 00
Dow & Hodsdon,	\$ 90	
A. S. Noyes,	11 75	
H. B. Cole, diplomas,	2 20	
W H. Rowe, 1906, stationary,	6 65	
Welch Stencil Co.,	2 35	
J. L. Hammett,	5 50	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, erasers	2 50	
W. H. Pearson & Co.,	70	
Balance against appropriation,		2 51
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$32 55	\$32 55

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Balance last report,		\$ 17 75
Appropriation,		250 00
Stephen G. Huston,	\$ 10 93	
Clifford Mason, cleaning,	1 00	
O. D. Bucknam, material and labor,	68 73	
Wilson Nevins, " "	9 98	
W H. Pearson,	7 28	
L. A. Doughty & Co.,	8 82	

A. H. Wilson,	\$ 1 05	
Burges Forbes & Co., paint,	23 90	
L. W. Hadlock,	38	
F. C. Bachelder, labor,	27 50	
W. R. Barbor, cleaning,	12 00	
Mrs. F. L. Adams, “	7 00	
Miss E. Wilson, “	4 00	
S. A. Whitney, “	6 75	
Mrs., Fred Olesen, “	3 00	
Hannah Brink, “	5 00	
L. A. Olmstead, labor,	22 25	
E. L. Huston,	2 64	
Jerome Rumery & Co.,	9 75	
R. S. Davis & Co., chair,	2 25	
Balance in favor of appropriation,	33 54	
	<hr/>	
	\$267 75	\$267 75

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Balance last report,		\$293 34
Due from state,		250 00
Appropriation,		800 00
Freda M. Hamilton,	Portland,	\$ 7 50
Huldah L. Kimball,	“	22 50
Mabel E. Norton,	“	22 50
Isabelle P. Mann,	“	7 50
Edward L. Robinson,	“	7 50
George R. Mountfort,	Deering,	15 00
Marion Harmon,	“	15 00
Lorene Merrill,	“	22 50
Edna Libby,	“	22 50
Dolly Webber,	“	7 50
Evelyn Lawsen,	“	22 50
Susie Chenery,	“	22 50
May G. Knight,	“	7 50
Myra Strout,	“	15 00
Albert H. Wilson,	“	7 50

Paul Harmon,	Deering,	\$ 7 50
Philip K. Merrill,	"	15 00
George H. Meloon,	"	7 50
Everett O'Brion,	"	15 00
Carl Pearson,	"	15 00
James Tocher,	"	15 00
Earle Bailey,	Westbrook,	25 54
Robert Colley,	N.Y. Academy,	25 50
Arthur V. Lunt,	"	25 50
Gladys M. Lunt,	"	27 50
Bertha L. Winslow,	"	27 50
Mary R. Lowell,	"	17 00
Hugh B. Poland,	"	9 50
Howard P. Ramsdell,	"	25 50
Edward L. Robinson,	"	19 00
Donald Colley,	"	17 00
Wallace Marston,	"	8 50
Howard Leighton,	"	17 00
Rose Starling,	Yarmouth,	27 00
S. Morris Blanchard,	Greely Institute,	8 00
Everett Libby,	"	16 00
Hertha Lund,	"	14 00
Alice Lund,	"	8 00
Inez O'Brion,	"	24 00
Blanche Huston,	"	16 00
Louis Jordan,	Thornton Academy,	20 00
Grace A. Sargent,	White's School, 1906,	30 00
Floy G. Pearson,	Westbrook Seminary,	30 00
Lena H. Mountfort,	"	30 00
Ella M. Mountfort,	"	30 00
Edith L. Hall,	"	10 00
Ina M. Huston,	"	10 00
Florence M. Tocher,	"	30 00
W. H. Field,	"	30 00
Ralph S. Bowie,	"	30 00
Warren G. Lunt,	"	10 00
Carroll Davis,	"	20 00
Bal. in favor of appropriation,		395 34

\$1,343 34 \$1,343 34

Town Farm Account.

STATEMENT.

Received from R. Rasmussen, hay,	
to bal. account last report,	\$21 60

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

Balance last report,		\$644 01
M. C. R. R., fire damage,		2 00
Cash from C. Petersen, in rental,		78 00
Due from C. Petersen, in rental,		32 00
Paid C. Petersen, repairs on farm wagon,	\$ 7 00	
W H. Pearson & Co., grain,		
glass and fence wire,	27 98	
Kendall & Whitney, pump,	4 09	
C. W Lewis, cow,	50 00	
Carried to Alms House Account,	33 97	
Balance in favor of farm,	632 97	
	\$756 01	\$756 01

Stock on the farm, 1 horse, 4 cows, also 125 hens.

OUT POOR AND INSANE.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Received of Town of Litchfield,	
on account of aid to Charles	
W Groves and family,	47 56
Received of City of Portland, on	
account of aid to Eugene	
Groves and family,	144 98
Due from City of Portland, on	
account of Richard H. Gore,	28 52

Paid Charles A. Woodman, on account of Elbridge Tolman,	\$ 16 29
Mary McLean for Elbridge Tol- man,	130 21
Elbridge Tolman, board,	24 85
Lizzie E. Blanchard for board of Alvin and Emma Chase,	254 50
H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance, C. W. Groves and family,	25 00
H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance, Eugene Groves and family,	72 00
H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance, Emma Chase,	3 00
H. M. Moulton, M. D., cert. of insanity, W. S. Hobbs,	5 00
Maine Insane Hospital, Elmer B. Hill,	138 80
Maine Insane Hospital, W. S. Hobbs,	41 07
Maine Insane Hospital, R. H. Gore,	13 92
W. H. Pearson & Co., supplies, C. W. Groves,	14 18
W. H. Pearson & Co., supplies, Eugene Groves,	68 03
W. H. Pearson & Co., boots, shoes, etc., Chase children,	12 75
H. D. Babbidge, carting coal, C. W. Groves,	1 00
Deering Coal and Wood Co., coal for C. W. Groves,	3 38
Porteous, Mitchell & Braun, cloth- ing, Emma Chase,	2 00
Fred Hinck, wood, Ellen Huston,	18 25
A. H. Wilson, fitting and stor- ing wood for Ellen Huston,	10 94
Susan G. Field, rent, C. W. Groves,	4 00
F. B. Blanchard, service and ex- pense to Augusta, commit- ment W. S. Hobbs,	6 65

Paid F. B. Blanchard, service in care of R. H. Gore, and service and expense of removal of Elmer B. Hill from Hos- pital,	\$ 6 79	
F. B. Blanchard, services and ex- pense in care of family of Amos O. Green,	2 80	
Algernon Bowie, service in case of W. S. Hobbs, and service and expense to Augusta, commitment of R. H. Gore,	9 10	
City of South Portland, expense on account of family of Amos O. Green,	63 29	
S. W. Hamilton for supplies for family of Eugene Groves,	4 95	
Ira F. Clark & Co., clothing, Alvin Chase,	4 68	
Neils Hansen, fuel, Ellen Hus- ton,	6 00	
Walter E. Tobie, M. D., cert. of insanity, R. H. Gore,	5 00	
E. F. Robinson, M. D., cert. of insanity, R. H. Gore,	5 00	
E. F. Robinson, M. D., exami- nation E. B. Leighton, 1906,	5 00	
Lizzie E. Blanchard, cash paid for clothing for Alvin and Emma Chase,	10 40	
Balance against appropriation,		167 77
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$988 83	\$988 83

TAXES ABATED.

On list of James E. Merrill, 1904,	\$ 10 00
Arthur S. Noyes, 1905,	52 10
John F. Williams, 1906,	67 20
John F. Williams, 1907,	116 92

OVERLAY ACCOUNT.

Overlay, 1907,	\$27 98
Unexpended,	\$27 98
	<hr/>
	\$27 98
	<hr/>
	\$27 98

Collectors' Account.

JAMES E. MERRILL, 1904.

	DR.		
Balance last report,			\$10 05
	CR.		
Cash,		\$ 05	
Abatements,		10 00	
		<u>\$10 05</u>	<u>\$10 05</u>

ARTHUR S. NOYES, 1905.

	DR.		
Balance last report,			\$99 07
	CR.		
Cash,		\$ 8 50	
Abatements,		52 02	
		<u>\$60 52</u>	<u>\$60 52</u>
			\$38 55

JOHN F. WILLIAMS, 1906.

	DR.		
Balance last report,			\$6,360 34
	CR.		
Cash,		\$5,768 63	
Abatements,		67 20	
		<u>\$5,835 83</u>	<u>\$5,835 83</u>
			\$524 51

JOHN F. WILLIAMS, 1907.

	DR.		
Total commitment,			\$16,298 48
	CR.		
Cash,		\$15,908 28	
Abatements,		116 92	
		<u>\$16,025 20</u>	<u>\$16,025 20</u>
			\$273 28

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS FOR YEAR 1905.

Anderson, Byron G.,	\$2 00
Baker, Leonard,	2 00
Baker, Francis,	2 00
Barry, Michael,	2 00
Coburn, J. L.,	2 00
Christiansen, Hans,	4 50
Dill, James,	2 00
Harlow, Carle,	2 00
Knight, Wm. P.,	2 20
Oakes, Frank,	2 50
Rendall, C. F.,	2 60
Skillin, Edward A.,	2 00
Shorter, Charles,	2 00
Silverinous, Richard L.,	2 00
Sawtelle, Ernest A.,	2 00
Sawtelle, Roland A.,	2 00
Weeks, Samuel H.,	2 50
Young, D. P.,	25
	<hr/>
	\$38 55

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS FOR YEAR 1906.

Anderson, Ola,	\$ 6 68
Baker, Warren D.,	2 00
Baker, Leonard G.,	2 00
Baker, Francis D.,	2 00
Blake, Moses G., Estate of,	19 88
Blake, O. G.,	2 58
Brown, Wm. R.,	2 00
Beck, Geo. E.,	6 96
Barry, Michael,	2 00
Clifford, Franklin M.,	2 00
Coburn, J. L.,	2 00
Davis, W. W.,	2 00
Goodnow, John H.,	57 00
Goudy, Geo. H.,	2 00
Hansen, Knute C.,	6 40
Haskell, Edwin W.,	2 28
Hansen, Myers,	2 00
Ice-ton, Wm.,	2 00
Jensen, Joseph C.,	10 53
Jordan, G. T.,	3 71
Jordan, H. S.,	2 00
Knight, Charles N.,	4 20

Kelley, A. E.,	\$ 3 65
Leighton, Walter R.,	83
Lunt, Alton E.,	2 00
McIntosh, A. W.,	2 00
Merrill, E. S.,	40 23
Morrill, Leroy M.,	2 00
Packard, Nathaniel, heirs of,	21 57
Packard, Walter C.,	2 72
Pearson, Edward F.,	2 00
Rendall, Charles F.,	3 54
Rich, Walter,	2 00
Rice, Herbert,	2 00
Sargent, Horace E.,	2 00
Sawyer, Edith R.,	17 33
Shaw, B. W.,	4 48
Skillin, Edwin A.,	2 00
Shorter, Charles,	2 00
Silverinous, Richard L.,	2 00
Whitney, S. A.,	3 32
Wilson, H. W. B.,	11 63
Weeks, Samuel H.,	2 55
Whitehouse, Harry L.,	2 00
Woodman, W. C.,	2 00
Young, D. P.,	28
Bean, L. H.,	5 23
Babbitt, Mary A.,	83
Briggs & Carwill,	27 50
Casco Bay Fishing Co.,	22 00
Goudy, Lewis A.,	58 86
Goudy, Mrs. Annie J.,	48 40
Gowen, Nathaniel,	28
Libby, Stephen,	6 24
Lewis, Chas. W.,	1 10
Mabery, G. B. & Co.,	27 50
Norton, Loren F., guardian,	2 20
Russell, C. F.,	1 65
Watson, Geo. P.,	1 65
Slayton, Charles,	2 00
Vaughn, Samuel C.,	2 20
Tyler, Fred E.,	2 00
Knight, Ira O.,	2 00
Marston, Frank P.,	25 54
Nickerson, Chas. W.,	2 00
<hr/>	
	\$520 23

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS FOR YEAR 1907.

Adams, Reuben,	\$ 3 55
Baker, Francis D.,	2 00
Baker, Warren D.,	2 00
Baker, Leonard G.,	2 00
Barber, John,	2 00
Blake, O. G.,	2 82
Bruns, Jens N.,	2 00
Blake, Oliver F.,	2 29
Brooks, James A.,	3 15
Baxter, Walter,	2 00
Carter, George A.,	2 00
Conroy, John,	2 00
Cady, Walter H.,	2 00
Deway, Jerry,	2 00
Dupee, Frank,	2 00
Dyer, Lemuel W., Jr.,	2 00
Forbes, E. J.,	2 00
Farr, Herbert,	2 00
Frye, Sarah J.,	11 50
Goudy, George H.,	2 00
Groves, Charles W.,	2 75
Groves, Eugene,	2 00
Grimsditch, Henry J.,	2 00
Goodnow, John H., heirs of,	57 50
Hansen, Knute C.,	7 12
Hinck, Lawrence H.,	2 46
Huston, Lemuel S.,	2 00
Hansen, John,	2 00
Harlow, Carl,	2 00
Hamilton, Ernest H.,	2 00
Iversen, Martin, Jr.,	2 00
Jensen, John S.,	2 00
Jensen, Joseph C.,	2 00
Jensen, Niels,	2 98
Johnsen, John S.,	2 00
Johansen, Edward,	5 62
Knight, Ira O.,	2 00
Knight, William E.,	2 00
Leighton, Nathaniel,	2 29
Leighton, Walter R.,	3 15
Lord, Martin C.,	2 23
Lunt, Elias,	2 00
Lunt, Benj. F.,	7 18

Libby, Charles A.,	\$ 2 00
Littlejohn, Alfred H.,	2 00
Marston, Elmer E.,	2 00
Merrill, Reuben,	2 00
Melvin, H. T.,	2 00
McIntosh, A. W.,	2 00
Mains, Joseph L.,	2 00
Much, J. H.,	2 40
McDonald, John,	2 00
Merrill, Wm. L.,	2 00
Mowatt, Sterling,	2 00
Patton, Herbert N.,	2 00
Pride, Orman J.,	2 00
Pride, Fred R.,	2 00
Pride, Howard S.,	4 01
Richards, C. K.,	5 57
Rich, Walter,	2 00
Rice, Herbert,	2 58
Rowe, Winslow,	2 00
Sargent, Horace E.,	2 00
Skillin, Henry D.,	1 49
Smith, Lewis C.,	2 00
Smith, Martin L.,	2 00
Swett, B. U.,	2 00
Shorter, Charles,	2 00
Spearin, David,	3 32
Spear, James,	2 00
Silverinous, Richard L.,	2 86
Slyunqurest, Herman,	2 00
Skeetup, George,	2 00
Tyler, Fred E.,	2 00
Ulrickson, Carle,	2 00
Whitney, S. A.,	3 15
Whitehouse, Fred O.,	3 04
Whitehouse, Harry,	2 00
Wescott, Eugene,	2 00
Young, D. P.,	29
Bevins, W. J.,	1 15
Babbitt, Mary A.,	86
Russell, C. F.,	1 73
Babbidge, Charles L.,	2 29
Stoddard, Frank,	2 00
Goudy, Lewis A.,	8 05
Norton, L. F., guardian,	2 20
	<hr/>
	\$270 28

Financial Condition of Town.

ASSETS.

Due from A. S. Noyes, Collector, 1905,	\$ 38 55
J. F. Williams, " 1906,	524 51
J. F. Williams, " 1907,	273 28
Tax Deeds,	143 63
State, dog licenses (estimated),	135 00
State, for State road,	200 00
State, for Supt. of Schools,	75 00
City of Portland for Out Poor,	28 52
Cash in treasury,	5,355 48
	<hr/> \$6,773 97

LIABILITIES.

F. B. Blanchard, Selectman, etc.,	\$142 00
Algernon Bowie, "	132 00
Lawrence L. Ramsdell, "	75 00
A. S. Noyes, Treasurer,	75 00
A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk,	25 00
A. S. Noyes, Collector,	25 00
J. F. Williams, " 1906,	75 00
J. F. Williams, " 1907,	75 00
W. H. Moore, Supt. of Schools,	37 50
Due to Schools,	708 51
Bills outstanding (estimated),	150 00
	<hr/> \$1,520 01
Assets over liabilities,	<hr/> \$5,253 96

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

Highways,	\$3,000 00
Out Poor and Insane,	700 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Bridges and Culverts,	400 00
Snow,	100 00
Contingencies,	200 00
Schools, by S. S. Committee,	2,300 00
High School Tuition, “	600 00
Text Books, “	250 00
School Supplies, “	50 00
Repair of School Houses, “	200 00

FRANK B. BLANCHARD,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor of Falmouth.</i>
ALGERNON BOWIE,	
LAWRENCE L. RAMSDELL,	

FALMOUTH, Feb. 15, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing record of orders and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and the amount paid for the same to be thirteen thousand, two hundred, fifty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents (\$13,258.91).

D. W. LUNT, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ARTHUR S. NOYES, Treas., in acct. with the TOWN OF
FALMOUTH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last report,	\$ 1,107 29
From J. F. Williams, Collector 1906,	5,768 63
" " " 1907,	15,908 28
A. S. Noyes, " 1905,	8 50
J. E. Merrill, " 1904,	05
Portland Trust Co., six months loan,	1,000 00
Portland Trust Co., " " "	2,000 00
State Treas., State roads,	200 00
State Treas., high school tuition,	530 00
State Treas., school and mill tax,	1,333 83
State Treas., State pensions refunded,	192 00
State Treas., Supt., schools salary,	150 00
State Treas., dog licenses refunded,	125 35
State Treas., tel., and tel., tax,	159 05
State Treas., sheep damage refunded,	33 50
City of Portland,	144 98
Town of Litchfield,	47 56
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	182 00
Interest,	68 80
Town farm,	78 00
Tax claims,	33 25
Maine Central Railroad,	2 00
Telephone tolls,	1 78
	<hr/>
	\$29,074 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$ 3,927 83
County tax,	1,254 63
Dog licenses,	182 00
Notes,	5,000 00
Pensions,	96 00
Town orders,	13,258 91
Cash on deposit,	5,355 48
	<hr/>
	\$29,074 85

ARTHUR S. NOYES, TREAS.

 FALMOUTH, MAINE, FEB., 15, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account of Arthur S. Noyes, Treasurer for the year 1907, and find it properly vouched, and find in his hands fifty-three hundred fifty-five dollars and forty-eight cents (\$5,355.48).

D. W. LUNT, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Falmouth, Maine:

In accordance with custom the following report on the condition and progress of the work of your schools for the past year is respectfully submitted.

Number of persons residing in the Town between the ages of five and twenty-one years on April 1st 1906, 466

Number of persons residing in town between the ages of five and twenty-one years on April 1st 1907, 448

Decrease in number of persons of school age, 18

Number of schools maintained during the year, 11

Length of school year in weeks, 32

Number of different teachers employed, 15

Average number of teachers employed, 12

Whole number of pupils in attendance, 243

Average number, 192

Schools and the work which I have observed has evinced skill and care on the part of teachers as well as preparation and interest on the part of pupils. In most of the schools good progress has been apparent throughout the year; and whenever conditions have appeared to militate against this result, I have endeavored to correct them by such changes and suggestions as seemed best adapted to the end desired.

I found no course of study in the schools and although the teachers have worked along the same lines in general, they have been at some disadvantage in not having their work

The data here given and all other statements in this report relating to the first term of the year are taken from the records left by the former Superintendent of Schools.

more definitely laid out and arranged for them. It will be my care, as soon as possible, to provide this necessary addition to your school system, and data have already been collected to that end.

TEACHERS.

When it is considered what an important element in a community the work of the teacher is, and what a great difference exists in the results derived from the services of an expert painstaking educator, and those of an unskillful inexperienced or careless teacher, this subject becomes one that should possess the deepest interest to every one having at heart the welfare of the schools and community.

The town of Falmouth has much cause for congratulation in its teaching corps as a whole; for while, as in everything human there is room for improvement in this direction, I am of the opinion that it will compare favorably with the teaching force of any similar community in the state.

I would not have it understood, however, that conditions in this direction are entirely satisfactory; for while, in several instances, excellent teachers are being employed at the wages now paid, it must be evident to any one conversant with the present conditions of educational matters, that the present scale of wages paid by the town, is not high enough to ensure the best teachers for the work in all cases. In several instances, local conditions, such as the home of the teacher in the neighborhood of the school, have been a means of overcoming this difficulty; but such conditions should not generally be relied upon.

The expense of this branch of your school service has been a little larger than last year and there seems to be slight hopes of its decreasing under the present arrangement of your schools.

Few changes have been made in the teaching force during the past year. For the fall term the committee followed the recommendations of my predecessor in the employment of teachers and the results have on the whole, justified that course of action. There were three vacancies caused by re-

signation, at that time; and these positions were filled by the only new teachers employed since the spring term. In but one other case has there been any change, and by this a former teacher of the town returned to fill a vacancy caused by resignation at No. 6.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It may appear to some that the condition of the school houses of the town should be so well known as to render any statements from the Superintendent of Schools under this head superfluous. But unless Falmouth is unique among towns of its kind, it is doubtful if very little knowledge of such matters is possessed by the average citizen, beyond the school house in his own district. As might, perhaps, be surmised not many of the school houses of the town are well adapted to the use they now subserve; for both the changed condition of the schools and modern ideas of light, heat, ventilation, and comfort, call for requirements which only a few of them possess.

In several cases the desks are of ancient design and intended for older pupils than now occupy them. In one instance, at least, they have proven so uncomfortable for the younger pupils that the teacher has resorted to the expedient of placing blocks of wood and boxes beneath the seats for the little ones to rest their feet upon. In no less than four or five of the eleven school houses now in use do these conditions exist, and while it may be argued by some that they are as comfortable for the present generation as they were for those who have used them in the past, I believe that the majority of the citizens of this town will be in favor of taking steps to improve them as soon as possible.

The exterior of the school buildings are generally in very good condition and well preserved. Two have been painted during the past year and repairs of some extent have been made on the doorway at No. 9, where considerable trouble was experienced from the water beating in during storms, and new out-houses have been built at No. 3.

Although the school house at Pleasant Hill has been re-

cently repaired, the hall way still presents a dilapidated appearance on account of the broken plastering and should be covered with sheathing before the opening of the spring term of school.

At No. 6 the underpinning is in a bad condition and will necessitate some expenditure the coming year. The blackboards and ceiling of this school house also need attention and a plank walk should be laid from the road to the door as much annoyance is caused from the mud and water which collects there in wet weather. There are few out-houses in town that would not be greatly benefited by a small outlay upon them.

As the preservation itself of so much school property has necessitated the expenditure of a large part of the appropriation for repairs it would appear that little attention has been given to the improvement of the school grounds for some time and their condition is consequently far from satisfactory. While, perhaps, it would be impolitic to attempt any extensive improvements in the direction at the present time, a beginning should be made, for which there is no better opportunity than at No. 3 where a really fine school yard is in a deplorable condition through lack of care.

In closing these remarks upon the condition and needs of the school houses, I do not wish it to be understood that I am finding fault with those who have in the past had charge of the school property of the town; for, after examining the town reports of several previous years, I am convinced that all has been done in the direction of repairs and improvements that could be expected from the small appropriations for these purposes.

TEXT BOOKS.

As less than half the amount appropriated for text books remained unexpended when I assumed the duties of superintendent on July 1st, only such books have been purchased during the past six months as appeared absolutely necessary. But even under those conditions this account has been a little over-drawn, for many of the books were found to be in such

a bad condition that further use of them was quite impossible.

There have been no introductions except in the case of the "New Education Readers" two numbers of which were added to those already in the schools. These books are now used as the basic readers for the first four grades.

In the higher grades there will be need of new books on this subject, while the geographies and arithmetics throughout the schools are in a very dilapidated condition and will require renewal in the near future.

In the purchase of text books I have endeavored to act, with a view of producing uniformity in them throughout the town, the lack of which is one of the great inconveniences to be encountered throughout the entire district.

In nearly all the schools I found a variety of books in use under the head of supplementary readers. These seemed to be without any definite standard of grading, and in several cases, entirely, unfit for the class of pupils using them.

I shall attempt to remedy this evil by the introduction of a set of standard readers as a basis and by the use of other reading matter to supplement, but not to displace them.

It is my opinion that nothing is lost from a financial standpoint in keeping the text books in good condition; for when a worn and defaced book is placed in the hands of the pupil, he loses all care for its preservation and soon transfers the rough and careless usage accorded to this book to all others. If pupils are to be taught carefulness in the handling and use of their books, these books must be worth caring for and preserving.

IN GENERAL.

That the schools of your town possessed many excellent qualities I had been led to believe before coming into actual contact with them, both from report and from an association as teacher with an occasional pupil from them. My official relations with them has confirmed me in this opinion, for there are many things connected with them that are entirely praiseworthy.

The attitude of the pupils to their schools and teachers, the respect shown to me as an official, and the general spirit of

cheerfulness with which they have accepted my suggestions and seconded my efforts to bring about changes and improvements—all betoken a condition of things that does not exist through accident or chance.

But if it was my belief that the present condition of your schools was entirely satisfactory, I would refrain from making such a statement if it should have a tendency to cause any cessation in the efforts necessary not only to improve and perfect them but also to keep them to any high standard obtained. With this idea in mind I have, without reserve, called your attention to some of the things which seem to me to need remedying, and how, perhaps, this can best be done has been explained in that part of this report entitled "A Plan to Improve the Falmouth Schools."

The length of my report and the lack of some data for the first term of the year has prevented the insertion of the names of pupils not absent and a few other details which would naturally follow.

A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE FALMOUTH SCHOOLS.

That nothing is done well enough which can be done better is a common axiom of school instruction, and one which, in principle, is as applicable to the arrangement and management of schools as to the work done in them. No school or system of schools should be regarded as satisfactory so long as there is opportunity of improvement; especially when such improvement may be brought about without extra expense to those upon whom the support of the schools in question falls.

After an observation and study of the conditions connected with Falmouth school system extending over a period of six months, the present Superintendent feels convinced that an opportunity exists for greatly improving the schools of the town with but little or no extra expense to the taxpayers. In order to understand why such an opportunity should exist at the present time, some explanation of the changes which have taken place during the last few years in the conditions of schools in rural communities will be necessary.

First, the recent change in the State laws making it incumbent upon towns that do not support free high schools, to pay the tuition of all pupils prepared to enter upon a high school course in any approved high school or academy in the State, has practically eliminated such pupils from the town schools. The result of this and other causes which tend to diminish the school attendance in rural communities has been to reduce several of our schools to such small size that their continuance seems both impracticable and unprofitable; for schools of less than a dozen pupils can be maintained at but slightly less expense than those containing two or three times that number, while the results obtained from such schools are usually much the less satisfactory, as teachers who are able to maintain the enthusiasm and impart the class of instruction necessary for the success of very small schools can rarely be procured at the wages generally paid under such conditions. As a result the teachers employed in such cases are frequently either of limited experience in the schoolroom or none at all, and conditions which really require a high degree of skill to meet successfully are left to those least qualified for the work; for it is now generally conceded by educators, that an inexperienced and resourceless teacher is likely to make a more dismal failure in a small mixed school than in a much larger one of few grades.

The second circumstance which renders the present time exceedingly opportune for improving the Falmouth schools by such changes as are here contemplated results from the change in the mill tax made by the last session of the State Legislature.

In accordance with the provisions of this law as it now stands, if towns this year raise the same amount by local taxation for the support of schools as last year, a substantial increase in the sum available for this purpose for the coming year will result, so that conditions will be exceedingly favorable for the smaller towns to make changes which aim at needed improvement in their schools.

The changes which are contemplated by the present plan

for improving the schools of this Town are as follows:

First. The schools on the Foreside Nos. 1 and 2, each of which now includes nearly all the grades to the high school, should be changed into a primary and a grammar school, containing four grades each instead of eight. This change can easily be brought about by transferring a part of the pupils of each school to the other by the electrics, and at an expense which would be quite inconsiderable as compared with the great advantages that would accrue to each school from such a change. For this arrangement would greatly increase the efficiency of both schools by enabling the teachers to confine their efforts to fewer classes and subjects, and thus providing the time so necessary for the drill-work that modern school methods require to ensure even a fair measure of success.

Secondly. The school at No. 4 should be closed and pupils from that section of the Town should attend school at No. 5, (Pleasant Hill). Here the distance is so short that conveyance would be unnecessary except in the case of pupils of the first two or three grades. The accommodations at No. 5 are ample for the additional seven or eight pupils which this change would necessitate providing for, and arrangement can be made at very slight expense for a recitation room there should an assistant teacher be needed.

Thirdly. A recitation room should be added to the school building at West Falmouth and the pupils from Nos. 8 and 12 should be conveyed to that school. At present there are eight pupils at No. 8 and seven at No. 12; and the prospects of any marked increase in the number at either school seem at present quite remote.

Of the several changes suggested in these outlines the last one is the most logical and, perhaps, the most likely to appeal to the average citizen; for it is quite evident to all that schools of seven or eight pupils can be run only at disadvantage, both as regards expense and benefits to the scholars attending them. The distance of either of the schools from No. 7 is not so great that there need be any difficulty or discomfort to pupils in their conveyance, while the advantages

gained from attending a larger and better graded school would far outweigh any inconvenience that could possibly result and prove an ample recompense for the regrets that any might entertain at the closing of the schools in their home districts. For with the present teacher as principal and a good assistant to relieve him of the care of the lower grades, this school may be made a model institution of its kind, from which pupils can be graduated thoroughly prepared either for higher branches of study or for the ordinary vocations of life.

In connection with this arrangement, the closing of two school houses in good repair and well adapted to the ordinary needs of schools, may seem to some to be a questionable proceeding; but when it is considered that they are being used only at a constant financial loss to the Town not to mention the disadvantages to pupils who attend schools maintained under such adverse conditions, arguments in favor of keeping them open lose their force; for it is quite evident that the cost of maintaining two separate schools will more than meet the expense of conveying the pupils and providing an assistant teacher at West Falmouth.

In closing these recommendations the Superintendent wishes it to be understood that he is not attempting to urge the acceptance of his plans upon the citizens of Falmouth, for while he feels assured that the arrangements herein outlined would prove of great advantage to the school system of the Town, he is entirely willing to leave the decision of the matter to those who have the greatest interests at stake—the parents of children who attend the schools. But whether any part of these recommendations may seem worthy of acceptance by the voters of the Town the fact will still remain that if the schools of this or any other community are to keep pace with the march of progress, there must be no stint of effort or expense, within reasonable limits, on the part of those who have at heart the best interests of the rising generation.

H. M. MOORE, Supt. of Schools.
Falmouth, Maine, Feb. 17, 1908.

TABULAR REPORT.

No. OF SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	No. OF WEEKS.	WHOLE NUMBER.	AVERAGE NUMBER.	WAGES PER WEEK.
SPRING TERM.					
1	SADIE A. SYLVESTER,	12	17	15	\$ 9 00
2	GRACE R. DRINKWATER,	12			9 00
3	ANNA C. COLLEY,	11	42	37	11 00
4	ADDIE G. BARBER,	11	10	10	7 50
5	GEORGIA M. SAWYER,	* 12	27	24	9 00
6	LOTTIE M. MORRISON,	11	24	22	8 50
7	D. W. LUNT,	11	25	23	11 00
8	FRANCES S. BLANCHARD,	11	9	8	6 50
9	GRACE L. GRAHAM,	11	23	20	7 50
10	ETHEL N. COLLEY,	11	20	16	8 00
12	EVELYN YEATON,	12	10	8	9 00
FALL TERM.					
1	SADIE A. SYLVESTER,	11	16	14	9 00
2	SARAH E. BALMFORTH,	11	22	19	9 00
3	ANNA C. COLLEY,	11	38	32	11 00
4	ETHEL N. COLLEY,	11	8	7	7 50
5	GEORGIA M. SAWYER,	* 13	27	24	9 00
6	LOTTIE M. MORRISON,	11	20	18	8 50
7	D. W. LUNT,	11	27	26	11 00
8	INA M. HUSTON,	11	7	6	6 50
9	GRACE L. GRAHAM,	11	28	25	8 00
10	FLORA M. WALKER,	11	17	14	8 00
12	EVELYN YEATON,	11	9	7	9 00
WINTER TERM.					
1	SADIE E. SYLVESTER,	10	14	12	9 00
2	SARAH E. BALMFORTH,	10	24	20	9 00
3	ANNA C. COLLEY,	10	37	34	11 00
4	ETHEL N. COLLEY,	10	8	7	7 50
5	GEORGIA M. SAWYER,	* 12	27	22	9 00
6	GRACE R. DRINKWATER,	10	24	21	8 50
7	D. W. LUNT,	10	35	29	11 00
8	INA M. HUSTON,	10	9	7	6 50
9	GRACE L. GRAHAM,	10	26	21	8 00
10	FLORA M. WALKER,	10	18	16	8 00
12	EVELYN YEATON.	10	7	6	9 00

*Expense of last two weeks met by Trustees of Endowment Fund.
 Josephine Pullen Asst. at No. 3, wages, \$5.00 per week for Spring term and \$6.50 for Fall and Winter terms.