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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

AND

COUNTY TREASURER,

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS,

FOR 13½ MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 17, 1862.

MANCHESTER, N. H.:

AMERICAN STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF GAGE & FARNSWORTH.

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REPORT.

Amount of cash drawn from the County Treasury, and from other sources during the thirteen and one half months ending January 17th, 1862.

Cash on hand Dec. 6th, 1860,.....	\$115 92	
Received for sales at the Farm,.....	685 14	
Cash drawn from the Treasury, by John Frye,..	7,411 89	
		\$8,212 95
Cash drawn from the Treasury by sundry towns in the County, for support of Paupers not at the County Farm,.....	\$6,203 89	
By N. H. Insane Asylum, State Reform School and sundry individuals, for support of Paupers not at the Farm,.....	2,242 77	
For labor, groceries and lumber not included in the above, for the Farm,.....	7,751 86	
		16,198 52
Whole amount expended,.....		24,411 47
Deduct for cash on hand, and sales from Farm,..		801 06
		\$23,610 41

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS NOT AT THE COUNTY FARM.

Cash paid from the Treasury to the following towns :

To Amherst,.....	\$198 03	
Antrim,.....	224 45	
Bedford,.....	72 14	
Bennington,.....	72 28	
Brookline,.....	105 92	
Deering,.....	51 75	
Francestown,.....	4 50	
Goffstown,.....	76 25	

Greenfield,	70 76
Hancock,.....	41 05
Hillsborough,.....	34 92
Hollis,.....	133 86
Hudson,.....	15 07
Lyndeborough,.....	16 50
Manchester,.....	2,495 81
Mason,.....	146 65
Merrimack,	11 45
Milford,.....	198 25
Mt. Vernon,.....	7 30
Nashua,.....	1,304 00
New Ipswich,.....	361 10
New Boston,.....	125 59
Peterborough,.....	101 21
Sharon,.....	20 22
Temple,.....	12 83
Wilton,.....	47 14
Windsor,	16 89
Weare,.....	237 97
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	\$6,203 89

Cash paid to individuals for support of Paupers not at the County Farm.

To Robert Kennedy, for support of Sarah Marston, Goffstown,.....	\$26 00
Adam Chandler, for goods furnished Thomas Gaffar,	55 74
Dr. L. P. Sawyer, medical services, as per contract, at Nashua,.....	82 00
J. M. & D. A. Parker, for support of County Paupers not at Farm,.....	40 50
O. C. Libby, for support of Sally Kemp,...	86 75
Ephraim Ellenwood, support of Co. Paupers,.....	130 93
Dr. J. M. Hawks, medicine furnished by order of Dr. Bunton,.....	36 46
Dr. S. Bunton, County Physician, at Manchester, as per contract,	139 90
Dr. A. A. Gerrish, attendance on Susan Jewett, Amherst,.....	15 50

Jotham Hartshorn, support of Hannah Blanchard, Amherst,.....	60 65
George W. Wilkins, support of Olive Wil- kins, New Boston,.....	26 25
Dr. W. D. Buck, attendance on broken leg,	8 00
School District No. 5, Goffstown,.....	16 00
N. H. Insane Asylum, for G. P. Melvin, up to April 30, 1861,.....	106 96
House of Reformation,.....	1,226 13
Gage & Farnsworth, printing and distribut- ing 10,000 Reports,.....	95 00
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	\$2,242 77

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Crockery,.....	\$254 61
Cloth and Clothing,.....	201 80
Live Stock,.....	1,327 00
Hay, Grain and Vegetables,.....	2,075 50
Household Furniture,.....	1,830 45
Farming Tools,.....	1,897 94
Provisions,.....	474 12
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	\$8,061 42

Paupers at the Farm Dec. 6th, 1860,.....	96
Whole number of Paupers received from Dec. 6th, 1860, to date,.....	350
Natives,.....	103
Irish,.....	183
Other Foreigners,.....	64
No. of help employed,.....	9
Number weeks board of help,.....	408
Number " " Paupers,.....	7,048
Average number of Paupers at the Farm, for the year ending Dec. 6th, 1861,.....	115
From Dec. 6th, 1861, to Jan. 17th, 1862,.....	180
Born at the Farm during the year,.....	7
Died at the Farm during the year,.....	11
Cost of board per week,.....	\$116
Remaining at the Farm Jan. 17th, 1862,....	188

EXPENSES AT THE COUNTY FARM.

Amount of John Frye's bills, including his salary, and bills paid by him for help, groceries and other articles used at the Farm, \$8,212 95	
Amount of cash paid sundry individuals for groceries, labor, lumber, hardware and other articles used at the Farm,.....	7,915 89
Commissioners' expenses and services,.....	200 00
Lumber cut on Farm, and used for building purposes,.....	350 00
Board of help employed in erecting new, and altering and improving old buildings,.....	269 50
Whole amount expended at the County Farm,...	\$16,948 34
From which deduct cash paid for bills due prior to December 6th, 1860,.....	\$1,940 81
Expense in erecting new and altering and improving old buildings,.....	4,500 00
Excess of inventory over 1860,.....	2,685 25
Sales from the Farm,.....	685 14
	<u>\$9,811 20</u>
Expense of Paupers at Farm,	7,137 14
To which add interest on Real Estate,.....	960 00
Bills unpaid January 17th, 1862,.....	78 54
Whole expense of Paupers at the Farm,.....	<u>\$8,175 68</u>

REMARKS.

It will be noticed that the above report is brought up to the 17th of January, 1862, covering thirteen and one half months, it being more convenient to commence the financial year, after the bills are paid at the January Term of Court.

We have found great difficulty in examining the books, papers and accounts generally belonging to the Farm—to intelligently and satisfactorily understand them so as to present a correct report of their true condition, but have endeavored to make the report as accurate as their partially unsettled condition would allow. Up to the first of

March, we have not been able to effect a settlement with Mr. Frye.— Two meetings of the Board have been appointed for that purpose, and he has been notified, but has not appeared or in any way assigned a reason for neglecting our request, and has never intimated to us a desire for the adjustment of his unsettled accounts.

On the 17th of January, 1862, John Frye's connection with the Farm, as Superintendent, terminated, agreeably to a unanimous notice of discharge from the Commissioners, and on the same day, George G. Bumpus, of Tewksbury, Mass., assumed the office, and from the large experience of Mr. & Mrs. Bumpus, and the qualifications they are creditably recommended to possess, for successful management, we are confident the moral and financial condition of the Institution will at an early day indicate improvement.

Since last June, the Commissioners have been at the Farm more than has been usual in past years, and although attended with expense to the County, circumstances existed which clearly indicated the necessity of such a course, and after a long and careful investigation, they were thoroughly convinced that a radical change was promptly demanded in the management.

The past year, the numbers at the County Farm have largely increased. The amendment to the Pauper Law, which took effect July 4th, 1861, in connection with the depressed condition of manufacturing, and most other kinds of employment, has caused the expenses at the Farm, and for Paupers off the Farm, to show an income which we hope more prosperous times will soon improve.

The new law, regulating the settlement of Paupers, in a large number of cases, has operated very hard on the feelings of old people who had gained a residence before 1820, and in some cases, arrangements have been made to have them remain with their friends, for a much less expense than the cost of keeping them at the Farm. The Commissioners have felt that the best interests of the County, financially, and the cause of humanity, demanded that at least they should be allowed temporarily to remain so.

One large item of expense, has been for erecting new, and altering and improving old buildings. All the buildings of any importance, are now in good condition, and for several years the expense for improvement and repairs should be small.

It being a positive necessity, the Commissioners, in 1860, decided to build a large barn, and the last year one has been erected, 108 by 41, and for construction and convenience, we think it equal to any in the County. The horse barn has been removed from the south to the north side of the street, it being much more convenient to have it con-

nected with the large barn. It has been extensively repaired, and two cellars built beneath it. One for the horse manure and pigs, and the other for vegetables raised on the Farm. Since the boiler was placed in the cellar of the Pauper house, there has been no cellar room suitable to keep vegetables. Connected with either of the old barns, was no cellar room, and on the side of the street where they were, it was not considered expedient to have any, as at some seasons of the year, they would be liable to be overflowed with water. One of the old barns being considered not worth repairing, has been taken down, and a large part of the material used in other buildings. A large and convenient building for a wagon, tool and store house, has been erected mostly out of old material, on the north side of the street, near the railroad. The hogs being removed from the old building east of the Pauper house, to the cellar under the barns, said house has been connected by a one story building, with the main building, and thoroughly fitted up in two stories for a men's sitting room—three sleeping rooms and children's sitting and play room on the lower floor. On the second floor is a large school room, suitable also for religious meetings, Sabbath School, &c. Also a large room designed for a men's sleeping apartment.

The large increase of Paupers, rendering it necessary to have additional room for their accommodation, we requested John H. Maynard, Esq., of Manchester, to look the buildings over, and advise the best course to be pursued, having in view economy and humanity, and his recommendation to add one story to the Pauper house, and make the attic higher posted and much larger, and also to remodel the hog house—met with our approval, and was adopted.

The one story building in the yard, used for a sitting room and sleeping rooms for the men, has been much crowded the past year, and its dilapidated, miserable condition, has clearly indicated that any expenditure for repairs would be poor economy. The remodeling of the hog house will dispense with any further use for this building, and in the spring it will be removed, thus adding to the yard, room which is much too small to meet the requirements of health, humanity and good judgment.

The school for children, connected with the Farm, has been kept 41 weeks, and the average attendance has been 28. Miss E. B. HOLT, the teacher, had the esteem and confidence of the Commissioners.

IRA GAGE,	} County Commissioners for Hillsborough County.
WILLIAM WETHERBEE,	
GEORGE A. BARNES,	

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Court and the Board of Commissioners for Hillsborough County :

The following is a correct financial statement of the condition of the Treasury of said County for the year ending Dec. 31, 1861.

Amount on hand Dec. 30, 1860,.....	\$4,440 29
Whole amount received during the year 1861, ...	69,145 11
	\$73,585 40

Which has been paid as follows :

Jail expenses,....	5,896 26
County Farm expenses,....	8,132 48
Expenses of Paupers not at Farm,.....	8,157 62
Jury pay rolls,	3,666 68
State pay rolls,.....	4,299 67
Miscellaneous bills and orders,.....	3,928 77
Treasurer's salary,.....	126 00
Notes and interests,.....	32,469 65
Error,.....	31
	\$66,677 44
On hand Dec. 31, 1861,.....	\$6,907 96
Amount of County tax unpaid Dec. 31, 1861,..	2,079 68

COUNTY DEBT.

The County is indebted as follows :

To J. Gould, note and interest,.....	\$1,484 74
H. Simonds, " "	4,303 60
E. Johnson, " "	2,245 87
J. Kennard, " "	2,643 22
W. Woodbury, " "	1,268 80
J. J. Sargent, " "	1,054 00

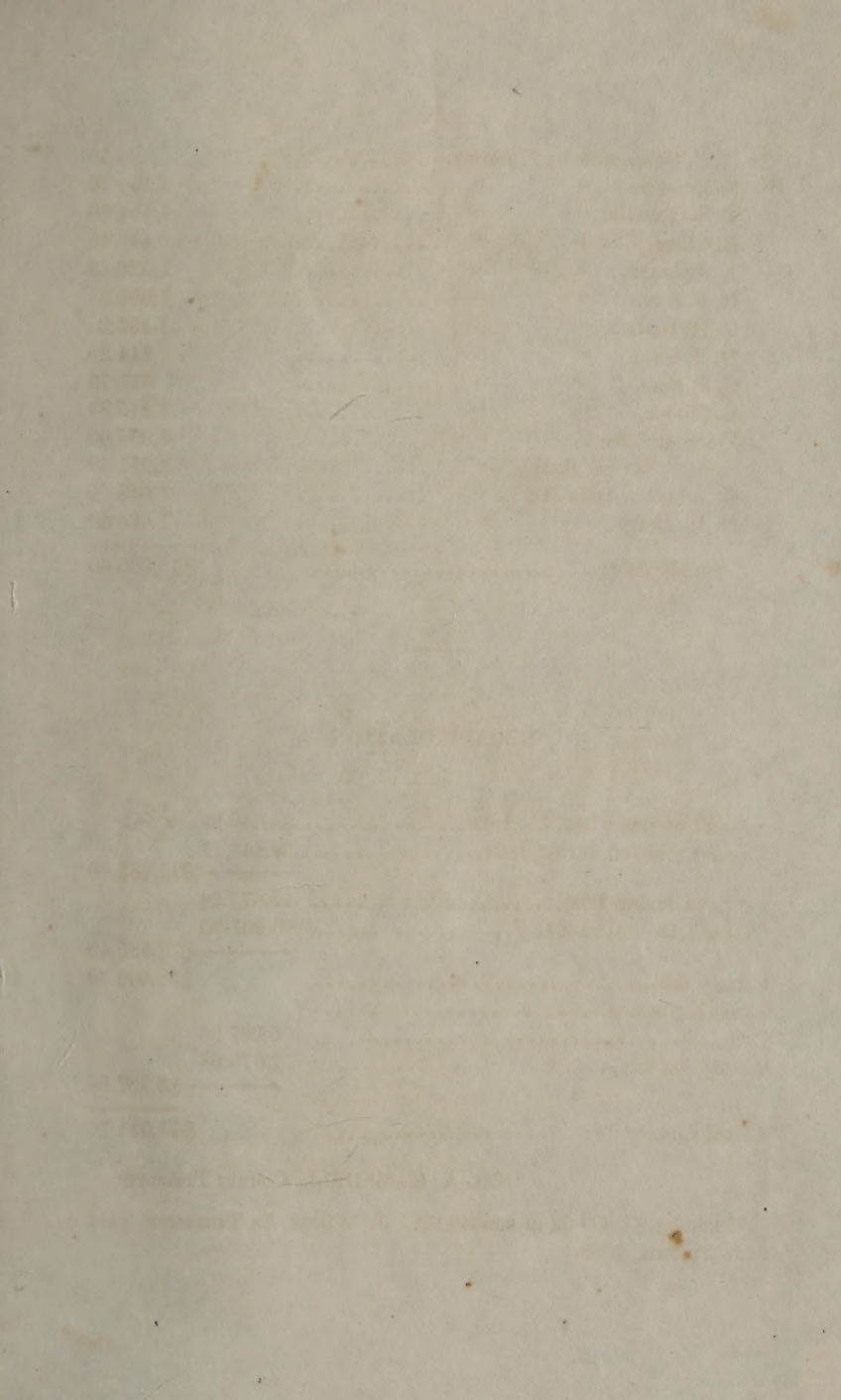
To D. S. Swan, note and interest,	526 58
S. Mooney, " "	4,154 00
C. S. Goodale, " "	4,154 00
E. Chase, " "	415 40
J. Kennard, " "	1,038 33
D. S. Swan, " "	1,036 33
C. H. Hadley, " "	1,553 25
D. S. Swan, " "	414 20
C. J. Smith, " "	517 75
H. Moore, " "	2,545 83
Peterboro' Bank, " "	3,055 00
" Sav'gs. Bank, " "	3,051 50
E. Johnson, note and " "	1,018 50
N. H. Bragg, " "	1,525 50
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County debt,	\$38,006 40

RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1860,	\$4,440 29
Amount received during 1861,	69,145 11
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	\$73,585 40
Paid out during 1861,	66,677 44
On hand Dec. 31, 1861,	*6,907 96
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	\$73,585 40
County debt,	\$38,006 40
Available means,	
Cash,	6,007 96
County tax due,	2,079 68
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	\$8,987 64
Actual County debt,	\$29,018 76

GEO. A. RAMSDALL, County Treasurer.

*Includes \$1,806 62 in hands of A. J. Wilson, Ex-Treasurer, paid January term, 1862.



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