

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877,

TOGETHER WITH THE

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

DOVER, N. H. :

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Commissioners' Report.

In order to comply with the requirements of the laws of the State, the Commissioners for Strafford County herewith submit a statement of all the expenditures of the County over which they have any control, for the year ending Mar. 1st, 1877.

The Farm has produced the past year the following amount of crops, estimated at,

English Hay,	. . . . .	110 tons.
Stock “	. . . . .	8 “
Barley and Oat Straw,	. . . . .	10 “
Corn Fodder,	. . . . .	15 “
Squash,	. . . . .	2 “
Cabbage,	. . . . .	3 “
Beets,	. . . . .	300 bush.
Corn,	. . . . .	560 “
Potatoes,	. . . . .	1500 “
Oats,	. . . . .	180 “
Barley,	. . . . .	70 “

Rye,	40	“
White Beans,	15	“
Colored “	6	“
Dry Peas,	4	“
Onions,	70	“
Turnips,	250	“
Carrots,	100	“
Parsnips,	30	“
Sweet Corn,	30	“
Apples,	50	“
“ No. 1,	80	bbls.
Pigs,	127	
Lambs,	13	
Calves,	16	
Eggs,	150	doz.
Poultry,	300	lbs.
Butter,	2500	“
Pork,	10512	“
Beef,	1897	“

A large amount of green peas, beans and other vegetables used on the farm are not enumerated.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY AT COUNTY
FARM, MARCH 1st, 1877.

NEAT STOCK, &C.

4 oxen,	330	00
2 three year old steers,	160	00

2 two year old steers,	75 00
20 cows,	1500 00
5 one year old heifers,	100 00
1 two " bull,	50 00
4 horses,	600 00
34 hogs,	1020 00
3 turkeys,	6 00
28 hens,	16 80
15 sheep and 12 lambs,	150 00
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	\$4007 80

HAY AND GRAIN, &C.

46 tons English hay,	920 00
1 ton stock hay,	10 00
825 bushels potatoes,	618 75
340 " corn,	306 00
70 " barley,	63 00
50 " oats,	30 00
500 lbs. lard,	65 00
40 " candles,	5 00
150 " tallow,	8 00
10 " butter,	3 00
3600 " pork,	450 00
2400 " beef,	144 00
1000 " sal soda,	30 00
100 " rice,	8 00
210 " dried apples,	16 80
200 " coffee,	36 00
200 " soap,	21 00
15 " tea,	7 00
150 " sugar,	16 50
21 bushels beans,	52 50

2 bushels split peas,	5 00
33 bbls. flour,	280 50
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	\$7103 85

Clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and house- hold furniture, beds and bedding, crockery ware, wagons, sleds, sleighs, harnesses, wood and lumber, and farming tools, &c., as per invoice,	\$7499 81
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Total amount of personal property,	\$14603 66
Cost of Insane Asylum and farm buildings,	47291 26
Cost of Horse Stable,	1321 16
Improvements,	608 53
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	\$63824 61

Interest on real estate,	2837 47
Amount paid for provisions, clothing, salaries, labor, &c., including all the running expenses of the County Farm, Almshouse and Insane Asylum for the year ending March 1st, 1877,	13484 06
Taxes paid the City of Dover,	326 96
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	\$16648 49

Stock, &c., sold from County Farm and paid the same to County Treasurer,	\$319 28
Received for board of town paupers at County Farm, and paid same to Treasurer,	\$1087 97
Gains in the amount of personal property at the County Farm,	854 95
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	\$2262 20

Actual cost of paupers supported at the County Farm the past year,	\$14386 29
Total number of weeks support fur- nished paupers at the County Farm the past year,	91 84
Average cost per week,	1 56
Average increase per week,	17

Paid for support of County paupers located in the several towns in the County, for the year ending Mar. 1, 1877.

Somersworth,	\$2108 30
Dover,	2094 71
Rochester,	982 31
Farmington,	575 40
Milton,	468 17
Durham,	298 33
Rollinsford,	245 41
Strafford,	209 53
New Durham,	155 40
Barrington,	141 23
Lee,	135 25
Madbury,	87 84
Middleton,	31 00
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	\$7532 88

Additional aid has been given to County paupers for clothing, house rent and other aid to the amount of \$319 28

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	\$7852 16
Paid Reform School, Manchester,	208 00
Paid N. H. Asylum at Concord for Insane,	207 22
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Total pauper expense, including insane off Farm, \$8267 38

Total pauper expense, including insane on Farm,	14386	29
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	\$22,653	67
Number in the Almshouse, March 1st, 1876,		182
Admitted during the year,		149
Discharged, deserted and died,		109
Largest number at any time during the year,		227
Smallest " " " " " "		162
Weekly average number,		176
Present number, March 1st, 1877,		222
Births during the year,		5
Deaths " " " " " "		16
Number of children provided with homes during the year,		5

NUMBER AT THE ALMSHOUSE, March 1st, 1877.

5 years old and under,		12
Number between 5 and 10 years,		14
“ “ 10 and 20 years,		11
“ “ 20 and 30 years,		26
“ “ 30 and 40 years,		35
“ “ 40 and 50 years,		26
“ “ 50 and 60 years,		22
“ “ 60 and 70 years,		23
“ “ 70 and 80 years,		34
“ “ 80 and 90 years,		17
“ “ 90 and 100 years,		2
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NATIONALITIES.

Americans,		164
Irish,		39

English,	9
French,	7
Scotch,	2
Sweede,	1
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Of the one hundred and forty-nine admitted during the year, there were from

Dover,	65	Somersworth,	26
Rochester,	17	Farmington,	4
Milton,	8	Durham,	7
Barrington,	5	Strafford,	4
Rollinsford,	4	New Durham,	2
Lee,	1	Middleton,	1
Born at the County Farm,			5
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INSANE AND IDIOTIC.

Insane, and partially insane,	34
Idiotic,	16
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					50

WHOLE NUMBER OF INMATES.

Males,	135
Females,	87
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Of the whole number in the house, March 1st, 1877, sixty males and forty-three females are not available for any kind of labor.

Of the two hundred and twenty-two persons remaining
March 1st, 1877, there were from

Dover,	89	Somersworth,	34
Rochester,	35	Farmington,	12
Barrington,	11	New Durham,	9
Milton,	8	Durham,	7
Strafford,	6	Rollinsford,	2
Lee,	2	Madbury,	1
Middleton,	1	Born at County Farm,	5
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Names and ages of persons that have died at the County
Farm during the past year :

	years.		years.
Joseph Hutchins,	76	Isaac Chesley,	85
Reuben Roberts,	73	William F. Wade,	36
Robert Bickford,	71	Andrew McMullen,	70
Daniel Keaffe,	26	Martin Slaughtrey,	59
George W. Kent,	48	Alfred Doe,	61
Isaac Brown,	67	Lucy Keniston,	83
Lydia Prout,	54	Betsey Pray,	92
John Tambeo,	63	John Foss,	3 mos.

Superintendent's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of Charles Clement, for 2 pigs,	10 00
William Clement, " 2 "	10 00
Henry Dame, " 1 pig,	5 00
Frank E. Hodgdon, calf,	5 00
Mr. Ryan, for 2 pigs,	10 00
Jesse Cole, " 2 pigs,	10 00
Samuel Trickey, " 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Cole, " 4 pigs,	20 00
John F. Young, " calf,	6 00
John Bradford, " 1 pig,	6 00
Paul Berry, " 1 pig,	5 00
Bitfield Meserve, " 2 pigs,	10 00
Henry Gasker, " 1 pig,	5 00
Tobias Bunker, " 2 pigs,	10 00
James Walker, " 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Chesley, " 1 pig,	5 00
Azeriah Pearl, " 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Gray, " 1 pig,	5 00
John Drew, " 3 pigs,	15 00

Rec'd of Alonzo Cater,	for 2 pigs,	10 00
Samuel Dunn.	“ 1 pig,	5 00
L. B. Hussey,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
John F. Young,	“ calf,	10 00
Jesse Cole,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Henry Seward,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Elisha Locke,	“ calf,	5 00
Charles S. Day,	“ 1 pair overalls,	75
Joshua Varney,	“ 1 pig,	6 00
G. Howell,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Jonathan Seavey,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
O. W. Sanborn,	“ b'd of W. S. Pray,	25 00
E. Faxon,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Mr. Wentworth,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
George Morrison,	“ 1 pig,	8 00
Daniel Emerson,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Varney,	“ calf,	25 00
“ “	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
J. S. Berry,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
James McCone,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Joyce,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
— — —	“ 1 pig,	5 00
— — —	“ 1 pig,	5 00
— — —	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Oren Caswell,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Thomas Cushing,	“ 4 pigs,	20 00
Elijah Brock,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Elisha Locke,	“ calf,	8 00
John L. Shortridge,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
“ “	“ for provisions,	10 30
John Hall,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Timothy H. Snell,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Isaac G. Felker,	“ flour barrels,	4 00
E. A. Frazier,	“ 3 pigs,	15 00

Rec'd of J. H. Hammond,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
Mr. Gleason,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
E. G. & E. Wallace,	“ hides,	18 32
Joseph Bennett,	“ 3 bushels rye,	3 75
William Perkins,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Mr. Woodes,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
C. A. Carr,	“ hens,	1 75
Found on paupers deceased,		8 00
Walter Woodes,	for 1 pig,	5 00
Freeman Hussey,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
John Hurd,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
W. S. Pray,	“ board,	43 00
Edwin Wentworth,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
E. Faxon,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Mr. Pendexter,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Charles Evans,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Oren Bolo,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
J. W. Varney,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
Mr. Webster,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
S. S. Chick, for premiums, County Fair,		20 00
J. W. Ham,	for 1 pig,	5 00
Samuel W. Baker,	“ 2 pigs,	10 00
C. H. Waterhouse,	“ calf,	10 00
Eli V. Brewster,	“ 1 pig,	5 00
W. Y. Wentworth,	“ labor on roads,	12 00
J. K. Purinton, for board of Moses Beede,		50 36
“ “ “ Edward D. Varney,		124 66
William B. Martin, for 2 pigs,		10 00
John S. Hersey, for 1 bushel onions,		1 00
John L. Shortridge, for 1 pig,		5 00
“ “ “ provisions,		8 38
Eli Page, for 1 turkey,		2 00
Charles S. Day, for pants,		3 27
C. E. Caswell, dry goods,		4 00

Rec'd of O. W. Sanborn, for board of W. S. Pray,	69 86
for services of bull,	26 00
" " boar,	7 00
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	\$982 40
Commissioner's orders,	2463 52
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	\$3445 92

PAYMENTS.

Paid Rev. Mr. Thurston, services at funeral,	2 00
100 postage stamps,	3 00
E. Husband, for robe,	3 25
Wm. H. Fernald, labor on Asylum building,	3 00
Rev. Mr. Haskell, services at funeral,	2 00
John Roberts, well bucket,	2 00
Railroad ticket for pauper,	40
Charles Canney, 1000 withes,	1 25
Charles E. Howard, labor,	28 00
Sundries,	33
Express,	15
Charles S. Day, labor,	20 00
William Perkins, repairing boots and shoes,	14 69
I. D. Stewart, for Morning Star,	3 70
Willie Wescot, labor in Asylum,	2 00
Railroad ticket for pauper,	2 00
Julia Wentworth, labor,	8 00
Joseph Roberts,	50
J. A. Horne, repairing clock,	75
John Bradgon,	50
C. H. Waterhouse, 416 lbs. beef,	24 96

Paid Mr. Dawson, fresh fish,	68
Rev. Mr. Haskell, services at funeral,	2 00
William Perkins, repairing boots and shoes,	16 04
Freeman Hussey, potatoes,	4 00
Mr. Dawson, fish,	93
Sundries,	83
S. C. Ham, potatoes,	4 00
S. C. Foss, garden seeds,	1 00
C. E. Bacon, barber's shears,	1 00
Eastern R. R., freight,	21 55
Charles Mitchell, shearing sheep,	1 88
W. Gleason & Co., 2 boxes cabbage plants,	2 50
Express,	50
William Perkins, repairing boots and shoes,	6 40
C. M. Jones, 1 barrel crackers,	3 75
Charles Kimball, care of pauper when hurt,	1 50
Dea. Littlefield, services at funeral,	2 00
E. Husband, sundries,	50
Rev. Mr. Haskell, services at funeral,	2 00
Dossie J. Cole, seamstress, 17 weeks & 3 days,	69 71
A. G. Haley, rep'ng mowing mach. in '75,	14 45
Israel B. Brown, labor,	6 50
Samuel Henderson, labor,	21 00
Eastern R. R. Co., freight,	12 81
Postage stamps,	99
For yeast,	33
Joseph Roberts,	1 00
Patrick Farley,	1 00
Frank Meagen,	1 00
Thomas Warren,	2 00
E. A. Frazier, 1 barrel crackers,	3 20
G. D. Watson, 45 1-2 galls. vinegar,	13 65
Oysters,	50
Charles Stiles, threshing grain,	25 00

Paid Apples,	25
Railroad ticket,	1 50
1 qt. gin for William Bickford,	1 00
Sundries,	1 57
J. C. Gray, manufacturing wool,	11 31
1 qt. gin for William Bickford,	1 25
Joseph V. Hayes, for vinegar & seed potatoes,	18 00
Geo. J. Foster, for Foster's Democrat,	3 00
Boston and Maine R. R., freight,	2 08
Eastern R. R., freight,	26 20
Deborah Caswell, labor,	150 00
Patrick Farley, labor,	3 00
Joseph Roberts, labor,	2 00
John Delaney,	2 00
Enoch Hayes,	1 00
Rev. Mr. Haskell, services at funeral,	2 00
for machine shettle,	1 25
Sundries,	2 08
Patrick Farley,	5 90
John L. Shortridge, 6 mos. labor,	132 00
James Stiles, 1647 lbs. beef,	96 98
Albert D. Walker, 330 lbs. beef,	19 80
Frank Jones,	2 00
Railroad fare,	2 00
H. H. Metcalf, for Democratic Press,	3 00
John Estes, plow casting,	84
Ivory Madox, fish,	58
Parker & Gannett, for plow casting,	1 75
E. A. Frazier, 1 bbl. crackers,	3 39
Charles Folsom, for Rochester Courier,	6 00
Expenses to Milton for Foss family,	1 00
Joshua Varney, for cloth,	25
Postage stamps,	99
Hiram Osborn, labor,	4 00

Paid William Perkins, rep. boots and shoes,	16 39
Charles E. Howard, labor,	20 00
Emma B. Caswell, teaching school 12 weeks,	48 00
Dossie J. Cole, seamstress 11 weeks,	44 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	53 75
Eastern R. R., freight,	38 66
Charles C. Caswell, 508 lbs. beef,	30 48
Yeast,	08
Henry S. Avery, 596 ft. pine plank,	8 94
John L. Swain, for washing machine,	13 00
E. A. Frazier, 1 bbl. crackers,	4 03
Henry S. Avery, labor,	148 47
Rev. Mr. Ricker, services at funeral,	2 00
Lucian Grant,	1 00
Martin Drew, setting horse shoe,	38
Darius W. Lock, beef,	9 66
J. W. Ham, 499 lbs. beef,	29 94
Niles & Co., express,	65
Frank Meagen,	1 00
Charles Allen,	1 00
Niles & Co., express,	65
J. W. Bates, 15 pair boots,	34 50
Edwin Fernald, for Great Falls Journal,	3 00
Samuel K. Pickering, beef,	24 78
William Perkins, rep. boots and shoes,	18 57
John F. Tibbets, beef,	5 39
Joseph V. Hayes, beef,	13 68
Fare of pauper,	1 25
Joshua Hayes, 150 lbs. fresh fish,	3 75
For yeast,	08
Thomas S. Gay, 5 yds. ducking and ex.,	1 70
William Perkins, rep. boots and shoes,	18 23
Hiram Osborn, beef,	16 02
Samuel Bickford, beef,	27 06

Paid William Morduck, fish,	1 92
C. H. Waterhouse, 664 lbs. beef,	28 11
Ellen Bickford, for labor,	44 00
Deborah Caswell, labor,	162 00
Charles S. Day, for labor in Insane Asylum,	212 14
Alice Murphy, " " " "	52 00
Sarah E. Burpee, "	145 20
John L. Shortridge, 5 months' labor,	110 00
Dossie J. Cole, seamstress, 13 weeks, 3 days,	53 71
Vaney Hutchins, labor,	52 00
Emma B. Caswell, teaching school 12 weeks,	48 00
William Perkins, rep. boots and shoes,	16 06
Isaac G. Felker, making cider,	2 94
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C. E. Caswell, Supt. salary for year,	1000 00
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	\$3445 92

Again it becomes the duty of the County Commissioners to present their annual report to the public, in order that they may understand as far as possible how the affairs of the County have been managed for the year ending March 1st, 1877.

The number of weeks of board has increased from last year, (964) nine hundred and sixty-four. The expenses per week have also increased (17) seventeen cents. This is due from several causes ; we have hired a man and woman extra to take charge of the insane ; we have also boarded the workmen while building the horse stable, which was add-

ed in as pauper weekly expenses. In addition to this, we have had to purchase new bedsteads and bedding throughout for all paupers over and above our last year's number.

The paupers that have been admitted the present year have come to the farm extremely destitute as regards clothing, so that a large proportion of them had to be clothed almost entirely new.

The clergymen from different societies in the county have very kindly rendered weekly Sabbath services at the almshouse through a large part of the year, for which they have the Commissioners' kindest regards, and we respectfully ask them to continue in their good work.

Funeral services have been performed at the burial of the dead interred in the County Cemetery.

We have had three terms of school of about eleven weeks each, taught by Miss Caswell, who is well adapted to her situation, and makes a very successful teacher.

We again express our confidence in Mr. and Mrs. Caswell, who have been at the county farm eleven years as superintendent and matron. Mr. and Mrs. Caswell have discharged their respective duties and trust with great fidelity, during this long term of years, which has given them great practical experience in institutions of this kind, for which the county now derives great benefit, and we have secured their services for another year.

The county delegation appropriated one thousand dollars for building a new horse stable, which is nearly completed, at a cost of (1321,16) thirteen hundred twenty-one dollars and sixteen cents.

We hereto annex the treasurer's report, which will show the financial standing of the county; also the reports of the superintendent, jailor, clerk of the court, and physician, come under their proper departments.

We will close by giving our sincere thanks to Mr. and

Mrs. Caswell, who have discharged their arduous and responsible duties to our satisfaction, together with their assistants, not forgetting our old friend, Doctor Fenner, who has performed his duties so faithfully for many years, and hope he will be permitted to retain his position for years to come, giving the satisfaction he has in the past.

JOHN S. HERSEY,
COTTON H. FOSS,
EPHRAIM H. WHITEHOUSE, } County
Commissioners.

Report of Clerk.

SUPREME COURT.

STRAFFORD, SS.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1876.

To the County Commissioners of Strafford County:

As required by law, I hereby render to you an account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Supreme Court for said County :

Rec'd for Entry Fees, Sept. term, 1876,	\$161 10
Jury Fees,	30 00

FINES AND COSTS, SEPT. TERM, 1876.

Rec'd of Silas H. Wentworth,	\$91 01
Elbridge L. Wedgewood,	60 02
Thomas M. Wentworth,	80 55
David W. Wentworth,	126 61
John Grant,	151 27
Josiah K. Towle,	69 62
Theodore S. Wentworth,	76 86
Thomas D. Locke,	74 94
Alphonzo Lord,	65 44

Rec'd of Albert Clark,	72 51
George C. Chamberlin,	75 23
James Hoye,	50 00
David Burnham,	19 22
Frank Ricker,	19 22
Stephen F. Shorey,	63 20
Alton Kidder,	43 09
George A. Walker,	60 00
J. Thorn Dodge,	93 63
Twombly and Tuttle,	77 78
John D. Durkin,	80 23
Silas H. Wentworth,	348 15
Samuel H. Burnham,	219 25
John Grant,	145 18
John W. Delaney,	90 52
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	\$2444 63

I have charged said County as follows :

Commission,	61 11
Paid County Treasurer,	2014 99
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	\$2076 10
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Balance,	368 53

The balance of three hundred sixty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents, has been accounted for on settlement with the Presiding Justice at the September Term of said Court, 1876.

SUPREME COURT.

STRAFFORD, SS.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1877.

To the County Commissioners for said County:

The following is an account of moneys received and expended by me as Clerk of the Courts for said County, from the end of September Term to the end of this (February) Term, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

Entry Fees,	171 90
Jury “	75 00
Peddler's licenses,	40 00
Fines and Costs,	3571 17
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	\$3858 07

I have charged to the County as follows:

County Treasurer's Receipts for	1300 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
Libbey & Co., printing,	33 50
Geo. J. Foster & Co., printing,	44 75
H. H. Metcalf, printing,	86 25
“ “ for Dockets,	67 00
C. H. Horton, binding,	6 35
George W. Colbath, postage, &c.,	78 85
E. J. Lane & Co., Stationery, &c.,	61 19
L. S. Morrill, Law Term assessment,	20 00
Little, Brown & Co., books,	14 00

Express and telegrams,	9 02
Papers, stationery and incidentals furnished office and court,	19 65

GEORGE E. DURGIN, *Clerk.*

JAILER'S REPORT.

Whole number committed from March 1st, 1876, to March 1st, 1877,	83
Drunkenness,	22
Common drunkard,	6
Violation liquor law,	11
Aggravated assault,	3
Assault,	10
Breaking and entering,	7
Rape,	1
Non-payment of Taxes,	1
Assault with intent to kill,	1
Riot,	2
Burglary,	1
Larceny,	4
Assault with intent to rob,	1
Setting fire,	1
Assault and battery,	3
Contempt of court,	2
Brawl and tumult,	3
Concealing stolen goods,	1
Swindling,	1
Assault and robbery,	1
Embezzlement,	1

STATEMENT OF COUNTY DEBT FROM 1867 TO
MARCH 1st, 1877.

1867,	.	.	.	.	\$49449	46
1868,	.	.	.	.	62621	21
1869,	.	.	.	.	59186	07
1870,	.	.	.	.	46452	46
1871,	.	.	.	.	131696	84
1872,	.	.	.	.	101937	37
1873,	.	.	.	.	99268	06
1874,	.	.	.	.	98972	13
1875,	.	.	.	.	104122	96
1876,	.	.	.	.	102043	08

ESTIMATE

Of amounts of money necessary to be raised by Taxes the
ensuing year :

For Court Expenses,	\$8000	00
Salaries of County Officers,	2000	00
Criminal Prosecutions,	1000	00
Boarding and Clothing Prisoners,	2000	00
Supporting County Paupers,	20000	00
Interest on Debt,	7000	00
Payment of County Debt,	10000	00
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	\$50,000	00

Treasurer's Report.

STRAFFORD COUNTY

In acc't with

John H. Leighton, County Treasurer,

For the year ending Feb. 28, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$3878 04
Hired of Cochecho Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Olive Branch Lodge, K. of P.,	400 00
Cochecho Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Nancy P. Demeritte,	1000 00
Cochecho Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Nat. Bank of Redemption,	10000 00
Cochecho Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Rec'd of Rockingham Co. for sup. of Smith fam.,	27 98
Hillsboro', " " paupers,	36 00
James M. Folsom, court fines,	206 86
Geo. E. Durgin, " "	1100 00
County Commissioners, "	150 00
Geo. E. Durgin, " "	914 99
County Commissioners, "	25 70

Rec'd for peddler's license,	10 00
Rec'd of James M. Bunker, for hay,	265 78
R. Haley & Co., for apples,	27 50
James M. Bunker, straw,	26 00
Middleton, county tax,	401 68
Milton, “	1123 14
Farmington, “	2293 07
Dover, “	15080 45
Rochester, “	4348 26
Barrington, “	1361 03
Somersworth, “	5865 28
New Durham, “	779 96
Lee, “	1025 65
Rollinsford, “	2296 97
Madbury, “	600 57
Strafford, “	1431 22
Durham, “	1372 72
Lee, for board of Lucretia Piper,	78 00
Durham, “ Robert Bickford,	51 75
Dover, for support of paupers,	547 47
Somersworth, for support of paupers,	283 70
Rochester, for board of Amanda Rollins,	3 00
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Total Receipts,	\$61,012 77

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES PAID.

Cochecho Nat. Bank,	1000 00
“ “	1000 00
“ “	1000 00
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National Bank of Redemption,	10000 00
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Total notes paid,	14000 00

INTEREST PAID.

Samuel Emerson,	\$38 50
Cochecho Nat. Bank,	37 10
John McDaniels,	35 00
Rebecca McDaniels,	42 00
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, K. of P.,	42 00
Cochecho Nat. Bank,	31 20
J. D. & J. B. Guppy,	280 00
A. F. Seavey,	70 00
National Bank of Redemption,	200 00
John McDaniels,	78 00
Samuel Emerson,	18 00
C. Jones,	35 00
“	56 00
John Emerson,	12 00
Cochecho National Bank,	12 80
John McDaniels,	105 00
Cochecho National Bank,	12 80
St. Thomas Church,	70 00
Lizzie Farnham,	14 00
Grace A Demeritte,	42 00
Strafford County Mutual Relief,	120 00
Albert Demeritte,	28 00
Margaret Hanson,	30 00
Ora G. Chesley,	35 00
L. A. Berry,	38 50
Lizzie Farnham,	28 00

Elizabeth Bently,	144 90
“ “	144 90
Coupons,	4842 00
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Total interest paid,	\$6642 70

COUNTY FARM EXPENSE.

C. E. Caswell, expenses,	200 00
B. F. Rackley, medicine,	79 53
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	274 75
Power, Melvin & Co., corn,	260 00
C. T. Henderson, salt,	11 49
Pingree, Woods & Clark, dry goods,	68 33
Geo. A. Haywood, fish,	25 00
Watson, Smith & Co., pork,	256 00
David Legroo, whitewashing and repairs,	101 00
Hiram F. Snow, corn and grinding,	51 65
Moore, Ayer & Co, flour,	420 29
E. B. Caswell, teaching,	48 00
Converse & Blaisdell, spruce plank,	10 56
Griswold, Whitney & Co., beef,	103 57
Daniel Trefethen, super-phosphate,	82 69
C. E. Caswell, expenses,	200 00
R. A. Libbey, horse,	200 00
Wm. H. Pike, lumber and sawing,	70 67
Henry Law, repairing harnesses,	13 21
James, Bennett & sons', shoes,	20 25
Hiram F. Snow, grinding grain,	11 04
Converse & Blaisdell, cedar posts for asylum yd.,	36 30
John T. Harvey, fish,	63 50

C. E. Caswell, expenses,	200 00
Moore, Ayer & Co., flour,	201 50
Timothy Gay & Co., groceries,	31 65
Geo. A. Haywood, fish,	30 90
A. G. Fenner, medical attendance,	200 00
Hayes Brothers, hardware,	5 00
Foot & Snell, mowing machines and hardware,	159 89
J. V. & D. E. Hanson, lumber and labor,	8 91
Bangs, Scudder & Co., car of corn,	259 28
H. A. Redfield, insurance,	67 50
James W. Hartford, repairing harness,	10 00
Moulton & Cate, repairing tin ware, &c.,	126 21
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	228 48
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	16 78
C. E. Caswell, expenses,	300 00
Joseph Hayes, taxes,	326 96
Purinton & Ham, hats, caps, &c.,	49 60
Oliver Wyatt, clothing,	65 75
W. A. Morrill, carpeting and crockery,	35 13
D. A. Page, boots and shoes,	68 15
Whitehouse & Varney, groceries,	307 84
Watson, Smith & Co., pork and beans,	156 78
Wm. G. Bell & Co., pork,	118 00
Martin N. Drew, labor,	16 50
John H. Osborne, wood,	70 25
Elisha Locke, timber for stable,	222 86
Edward Morrill, chairs,	16 50
Moore, Ayer & Co., flour,	390 50
W. T. Perkins, boards and plank for stable,	185 64
D. Foss & Son, grinding 52 bags grain,	5 20
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	80 56
Jonathan Wentworth, stone work for stable,	48 50
C. H. Waterhouse, beef,	60 50
W. T. Wentworth, stone work for stable,	128 55

Watson, Smith & Co., butter, &c.,	83 05
John F. Young, pine boards for stable,	66 20
C. H. Waterhouse, beef,	37 80
Timothy Gay & Co., groceries,	89 46
John L. Winkley, beef,	14 70
David Wentworth, beef,	22 26
C. E. Caswell, expenses,	300 00
C. L. Melvin, clapboards and shingles for stable,	170 00
Blanchard & Dickinson, fish,	67 00
Randall & Caswell, pickled fish,	59 64
I. A. Butterfield, setting underpinning for stable,	20 00
Whittem, Brackett & Young, clothing,	143 12
Pingree, Woods & Clark, dry goods,	108 35
J. B. Palmer & Co., clothing,	448 62
Puffer, Sanborn & Co., bedding,	106 16
D. Foss & Son, meal and grinding grain,	74 50
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	332 08
Hawley, Folsom & Martin, furnishing goods,	92 30
W. H. K. Fernald, labor on stable,	78 00
Henry A. Cate, " "	51 00
Milton A. Kent, gloves and mittens,	39 00
Strafford Nat. Bank, ear of corn,	195 85
Hiram S. Osborn, work and lumber for stable,	150 30
Crosby & Blaney, flour,	65 60
C. E. Caswell, labor of J. L. Swain & J. F. Clark,	64 75
" " expenses,	300 00
John S. Hersey, beef,	20 52
W. T. Perkins, lime for stable,	24 00
J. W. & J. I. Clark, for brick,	17 00
John H. Osborn, wood,	187 30
H. A. Redfield, insurance,	25 00
Wm. Sterns, dry goods,	38 54
Charles A. Tufts, insurance,	60 00
F. H. Raymond, groceries,	73 19

Crosby & Blaney, flour,	390 50
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods,	55 87
D. Foss & Son, grain and grinding,	11 60
Young & Tolles, insurance,	37 50
Geo. B. Prescott, “	28 75
John S. Hersey, beef,	46 98
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	2 40
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	91 87
Moore, Ayer & Co., flour,	195 25
Uriah Wiggin, beef,	289 46
J. Frank Seavey & Co., clothing,	275 35
R. Haley & Co., coal and grass seed,	755 13
Moulton & Cate, furnace, &c.,	440 50
Tucker Manufacturing Co., iron bedsteads,	57 00
John W. Hall, beef,	44 94
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods,	55 52
C. T. Henderson, salt,	16 35
Joshua Watson, beef,	29 58
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	182 44
C. E. Caswell, expenses,	200 00
Dover Iron Foundry, iron posts,	33 40
M. H. Wentworth, fitting lumber,	23 71
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods,	54 45
F. H. Raymond & Co., groceries,	61 15
Tucker Manufacturing Co., iron bedsteads,	81 00
Thomas Hadley, fish,	36 00
Daniel Trefethen, lime, &c.,	13 35
Joseph S. Abbott, cutting and putting in ice,	11 00
Betsey F. Bickford, wood,	200 00
S. S. Chick, ticking,	17 70
Foot & Snell, hardware,	66 03
D. A. Page, boots, shoes and repairing,	71 20
Hayes Brothers, hardware,	18 38
John B. Hull, blacksmith work,	169 62

B. Frank Nealley, dry goods,	57 18
A. G. Fenner, 1 yr. salary, and ex. services,	215 50
Eli V. Brewster & Co., boots and shoes,	252 93
Purinton & Ham, hats, caps, &c.,	34 25
Parshley & Walker, beef,	50 58
Geo. F. Rollins & Co., hardware,	32 61
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	3 20
Wm. Perkins, rep. boots and shoes,	18 96
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Total County Farm Expense,	\$15,162 26

COURT EXPENSE.

James A. Edgerly, case State vs. M. Cahill,	28 40
T. J. Smith, salary,	108 50
James M. Folsom, special serv. and cash advanced,	150 80
Charles A. Tufts, telegrams,	2 68
Hayes Brothers, hardware,	4 50
James C. Steele, table and step ladder,	13 00
John W. Jewell, balance of salary,	100 00
Horace Littlefield, referee, Bodge vs. Hughes,	20 00
Geo. W. Avery, " " " "	20 00
Charles H. Clark, " Critchett vs. Clark,	35 60
W. A. Morrill, carpetings, crockery ware, &c.,	34 74
James M. Folsom, referee, Hanson vs. Knapp,	15 00
Whitehouse & Varney, groceries,	75
Geo. J. Manson, official stenographer,	90 00
Orlando Young, referee, Bodge vs. Hughes,	20 00
Geo. J. Manson, services as reporter,	77 25
T. I. Greene, covering table,	34 00
James A. Edgerly, one-half fines in liquor cases,	75 00

Somersworth, liquor prosecutions,	200 00
Patrick Haley, con. Owen McCarty to Concord,	16 80
S. H. Brownell, cleaning court room,	12 00
Henry D. Freeman, refreshments for jury,	24 00
Edward Morrill, chairs for court room,	29 00
Geo. J. Manson, official stenographer,	52 37
S. S. Chick, serv. of self and depts. at Sept. term,	354 50
James M. Folsom,	235 32
“ “ referee in No. 228,	17 00
“ “ services as clerk,	369 97
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	32 93
Isaac W. Smith, ref. McDaniels vs. McDaniels,	30 00
Henry H. Metcalf, printing,	19 00
M. C. Lamprey, one-half fine in liquor cases,	200 00
Geo. J. Manson, copy of charge to jury,	4 24
Jos. F. Wiggin, ref. Sally Ham & others, vs. N. & R. R. R.,	38 00
D. C. Wiggin, board of jurymen and sheriff,	16 85
Charles B. Shackford, salary as solicitor 6 mos.,	175 00
Samuel M. Wheeler, serv. in trial State vs. Jesse Whitten, State vs. A. Neil, and State vs. J. H. Canney,	60 00
Jasper G. Wallace, one-half fines in liquor cases,	50 00
A. J. Pillsbury, ref. J. W. Jewell vs. L. W. Cav- erly,	8 00
James W. Hartford, serving warrant, State vs. C. Hogan, and storing liquors 11 mos.,	9 24
S. S. Chick, salary 6 mos.,	100 00
Geo. W. Gray, repairing court room,	23 40
True W. Woodman, arresting John Grant, &c.,	17 66
Wm. R. Brown, horse hire by order of sheriff,	8 00
Geo. J. Manson, reporter, s. c.,	62 00
Rochester, one-half fines in liquor cases,	50 00
Pet. Jury Pay Roll, Feb. term, 1876, in part,	768 48

Pet. Jury Pay Roll, Feb. term, 1876, in part,	812	28
“ “ Sept. “ in full,	72	00
Gd “ “ “ “ “	234	36
“ “ Feb. “ 1877, in full,	300	40
State vs. P. Cassily, Feb. term, 1874, in part,	4	50
P. McMullen, “ “ full,	2	99
J. & B. Finnegan, “ 1875, “	24	84
Otis & Howard, Sept. term, 1875, in pt.,	5	24
F. Colbath, “ “ “ in full,	24	00
F. Whitten & W. Bemis, “ “ in pt.,	9	83
C. L. Pearl, “ “ “	12	96
Sidney Nelson, “ “ “	2	14
Edwin D. White, Feb. term, 1876, “	1	85
J. A. & C. A. Wiggin, “ “ in full,	1	36
S. H. Wentworth, Feb. term, 1876, in pt.,	9	80
E. D. White, “ “ “	18	91
Geo. M. Durgin, “ “ in full,	55	91
W. Goodwin & oth. “ “ “	1	85
J. T. Dodge, “ “ in pt.,	6	83
Robert Hollins, “ “ “	3	22
John H. Canney, Sept. “ “	139	19
C. J. Brown, Jr., “ “ “	19	99
John B. Downing, “ “ “	100	66
John Grant, “ “ “	26	24
Charles Drake, “ “ “	19	60
John Howard, “ “ “	14	18
Jesse Whitten, “ “ “	67	05
James O'Neil, “ “ “	72	50
John K. Twombly, “ “ “	9	85
Wm. J. Witham, “ “ “	11	95
City of Dover, “ “ “	2	62
D. Grant & J. Kelley, “ “ “	1	37
James Ricker, “ “ “	23	69
John Gorman, “ “ “	9	67

John Morgan, Sept. term, 1876, in pt.,	12	41
D. M. Wentworth, “ “ “	16	27
T. S. Wentworth “ “ “	23	89
John Grant, “ “ “	16	63
City of Dover, “ “ “	3	99
Edwin D. White, “ “ in full,	27	95
John Mahoney, “ “ “	62	32
Cynthia Winkley, “ “ “	37	30
“ “ “ “ “	27	75
“ “ “ “ “	7	69
T. D. Locke, “ “ “	22	74
Albert Clark, “ “ “	20	31
James O'Neil, “ “ “	12	00
S. H. Wentworth, “ “ “	143	16
John Cragin, “ “ “	17	48
Henry Lynch, “ “ “	10	81
J. T. Dodge, “ “ “	22	16
John Grant, “ “ “	11	64
D. M. Wentworth, “ “ “	3	94
T. M. Wentworth, “ “ “	28	35
John Grant, “ “ “	29	14
Alphonzo Lord, “ “ “	12	44
J. K. Towle, “ “ “	16	42
Geo. A. Walker, “ “ “	54	60
S. F. Shorey, “ “ “	10	00
John Gorman, “ “ “	29	33
Margaret Randall, “ “ “	4	40
John D. Durkin, “ “ “	28	03
John Gorman, “ “ “	33	26
John W. Delaney, “ “ “	36	15
S. H. Burnham, “ “ “	60	35
James Ricker, “ “ “	5	91
G. C. Chamberlin, “ “ “	22	03
Geo. W. Page, “ “ “	3	99

James Hoye,	Sept. term, 1876,	in full,	26	92
Frank Ricker,	“	“	6	10
“	“	“	3	00
D. Burnham,	“	“	6	10
A. O. Delano,	“	“	15	00
Twombly & Tuttle,	“	“	25	48
J. K. Twombly,	“	“	17	01
John T. Gibbs,	“	“	3	99
S. H. Wentworth,	“	“	4	90
J. R. Hall,	“	“	51	30
F. Sherburne,	Feb. 1877,	in pt.,	4	50
C. A. Hook,	“	“	1	50
W. H. Hook,	“	“	1	50
J. H. Canney,	“	“	21	12
A. O. Delano,	“	in full,	31	00

Total Court Expense, \$7032 07

PAUPER EXPENSE.

Durham, sup. of Geo. W. Kent, in case of palsy,	178	95
Mary E. Stevens, sup. of Betsey Whitehouse,	6	28
Geo. S. Evans, board of James H. Evans,	30	50
Geo. A. Reynolds, rubber boots to Witham,	2	50
Belknap County, sup. of Daniel S. Willey,	16	50
Whitehouse & Varney, supplies to J. Sanford and family,	30	29
J. B. Edgerly, board of Sylvester French,	6	50
Mary Byrne, hats for Heath family,	4	00
Somersworth, support of paupers,	1000	00

John R. Ham, medical attendance, Heath fam.,	10 50
Lee, support of paupers,	135 25
Strafford, " "	209 53
Durham, " "	119 38
New Durham, " "	155 40
Barrington, " "	141 23
Middleton, " "	31 00
Geo. W. Peavey, med. attendance, John C. Dore,	103 50
Geo. S. Evans, board of James H. Evans,	12 75
Dover, support of paupers,	2094 71
Wm. B. Martin, extra services in fever cases,	15 00
Somersworth, support of paupers,	1108 30
Rollinsford, " "	245 41
Rochester, " "	982 31
Moses W. Sterns, tickets from Dover to London, for woman and two children,	48 50
Milton, support of paupers,	468 17
Madbury, " "	87 84
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Total Pauper Expense,	\$7244 30

JAIL EXPENSE.

Dover Aqueduct Co., water bill,	12 00
Hayes Brothers, hardware,	3 90
J. V. & D. E. Hanson, lumber and labor,	32 19
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	2 55
Purinton & Ham, hat,	50
Patrick Haley, board of prisoners and turnkey,	386 00
D. A. Page, shoes,	4 25

Whitehouse & Varney, groceries,	5 65
Arthur Morgan, labor,	2 25
Patrick Haley, partition in barn,	6 00
W. P. Hayes, labor and lumber,	346 74
John Hanson, straw,	3 90
E. J. Lane & Co., books and stationery,	23 15
C. H. Trickey & Co., coal and lumber,	105 27
J. Frank Seavey & Co., clothing,	46 50
R. Haley & Co., coal,	7 65
Samuel J. Smith, board of prisoners,	200 00
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods,	24 00
Dover Aqueduct Co., water bill,	12 00
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods,	24 00
S. H. Fuller & Co., sundries,	80 75
Hayes Brothers, hardware,	8 45
D. Lothrop & Co., clothing,	41 09
J. H. Winslow, shoes,	17 30
Wm. Davis, straw,	4 46
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Total Jail Expense,	\$1400 55

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE.

State Reform School, keeping G. V. Pearl and W. V. Ward,	52 00
Treasurer's salary for 1875,	200 00
Free Press Co., printing Commissioner's report,	39 00
State Reform School, keeping G. V. Pearl and W. V. Ward,	52 00
E. H. Twombly, books and stat. for Reg. office,	36 55

N. H. Asylum for Insane, board, &c., of Michael Casey,	184 99
C. H. Horton, binding index for Reg. office,	11 25
T. J. W. Pray, holding inquest on body of John Mullen,	7 50
W. H. Smith, horse hire,	29 00
Charles W. Folsom, publishing treas. report,	27 50
John R. Ham, viewing bodies of M. Slaughtery and W. T. Hall,	10 00
E. J. Lane & Co., stat. for county offices,	28 39
W. A. Morrill, carpetings, &c., “	6 71
Libbey & Co., printing,	32 00
John Q. A. Swain, wood for com's room,	1 50
Geo. K. Drew, conveying Michael Casey to Concord,	10 05
Cotton H. Foss, serv. and ex. as Co. Com.,	149 75
John S. Hersey, “ “	204 72
E. H. Whitehouse, “ “	341 50
Henry H. Metcalf, printing,	67 25
Charles Hayes, repairing Co. offices,	2 25
Treasurer's salary for 1876,	200 00
E. J. Lane & Co. stationery, com. office,	2 14
C. H. Trickey & Co., coal for county offices,	150 74
State Reform School, keeping G. V. Pearl and W. V. Ward,	52 00
State Reform School, keeping G. V. Pearl and W. V. Ward,	52 00
S. H. Fuller & Co., sundries for offices,	18 82
E. H. Twombly, books and ch. coal, for reg. office,	17 65
Luther Hayes, calling delegates, Aug. 24, '76,	3 50
N. H. Asylum for insane, b'd., &c., of M. Casey,	22 23
T. J. W. Pray, viewing bodies of J. Patten and J. G. Wallace,	10 00
T. I. Greene, repairing chair, Reg. office,	3 50

E. J. Lane & Co., books and stationery for offices,	33 58
C. E. Bacon, clock for Reg. Probate office,	20 25
C. H. Horton, binding books for Co. offices,	18 75
Dover, lodging 230 tramps,	23 00
County Delegation, in part,	51 00

Total Miscellaneous Expense,	<u>\$2173 07</u>
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Total Receipts,	\$61012 77
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Total Notes paid,	14000 00
Interest paid,	6642 70
County Farm Expense,	15162 16
Court	“ 7032 07
Pauper	“ 7244 30
Jail	“ 1400 55
Miscellaneous	“ 2173 07

Balance in Treasury,	7357 92
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Notes outstanding against the Co.,	34401 00
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Bonds	“ “ “ “ 75000 00
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Cash in Treasury,	7357 92
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Indebtedness of the County,	<u>102043 08</u>
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Heretofore the Commissioners have closed their account March 1st, and the Treasurer about the middle of May. As the reports are published together, we deem it expedient to close them at the same time; hence, the above report falls some more than two months short of a year.

Medical Report.

The following is the Medical Report of the Strafford Co. Almshouse, for the current year 1876. This must be conformed to exceedingly narrow limits ; it can not therefore dwell at length upon the adaptedness of the house, upon the excellent management of this institution, both in and out of doors, upon the admirable hygienic condition of the house and its surroundings ; upon suggestions practical and valuable, which might be made in view of future operations ; in short, upon the thousand pertinent things which it is needless to mention.

In the outset, the first thought which strikes us is the comparatively small number of deaths which have occurred, considered in the light of the numbers of the occupants, their shattered, unsound, physical and mental condition. Scarcely an inmate is in a sound state of health. Especially is this true of the insane asylum. This institution is full to repletion ; yet not one death during the current year. Indeed, there has been but one death in this department since its establishment ; one death, in a person upwards of 80 years of age—of apoplexy.

This is truly remarkable, in view of all the attendant untoward circumstances. There has not been a death in the

midwifery department. One word here may be appropriately said, clearly showing the beneficence flowing from this charity. A proper officer, from a neighboring town, brought a poor woman with her children, deserted by her husband in her critical condition. Here she found an asylum with open doors until she gave birth to her seventh child. The question naturally arises: Where would this woman have found timely relief and succor in her suffering, distress and poverty, had it not been for this kindly provision? The deaths have been either from that fell destroyer Consumption, or from chronic diseases in persons advanced in age. One sudden death occurred from a fall, breaking the neck. Not a death from acute disease. Not a death of a child, save one (less than a month old) of a congenital organic disease of the brain. While sickness has been rife, and epidemics have ravaged all around us, there has been a singular exemption of epidemic infectious diseases here. There have been some cases of acute throat affections, which, in some quarters, would have been branded Diphtheria.

There has been, however, no little amount of sickness, which may be inferred from one hundred and thirty-seven (137) medical visits made this year; and these further suggest that the medical man is here furnished an opportunity neither small nor meager; rich in medical facts and clinical experience.

Since it has been suggested that this report must be compressed within a very narrow space, therefore an abrupt termination will only allow the medical incumbent to give his hearty thanks to matron and overseer, and to the County Commissioners for their uniform kindness and courtesy, and to add the following necrology.

A. G. FENNER, M. D.

Betsey Pray, aged 92, died March 22d, 1876, of Typhoid Pneumonia and Dropsy.

Lucy Kenniston, aged 83, died March 24th, 1876, of Dropsy.

Joseph Hutchins, aged 76, died March 10th, 1876, of Consumption.

John H. Foss, aged 1 month, died May 3, 1876, of Hernia Cerebri.

Isaac Chesley, aged 85, died June 23, 1876, of Pneumonia.

Lydia Prout, aged 54, died July 5, 1876, of Consumption.

Daniel Keefe, aged 26, died July 29, 1876, of Consumption.

Martin Slaughtery, aged 59, died August 13th, 1876, of a fall, breaking his neck.

Wm. F. Wade, aged 36, died Sept. 26, 1876, of Typhoid Pneumonia, and chronic disease of Liver.

Robert Bickford, aged 71, died Sept. 30, 1876, of Pneumonia.

Andrew McAllen, aged 70, died Oct. 19, 1876, of Gastritis and Enteritis.

Alfred Doe, aged 61, died Oct. 25th, 1876, of Dropsy.

Isaac Brown, aged 67, died Nov. 29th, 1876, of Consumption.

Reuben Roberts, aged 73, died Jan. 4th, 1877, of Pneumonia and Consumption.

George W. Kent, aged 48, died Jan. 8th, 1877, of Paralysis and Kidney affection.

John Tonber, aged 53, died Feb. 14th, 1877, of Paralysis and Gangrene.

In all, 16 deaths.

REPORT.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the County Convention of 1876, to examine the accounts of the Commissioners and Treasurer of Strafford County, herewith

REPORT:

That the Commissioners' warrants upon the Treasurer are properly vouched, and that the business of the county appears to have been well conducted, and the moneys economically expended. That the books of the Treasurer are well kept, and vouchers shown for all payments. That the county debt has increased, and is increasing, and the attention of the county convention is called thereto, that measures may be taken for its reduction.

The committee recommend that legislation be asked to regulate the issue of notes by the Treasurer, so that all notes issued shall bear upon them the approval of the Commissioners, and that they be required to keep a true record of all notes against the county. Also, that the Selectmen of towns be required to report to the Commissioners the amount of tax paid by each town, so that an accurate account of monies received may be known by them or by any auditors.

The committee believe that the business of the county would be much more efficiently and understandingly done if the county convention should adjourn to meet at Dover after the legislative session has closed, so that each member of the convention could be thoroughly informed as to the needs and condition of the county, and that the county finances could be considered free from the many distracting questions arising in every legislature and the hurry and confusion incident thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STICKNEY,
C. H. SAWYER,
JOSHUA B. SMITH.



