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OFFICERS' REPORTS
OF THE
COUNTY OF BELKNAP

FROM
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31,
1903.



LACONIA, N. H.
PRESS OF THE NEWS AND CRITIC,
1904.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY FARM, SHERIFF,
COUNTY TREASURER, JAILER, PHYSICIAN,
CLERK OF THE COURT AND
COUNTY SOLICITOR,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903.

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County Officers.

COMMISSIONERS,

JOHN B. MORRILL, Gilford.

ELLSWORTH H. ROLLINS, Alton.

JONATHAN C. SHANNON, Laconia.

TREASURER,

STEPHEN B. COLE, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

WILLIAM D. VEAZEY, Laconia.

SHERIFF,

LESTER PHILBROOK, Laconia.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

JUDGE OF PROBATE,

WILLIAM B. FELLOWS, Tilton.

REGISTER OF PROBATE,

TRUE W. THOMPSON, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS,

MARTIN B. PLUMMER, Laconia.

AUDITORS,

E. P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

GEORGE S. PHILBRICK, Tilton.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER,

HERMAN C. WEYMOUTH, Laconia.

PHYSICIAN AT COUNTY FARM,

HENRY C. WELLS, Laconia.

CHAPLAIN,

REV. W. H. GETCHELL, Lakeport.

Commissioner's Report.

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

Agreeably to the laws of the State of New Hampshire your commissioners most respectfully submit their report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, 1903, and of the financial condition of the county at the end of the year, together with the reports of the Superintendent of the County Farm, Jailer, County Farm Physician, Clerk of the Superior Court, Solicitor, Sheriff, Treasurer and Auditors, and also a copy of the records of the clerk of the County Convention.

The County Farm, House of Correction and Jail have been under the care of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Weymouth. Their services have given excellent satisfaction. They have been untiring in their labors for the sick and afflicted that have come under their charge and the Commissioners consider themselves and the County fortunate in securing their services for the coming year.

Mr. Lucian A. Ladd, who for many years has served the County so faithfully as Chaplain at the County Farm having resigned during the year, the Rev. W. H. Getchell of Lakeport has been appointed to that position and has lately entered upon his duties. The Commissioners desire in behalf of themselves, and of the officers and inmates of the farm, to publicly express their thanks to Mr. Ladd, the Rev. Mr. Getchell, and all others who have so kindly assisted in promoting the spiritual welfare of all connected with the institution.

An examination of the annexed records of the Belknap County Delegation in the Legislature, assembled in convention, discloses the fact that the appropriation made by that body for each of the years ending Dec. 31st, 1903 and Dec. 31st, 1904, for the ordinary expenses of the County was \$30,000.00, with an additional amount for the first named year of \$1,000.00 for metallic vault furniture for the Court House. The Commissioners received bids from two well-known manu-

facturers of steel fittings, the bids being submitted under the conditions that any or all might be rejected and were made by each party for any part or all of the pieces required. A contract was closed with The Office, Bank and Library Co. for a large case for the Clerk of Courts' vault and the case has been delivered and paid for, the cost being \$490.00. A contract was also made with the Art Metal Construction Co., for five other pieces to cost \$500. This contract has not been completed so that the balance of the appropriation remains in the treasury.

The report of the treasurer shows that the cash in his hands at the beginning of the year was \$11,360.34, that he received from County taxes \$31,000.00, from the County of Merrimack on account of cost to this county of the Geo. H. Greenleaf trial \$1,403.84, from the State License Commissioners \$3,030.70, from County note \$2,000.00, from the County Farm \$985.76, and from other sources \$297.94, making the total receipts for the year \$50,078.58.

He has paid on orders drawn by the Commissioners \$23,056.78, on orders drawn by the Court, including Court expenses \$5,902.80, and on note and interest, including coupons on Court House and Refunding Bonds \$3,922.77, making the total payments \$32,882.35, leaving the cash on hand at the end of the year \$17,196.23, being an increase of \$5,835.89 over the amount in the treasury, Jan. 1st, 1903.

The statement of the financial condition of the county Dec. 31, 1903, computed as required by the Public Statues, shows, as will be seen by reference to the proper page of the report, a gain in the net assets of the county during the year of \$7,563.77.

The summary of orders drawn by the commissioners shows the amount actually paid out under the several heads but does not give the net cost to the county in either the external poor or county farm accounts. To get the real net cost to the county incurred for the support of external poor, the amount of orders drawn, \$8,649.26, should be reduced by \$252.44, leaving the net cost to the county on this account \$8,396.82. This amount of \$252.44 represents the bills paid by the commission-

ers for the support of paupers chargeable to other counties and has been recovered from them and paid into the treasury, and to get the net cost, should be deducted from different accounts as indicated in the external poor account. At the county farm changes in the cooking arrangements, including the purchase of a revolving baker, and in the stable, re-arranging the horse stalls and making more room for other stock and the necessary outlay for additional furniture and clothing, incident to the care of a larger number of the county's wards at that institution, have caused some unusual expenditures under that head, some of which are credited to the farm in the inventory, others do not now appear directly, but we are satisfied that the policy of caring for the county poor at the county almshouse whenever it can reasonably and legally be done, will in the end repay any additional expense on that account and bring more comfort, at less expense, to those cared for.

External Poor Account.

ALTON.

Rozella Blakeley	\$57.82	
Calvin H. Flanders	33.00	
Cyrena Brown	70.50	
Rozella Smith	56.00	
Transient	315.25	
Dependent soldiers and families	157.00	
	\$689.57*	
*Deduct on account of refund		87.35

BARNSTEAD.

Transient	\$205.05	
	\$205.05*	
Deduct on account of refund		\$10.80

BELMONT.

Lydia A. Johnson	\$55.75	
Transient	320.13	
	\$375.88	

CENTER HARBOR.

	00.00	
	00.00	

GILFORD.

Louisa Foster	\$18.00	
John G. Fields	67.50	
	\$85.50	

GILMANTON.

George Haskell	\$5.25
Caleb Webster	23.75
Melvin and Alice Greenough	152.49
R. R. Colcord	191.39
Fannie Gordon	97.57
Laura A. Page	66.00
Blanche Adams and Addie Evans	99.55
Transient	79.30
Dependent soldiers and families	324.89
	—————\$1,040.19

CITY OF LACONIA.

Harriett Hazelton	\$56.00
Julia Shute	78.00
Daniel B. Leavitt	65.00
Mary A. Severance	130.00
Ross Cowen	13.50
Campbell Family	27.10
Mrs. Carrigan	40.41
Lizzie Sheehan	15.80
Sarah Gilford	78.00
Mrs. Mary LaPlant	225.01
Daniel Roberts	182.11
John Caverly	3.10
Mrs. A. Perry	82.96
Joseph Broulette	110.74
Mrs. J. Dalton	94.45
Mrs. Orrin Hilliard	146.54
James A. Wood	9.66
Transient	2,256.71
Dependent soldiers and families	391.87
	—————\$4,006.96*
*Deduct on account of refund	\$146.54

MEREDITH.

Josephine Swain	\$42.70
Frank P. Smith family	102.24

Transient	\$369.74	
Dependent soldiers and families	683.40	
		—————\$1,198.08
*Deduct on account of refund		7.75

NEW HAMPTON.

Sarah A. Glazier	\$60.00	
James Lewis	34.40	
Dependant soldiers and families	21.85	
		————— \$116.25

SANBORNTON.

Charles Hunkins	\$80.75	
Edwin Johnson	41.00	
George B. Randlett	60.00	
Transient	51.75	
Dependant soldiers and families	303 02	
		————— \$536.52

TILTON.

Transient	\$337.86	
Dependant soldiers and families	57.40	
		————— \$395.26

Total amounts paid out in the several towns and the City of
Laconia for support of poor for the year ending Dec. 31,
1903:

Alton	\$689.57	
Barnstead	205.05	
Belmont	375.88	
Center Harbor		
Gilford	85.50	
Gilmanton	1,040.19	
City of Laconia	4,006.96	
Meredith	1,198.08	
New Hampton	116.25	
Sanbornton	536.52	
Tilton	395.26	
		————— \$8,649.26

STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Grover Ladd	\$78 00	
Raymond Ladd	76.29	
Albert Merrill	27.86	
Miner Pomeroy	100.50	
Russell Andrews	75.64	
Josephine Trendall	34.07	
	<hr/>	\$392.36

County Farm.

Itemized accounts of bills for County Farm, House of Correction and Jail for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

JANUARY.

Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	\$ 11.78
H. C. Wells, $\frac{1}{2}$ med. contract	50.00
" " birth and death certificates	2.75
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	46.35
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	6.15
F. S. Roberts, meats	14.67
George B. Cox, wrappers	18.95
E. J. Dinsmoore, horse blankets	7.75
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	33.50
J. S. Morrill, grain	6.23
F. H. Lougee, crockery	3.60
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	17.73
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	7.55
Perkins & Titus, shoes	28.40
John Parker Smith, grain	102.75
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., payroll	136.00
" " cash paid for sundries	22.57
Oscar Foss, insurance	56.25
Stratton & Co., flour and feed	620.25
City of Laconia, death records	1.50
D. M. Rowe, groceries	44.99
J. P. Atkinson, groceries	45.72
Laconia Electric Lighting Co	39.60
	\$1,325.04

FEBRUARY.

F. G. Berry, supt. of streets, manure	\$ 12.95
J. F. Smith, beef, veal, mutton, pork	74.69
Laconia Electric Lighting Co	42.15

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H. C. Weymouth, supt. pay roll	\$136.00
“ “ “ cash paid sundries	4.80
J. H. Boardman, labor	13.50
J. C. Moses, labor	9.00
“ “ beef	32.28
John L. Batchelder, labor	12.50
J. H. Story, drugs and medicines	34.53
D. M. Rowe, groceries	96.71
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	13.83
Laconia Market Co., meats	36.43
Perkins & Titus, shoes	7.20
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	20.22
F. H. Moore, mixed feed	11.50
Fred Keasor, Soap, etc	7.10
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	4.95
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	1.91
F. S. Roberts, meats	12.04
John Parker Smith, grain	18.55
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	29.52
J. S. Morrill, grain	24.70
New England Telephone	4.33
Amber Conner, fish	7.25

————— \$668.64

MARCH.

N. G. Plummer, measuring wood	\$ 6.00
Plummer & Thompson, stationery	2.30
John Parker Smith, grain	48.88
Dickerman & Co., coffee and tea	30.60
D. M. Rowe, groceries	55.57
H. C. Weymouth, supt. pay roll	142.00
“ “ “ cash paid sundries	5.75
J. Henry Story, medicine	26.16
J. P. Pitman, sundries	8.20
M. Perkins & Sons, shoes	10.55
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	3.25
J. S. Morrill, grain	13.15
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	3.05

Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	\$27.59
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	4.15
F. S. Roberts, meats	11.89
Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	24.00
Citizens Telephone	4.50
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	11.50
Cooks Lumber Co., flooring	60.79
Lewis A. Higgins, use of land	24.00
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	\$523.87

APRIL.

Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	\$28.05
J. N. Letourneau, medicines	14.90
N. B. Boynton, bal. drawing bark, wood and lumber	30.02
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	138.00
“ “ cash paid sund'es	15.30
D. M. Rowe, groceries	25.45
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	19.21
John Parker Smith, grain	46.60
G. B. Cox, wrappers	10.49
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	8.50
Lougee, Robinson & Co., furniture	21.40
J. Henry Story, drugs and medicines	14.40
J. L. Roberts, ice	17.50
F. S. Roberts, meats	18.33
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	33.00
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	16.07
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	4.40
J. S. Morrill, grain	9.60
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	16.99
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	7.11
New England Telephone Co.	4.97
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	\$500.29

MAY.

Wiard Plow Co., castings	\$8.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	12.90

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H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll . . .	\$144.00
“ “ cash for sundries . . .	12.85
Arthur Brown, carpet	4.50
H. J. Phillips, burial of Wm. Rogers . .	16.75
A. P. Fitch, water pads	2.08
Smith, Whitcomb & Co., plow points . .	2.05
Mrs. H. C. Gale, potatoes, etc.	18.44
T. O. Taylor, Reg. Hereford bull . . .	75.00
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., cash p'd potatoes	16.75
“ “ cash p'd wall pap'r . . .	4.40
F. S. Roberts, meats	22.86
M. Perkins & Son, boots and shoes . . .	16.61
D. M. Rowe, groceries	56.76
F. E. Nelson, crockery	6.31
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	5.55
J. S. Morrill, grain	4.88
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware and paints	21.27
G. H. Mitchell, tin ironware	6.40
Laconia Market Co., meats :	22.69
J. Henry Story, medicines	24.15
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	5.83
John Parker Smith, grain	75.60
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	49.91
New England Telephone	2.88
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	\$639.42

JUNE.

Laconia Water Co	\$ 175.00
H. C. Weymouth, supt. pay roll	143.00
“ “ cash paid sundries	16.50
Burial of Mrs. Perkins	23.10
“ “ Horace Lovett	24.25
J. Breck & Sons, grass seeds	32.72
Warren Lamprey, potatoes	8.50
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	17.39
J. Lapointe, shoes	6.05
F. M. Sanborn, phosphate	42.00
F. S. Roberts, meats	17.65

J. S. Morrill, grain	\$11.85
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	8.20
J. P. Pitman & Co., paints and hardware	10.81
Laconia Market Co., meats	39.78
A. T. Quimby, hardware	5.75
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	4.20
J. Henry Story, medicines	21.25
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	34.21
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	54.24
George A. Collins & Co., medicines	10.30
John Parker Smith, grain	56.20
Citizens Telephone	1.50
New England Telephone	2.40
Laconia Electric Lighting Co	5.70
A. & D. Bramer, Empire cultivator	5.00

\$777.55

JULY.

H. C. Wells, $\frac{1}{2}$ medical contract	\$ 50.00
Cooks Lumber Co., sawing	11.60
Citizens Telephone, March, April, June	4.50
H. C. Weymouth, supt. pay roll	138.00
“ “ cash paid Seed Corn	1.65
“ “ “ sundries	14.52
A. Y. Powers, sextons fees	4.00
Jewett & Co., stove castings	7.00
Orrin Carr, potatoes	5.00
W. B. Smith, potatoes	2.00
J. F. Smith, potatoes	1.00
Warren S. Kimball, potatoes	3.00
Fiske A. Durrell, potatoes	2.00
Charles A. Small, potatoes	4.00
Andrew Felker, potatoes	2.50
Charles Woodman, potatoes	5.60
J. S. Morrill, grain	7.33
A. T. Quimby, paints and hardware	18.80
J. Henry Story, medicines	20.40
Lougee, Robinson Co., crockery	9.18

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D. M. Rowe, groceries	\$84.11	
Laconia Market Co., meats	19.08	
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	11.70	
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	10.38	
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	15.30	
C. F. Locke, groceries	10.15	
F. S. Roberts, meats	14.95	
Cook's Lumber Co., window screens	1.80	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	29.00	
New England telephone	3.65	
	<hr/>	\$512.20

AUGUST.

George F. Mallard, medicines	\$2.50	
Joseph Livingston, wood	136.87	
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	126.00	
" " cash p'd sundries	13.14	
J. M. Neal, oats	6.50	
John Parker Smith, grain, etc.	152.95	
F. E. Nelson, knives, forks and spoons	4.20	
A. T. Quinby, paints and hardware	4.51	
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	11.00	
F. S. Roberts, meats	15.88	
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	16.63	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	23.38	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	26.70	
J. S. Morrill, grain	4.55	
Dickerman & Co., groceries	16.75	
D. M. Rowe, groceries	74.88	
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	36.50	
J. Henry Story, medicines	20.80	
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	12.10	
Laconia Market Co., meats	64.19	
New England Telephone	3.25	
Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	4.60	
	<hr/>	\$777.88

SEPTEMBER.

Meredith tax	\$5.34
Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	6.30
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	121.00
" " cash p'd sundries	26.86
C. W. Swain, harness	15.00
H. J. Phillips, burial of C. J. Noyes	16.75
D. M. Rowe, groceries	53.86
G. A. Collins & Co., medicines	9.05
John Parker Smith, grain	67.40
F. S. Roberts, meats	25.90
Laconia Market Co., meats	54.57
J. Henry Story, medicines	18.25
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	12.32
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	\$16.92
H. W. Carter & Sons, clothing	22.00
Lougee, Robinson Co., furniture	14.79
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	11.87
A. T. Quinby, mdse.	4.81
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	45.00
J. S. Morrill, grain	2.28
New England Telephone	2.35
For return of prisoners	37.48
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	56.05

 \$646.15

OCTOBER.

Citizens telephone, 3 months	4.50
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	121.00
" " cash p'd sundries	16.90
Fair tickets for Inmates	14.25
Joseph Logan, chopping wood	25.30
Benjamin Perry, chopping wood	60.42
Joseph La Flame, chopping wood	87.07
L. S. Perley, repairs of wind mill	32.09
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	31.98
A. T. Quinby, hardware and supplies	11.98

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M. Perkins & Son, shoes	\$16.57
Laconia Market Co., meats	82.15
E. J. Dinsmore, lap robes	5.25
J. Henry Story, drugs and medicines	23.55
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	21.55
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	52.21
New York Clothing Co., clothing	56.58
F. S. Roberts, meats	29.51
J. S. Morrill, grain	2.28
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	1.89
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	3.15
John Parker Smith, grain, etc.	157.20
New England telephone	1.93

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\$859.31

NOVEMBER.

Citizens Telephone	\$1.50
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	125.50
“ “ cash p'd sundries	26.22
Burial of R. R. Colcord	25.25
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	8.82
Dickerman & Co., tea	47.38
C. W. Tyler, use of pasture	15.00
J. LaPointe, boots and slippers	7.25
F. S. Roberts, meats	30.47
Lougee, Robinson & Co, bedding	52.85
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	16.23
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	6.44
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	60.91
M. Perkins & Son, boots and shoes	11.85
J. N. Letourneau, drugs and medicines	21.09
D. M. Rowe, groceries	43.42
N. H. School for Feeble Minded, beef	14.69
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	4.70
A. L. Morrison, repair work	3.85
John Parker Smith, grain and groceries	35.45
J. Henry Story, medicines	23.95
M. S. Swain, pasturing steers	16.00

J. L. Meserve, smith work	\$3.50
A. T. Quinby, hardware, paints, etc. . .	12.71
Laconia Market Co., meats	22.82
J. S. Morrill, grain	30.96
J. C. Moses, labor	15.00
New England Telephone	3.40
C. F. Locke, collector, Laconia taxes . .	264.13
Kidder Machine Co., revolving baker . .	80.00
George H. Yeaton, Reg. Ayrshire bull .	45.00
F. A. Young, insurance	277.50
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., Sept. . .	15.15
“ “ “ “ Oct.	21.00
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	\$1,392.99

DECEMBER.

H. F. Cater & Son, 4 heifers	\$135.00
J. F. Smith, yarding wood and bark . .	76.14
“ veal	12.56
“ drawing and loading bark	12.00
Citizens telephone	1.50
Laconia Electric Lighting Co.	35.10
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll, . . .	124.00
“ “ cash p'd sundries	19.34
Funeral expense, J. E. Mudgett	15.00
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	98.33
John H. Weeks, beef	7.00
J. P. Atkinson, groceries	14.12
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	12.92
John Parker Smith, grain	109.00
F. S. Roberts, meats	22.75
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	5.55
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware and paints	18.95
J. S. Morrill, grain	4.45
Laconia Market Co., meats	58.07
J. Henry Story, medicines	31.10
D. M. Rowe, groceries	127.74
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	51.82
M. Perkins & Son, shoes	18.60

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G. H. Mitchell, labor and supplies	\$27.38	
Cook's Lumber Co., matched boards	8.50	
New England Telephone	2.25	
Norman M. Corliss, pork	57.40	
H. C. Weymouth, services as Supt.	800.00	
		<hr/> \$1,906.57
Total amount for year ending Dec. 31, 1903		\$10,529.91

JAIL ACCOUNT.

H. C. Weymouth, services Jailor, 1903	\$200.00
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COUNTY OFFICERS.

(SALARIES PAID BY COMMISSIONERS.)

E. P. Thompson, auditor	\$25.00	
George S. Philbrick, auditor	25.00	
W. D. Veazey, solicitor	400.00	
S. B. Cole, treasurer	200.00	
C. F. Locke, sheriff to April 1st	100.00	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff	100.00	
		<hr/> \$850.00

COURT EXPENSES.

(PAID BY COMMISSIONERS.)

Chas. F. Locke, sheriff fees Greenleaf case	\$29.02	
New Hampshire State Prison, board of George H. Greenleaf	28.80	
C. F. Locke, sheriff and deputies, March term	329.64	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff, and deputies, March term	29.44	
		<hr/> \$416.90

CORONER AND MEDICAL REFEREE.

F. W. Fowler, coroner, Charles Otis case	\$3.00	
“ “ “ H. C. Gale case .	3.00	
H. S. Beckford, medical referee, Colton case	9.00	
H. S. Beckford, medical referee, Finley c'se	33.60	
“ “ “ Davis case	6.60	
“ “ “ Deward c'se	7.60	
H. S. Beckford, medical referee, Goodwin case	8.60	
H. S. Beckford, medical referee, Ratalis case	8.70	
	<hr/>	\$80.10

COURT HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Winnepesaukee Gas and Electric Co . .	\$21.09
Postage stamps for offices	45.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co	40.20
J. S. Chase, services as janitor	420.00
“ “ janitor, cash paid sundries .	13.55
Cook's Lumber Co., book cases, etc . .	13.45
J. P. Pitman & Co., sidewalk scraper . .	.60
Weeks Bros., printing for offices	134.80
New England Telephone	33.29
E. G. Baker, printing for offices	11.25
W. B. Fellows, insurance on furniture .	12.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	2.02
Citizens Telephone	18.20
T. W. Thompson, supplies for Probate office	16.89
M. B. Plummer, indexing records	51.50
Laconia Press Association	76.75
John M. Guay, labor	2.50
Rumford Printing Co., binding and printing	33.50
Edson C. Eastman, stationery	2.20

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J. L. Brimmer, repairs on furniture . . .	\$2.65
Wesley D. Sanborn, labor	2.50
A. T. Quinby, hardware	2.38
Laconia Water Co	5.00
W. J. Webster, labor and stock, painting	45.30
Cook's Lumber Co., repairs on Ct. house	29.28
A. C. S. Randlett, supplies	2.27
George H. Mitchell, labor	1.33
J. S. Smith & Co., water cooler and labor	2.80
J. L. Roberts, coal	209.25
Wm. Mann Co., index books	31.75
G. A. Morrison, sprinkling street . . .	5.00
Union Publishing Co., city directory . .	2.00
A. W. Jewett, ice	6.00
	————— \$1,296.30

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

Office Bank and Library Co., metallic case for clerk of court's vault	————— \$ 490.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

G. H. Fifield, use of team	\$5.50
Weeks Bros., printing reports	57.00
Postage on reports . . . . .	.70
H. E. Philbrook, team for legislative dele- gation	5.00
Philbrook Bros., team for legislative delegation	1.50
Weeks Bros., printing treasurer's blanks	2.25
Ceylon Spinney, printing expenses . . .	5.00
Town of Gilmanton, 1/2 fines in State vs. Edgerly, Tirrell and Canney	75.00
	————— \$151.95

SUMMARY.

Total amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Commissioners for year ending Dec. 31, 1903:

Amount paid out in the several towns and the City of Laconia for external poor	\$8,649.26
State Industrial School	392.36
Almshouse, jail and house of correction	10,529.91
Jail account	200.00
County officers (paid by commissioners)	850.00
Court expenses " "	416.90
Coroner and medical referee	80.10
Court house account	1,296.30
Permanent Improvement account	490.00
Miscellaneous	151.95
	<hr/> \$23,056.78

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
COUNTY FARM, DEC. 31, 1903.

Live Stock	\$2,759.00
Farm produce	1,502.75
Wood and lumber	755.25
Farming tools	656.00
Provisions	346.37
Household furniture	2,719.80
Dry goods and clothing	100.00
Miscellaneous articles	1,018.02
	<hr/> \$9,857.19
Personal property at Court house	4,022.72
	<hr/> \$13,879.91

Financial Statement of Belknap County

DECEMBER 31, 1903.

ASSETS.

County Farm and Buildings	\$40,000.00	
Wood lot in Meredith	300.00	
Court House and lot	30,000.00	
Personal property at farm	9,857.19	
Personal property at Court House	4,022.72	
Cash in treasury	17,196.23	
		—————\$101,376.14

LIABILITIES.

Court House Bonds	\$30,000.00	
Refunding Bonds	20,000.00	
		————— 50,000.00

Net assets of Belknap County, Dec. 31, 1903	\$51,376.14
“ “ “ “ 1902	43,812.37
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Gain in net assets since Dec. 31, 1902	\$7,563.77

JOHN B. MORRILL,	} Commissioners	
ELLSWORTH H. ROLLINS,		of
JONATHAN C. SHANNON,		Belknap County.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Hon. Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit to you my report of the Belknap County Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903:

INMATES AND BOARDERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY FARM.

Inmates supported at Belknap County Farm for the year 1903:

Name.	Age.	Where From.	Discharged or Died.	Weeks.
Adams, Margarette	49	Alton		52.1
Ashton, Margarette	65	Laconia	Died Dec. 6	49.3
Black, Mary	53	"		52.1
Bunker, Charles	48	New Hampton		52.1
Burrows, Herbert	46	Barnstead		52.1
Bush, Edwin	32	Laconia		26
Bickford, Harry	30	"	Dis. June 1	6
Beckman, Daniel	81	Belmont	Died Nov. 16	3
Carroll, Timothy	69	Laconia		52.1
Colwell, Hattie F.	14	Barnstead	Dis. April 1	13
Cole, Eliza	16	Sanbornton		52.1
Campbell, Elmer	9	Laconia		36
Colcord, R. R.	71	Gilmanton	Died Oct. 16	22
Colcord, Mary	70	"		33
Campbell, Watson	15	Laconia		11
Donovan, Charles	45	Alton		52.1
Duff, James	50	Tilton		32
Dunham, George	60	Sanbornton	Dis. Oct. 28	7
Elliott, Horace	65	Gilmanton		52.1
Evans, Eva	32	Laconia		21
Evans, Caroline	85	"		52.1
Ellis, James	61	Tilton	Dis. April 1	11

Ransom, Henry L.	82 .	Gilmanton	52.1
Rand, Sarah	61 .	Alton	52.1
Sullivan, John	50 .	Tilton . . . Discharged . . .	25
Small, Mary	57 .	Gilford	52.1
Smith, Nathan D.	73 .	N. Hampt'n Died Feb. 18 . . .	7
Swain, Kate	47 .	Lakeport	43
Stevens, William	28 .	Laconia	52.1
Smith, Nellie	38 .	Meredith	36
Smith, Maude S.	17 .	"	36
Smith, Etta M.	10 .	"	36
Smith, Earl R.	3 .	"	36
Smith, Alice	12 .	"	8
Smith, Frank	14 .	"	8
Smith, Roxanna	87 .	Laconia	37.2
Smith, Mary	63 .	Gilmanton	15
Thompson, Arthur	19 .	Gilford	52.1
Wheeler, Ezra	68 .	Tilton	27
Weeks, John	78 .	Meredith	32
Wilson, Sarah	22 .	Belmont	22
Wilson, Hazel	3m .	. . . . .	13
Webster, Caleb	80 .	Gilmanton	13.1
Young, Charles	60 .	Alton	52.1
Young Mcses	80 .	. . . . .	52.1
Young Mary	80 .	. . . . .	52.1
Young, Effie	36 .	Sanbornton	39
Young, Annie	42 .	Meredith	15
Number weeks board			2,902.2
Number of inmates at farm, Jan. 1, 1903			53
Number admitted during year			32
Number births			1
Whole number during year			86
Number discharged			7
Number died during year			13
Number inmates Dec. 31, 1903			66

BOARDERS AT FARM.

Mary T. Dixey	52.1
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Bridget Killourhy	52.1
Isaac Glidden	52.1
Fred Hunkins	52.1
Frank Hoyt	31.3
Edwin G. Howe	26.4

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Number of House of Correction, Jan. 1, 1903	4
Number committed during year	128
Number in House of Correction, Dec. 31, 1903	12
Number weeks board furnished	459.1

STATEMENT OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory of personal property at the Belknap County farm, Jan. 1, 1903	\$8,619.31
Amount paid for salaries, help, merchan- dise and repairs for year ending Dec. 31, 1903	10,529.91
	—————\$19,149.22
Inventory of personal property at the Belknap County farm Dec. 31, 1903	\$9,857.19
Amt. rec'd by Supt. and paid Treasurer for mdse. sold and board furnished	985.76
Amt. credited for board of prisoners in Jail	514.64
Amt. credited for clothing furnished pris- oners in jail	97.00
Amt. due from City of Laconia for board of prisoners	591.11
Amt. due from City of Laconia for board of inmates	45.76
Amt. due from town of Tilton for board of prisoners	74.64
Amt. due from town of Barnstead for board of prisoners	17.50

Amt. due from town of Belmont for board of prisoners	10.00
Amt. due from guardian for board of E. G. Howe	66.43
	<u>12,260.03</u>

Net cost at farm for year ending Dec. 31, 1903	\$6,889.19
Number weeks board furnished	3,361 $\frac{3}{7}$

Dividing the net cost of board, \$6,889.19, by 3,361 $\frac{3}{7}$, number of weeks board furnished in Almshouse and House of correction, gives \$2.04 and a fraction as cost per week.

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Supt.

JAILER'S REPORT.

Number in Jail, Jan. 1, 1903	1
Number committed during year	32
Number in Jail Dec. 31, 1903	8

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Deputy Jailer.

Physician's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners and Citizens of Belknap County:

I submit to you the vital statistics of Belknap County Farm.

NAME.	DIED.	AGE.	CAUSE.
Mary Perkins	Feb. 3, '03	75 yrs.	Old Age
Nathan Smith	Feb. 18 '03	71 yrs.	Bright's Disease
Wm. Rogers	Apr. 5, '03	75 yrs.	Insane
Harriet Greenwood	Apr. 6, '03	64 yrs.	Paralysis
Horace Lovett	May 11, '03	71 yrs.	Phthisis
Chas. Noyes	Aug. 3, '03	25 yrs.	Insane
Lydia Ann Johnson .	Aug. 28, '03	73 yrs.	Cancer
Richard Colcord . .	Oct. 11, '03	71 yrs.	Paralysis
Joseph Mudgett . . .	Oct. 30, '03	85 yrs.	Paresis
Daniel Beckman . . .	Nov. 13, '03	81 yrs.	Old Age
Geo. Grey	Dec. 4, '03	62 yrs.	Phthisis
Margarette Ashton .	Dec. 6, '03	55 yrs.	Dropsy
Geo. Elliott	Dec. 28, '03	55 yrs.	Bright's Disease
There was one birth, a lady, Mary Wilson, brought from Belmont, child's name, Hazel Wilson.			

H. C. WELLS, M. D.

Solicitor's Report.

STATE DOCKET, MARCH TERM, 1903.

Continued cases	1
Indictment for obtaining goods under false pretences	1
Indictment for larceny	1
Passing bogus check	1
Breaking and entering	1
Petition of George E. Wiggin for discharge from the Insane Asylum	1
	— 6

Disposition:

George H. Greenleaf case transferred to Merrimack County	1
Continued	1
Sentenced to State Prison, not less than 1 year and 1 day, or more than 2 years, on payment of costs mittimus not to issue, costs paid	1
Not to be brought forward	1
Sentenced to State Prison, not more than 1 year and 6 months nor less than 1 year and 1 day, mittimus issued March 6, 1903	1
George H. Wiggin released from the Asylum, peti- tion having been granted	1
	— 6

NOVEMBER TERM, 1903.

Continued cases	1
Indictment for drunkenness	1
Larceny	3
Manslaughter	1
Selling liquor without license	2
Breaking and entering	3
Assault on an officer	1

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Removing dead bodies from graveyard	2
Removing grave stone	1
Obstructing highway	1
Appeal from Police Court	1
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Disposition :

Nolle pros.	3
Plea of guilty for drunkenness, fine and costs \$16 30 paid	1
Continued for judgment on indictment for larceny .	1
Sentence not less than 3 years nor more than 5 for manslaughter of infant child by Rose A. Finley .	1
Selling liquor without license in no license town, fine and costs \$77.11, paid.	1
Sentence 1 year in House of Correction, and costs to the amount of \$22.05, for breaking camps . . .	1
Sentence to House of Correction for 1 year and costs \$18.03 for breaking and entering camps	1
Sentence to jail for 2 months and costs to the amount of \$23.37, costs paid, for assault on an officer	1
Not to be brought forward upon payment of costs of \$18.34 for larceny of bicycle	1
For selling liquor without license in a license town, fine of \$200.00, 2 months in jail and costs to the amount of \$12 33; mittimus issued	1
Continued	4
Appeal dismissed by order of court, certified back to Police court	1
	—17

There have been very few complaints of crime during the past year. In fact, all the cases are transferred from the Police courts, either upon appeal or from lack of jurisdiction.

The expenses of the criminal docket for the last year have been unusually small, as there have been some fines and costs paid to the county.

The chief expense on the part of the county was made in

locating parties who have been breaking camps and cottages around the lake and elsewhere, and the prosecution of the manslaughter case.

The county has been able to save considerable money by the rise of the Grand Jury within one day, as has been done in the past two terms.

It is gratifying to be able to submit a report which shows so little crime and small expenditure of money on the part of the county during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. VEAZEY, County Solicitor.

Sheriff's Report.

MARCH TERM SUPERIOR COURT, 1903.

Charles F. Locke, Sheriff, twenty-nine days attendance and travel	\$87.24
Seventy-four days attendance and travel of deputies	192.50
H. O. Wallace, Chaplain	2.00
Conveying prisoners	4.00
Teams conveying prisoners	2.00
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and attendants	29.90
Committing Charles D. Thompson to prison	12.00
Lester Philbrook, 4 days' attendance	12.00
Fees and expense in case of George Wiggin	17.44
	\$359.08

NOVEMBER TERM SUPERIOR COURT, 1903.

Thirty-two days' attendance and travel	\$96.12
Seventy-three days' attendance and travel of deputies	187.78
Paid J. F. Babb, Chaplain	2.00
Committing Rose A. Finley to prison	8.50
Teams to jail	7.00
F. O. Wallace & Son, meals for jurors and attendants	43.00
Committing Theodule Reauleau to jail	2.90
" George McGuire to jail	2.90
" Samuel Demeritt to jail	2.90
" John Demeritt to jail	2.90
" Frank Patten to jail	3.00
Telephoning . . . . .	.35
	\$359.35

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER PHILBROOK, Sheriff.

Report of the Clerk of the Court.

To the Commissioners of the County of Belknap:

I herewith submit my annual report in compliance with the statute.

MARCH TERM, 1903.

Dr.

To 16 dockets sold	\$31.00	"
60 entries at .90	54.00	
Cost, State v. Darway	19.93	
Jury fees	20.00	
One-half cost printing cases	11.75	
Balance due clerk, order drawn	517.73	
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	\$654.41	

Cr.

By cash paid for paper	\$.70
“ “ “ ink pad and dates61
“ “ “ ex. on cases to Shurtleff25
“ “ “ ink . . . . .	.75
“ “ “ ink well and supplies	2.10
“ “ “ ex. on docket to and from Dover . . . . .	.50
“ “ “ Geo. G. Neal	2.00
“ “ “ Laconia Press Asso.	88.85
“ “ “ 3 state entries . . . . .	.90
“ “ “ ½ yearly allowance to July 1	425.00
“ “ “ Lizzie H. Sanborn	35.00
“ “ “ Laconia post office	10.00
“ “ “ ink75
“ “ “ 29 days' attendance	87.00
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	\$654.41

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NOVEMBER TERM, 1903.

Dr.

To 16 dockets sold	\$31.00
143 entries at .90	128.70
8 jury fees	40.00
½ cost printing cases	11.00
Balance due clerk	569.80
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	\$780.50

Cr.

By 2 days' attendance	\$6.00
" 19 returns, divorce Nov. term, 1902	1.90
" 9 " " March "90
" Paid Cutter, Tower Co.	5.00
" 5 days' attendance	15.00
" 2 " "	6.00
" 5 boxes seals	1.80
" Paid George G. Neal	2.00
" " Laconia post office	10.00
" " express, pens, N. H. Reg., etc.	2.65
½ yearly allowance	425.00
Paid Lewis Vaughan & Co.	125.80
" Lizzie H. Sanborn	78.75
14 state entries at .30	4.20
32 days' attendance	96.00
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	\$780.50

E. P. THOMPSON, CLERK.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen:--Herewith is a statement of the financial condition of the County of Belknap as shown by the books of the Treasurer, at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903	\$11,360.34
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COUNTY TAXES.

Alton	\$1,782.44
Barnstead	1,503.10
Belmont	1,609.52
Center Harbor	798.11
Gilford	1,137.40
Gilmanton	1,543.01
Laconia	14,179.78
Meredith	2,281.26
New Hampton	1,010.93
Sanbornton	1,396.68
Tilton	3,757.77
	\$31,000.00

RECEIPTS FROM NOTES.

Laconia National Bank note No. 69	\$2,000.00
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Merrimack County for court expenses and cash paid in Greenleaf case	\$1,403.84
One-half fine, town of Tilton vs. Bert Rafferty	25.00
County of Strafford for aid to paupers	38.05

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County of Strafford for aid to paupers	\$59.75	
Grafton County aid to paupers	42.10	
Strafford County for aid to paupers	112.54	
W. B. Fellows, case J. W. Morrison vs. E. J. Parizzo	10.00	
W. C. Wyatt, fine in case State vs. Chas. J. Maddison	5.00	
W. B. Fellows, on complaint of Von Ber- gess vs. F. M. Sanborn	5.00	
E. P. Thompson, collected use of teleph'ne	.50	
		<hr/> \$1,701.78

STATE LICENSE COMMISSION.

County's share of fees to July 1st	\$3,030.70
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RECEIPTS FROM COUNTY FARM.

H. C. Weymouth, Supt., for board of in- mates and prisoners	\$847.84	
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., mdse. sold	137.92	
		<hr/> \$985.76
		<hr/> <hr/> \$50,078.58

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903	\$11,360.34
County tax	31,000.00
Notes	2,000.00
State License Commission	3,030.70
County farm	985.76
Miscellaneous	1,701.78
	<hr/> \$50,078.58

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of orders drawn by commission- ers, Jan. 1, 1903 to Jan. 1, 1904	\$23,056.78
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COURT ORDERS PAID.

E. P. Thompson, balance of clerk's act.	\$517.73	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff and deputies	359.35	
E. P. Thompson, balance of clerk's act.	569.80	
		————— \$1,446.88

COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES AND EXPENSES
INCURRED.

J. F. Smith	\$412.10	
Oscar Foss	217.91	
J. B. Morrill	358.45	
J. B. Morrill	489.99	
Jona. C. Shannon	455.28	
E. H. Rollins	255.88	
		————— \$2,189.61

COURT EXPENSES.

Grand jurors, March term	\$73.72
Petit jurors, March term	526.44
Grand jury Nov. term	76.32
Petit " " "	943.36
" " adjourned term	15.04
Pay-roll, State vs. Oscar F. Webster	\$2.69
" " " John C. Patrick	2.50
" " " Victor Smith	3.05
" " " Wm. H. Cate	2.45
" " " John Kenney	1.25
" " " Henry Canney	9.04
" " " Louis Darway	17.73
" " " Walter Edgerley	9.04
" " " Fred H. Tirrell	9.04
" " " Edward Armstrong	15.04
" " " Lewis Levalley	1.74
" " " Chas. D. Thompson	34.54
" " " Asa Wallace	4.28
" " " Thos. O'Connell	2.86

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Pay-roll, State v. George Rowen	\$2.86
“ “ “ L. Goldstein79
“ “ “ Chas. E. Ring	13.54
“ “ “ Ezra Brake	17.45
“ “ “ Lizzie Simmons	18.72
“ “ “ Frank Patten	8.87
“ “ “ Rosie A. Finley	162.14
“ “ “ John M. Arlin	16.25
“ “ “ Frank Dalton	18.11
“ “ “ John W. Demerett	19.85
“ “ “ Geo. H. McGuire	21.17
“ “ “ Oliver C. Heath	8.62
“ “ “ John K. Flanders	8.86
“ “ “ Theodule Reauleau	9.36
“ “ “ Richard S. Stearns	11.37
“ “ “ John W. Edgerly	8.70
“ “ “ Henry C. Shaw	9.22
“ “ “ George Wiggin	99.00
“ “ “ Lewis Goldstein	1.40
“ case of Ara Bunker	60.40
	\$2,266.31

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Laconia National Bank, note No. 69	\$2,000.00
Interest paid on do	22.77
110 Court House bond coupons	1100.00
40 Refunding bond coupons	800.00
	\$3,922.77

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of Receipts \$50,078.58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders of commissioners	\$23,056.78
court orders	3,636.49
court expenses	2,266.31
notes and interest	3,922.77
cash on hand	17,196.23
	\$50,078.58

COUNTY DEBT.

60 Court House bonds, \$500	\$30,000.00
20 Refunding bonds, \$1,000	20,000.00
	—————\$50,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN B. COLE, Treasurer.

County Auditors' Report.

To the Supreme Court:

We herewith submit our thirteenth semi-annual report of the auditing of the several accounts of the county officers for the period ending June 30, 1903, as required by law.

We have examined the bills rendered by the county commissioners for their services and expenses from January 1, 1903 to July 1, 1903, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time actually spent in the business of the county, and that the sums charged for expenses are reasonable.

We have also examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, with proper vouchers for all payments made by him. We have compared the orders paid by the treasurer with the record of orders drawn by the County Commissioners and find that they agree and that the Treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

The Treasurer had on hand, January 1, 1903, \$11,360.34. He has received from all sources \$4,290.50, making a total of \$15,650.84. He has paid out on orders drawn by the County Commissioners \$11,411.63, on orders drawn by the Court, \$2,274.98; coupons on bonds, \$1000.00; making a total of \$14,686.61, which leaves a balance on hand of \$964.23.

We have also examined the account of the superintendent of the county farm and find that he has received for board of inmates, prisoners in jail and all other sources, \$486.67, which he has on hand.

We have also examined the books of the County Commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the treasurer as above stated, of which \$5,252.04, was for the support of external poor and the balance was for purposes as follows:

Farm	\$4,434.81
County Officers	450.00
Court House	566.84
Court expenses	416.90
Industrial School	76.29
Miscellaneous	214.75

The Commissioners exhibited vouchers for all orders drawn by them corresponding in amount to the orders.

While the value of an article depends upon the quality, which the auditors have had no means or opportunity of examining or knowing, they are of the opinion that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value, and have been used for the benefit of the county.

The commissioners have filed with the Auditors a sworn statement of the outstanding indebtedness July 1, 1903, which is hereto annexed.

E. P. THOMPSON, }
GEO. S. PHILBRICK, } Auditors.

Laconia, N. H., July 1, 1903.

To the Supreme Court:

We herewith submit our fourteenth semi-annual report of the auditing of the several accounts of the County officers for the period ending December 31, 1903, as required by law.

We have examined the bills rendered by the County Commissioners for their services and expenses from July 1, 1903, to December 31, 1903, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time actually spent in the business of the county, and that the sums charged for expenses are reasonable.

We have also examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct with proper vouchers for all payments made by him. We have compared the orders paid by the Treasurer with the record of orders drawn by the County Commissioners and find that they agree and that the Treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

The Treasurer had on hand July 1, 1903, \$964.23. He has

received from all sources \$34,427.74, making a total of \$35,391.97. He has paid out on orders drawn by the County Commissioners \$11,645.15; on notes and interest, \$2,022.77; coupons on bonds, \$900.00; on orders drawn by the court, \$3,627.82; making a total of \$18,195.74, which leaves a balance on hand of \$17,196.23.

We have examined the account of the Superintendent of the County Farm and find that he has received for board of inmates, prisoners in jail and all other sources, \$499.09, which together with the \$486.67 which he had on hand July 1, has been paid to the County Treasurer.

We have examined the books of the County Commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the Treasurer as above stated, of which \$3,397.22 was for the support of external poor and the balance was for purposes as follows:

County Farm and Jail	\$6,295.10
County Officers	400.00
Metal case in vault	490.00
Court House	729.46
Industrial School	316.07
Miscellaneous	17.30

The Commissioners exhibited vouchers for all orders drawn by them corresponding in amount to the orders.

While the value of an article depends upon the quality, which the auditors have had no means or opportunity of examining or knowing, they are of the opinion that the sums charged therein for articles purchased, are according to the market value, and have been used for the benefit of the County.

The Commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement of the outstanding indebtedness December 31, 1903, which is hereto annexed.

We have in addition visited the County Farm and looked over every part of the house, jail, insane ward, barn and out-houses. We find them all neat, clean and in good condition. We find the inmates well taken care of and apparently happy. There should be some inexpensive repairs made on the build-

ings this coming season. We find a stock of 47 head of cattle, some of them registered having been lately purchased, which we think a move in the right direction. The improvements which have been made in the cooking arrangement is a great saving over the old arrangement and one to be commended.

The auditors have constantly advocated the removal of those of the external poor who were without homes and in a feeble condition to the farm, where we believe they can have more comforts and better food, care and nursing; and we are glad to note that the Commissioners have adopted the same view, during the last eight months, having taken many to the farm. While this may increase the expense of the farm, it will reduce the expense of support of external poor, and will materially increase the health and comfort of the unfortunate poor.

E. P. THOMPSON, }
GEO. S. PHILBRICK, } Auditors.

January 15, 1904.

Proceedings of the County Convention

CONCORD, N. H., January 14, 1903. }
 DIVISION 4, STATE HOUSE. }

Meeting called to order by Pinkham of Alton, Mr. Sargent of Belmont, spoken of for chairman, he not being present, Chase of Laconia, nominated Rogers of Tilton, and Rogers was declared elected chairman. On motion of Chase, of Laconia, Prescott, of Laconia, was chosen clerk. No other business. Voted to adjourn to the call of the chairman.

W. L. PRESCOTT, Clerk.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 28, 1903, STATE HOUSE.

Delegation met in Room 5, with Sargent of Belmont as chairman. Minutes of last meeting were read by clerk. On motion of Rogers of Tilton, it was voted that we proceed with business as organized. Commissioner Smith made remarks in regard to visiting the County Farm. On motion of Hull of Laconia, it was voted that the delegation visit the farm on February 6. Voted that the delegation meet at ten o'clock a. m., on said date at the Court House, Laconia. Voted to adjourn to the call of the chairman.

W. L. PRESCOTT, Clerk.

LACONIA, N. H., Feb. 6, 1903.

Belknap County Delegation met at the Court House, Laconia, as per vote at Concord, Jan. 28, at ten o'clock a. m., with the following representatives present: Potter, Clough, Fec-teau, Smith, Davis, Morrill, Hull, Quimby, Chase, Sanborn, Sargent, Prescott, and were received by County Commissioners Smith and Morrill. The Court House was inspected by the delegation, after which, barges were taken for a drive to the County Farm. The large barn and herd of cattle were first inspected, the large farm house was next visited and the delegation were received by Supt. and Mrs. Weymouth, who

served a very fine dinner to the party. The different buildings were inspected by the party. Meeting of the delegation called to order by Chairman Sargent. On motion of Davis, it was voted to extend a vote of thanks to Supt. and Mrs. Weymouth, also to include waiters, for our entertainment. Remarks were made by Commissioner Smith in regard to the appropriations, which the Board had prepared and recommended as follows, for each of the coming two years :

External poor, \$11,000; County Farm, House of Correction and Jail, \$8,000; County officers, salaries, \$2,500; Court House account, \$1,500; Court expenses, \$5,000; interest on bonds, \$2,000. Total, \$30,000.

On motion of Clough of Gilmanton, it was voted that the sum of \$31,000 be raised the first year, and \$30,000 the second year, \$1,000 of the first amount to be used for metallic vault at the Court House. On motion of Davis, it was voted to give the same power to the new Board of Commissioners, as has been given in the past few years to sell the County wood lot at the head of the bay. Remarks were made by the Commissioners in regard to the boilers, who seemed to agree that the boilers were safe and all right. Hull moved that the Commissioners Report be accepted and it was so voted. No other business appearing, it was voted to adjourn. Barges were taken for the city, and each expressed himself as being very well pleased with the trip.

W. L. PRESCOTT, Clerk.

A true copy,

Attest:

W. L. PRESCOTT.

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