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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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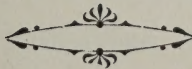
COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY FARM,
SHERIFF, COUNTY TREASURER, JAILER,
PHYSICIAN, CHAPLAIN, CLERK OF
THE COURT, COUNTY SOLIC-
ITOR AND AUDITORS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.



LACONIA, N. H.

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COUNTY OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONERS,

JOHN B. MORRILL, Gilford ;

ELLSWORTH H. ROLLINS, Alton ;

CHARLES L. PULSIFER, Laconia.

TREASURER,

STEPHEN B. COLE, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

FRANK P. TILTON, 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,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

HARRIS A. MORSE, Tilton.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER,

HERMAN C. WEYMOUTH, Laconia.

PHYSICIAN AT COUNTY FARM,
HENRY C. WELLS, M. D., Laconia.

CHAPLAIN,
ALVA H. MORRILL, D. D., Laconia.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS,
CALVIN JENKINS, Barnstead;
EDMUND PAGE, Meredith;
JOHN LYFORD, Belmont;
ORVIS A. PLUMMER, Tilton.

MEDICAL REFEREE,
HENRY S. BECKFORD, M. D., Belmont.

Belknap County Convention, 1909-10.

Alton	Arthur D. Rollins
Barnstead	Calvin Jenkins
Belmont	Fred A. Currier
Center Harbor	<i>(Does not elect)</i>
Gilford	John G. Wadley
Gilmanton	Jeremiah W. Sanborn
Laconia, Ward 1	Caleb J. Avery
" 2	Hermon Dow
" 3	Amos J. Dinsmoor
" 4	Clarence L. Follansbee
" 5	Fred A. Rand
" 6	Charles F. Locke
" 	Harry L. Smith
Meredith	Joseph Livingston
New Hampton	Frank W. Preston
Sanbornton	Lowell I. Hanson
Tilton	John G. Davis
.	William H. H. Rollins

Commissioners' Report.

To the Citizens of Belknap County :

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of New Hampshire, your Commissioners herewith submit the report of their financial transactions for the year ending December 31, 1908, and a statement of the financial condition of the county at the end of the year, together with the report of the other county officers required by law.

The Almshouse and House of Correction remain under the same able management as for the past few years. Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth have demonstrated their fitness for the respective positions of superintendent and matron, and their services have been secured for the coming year.

The total amount paid out through the commissioners' office for current expenses of the county has been slightly less than last year and, in fact, less than for several years. The receipts of the county have also been less, the appropriation, \$31,000, being the same as for the previous year, while the receipts from the state license commissioners have fallen off, in round numbers, \$2,000 from last year and about \$4,000 per year from each of the two years preceding the last. It will be necessary for the present county convention to consider, in making their appropriations for the coming two years, the facts that this item, receipts from license commissioners, has now practically dropped out of the account, as has that of board of prisoners in the house of correction, while the court expenses have been increased quite materially by the change in the law increasing the pay of jurymen.

The plan adopted four years ago under the sanction of the legislative delegation providing a means for retiring the

county bonds upon maturity has been continued and, there being no county bonds procurable, we have purchased for the sinking fund six \$1,000 municipal bonds bearing the same rate of interest (four per cent), as the county bonds. In doing this we have been obliged to reduce the amount of cash in the treasury somewhat below the amount carried over last year but hope that the sum now in the treasury, \$17,107, may prove sufficient, or very nearly sufficient, to meet the needs of the county until the first payment on the next county tax becomes available. The county debt consists of \$50,000 of four per cent twenty year bonds, \$30,000 payable July 1, 1913, and the balance, \$20,000, payable Jan. 1, 1915. It is evident that if these bonds are to be retired upon maturity, with anything like a uniform county tax, the policy of adding something each year to the sinking fund should be continued.

The amount in the sinking fund at the close of business last year was \$18,639.91, and with the bonds purchased this year and the interest accruing during the year now amounts to \$25,334.61, reckoning the bonds in the fund at the cost price to the county, which is a very conservative estimate of their value. The dividends on this amount for the coming year should about equal one-half of the interest on the county debt for the same period.

The county tax for each of the past sixteen years, being the whole period covered by the law which changed the fiscal year of counties to the present basis, has been as follows:

1893 . . .	\$35,000	1901 . . .	\$35,500
1894 . . .	35,000	1902 . . .	35,500
1895 . . .	37,800	1903 . . .	31,000
1896 . . .	36,500	1904 . . .	30,000
1897 . . .	28,500	1905 . . .	30,000
1898 . . .	30,000	1906 . . .	30,000
1899 . . .	30,500	1907 . . .	31,000
1900 . . .	30,000	1908 . . .	31,000

External Poor Account.

Amount Paid for Support of Paupers and Dependent
Soldiers and their Families Off the Farm for
the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

ALTON.

Mrs. Mattie Hayes	\$79.50	
Transient	369.70	
Dependent soldiers and their families	229.50	
		————— \$678.70
Deduct amount refunded		149.50
		—————
Actual cost to county		\$529.20

BARNSTEAD.

Transient	\$2.55	
		————— \$2.55

BELMONT.

Burt Prescott	\$137.66	
Transient	389.65	
		————— \$527.31

GILFORD.

Transient	\$24.00	
		————— \$24.00

GILMANTON.

Laura A. Page	\$48.00	
Transient	65.00	
		————— \$113.00

LACONIA.

Harriet Hazelton	\$52.00
Daniel B. Leavitt	66.25
Sarah Gilford	78.00
Mary Hale	80.20
J. Harriman Clark	90.49
Frank P. Webster	55.25
Mrs. Olga Bohlin	90.40
Elmer E. Herbert	157.89
Mrs. J. Dalton	147.16
Mrs. A. Fecteau	266.45
Adelard Dion	30.45
Mrs. J. Truckey	101.61
Arthur E. Sweet	45.15
Transient	2,130.05
Dependent soldiers and their families	965.94
	—————\$4,357.29
Deduct amount refunded	289.55
	—————
Actual cost to county	\$4067.74

MEREDITH.

Transient	\$227.37
Dependent soldiers and their families	515.03
	————— \$742.40
Deduct amount refunded	55.44
	—————
Actual cost to county	\$686.96

NEW HAMPTON.

Transient	\$92.00
Dependent soldiers and their families	109.75
	————— \$201.75

SANBORNTON.

Edwin Johnson	\$31.32
George B. Randlett	60.00
George D. Taylor	39.92
Transient	240.98
Dependent soldiers and their families	115.85
	<hr/> \$488.07

TILTON.

John Joyce	\$156.49
Transient	517.23
	<hr/> \$673.72
Deduct amount refunded	73.44
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Actual cost to county	\$600.28

EXTERNAL POOR.

TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT IN THE SEVERAL TOWNS
AND THE CITY OF LACONIA FOR SUPPORT OF
POOR FOR THE YEAR:

Alton	\$678.70
Barnstead	2.55
Belmont	527.31
Center Harbor	
Gilford	24.00
Gilmanton	113.00
Laconia	4,357.29
Meredith	742.40
New Hampton	201.75
Sanbornton	488.07
Tilton	673.72
	<hr/> \$7,808.79
Deduct amount refunded	567.93
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Actual cost to Belknap county	\$7,240.86

County Farm.

Itemized Accounts of Bills for County Farm, House of
Correction and Jail for the Year Ending
December 31, 1908.

JANUARY.

Oscar Foss, insurance premiums	\$55.50
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service,	17.01
Laconia Water Co., service to June 1,	213.80
Citizens Telephone	2.00
City of Laconia, recording deaths	1.50
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll	103.00
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	11.25
H. J. Phillips, burial Chas. Hill	15.50
Laconia Market Co., meats	29.37
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	1.30
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	5.80
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	38.00
F. S. Roberts, provisions	51.30
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	34.80
Dennis O'Shea, clothing	12.90
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	2.89
M. Perkins & Son, shoes and rubbers	20.78
J. Henry Story, medicines	15.20
J. S. Morrill, grain	117.23
Guay & Wallace, labor and supplies	4.61
New England Telephone	2.77
H. C. Wells, M. D., medical contract	50.00
“ “ “ “ returns of death	2.75
	\$809.26

FEBRUARY.

Citizens Telephone	\$2.00	
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	42.90	
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll . . .	115.00	
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	9.50	
J. H. Battis, labor	6.75	
David Gagnon, chopping wood . . .	64.05	
H. G. Perkins, shoes and rubbers . .	4.10	
J. Henry Story, medicines	18.55	
Laconia Market Co., meats	19.88	
Lougee, Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods	18.20	
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., labor and supplies	4.04	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	32.80	
J. S. Morrill, grain	51.90	
F. S. Roberts, provisions	24.28	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	1.24	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	22.38	
John Parker Smith Co., supplies . . .	1.53	
New England Telephone	1.63	
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	12.85	
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		\$453.58

MARCH.

Citizens Telephone	2.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	31.80
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll . . .	125.00
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	8.50
Benj. Perry, cutting wood	29.22
David Gagnon, cutting wood	70.15
F. H. Moore, poultry food	1.00
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work.	3.05
Swift & Co., supplies	4.00
A. B. Ladd, harness repairs	5.45
D. M. Rowe, groceries	57.08
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	4.60

W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	\$1.44
Odor-No-Chemical Co., disinfectant	8.50
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	15.82
F. S. Roberts, provisions	33.35
J. S. Morrill, grain	88.50
A. A. Jewett, ice	15.15
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	25.83
J. Henry Story, medicine	20.65
Laconia Market Co., meats	27.53
H. G. Perkins, shoes and rubbers	15.40
New England Telephone	1.63
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	\$595.65

APRIL.

Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	\$18.60
“ “ “ “ supplies	2.62
Citizens Telephone	2.00
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll	140.00
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	10.03
C. H. Marshall, eggs	3.50
H. J. Phillips, burial Mr. Burnham	20.00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Young	18.00
M. P. Smith, maple syrup	3.75
Olga Bohlin, furniture	75.00
D. M. Rowe, groceries	67.09
Dickerman & Co., supplies	39.15
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	9.92
Cook's Lumber Co., hemlock plank	5.08
L. W. Downs, fish	19.29
S. D. McGloughlin, smith work	4.40
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., tinware	2.66
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor . . . . .	.70
J. Henry Story, medicines	13.70
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	5.23
F. S. Roberts, meats	45.45
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	30.50
J. S. Morrill, grain	105.77
New England Telephone	1.83
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	\$644.27

MAY.

Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	\$12.90
“ “ “ “ repairs	2.03
Citizens Telephone	2.00
New England Telephone	2.12
B. R. Dearborn, coll., Meredith taxes,	7.00
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll . . .	140.00
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	12.41
A. L. Morrison, repairing carts	9.60
B. & M. R. R., freight	8.08
H. J. Phillips, burial Daniel Foster .	20.50
J. Henry Story, medicines	14.75
George A. Quimby, medicines . . . . .	.30
H. G. Perkins, shoes	16.23
Guay & Wallace, repairs	16.00
Warren Lamprey, potatoes	7.00
J. S. Morrill, grain	102.81
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	13.41
F. S. Roberts, provisions	59.93
Lougee, Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods	9.78
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	54.63
W. E. Foster, supplies	11.20
Swift & Co., washing powder	3.00
Laconia Market Co., meats	17.52
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware and paints	49.48
C. W. Hunt, digging grave	3.00
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	\$595.68

JUNE.

New England Telephone Co.	2.33
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	4.80
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll . . .	145.33
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	7.37
H. J. Phillips, burial J. O. Sanborn .	16.00
Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds	13.02
D. M. Rowe, groceries	95.89

W. D. Huse & Sons, labor and supplies	\$9.30
J. L. Meserve, smith work, April . . .	10.85
“ “ “ “ “ May . . .	5.85
W. N. Dennett, potatoes	4.00
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., hardware	3.60
David Gagnon, chopping wood	102.92
Ben. Perry, “ “	75.90
F. S. Roberts, provisions	43.78
H. E. Woodman, repairing harness . . .	1.45
J. S. Morrill, grain	92.18
E. J. Dinsmore, set of belly straps . . .	3.50
Laconia Market Co., meats	33.26
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	17.98
Swift & Co., washing powder	3.00
Hollis G. Perkins, shoes	21.35
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	18.13
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	\$731.79

JULY.

Laconia Water Co., water to Dec. 1 . . .	175.00
H. P. Evans, burial Mrs. Young	3.00
Citizens Telephone, May	2.00
“ “ “ June	2.00
New England Telephone	2.13
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	3.60
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll	124.63
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	10.84
F. H. Moore, fertilizer	45.80
“ “ “ grain and seed corn	34.58
Atkinson & Rand, supplies	23.51
D. M. Rowe, groceries	21.64
Dickerman & Co., provisions	26.39
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	20.10
J. S. Morrill, grain	53.77
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware, supplies	11.06
H. C. Wells, M. D., services to July 1 . .	50.00
M. G. Wiley, M. D., examination, F. Smith	1.00

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F. S. Roberts, provisions	\$47.12
McCarthy Bros., clothing	4.13
J. L. Meserve, smith work	7.60
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	3.14
H. G. Perkins, shoes	4.70
A. B. Ladd, harness repairs	5.25
R. F. Moore, D. V. S., services	5.50
Dennis O'Shea, clothing	14.38
Laconia Market Co., meats	37.98
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	11.25
A. F. Rogers, potatoes	5.00
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	\$757.10

AUGUST.

New England Telephone	1.62
Citizens Telephone	2.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	2.40
“ “ “ “ repairs	1.66
L. S. Perley, two-thirds expense repair-	
ing windmill	30.48
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll	149.17
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	11.60
D. M. Rowe, supplies	55.06
Swift & Co., washing powder	3.00
A. E. Howe, sexton's fee, J. O. Sanborn	5.00
Stratton & Co., flour	292.00
Hollis G. Perkins, shoes	7.80
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	20.65
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	12.53
Laconia Market Co., meats	27.73
W. H. Philbrook, harness repairs	5.65
J. S. Morrill, grain	23.40
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	9.10
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., supplies	5.75
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	4.55
F. S. Roberts, provisions	31.92
J. L. Roberts, fertilizer	3.60

J. E. Belisle, shoeing horses	\$2.00	
J. L. Meserve, smith work	2.68	
L. W. Downs, fish	11.33	
F. H. Moore, grain	62.90	
Lougee, Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods	25.56	
J. Henry Story, medicines, June	12.45	
“ “ “ “ July	4.75	
	<hr/>	\$828.34

SEPTEMBER.

Citizens Telephone	2.00	
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	4.50	
H. C. Weymouth, supt., pay roll	115.00	
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	10.95	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	8.50	
W. E. Foster, supplies	4.15	
D. M. Rowe, groceries	10.30	
J. S. Morrill, grain	67.41	
F. S. Roberts, provisions	52.45	
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., tinware	1.15	
J. L. Meserve, smith work	6.10	
J. Henry Story, medicines	14.45	
Hollis G. Perkins, shoes	8.20	
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	28.75	
Dennis O'Shea, clothing	2.00	
Lougee-Robinson Co., furniture	6.73	
John Parker Smith Co., churn	13.50	
Laconia Market Co., meats	14.33	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	6.95	
New England Telephone	2.18	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	1.67	
Charles Elliott, wood	18.00	
Fred A. Young, insurance premiums, boilers	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$449.27

OCTOBER.

New England Telephone	\$1.81	
Citizens Telephone	2.00	
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	11.10	
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll . . .	142.60	
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	14.50	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	8.17	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	1.92	
F. S. Roberts, provisions	27.02	
D. M. Rowe, groceries	23.60	
C. E. Sleeper, cutting corn	11.84	
J. S. Morrill, grain	90.09	
Lawrence Baldi, supplies	4.00	
L. W. Downs, fish	5.65	
J. La Pointe, shoes	4.00	
Swift & Co., washing powder	3.00	
J. L. Roberts, wood	121.50	
Laconia Market Co., meats	35.93	
J. L. Meserve, smith work	11.60	
F. H. Moore, grain	24.00	
City of Laconia, taxes, 1908	280.80	
F. P. Grant, onions	8.00	
		<hr/> \$833.13

NOVEMBER.

Citizens Telephone	2.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service	24.90
Fred A. Young, insurance premium .	277.50
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll . . .	154.00
“ “ “ “ cash, sundries	8.50
J. W. Mathes, use of pasture	25.00
A. L. Morrison, carriage repairs . . .	2.70
H. J. Phillips, burial Mr. Young . . .	17.00
F. H. Moore, grain	57.30
D. M. Rowe, groceries	48.14

J. Henry Story, medicines	\$16.90	
Laconia Market Co., meats	22.26	
Lougee, Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods,	16.80	
J. L. Meserve, smith work	4.75	
H. G. Perkins, shoes	8.40	
Dickerman & Co., supplies	35.17	
J. S. Smith & Co., tinware	4.20	
F. A. Randlett, pasturing horse	8.00	
L. W. Downs, fish	4.84	
J. S. Morrill, grain	62.71	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	43.95	
F. S. Roberts, provisions	40.26	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	8.21	
Swift & Co., washing powder	3.00	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	31.68	
New England Telephone	1.62	
		\$929.79

DECEMBER.

Citizens Telephone	2.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service,	29.70
Wesley D. Sanborn, electrical supplies,	1.26
New England Telephone	2.07
H. C. Weymouth, Supt., pay roll	122.25
“ “ “ “ “ cash, sundries	13.49
F. A. Bean, pasturing steers	8.00
F. E. Pickering, poultry	10.65
D. M. Rowe, groceries	25.85
McCarthy Bros., clothing	6.58
W. E. Foster, supplies	7.55
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	26.43
Atkinson & Rand, groceries	11.72
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs . . . . .	.96
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	14.91
H. M. Bartlett & Son, sawdust	2.25
Dennis O'Shea, clothing	3.25
W. H. Philbrook, harness repairs . . .	10.10

J. Henry Story, medicines	\$15.85	
Lougee, Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods,	16.62	
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., supplies	3.98	
Laconia Market Co., meats	25.16	
John Parker Smith Co., supplies	1.94	
Hollis G. Perkins, shoes	8.85	
Lawrence Baldi, supplies	4.00	
J. L. Meserve, smith work	3.75	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	27.67	
Thompson & Hoague, supplies	6.00	
F. S. Roberts, provisions	43.32	
A. A. Tilton, grain	131.40	
L. W. Downs, fish	4.30	
H. C. Weymouth, salary as supt.,	800.00	
Rev. W. H. Getchell, services as chaplain	10.00	
Rev. A. H. Morrill, " " "	15.00	
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		\$1,416.86
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Total for year ending Dec. 31, 1908		\$9,044.72

JAIL ACCOUNT.

H. C. Weymouth, services as jailer, 1908, \$200.00	<hr/>	\$200.00
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COURT HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Laconia Electric Lighting Co., service,	\$51.22
" " " " repairs,	7.36
Laconia Water Co., water	16.70
Citizens Telephone	48.00
New England Telephone	58.88
Edson C. Eastman, books	5.50
M. B. Plummer, indexing records	72.00
M. B. Plummer, supplies for office	4.70
Rumford Printing Co., binding records,	20.25
" " " record books	10.00

W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs to piping,	\$205.62
Winn. Gas and Electric Co., gas . . .	4.88
J. S. Chase, janitor, services	480.00
J. S. Chase, cash paid sundries	4.70
Weeks Bros, blanks, reg. deeds office, .	18.00
" " " " probate "	61.95
F. L. Gilman, postage stamps	30.00
C. E. Buzzell, postage stamps	10.00
American Law Book Co., 3 vols. cyc., .	18.00
" " " " annotations .	5.40
W. M. Rickert, repairing chairs	3.00
W. B. Fellows, insurance on furniture .	12.00
T. W. Thompson, supplies, probate office	15.91
Wesley D. Sanborn, repairs . . . . .	.30
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies, reg. of deeds	5.75
" " " " commissioners	2.05
" " " " clerks's office	8.00
A. C. S. Randlett, supplies	1.39
John L. Roberts, coal	37.50
N. R. Switser, repairing chairs	3.00
John Carter & Co., supplies	4.15
Smith Typewriter Co., supplies	4.00
Guay & Wallace, repairs	16.20
J. S. Smith & Co., repairs . . . . .	.35
F. A. Young, insurance on boilers	50.00
John Parker Smith Co., supplies . . . . .	.80
Charles Elliott, wood	32.00
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies . . . . .	.89
J. H. Dow & Son, coal	223.65
A. W. Jewett, ice	6.00
G. A. Morrison, sprinkling street	13.00
G. A. Dow, labor on roof	1.45
J. H. Battis, carting loam	3.00
E. P. Thompson, supplies, clerk's office,	5.55
Fitch Dustdown Co., dustdown	5.25
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	\$1,588.35

COUNTY OFFICERS

[Salaries paid by Commissioners]

George S. Philbrick, auditor	\$25.00	
E. P. Thompson, auditor	25 00	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff	200.00	
F. P. Tilton, solicitor	400.00	
S. B. Cole, treasurer	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$850.00

MEDICAL REFEREE.

H. S. Beckford, M. D., Morris case . .	5.96	
“ “ “ Wentworth case	7.16	
“ “ “ Hitchcock case	5.84	
“ “ “ Sharpe case . .	15.72	
C. S. Abbott, M. D., Smith case . . .	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$39.68

SINKING FUND.

City of Jersey City, coupon bond No. .046, due Aug. 1, 1918, with acc'd int.	1,016.78	
Town of Laconia, coupon bond No. 57, due July 1, 1922 with acc'd int. . .	1,007.61	
City of Laconia, coupon bonds Nos. 108 and 109, due Oct. 1, 1939, with ac- crued interest	2,050.22	
City of Nashua, coupon bonds, Nos. 84 and 91, due June 1, 1913, with ac- crued interest	2,006.67	
	<hr/>	\$6,081.28

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. C. Weymouth, expense, Stafford case,	16.14
Weeks Bros., printing county reports .	72.00
“ “ “ and supplies . .	1.50

Laconia Press Association, printing and supplies	\$50.36	
		\$140.00

SUMMARY.

Total Amount of Orders Drawn on the Treasurer by the Commissioners for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Poor off the farm	7,808.79	
Almshouse, house of correction and jail	9,044.72	
Jail account (salary of deputy jailer) . . .	200.00	
Court house account	1,588.35	
County officers (paid by commissioners)	850.00	
Medical referee	39.68	
Sinking fund	6,081.28	
Miscellaneous	140.00	
		\$25,752.82

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At County Farm, Dec. 31, 1908.

Live stock	2,640.00	
Farm produce	1,937.00	
Wood and lumber	1,018.50	
Farming tools	689.50	
Provisions	611.06	
Household furniture	3,326.27	
Dry goods and clothing	100.00	
Miscellaneous articles	1,080.00	
		\$11,402.33

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

City Savings Bank, deposit Dec. 31, 1905,	2,000.00
“ “ “ “ Dec. 31, 1906,	1,500.00
“ “ “ “ Jan. 21, 1908,	20.00

Dividends to Jan. 1, 1909	\$327.86	
	<u> </u>	3,847.86
Laconia Sav'gs Bank, deposit Dec. 31, 1905, 2,000.00		
" " " " " 31, 1906, 1,500.00		
" " " " Jan. 6, 1908, 20.00		
" " " " Dec. 19, 1908, 140.00		
Dividends to Jan. 1, 1909	321.44	
	<u> </u>	3,981.44
Iona Savings Bank, deposit, Dec. 31, 1905, 2,000.00		
" " " " Dec. 31. 1906, 1,500.00		
Dividends to Dec. 1, 1908	302.72	
	<u> </u>	3,802.72
Meredith Village Savings Bank :		
Deposit, Dec. 31, 1906	1,500.00	
Dividends to Jan. 1, 1909	115.64	
	<u> </u>	1,615.64
		\$13,247.66

BONDS.

Belknap Co. court house 4 per cent bonds		
Nos. 1, 3, 4, 25, 27, 28, 29, 39, 40, 58,		
due July 1, 1913, \$500.00 each	5,000.00	
City of Boston 4 per cent coupon bond,		
No. 3044, due Oct. 1, 1918	1,005.67	
City of Jersey City 4 per cent coupon		
bond, No. .046, due Aug 1, 1918	1,016.78	
Town of Laconia 4 per cent coupon		
bond, No. 57, due July 1, 1922	1,007.61	
City of Laconia 4 per cent coupon bonds		
Nos. 108, 109, due Oct. 1, 1939	2,050.22	
City of Nashua 4 per cent coupon bonds,		
Nos. 84, 91, due Jan. 1, 1913	2,006.67	
	<u> </u>	12,086.95
Total amount of sinking fund Dec. 31, 1908		<u>25,334.61</u>

Financial Condition

Of Belknap County at the Close of Business December
Thirty-first, 1908.

ASSETS.

County farm and buildings	\$40,000.00	
Wood lot in Meredith	800.00	
Court house and lot	35,000.00	
Personal property at farm	11,402.33	
Personal property at court house	4,572.72	
Due farm for board	714.97	
Cash in sinking fund	25,334.61	
Cash in hands of treasurer	17,107.00	
		\$134,931.63

LIABILITIES.

60 Court house bonds, due 1913	\$30,000.00	
20 Refunding bonds, due 1915	20,000.00	
		50,000.00
Net assets, Dec. 31, 1908		\$84,931.63
Net assets, Dec. 31, 1907		79,735.37
Gain in net assets since Dec. 31, 1907,		\$5,196.26

Most respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. MORRILL,
ELLSWORTH H. ROLLINS,
CHARLES L. PULSIFER,

Commissioners of Belknap County.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County :

I herewith submit to you my report of the Belknap County Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

Inmates Supported at the Belknap County Farm for the Year 1908.

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	W'ks	D'ys
Adams, Albert E.	23	Lakeport	Dis Mar. 14	8	
Adams, Margaret	54	Alton	At farm	52	2
Benton, William	78	Sanbornton	" "	52	2
Black, William	74	Laconia	" "	52	2
Bunker, Charles	53	New Hampton	" "	52	2
Burnham, Henry	85	Gilmanton	Died April 12	14	5
Carrigan, Phillias	48	Laconia	At farm	52	2
Carroll, Timothy	74	"	" "	52	2
Chase, Nellie	78	Meredith	" "	7	2
Colbath, Lionel	78	Alton	" "	26	3
Cole, Eliza	21	Sanbornton	" "	52	2
Cota, Clara	22	Laconia	" "	52	2
Cota, Lela	8 mo.	"	" "	35	3
Cross, Frank	57	Meredith	Dis. Sept. 1	21	6
Dolloff, Nellie	30	"	At farm	52	2
Dow, George	47	Laconia	Dis. June 18	24	2
Duff, James	55	Tilton	Dis. Nov. 27	48	2
Elliott, Horace	70	Gilmanton	At farm	52	2
Fifield, Harriet	70	New Hampton	" "	52	2
Fritz, Almond	69	Sanbornton	" "	52	2
Flanders, Jos. D.	63	Alton	" "	52	2

Name	Age	Where from	Died or died	W'ks	D'ys
Flanders, Rosa	32	Laconia	Dis. Aug. 29	34	3
Foss, Mary O.	54	Alton	At farm	52	2
Foster, Daniel	62	Gilford	Died Ap. 15	15	1
Foster, Louisa A.	57	"	At farm	52	2
Fountain, Simond	44	Alton	Dis. May 28	21	2
Gagnon, Fred	57	Barnstead	Dis. July 1	26	
Gilman, Bell	39	Gilmanton	At farm	52	2
Glidden, Isaac	61	Laconia	Died May 8	18	3
Glines, Edward	45	Tilton	Dis. June 6	22	5
Glines, Elsa	9	"	" " 6	22	5
Glines, Vina	6	"	" " 6	22	5
Grey, Charles	65	Laconia	At farm	52	2
Hall, Charles	55	Barnstead	Died Jan. 29	4	1
Hayes, Lillian	41	Alton	At farm	52	2
Hilliard, Erwin	12	Laconia	At farm	2	3
Hoyt, Alvin	77	Alton	Dis. Aug. 27	5	5
Hubbard, Harriet	70	Laconia	At farm	52	2
Johnson, Mabel	17	Meredith	" " "	5	
Manning, H. P.	77	Laconia	" " "	52	2
McTigue, Martin	38	Transient	" " "	23	
Miller, Anthony	24	Laconia	" " "	6	
Morris, Emily	32	"	" " "	6	3
Nedeau, Mary	28	"	" " "	4	1
Nedeau, Theodore	3	"	" " "	4	1
Nedeau, Jonene	2	"	" " "	4	1
Nedeau, Dora	4 mos.	"	" " "	4	1
Nutter, Rebecca	63	Barnstead	" " "	52	2
Page, Jardene	58	Meredith	" " "	52	2
Parker, Eliza	73	Sanbornton	" " "	52	2
Parker, Edith	18	Laconia	" " "	52	2
Parker, Ruth E.	1	"	" " "	52	2
Penseau, Fred	40	Transient	" " "	1	
Perkins, Nellie	30	Meredith	" " "	52	2
Perry, Delia	45	Laconia	" " "	52	2
Pickering, Curtis	40	Meredith	" " "	52	2
Rand, Sarah O.	66	Alton	" " "	52	2

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Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	W'ks	D'ys
Sanborn, John O.	84	Laconia	Died May 21	20	2
Charland, Maria	59	Belmont	At farm	52	2
Swain, David	51	Laconia	" "	52	2
Swain, Josephine	18	Meredith	" "	48	2
Tandy, Edmond	54	Tilton	" "	17	8
Tandy, Ida	44	"	" "	17	3
Tandy, Hattie	7	"	" "	17	3
Thompson, Arthur	24	Gilford	" "	52	2
Tuttle, John	57	Laconia	" "	52	2
Weeks, John	83	Meredith	" "	52	2
Young Charles	65	Alton	Died Oct. 17	41	4
Young, Mary	85	"	Died Apr. 15	15	1

Number of weeks board furnished inmates 2395 2

BOARDERS AT FARM.

	W'ks	Days
Mary T. Dixey	19	1
Fred Hunkins	52	2
Benjamin Tilton	52	2
Thomas Jones	52	2
Hannah Buzzell	30	2
J. Woodbury Weeks	52	2
Margaret Bisson	52	2
Howard McAllister	26	2
Julia Houle	32	3
Oliver Houle	23	4
Mary Campbell	15	
Charlotte Reynolds	14	2

SUMMARY.

Number of inmates, including boarders, Jan. 1, 1908,	46
Number admitted during year	35
Whole number during year	81
Number discharged	17
Number died	9
Number at farm Dec. 31st, 1908	55

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION
FOR THE YEAR 1908.

Name	Where from	W'ks	D'ys
Charles Stafford	Laconia	21	
James Ricker	"	13	
Edward Lafoe	Alton	14	2
Patrick Kellehan	Laconia	11	2
Frank Hicks	"	11	2
George Altrock	"	6	5
Edward Altrock	"	6	5
Elgin Palmer	"	21	3
Scott Howe	"	22	4
Joseph Raffaely	Tilton	3	
Jeff Newell	"	9	
Moses Gardner	"	9	
Joseph Duprine	Laconia	7	
Victor Smith	New Hampton	9	
Joseph Raffaely	Tilton	8	
William Riley	Laconia	7	
George Wyman	Tilton	8	1
Joseph Raffaely	"	6	
David Corliss	Laconia	3	2
George W. Dow	Tilton	8	
Hardy Flanders	Laconia	3	2
Lonice Flanders	"	3	2
Number weeks board furnished prisoners,		212	2
Number in house of correction Jan. 1, 1908		4	
Number committed during year		18	
Number in house of correction Dec. 31, 1908, 2			

STATEMENT OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm, Jan. 1, 1908 . . .	\$11,527.57
Amount of orders drawn for all expenses at the farm for year ending Dec. 31, 1908	9,044.72
	<hr/> \$20,572.29
Amount received and paid treasurer for merchandise sold and board furnished	1,723.74
Amount credited farm for board of prisoners in jail at statutory price	455.00
Amount credited for clothing furnished prisoners in jail	56.00
Amount due from various sources for board furnished in almshouse	714.97
Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm Dec. 31, 1908	11,402.33
	<hr/> \$14,352.04

Net cost of farm for year \$6,220.25

Number of weeks board of paupers, 2,395-2

Number of weeks board of prisoners at house of correction 212-2

Dividing the net cost of board, \$6,220.25, by 2,607 4-7, the total number of weeks board furnished paupers and prisoners in house of correction, gives \$2.38 and a fraction as the average cost of board per week.

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Supt.

JAILER'S REPORT.

Number in jail Jan. 1st, 1908	2
Number committed during year	9
Number in jail Dec. 31, 1908	3

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Deputy Jailer.

Physician's Report.

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

I herewith submit the following vital statistics of the Belknap County Farm for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Name	Age	Died		Disease
Charles Hill	55	Jan.	29	Syphilis
Henry Burnham	85			Carditis
Mary Campbell		Apr.	14	Dementia
Mary Young	85			Cancer
Daniel Foster	62			Paresis
Isaac Glidden	61	May	8	Tuberculosis
John O. Sanborn	84	May	21	Paresis
Mary T. Dixie		May	31	
Charles Young	65			Paralysis

There were two births: Oliver Houle, May 21; Lela Cota, April 27.

Respectfully,

H. C. WELLS, M. D.

Chaplain's Report.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County :

Gentlemen :

Since the removal of Rev. W. H. Getchell, the former chaplain, from Lakeport to North Woodstock in May last, I have conducted the usual services at the county farm, and have also attended two funerals of those who have died there.

Those who are able to attend such services have been present, and have shown interested attention. I trust that these privileges of worship have been of some profit to them.

Much interest was manifest at the last Christmas gathering, the efforts of those who sought to give the residents there a pleasant Christmas being quite fully appreciated.

The people of Belknap County have reason to cherish a feeling of satisfaction and thankfulness that such a home is provided for those who, from various causes, are unable to possess homes of their own, and that its management is in the hands of so faithful and efficient a superintendent, ably seconded by his equally faithful wife.

I feel confident that the more one knows of the care and discipline exercised here, the more will the labors be appreciated which you and your faithful co-workers perform.

Congratulating you upon the success already achieved, and trusting that your future labors may be equally successful, I am,

Very truly yours,

ALVA H. MORRILL.

Solicitor's Report

To the Commissioners of the County of Belknap :

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

The cases continued from the November term, 1907, were disposed of as follows :

State vs. Henry G. Vogel. Continued nisi.

State vs. Wilder F. Vannah. Nol. pros.

State vs. Wilder F. Vannah. Jury drawn March 25, 1908. Trial. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. James A. Twigg. Plea by counsel, guilty. Jail sentence and fine of \$50. On payment of fine mittimus not to issue.

State vs. Spirituous liquors. Decree of forfeiture.

At the March, 1908, term, the following indictment was found and disposed of :

State vs. Scott Howe. Plea of guilty. Sentence, four months in house of correction and costs, \$12.43. Mittimus issued.

At the November term, 1908, the only continued case was State vs. Vogel, which was disposed of by a plea of nolo by counsel and sentence of fine of \$15.

The following indictments were found and disposed of at this term :

State vs. Lewis D. Muzzy. Continued.

State vs. Lewis D. Muzzy. Continued.

State vs. Burton J. Emery. Continued.

State vs. Walter Pierce, alias Walter Beede. Plea not guilty. Plea retracted. Plea guilty. Sentence, 60 days in jail and fine of \$5 and costs of \$21.32. Mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor.

State vs. Sidney E. Palmer. Plea not guilty. Plea retracted and plea of guilty by counsel. Sentence, 60 days in jail and fine of \$25 and costs of \$5.85. On payment of fine and costs mittimus not to issue except on call of solicitor.

State vs. Warren Heath. Plea not guilty. Trial. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. Napoleon Nadeau. Plea guilty. Sentence, 60 days in jail and fine of \$50 and costs \$17.48. Mittimus issued.

State vs. Napoleon Lessard. Plea not guilty. Plea retracted and plea of guilty. Sentence. 30 days in jail and fine of \$25.00 and costs, \$16.11. Mittimus issued.

State vs. Mary J. Hoyt. Plea not guilty. Bail, personal, \$200. Recognized Nov. 23.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. TILTON,

County Solicitor.

Sheriff's Report.

MARCH TERM COURT.

Lester Philbrook, 33 days attendance and travel . . .	\$96.12
Edmund Page, deputy, 23 days attendance and travel, . . .	58.70
John H. Lyford, " 25 " " " " . . .	63.20
Orvis A. Plummer, " 2 " " " " . . .	6.20
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and attendants . . .	50.00
Paid Chaplain	2.00
E. S. Reed, teams to jail	2.75
Prisoner to jail on mittimus	2.90
	\$281.87

NOVEMBER TERM COURT.

Lester Philbrook, 44 days attendance and travel . . .	\$132.12
John Lyford, dep., 17 " " " " . . .	43.22
Edmund Page, " 11 " " " " . . .	28.70
Calvin Jenkins, " 6 " " " " . . .	17.40
O. A. Plummer, " 2 " " " " . . .	6.20
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and attendants . . .	28.00
Paid chaplain	2.00
2 prisoners to jail on mittimuses	5.80
Teams to jail	1.50
	\$264.94

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER PHILBROOK, Sheriff.

Report of the Clerk of Court.

To the Commissioners of the County of Belknap :

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

MARCH TERM, 1908.

Dr.

To fine and costs State vs. Dolloff	\$36.45
60 entries at .90	54.00
6 jury fees	30.00
One-half costs printing cases	9.75
Balance due clerk, order drawn	593.00
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	\$723.20

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By 3 days' attendance	9.00
1 day's attendance	3.00
39 returns divorce to Reg. Vital Statistics . .	3.90
Recording March term 1904 judgments . .	47.31
" Nov. " 1904 " 	36.49
Express on dockets . . . . .	.30
" " docket . . . . .	.25
Paid for pens . . . . .	.25
" Laconia Press Association	101.70
One-half annual allowance	425.00
32 days' attendance	96.00
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	\$723.20

NOVEMBER TERM, 1908.

Dr.

To fine State vs. Twigg	\$50.00
132 entries at .90	118.80
7 jury fees	35.00
One-half cost printing cases	33.25
18 dockets sold	35.00
18 " " March term, 1908	35.00
Fine, State vs. Vogel	15.00
Balance due clerk	482.60
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	\$814.65

Cr.

By cash paid for seals	\$1.00
" " " ex. on cases to Concord, 2 lots50
" " " " " " " " "25
" " G. G. Neal	2.25
1 day's attendance	3.00
Paid E. G. Baker	1.35
" N. H. Register . . . . .	.25
1 day's attendance at Concord	5.00
1 " "	3.00
1 " "	3.00
Paid express and seals . . . . .	.75
" Library Bureau	1.80
" for ink	1.25
" " rubber bands and ex. . . . .	.90
" " typewriter ribbon, &c.	1.00
" " postage stamps	10.00
" Laconia Press Association	222.35
One-half annual allowance, to Jan. 1, 1909	425.00
44 days' attendance	132.00
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	\$814.65

E. P. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the County of Belknap as shown by the books of the treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	\$18,554.73
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COUNTY TAXES.

Alton	\$1,800.35
Barnstead	1,603.33
Belmont	1,725.63
Center Harbor	862.81
Gilford	1,188.90
Gilmanton	1,413.10
Laconia	13,696.26
Meredith	2,853.39
New Hampton	1,025.86
Sanbornton	1,345.17
Tilton	3,485.20
	31,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Town of Hookset, for aid to dependent soldier's family	\$17.00
Carroll County, aid to paupers	61.25
N. H. State Hospital, refunded	55.44

Town of Tilton, rebate	\$15.00	
Carroll County, aid to paupers	27.16	
Merrimack County, aid to paupers	121.74	
Town of Hooksett, aid to dependent soldier	5.35	
Strafford County, aid to paupers	15.50	
Cheshire " " " "	38.13	
Merrimack " " " "	102.21	
Grafton " " " "	45.15	
Strafford " " " dependent soldiers	64.00	
	<u> </u>	\$567.93

STATE LICENSE COMMISSION.

Received of License Commissioners for balance of year ending Apr. 30, 1908,	\$63.66	
Received of License Commissioners for fees, May 1, 1908, to July 15, 1908	613.51	
	<u> </u>	\$677.17

RECEIPTS FROM COUNTY FARM.

Received from H. C. Weymouth, supt., for mdse. sold and board furnished	1,723.74
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan 1, 1908	18,554.73	
County tax	31,000.00	
Miscellaneous receipts	567.93	
State License Commission	677.17	
County farm	1,723.74	
	<u> </u>	\$52,523.57

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of orders drawn by commissioners, Jan. 1, 1908 to Jan. 1, 1909	\$25,752.82
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COURT ORDERS PAID.

Lizzie H. Sanborn, stenographer . . .	\$194.60	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff	22.80	
Lizzie H. Sanborn, stenographer . . .	11.67	
E. P. Thompson, bal. clerk's account .	593.00	
Lizzie H. Sanborn, stenographer . . .	114.35	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff and deputies	281.87	
Stanton Owen and A. A. Tyler . . .	260.00	
Lizzie H. Sanborn, stenographer . . .	38.38	
“ “ “ “ . . .	36.57	
“ “ “ “ . . .	28.56	
“ “ “ “ . . .	85.00	
Kate A. Gilman, stenographer . . .	10.00	
E. P. Thompson, bal. clerk's account .	482.60	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff, and deputies	264.94	
Lizzie H. Sanborn	75.66	
John B. Morrill, commissioner, servi- ces and expenses incurred . . .	588.07	
Ellsworth H. Rollins, commissioner, services and expenses incurred . .	358.32	
Charles L. Pulsifer, commissioner, ser- vices and expenses incurred	436.23	
	<u> </u>	3,882.62

COURT EXPENSES.

Grand jurors pay roll, March term . .	96.00
Petit “ “ “ “ “ . . .	1,551.86
Grand “ “ “ “ “ . . .	80.76
Petit “ “ “ “ “ . . .	1,532.76
Pay roll, state vs. Wm. P. Herbert . .	9.75
“ “ “ Clara V. Weeks . . .	18.00
“ “ “ Chas. Murray . . .	3.47
“ “ “ Jas. A. Twigg . . .	1.37
“ “ “ E. L. Vannah . . .	.37

Pay roll, state vs. Wilder	Vannah	\$14.93	
"	"	95.64	
"	"	2.00	Geo. E. Hanson
"	"	10.23	E. C. Gross
"	"	10.23	Scott Howe
"	"	3.05	Alonzo F. Dolloff
"	"	6.00	Miscellaneous
"	"	28.42	"
"	"	2.74	Lizzie Simmonds
"	"	2.93	"
"	"	17.84	Fred Lothier
"	"	14.81	W. Heath
"	"	10.73	L. D. Muzzey
"	"	15.28	N. Nadeau
"	"	19.12	W. Pierce
"	"	9.63	L. D. Muzzey
"	"	11.77	N. Lessard
"	"	3.65	S. E. Palmer
"	"	16.43	E. H. Wakeman
"	"	12.97	B. J. Emery
"	"	158.39	Miscellaneous
		<u>3,761.13</u>	

INTEREST ACCOUNT PAID.

40 refunding bond coupons	800.00	
122 court house bond coupons	1,220.00	
	<u>2,020.00</u>	

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts	52,523.57
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EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid orders of Commissioners	\$25,752.82
“ “ Court orders	3,882.62
“ “ “ expenses	3,761.13
“ “ Interest account	2,020.00
Cash on hand	17,107.00
	52,523.57

COUNTY DEBT.

60 Court House bonds due July 1, 1913	30,000.00
20 Refunding bonds due Jan. 1, 1915	20,000.00
	50,000.00

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Amount of sinking fund	25,334.61
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Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN B. COLE, Treasurer.

January 1, 1909.

Auditors' Report.

To the Supreme Court:

We herewith submit our twenty-third semi-annual report of the auditing of the several accounts of the county officers for the six months ending June 30, 1908, as required by law.

We have examined the bills rendered by the county commissioners for their services from Jan. 1, 1908, to June 30, 1908, 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 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 Jan. 1, 1908, \$18,554.73. He has received from all sources, \$2,055.69, making a total of \$20,610.42. He has paid out on orders drawn by the county commissioners, \$8,520.59; coupons on bonds, \$970.00; on orders drawn by the court, \$4,077.91, leaving a balance in his hands of \$7,041.92.

We have also examined the account of the superintendent of the County Farm and find that he has received since Jan. 1, 1908, for board of inmates, and all other sources, \$859.79, which he has in his hands.

We have examined the books of the county commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the treasurer as

above stated, of which \$3,560.80 was for the support of the external poor, as follows :

Alton	\$308.40
Barnstead	2.55
Belmont	255.08
Center Harbor	
Gilford	
Gilmanton	36.50
Laconia	1902.51
Meredith	439.59
New Hampton	
Sanbornton	226.13
Tilton	290.04

and the balance was for purposes as follows :

County Farm and Jail	\$3,830.23
County Officers	450.00
Court House	555.24
Miscellaneous	89.64
Medical Referee	34.68

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

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement of the outstanding indebtedness, June 30, 1908, which is hereunto annexed.

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

E. P. THOMPSON,

H. A. MORSE,

Auditors.

Laconia, N. H., July 3, 1908.

To the Supreme Court :

We herewith submit our twenty-fourth semi-annual report of the auditing of the several accounts of the county officers for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1908, as required by law.

We have examined the bills rendered by the county commissioners for their Services from July 1, 1908 to Jan. 1, 1909, 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 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, 1908, \$7,041.92. He has received from all sources \$31,913.15, making a total of \$38,955.07. He has paid out on orders drawn by the commissioners, \$17,232.23; on orders by the court, \$3,565.84 and coupons on bonds, 1,050.00, leaving a balance in his hands of \$17,107.00.

We have also examined the account of the superintendent of the County Farm and find that he has received since July 1, 1908, for board of inmates, and all other sources, \$864.01, which together with \$859.73 on hand July 1, makes \$1,723.74, which he has paid to the County treasurer.

We have examined the book of the county commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the treasurer as above stated, of which \$4,247.99 was for the support of external poor, as follows :

Alton	\$370.30
Barnstead	
Belmont	272.23
Center Harbor	

Gilford	\$24.00
Gilmanton	76.50
Laconia	2,454.78
Meredith	302.81
New Hampton	201.75
Sanbornton	261.94
Tilton	283.68

and the balance was for purposes as follows :

County Farm and Jail	\$5,414.49
County Officers	400.00
Court House	1,033.11
Sinking Fund	6,081.28
Medical Referee	5.00
Miscellaneous	50.36

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

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement of the outstanding indebtedness Jan. 1, 1909, which is hereto annexed.

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

The auditors would again call attention to the law which requires overseers of the poor to furnish the commissioners with vouchers for the amounts paid out by them and will insist that all such vouchers must be furnished or they will not approve the bills. We would also call attention to the fact that all bills should state the amount of the article as well as the price.

The auditors have examined the securities of the sinking fund and find that it amounts to \$25,334.61.

E. P. THOMPSON,
H. A. MORSE,

Auditors.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 13, 1909.

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