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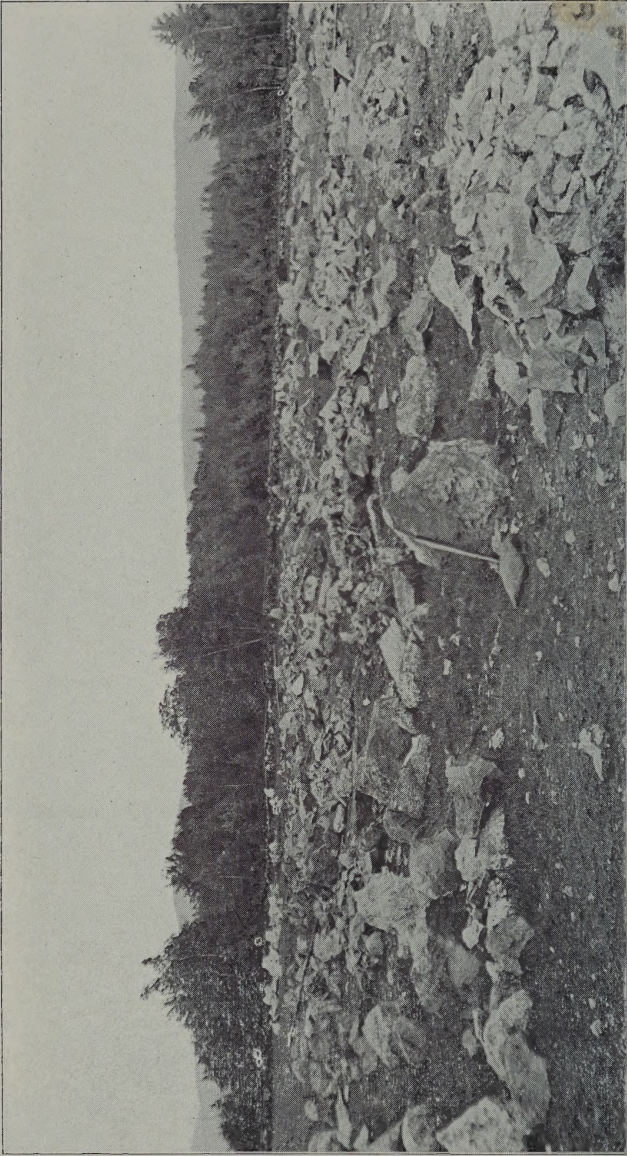












View showing field at Farm where House of Correction prisoners worked during spare time.  
This view was taken after the boulders were blasted.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

# COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE  
COUNTY FARM, SHERIFF, COUNTY TREAS-  
URER, JAILER, PHYSICIAN, CHAPLAIN,  
CLERK OF THE COURT, COUNTY  
SOLICITOR AND AUDITORS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.



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COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE

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REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE FOR THE YEAR  
1915. HENRY J. HARRIS, COUNTY  
CLERK. THE COUNTY OFFICE,  
SHELTON, MASS.

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## COUNTY OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONERS,

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT, Laconia;  
STEPHEN L. WEEKS, Gilmanton;  
JONATHAN C. SHANNON, Laconia.

TREASURER,

\*STEPHEN B. COLE, Laconia.

COMMISSIONER TREASURER,

\*\*CHARLES J. HAYFORD, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

\*JOHN M. MESERVE, Tilton.

COMMISSIONER SOLICITOR.

†FLETCHER HALE, Laconia.

SHERIFF,

LESTER PHILBROOK, Laconia.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

JUDGE OF PROBATE,

FRANK P. TILTON, Laconia.

REGISTER OF PROBATE,

THOMAS C. HILL, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS,

HERBERT M. THYNG, New Hampton.

AUDITORS

OSCAR L. YOUNG, Laconia;

HERBERT J. JONES, Alton.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER,

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER, Laconia.

\* Deceased.

\*\* Appointed Dec. 11.

† Appointed Sept. 18.

*BELKNAP*

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

CHAPLAIN,  
REV. GEORGE L. THOMPSON, Laconia.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS,  
CALVIN JENKINS, Barnstead;  
DEARBORN F. CAVERLY, Meredith;  
JOHN H. LYFORD, Belmont;  
ORVIS A. PLUMMER, Tilton;  
WILLIAM H. PHILBROOK, Laconia.

MEDICAL REFEREE,  
EDWIN P. HODGDON, M. D., Laconia.

**Belknap County Delegation, 1915 and 1916.**

Alton . . . . .	Charles H. McDuffee
Barnstead . . . . .	Charles A. Holmes
Belmont . . . . .	Edwin C. Bean
Center Harbor . . . . .	John Coe
Gilford . . . . .	John A. Hammond
Gilmanton . . . . .	Albert W. Hill
Laconia, Ward 1 . . . . .	John T. Dodge
“ “ 2 . . . . .	William B. Johnson
“ “ 2 . . . . .	Charles R. Pease
“ “ 3 . . . . .	Harry S. Chase
“ “ 4 . . . . .	Burt S. Dearborn
“ “ 4 . . . . .	William F. Seaverns
“ “ 5 . . . . .	Frank Pearson
“ “ 5 . . . . .	Archie B. Sanborn
“ “ 6 . . . . .	George W. Hoyt
“ “ 6 . . . . .	George D. Merrill
Meredith . . . . .	Bertram Blaisdell
New Hampton . . . . .	Frank W. Preston
Sanbornton . . . . .	Robert M. Wright
Tilton . . . . .	Herman Page
Tilton . . . . .	Charles E. Tilton



## 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, 1915 and a statement of the financial condition of the county at the end of the year, together with the reports of the other county officers required by law. Attention is called to these reports for detailed information regarding the work done in different departments of the county's business.

The almshouse and house of correction have continued under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Batchelder. They have spared no pains in making the lives of those in the almshouse comfortable while those committed to the house of correction have been kept at work.

Their services have been secured for the coming year, in which the county is very fortunate.

There has been a falling off in the Farm crops, which can readily be accounted for by the extremely unfavorable weather for vegetation. Your commissioners have started a herd of registered Holstein cattle which consists of a bull, one cow and a heifer of the Friesian strain, which it is expected will be the nucleus of a valuable herd.

The house of correction prisoners have been kept at work during spare time from the regular farm routine, clearing the remaining section of rough field land; and it is proposed to clear a number of acres of pasture land during the coming summer, thereby increasing the field area as well as keeping the prisoners at work.

That you may realize just the nature of the land that

has been cleared we call your attention to the illustration on the first page of this report.

The county delegation voted that the county should install tool proof steel cells in the Jail at a cost of \$7,500, also appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,200 for each of the years 1915 and 1916 toward the county agent work, of which \$400 has been used; also to index the records in the register of deeds office, since 1896, which will be quite an expense.

As there had been \$22,000 spent during the two previous years, for the heating plant, laundry, purchase of pasture, covering and painting the farm buildings and many other minor improvements without any increase in the appropriation; and that it might remain unchanged during the coming two years, it was apparent that it would be necessary to borrow money for short periods, to pay for the jail cells and the other additional expenses, consequently the delegation instructed your commissioners to borrow money as needed, which is to be paid by Dec. 31, 1916, after which time the appropriation may safely be reduced, as the essential improvements will have been completed.

The new jail has fifteen cells with two bunks each, and one that can be used either for a dark or padded cell.

There is a prisoner's corridor inside of the main corridor. The cells are arranged eight on either side with a utility corridor between the rows of cells; any number or all cells on a side can be locked or unlocked at one time as desired.

The jail is constructed of material that cannot be scarred with a file, saw or cold chisel, every bar having been tested.



The indexing of the records in the register of deeds office is nearly completed, which will put the index in a compact form and with the installation of the additional steel furniture, already contracted for, which is made imperative by the constantly increasing business of that office will make the records and vault as convenient as any in the State, considering its crowded condition.

The bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1915 have all been redeemed.

We have tried to enforce the non-support law by bringing guilty parties into court and the results have been most satisfactory.

The cost of caring for the outside poor has been higher than the average for a number of years; made so owing to the high cost of living, stringent laws regarding the care of dependent children, a large number of hospital cases and other minor causes, over which we have no control. In behalf of the county we hereby extend our thanks to Fred D. Plummer for the portrait of his father, Mr. Martin B. Plummer, who so efficiently filled the office of register of deeds for twenty-two years.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder, who have been untiring in their efforts to make the lives of the inmates comfortable; and in performing all other duties incumbent on them as superintendent and matron respectively; and we also wish to express our thanks to the different county, city and town officials for their co-operation, and to all other citizens who have aided us in our work of the past year; and to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weeks, who so cheerfully gave their assistance in making Christmas day of 1915, a merry Christmas for the inmates.

Following is the amount of the appropriations for each of the past twenty years.

## COUNTY TAX.

1896 . . .	\$36,500	1906 . . .	\$30,000
1897 . . .	28,500	1907 . . .	31,000
1898 . . .	30,000	1908 . . .	31,000
1899 . . .	30,500	1909 . . .	32,000
1900 . . .	30,000	1910 . . .	32,000
1901 . . .	35,500	1911 . . .	32,000
1902 . . .	35,500	1912 . . .	32,000
1903 . . .	31,000	1913 . . .	32,000
1904 . . .	30,000	1914 . . .	32,000
1905 . . .	30,000	1915 . . .	32,000

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT,

STEPHEN L. WEEKS,

JONATHAN C. SHANNON,

*Commissioners of Belknap County.*

## External Poor Account.

Amount Paid for Support of Paupers and Soldiers and  
Their Families Off the Farm for the  
Year Ending December 31, 1915.

### ALTON

Transient . . . . .	\$514.45	
	—————	\$514.45

### BARNSTEAD

Transient . . . . .	\$5.54	
	—————	\$5.54

### BELMONT

Transient . . . . .	\$97.23	
	—————	\$97.23

### CENTER HARBOR

Transient . . . . .	\$31.00	
	—————	\$31.00

### GILFORD.

Transient . . . . .	\$2.00	
	—————	\$2.00

### GILMANTON

Transient . . . . .	\$314.76	
Laura A. Page . . . . .	104.75	
	—————	\$419.51

### LACONIA

Transient . . . . .	\$5383.18	
Soldiers and their families . . . . .	380.69	



*BELKNAP*

Elizabeth Parker . . . . .	238.32	
Nellie Tasker . . . . .	52.00	
Cora Seeley . . . . .	510.18	
Sarah Guilford . . . . .	79.50	
Martha Huckins . . . . .	58.50	
Phillias Couture . . . . .	403.45	
	—————	\$7,105.82

**MEREDITH**

Transient . . . . .	\$264.72	
Soldiers and their families . . . . .	5.00	
	—————	\$269.72

**NEW HAMPTON**

Soldiers and their families . . . . .	\$86.64	
	—————	\$86.64

**SANBORNTON**

Transient . . . . .	\$234.50	
Soldiers and their families . . . . .	112.75	
	—————	\$347.25

**TILTON**

Transient . . . . .	\$582.90	
Soldiers and their families . . . . .	183.34	
	—————	\$766.24

**EXTERNAL POOR**

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

Alton . . . . .	\$514.45
Barnstead . . . . .	5.54
Belmont . . . . .	97.23

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Center Harbor . . . . .	31.00
Gilford . . . . .	2.00
Gilmanton . . . . .	419.51
Laconia . . . . .	7,105.82
Meredith . . . . .	269.72
New Hampton . . . . .	86.64
Sanbornton . . . . .	347.25
Tilton . . . . .	766.24
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	\$9,645.40
Deduct collections on above accounts	258.02
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Actual net cost to Belknap county	\$9,387.38

## County Farm.

Itemized Accounts of Bills for County Farm, House of  
Correction and Jail for the Year Ending  
December Thirty-first, 1915.

### JANUARY

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$29.37
Citizens Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.00
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.12
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . . .	202.00
“ “ “ sundries . . . . .	5.71
The Worrell Man'f'g Co., disinfectants . . . . .	10.00
D. M. Rowe, groceries . . . . .	51.04
U. S. Envelope Co., toilet paper . . . . .	10.50
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	17.40
R. F. Moore D. V. S., medicine and service . . . . .	5.25
Frederick C. Small & Co., molasses . . . . .	14.16
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	32.23
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	12.70
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	41.35
Combination Harness Co., harness . . . . .	15.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs . . . . .	1.22
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	66.48
H. M. Bartlett & Sons, sawdust . . . . .	1.25
Dennis O'Shea, clothing . . . . .	26.10
Lougee Robinson Co., furnishings . . . . .	9.77
C. J. Burke, smithwork . . . . .	5.55
F. A. Barlow, sleds . . . . .	45.00
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . . .	10.01
Orman T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	30.98



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A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . .	16.34
Swift & Company, meat . . . . .	36.71
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel . . .	312.86
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust . . . . .	3.00
J. L. Roberts, fuel . . . . .	60.12
	\$1,076.22

## FEBRUARY

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps .	\$5.40
"    "    "    "    service .	29.04
H. C. Wells, M. D., $\frac{1}{2}$ medical contract	75.00
"    "    "    "    returning births	
and deaths . . . . .	2.25
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	10.33
Earl Flanders, recording . . . . .	1.05
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . .	203.50
"    "    "    cash paid sun-	
dries . . . . .	10.20
O. A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	10.23
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber and saw-	
dust . . . . .	8.77
W. D. Sanborn, lamps . . . . .	.70
Mitchell Wing Co., laundry supplies .	2.89
W. D. Huse & Sons, supplies . . . . .	.50
Smith's Variety Store, merchandise .	4.10
New York Clothing Co., clothing . .	20.40
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	60.29
H. S. Chase, shoes . . . . .	9.90
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	17.67
C. J. Burke, smithwork . . . . .	7.00
F. S. Roberts, provisions . . . . .	16.89
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel . . .	140.86
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	120.72
H. C. Sanborn, peas . . . . .	2.50
D. M. Rowe, flour and groceries . .	388.20

Lougee Robinson Co., furnishings . . .	6.84
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	16.10
The Kidder Machine Co., labor and material . . . . .	46.13
Emile St. Jacques, shoes . . . . .	3.47
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . .	2.00
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	2.61
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	3.83
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel . . .	126.69
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	\$1,356.06

## MARCH

Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	\$3.42
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . .	24.97
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., pay roll . . .	205.00
“ “ “ “ cash paid sun- dries . . . . .	19.16
Smith & Son, crackers . . . . .	9.43
Geo. C. Sanborn, repairs . . . . .	2.35
Smith's Variety Store, spoons . . . . .	1.20
Laconia Flower Store, flowers . . . . .	3.50
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	111.22
Wilcox Bros., ice . . . . .	10.70
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	26.95
C. J. Burke, smith work . . . . .	7.74
O. A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	15.33
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings . .	7.30
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . .	4.20
Laconia Market Co., fish . . . . .	4.50
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	12.39
Merrimack County Farm, onions . . .	5.25
Frederick C. Small & Co., provisions	18.33
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . .	2.00
D. M. Rowe, provisions . . . . .	59.31
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	11.45

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Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	22.91
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust . . . . .	9.00
H. S. Chase, shoes . . . . .	7.43
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . . .	5.67
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	8.08
Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods . . . . .	8.73
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.57
O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	19.25
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	27.14
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel . . . . .	217.15
C. G. C. Fire Hose and Rubber Co., hose . . . . .	180.00
	\$1,073.63

### APRIL

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$16.68
A. P. Batchelder, Supt. payroll . . . . .	193.33
“ “ “ cash paid sun- dries . . . . .	15.82
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary . . . . .	200.00
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	12.00
Geo. H Mitchell, tinware . . . . .	3.50
Joseph Breck & Sons, seeds . . . . .	8.32
O. M. Dean & Sons, brooms . . . . .	4.41
Cook's Lumber Co., sawing and saw- dust . . . . .	31.56
Vermont Farm Machine Co., repairs . . . . .	3.00
D. M. Rowe, groceries . . . . .	13.75
W. A. Moore, shoes . . . . .	20.79
B. & M. R. R., freight . . . . .	11.26
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	27.11
C. A. French, manure . . . . .	60.00
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	8.58
C. J. Burke, smithwork . . . . .	3.97
Oscar Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	15.18



O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	11.95
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	91.19
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	16.69
Emile St. Jacques, shoes . . . . .	6.18
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing . . . . .	7.32
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	18.20
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and coffee . . . . .	17.70
Citizens Telephone Co., service . . . .	2.00
L. H. Wilkinson, burial Mary Foss . .	20.88
“ “ “ Laura Hall . . . . .	24.75
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service .	3.15
Rand & Dearborn, grass seed . . . . .	19.30
S. L. Weeks, maple syrup . . . . .	2.50

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### May

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . .	\$12.12
Laconia Water Co., service . . . . .	234.02
Lester Philbrook, fowl . . . . .	2.00
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . .	202.00
“ “ “ cash pd. sun- dries . . . . .	15.83
Willis J. Sanborn, strawberry plants . .	3.00
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	7.68
H. C. Sanborn, harrow . . . . .	33.00
Morgan Envelope Co., toilet paper . . .	10.50
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	23.84
Creamery Package Co., feed truck . . .	14.59
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust . . . . .	4.00
N. H. State Hospital, scrub brushes . . .	5.25
Thompson & Hoague, hardware . . . . .	20.13
George J. Morin, smithwork . . . . .	8.00
Grafton County Farm, bull . . . . .	75.00
E. J. Dinsmoor, repairs . . . . .	1.60

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A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	6.43
J. L. Meserve, smithwork . . . . .	7.45
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . . .	5.70
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings . . . . .	8.09
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	3.40
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	130.71
D. M. Rowe, provisions . . . . .	183.00
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	8.08
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	41.69
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	3.82
Citizen's Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.00
A. C. S. Randlett, seed corn . . . . .	2.75
Wallace Building Co., cement . . . . .	16.35
	————— \$1,092.03

JUNE

Laconia Gas and Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$6.89
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . . .	199.00
“ “ “ cash pd. sundries . . . . .	14.42
H. S. Chase, footwear . . . . .	13.95
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs . . . . .	1.62
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings . . . . .	2.86
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	2.29
J. L. Meserve, smithwork . . . . .	13.65
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	13.45
O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	23.25
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	13.95
Cook's Lumber Co., finish . . . . .	1.40
F. S. Roberts, provisions . . . . .	23.12
Frederick C. Small & Co., rice and sugar . . . . .	12.15
R. F. Moore, veterinary services . . . . .	9.25
Merrimack County Farm, potatoes . . . . .	2.50
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	118.13

W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	9.20	
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	17.12	
Dennis O'Shea, clothing . . . . .	4.05	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . . .	2.46	
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.00	
Winnetoesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.52	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	9.71	
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	2.15	
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	8.34	
D. M. Rowe, provisions . . . . .	130.05	
J. L. Roberts, fuel . . . . .	91.56	
		\$751.04

## JULY

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$4.16
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . . .	163.34
“ “ “ $\frac{1}{4}$ salary . . . . .	200.00
“ “ “ cash pd. sundries . . . . .	14.80
New York Clothing Co., clothing . . . . .	3.37
Emile St. Jacques, shoes . . . . .	7.84
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings . . . . .	21.25
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	3.82
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	10.20
Swift & Co., provisions . . . . .	46.44
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs . . . . .	3.20
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	21.74
O. A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	2.72
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	15.32
O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	14.50
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	13.95
Shepherd Grocery Co., cleansor . . . . .	2.95
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust . . . . .	5.00
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	105.36
Central Garage, auto hire . . . . .	2.00



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Worrell Mfg. Co., disinfectant . . . . .	10.00
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	18.30
Smith & Sanborn, meat . . . . .	5.20
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	48.08
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	5.47
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.00
F. C. Clement, potatoes . . . . .	2.90
H. C. Wells, $\frac{1}{2}$ medical contract . . . . .	75.00
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel . . . . .	5.79

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### AUGUST

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$4.55
F. C. Clement, potatoes . . . . .	15.00
Laconia Water Co., service . . . . .	175.00
Bowker Fertilizer Co., fertilizer . . . . .	120.74
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . . .	164.50
“ “ “ “ cash pd. sund- ries . . . . .	9.47
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	5.65
A. L. Morrison, wagon repairs . . . . .	7.35
E. J. Dinsmore, harness supplies . . . . .	12.90
H. C. Sanborn, merchandise . . . . .	1.27
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . . .	7.61
J. L. Meserve, smithwork . . . . .	23.35
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	11.44
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	12.09
H. S. Chase, footwear . . . . .	7.50
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	97.93
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., supplies . . . . .	1.70
W. A. Moore, shoes . . . . .	12.78
Globe Man'f'g Co., clothing . . . . .	2.38
J. L. Roberts, fertilizer . . . . .	134.70
Swift & Co., provisions . . . . .	36.15
O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	24.50

J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	14.85	
Citizen's Tel. Co., service . . . . .	2.00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service . . . . .	3.27	
		\$908.68

### SEPTEMBER

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . . . .	\$6.63
"    "    "    "    "    lamps . . . . .	5.88
Geo. D. Burnham, labor . . . . .	5.00
A. P. Batchelder Supt., payroll . . . . .	180.00
"    "    "    "    "    cash pd. sund- ries . . . . .	6.45
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	56.24
Smith & Son, crackers . . . . .	8.68
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	18.88
J. L. Meserve, smithwork . . . . .	21.17
O. T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	5.25
A. L. Morrison, repairs . . . . .	3.25
W. A. Moore, shoes . . . . .	9.35
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber . . . . .	1.26
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor and material . . . . .	8.65
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	10.25
Smith's Variety Store, merchandise . . . . .	8.76
O. A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	1.37
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	16.50
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	111.38
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	27.78
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and coffee . . . . .	44.50
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	33.75
Wallace Building Co., cement and sand . . . . .	2.75

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C. E. Pinkham, provisions . . . . .	24.93	
Citizen's Telephone Co., service . . .	2.00	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	2.72	
		\$623.38

OCTOBER

F. C. Clement, potatoes . . . . .	\$12.00	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . .	8.88	
M. G. Wiley, M. D., examinations . . .	15.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . .	164.83	
"          "          "          cash pd. sun-		
dries . . . . .	4.71	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	7.97	
Swift & Co., provisions . . . . .	75.59	
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	9.00	
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	139.65	
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	10.96	
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repairs . . . .	3.25	
Frederick C. Small & Co., molasses . .	18.12	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . .	3.63	
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	2.50	
B. H. Hurd, filling silo . . . . .	19.00	
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	25.33	
Cook's Lumber Co., finish . . . . .	.85	
O. M. Dean & Sons, brooms . . . . .	3.87	
Smith's Variety Store, pails and plant		
pots . . . . .	3.45	
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	5.39	
J. L. Roberts, fuel . . . . .	17.80	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	2.82	
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . .	2.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary . . .	200.00	
New Wright Studio, photos . . . . .	4.00	
S. D. McGlouglin & Co., coal . . . . .	42.75	
		\$803.35



## NOVEMBER

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service . . .	\$17.76
Arthur A. Tilton, grain . . . . .	153.62
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . . .	181.50
“ “ “ cash pd. sun- dries . . . . .	12.62
Cash Market, meat . . . . .	10.49
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco . . . . .	12.00
W. A. Moore, shoes . . . . .	12.47
Frcd A. Young, insurance . . . . .	247.50
Frederick C. Small & Co., provisions	14.50
Bickford & Moulton, labor and apples	24.45
Orman T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	18.88
Lougee-Robinson Co., oil cloth . . . .	4.42
Dennis O'Shea, clothing . . . . .	4.50
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	7.85
J. L. Meserve, smithwork . . . . .	15.30
C. L. Simpson, tobacco . . . . .	4.50
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	33.59
C. E. Pinkham, provisions . . . . .	55.42
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	5.48
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . .	11.39
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	158.68
The Worrell Mfg. Co., disinfectants . .	65.00
Fred H. Smith, Meredith tax . . . . .	13.04
Swift & Co., meat . . . . .	60.11
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., coal . . . .	158.96
Citizens' Telephone Co., service . . . .	2.00
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	5.72
Wallace Building Co., coal . . . . .	226.71
	<hr/> \$1,538.46

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DECEMBER

A. P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll . . .	\$192.50
“ “ “ “ cash paid	
sundries . . . . .	26.42
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., paid electric	
light bill . . . . .	28.27
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., paid for grain	100.20
“ “ “ “ $\frac{1}{4}$ salary . .	200.00
Arthur A. Tilton, grain . . . . .	9.50
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service . . .	2.22
Fred A. Young, insurance . . . . .	49.50
Smith Variety Store, merchandise . .	3.21
W. F. Seaverns, paper hanging . . . .	5.90
H. C. Sanborn, plow points . . . . .	.70
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber . . . . .	.50
People's Market, provisions . . . . .	27.91
Dinsmoor & Parent, dry goods . . . .	4.94
Orman T. Lougee, clothing . . . . .	12.00
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	18.00
E. J. Dinsmore, horse furnishings . . .	2.00
F. S. Roberts, meat . . . . .	16.66
Knight & Huntress, dry goods . . . .	4.40
J. S. Morrill, grain . . . . .	75.83
T. J. Grant, cabbage . . . . .	5.25
John S. Wallace, fertilizer . . . . .	4.60
Swift & Co., provisions . . . . .	56.32
W. A. Moore, footwear . . . . .	9.50
J. Henry Story, medicine . . . . .	16.80
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware . . . .	4.39
C. E. Pinkham, flour . . . . .	152.50
City of Laconia, taxes . . . . .	300.40
W. A. Plummer, pasturing . . . . .	33.50
Rev. Geo. L. Thompson, chaplain . .	50.00

## BELKNAP

C. E. Pinkham, sugar . . . . .	15.87
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing . . . . .	1.20
Citizen's Telephone Co., service . . . . .	2.00
H. D. Cilley Estate, furniture . . . . .	12.75
H. S. Chase, footwear . . . . .	12.83
Laconia Tavern Garage, Trip to State Hospital . . . . .	12.00
Emile St. Jacques, footwear . . . . .	13.54
Kidder Machine Co., labor . . . . .	2.50
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods . . . . .	4.23
	\$1,490.84
Total for year ending Dec. 31, 1915	\$12,439.46

## JAIL ACCOUNT

Alfred P. Batchelder, service as jailer \$200.00

## COURT HOUSE ACCOUNT

Fuel . . . . .	\$345.63
Light . . . . .	64.70
Water . . . . .	21.24
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor . . . . .	6.99
Rumford Printing Co., blank books . . . . .	32.77
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service . . . . .	128.40
Citizen's Telephone Co., service . . . . .	48.94
Maher's Book Store, supplies . . . . .	37.35
Martin B. Plummer, indexing . . . . .	24.47
Weeks Bros., printing . . . . .	56.44
J. S. Chase, janitor . . . . .	480.00
" " cash pd. laundry, etc. . . . .	21.36
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies . . . . .	19.38
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., labor . . . . .	3.10
The J. C. Hall Co., order books . . . . .	27.50
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware . . . . .	4.15



*REPORTS*

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N. J. Dyer, postage . . . . .	60.00
Little, Brown & Co., Mass. Reports . . . . .	6.75
American Law Book Co., 3 Vol. Cor- pus Juris . . . . .	22.50
Boulia Gorrell Co., repairs . . . . .	2.28
C. J. Blais, locksmith . . . . .	2.00
Fred S. Jewett, coat hooks . . . . .	7.50
W. B. Fellows, insurance . . . . .	12.00
J. Henry Story, brushes . . . . .	1.85
F. H. Moore, grass seed and fertilizer . . . . .	7.70
Herbert M. Thyng, indexing . . . . .	24.26
F. S. Webster, supplies . . . . .	3.25
Wallace Building Co., repairs . . . . .	1.17
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware . . . . .	1.00
J. H. Foster, record book . . . . .	16.40
Union Publishing Co., directory . . . . .	3.00
Wilcox Bros., ice . . . . .	4.15
Clarence A. Clark, printing . . . . .	37.76
Wesley D. Sanborn, electrical work . . . . .	9.64
Geo D. Williams, paper clips . . . . .	3.50
Frank E. Pearson, carpenter work . . . . .	13.95
John F. Austin, painting . . . . .	7.10
Lew K. Perley, township plan . . . . .	5.00
West Publishing Co., law book . . . . .	24.00
Lougee-Robinson Co., dust-bane . . . . .	3.00
	\$1,602.18

**COUNTY OFFICERS**

Oscar L. Young, auditor . . . . .	25.00
Herbert J. Jones, auditor . . . . .	25.00
John M. Meserve, solicitor . . . . .	458.33
Lester Philbrook, sheriff . . . . .	200.00
S. B. Cole, treasurer . . . . .	150.00
Fletcher Hale, solicitor . . . . .	100.00
	\$958.33

## MEDICAL REFEREE

E. P. Hodgdon, Md., McMichael case . . . . .	\$5.84
“ “ “ “ Myron F. Moulton case . . . . .	7.04
E. P. Hoddgon, Md., E. F. Hutchins case . . . . .	6.44
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Scott M. Fletcher case . . . . .	5.06
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Frank P. Douglass case . . . . .	6.26
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., H. L. Huckins case . . . . .	6.56
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., C. R. Swain case . . . . .	6.14
“ “ “ “ C. Y. Jackson case . . . . .	7.22
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Adela Gigure case . . . . .	5.06
“ “ “ “ H. A. Cummins case . . . . .	7.76
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Ettore Tigliate case . . . . .	5.06
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Michael Rowen case . . . . .	14.80
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Jeannette Wag- ner case . . . . .	5.06
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Esther J. Thomp- son case . . . . .	6.32
E. P. Hodgdon, Md., Alex Bean case . . . . .	35.18
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	\$129.74

## FARM IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Chas. A. Fales, labor . . . . .	18.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing . . . . .	150.25
Geo. C. Sanborn, electrical work . . . . .	80.36
Boulia Gorrel Co., storm windows . . . . .	34.00

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Wallace Building Co., labor and material . . . . .	96.20	
Bishop Babcock, Becker Co., pump . . . . .	80.00	
		<u>\$458.81</u>

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Lougee Robinson Co., furniture for Probate Office . . . . .	18.00	
Lougee Robinson Co., furniture for Register Deeds Office . . . . .	105.00	
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter for Register of Probate . . . . .	101.25	
Underwood Type Writer Co., two typewriters for Register of Deeds . . . . .	156.25	
		<u>\$380.50</u>

INDEXING

Herbert M. Thyng, indexing . . . . .	\$444.56	
		<u>\$444.56</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

Belknap County Refunding Bonds and interest, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20 . . . . .	\$9,180.00	
		<u>\$9,180.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

For transportation . . . . .	\$69.50
Thomas C. Hill, adoption paper . . . . .	1.10
Weeks Bros., printing reports etc. . . . .	100.45
C. A. French, livery and auto hire . . . . .	31.50
Daniel Finn, expense in Lessard case . . . . .	2.62
Carter's Garage, auto hire . . . . .	10.88
L. R. Brown, Md., auto hire . . . . .	20.00

O. A. Brown, cash pd. for legal services	25.00	
A. P. Batchelder, cash paid for transportation . . . . .	4.20	
S. B. Cole, sundries . . . . .	10.00	
Ernest Fielding, expense in Seeley case	92.00	
Daniel Finn, expense in liquor case .	5.00	
C. L. Weeks, " " Johnson case	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$407.25

#### COUNTY AGENT ACCOUNT

Herbert M. Thyng, secretary and treasurer, Belknap County Farmers' Association . . . . .	\$400.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.00

#### LACONIA DISTRICT COURT

W. S. Peaslee, Justice salary . . . . .	\$145.81	
Earl Flanders, clerk's salary . . . . .	43.75	
Truland Bros., printing . . . . .	16.00	
P. E. Hamilton, probation officer . .	35.00	
Bertram Blaisdell, special justice . .	44.70	
	<hr/>	\$285.26

#### TILTON DISTRICT COURT

Chas. E. Smith, Justice salary . . . . .	\$70.83	\$70.83
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#### ALTON DISTRICT

Chas. H. Downing, Justice salary . . .	66.67	
" " " expenses of court	91.59	
	<hr/>	\$158.26

#### SUMMARY

Poor off the farm . . . . .	\$9,645.40
Almshouse, house of correction and jail	12,439.46
Salary of jailer . . . . .	200.00



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Court house account . . . . .	\$1,602.18
County officers (paid by Commissioners)	958.33
Medical referee . . . . .	129.74
Farm improvement account . . . . .	458.81
Permanent improvement account . . . . .	380.50
Indexing (Register of Deeds) . . . . .	444.56
Sinking fund . . . . .	9,180.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	407.25
County agent . . . . .	400.00
Laconia district court . . . . .	285.26
Tilton " " . . . . .	70.83
Alton " " . . . . .	158.26
	\$36,760.58

**INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY  
AT COUNTY FARM, DEC. 31, 1915.**

Live stock . . . . .	\$4,148.00
Farm produce . . . . .	1,623.70
Wood and lumber . . . . .	336.00
Farming tools . . . . .	1,097.75
Provisions . . . . .	970.03
Household furniture . . . . .	4,529.57
Miscellaneous . . . . .	1,764.95
	\$14,470.00

# Financial Condition

Of Belknap County at Close of Business Dec. 31, 1915.

## ASSETS

County farm and buildings . . . . .	\$63,000.00
Wood lot at Meredith . . . . .	1,000.00
Court house and lot . . . . .	35,000.00
Personal property at County farm . . . . .	14,470.00
"        "        at Court house . . . . .	6,500.00
Due for board . . . . .	300.00
Due from other Counties . . . . .	233.72
Cash on hand . . . . .	7,306.26
	\$127,809.98

## LIABILITIES

None

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT,  
STEPHEN L. WEEKS,  
JONATHAN C. SHANNON,  
*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 31, 1915.

### Inmates Supported at Belknap County Farm for the year 1915:

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wk. d
Adams, Margaret	61	Alton	At farm	52 1
Ackerman, Joseph	58	Transient	Dis. June 29	1
Bunker, Charles	60	New Hampton	At farm	52 1
Black, William	83	Laconia	Dis. Oct. 5	39 5
Blaisdell, John	68	"	At farm	52 1
Brown, Percy	38	Alton	" "	52 1
Brown, Mabel	28	Laconia	" "	52 1
Brown, Wallace	4	"	" "	52 1
Briggs, Robert	76	"	Died Dec. 16	49 6
Beaumont, Wilfred	33	"	Dis. May 20	2
Brown, Ervin	14	Meredith	" June 8	2 1
Baker, Frank R.	40	Tilton	" " 23	5
Burroughs, George	69	Barnstead	At farm	52 1
Burroughs, Cedelia	66	"	" "	52 1
Blake, William	65	Tilton	Dis. Nov. 22	4
Beaupre, Clara	68	Laconia	At farm	30 4
Cole, Eliza	28	Sanbornton	" "	52 1
Carrignant, Felix	54	Laconia	" "	52 1
Carr, Charles	64	Meredith	Dis. Oct. 5	39 5
Chase, Alfred		Belmont	" Apr. 26	2 2
Crane, Fannie	47	Laconia	At farm	52 1
Campbell, Edith	22	"	Dis. Feb. 9	4 5
Campbell, Baby		Born at farm	" Feb. 9	4 5

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wk.	d
Chapman, Alice	40	Alton	Dis. Dec. 9	4	4
Chapman, Claude	11	"	" " "	4	4
Chapman, Victor	9	"	" " "	4	4
Chapman, Lester	7	"	" " "	4	4
Chapman, Alice	5	"	" " "	4	4
Chapman, Ethel	3	"	" " "	4	4
Chapman, Alfred	1	"	" " "	4	4
Duff, James	61	Tilton	" Apr. 12	9	6
Elliott, Horace	80	Gilmanton	Died Dec. 16	49	6
Foss, Mary O.	61	Alton	" Mar. 10	9	6
Foster, Louisa	64	Gilford	At farm	52	1
Flanders, Joe D.	70	Alton	Dis. Oct. 5	39	5
Flynn, John	33	Tilton	" May 12	9	3
Flint, Charles	59	"	" " "	16	1
Gilman, Belle	46	Gilmanton	At farm	52	1
Guy, Walter	28	"	" "	52	1
Gault, Roland	11	Meredith	Dis. Mar. 22	11	4
Gault, Augustus	10	"	" June 28	25	4
Gault, Edna	8	"	" Mar. 31	12	6
Gault, Charles	5	"	" " "	12	6
Golden, James	55	Transient	" Sept. 11	1	3
Hayes, Lillian	48	Alton	At farm	52	1
Hall, Louisa	61	Sanbornton	Died Mar. 17	10	6
Hall, Henry	68	"	Dis, May 7	18	1
Hannaford, Frank	46	"	" Jan. 6		6
Haggerty, Lucy	28	Tilton	Dis. Apr. 21	14	2
Holland, Joseph	78	New Hampton	At farm	52	1
Hubbard, Harriett	77	Laconia	" "	52	1
Hull, Eva	21	Tilton	Dis. Mar. 15	10	4
Hull, Ellen	1	Born at farm	" May 4	17	5
Hussey, Stephen	78	Gilmanton	At farm	52	1
Jacques, Anna	26	Laconia	" "	52	1
Jacques, Alphonse	2	"	" "	52	1
Johnson, Mabel	25	Meredith	" "	52	1



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Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wk. d
Jones, William	70	Transient	Dis. Nov. 4	1 4
Keays, James	60	"	At farm	9 5
McElvie, Joe	15	Laconia	Dis. Mar. 22	6 5
Nutter, Rebecca	80	Barnstead	Died Nov. 23	46 5
O'Shae, Patrick	50	Laconia	Dis. June 7	1 5
Osgood, Eben	82	Sanbornton	At farm	52 1
Page, Jaradene	65	Meredith	" "	52 1
Perron, Napoleon	58	Belmont	" "	52 1
Prescott, Charles	61	Alton	" "	52 1
Peavey, Willie	50	Barnstead	Dis. Apr. 1	12 6
Ramsey, Lydia	61	Meredith	At farm	52 1
Raffaelly, Joseph	29	Tilton	Dis. July 28	4
Swain, Arthur	55	Sanbornton	At farm	52 1
Stent, Henry	77	Belmont	" "	52 1
Sloan, John	43	Transient	Dis. Jan. 24	1
Smith, Joe B.	66	Laconia	" Apr. 3	7 3
Snow, William	50	"	" Mar. 1	4 1
Vary, Katherine	26	Sanbornton	" May 15	19 2
Warren, Charles		Gilmanton	At farm	10 5
Wiggin, Nelson	68	Meredith	" "	6 1

Number weeks of board furnished inmates 2073 4

BOARDERS AT FARM

	Weeks	Days
Batchelder, John S. . . . .	2	
Beaupre, Clara . . . . .	2	4
Clay, Mary S., died July 23 . . . . .	29	1
Folsom, John . . . . .	52	1
Goodell, Bessie . . . . .	10	4
Hannaford, George . . . . .	29	
Hilliard, Hannah, died Nov. 22 . . . . .	46	4
Jones, Thomas . . . . .	52	1
Lord, Fannie . . . . .	52	1

Marden, Cora . . . . .	52	1
Ordway, William . . . . .	52	1
Osgood, Eben . . . . .	9	
Ruddy, Rose, died Mar. 14 . . . . .	10	3
Towle, Jonathan S., died Apr. 19 . . . . .	15	4
Ward, Noah . . . . .	50	
Whitcher, Joseph, died Sept. 9 . . . . .	26	4

Number weeks board furnished boarders . . . . . 492 1

[This item 492 weeks—1 day is not included in computing cost of board of paupers, as the farm is credited with the amount received in cash for care of these parties.]

### SUMMARY

Number of inmates including boarders Jan. 1, 1915 . . . . .	55
Number admitted during year . . . . .	34
Whole number during year . . . . .	89
Number discharged during year . . . . .	38
Number died . . . . .	10
Number at farm Dec. 31, 1915 . . . . .	41

## HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Prisoners committed to the House of Correction for the year 1915.

Name	Where committed from	wks.	days
Ernest Duval	Laconia	14	
Eugene Woods	"	1	4
Eunice Ordway	"	42	5
John Shea	"		5
Patrick Murphy	"		5
James Murphy	"	4	2
Michael Scollard	"	4	2
John Hogan	"	4	2
Patrick Conner	"	2	6
James Higgins	"	2	6

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Name	Where committed from	wks	days
Joseph Raffaelly	Tilton	12	5
John O'Neal	Laconia	2	6
Sam Drouin	"	7	1
William Dean	"	8	4
Ephraim Church	"	4	2
Wesley Johnson	Meredith	30	5
Napoleon Lessard	Laconia	21	6
John Burns	"	3	3
Leon Corliss	"	34	3
Percy Lowe	"	4	2
Willis Corson	Alton	11	1
James Ryan	Tilton	4	3
John Delahi	"	4	3
Harry Burns	Laconia	4	2
Patrick Brady	Tilton	4	3
Charles Perry	Laconia	14	6
Joseph Burns	"	14	6
Orin Nudd	Tilton	17	4
Robert McGowan	Laconia	8	4
Henry Mellen	Tilton	7	
John Walls	"	7	
James Young	"	3	2
John Burns	Laconia	4	5
William Flemming	"	3	3
Robert Murphy	Tilton	4	2
John Grant	"	3	4
John Hancock	"	7	1
Joseph Raffaelly	"	11	2
John Reardon	"	8	5
Kame Lorden	"	4	3
George Aldrich	Laconia	16	1
Henry Enright	"	13	5
Robert Dennis	Gilford	3	4
James Robinson	Alton	8	6

## BELKNAP

John Riley	Laconia	3	3
Frank Wedick		3	3
Paul Moyott	Laconia	3	3
Edward Lynch	Tilton	4	3
Louis Dube	Laconia	3	3
Henry Greene	Tilton	4	4
Napoleon Lessard	Laconia	3	3

Number of weeks board furnished prisoners	426	3
Number in house of correction, Jan. 1, 1915 . . . . .	5	
Number committed during year . . . . .	51	
Number in house of correction, Dec. 31, 1915 . . . . .	3	

Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt.

#### JAILER'S REPORT.

Number in jail, Jan. 1, 1915 . . . . .	10
Number committed during the year . . . . .	21
Number in jail, Dec. 31, 1915 . . . . .	4
Number weeks board furnished prisoners in year 1915 . . . . .	287 wks. 5 d.

Alfred P. Batchelder, Deputy Jailer.

#### STATEMENT OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory of personal property at Bel- knap County Farm, Jan. 1, 1915 . . .	\$15,169.60
Amount of orders drawn for all expen- ses at the farm for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915 . . . . .	12,439.54
	—————\$27,609.14
Amount received and paid treasurer for mdse. sold and board furnished . . .	\$4,100.00
Amount credited farm for board of prisoners in jail at statutory price . .	719.29



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Amount credited farm for clothing furnished prisoners in jail . . . . .	100.00
Amount due from various sources for board furnished, etc. . . . .	300.00
Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm Dec. 31, 1915. . .	14,470.00
Total credits . . . . .	\$19,689.29
Net cost at farm for year 1915 . . . .	7,919.85
Number of weeks board furnished inmates. . . . .	2,073 wks. 4d
Number of weeks board furnished help . . . . .	500 wks.
Number of weeks board furnished at House of Correction . . . . .	426 wks. 3d
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Total number weeks board furnished	3,000 wks.

Dividing the net cost of board \$7,919.85 by 3,000 the total number of weeks board furnished gives \$2.63 plus a fraction as the average cost of board per week.

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER, Supt.

## Physician's Report.

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*To the Board of Commissioners of Belknap County;*

I respectfully submit the following Vital Statistics of  
Belknap County Farm for the year 1915.

### DEATHS

Name	Disease	Age	Died
Mary O. Foss	Dementia	61	Mar. 10
Louisa Hall	Pneumonia	60	Mar. 17
Johnathan Towle	Paralysis	82	Apr. 19
Mary S. Clay	Cancer	72	July 23
Hannah Hilliard	Cancer	61	Nov. 22
Rebecca Nutter	Senility	80	Nov. 23
Robert Briggs	Alcoholism	76	Dec. 16
Horace Elliott	Paralysis	79	Dec. 16
Joseph Whitcher	Paralysis	82	Dec. 29

HENRY C. WELLS, M. D.

## Chaplain's Report.

*To the Commiisioners of Belknap County:*

Gentlemen: In making my annual report as chaplain, I have in mind two things. The first is the official duty devolving from the position, which requires that a written report be made to you every year. The other is that a number of the people residing in the county shall read with some degree of interest this and the other reports which are annually presented and printed for distribution. To you, I report as chaplain that the work has been carried on as usual. The preaching services have been well attended, the dead have been given a Christian burial, and such other ministry has been performed as circumstances have required, and it is hoped that some spiritual benefit has resulted and some comfort been given.

The Superintendent and his wife, and all other employees of the institution, have co-operated in all ways in making the religious life of the institution good and profitable.

You are to be congratulated in having the little cemetery graded and walled, and a headstone placed at every grave in this "God's Acre."

In making this report I am moved to say a word to the people of Belknap County. This institution is yours. It deserves your interest and a reasonable amount of attention. It is the boast of certain non-Christian communities in foreign lands that no poor person goes hungry or cold as long as there is food or shelter and raiment to be had by anyone. In a like manner we should be proud of the fact that our poor are comfortably fed, clothed, and

sheltered. Let us remember the words of the Master, who said, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We will do well to cultivate that spirit which will lead us to the view that if any citizen of this county shall by sickness or misfortune become an inmate at our County Farm it shall not be a cause of any stigma of disgrace. Rather let us say, "Help us bear one another's burdens."

Thanking those who have no official connection with the institution for their aid at our Christmas tree, and on other occasions, this report is respectfully submitted by your chaplain,

George Linnaeus Thompson.



## Solicitor's Report.

*To the Commissioners of Belknap County :*

I beg leave to submit herewith the report of this office for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Owing to the lamentable death of John M. Meserve, late solicitor, which occurred the last of August, 1915, that part of this report which deals with the cases going through this office up to that time concerns the performance of the duties of the office by Mr. Meserve.

At the March Term, 1915, there were seventeen cases on the criminal docket which were brought forward from the previous term. These seventeen cases were disposed of at the March Term as follows: six were marked "Not to go forward," five were marked "Continued," four were marked "Misentry," one was marked "Nolle prosequi," and on the remaining two the respondents were committed to the State Hospital and have been there detained.

At the March Term, 1915, twelve indictments were found, and one information filed, and one police court appeal entered. The indictments found at that term are classified as follows: for larceny, four; two for adultery one for receiving stolen goods; three for burglary; and two for rape. The information filed was for fraudulent violation of the election laws. The indictments were disposed of as follows: to nine of them a plea of guilty was entered, and disposition was made by various sentences and orders according to the circumstances of each case. One indictment was marked "Nolle prosequi," and the other two were marked "Not to go forward." The information was continued because the respondent had not

been brought into custody. The police court appeal was marked "Nolle prosequi."

At the October Term, when I first had charge of the docket, seven cases were pending, brought forward from the March Term. Five of these cases were marked "Continued," one was marked "Not to be brought forward," and the other was marked "Nolle prosequi."

At this term nine indictments were found, and two police court appeals entered. The indictments may be classed as follows: one for killing sheep, four for breaking and entering in the day time and larceny, one for attempted rape, one for assault, one for keeping an unlicensed dog, and one for desertion of wife and minor children. To seven of these indictments the respondents pleaded guilty, and the cases were disposed of upon various sentences and orders of the Court. Of the two remaining indictments, one respondent was extradicted from New Jersey and was not brought into this jurisdiction until after the petit jury had arisen and the case was continued to be the first case in order for trial at the next term, and the other respondent was ordered committed to the State Hospital for observation. The two police court appeals were marked "Continued."

No action has been brought against the County during this year, nor are there any actions pending against the County.

A considerable amount of attention has been given to many cases in the Police Courts throughout the County.

Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Hale,

Solicitor.

## Sheriff's Report.

### MARCH TERM COURT, 1915.

Lester Philbrook, sheriff, 53 days attendance and travel . . . . .	\$159.12
John H. Lyford, deputy sheriff, 14 days attendance and travel . . . . .	42.72
Dearborn F. Caverly, deputy sheriff, 16 days attendance and travel . . . . .	49.20
W. H. Philbrook, deputy sheriff, 16 days attendance and travel . . . . .	48.12
Calvin Jenkins, deputy sheriff, 6 days attendance and 2 travel fees . . . . .	22.80
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and officers . .	35.00
C. A. French, teams to and from jail . . . .	9.00
John H. Lyford, teams to and from jail . . .	2.00
Committing Wesley Johnson on mittimus . .	2.74
Elno Avery to State Prison . . . . .	9.62
Fred Kingston, to State Prison . . . . .	9.62
Henry Dupine, " " " . . . . .	9.62
Alfred Lacour, " " " . . . . .	9.62
Paid clergyman . . . . .	2.00
	\$411.18

### OCTOBER TERM COURT, 1915.

Lester Philbrook, sheriff, 34 days attendance and travel . . . . .	\$102.12
W. H. Philbrook, deputy sheriff, 20 days attendance and travel . . . . .	60.12
John H. Lyford, deputy sheriff, 15 days attendance and travel . . . . .	45.72
D. F. Caverly, deputy sheriff, 10 days attendance and travel . . . . .	31.20

Calvin Jenkins, deputy sheriff, 7 days attendance and travel . . . . .	23.40
Lester Philbrook, sheriff, 3 days attendance in June, 1915 . . . . .	9.00
Lester Philbrook, sheriff, 4 days attendance in July, 1915 . . . . .	12.00
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and officers . .	21.00
C. A. French, teams conveying prisoners . .	3.00
Orders of Court served upon Dr. J. P. Bancroft	3.24
Paid clergyman . . . . .	2.00
Arrest of Edwin upon Court order . . . . .	1.50
Services and team, State v. Robert J. Seeley .	1.75
Robert J. Seeley to jail on mittimus . . . . .	1.74
Wilbur Daignault to State Prison . . . . .	9.62
Fred H. Williams " " " . . . . .	9.62
Jessie W. Coleman " " " . . . . .	9.62
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	\$346.65

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, 1915.

*Dr.*

To Fine and costs State v. Caton . . . . .	\$33.15
" cost State v. Livingston . . . . .	7.83
" " " " Weeks . . . . .	6.24
" 16 Dockets sold . . . . .	32.00
" 94 Entries at \$.90 . . . . .	84.60
" $\frac{1}{2}$ cost printing cases . . . . .	1.25
" Bal. due Clerk . . . . .	638.45
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	\$803.52

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By 35 Divorce returns . . . . .	\$3.50
" cash paid F. S. Webster Co. . . . .	1.00
" " " Ira C. Evans Co. . . . .	.50
" " " express . . . . .	.45
" " " for Letter File . . . . .	1.00
" " " T. S. Buck & Co. . . . .	.25
" " " Laconia Post Office . . . . .	10.00
" " " Paper . . . . .	.25
" " " Geo. G. Neal . . . . .	2.27
" " " Laconia Press Asso. . . . .	134.55
" " " J. C. Hawkins . . . . .	4.75
" 5 Mittimus' . . . . .	5.00
" 1 Capias . . . . .	1.00
" $\frac{1}{2}$ annual allowance . . . . .	500.00



To 46 days attendance . . . . .	138.00
“ paid F. S. Webster Co. . . . .	1.00
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	\$803.52

## NOVEMBER TERM, 1915.

*Dr.*

To 15 Dockets sold . . . . .	\$29.00
“ 160 Entries at \$.90 . . . . .	144.00
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ cost printing cases . . . . .	17.50
“ Bal. due Clerk . . . . .	766.43
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	\$956.93

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By 2 days attendance . . . . .	6.00
“ paid express . . . . .	1.85
“ Recording Jdgs. March Term, 1914 . . . . .	45.23
“ “ “ Nov. Term, 1914 . . . . .	44.91
“ 5 days attendance . . . . .	15.00
“ Paid T. S. Buck Mfg. Co. . . . .	3.22
“ 2 days attendance 16th, 19th . . . . .	6.00
“ Paper . . . . .	1.25
“ Paid F. S. Webster Co. . . . .	1.00
“ “ Ink . . . . .	.75
“ “ Geo. G. Neal . . . . .	2.97
“ “ Laconia Post Office . . . . .	10.00
“ 2 Capias’ . . . . .	2.00
“ 4 Mittimus’ . . . . .	4.00
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ annual allowance . . . . .	500.00
“ 35 days attendance . . . . .	105.00
“ Paid Laconia Press Asso. . . . .	207.75
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	\$956.93

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 Dec. 31, 1915.

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1915 . . . . . \$15,650.20

### COUNTY TAXES

Alton . . . . .	\$2,161.74
Barnstead . . . . .	1,316.14
Belmont . . . . .	1,436.92
Center Harbor . . . . .	998.22
Gilford . . . . .	1,366.98
Gilmanton . . . . .	960.00
Laconia . . . . .	15,208.44
Meredith . . . . .	2,740.32
New Hampton . . . . .	909.20
Sanbornton . . . . .	1,233.46
Tilton . . . . .	3,668.58
	<hr/> \$32,000.00

### MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

H. J. Jones, refund in Drew case . . . . .	\$45.85
Rockingham County, aid to paupers . . . . .	47.79
Boston & Maine R. R., rebate . . . . .	3.43
First National Bank, Concord, four months note . . . . .	5000.00
The First National Bank, Concord, sixty day note . . . . .	2500.00

Refund by Commissioners . . . . .	1.10	
Refund from Halls etc. . . . .	75.00	
The First National Bank, Concord, sixty day note . . . . .	2500.84	
Town of Lisbon, aid of paupers . . . . .	68.28	
Lakeport National Bank, sixty day note . . . . .	3000.00	
Lakeport National Bank, sixty day note . . . . .	2000.00	
Grafton County, aid of paupers . . . . .	20.00	
		—————\$15,262.29

STATE LICENSE COMMISSION

For balance of year ending April 30, 1915 . . . . .	\$43.37	
For fifty per cent available funds, May 1, 1915 to July 15, 1915 . . . . .	386.54	
		————— \$429.91

RECEIPTS FROM COUNTY FARM

A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	\$500.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	800.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	700.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	400.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	400.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	700.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and mdse. sold . . . . .	600.00	
		————— \$4,100.00

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DISTRICT COURTS

District of Alton	
C. H. Downing, Justice . . . . .	\$9.50
District of Tilton	
Charles E. Smith, Justice . . . . .	86.32
District of Laconia	
Earl Flanders, clerk . . . . .	255.47
	<hr/> \$351.29

SINKING FUND

Rec'd from Meredith Village Sav- ings Bank . . . . .	\$3,043.70
Interest . . . . .	122.94
	<hr/> \$3,166.64

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1915 . . . . .	\$15,650.20
County Taxes . . . . .	32,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts . . . . .	15,262.29
State License Commission . . . . .	429.91
Receipts from County farm . . . . .	4,100.00
District Courts . . . . .	351.29
From Sinking Fund . . . . .	3,166.64
	<hr/> \$70,960.33

EXPENDITURES

Amount of orders drawn by Commis- sioners, Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916	\$36,760.58
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COURT ORDERS PAID

Arthur A. Tyler, services as counsel, state v. Heath, state v. Chapman etc.	\$40.00
Edwin P. Thompson, balance due clerk	700.00
Lester Philbrook, sheriff, ser. as sher- iff and deputies . . . . .	420.84
Lizzie H. Sanborn, ser. as stenographer	143.85

Jonathan C. Shannon, services as Commissioner . . . . .	264.11
Stephen L. Weeks, ser. as Commissioner	254.34
Arthur C. S. Randlett, services as Commissioner . . . . .	254.75
E. P. Thompson, as Master in Stevens v. Stevens . . . . .	10.00
A. M. Warden, services as stenograher	31.73
Shannon & Tilton, services as counsel in state v. Avery . . . . .	150.00
Frank P. Tilton, services as counsel in state v. Rogers . . . . .	35.00
Jonathan C. Shannon, ser. commissioner	268.14
A. C. S. Randlett, ser. as commissioner	275.07
Stephen L. Weeks, ser. as commissioner	237.49
F. E. Normandin, services as counsel in state v. Ernest Lacour . . . . .	30.00
Thomas D. Luce, services as Master in Marston v. Marston, Herbert v. Herbert, Abbott v. Abbott . . . . .	82.86
E. H. Shannon, counsel in state v. Wesley Johnson . . . . .	5.00
E. P. Thompson, balance due clerk	638.45
Lester Philbrook, ser. sheriff and deputies	411.18
Margaret A. Conway, ser. as stenographer	255.97
Dexter D. Dow, services as Master in Gregg v. Corson . . . . .	56.06
Bessie A. Marsh, transcribing evi- dence in state v. Hutchins . . . . .	77.20
Jonathan C. Shannon, services as Commissioner . . . . .	260.07
Stephen L. Weeks, ser. as commissioner	222.14
A. C. S. Randlett, ser. as commissioner	253.62



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Margaret A. Conway, ser. as stenographer	79.12
Jonathan C. Shannon, services as Commissioner . . . . .	248.27
A. C. S. Randlett, ser. as commissioner	262.50
Stephen L. Weeks, ser. as commissioner	200.49
Frank P. Tilton, services as counsel in state v. Perley C. Clough, state v. Edward Harmon, state v. Jessie W. Coleman, state v. Fred W. Williams	32.00
Edwin P. Thompson, balance due clerk	766.43
Lester Philbrook, Sheriff, services as sheriff and deputies . . . . .	346.65
Lizzie H. Sanborn, services as ste- nographer and transcript of evidence in Hutchins v. Gilford before Tax Commission . . . . .	67.54
Lizzie H. Sanborn, ser. as stenographer	173.75
Mrs. Mary D. Eldridge, services as transcript in E. A. Paulelal v. E. F. Wiggin and v. S. E. Lamprey, F. W. Fowler, Admr . . . . .	2.50
Stanton Owen, services as master fees in Hill v. Hill . . . . .	50.00
Lizzie H. Sanborn, transcribing evi- dence in Richardson v. Adams . . . . .	26.86
	\$7,634.30

**COURT EXPENSES**

Grand Jury pay roll, March term . . .	\$78.48
Petit " " " " " . . . . .	1,656.72
Grand " " " Oct. " . . . . .	80.16
Petit " " " " " . . . . .	1,201.56
	\$3,016.92

Pay roll, State vs. John F. McGrath and Nettie Davis . . . . .	\$18.00
Pay Roll, State vs. Jos. Provencal . .	86.76
“ “ “ “ Jerry Merchant .	119.43
“ “ “ “ Dennis Belisle .	.77
“ “ “ “ Frank Deblois .	.77
“ “ “ “ C. S. Glidden .	3.53
“ “ “ “ George Hatch .	1.37
“ “ “ “ A. R. Chapman .	12.10
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous . .	97.77
“ “ “ “ Elno Avery . . .	56.24
“ “ “ “ Alfred Lecour .	25.49
“ “ “ “ Wesley Johnson .	17.80
“ “ “ “ Frank Rogers . .	36.43
“ “ “ “ Fred Kingston .	25.12
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous .	23.70
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous .	59.63
“ “ “ “ Jerry Merchant .	25.00
“ “ “ “ Intoxicating liq- uors . . . . .	85.40
Pay roll, State vs. Wilbur Dargineault	50.08
“ “ “ “ “ “	25.00
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous .	26.00
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous . .	103.62
“ “ “ “ Howard Davis .	10.42
“ “ “ “ Edward Harmon	18.02
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous .	7.12
“ “ “ “ Miscellaneous .	27.23
“ “ “ “ John M. Bean . .	23.26
“ “ “ “ Robert E. Seeley	8.70
“ “ “ “ Henry Herbert .	11.17
“ “ “ “ Jesse W. Coleman	29.17
“ “ “ “ Perley C. Clough	21.22
“ “ “ “ Fred H. Williams	37.30
“ “ “ “ Marion E. Tuttle	21.98
	<hr/> \$1,115.60

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### NOTES PAID

The First National Bank Concord, sixty day note and interest . . . . .	2,516.67
The First National Bank Concord, four months note and interest . . . . .	5,066.67
The First National Bank Concord, sixty day note and interest . . . . .	2,516.66
Lakeport National Bank, sixty day note and interest . . . . .	3,020.00
Lakeport National Bank, sixty day note and interest paid in thirty days	2,006.67
	—————\$15,126.67

### RECAPITULATION

Total amount of receipts . . . . .	\$70,960.33
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### EXPENDITURES

Amount paid orders of Commissioners	\$36,760.58
Amount paid court orders . . . . .	7,634.30
Paid Court expenses . . . . .	4,132.52
Paid notes and interest . . . . .	15,126.67
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1916 . . . . .	7,306.26
	—————\$70,960.33

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. HAYFORD, Commissioner Treasurer.

## Auditors' Report

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE; BELKNAP, SS.  
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT:—

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of the several officers of the county of Belknap for the six months ending June 30, 1915: that said accounts are properly kept, correct, and well vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased appear to be according to the market value and price; that according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief all of such articles have been used for the benefit of the county; and that the charges for services and expenses of the county commissioners appear reasonable.

The county commissioners have presented to us a sworn statement that there are no bills outstanding against the county except for accounts due in the several towns for aid rendered to paupers and soldiers and bills contracted at the county farm since the last settlement, and except a small bill which has been returned for correction.

Dated at Laconia this first day of July, 1915.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,  
HERBERT J. JONES,  
Auditors.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE; BELKNAP, SS.

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT:

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined all of the accounts of the several county officers for the six months ending December 31, 1915, and we find that all of said accounts are well and accurately kept and properly vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to market value; that we have every

reason to believe that all of such articles have been used for the benefit of the county ; that the charges for services and expenses of the commissioners appear reasonable ; that the treasurer has proper vouchers for all payments made by him, which agree with the orders drawn by the commissioners, and the payrolls and orders approved by the court ; and that the commissioners have filed with us a sworn statement of the indebtedness of the county outstanding at the end of said term, which is in substance, that all of the bills due from said county on said thirty-first of December, 1915, have been paid except one amounting to twenty-three (23) dollars and fifty-seven (57) cents, for which the order was lost in transit, and upon which payment has been stopped ; and that there are no bills outstanding against said county except the accounts due in the several towns for aid rendered to paupers and soldiers and their families, and bills contracted at the county farm since the last settlement, the amounts of which are unknown, and the amount due the commissioners for services and expenses since October 1, 1915.

Dated at Laconia this eleventh day of January.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,

HERBERT J. Jones.

Auditors of Belknap County.



## County Convention.

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The County Convention shall consist of the representatives of the county. Public Statutes, Chapter 24, Section 3.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 3, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation assembled in the Agricultural Room for the purpose of organizing, with the following members present:—

Messrs. Holmes, Bean, Coe, Hill, Dodge, Johnson, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pease, Pearson, Sanborn, Hoyt, Merrill, Blaisdell, Preston, Wright, Page, Tilton and Hammond.

On motion of Mr. Pearson of Laconia, Edwin C. Bean of Belmont was chosen temporary chairman.

The next business being the election of permanent officers, Bert S. Dearborn was chosen chairman, John A. Hammond was chosen secretary.

County Commissioner Randlett reported that the last bonds had been paid, and the county is out of debt.

Mr. Randlett estimated expense of running the County for the ensuing year, \$29,000, and that repairs on inside of buildings at the Farm would cost \$1,000. He recommended the same appropriation as made in 1913, \$32,000.

The County Jail was reported to be very much in need of improvements and the chair appointed a committee of five members including Messrs. Preston, Chase, Merrill, Tilton and Pearson to investigate and report on same.

The question of County Agricultural Agent was taken up and discussed and on motion of Mr. Wright the chair appointed a committee of three, Messrs. Wright, Holmes and Hill to investigate and report on same.

County Commissioners Shannon and Weeks addressed the Delegation along the same lines as did Mr. Randlett.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.55 a. m.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 13, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation held a meeting with the following members present:

Messrs. Holmes, Bean, Hill, Johnson, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pease, Pearson, Sanborn, Hoyt, Merrill, Blaisdell, Preston, Page, Hammond, McDuffee and Dodge.

Mr. Preston for the Jail Committee, reported that the committee had attended to their duties, and found the Jail in a very poor condition, and it is the unanimous opinion of the committee that something should be done to improve same, and that a representative of the Van Dorn People would later come before the whole Delegation to submit several plans.

Rev. W. J. Sanborn spoke to the Delegation in regard to the county agent proposition. He said that from present reports, the necessary \$600 to be raised by subscription would be fully subscribed.

Mr. Sanborn explained the proposition thoroughly; including the opportunities and advantages to be derived to the county by the employment of a County Agent.

As the Committee appointed to investigate this proposition had not reported, the Delegation deferred any further action in regard to same.

The Chair announced that a meeting would be called as soon as the Van Dorn Representative returned here to submit his propositions.

There being no further business to come before the meeting adjournment was taken at 10.50 a. m.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 26, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation held a meeting in Agricultural Room at 3.30 p. m., for the purpose of meeting the representative of the Van Dorn Co., Mr. Kelley. Mr. Kelley submitted the different plans viz:

First, for repairing the old work, \$9,500. Second, one tier of 16 cells, \$7,859. Third, two tiers of cells, 32 in all, \$14,300, and that certain changes could be made in plan No. 2, which would reduce the cost by \$323.

Complete specifications were read by Mr. Kelley. The above prices are contract prices. By putting in 14 cells instead of 16, we could save about \$800.

Moved by Mr. Wright that the Jail Committee of five together with the County Commissioners be a Committee to confer with Mr. Kelley in regard to the Jail matter and report later. The motion was carried.

The following members were present:

Messrs. McDuffee, Holmes, Coe, Hill, Johnson, Chase, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pearson, Hoyt, Merrill, Blaisdell, Preston, Wright, Page, Tilton and Hammond.

Adjourned at 5 p. m.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 2nd, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation met in Agricultural Room at 10 a. m.

The following members were present:—

Messrs. McDuffee, Holmes, Hill, Dodge, Johnson, Pease, Chase, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Hoyt, Merrill, Preston, Wright, Page, Tilton and Hammond.

Mr. Tilton for the Jail Committee reported that they had conferred with Mr. Kelley and had carefully gone over his plans and were unanimous in recommending one tier of 16 cells at a cost of \$7,500.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hoyt to leave the whole matter of building the new Jail to the County Commissioners.

The motion was lost.

On Motion of Mr. Wright it was voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$7,500 for the new Jail.

County Commissioner Randlett informed the Delegation that the money for the Jail could be taken care of out of the regular appropriation if same was kept at \$32,000.

Upon request of Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Wright took the chair.

Moved by Mr. Dearborn that the present Jail Committee be retained to act with the County Commissioners in constructing the new Jail. Motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Preston it was voted that this matter be in charge of a committee of six, consisting of the County Commissioners, whose chairman shall be chairman and whose secretary shall be secretary, and three members of the Delegation.

Burt S. Dearborn, Harry S. Chase and Charles E. Tilton were elected to serve on this committee.

On motion of Mr. Preston it was voted to rescind the vote appropriating \$7,500.

Adjourned at 10.55.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 10, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation met in the G. A. R. rooms at 10 a. m., with the following members present: Messrs. McDuffee, Holmes, Johnson, Pease, Chase, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pearsons, Sanborn, Hoyt, Blaisdell, Page, Tilton, Coe and Hammond.

Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Dearborn, who announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called was to consider the county agent proposition.

As the chairman of the committee to investigate this

matter, Mr. Wright was not present, the committee's report in the form of a letter from Mr. J. C. Kendall, Director at the State College, was read describing the County Agent's duties, his expenses, and stating that the salary would probably be \$1,600 to \$1,800 per annum.

Mr. John B. Abbott, State leader in this work, Rev. W. J. Sanborn and Herbert M. Thyng, President and Secretary, respectively of the Belknap County Farmers' Association, were present and addressed the Delegation in favor of the proposition.

On motion of Mr. McDuffee, it was unanimously voted that it is the sense of the Delegation that the appropriation will include the necessary amount for this purpose.

The Chair announced that the County Commissioners invites the Delegation to visit the County Farm on Friday, February 26th, also if time was available to visit the Family Gathering at the Court House.

On motion of Mr. Tilton it was voted to accept the invitation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Mr. Pearson to adjourn.

Adjourned at 10.50 a. m.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 26, 1915.

The Belknap County Delegation met at the County Farm, with the following members present: McDuffee, Hill, Pease, Chase, Dearborn, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Hoyt, Merrill, Blaisdell, Page, Tilton and Hammond.

An inspection of the Farm Buildings and Jail was made, after which an excellent dinner was served by Supt. and Mrs. Batchelder.

After dinner a business meeting was held with Chairman Burt S. Dearborn, presiding.

County Commissioner Randlett addressed the convention in regard to County expenses, and submitted an esti-



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mate of appropriations needed for the years 1915 and 1916, as follows:

Poor off Farm,	\$8,000 00
Alms House, House of Correction and Jail,	8,000 00
Court Orders and Expenses,	7,500 00
One-half New Jail,	3,750 00
Court House,	2,300 00
County Agent,	1,200 00
County Officers Paid by Commissioners,	950 00
Miscellaneous,	200 00
Medical Referee,	100 00
	\$32,000 00

Mr. E. P. Thompson gave a short talk explaining the system of indexing the county records at the Court House.

County Solicitor Meserve and Mr. Blaisdell of Meredith addressed the Delegation in regard to the needs of the County.

County Commissioner Randlett opened and read a bid from the Pauly Jail Building Co., to furnish material and construct the new Jail for \$6,978.

The bid was left in charge of the Jail Committee.

Mr. Evans, Superintendent of the Merrimack County Farm, was present and gave his views in regard to Jail construction.

On motion of Charles E. Tilton it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$32,000 as recommended by the County Commissioners for each of the years 1915 and 1916.

The question was brought up as to when the new Jail should be built and on motion of Mr. Merrill it was voted to build same this year.

On motion of Mr. Tilton the meeting adjourned at 3.40 p. m.

A true record, Attest:

JOHN A. HAMMOND, Clerk.

Manchester, N. H., Mar. 25, 1915.

The members of the Jail Committee, Messrs. Dearborn, Chase and Tilton together with the County Commissioners, visited the Hillsborough County Jail at Manchester today. Other members of the Delegation accompanied the party. The trip was made for the enlightenment of the committee in the matter of jail construction. A thorough inspection was made.

A true record, Attest:

STEPHEN L. WEEKS,  
Clerk of Jail Committee.

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Laconia, N. H., April 10, 1915,  
Commissioners' Office.

The Jail Committee convened today at 2 p. m. Mr. Kelley of the Van Dorn Iron Works Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, was present. The plans and estimates for the new Jail were taken up in detail.

The committee voted to accept the bid of Mr. Kelley for removing the old brick and stone cells and installing the new tool proof steel cells. The bid was for \$7,500.

Messrs. Tilton, Chase, Dearborn, Merrill, Randlett, Shannon and Weeks were present.

A true record, Attest:

STEPHEN L. WEEKS,  
Clerk of Jail Committee.

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