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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE

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

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.



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COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION OF BULKHEAD

THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS,

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT, Laconia;

STEPHEN L. WEEKS, Gilmanton;

JONATHAN C. SHANNON, Laconia.

TREASURER,

*STEPHEN B. COLE, Laconia.

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**CHARLES J. HAYFORD, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

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***FLETCHER HALE, Laconia.

SHERIFF,

LESTER PHILBROOK, Laconia.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

JUDGE OF PROBATE,

FRANK P. TILTON, Laconia.

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AUDITORS,

OSCAR L. YOUNG, Laconia;

HERBERT J. JONES, Alton.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND

DEPUTY JAILER,

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER, Laconia.

PHYSICIAN AT COUNTY FARM,

HENRY C. WELLS, M. D., Laconia.

*Deceased.

**Appointed December 11, 1915.

***Appointed September 18, 1915.

BELKNAP

CHAPLAINS,

- *REV. GEORGE L. THOMPSON, Laconia;
- **REV. E. H. PRESCOTT, 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 Convention, 1917 and 1918.

Alton	William R. Clough
Barnstead	George J. Whitney
Belmont	Jason H. Cotton
Center Harbor	Leonard B. Morrill
Gilford	Orman M. Sanborn
Gilmanton	Royal L. Page
Laconia, Ward 1	John T. Dodge
“ “ 2	William B. Johnson
“ “ 2	Arthur W. Spring
“ “ 3	Thomas H. Lowe
“ “ 4	Edwin H. Shannon
“ “ 4	William F. Seaverns
“ “ 5	Archie B. Sanborn
“ “ 5	Frank E. Pearson
“ “ 6	George B. Munsey
“ “ 6	Simon A. Whitten
Meredith	Dudley Leavitt
New Hampton	Guy B. Torsey
Sanbornton	Robert M. Wright
Tilton	Charles E. Tilton
Tilton	Herman Page

*Resigned.

**Appointed April, 1916.

COMMISSIONER'S 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, 1916, 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.

While the amount of hay cut at the farm was unusually large, but with so many of the hoed crops affected on account of the long continued wet weather in the early summer; necessitating planting over the potatoes and some of the vegetables, and with a large percentage of the potato crop rotted in the field before digging time, the total yield of crops was greatly reduced.

The returns for dairy products sold have been the largest in the history of the county.

The number of house of correction prisoners have been the average for the past few years but the sentences have been shorter, which has made it necessary to keep them at work during the regular farm work the greater part of the time; the only extra work done, was

the rebuilding of the road leading from the main highway to the farm buildings.

The county agent work has cost the county \$1050 during the past year. It is evident from the reports of those who come in contact with the work that it has come to stay and is a benefit directly or indirectly to a large percentage if not all residents of the county and can be made more so if all of those who might profit by it would do so.

The reindexing of the records in the Register of Deeds Office has cost \$808.60 to date; the work is not fully completed but is proving itself a great convenience and value to those who use them.

It is with much satisfaction that we submit our financial report, and are able to say that besides paying the usual running expenses of the county, making improvements costing more than \$31000, during the past four years, paying for county agent work, also court orders and court expenses during the past two years amounting to \$2475.48 more than for any two previous years and the extra cost of caring for the poor, caused by the unusual high cost of living; have all been paid for except \$1000 borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

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 those who so cheerfully gave their assistance in making

Christmas day of 1916, a merry Christmas for the inmates.

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

COUNTY TAX

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
1906..... 30,000	1916..... 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, 1916.

ALTON

Transient	\$ 91.00	
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BELMONT

Transient	\$ 83.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 83.45

CENTER HARBOR

Transient	\$ 58.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 58.00

GILMANTON

Transient	\$263.20	
Laura Page	58.50	
	<hr/>	\$321.70

LACONIA

Transient	\$4052.26	
Joseph Britton	282.20	
Martha Martin	59.56	
Nellie Tasker	52.00	
Cora Seeley	444.20	
Sarah Guilford	78.00	
Elizabeth Parker	21.00	
Martha Huckins	52.50	
Phillias Couture	399.30	
Soldiers and their families	392.49	
	<hr/>	\$5833.51

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MEREDITH

Transient	\$775.45	
Soldiers and their families	70.49	
		————— \$845.94

SANBORNTON

Transient	\$389.67	
Soldiers and their families	200.10	
		————— \$589.77

TILTON

Transient	\$662.01	
		————— \$662.01

EXTERNAL POOR.

Total Amounts Paid Out in the Several Towns and the
City of Laconia for Support of Poor for the Year:

Alton	\$ 91.00	
Belmont	83.45	
Center Harbor	58.00	
Gilmanton	321.70	
Laconia	5833.51	
Meredith	845.94	
Sanbornton	589.77	
Tilton	662.01	
		————— \$8485.38

COUNTY FARM.

Itemized Accounts of Bills for County Farm, House of
Correction and Jail For the Year Ending
December 31, 1916.

JANUARY.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	\$ 34.30
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	1.63
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	184.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	11.65
Swift & Co., provisions	34.05
C. E. Pinkham, sugar	17.75
C. L. Simpson, tobacco	6.00
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	34.33
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	15.15
W. A. Moore, footwear	9.47
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust	6.00
C. H. Bickford, repairs	1.76
F. S. Roberts, meat	20.75
J. Henry Story, medicine	10.70
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	4.30
J. S. Morrill, grain	152.65
Lougee-Robinson Co., carpet and fur- nishings	43.24
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco, etc.	17.00
Frederick C. Small & Co., syrup	17.40
Ormar T. Lougee, clothing	24.68
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00

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Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.74
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	13.58
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	2.50
Cash Market, meat	2.28
Arthur A. Tilton, grain	25.37
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel	352.80
	\$1048.08

FEBRUARY.

Arthur A. Tilton, grain	44.25
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	32.67
H. C. Wells, M. D., 1/2 medical contract	75.00
H. C. Wells, M. D., returning births and deaths	2.25
E. L. Couch, hay	85.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	190.62
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid Sundries	14.45
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid for pigs	18.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid freight	1.67
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	9.13
J. S. Morrill, grain	62.65
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	6.50
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	7.38
W. A. Moore, footwear	9.30
F. S. Roberts, meat	8.42
H. C. Sanborn, plow point	1.65
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	3.40
Knight & Huntress, bedding	29.10
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	11.90
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	20.93

J. Henry Story, medicine	5.25
C. E. Pinkham, sugar and flour	104.84
Cudahy Packing Co., soap	4.00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	10.09
Swift & Co., meat	47.40
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings....	59.79
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.82
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber and saw- dust	13.79
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
Laconia Tavern Garage, auto hire ...	10.00
Rand & Dearborn, merchandise.....	3.30
Arthur A. Tilton, grain	19.50
Laconia Water Co., service	175.00
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., coal	330.35
	<hr/> \$1422.50

MARCH

A. A. Tilton, grain	56.05
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	29.15
W. H. Neal, stock	225.00
E. L. Couch, hay	33.35
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	3.42
L. H. Wilkinson, undertaking.....	20.00
L. H. Wilkinson, undertaking.....	20.00
L. H. Wilkinson, undertaking.....	20.00
Geo. C. Sanborn, repairs	1.20
Andrew L. Felker, hay	72.00
Cash Market, meat	3.23
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber and saw- dust	6.46
N. H. State Hospital, brooms	8.25
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., merchandise ...	33.15

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Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	190.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	13.41
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	5.11
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	4.07
F. H. Moore, groceries	19.25
Smith & Son, crackers	8.75
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	8.60
Dinsmore & Parent, dry goods	19.18
J. S. Morrill, grain.....	17.90
F. S. Roberts, meat	13.06
Swift & Co., provisions	32.37
J. Henry Story, medicine	9.55
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	4.68
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and coffee	54.10
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods .....	.80
H. S. Chase, footwear	5.18
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
S. D. McGloughlin Co., coal.....	528.33
N. H. Potato Growers' Association, fertilizer	105.00
A. A. Tilton, grain	77.75
F. C. Clement, potatoes	31.25
	\$1681.60

APRIL

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	22.22
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid freight	8.45
H. H. Downing, seeds	7.40
The Hirst Co., spraying outfit	25.50
S. L. Weeks, maple syrup	2.50

B. C. Farmers Ass'n, lime	8.00
F. C. Clement, potatoes	13.00
Rev. A. M. Shattuck, chaplain	6.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	185.83
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	19.68
Swift & Co., provisions	99.32
Orman T. Lougee, clothing.....	21.75
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	4.60
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	10.93
Cook's Lumber Co., sawing and saw- dust	5.50
R. W. Smith, manure	10.56
H. C. Wells, manure	56.00
Wilcox Bros., ice	16.40
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	9.70
F. H. Moore, paint	10.65
J. Henry Story, medicine	6.90
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	7.42
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ...	8.85
F. S. Roberts, meat	27.52
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	12.00
Cash Market, meat	3.17
J. S. Morrill, grain	33.92
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	39.52
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	1.16
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., salary to April 1st	200.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid freight	6.43
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
Winnetoesaukee Tel Co., service	2.26
Arthur A. Tilton, grain	46.80
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	\$941.94

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MAY

Arthur A. Tilton, grain	16.68	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	16.44	
Belknap Co. Farmers' Ass'n., grain....	79.75	
Chas. H. Chase, nursery stock	33.50	
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	195.00	
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	6.51	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	8.70	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	5.90	
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea	45.36	
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	4.85	
F. S. Roberts, meat	14.65	
H. S. Chase, shoes	42.75	
C. E. Pinkham, peas	8.94	
O. A. Lougee, dry goods	9.13	
John Morrisey, plumbing	2.20	
J. S. Morrill, grain	41.55	
Swift & Co., provisions	17.04	
J. Henry Story, medicine	11.05	
Emile St. Jacques, footwear.....	7.05	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00	
Winnepesaukee Tel Co., service	2.52	
W. A. Moore, shoes	9.40	
Lawrence Baldi, sugar	105.03	
		\$686.00

JUNE

A. C. S. Randlett, seed corn	\$ 9.63
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	9.06
Belknap County Farmers Ass'n, grain	20.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	199.17

Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	13.68
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid pigs	37.05
Cash Market, meat	16.20
J. L. Meserve, simthwork	20.08
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	8.28
Wallace Building Co., pulp .....	.65
F. S. Roberts, meat	12.39
C. B. Sanborn, chickens	12.00
J. S. Morrill, grain	75.72
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust	2.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs.....	1.95
F. L. Brown, maple syrup	2.50
Kendall Refining Co., oil	10.50
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	6.56
Fletcher Hale, Trustee, merchandise .	15.44
Oscar Lougee, dry goods	6.65
J. Henry Story, medicine	8.65
Lougee-Robinson Co., pails	1.80
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectants..	7.50
W. A. Moore, shoes	19.02
R. F. Moore, D. V. S., services and medicine	20.80
Swift & Co., provisions	58.03
H. C. Wells, manure	20.00
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
H. C. Sanborn, plow	45.00
H. C. Sanborn, repairs	3.02
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.22
Frank A. Bean, potatoes	7.50
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JULY

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	\$ 6.89
H. C. Wells, M. D., ½ medical contract	75.00
J. Henry Story, medicine	8.85
I. D. Head & Son, potatoes	14.00
F. C. Clement, potatoes	8.00
W. A. Moore, shoes	3.36
Horlick's Malted Milk Co., milk	4.00
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	4.28
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	2.90
E. C. Farmers Ass'n, grain	28.34
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	220.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	9.25
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., ¼ salary .	200.00
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	4.27
Bowker Fertilizer Co., fertilizer	55.32
U. S. Envelope Co., toilet paper	11.50
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	2.79
Geo. L. Thompson, chaplain	14.00
Dinsmore & Parent, dry goods	4.15
F. S. Roberts, meat	16.09
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	10.03
C. E. Pinkham, groceries	13.58
Frederick C. Small & Co., coffee.....	30.00
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco and lemons .	13.25
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	8.62
Swift & Company, provisions	17.65
J. S. Morrill, grain	42.46
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.11
Laconia Press Ass'n, subscription	1.25
F. C. Clement, potatoes	10.60

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AUGUST

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	4.42	
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	220.00	
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	6.25	
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	10.20	
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco, etc.	14.88	
Frederick C. Small & Co., molasses...	21.17	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	36.02	
J. Henry Story, medicine	8.15	
J. H. Johnston & Sons, leg shackle ...	15.00	
J. S. Morrill, grain	36.72	
John S. Wallis, plow points	2.84	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	6.82	
Smith & Son, crackers	9.03	
F. S. Roberts, meat	27.46	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	19.35	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	42.63	
Swift & Co., provisions	90.20	
Winnebaukee Tel. Co., service	2.62	
Cash Market, meat	11.85	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00	
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	10.95	
		\$598.56

SEPTEMBER

Geo. H. Springfield, bull	85.00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	5.98
B. C. Farmers Ass'n, grain	48.38
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	205.99
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	8.30
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	6.42
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	6.48

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E. J. Dinsmore, harness repair	9.50
Swift & Co., meat	49.36
Emile St. Jacques, shoes	8.00
Lougee-Robinson Co., linoleum	3.35
J. S. Morrill, flour and grain	160.50
J. Henry Story, medicine	5.55
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	2.43
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	3.95
Cash Market, meat	12.33
F. C. Clement, potatoes	13.00
C. E. Pinkham, provisions.....	9.94
South Main Market, sweet potatoes ..	3.25
W. D. Huse & Son, repairs.....	.75
F. S. Roberts, meat	33.03
W. A. Moore, footwear	16.70
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps ...	5.88
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel	562.59
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service	3.19
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	\$1271.85

OCTOBER

A. D. Bean, cutting corn	22.00
B. C. Farmers Ass'n., grain.....	65.34
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	9.60
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll ..	202.33
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	8.11
Swift & Co., provisions	58.58
F. S. Roberts, meat	25.13
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectants .	7.50
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor	1.58
H. C. Sanborn, groceries	21.39
R. F. Moore, D. V. S., services and	

medicine	8.75
J. S. Morrill, flour and grain	178.15
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	4.47
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	12.42
W. A. Moore, shoes	10.55
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco, etc.	17.68
F. C. Clement, potatoes	12.00
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	23.50
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	4.34
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	6.76
Jenkins Bros., repairing valves	6.97
J. Henry Story, medicine	1.90
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary	200.00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.53
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	\$913.58

NOVEMBER

C. E. Pinkham, groceries	12.43
B. C. Farmers Ass'n, grain	123.15
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	16.68
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.42
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll	178.16
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	11.78
B. C. Farmers Ass'n, grain	60.87
Edmund Quimby, Meredith tax	12.80
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	15.33
W. A. Moore, shoes	20.15
McCarthy's Clothing Store, clothing	39.00
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings	1.71
J. Henry Story, medicine	7.85
People's Market, provisions	10.00
O. A. Lougee, dry goods	5.26

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F. S. Roberts, meat	15.40	
Wallace Building Co., cement, etc. ...	22.10	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	6.64	
Lawrence Baldi, tobacco	10.80	
N. C. Sanborn, plow point	1.10	
Cash Market, meat	4.56	
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber and saw- dust	15.68	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	4.42	
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	5.69	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00	
		\$605.98

DECEMBER

City of Laconia, taxes	535.68
J. S. Morrill, grain	95.64
Swift & Co., meat	79.04
Frederick C. Small & Co., provisions .	51.88
Geo. C. Sanborn, labor	1.80
Fred A. Young, insurance	247.50
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	23.65
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps ...	9.00
W. A. Plummer, pasturing	40.45
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., payroll .	202.66
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., cash paid sundries	9.70
Alfred P. Batchelder, Supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary .	200.00
Lawrence Baldi, provisions	51.85
Emile St. Jacques, footwear	6.10
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	13.74
Dinsmore & Parent, dry goods	8.44
Smith & Son, crackers	11.22
W. A. Moore, shoes	15.32
B. C. Farmers Ass'n, grain	97.64

J. L. Meserve, smithwork	7.34	
Frederick C. Small & Co., provisions..	48.10	
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	12.68	
F. S. Roberts, meat	23.30	
Dennis O'Shea, dry goods	35.00	
J. S. Morrill, grain	131.85	
J. Henry Story, medicine	9.55	
John H. Wells, labor and material....	16.00	
W. D. Sanborn, supplies .....	.18	
John Morrisey, plumbing	3.15	
Swift & Co., provisions	27.13	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2.00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2.57	
		\$2020.16
Total for year ending December 31, 1916		\$12,719.84

JAIL ACCOUNT.

Alfred P. Batchelder, services as jailer	200.00	\$200.00
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COURT HOUSE.

January Settlement.

Laconia Gas and Electric Co., service.	\$7.08
N. J. Dyer, P. M., postage.....	10.00
Herbert M. Thyng, indexing Vol. 142, and 144	61.50
Citizens Telephone Co., service.....	4.00
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	8.54
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00
J. S. Chase, cash paid laundry.....	1.00
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies for Regis- ter of Deeds	1.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs70

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Laconia Press Ass'n., printing, register of probate	98.15	
Laconia Press Ass'n., printing, register of deeds	122.34	
Rumford Printing Co., printing, regis- ter of deeds	6.75	
Maher's Book Store, supplies, register of deeds	30.32	
Maher's Book Store, supplies, register of probate	15.95	
Maher's Book Store, supplies, commis- sioners.	1.25	
Frank Beaman, repairing clock	1.00	
	\$409.58	

February Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	5.91	
Weeks Bros., printing, register of Pro- bate	4.15	
Union Publishing Co., directories....	12.50	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs.....	2.53	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	10.44	
Citizens Telephone Co., service.....	4.10	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid laundry . . . . .	.60	
Laconia Water Co., service	19.43	
S. L. Weeks, wood.....	65.75	
Little, Brown & Co., Mass. Reports...	2.25	
	\$167.66	

March Settlement.

N. J. Dyer, P. M., postage.....	10.00	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service...	4.87	
W. B. Fellows, insurance	230.25	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	9.14	

American Law Book Co., law book, (clerk's office)	7.50	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.03	
Citizens Telephone Co., service	4.00	
Louis G. Hoyt, two copies Hoyt's Law, probate office	3.00	
W. D. Sanborn, electrical work	7.60	
Weeks Bros., printing for probate office	14.25	
S. L. Weeks, wood	14.00	
		\$345.64

April Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$4.74	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	1.05	
American Law Book Co., law and pro- cedure	8.00	
McCarthy Bros., towels . . . . .	.90	
E. G. Parker & Co., supplies	1.35	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	4.10	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	11.61	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.45	
Weeks Bros., printing, Probate office ..	18.00	
West Publishing Co., 2 vols. law diction- ary	19.50	
		\$110.70

May Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$4.35
Eugene Jacques, painting	15.00
N. J. Dyer, postage	10.00
Citizens Tel Co., service	4.00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	26.56
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00

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J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.15	
O'Shea Furniture Co., waste basket ...	1.75	
Wilcox Bros., ice	1.20	
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris	7.50	
		\$111.51

June Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ...	\$2.33	
Weeks Bros., printing, Rg. Deeds	24.85	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	4.00	
Rumford Printing Co., binding, Rg. Deeds	7.75	
H. C. Sanborn, grass seed and fertilizer	7.85	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid laundry	1.10	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	11.75	
		\$99.63

July Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ...	\$1.73	
Weeks Bros., printing, Rg. Deeds.....	14.00	
Little, Brown & Co., Mass. reports....	2.25	
Wallace Building Co., coal	230.79	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out .....	.95	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware .....	.99	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	4.00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	9.94	
Union Publishing Co., directory	3.00	
		\$307.65

August Settlement.

E. G. Baker & Co., supplies, commis- sioners	\$.60	
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies, Rg. Deeds	5.10	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	1.87	
N. J. Dyer, postage	10.00	

A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware .....	.99	
Maher's Book Store, supplies, Rg. Pro- bate	22.50	
Underwood Typewriter Co., supplies, Rg. Probate	4.50	
Winnepesaukee Tel Co., service	11.70	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	4.00	
Lougee-Robinson Co., drinking cups ..	5.75	
Wilcox Bros., ice .....	.95	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out .....	.90	
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris	15.00	
		<hr/> \$123.86

September Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ...	\$2.02	
Library Bureau, index cards, Rg. Deeds	19.59	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.25	
Weeks Bros., printing, Rg. Probate ...	5.15	
Citizens Telephone Co., service	4.00	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	9.88	
		<hr/> \$81.89

October Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ...	\$2.41	
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor	2.90	
Maher's Book Store, filing case, Rg. Deeds	17.50	
Wilcox Bros., ice	2.15	
Citizens Tel Co., service	4.10	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.00	
Winnepesaukee Tel Co., service	12.86	
		<hr/> \$82.92

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November Settlement.

N. J. Dyer, postage	\$10.00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ...	4.48
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	11.74
The Frank Shepherd Co., N. H. cita- tions	12.00
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1.75
Thompson & Hoague, hardware.....	2.19
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ....	.35
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs .....	.50
Citizens Telephone Co., service	4.00

\$87.01

December Settlement.

E. G. Baker & Co., ink	\$1.25
W. J. Nagel, law book, Rg. Probate ..	15.00
Wilcox Bros., ice	1.35
General Eclipse Co., ink well	1.00
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris vol. 8	7.50
The Rumford Press, blank book, Rg. Deeds	7.75
Little Brown & Co., Mass. reports	2.25
F. G. Beaman, repairing clock	1.00
Laconia Gas and Electric Co., service..	9.09
W. D. Sanborn, supplies .....	.34
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	2.88
Laconia Press Association, printing, register deeds	35.50
Laconia Press Association, printing, Treasurer	3.75
Laconia Press Association, printing, register probate	44.00
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	4.56

Lougee-Robinson Co., duster	1.75	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40.00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out .....	.75	
Citizens Telephone Co., service	4.00	
Winnepesaukee Telephone Co., service	15.36	\$199.08
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Total for year 1916		\$2,127.13

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Oscar L. Young, auditor	\$25.00	
Herbert J. Jones, auditor	25.00	
Lester Philbrook, sheriff	200.00	
Fletcher Hale, solicitor	416.67	
Charles J. Hayford, treasurer	166.66	
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		\$833.33

MEDICAL REFEREE.

E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Austin Cunningham	\$61.32
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Alfred Dupont	5.12
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Alice M. Davis	5.12
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Harry Bushenham	6.50
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Albert E. Lamprey	6.56
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Margaret Roy	6.86
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Alex George	5.18
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Mary J. Howard	6.80
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of	

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James Golden	5.18	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Louis E. Laplante	5.30	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Fred W. Gardner	6.08	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Edward H. McEnnis	5.06	
		————— \$125.08

FARM IMPROVEMENT.

The Van Dorn Iron Works Co., new jail	\$7927.71	
Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Co., hose and couplings	90.00	
Boulia, Gorrell Lumber Co., windows..	51.80	
Wallace Building Co., cement work ...	40.64	
John Morrissey, plumbing	41.11	
John H. Wells, electrical work	47.38	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	9.89	
George D. Merrill, inspecting.	88.00	
George D. Merrill, steel ceiling.	68.50	
		————— \$8,365.03

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

Office, Bank and Library Co., cases for register of deeds	\$160.00	
		————— \$160.00

INDEXING ACCOUNT.

Herbert M. Thyng, indexing	\$364.04	
		————— \$364.04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Transportation	53.25
Daniel Finn, officer at jail	2.50
Lester Philbrook, fees in criminal case	13.16
Daniel Finn, fees in liquor case	10.00
Weeks Bros., printing reports	107.95
S. L. Weeks, postage on reports	4.06
Chas. P. Smith, board of prisoners . . .	51.68
W. and L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer weights and measures	3.88
Lester Philbrook, fees	51.94
Dennison Manufacturing Co., labels ..	5.53
Laconia Tavern Garage, auto hire	14.50
F. W. Fowler, legal services (pension case)	5.00
Manchester & Concord Express Co., express	7.30
E. N. Fielding, services and expenses in Seeley case	374.90
E. N. Fielding, services and expenses in Morgan case	54.90
Weeks Bros., advertising	1.00
J. F. Trask, correcting weights and measures	4.85
John W. Plummer, examination weights and measures	4.80
Lester Philbrook, fees and expenses in Costigan case	15.00
Fletcher Hale, expenses in Seeley case	235.00
G. Marceau, labor for County Sealer ..	3.50
Chas P. Smith, expenses in Ayoto case	4.98
Geo. M. Fletcher, expenses in Ayoto case	1.00

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Geo. R. Hammel, expenses in Gil-		4.00
crist case		
Fletcher Hale, expenses in Burr case..		6.67
Daniel Finn, expenses in Sterling case		6.60
Daniel Finn, expenses in criminal case		17.15
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$1,065.10

COUNTY AGENT WORK.

Herbert M. Thyng, secretary and treas-		
urer, Belknap County Farmers		
Association	\$1,050.00	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$1,050.00

SUMMARY.

Poor off the farm		\$8,485.38
Almshouse, House of Correction		
and Jail	12,709.84	
Salary of Jailer	200.00	
Court House account	2,127.13	
County officers (paid by commis-		
sioners)	833.33	
Medical referee	125.08	
Farm improvement account	8,365.03	
Permanent improvement account ..	160.00	
Indexing (Register of Deeds)	364.04	
Miscellaneous	1,065.10	
County agent work	1,050.00	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$35,484.93

**INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
COUNTY FARM, DEC. 31, 1916.**

Live stock		\$4,125.00
Farm produce		1,831.50

Fuel and lumber	482.00
Farming tools	1,144.00
Provisions	1,421.45
Dry goods and clothing	350.00
Jail furniture	319.00
Household furniture	4,210.46
Miscellaneous	1,825.45
	\$15,708.86

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of Belknap County at Close of Business Dec. 31, 1916.

ASSETS.

County Farm and buildings	\$70,000.00
Wood lot at Meredith	1,000.00
Court House and lot	35,000.00
Personal property at County Farm	15,708.86
Personal property at Court House.	6,500.00
Due for board etc.	275.00
Cash on hand	500.30
	\$128,984.16

LIABILITIES.

Due at Laconia National Bank in anticipation of taxes	\$1,000.00
Net assets Dec. 31, 1916	\$127,984.16
Net assets Dec. 31, 1915	127,809.98
Gain in net assets since Dec. 31, 1915	\$174.18

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT,

STEPHEN L. WEEKS,

JONATHAN C. SHANNON,

Commissioners of Belknap County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit to you my report of the Belknap County Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail, for the year ending December 31, 1916.

Inmates Supported at Belknap County Farm for the Year 1916.

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wk. d
Adams, Margaret	62	Alton	At farm	52 2
Bunker, Charles	61	New Hampton	" "	52 2
Brown, Percy	39	Alton	" "	52 2
Blaisdell, John	69	Laconia	" "	52 2
Brown, Mabel B.	29	"	Dis. Apr. 17	15 3
Brown, Wallace E.	5	"	" Jan. 27	
Burroughs, George	70	Barnstead	At farm	52 2
Burroughs, Cedelia	67	"	" "	52 2
Beaupre, Clara	69	Laconia	Died June 8	22
Brown, William H.	42	Meredith	Dis. Feb. 1	3
Bugbee, Selim	81	Laconia	At farm	10 6
Cole, Eliza	29	Sanbornton	" "	52 2
Carrignant, Felix	55	Laconia	" "	52 2
Crane, Fannie	48	"	Dis. May 6	18 1
Chamberlain, Eliz.	51	"	At farm	15
Calef, Charles	65	Meredith	" "	9
Davis, Frank	64	Gilford	" "	51
Foster, Louisa	65	"	" "	52 2
Fagan, Thomas	52	Transient	Dis. Feb. 18	1 3
Gilman, Belle	47	Gilmanton	At farm	52 2
Guy, Walter	29	"	" "	52 2
Gault, Augustus	11	Meredith	Dis. Mar. 27	5 6
Hubbard, Harriet	78	Laconia	At farm	52 2
Hayes, Lillian	49	Alton	" "	52 2

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wk. d
Holland, Joseph	79	New Hampton	Dis. Oct. 10	40 5
Hussey, Stephen	79	Gilmanton	At farm	52 2
Hamel, Viola	3	Laconia	" "	50 2
Hannaford, Frank	47	Sanbornton	" "	31
Hargraves, John	75	Transient	" "	7 1
Johnson, Mabel	26	Meredith	" "	52 2
Jacques, Anna	27	Laconia	" "	52 2
Jacques, Alphonse	3	"	" "	52 2
Keays, James C.	61	Transient	Dis. May 24	20 5
McCoole, Daniel	28	"	" Apr. 3	1 3
Noonan, John	27	"	" June 6	1 3
Osgood, Eben	83	Sanbornton	At farm	52 2
Page, Jaradene	66	Meredith	" "	52 2
Perron, Napoleon	59	Belmont	" "	52 2
Prescott, Charles	61	Alton	" "	52 2
Ramsey, Lydia	62	Meredith	Dis. Jan. 27	3 6
Raffaelly, Joseph	30	Tilton	" July 23	16 3
Richardson, Jas. W.	63	East Tilton	At farm	2
Swain, Arthur	56	Sanbornton	" "	52 2
Stent, Henry	78	Belmont	" "	52 2
Stewart, W. E.		Laconia	Dis. Jan. 25	4
Twombly, Mary L.	77	Gilmanton	At farm	52 2
Warren, Charles	59	"	" "	52 2
Wiggin, Nelson	69	Meredith	Dis. May 15	19 3

Number weeks of board furnished inmates 1,597 2

BOARDERS AT FARM.

	Weeks	Days
Abbott, James	7	
Folsom, John	52	2
Green, Sophia	7	5
Hannaford, George	52	2

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	Weeks	Day
Jones, Thomas, died March 10.....	10	
Lord, Fannie, died April 11.....	14	3
Marden, Cora	52	2
Ordway, William	52	2
Ritter, Lucy	7	
Ward, Noah	52	2
Number weeks board furnished boarders ..	307	4

(This item 307 weeks—4 days 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, 1916		41
Number admitted during year		17
Whole number during year		58
Number discharged during year		14
Number died.		3
Number at farm Dec. 31, 1916.		41

HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Prisoners committed to the House of Correction for the year 1916:

Name	Where committed from	wks.	dys
Richard O'Brion	Meredith	8	2
Thomas J. Franklin	Tilton	4	1
Mike Sullivan	Laconia	3	3
Sarah E. Mitchell	Laconia	18	
Joel Gendron	Laconia	3	3
John Currie	Laconia	3	3
Daniel J. Kelley	Laconia	3	3
Michael McCarty	Laconia	3	3

Name	Where committed from	wks.	dys
A. E. Gardner	Laconia	3	3
Jack Kaime	Laconia	3	3
Thomas Sullivan	Laconia	3	3
George Williams	Tilton	4	2
James Hamilton	Laconia	3	3
Horace Hurley	Laconia	3	3
Charles Killourhy	Laconia	9	5
Harry Burns	Laconia	9	5
Harold Harrison	Laconia	7	5
William Sauls	Laconia	7	5
John Donahue	Laconia	5	
James Robinson	Laconia	3	3
Percy Lowe	Laconia	23	3
Joseph Burns	Laconia	1	4
Ephraim Church	Laconia	4	2
Antonio Lemire	Laconia	6	2
Almond Fitts	Laconia	8	4
Jack Horan	Laconia	4	
Frank Kelley	Tilton	4	
Andrew Spelecey	Laconia	3	3
Thomas Whalen	Laconia		6
Charles Aldrich	Laconia	4	2
Frank Stevens	Laconia	12	6
John Walker	Tilton	5	4
Napoleon Turgeon	Laconia	1	3
Elgin Palmer	Laconia	3	3
John A. Crawford	Laconia		4
Peter Vashon	Laconia	3	3
Eugene Pomeleau			4
Harry Prescott	Laconia	3	3
Charles E. Parent	Laconia	8	4
Frank Morin	Laconia	3	3
Alex Lessard	Laconia	1	
Patrick O'Neil	Laconia		4
Thomas Lynch	Laconia	4	4
Jack Carney	Laconia		2
James Robinson	Laconia	8	4
Alphonse Labbee	Laconia		4

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Name	Where committed from	wks.	dys
Geo. Raymond	Laconia	6	2
Phillip Smith	Laconia	1	
Mary F. Thompson	Laconia	17	2
Richard Lafoe	Belmont	15	
Geo. Aldrich	Laconia	4	2
James Dupont	Laconia	4	5
Frank W. Stevens	Laconia	8	4
Adlard St. Clair	Laconia	5	
Edward Morin	Laconia	8	4
Peter Vashon	Laconia		1
Number of weeks board furnished prisoners....		302	5
Number in house of correction Jan. 1, 1916....			3
Number committed during year			54
Number in house of correction, Dec. 31, 1916...			1

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,
Superintendent.

JAILER'S REPORT.

Number in jail, Jan. 1st, 1916	4
Number committed during year	14
Number in jail Dec. 31, 1916.....	3
Number weeks board furnished prisoners in year 1916	163 wks.

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,
Deputy Jailer.

STATEMENT OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm, Jan. 1, 1916	\$14,470.00
Amount of orders drawn for all ex- penses at the farm for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916	12,709.84
	\$27,179.84

Amount received and paid treasurer for merchandise sold and board furnished	\$3,850.02
Amount credited farm for board of prisoners in jail at statutory price	407.50
Amount credited farm for clothing furnished prisoners in jail . . .	65.00
Amount due from various sources for board furnished, etc.	275.00
Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm, Dec. 31, 1916	15,708.86
Total credits	<hr/> \$20,306.38
Net cost at farm for year, 1916. . . .	\$6,873.46
Number of weeks board furnished inmates	1,597 wks. 2 d.
Number of weeks board furnished at House of Correction	302 wks. 5 d.
Total number weeks board furnished	1,900 wks.

Dividing the net cost of board, \$6,873.46 by 1,900, the total number of weeks board furnished, gives \$3.61 plus a fraction as the average cost of board per week.

In closing this, my fourth annual report as superintendent of Belknap County Farm, I wish to thank the Board of Commissioners for all favors shown during the past year; also Dr. H. C. Wells for the interest shown as physician; and the chaplain, the Rev. E. H. Prescott, for the great interest taken in the welfare of the inmates. I also wish to thank every person who has contributed gifts at Christmas and other times for the benefit of the inmates.

In my dealings with the many different people in Bel-

knap County for the last four years, the county never has lost a dollar. What more could I say for the integrity of the people in this county.

In conclusion I simply suggest that I hope the present County Delegation will think best that a sufficient sum of money be appropriated to put the inmates' rooms in proper repair so that it will be a credit to the county; and a pleasure to the officials to show visitors through that part of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,

Superintendent.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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

I submit the following report:—

Deaths	Died	Age	Cause
Fanny Lord	Apr. 11	53	Paresis
Thomas Jones	Mar. 10	84	Senility
Clara Beaupre	Jan. 2	69	Paralysis Agitans

No births during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. WELLS.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County.
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to herewith submit to you my report as chaplain of the Belknap County Farm. While this is an annual report, yet this covers but nine months of service, as I was appointed to this office the first of April, 1916. Since then religious services have been conducted at the Farm regularly except during the vacation, and that was shortened by one month over previous years. Two funeral services only have called for the services of the chaplain. The Christmas celebration was a day of pleasure to the inmates of the Farm, and all those contributing to the happiness of the people there were doubly repaid in witnessing their joy. The chaplain begs to voice his appreciation and to give his thanks to all who assisted in making the day a day of joy to the inmates of the Farm, and also the donors of presents.

The fact that Belknap County keeps the saloon from within its borders gives us a minimum number of law-breakers and offenders, consequently the Jail and House of Correction furnishes a very small number for the chaplain's ministrations, the few, however, need the gospel.

To the Superintendent and his wife, and to all the employees of the institution, the Chaplain wishes to voice his appreciation of the cordial fellowship, and their unfailing co-operation in making his work a real ministry, which we trust has been helpful and satisfactory. A more extended report is scarcely needed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. PRESCOTT,

Chaplain.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 20, 1917.

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, 1916.

At the March Term, 1916, there were pending on the criminal docket twelve cases brought over from the October Term, 1915. Five of these cases were marked, "Continued," at the March Term, 1916; five were marked, "Not to be brought forward"; one case, a police court appeal, was marked, "Nolle prosequi"; and the remaining case, one of desertion and non-support was disposed of by calling for a mittimus and the extradition of the respondent from the State of Ohio, and commitment for sentence. At this term seventeen new indictments were found, and five police court appeals entered. The seventeen indictments were against eight respondents and may be classed as follows.—Larceny, two; obtaining goods under false pretenses, two; adultery, three; breaking and entering in the day time, nine; and burglary, one. Seven of the eight respondents against whom fifteen of the seventeen indictments were found, were convicted and the cases disposed of on various sentences and orders of the court; two remaining indictments against one respondent were continued. Of the five police court appeals entered at this term, three, the State's case being without merit, were Nol. prossed, and on the other two, convictions were procured, one for illegal liquor selling and one for cruelty to animals.

At the October Term, 1916, ten indictments were found which may be classed as follows:—Adultery, seven; breaking and entering, two; and embezzlement, one. Convic-

tions were obtained in all of these cases, and disposed of by various sentences and orders of the court. At this term four police court appeals were entered, two of which were continued, and the other two resulted in a conviction on one for lascivious conduct, and an acquittal on the other for alleged illegal keeping for sale.

The criminal docket as now constituted contains eight cases awaiting disposition.

A suit has been brought by the Solicitor at the request of the Town of Tilton against the City of Concord to determine certain questions arising under the pauper law. This case is now pending in the Supreme Court on questions of law which will determine whether a settlement once acquired in a town can be lost, while aid is still being furnished, after ten years from the time when the pauper first commenced to acquire such a settlement. If such a settlement would be lost after ten years, all such cases would then become County charges.

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

A large amount of time and attention has been given to many cases in the police courts throughout the County, and particularly in respect to the enforcement of the law requiring fathers and mothers to support their children.

Respectfully submitted.

FLETCHER HALE,

Solicitor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

March Term, 1916.

Lester Philbrook, Sheriff, 46 days attendance and travel	\$138.12	
Two days attendance in Nov., 1915....	6.00	
W. H. Philbrook, Deputy Sheriff, 19 days attendance and travel	57.12	
John H. Lyford, Deputy Sheriff, 22 days attendance and travel	66.72	
D. F. Caverly, Deputy Sheriff, 19 days attendance and travel	58.20	
C. A. French, teams conveying prisoners	4.00	
John H. Lyford, teams conveying prisoners	1.50	
F. O. Wallace, meals for jurors and sheriffs	42.00	
Paid clergyman	2.00	
Joe Barrie, alias Louis Bostand, to State Prison	9.62	
William Lecour, to State Prison.....	9.62	
Prisoner to jail on mittimus	1.74	
	\$396.64	

October Term, 1916.

Lester Philbrook, Sheriff, 44 days attendance and travel	\$132.12
Lester Philbrook, Sheriff, 9 days at extra session	27.00
W. H. Philbrook, Deputy Sheriff, 12 days attendance and travel	36.12

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D. F. Caverly, Deputy Sheriff, 11 days attendance and travel	33.72	
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy Sheriff, 2 days attendance and travel	8.40	
John H. Lyford, Deputy Sheriff, 11 days attendance and travel	33.72	
Percy Long, from State Prison to Jail	9.62	
Frank Longevin, to State Prison	9.62	
Joseph Morin, to State Prison	9.62	
Nettie M. Wadleigh, meals for jurors and sheriffs	15.62	
Paid clergyman	2.00	
		————— \$318.04

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, 1916.

Dr.

To fine State v. Rich	\$25.00
To 142 Entries at .90	127.80
To 16 dockets sold	32.00
To fine and costs State v. Cantin	65.22
To fine and costs State v. Parker	63.41
To fine and costs State v. Seeley	136.00
To fine and costs State v. Mile	113.15
To one-half cost printing cases	8.75
To balance due clerk	333.13
	\$904.46

Cr.

By paid George G. Neal	\$2.07
By paid Gaylord Bros.	2.20
By Capias and Copy order to commit to State Hospital, State v. Tuttle	2.00
By Capias, State v. Rich	1.00
By paid F. S. Webster Co.	1.00
By paid Express etc. ....	.78
By 46 divorce returns	4.60
By paid annotations	1.00
By Recording Judgments, March Term, 1915..	54.92
By paid typewriter ribbon	1.00

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By paid penholders	1.00
By paid carbon paper	2.25
By paid George G. Neal	2.07
By 3 Mittimus'	3.00
By 2 Capias'	2.00
By paid postage stamps	10.00
By paid Laconia Press Association	175.57
By one-half annual allowance	500.00
By 46 days attendance	138.00
	\$904.46

October Term, 1916.

Dr.

To fine and costs State v. Durrell	\$23.10
To costs State v. Stokes	10.60
To fine and costs State v. Windle	61.43
To fine and costs State v. Lyman	60.70
To part fine and costs State v. Haskell	9.97
To costs State v. Arlin	11.42
To fine and costs State v. Blood	61.43
To fine and costs State v. Morgan and Gale	149.33
To part fine and costs State v. Haskell	8.00
To 132 entries at .90	118.80
To 16 Dockets sold	32.00
To one-half printing cases	1.25
To costs State v. Cole	9.05
To balance due clerk	309.71
	\$866.79

Cr.

By paid E. G. Baker & Co.....	\$5.70
By paid express etc.	1.59
By paid typewriter ribbon	1.00
By paid typewriter ribbon	1.00
By 7 days attendance in June	21.00
By 2 days attendance in July	6.00
By 2 days attendance in September	6.00
By 20 divorce returns	2.00
By paid postage stamps	10.00
By 9 State entries	2.70
By Recording Judgments, October Term, 1915	45.35
By paid Laconia Press Association	129.45
By 2 Mittimus'	2.00
By 1 Capias	1.00
By one-half annual allowance	500.00
By 44 days attendance	132.00

 \$866.79

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, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1916 \$7,306.26

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	
		\$32,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Grafton County, for care of Holmes children	\$240.00
Town of Lisbon, support of Peter Foster	63.22
Town of Lisbon, aid to paupers . .	9.00
Hillsborough County, aid to paupers	198.83
Merrimack County, aid to paupers	18.07
Refund from Michael Bowen case	7.98

Refund from R. E. Seeley case . . .	87.50	
Refund from Laconia case	18.00	
Fines from Police Court district..	25.74	
First National Bank, Concord, six months fifteen da note	6,000.00	
Laconia National Bank, four months note	3,000.00	
Laconia National Bank, four months note	5,000.00	
Laconia National Bank, seven months note	4,000.00	
		\$18,668.34

STATE LICENSE COMMISSION.

For balance of year ending April 30, 1916	\$20.36	
For fifty per cent available funds from May 1, 1916 to July 15, 1916	320.19	
		\$340.55

RECEIPTS FROM COUNTY FARM.

A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	\$350.00
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	594.99
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	200.00
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	150.00
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	100.00
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	663.20

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A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	122.52	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	100.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	200.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	100.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	100.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	100.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	325.00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	744.31	\$3,850.02
		\$62,165.17

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1916	\$7,306.26	
County Taxes	32,000.00	
Miscellaneous receipts	18,668.34	
State License commission	340.55	
Receipts from County Farm	3,850.02	
		\$62,165.17

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of orders drawn by com- missioners from Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917, paid		\$35,470.34
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COURT ORDERS PAID.

Arthur C. S. Randlett, services as commissioner and expenses...		\$253.19
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Stephen L. Weeks, services as commissioner and expenses.....	230.35
Jonathan C. Shannon, services as commissioner and expenses...	254.13
Arthur C. S. Randlett, services as commissioner and expenses...	260.96
Stephen L. Weeks, services as commissioner and expenses.....	223.94
Jonathan C. Shannon, services as commissioner and expenses...	262.53
Bessie A. Marsh, transcript of evidence in Smith, receiver of Winn Co. and Loring et al ...	12.90
E. H. Shannon, services as counsel in State v William Lecour and State v Joseph Barre	80.00
Edwin P. Thompson, balance due clerk	333.13
Lizzie H. Sanborn, services as stenographer at the March term, 1916	208.46
F. M. Beckford, services as counsel in State v Harry Heath	30.00
Lizzie H. Sanborn, services as stenographer in Hutchins v Gilford	41.25
Margaret A. Conway, services as stenographer and transcript of same in State v Hutchins....	22.50
Arthur C. S. Randlett, services as commissioner and expenses...	229.69
Stephen L. Weeks, services as commissioner and expenses.....	211.70

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Jonathan C. Shannon, services as commissioner and expenses...	238.95	
Lester Philbrook, services as sheriff and deputies	396.64	
Lena E. Riel, services as stenographer	10.78	
Arthur C. S. Randlett, services as commissioner and expenses...	247.80	
Stephen L. Weeks, services as commissioner and expenses.....	196.58	
Jonathan C. Shannon, services as commissioner and expenses...	232.74	
Mabel E. Dooley, services as stenographer, Oct. term, 1916 ...	58.18	
Mabel E. Dooley, services as stenographer for the Oct. term, 1916 through November 2, 1916	39.14	
Edwin P. Thompson, balance due clerk	309.71	
Mabel E. Dooley, services as stenographer at October term, 1916	191.31	
Lester Philbrook, services as sheriff and deputies	318.52	
Mabel E. Dooley, services as stenographer	22.45	
	<hr/>	\$4,917.53

COURT EXPENSES.

Grand Jurors pay roll, March term	\$81.36	
Petit Jurors pay roll, March term	1,816.80	
	<hr/>	\$1,898.16
Grand Jurors pay roll Oct. term..	81.96	
Petit Jurors pay roll Oct. term....	955.92	
	<hr/>	\$1,037.88

Pay roll State vs. Miscellaneous..	116.66
Pay roll State vs. Robert E. Seeley	3.23
Pay roll State vs. J. Emille Morin	10.64
Pay roll State vs. Henry Eaton ..	14.84
Pay roll State vs. Charles S. Parker	11.21
Pay roll State vs. Metros Meli	13.15
Pay roll State vs. Joe Barrie	26.84
Pay roll State vs. William Lecour.	14.34
Pay roll State vs. Maud A. Croteau	13.01
Pay roll State vs. Eucléd Cantur..	13.02
Pay roll State vs. Fisk R. Durrell..	12.30
Pay roll State vs. Harry F. Heath	50.15
Pay roll State vs. Leon Hawkins..	10.52
Pay roll State vs. Jerry Sheehan..	7.62
Pay roll State vs. Alfred Perkins..	1.37
Pay roll State vs. Intoxicating Liq- uor	96.40
Pay roll State vs. Daniel O'Connell	15.52
Pay roll State vs. Hancock, Wey- mouth, Sturgeon	25.93
Pay roll State vs. Miscellaneous..	83.11
Pay roll State vs. Harvey Morgan and Ethelyn Gale	42.73
Pay roll State vs. Leon Blood	9.23
Pay roll State vs. Joseph Stoker..	8.50
Pay roll State vs. Anna Merrill ...	10.55
Pay roll State vs. Emile Morin ...	58.45
Pay roll State vs. Howard Lyman	8.50
Pay roll State vs. George I. P. Has- kell	8.50
Pay roll State vs. Fred Windle....	9.23
Pay roll State vs. Sadie Arlin	10.23
Pay roll State vs. Frank Longevin	32.12

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Pay roll State vs. Melvin D. Cole..	9.05	
Pay roll State vs. Everett Woodman	10.12	
Pay roll State vs. Robert E. Seeley	10.00	
Pay roll State vs. Intoxicating liquor	75.50	
	\$842.57	

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

The First National Bank, Concord, six months and fifteen day note and interest	\$6,130.00	
Laconia National Bank, seven months note and interest.....	4,093.34	
Laconia National Bank, four months note and interest.....	5,149.99	
Paid Laconia National Bank, interest on three thousand dollar note for six months.....	100.00	
Paid Laconia National Bank on three thousand dollar note...	2,000.00	
Paid Laconia National Bank interest on one thousand dollars for six months	25.00	
	\$17,498.33	

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts		\$62,165.17
Amount paid orders of Commissioners	\$35,470.34	
Amount of court orders paid.....	4,917.53	

Paid court expenses	3,778.61	
Paid notes and interest	17,498.33	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917	500.36	
		————— \$62,165.17

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. HAYFORD,

Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

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

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the several officers of the County of Belknap for the six months ending with June 30, 1916; that said accounts appear to be properly kept, correctly cast and well vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased appear to be according to the market price and value: 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 the services and expenses of the county commissioners appear reasonable.

Dated at Laconia this seventh day of July, A. D. 1916.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,
HERBERT J. JONES.
Auditors of Belknap County.

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

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of the several county officers for the six months ending December 31st, 1916, and we find that said accounts are well and accurately kept and properly vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are in accordance with the market price; that we have every reason to believe that all of the articles thus purchased 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 pay rolls and orders approved by the court; and that the commissioners have filed with us a statement under oath showing that all bills against the county which are due and have been presented have been paid and that they know of no other bills against the county except the accounts due in the several towns for aid rendered paupers and dependent soldiers and their families and bills contracted at the county farm since the last settlement the amounts of which are unknown, and the amounts due the county officers for services and expenses since October 1, 1916, except a note for one thousand dollars for money hired from the Laconia National Bank in anticipation of taxes, and also except a small bill which is disputed and payment of which has been refused.

Dated at Laconia this 12th day of Jan., 1917.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,
HERBERT J. JONES.
Auditors of Belknap County.

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