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REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR
SULLIVAN COUNTY,
1868.

The County Commissioners for Sullivan County, herewith submit a report of the financial affairs of the County, over which they have any control, and a report of the COUNTY FARM.

By a vote of the Representatives of the Towns in Sullivan County, at a Convention held at Concord, June 20th, 1866, the County Commissioners were instructed to purchase a County Poor Farm. They, after examining farms in all parts of the County, purchased the farm of Lyman Rounsevel, in Unity, considering said farm the most suitable for the purpose, of any offered. This farm contains about four hundred acres of land, there is on it a fair fruit orchard, a good sugar orchard, and plenty of wood and timber.

At a meeting of the County Convention held at said farm Nov. 13th, 1866, the Commissioners were instructed to erect suitable buildings on said farm, and were authorized to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the same and to issue bonds for that amount; and a committee was appointed by said Convention to advise with the Commissioners as to the erection of said buildings. They accordingly prepared plans and specifications for the erection of such buildings as were thought

most suitable for the purpose, and advertised for proposals to build the same. Only two proposals were received, and those much above the estimated expenses. The Commissioners and Committee, in view of the high price of materials and the long time necessary to complete the proposed buildings, considered that it would be best to erect such buildings as might be completed that season.

The Commissioners have accordingly erected two buildings, one 65 by 40 feet, three stories high, capable of accommodating from 70 to 80 persons comfortably, the other 58 by 30 feet for a woodshed, &c., with rooms in the second story comfortably and strongly finished for the safe keeping of insane and disorderly inmates.

Said buildings were completed and Paupers received the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1867.

The expenses of the Farm, building and fitting up, at that time, were as follows :

Paid for Farm Oct. 10, 1866,	\$6500.00
Paid interest on cost of Farm to Dec. 15, 1867,	460.42
Cost of buildings, including Hog-house, Barn, Cellar and other buildings,	8892.32
Cost of bringing water a distance of one hundred and sixty rods, and arrangements for the distri- bution and heating of the same, Tanks, Bath- ing Tubs and Washing apparatus,	754.33
Cost of fitting up, including furniture, farming tools, beds, bedding, cooking range, stoves, &c.,	5079.89
Paid insurance prior to Dec. 16, 1867,	66.00
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Total,	\$21,752.96

Cost of supporting paupers on the farm from Dec. 15, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868, is as follows :

Interest on cost of farm and buildings from Dec. 15, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868,	\$708.70
Insurance paid to Dec. 18, 1868,	252.00
Paid taxes assessed in 1868,	111.44
Cost of labor on the farm,	1060.73

Cost of provisions, produce and clothing bought,	\$4338.90	
Less provisions, produce and clothing on hand or delivered to paupers off the farm, and provisions for workmen, charged to expense of building,	3619.77	
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Leaving a balance of		719.13
Cost of stock bought,	3980.81	
Less stock on hand,	2100.00	
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The value of furniture, &c., Sept. 1, 1868, is estimated less than the cost as charged above,	359.72	
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Deducting from this sum the stock and produce sold from the farm amounting to	4357.65	
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Leave a balance drawn from the County Treasury for the support of Paupers on the farm from Dec. 15, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868,	\$734.88	
Cost of medical attendance and medicines for paupers on the farm from Dec. 15, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868,	142.08	
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Total cost from County Treasury for support of paupers on County farm,	\$876.96	
Whole number of weeks board furnished paupers on the farm from Dec. 15, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868, 1502, at cost per week, from County Treasury, is 58.38-100.		
Whole number of paupers supported on the farm up to Sept. 1, 1868, is 61.		
Average weekly number supported from Dec. 15, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868, is 40½.		

The whole number of persons receiving aid from Sept. 1, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868, is 196, for which aid rendered off the farm the sum of \$5076.71 was claimed, and \$4862.18 was allowed and paid, which sum includes the total support

of paupers from Sept. 1, 1867, to Dec. 15, 1867, at which time the first inmates were received at the farm. And also the aid rendered to 27 persons who have been changed from Town to County Paupers by the act of July 4, 1868, said aid amounting to \$204.33 adding to the above sum \$4862.18, the sum of \$876.96 the cost to the County of the aid rendered 61 persons from Dec. 15, 1867, to Sept. 1, 1868 on the farm makes the total expense from the County Treasury for the support of paupers from Sept. 1, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868, \$5534.81.

The cost of supporting paupers as claimed and allowed from Sept. 1, 1866 to Sept. 1, 1867, is as follows :

Amount claimed,	\$10271.01
Amount allowed,	\$9864.82

Diminution of pauper expenses the past year as compared with the preceding year, is \$4330.01.

Cost of supporting Paupers as claimed and allowed January and September Terms, 1867 :

	Jan. Term, 1867.		Sept. Term, 1867.	
	Claimed.	Allowed.	Claimed.	Allowed.
Croydon,	\$428.78	\$428.78	\$14.57	\$14.57
Springfield,	89.17	89.17	212.59	212.59
Cornish,	216.27	206.77	261.46	261.46
Grantham,	396.53	339.79	249.68	239.54
Plainfield,	443.54	399.78	761.98	714.29
Lempster,	74.20	69.70	115.12	106.42
Goshen,	120.25	118.25	245.55	235.96
Washington,	67.80	65.80	81.20	81.20
Newport,	601.55	568.60	993.96	939.95
Unity,	312.67	312.67	413.35	413.35
Acworth,	149.81	146.66	292.12	265.00
Langdon,	185.80	153.70	29.71	29.71
Claremont,	935.54	907.79	950.05	945.50
Charlestown,	771.08	761.08	856.68	836.74
	<u>\$4792.99</u>	<u>\$4568.54</u>	<u>\$5478.02</u>	<u>\$5296.28</u>

Amount paid for supporting Paupers from September Term, 1866, to September Term, 1867 :

Amount claimed,	\$10271.01
Amount allowed,	\$9864.82

The whole number of persons receiving aid in the above statement is 190, of whom 108 received continuous aid,—82 were transient or received partial aid.

Cost of supporting paupers not on the Farm, as claimed and allowed January and September Terms, 1868.

	Jan. Term, 1868.		Sept. Term, 1868.	
	Claimed.	Allowed.	Claimed.	Allowed.
Springfield,	\$128.85	\$128.85	\$44.78	\$44.78
Acworth,	157.09	145.09	60.45	60.45
Cornish,	264.50	259.88	37.00	37.00
Washington,	27.00	27.00	41.43	35.18
Goshen,	178.40	178.40	147.37	134.32
Croydon,	367.41	338.91	122.79	89.35
Grantham,	114.45	114.45	46.50	46.50
Claremont,	465.56	459.19	392.16	385.16
Plainfield,	413.08	362.00	149.62	127.30
Lempster,	30.50	30.50	—	—
Langdon,	223.45	193.45	15.00	15.00
Unity,	304.70	294.15	34.40	34.40
Newport,	448.90	398.76	111.16	96.00
Charlestown,	559.98	494.97	150.80	144.06
Goods from the farm,		66.18	—	—
Sunapee,			39.38	30.90
	<u>\$3683.87</u>	<u>\$3581.78</u>	<u>\$1392.84</u>	<u>\$1280.40</u>

The whole cost for the support of paupers up to Dec. 15, 1867 is included in the above bill.

The cost of supporting paupers, as claimed and allowed from Sept. 1, 1859, is as follows:

From Sept. 1, 1859, to Sept. 1, 1860,—	Claimed \$4608.48; allowed \$4424.21.
From Sept. 1, 1860 to Sept. 1, 1861,—	Claimed \$4873.50; allowed \$4553.82.

From Sept. 1, 1861 to Sept. 1, 1862,—	Claimed \$8202.37; allowed \$7502.98.
From Sept. 1, 1862 to Sept. 1, 1863,—	Claimed \$8434.90; allowed \$8231.75.
From Sept. 1, 1863 to Sept. 1, 1864,—	Claimed \$10919.18; allowed \$10319.76.
From Sept. 1, 1864 to Sept. 1, 1865,—	Claimed \$12210.85; allowed \$10053.27.
From Sept. 1, 1865 to Sept. 1, 1866,—	Claimed \$11687.61; allowed \$10161.51.
From Sept. 1, 1866 to Sept. 1, 1867,—	Claimed \$10271.01; allowed \$9864.82.
From Sept. 1, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868,—	Claimed \$5953.67; allowed \$5534.81.

Indebtedness of County, Sept. Term, 1868:

Bonds,	\$20400.00
Notes and interest,	7931.18
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	\$28331.18
Less cash in Treasurer's hands,	9556.28
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Total debt of County,	\$18775.90
Indebtedness of County, Sept. Term, 1866,	15728.51
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Increase of County debt by the purchase of County Farm, &c.,	\$3047.39

STATISTICS OF INMATES.

Whole number of Paupers admitted, 61; of whom—							
9 are between 80 and 90 years of age,							
17	"	"	70	"	80	"	"
13	"	"	60	"	70	"	"
3	"	"	50	"	60	"	"
1	"	"	40	"	50	"	"
4	"	"	30	"	40	"	"
3	"	"	20	"	30	"	"
3	"	"	10	"	20	"	"
5	"	"	5	"	10	"	"
3	"	under	5		"	"	"

Of the number admitted—

- 4 have died,
- 1 is partially supported by the County,
- 12 are no further expense to the County.

Of the above there have been received from—

Acworth, 3,	Grantham, 1,
Charlestown, 6,	Newport, 10,
Claremont, 6,	Plainfield, 9,
Cornish, 6,	Unity, 6,
Croydon, 8,	Langdon, 3,
Goshen, 2,	Washington, 1.

The foregoing statements show what has been done. The buildings were built to test this plan of supporting County Paupers, and the capacity of the farm, and, should the plan prove as successful as the brief trial thus far made, promises, both in diminishing the expenses and increasing the comforts of the paupers, it will become necessary to build other buildings as was first contemplated by the County Commissioners and the Committee; but such buildings would, at the time of building the present ones, have cost fully \$30,000 aside from the expenses of fitting up and furnishing.

The buildings would have been completed and ready for occupation by the 1st of Oct., had it not been for the long delay caused by the destruction of the doors, just as they were ready to be delivered, by the burning of the contractors' shops in August, and the difficulty experienced in getting them constructed afterwards.

The produce of the farm was somewhat increased the first year, from what it was when purchased, and would have been much more, had it not been necessary to use the farm laborers and teams on the buildings during a great portion of the time when the land should have been prepared for the crops.

During the last year, the products have been greatly increased, and may be still further increased, as only about

60 acres of the 400 are under tillage. There are 100 acres or more of equally productive land, and equally accessible to the buildings, which may be brought under cultivation, while by proper management, the productiveness of that now cultivated, may be largely increased.

The success of the institution has been due in a great measure to the careful management and unwearied attention of the Superintendent, James W. Dodge, Esq., and his wife, who have had charge of the farm since April 1st, 1867, and their efforts to combine economy to the County and comfort to the paupers, have been very successful.

The products of the past year, in part estimated, have been as follows :

English hay,	60 tons,
Straw and corn fodder,	30 "
Squashes and pumpkins,	10 "
Wheat,	50 bushels,
Oats,	150 "
Barley,	50 "
Corn,	350 "
Beans,	25 "
Potatoes,	550 "
Beets, carrots and turnips,	50 "
Apples,	150 "

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Unity, N. H., Sept. 10, 1868.