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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF OLDTOWN

FOR THE

YEAR 1882-83.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

New Orders Drawn — For schools,	\$4,796 90
“ poor,	1,946 27
“ poor farm,	1,570 49
“ contingent,	2,252 55
“ fire department,	1,014 63
“ town hall,	394 37
“ roads and bridges,	2,947 69
“ Upper Stillwater bridge,	331 12
“ old orders renewed,	3,692 76
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	\$18,946 78
Deduct new orders unpaid,	4,370 91
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Cash paid out on new orders,	\$14,575 87
“ “ “ for state tax,	2,381 48
“ “ “ county tax,	863 40
“ “ “ interest on bonds,	630 00
“ “ “ “ orders,	116 53
“ “ “ collector's percentage,	341 99
“ “ “ old orders paid,	1,892 12
“ “ “ tax deeds,	59 41
“ to balance notes charged,	54 32
“ in treasury (including bills paid),	4,499 15
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	\$25,414 28

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, 1st March, 1882,	\$4,984 31
“ received from old tax deeds, and from sales,	651 28
“ “ “ H. A. Pratt, taxes 1878,	12 14
“ “ “ E. R. Alford, taxes 1881,	778 31
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1882,	15,419 78
“ “ “ “ “ Sch. Dist. No. 2,	347 02
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 8,	30 73
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 9,	30 60
“ “ “ state for schools,	1,656 22
“ “ “ “ “ free high school,	250 00
“ “ “ tuition at high school,	24 00
“ “ “ tax deeds and interest,	29 08
“ “ “ citizens for concrete walks,	226 84
“ “ “ S. H. Blake, tax suit,	101 32
“ “ “ produce sold from poor farm,	96 03
“ “ “ other towns for poor,	541 50
“ “ “ our poor repaid,	38 14
“ “ “ hall rents,	197 00
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	\$25,414 28

SCHOOLS.

Districts.	Overdrawn last year.	Bal. due last year.	Apportion- ment.	Expended.	Bal. due.	Over- drawn.
1		\$119 53	\$516 20	\$369 98	\$265 75	
2 & High		239 78	2819 82	2837 45	222 15	
3		42 52	535 92	533 50		\$5 06
4	\$6 16		126 10	56 16	63 78	
5		95	197 03	187 63	10 35	
6		40 58	157 65	246 29		48 06
7	54 63		232 58	235 56		57 61
8	37 83		107 73	133 26		63 37
9		32 84	101 55	147 07		12 68
Total.	\$98 62	\$476 20	\$4,794 57	\$4,798 90	\$562 03	\$186 78

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Labor and teams,	\$1,724 39
Tools and powder,	35 21
Nails,	16 59
Survey bill,	1 06
Grain, hay and corn,	224 41
Plank, &c.,	148 44
Repairs,	39 36
Concrete walks,	545 90
Trucking,	11 25
Drain-pipe,	33 68
Lanterns,	2 25
Stone for culverts,	3 00
Oil for lanterns,	12
Salt,	15
Storage,	2 00
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	\$2,787 81
Paid labor bills of 1881,	159 88
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	\$2,947 69
Deduct Am't paid by citizens,	226 84
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	\$2,720 85
Deduct Am't still due from citizens,	77 30
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	\$2,643 55

UPPER STILLWATER BRIDGE.

Plank, &c.,	\$259 16
Labor,	44 75
Tools,	70
Nails,	25 31
Trucking,	35
Lanterns,	85
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	\$331 12

POOR.

Amasa Antwine,	\$26 69
Anna Appleby (of Burlington),	20 09
Mrs. J. U. Bolier,	1 50
Godefroi Bolier,	37 00
Aug. Bolier,	1 75
Frank Betters or Lemieux,	17 00
Albion Barrows,	3 00
T. Butler,	3 00
Joe Cyr,	38 15
S. A. Clark,	29 53
F. Cunningham,	25
A. Corubin,	28 08
Paul Carrow,	16 00
John Clark,	27 35
F. Cote,	2 75
Eliz. Danforth,	20 00
James Duff,	50 00
Dennis Dick,	1 55
F. Durand,	27 00
J. Dubay,	8 00
J. Flower,	11 00
Mrs. Frederick,	14 00
Mrs. Gullifer,	40 54
F. Gifford,	48 00
O. Gagnon (of Milford),	52 00
Mrs. J. Galagan,	22
Cyrille Gagnon (at Fairfield),	16 00
H. F. Grover,	4 50
A. Gee,	3 66
Lena Hanssen,	19 75
W. E. Haskell (of Hudson),	13 00
J. King,	8 57
Jos. Koyte,	38 00
J. Laplante,	26 21
M. E. Lovejoy (at Milo),	104 00
C. H. Mann (of Veazie),	10 95
O. O. Martin,	8 73
P. Nado,	2 25
P. A. Pelkey,	84 35
Mrs. P. Pyle,	66 84
M. Pelkey,	5 00
Mrs. A. Patten,	17 00
Thos. Pelkey,	8 00
Mrs. L. Rand,	42 50
J. H. Roundy (of Bangor),	99 46

W. Riggs (of Greenbush),	2 00
Alfred Robbins (of Greenbush),	22 00
Zeb. Smith,	16 00
Betsy Stinson (Insane Hospital),	115 60
C. Severance (of Medway)	3 01
Jos. Side,	4 00
A. Spinney,	3 00
Frank H. Shaw (at Lee),	44 50
A Sawyer,	64 61
V. St. Louis,	8 00
Angus Stuart (at Lowell),	30 00
N. St. Peter (at Fairfield)	30 10
T. C. Tarrio,	5 15
A. Trembly,	5 75
F. Thibado,	2 11
Mrs. Fred. Tarrio,	6 95
Julia Violette,	3 50
Thos. Violette,	15 22
D. Winslow,	85 62
Mrs. E. White and son,	209 86
Mrs. A. Wyman,	18 85
D. Ward,	15 50
Mrs. O. York (2 years),	113 80
Tramps,	7 25
All others,	10 76
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	\$1,946 27

POOR FARM.

Food,	\$490 36
Clothing,	218 86
Repairs,	49 26
Tobacco,	26 92
Coffin,	4 00
Tools,	18 13
Wood.	33 42
Oil,	3 71
Medicine.	18 40
Soap,	7 97
House supplies (wicking, chimneys, ink, crabs, &c.,)	16 35
Harness and repairs,	41 60
Sheeting,	18 81
Housework paid,	68 71
W. H. Shea, Supt.	199 98
Furniture,	34 77
Corn,	63 13
Meal,	104 11
Fine feed,	13 00

Grain,	34 50	
Salt,	2 93	
Clock,	2 50	
Plaster and superphosphate,	3 30	
Seeds,	4 60	
Dishes,	16 35	
Pig,	2 00	
Fare of servant,	5 00	
School books,	2 92	
Use of bull,	3 50	
Blacksmithing,	22 40	
Cow,	35 00	
Matches,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,570 49
Deduct sold from poor farm,		96 03
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Net cost of poor farm,		\$1,474 46
Deduct labor on roads by Shea,		235 00
Total expense (1182 weeks' board,)		\$1,239 46
Cost of board per week, including all expenses,		\$1 05
" " food and clothing alone per week,		60

PAUPERS AT FARM DURING THE YEAR.

	Weeks.	Days.		Weeks.	Days.
Luther Antoine,	1	3	Eliza Griggs,	52	1
Eddie " "	18	1	Sophronia Gerry,	52	1
Charles Brawn.	5	3	Percy Goodwin,	4	2
George " "	5	3	Fanny Johnston,	52	1
Susan Black,	49	5	Mary Laplante,	22	6
Timothy Caton,	52	1	" " (infant)		
Frances " "	52	1	H. Longfellow,	52	1
Geo. " "	52	1	Albert Patten,	28	1
Sophronia, " "	52	1	Mary " "	25	
Eva, " "	52	1	Mellie " "	10	3
Bert, " "	1	5	John L. Spaulding,	12	2
Frank " "	17	1	Jennie " "	52	1
Fred " "	16	6	Silas Sterns (Harvey,)	12	6
Lizzie " "	52	1	Agnes Tarrio,	5	5
John " (infant)			J. Warren,	3	2
John Clark,	25	2	Phebe Wadlin,	52	1
Frank Durand,	46		Ellen M. White,	52	1
Peter Federick,	18	4	Nellie Willett,	40	4
Mary " "	28	5	Willie " "		
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Add board of Mr. & Mrs. Shea,				1077	5
				104	2
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Total weeks' board,				1182	

CONTINGENT.

Lighting Upper Stillwater bridge,	\$ 59 15
Interest on old orders,	603 23
Expresage,	5 00
Stationery and blank books,	34 20
Repairs watering trough,	1 13
Old Town vs. Blake, Lord and Smith,	138 27
Doyle vs. Old Town,	18 14
Severance vs. Old Town,	18 14
Conway vs. Old Town,	15 00
Orono vs. Old Town,	11 20
Paid constables (including notifying meetings),	184 00
Rent H. L. Infantry hall,	25 41
“ “ “ target ground,	20 00
Printing town reports (2 years),	36 00
Paid expenses to and at Bangor,	7 75
State-pension expenses,	1 50
A. Nado, labor,	50
F. W. Preble, deed,	1 00
Horse hire,	25 50
Advertising non-resident taxes, &c.,	18 25
Telephone,	2 25
Tolls,	06
Postage and registries,	13 37
Paid for labor,	17 00
“ E. R. Alford, tax deeds,	33 00
Insuring poor house,	13 50
“ town hall (extra) for H. L. Infantry,	25 00
Expenses at Jefferson in W. W. Walker case,	19 75
“ “ Lincoln in A. Stewart case,	5 41
Health committee,	16 00
Abatements,	33 73
Moving paupers after poor-house fire,	1 50
Upper Stillwater cemetery (S. Orcutt),	6 00
Old Town cemetery (J. Buffum),	30 00
J. Y. Hincks, watering place,	3 00
P. M. Grover, “ “	3 00
Telegrams,	1 97
Damages—land taken,	8 00
Repairing hearse,	1 15
Damages to land,	2 00
Expense J. M. Richards,	45
Road machine and scraper, and freight,	184 63
Dump cart, and freight,	65 30
Freight on other articles,	8 11
Rent of house after poor house burned,	40 00

George T. Sewall, making taxes (new valuation),	50 00
“ “ selectman, &c.,	100 00
G. B. Michael, selectman,	100 00
Henry A. Pratt, selectman,	100 00
J. W. Waldron, treasurer,	100 00
“ “ clerk,	30 00
Frank Hamblea, moderator,	5 00
G. T. Sewall, town agent, 1881,	10 00
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	\$2,252 55

TOWN HALL.

Wood,	\$60 00
Cleaning hall,	36 03
Repairs and making steps,	64 64
Freight on furnace, 1878,	1 20
Lamp chimneys,	3 75
Matches,	2 20
Brooms,	2 30
Oil,	7 30
Pails, pitcher and tumblers,	2 06
Cleaning privy, 2 years,	4 00
Beddigg for lock-up,	11 90
Miscellaneous,	3 02
Paint for hall,	145 22
Labor in painting,	50 75
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	\$394 37

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DRAGO, No. 1.	
Paid firemen,	\$9 55
“ steward, 2 years,	54 66
Alcohol,	3 75
Repairs,	8 17
Torch,	2 70
Trucking,	1 75
Oil,	61
Axe,	1 25
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	\$82 44
EXCELAIOR, No. 2.	
Paid firemen,	\$10 50
“ steward,	29 17
Alcohol,	4 13
Repairs,	8 32
Torch,	2 70
Trucking,	2 00
Oil,	60
Stoves,	22 39
Wood,	2 00
Miscellaneous,	1 64
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	\$83 45

TORBENT, No. 3.	
Paid steward,	30 00
Alcohol,	2 75
Repairs,	19 25
Torch,	2 70
Trucking,	3 65
Oil,	25
Paid labor,	5 00
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	\$63 60
JAMESON, No. 4.	
Paid repairs,	3 25
Torch,	2 70
Acid and soda,	7 10
Wood,	1 05
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	\$14 10

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Bangor Steam Engine Co., Pearson's mills fire,	30 00
Filling and clearing reservoirs,	31 00
Repairs and trucking,	7 29
Pails lost at fires,	2 50
Hose,	670 25
Furniture,	30 00
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	\$771 04
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	\$1,014 63

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1882.

Amount of tax committed to E. R. Alford,	\$19,459 70
Cash collections, town tax,	\$15,419 78
“ “ school district taxes,	333 17
Discount and abatements,	2,004 18
Non-resident tax returned,	856 16
Balance uncollected,	846 41
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	\$19,459 70

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders of 1875,	\$ 31 75
“ “ 1877,	105 01
“ “ 1878,	1,450 56
“ “ 1879,	910 09
“ “ 1880,	2,469 17
“ “ 1881,	3,081 49
“ “ 1882,	4,370 91
Unpaid interest on bonds,	10 00
Due school districts,	375 25
Due Fairfield, pauper suit 1881,	375 00
Bonded debt,	10,000 00
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	\$23,179 23

Deduct cash in treasury,	4,499 15
Debt of town 1st March, 1883,	\$18,680 08
Debt last year,	19,166 22
Decrease of debt during the year,	\$486 14

RESOURCES.

Due from other towns for poor,	\$ 224 92
“ “ non-resident tax deeds,	2,594 30
“ “ resident tax deeds,	3,399 17
“ “ notes,	59 33
“ “ executions,	115 57
“ “ J. H. Gould, collector, 1872,	858 10
“ “ D. Norton, “ 1874,	77 23
“ “ “ “ 1875,	88 84
“ “ “ “ 1876,	204 06
“ “ “ “ 1877,	341 90
“ “ H. A. Pratt, “ 1878,	336 37
“ “ E. R. Alford, “ 1882,	846 41
“ “ citizens for concrete walks,	87 30
“ “ rent of hall,	24 00
“ “ J. Littlefield & Son, for John Clark,	15 25
“ “ Otis Reed for work of paupers (Reed's figures),	23 25
Cash in treasury,	4,499 15
	\$13,795 15

There are always some outstanding bills at the close of each year which are not presented for payment in season to be included in the annual report. This year we have tried to settle bills as soon as due, and we made special effort at the end of the year to call in and pay all proper claims, in order to leave a clearer field for our successors. This however makes the expenses for the past year seem larger than they actually were; about \$900 of the expenditures were for old bills (\$477 for poor, \$65 for poor farm, \$160 for roads, and \$190 for contingent expenses); the decrease of the debt *during the year* is for the same reason not so large by some hundreds of dollars as it would otherwise have been.

The amount received this year from poor farm sales (\$96.03) appears much smaller than the receipts from the same source last year (\$351.91); but the latter sum was much increased by the sale of cows, hogs, sheep, &c., while the \$96 is money received from the sale of butter and eggs only.

The condition of the suits at law in which the town is interested is as follows:

Fairfield vs. Old Town. This action was finally decided against us, the Court refusing to grant us a new trial.

State vs. Old Town. Mrs. Conway's indictment. Still pending.

Doyle vs. Old Town. Still pending.

Severance vs. Old Town. Still pending.

Old Town vs. Samuel H. Blake. Mr. Blake declined to pay certain taxes, on the ground that the valuation was too high and that the property was not properly described by the assessors. The case was carried to the full bench and was decided in our favor. Mr. Blake has since paid the taxes and the costs.

Old Town vs. J. M. Lord's heirs. Still pending.

Old Town vs. Jos. S. Smith. This was a tax-suit, which was settled by Gen. Smith before it came to trial.

Eugens King vs. E. B. Alford, Collector. Suit arising out of the arrest of King by the collector for refusing to pay his poll-tax, in which the town assumes the defence. Still pending.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. SEWALL,	} Selectmen.
G. B. MICHAEL,	
HENRY A. PRATT	

Old Town, Me., February 28th, 1883.