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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF OLDTOWN
FOR THE
YEAR 1879-80.

REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, 1st March, 1879, and new orders paid,	\$	459 95
.. received from old tax-sales,		453 97
.. .. " G. F. Dillingham,		44 24
.. .. " H. A. Pratt, tax of 1878,		1,285 33
.. .. " E. R. Alford, tax of 1879,		11,935 76
.. .. " H. A. Pratt, School District No. 2,		8 72
.. .. " State for school,		1,655 16
.. .. " " " high school, District No. 2,		214 16
.. .. " loans,		1,500 00
.. .. " tax-deeds and interest,		13 55
.. .. " town-poor, repaid,		6 87
.. .. " poor-farm,		20 50
.. .. " other towns for poor,		262 42
.. .. " sale of property,		2 75
.. .. " rent for town hall,		240 24
.. .. " State pensions in excess,		01
Old orders renewed,		1,833 33
		\$19,936 96

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR 1879.

For schools,	\$5,742 90
.. poor, (old bills),	831 42
.. " 1879,	1,739 25
.. poor farm, (old bills),	83 70
.. " " 1879,	960 53
.. schoolhouse, District No. 9,	95 00
.. sidewalk, Great Works.	25 00
.. Town Hall, 1878 and 1879,	231 35
.. roads,	1,100 27
.. general contingent, (old bills)	290 23
.. " " 1879,	993 92
.. fire department, (old bills),	175 45

" " " 1879,	315 31
" loan,	1,500 00
" old orders renewed,	1,833 33
	<u>\$15,917 66</u>
Deduct unpaid orders, 1879,	5,795 69
	<u>10,121 97</u>
Paid interest on orders,	13 80
" " " bonded debt,	500 00
" for tax-deeds.	25 12
" collector's percentage.	235 70
" State tax,	2,744 36
" County tax,	1,281 30
" old orders,	2,356 42
Cash on hand,	2,658 29
	<u>\$19,936 96</u>

SCHOOLS.

DIST.	OVERDRAWN LAST YEAR	BALANCE DUE LAST YEAR.	APPORTION- MENT.	EXPENDED.	BALANCE DUE	OVERDRAWN.
1		\$169.53	\$412.74	\$507.46	\$74.81	
2		812.52	2,991.52	3,610.33	193.71	
3	\$11.57		561.14	497.84	51.73	
4		116.93	97.37	129.11	85.19	
5		64.15	255.05	308.87	10.33	
6		18.42	268.99	153.43	133.98	
7		16.91	292.17	249.28	59.80	
8		69.35	139.12	210.73		\$2.26
9	19.65		115.94	75.85	20.44	
	<u>\$31.22</u>	<u>\$1,267.81</u>	<u>\$5,134.04</u>	<u>\$5,742.90</u>	<u>\$629.99</u>	<u>\$2.26</u>

POOR-BILLS FOR 1879.

Amasa J. Antoine,	\$32 33
Wm. H. Atwood,	4 00
John Blanchette (at Augusta),	13 10
Geo. Blackman (at Augusta),	4 00
Luther Brawn,	10 00
Mrs. Thos. Black,	24 90
John A. Brooks (at Brewer),	24 32
Mrs. Priscilla Brawn,	5 37
Augustus Cloutier,	4 88
Timothy Caton,	2 75

Maria Caufy.	5 00
Theophile Cote (at Caribou).	33 60
Frank Durand,	1 30
John W. Elsmore,	20 64
Miss Charlotte Flood.	37 88
Peter Fredericks.	71 07
Laura E. Gates,	7 33
Francis Gifford,	5 00
Barzille Gagnon,	2 10
Mrs. C. H. Graffan.	18 00
Mrs. Griggs (at Insane Hospital),	40 57
Mrs. Geo. Gullifer,	40 57
George Gordon.	18 15
George Grover.	30 00
George Gardner,	9 57
John Hill.	11 00
J. P. Hardy,	13 15
John Jordan	50
Mrs. Johnson,	8 28
Joseph Koyte,	30 44
Felix La Page.	4 50
John Lizotte	4 00
Frank Lancaster.	4 00
M. E. Lovejoy (at Milo).	42 00
Mrs. Thos. Lancaster.	90
Bruno Lozier,	3 30
John Marlin,	50
Mrs. Monahan,	10 70
A. Sanborn Martin (at Sebec),	6 18
H. Aaron Milton (at Wilton),	48 25
John H. Mitchell,	4 11
Serena Oakes,	45 25
Alonzo Patten.	12 31
Mrs. Phebe Pyle,	94 97
Electa Pooler (at Bangor),	6 50
Peter Pelletier,	5 14
James H. Roundy,	22 46
Mrs. L. Rand,	6 25
Christopher Severance,	63 36
Mrs. Betsey Stinson (at Insane Hospital),	55 93
Mrs. H. P. Sawyer,	16 00
Avander Sawyer,	1 35
Clem. O. Smith,	26 00
John L. Spaulding,	3 25
Mrs. R. H. Sinclair, or St. Clair (at Orono).	232 60

J. B. Smith,	4 00	
Mrs. Hiram Stevens,	20 77	
John Taylor,	7 56	
Fred Tarrio,	6 00	
Thos. F. Violette,	5 04	
David Winslow,	68 50	
Mrs. Ellen M. White (at Insane Hospital),	59 18	
Mrs. Phebe Wadlin,	35 33	
Mrs. Eliza A. White.	131 61	
Mrs. Addie Witham,	13 60	
Mrs. Orlena York.	32 19	
Tramps, etc.,	13 40	
Medical Attendance.	24 00	
Wood,	26 71	
Stove.	1 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,739 25
Deduct amount due from other towns,		374 73
Total cost of town-poor outside of poor-farm,		<hr/> \$1,364 52
Add net expense of poor-farm,		939 18
Total,		<hr/> \$2,303 70
Deduct amount repaid by poor,		6 87
Total cost of town-poor, 1879,		<hr/> \$2,296 83

PAID PAUPER BILLS PRIOR TO 1879.

For 49 paupers,	\$331 42	
Deduct 7 paupers belonging to other towns.	139 33	
	<hr/>	\$692 09
For 42 paupers belonging to Oldtown,		
Total cost of town-poor, old and new,		<hr/> \$2,988 92

POOR FARM.

By paid for 1877,	\$26 71	
" " " 1878,	56 99	\$83 70
Paid for food,	447 30	
" " clothing,	186 33	
" " medicine,	9 46	
" " house supplies (oil, brooms, soap, &c.)	30 13	
" " repairs,	9 72	
" " labor on farm,	23 63	
" " seed,	17 30	
" " medical attendance (Elkins),	1 50	
" " use of bull,	8 00	
" " housework,	33 00	
" " tobacco,	15 67	

" " tools (axes, &c.),	4 45	
" " salary of R. B. Knox,	106 00	
" " furniture,	10 30	
" " blacksmithing,	12 40	
" " sleigh-bells,	30	
" " wood,	45 04	960 53
Total paid from treasury for poor-farm,		\$1,044 23

The actual cost of poor-farm for 1879 is as follows :

Total paid as above for 1879,	\$960 53
Add goods purchased by Knox,	76 35
	<u>\$1,036 88</u>
Deduct money received by Knox for sale of products,	77 20
	<u>\$959 68</u>
Deduct money paid into town treasury by Knox.	20 50
	<u>\$939 18</u>
Net expense, 1879. (1091 weeks' board).	\$939 18
Price of board in full per week. 1879,	.86 1-12
" " " including bills of '77 and '78,	.94
" " " food and clothing per week, 1879,	.58

GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND.

Paid bills prior to 1879 :	
Geo. F. Dillingham, Treasurer,	\$100 00
Geo. F. Dillingham, pension certificates,	50
David Norton, collecting,	40 00
E. L. Hunt, constable and notifying meetings,	9 10
J. W. Sewall, surveying and levelling,	7 21
Horse-hire,	13 55
Paid for cashing check,	20
Fares to Bangor.	2 50
Abatements,	10 60
W. H. Stafford, constable and notifying meetings,	3 65
J. P. Bass & Co., printing reports,	18 00
Interest on old orders,	80 67
Repair of hearse,	75
D. Bugbee & Co., town-order book,	3 50
	<u>\$290 23</u>
PAID BILLS OF 1879.	
J. W. Waldron, treasurer,	100 00
E. A. Pond, town clerk,	30 00
Geo. T. Sewall, town agent,	10 00
" " making taxes,	35 00
" " selectman, etc.,	100 00
Frank Hamblen, "	100 00

D. G. Sawyer, "	100 00
Wm. H. Stafford, constable,	17 25
L. A. Buffum, " 4th July.	2 25
Chas. Burnham, " "	2 25
John McNamara, " "	2 25
Fred A. Hunt, " "	2 25
Thos. D. Jordan, " "	2 25
Paid for writing, etc.,	9 50
Notifying town meetings,	5 00
Advertising non-resident taxes,	12 00
P. M. Grover, watering trough,	3 00
J. Y. Hincks, " "	3 00
Repair of hearse,	20
Expenses of State valuation,	10 60
" " looking up pauper cases,	13 35
Albert O. Brown, land damages,	7 50
Health committee,	10 00
J. W. Sewall, surveying,	2 50
J. S. Robinson, cemetery at Oldtown,	30 00
Seth Orcutt, cemetery at U. S.,	5 00
Lock for Oldtown cemetery,	45
30 qt paper and other blanks,	18 65
Horse hire,	18 75
Postage and registry on letters,	9 15
Paid for telegram,	37
Paid for expressing,	2 20
Pension certificates,	1 25
Fares to Bangor,	4 50
Stationery,	2 38
Serving tax writs,	6 16
Rent, etc.,	13 00
C. A. Bailey, moderator,	5 00
Road-bills of 1878 as per vote,	273 91
Lighting U. S. bridge,	24 00
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Total,	\$993 92
	\$1,284 15

TOWN HALL.

Paid bills prior to 1879:	
" supplies (oil, brooms, etc.,)	\$21 80
" repairs,	1 50
" T. McMahon, labor,	1 50
" Balance of bill on furnace,	17 65
" surveying wood,	25
" trucking,	50
" cleaning hall,	9 00

" sawdust,	1 00	
" salary of janitor.	48 37	
	<hr/>	\$101 57
Paid bills of 1879 :		
" supplies,	\$24 81	
" T. McMahon, labor,	3 00	
" cleaning hall,	10 50	
" repairs,	8 10	
" trucking,	5 55	
" wood,	22 09	
" piling wood,	6 00	
" stationery,	10	
" sawdust,	1 25	
" janitor's salary,	48 38	
	<hr/>	\$129 78
Total expense,		231 35
Received for rents,		240 24
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Balance,		\$8 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid bills prior to 1879 :		
" Trucking engines to Veazie mill fire,	\$2 50	
" Watching fire,	1 00	
" Acid and soda for Little Giants,	15 45	
" Hose for Little Giants,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 95
DIRIGO ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.		
Steward,	\$7 50	
Supplies,	3 76	
Trucking,	2 25	
Rope,	1 17	
Repairs,	7 21	
Firemen, 1878,	9 10	
	<hr/>	\$30 99
EXCELSIOR ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.		
Trucking,	\$3 00	
Repairs,	4 10	
Firemen, 1878,	45 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 52 60
TORRENT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.		
Supplies,	\$7 17	
Trucking,	2 25	
Repairs,	4 12	
Firemen, 1878.	27 30	
	<hr/>	\$40 84

JAMESON ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 4.

Repairs	\$1 54	
Firemen, 1878,	19 50	
	<u> </u>	\$21 04

TEN ORPHANS ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 5.

Repairs,	\$1 03	
	<u> </u>	\$1 03

Total bills prior to 1879.

\$175 45

Paid bills of 1879:

“ Trucking engines to fires,	\$12 00	
“ Watching fires,	10 75	
“ Reservoirs,—filling, etc.,	8 50	
“ Refreshments at fires.	38 09	
	<u> </u>	\$69 34

DIRIGO ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 1.

Steward,	\$22 50	
Supplies,	35	
Firemen, 1879,	15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$37 85

EXCELSIOR ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 2.

Steward,	\$20 83	
Supplies,	10 53	
Trucking,	1 50	
Wood,	2 80	
Repairs,	3 60	
Fire-axes,	5 00	
Furniture,	14 77	
Firemen, 1879,	38 00	
	<u> </u>	\$97 03

TORRENT ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 3.

Steward,	\$30 00	
Supplies,	1 84	
Trucking to fires.	6 00	
Labor,	11 00	
Repairs,	2 00	
Firemen, 1879.	14 00	
	<u> </u>	\$64 84

JAMESON ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 4.

Repairs,	\$27 00	
Firemen, 1879.	15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$42 00

TEN ORPHANS ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 5.

Supplies,	\$ 10	
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Repairs,	2 25	
Trucking,	90	
Fireman, 1879.	1 00	
		<u>\$4 25</u>
Total bills paid for 1879.		\$315 31

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount appropriated,		\$1,000 00
Paid bills of 1879:		
" labor on roads,	\$729 88	
" lumber for sidewalks, etc.,	240 21	
" nails,	13 19	
" Emery & Barker repairing Argyle road,	54 00	
" plough and tools,	26 12	
" trucking,	20 95	
" survey bill of lumber,	5 86	
" granite,	5 00	
" gravel,	5 06	
		<u>\$1,100 27</u>
Amount overdrawn,		100 27

SCHOOL HOUSE, DISTRICT NO. 9.

Amount raised by town,		\$100 00
" expended for building,	\$86 25	
" " " seats,	7 50	
" " " blackboards,	1 25	
		<u>\$95 00</u>
Balance unexpended,		5 00

SIDEWALK IN WEST GREAT WORKS.

Amount raised by town,		\$25 00
" paid G. W. Garland for labor,		25 00

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1879.

Amount of tax committed to E. A. Alford,		\$15,931 32
Paid State tax,	\$2,744 36	
" County tax,	1,581 30	
Abatements and discounts,	1,764 33	
Paid J. W. Waldron, Treasurer,	7,910 10	
" in executions,	119 02	
Balance uncollected,	2,112 21	
		<u>\$15,931 32</u>

RESOURCES.

Due from other towns,	\$ 134 01
" non-resident tax-deeds,	2,253 62
" resident tax-deed,	2,742 14

"	Medway, town order,	110 00
"	executions in favor of town.	119 02
"	State R. R. tax,	1 74
"	" rent of armory,	50 00
"	J. H. Gould, collector, 1872,	858 10
"	D. Norton, " 1874,	113 14
"	" " 1875,	164 22
"	" " 1876,	378 64
"	" " 1877,	741 55
"	H. A. Pratt, " 1878,	1,126 89
"	E. R. Alford, " 1879,	2,112 21
		<hr/>
	Cash in treasury,	\$13,563 97

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders, 1874.	\$ 481 55
" " 1875,	31 75
" " 1876.	57 00
" " 1877,	375 92
" " 1878,	4,184 06
" " 1879,	5,795 69
Interest on bonded debt unpaid, 1878,	25 00
Due School Districts,	627 73
Debt in town bonds.	10,000 00
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	\$21,578 70

The following statement will help to a better understanding of the management of the finances of the town:

Amount of total liabilities as above,	\$21,578 70
Deduct cash in Treasury,	\$2,658 29
" amount due from other towns,	134 01
" " " " State,	51 74
" " " " Medway on town order,	
\$1 10 and interest,	112 75
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	\$2,956 79

Net liabilities,	\$18,621 91
Amount of net liabilities given in last report,	\$17,898 61

To which should be added \$560 which was duly credited in the table of receipts in last year's report, but accidentally omitted from the table of liabilities,

	560 00
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	\$18,458 61
Deduct amount due from other towns last year,	138 14
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True net liabilities for 1878-9,	\$18,320 47
The difference between these two accounts is	\$301 44

Offset against this amount, the following sums :

Amount of taxes in E. R. Alford's hands (\$2,112,21), of which at least two-fifths is collectable.	\$844 88
Amount due on executions (\$119 02), of which at least two-fifths can be collected.	90 00
Total assets for payment of \$301 44,	\$934 88
Surplus for contingencies,	\$633 44

Of the taxes in Mr. Alford's hands, he thinks more than half is easily collectible; but to be on the safe side we have called it two-fifths. Of the amount due on executions we consider one alone as worth nearly what we have estimated the whole, but have for the same reason placed them at \$90 00, of which \$30 00 has already been deposited with the Selectmen.

The above statement shows that while there is an apparent increase of the liabilities of the town the past year to the amount of \$301 44, yet the increase is only apparent and not real, for the reason that of the assets of the same year (1879), amounting in all to \$2,231 23, at least \$934 88 is perfectly good, and hence the liabilities are really less this year than last by some \$600

It may further be stated that (outside of money raised and expended for schools, over which we have no control, and which the school agents are compelled by law to expend in full), the town raised at its March meeting in 1879 the following sums :

For poor,	\$3,000 00
" roads,	1,000 00
" contingent,	3,000 00
" school district No. 9,	100 00
" sidewalk at Great Works,	25 00
" poor-house,	400 00
	<u>\$7,525 00</u>

The current expenses for the town for 1879, amounts to the following :

Poor,	\$1,739 25
Poor-farm,	960 53
School district No. 9,	95 00
Sidewalk at Great Works,	25 00
Town Hall,	129 78
Roads,	1,100 27
Contingent,	983 92
Fire Department,	315 31
Abatements and discounts,	1,764 33
Collector's percentage,	235 70
Interest on bonded debt,	500 00
Tax- deeds and interest,	38 92
	<u>\$7,898 01</u>

Deduct amount repaid by poor,	\$ 6 87	
“ “ due from other towns,	374 73	
“ “ paid by poor-farm,	20 50	
“ “ in hands of Knox,	85	
“ “ of rent of town hall		
one-half of \$240 24,	120 12	
	<u>523 07</u>	
Actual expenses for town for 1879,		<u>7,374 94</u>
Balance in favor of town,		<u>\$150 06</u>

One further explanation may be necessary. It will be seen that the outstanding orders for 1874-5-6-7-8, as reported last year, amounted to \$7,656 97. The outstanding orders for the same years as reported this year amount to \$5,130 28. The difference between these two sums—\$2,526 69—should represent the amount paid on old orders as appearing in the table of “Expenditures” of this report. The actual amount paid on old orders last year, however, as will be seen by referring to that table, was \$2,356 42 in money. The balance of the \$2,526 69 is explained by the fact that on looking over the old record of town orders drawn for the past six years, and comparing them with the town-orders cancelled by the treasurers and delivered year by year to the selectmen, it was found that two orders, one for \$125, and one for \$45 27 had been duly paid but accidentally been left marked as unpaid on the list of orders drawn; and hence, they were this year struck out from the table of liabilities

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. SEWALL,	} Selectmen of Oldtown.
FRANK HAMLEN.	
DANIEL G. SAWYER.	

Oldtown, Me., February 28th, 1880.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT POOK FARM, MARCH 1ST, 1880.

1 bush Corn Meal,	19 Bowls,	3 Tubs,
2 bbl Pork,	4 Ox-yokes,	3 Soap Barrels,
1.2 bbl Flou r,	1 Rolling-pin,	5 Firkins,
100 bush P.atoes,	3 Scythes,	4 Jars,
1 bbl Beets,	3 Flour Pails,	1 Molasses Pitcher,
10 bush Bar.ey,	10 Sheep,	3 Horse Blankets,
100 lbs Hams,	1 Tea-pot,	1 Cultivator,
50 lbs Lard,	3 Woodsaws,	37 Chairs,
20 lbs Butter,	1 Wheelbarrow,	4 Tables,
4 lbs Sugar,	15 lbs Tallow,	1 Sugar Box,
3 lbs Soda,	1 Grindstone,	3 Brooms,
1.2 bbl Scap-grease,	1 Pair Balances,	2 Iron Bars,
6 gal M.lasses,	10 lbs Codfish,	3 Mops,
27 cords Hard Wood,	1 Pung,	3 Pickaxes,
35 cords Soft Wood,	1 bbl Apples,	5 Tin Pails,
8 tons Hay,	3 lbs Tea,	3 Hoes,
1 ton Straw,	2 lbs Copper,	15 Chambers,
13 Hens,	2 lbs Raisins,	4 Smoothing-irons,
3 Shoats,	1500 feet Boards,	1.2 bbl Beef,
5 Cows,	4 Clocks,	2 bush Beans,
1 Meifer,	1 Lantern,	10 Towels,
1 Horse,	1 Porcelain Kettle,	1 Cart,
37 Comforters,	10 Dippers,	1 Harness,
1 Platter,	3 Tumblers,	2 Ploughs,
1 Dust-pan,	1 Express-wagon,	1 Harrow,
40 Sheers,	20 Spoons,	1 Bureau,
3 bbl Soft-soap,	31 Tin Pails,	57 Shingles,
4 Feather beds,	2 Steamers,	1 Tunnel,
1.2 bbl P.aster,	18 Knives and Forks,	1 Spinning Wheel,
27 Pillows,	4 Pitches,	1 Shed,
50 Pillow Cases,	2 Meat-dishes,	1 Snow-plough,
16 Straw-ticks,	4 Shovels,	4 Hay-forks,
1 Churr,	6 Raker-sheets,	1 Drag Rake,
3 Mac-bags,	4 Axes,	3 Hand-rakes,
18 Be-steads,	4 Jugs,	2 Bear Kettles,
1 Tin Boiler,	1.2 bbl Lime,	3 Skimmers,
3 Looking Glasses,	1 Oil Can,	2 Dung forks,
1 Horse-hce,	1 Chopping Knife,	80 gal Vinegar,
2 Sotias,	6 Lamps,	2 Garden Rakes,
1 Crib,	2 Trays,	1 Hay-cutter,
40 Plates,	7 Stoves,	
18 Cups and Saucers,	3 Wash-bowls,	