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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
TREASURER,
AGENT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
AUDITOR,
OF THE
TOWN OF ORONO,
For the Year 1881--82.

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING,

MARCH 13, 1882.

TO ALANSON KENNEY,

A Constable of the town of Orono, in the County of Penobscot,
GREETING.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Orono, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz:

- 1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd.—To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3rd.—To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 4th.—To choose Assessors of Taxes.
- 5th.—To choose Overseers of the Poor.
- 6th.—To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 7th.—To choose one member of the Superintending School Committee for three years.
- 8th.—To choose Constables.
- 9th.—To choose Sealers of Leather.
- 10th.—To choose Surveyors of Lumber.
- 11th.—To choose Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
- 12th.—To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.
- 13th.—To choose a Pound Keeper.
- 14th.—To choose Weighers of Hay.
- 15th.—To choose Surveyors of Wood and Bark.
- 16th.—To choose Health Committee.
- 17th.—To choose Tythingmen.
- 18th.—To choose an Auditor of Accounts.
- 19th.—To choose a Sexton.
- 20th.—To choose one or more Fire Wards.
- 21st.—To choose Highway Surveyors.
- 22nd.—To choose Truant Officers, and see what instruction the Town will give them in relation to habitual truants.
- 23d.—To see if the Town will choose two or more persons to enforce Town Ordinances.
- 24th.—To see how much money the Town will raise for making and repairing Highways, and determine by whom it shall be expended.
- 25th.—To see how much money the Town will raise for the support of common Schools.
- 26th.—To see how much money the town will raise to support a Free High School.
- 27th.—To see how much money the Town will raise for Incidental Expenses.
- 28th.—To see how much money the Town will raise to support the Poor.
- 29th.—To see how much money the Town will raise for the Fire Department, and determine by whom it shall be expended.

30th.—To see how much money the Town will raise to pay Town Debts.

31st.—To see how much money the Town will raise to pay Interest on Town Debt.

32nd.—To see how much money the Town will raise to rebuild or repair the Sidewalk on the Railroad Bridge, and determine by whom it shall be expended.

33d.—To see if the Town will approve a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, Treasurer and Clerk.

34th.—To see if the Town will vote to release its claim on real estate forfeited to the town, for non-payment of taxes, on payment by the owner of the amount of taxes, costs and interest.

35th.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to sell all real estate forfeited to the Town for non-payment of taxes, and convey the same by deed of quit claim in behalf of the Town.

36th.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, to compromise and settle any unpaid taxes on real estate, when in their judgment any sufficient reason exists.

37th.—To see if the Town will except a Town way as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Mill Street to Oak Street.

38th.—To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to contract with the resident Physicians, to attend the Town's poor at such price as shall be fixed by the Town.

39th.—To see if the Town will vote to tax Dogs.

40th.—To see if the Town will make a discount on all taxes paid to the Collector on or before the first day of August next and if so, to fix the rate of discount.

41st.—To see if the Town will authorize expending a portion of the school fund for instruction in music in the public schools, under the direction of the Superintending School Committee.

42nd.—To see if the Town will instruct the Collector to sue for any tax, after due notice, as provided by chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880.

43rd.—To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to enforce the settlement of taxes on Real Estate forfeited to the Town for non-payment of taxes.

44th.—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell so much of the Town wood lot, as lies on the west side of the Bog road, and convey the same by deed of quit claim in behalf of the Town.

45th.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the old Tiger Engine House and Lot situated on Main St., and convey the same by deed of quit claim in behalf of the Town.

46th.—To agree upon the compensation for collecting taxes.

47th.—To choose a Collector of taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Clerk of said Town, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Orono, this first day of March, A. D., 1882.

A. F. LEWIS,	}	Selectmen of Orono.
ALBERT WHITE,		
E. N. MAYO,		

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORONO,

FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ORONO:

The undersigned, herewith respectfully submit their annual report for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1882.

The following sums of money were appropriated at the last annual meeting, viz:

For making and repairing Highways,	\$1,200 00	
Support of Common Schools,	2,000 00	
" " Free High School,	500 00	
Incidental Expenses,	1,800 00	
Support of the Poor,	1,000 00	
Ringin the Bell,	40 00	
Fire Department,	300 00	
Building bridge over McPhetres Brook,	300 00	
Reduction of Town Debt,	1,000 00	
Interest on Loans,	500 00	
		<hr/> \$8,640 00
Add State Tax,		2,312 39
County Tax,		957 81
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Whole amount to assess,		\$11,910 20
Value of Residents' Real Estate,	\$307,552 00	
" " Personal " "	74,409 00	
" Non-Residents' Estates,	130,164 00	
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Total valuation,		\$512,025 00
Number of Polls, 553. Number of dogs, 66.		
Percentage 20 5-10 mills. Polls \$3, each. Dogs \$1, each.		
Sum assessed for State Tax,	\$2,312 39	
" " County Tax,	957 81	
" " Town Tax,	8,640 00	
Overlayings,	311 31	
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Total,		\$12,221 51

We have spent a great deal of time and labor in revising the Inventory and description of estates, but the limited time at our disposal, between the first day of April and the date of committing the lists to the Collector, was not sufficient for a thorough revision. We have corrected many errors and revised a large part of the descriptions, but there still remains much more to be done. Owing to the limited time, and the

amount of work to be done, there are some parts of the lists which we did not attempt to revise, and were obliged to leave it for our successors to finish. We trust they will give it the attention which its importance demands.

In the following pages we give in detail, the items for which the several appropriations have been expended.

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Abner W. Perkins for labor,.....	\$9 00
Henry Marcho.....“.....	37 30
Alden Spurr.....“.....	7 25
Patrick Lyon.....“.....	8 50
William Averill.....“.....	2 50
Leighton, Davenport & Co. for drain pipe.....	13 50
A. B. Mosher for freight on drain pipe.....	3 15
J. J. Colburn for labor.....	11 25
James Newman.....“.....	17 25
John Chaplin.....“.....	20 01
Saml. Baker.....“.....	13 43
Leroy Souci.....“.....	8 75
James Ambrose.....“.....	18 12
John Mc Auliffe.....“.....	17 31
W. W. Temple.....“.....	25 60
Patrick Wall.....“.....	6 13
Davis Estes.....“.....	16 50
Nath'l Wilson.....“.....	3 00
Benj. R. Mosher.....“.....	42 87
Andrew Smith, Jr. “.....	3 00
Edward Tallouse.....“.....	1 25
Timothy Collins.....“.....	28 13
R. M. Crombie for nails, etc.....	2 25
Chas. W. Johnson for labor.....	5 25
Ambrose Read.....“.....	10 00
John H. Davis.....“.....	40 38
Michael Sullivan.....“.....	23 50
Eben Webster for labor and lumber.....	38 71
M. J. F. Kelley for labor.....	11 00
William Haggerty for labor.....	16 75
Hiram J. George.....“.....	11 56
Paul D. Webster.....“.....	18 00
Patrick Shine.....“.....	4 50
Ellen Newman for labor of team.....	12 25
E. T. & E. E. Ring for lumber.....	47 69
Dennis Mc Auliffe for labor.....	23 38
Eli Denaco.....“.....	1 50
Nathan Frost.....“.....	17 12
Chas. P. Crowell.....“.....	36 00
Geo. W. Neal.....“.....	1 20
Stinson Peaslee.....“.....	9 12
Thos. M. Perry.....“.....	12 75
Sam'l Hurd.....“.....	1 30
Thos. Gilbert.....“.....	24 37
B. R. Babb.....“.....	7 50
Jas. Walker & Co.....“.....and lumber.....	89 44
J. G. Spaulding.....“.....	43 75
C. H. Page.....“.....	8 72

Paid Chas. H. Colburn, for labor.....	\$34 12
W. H. Colburn.....“.....	53 10
W. H. Colburn for clearing sidewalks,.....	16 00
Jas. Powers for labor,.....	3 75
Richard Allum “.....	4 25
John Kelty.....“.....	5 25
Wm. H. Ward.....“.....	1 75
M. S. Johnston.....“.....	12 50
John F. Page.....“.....	11 25
Robert Perkins.....“.....	1 25
C. Madden.....“.....	1 00
Ira E. Parsons for gravel,.....	3 30
Joseph McPhetres for labor,	2 00
A. J. Durgin.....“.....	2 25
Peter Pooler.....“.....	8 80
Frank Lancaster.....“.....	2 44
J. B. Colburn.....“.....	38 13
A. B. Sutton.....“.....	11 00
C. F. Page.....“ 1880,.....	3 00
A. G. Ring for lumber,	13 96
James Page for labor,	28 75
Wm. R. Bartlett for gravel,	5 04
M. A. Corson for labor and edging,.....	16 30
Elijah Wyman.....“.....	1 88
F. W. Vinal.....“.....	1 00
Joseph McKenney.....“.....	1 60
Wm. Smyth.....“.....	9 75
Henry Perry.....“.....	3 25
Alfred Burke.....“.....	3 20
Jas. Newman, 2nd,.....“.....	4 37
Wm. Newman for labor,.....	7 65
Wm. Marcho.....“.....	8 27
Frank Allum.....“.....	3 40
Morris McAuliffe.....“.....	7 31
Daniel Emery repairing tools,.....	2 00
Thos. M. Dean for labor,.....	3 75
John Hurley.....“.....	2 90
Stillwater Bridge Co. for plank,	2 00
A. F. Lewis paid for labor,.....	2 80
R. J. Hamilton for nails,.....	1 12
Hiram Patten for labor,.....	1 20
Glazier Esterbrook.....“.....	4 00
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	\$1182 43
Appropriation	1200 00
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Unexpended.....	\$17 57

The roads, generally, are in good condition. The culvert at the foot of Basin hill needs repairing, the old one being badly decayed. This is the only heavy job that is necessary, besides the ordinary repairs. The sidewalk on Marsh Island from Mrs. Finn's house to Penobscot Street is badly worn, and should be gravelled and put in good condition. When the season closed last Fall we were congratulating ourselves on having quite a balance of the appropriation unexpended, but the recent heavy snow storms have absorbed nearly the whole of it, and we are thankful now that it did not take more.

SCHOOLS.

John Perry for preparing and housing wood	\$1 50
Isaac Smart " "	12 00
Wm. H. Ward " "	3 30
Jas. Walker & Co., for wood	15 10
Geo. Baker	2 60
Stephen Kelley	5 50
Wm. Marcho	7 50
Mrs. J. Ambrose for cleaning schoolrooms	9 26
Chas. B. Brown " brooms	3 00
Mrs. Madden " cleaning schoolroom	1 50
A. J. Durgin " repairs	72 95
Nath'l Wilson " "	8 24
Pat'k Wall " "	4 75
N. W. Bond " furnace, stove and repairs	73 50
E. T. & E. E. Ring for lumber,	29 43
Lizzie B. Ring,	teaching,
Carrie C. Johnston	216 00
Nellie M. Holt	206 20
Alice Wise	216 00
M. Addie Powers	216 00
Percia A. Vinal	132 00
Ellen Libby	132 00
Alicia T. Emery	132 00
Flora E. Welch	60 00
L. Maria Buffum	132 00
M. L. Ring	72 00
O. J. Dutton	35 00
J. C. Wilson	108 00
A. J. Durgin	91 80
Annie M. Hamilton	112 00
Laura R. Andrews	305 00
Fannie R. Waterman	84 80
S. H. Powell	1000 00
Fannie E. Colburn	49 00
S. H. Powell paid for sweeping and care of school room	7 50
Chas. Buffum for supplies and cleaning room	7 48
A. C. Stockin for books,	47 20
Harper & Bros. "	57 20
Hall & Whiting	15 76
R. S. Davis & Co. "	5 81
M. W. Tewksbury "	53 30
N. W. Bond for supplies and repairs,	12 35
O. B. Bridge, for painting school house,	22 25
Nathaniel Wilson, paid for horse hire, postage and making contracts	7 62
Fenton Merrill for care of rooms and building fires,	25 00
G. Hewes " " " "	3 60
Frank Longley, " " " "	6 00
Frank Currier, " " " "	6 00
Frank Mercer, " " " "	3 00
Mortie Wilson, " " " "	3 00
Perry, " " " "	3 00
Chas. Buffum paid for getting in wood, and postage,	2 50
R. M. Crombie for nails	2 00
Sam'l Libbey, supplies and cash paid out,	87 84

Appropriation for Common Schools,	\$2,000 00
" Free High School,	500 00
Received from the State,	1,422 17
" for tuition,	15 00
*Unexpended balance from last year,	296 35
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	\$4,233 52
Unexpended,	\$245 18

This fund is expended under the direction of the S. S. Committee.
See their report.

INCIDENTAL FUND.

Insane Hospital for support of Mrs. Southard.....	\$117 40
O. B. Bridge " painting Hearse.....	13 00
Gilbert & Barker Manuf'g Co., for gasoline.....	42 38
E. & N. A. Railway Co., for freight on gasoline.....	6 45
Benj. A. Burr for printing reports.....	33 00
A. F. Lewis, paid witness' fees and R. R. fare.....	8 92
A. J. Durgin for repairing Watch House.....	1 60
N. W. Bond " ".....	2 95
D. Bugbee & Co., Inventory and Field books.....	15 00
Wm. Merrifield for care of Town Hall.....	50 00
Wm. Merrifield for repairs and materials on Town Hall.....	15 73
F. M. Read for copying plan of the town,.....	5 00
R. M. Crombie for supplies for Hall.....	1 16
John D. Cole for painting Town Hall.....	28 90
Sam'l Libbey for paints, etc., for Town Hall.....	31 94
E. & J. F. Webster for lumber for addition to Hall,.....	24 10
Thomas M. Dean for labor, " ".....	14 50
A. J. Durgin for labor and materials " ".....	50 29
O. B. Bridge, painting,.....	19 16
J. H. Emery for maintaining water trough,.....	3 00
Tho's M. Perry for maintaining water trough,.....	3 00
Chas. L. Allen, for maintaining water trough.....	3 00
Alanson Kenney, for collecting taxes,.....	225 00
McCrillis & White, for services and costs in the Hampden and Greenbush cases.....	160 03
Witness fees in case Orono vs. Greenbush,.....	5 28
Witness fees in case Orono vs. Oldtown.....	55 69
Ed. Fornia, " " ".....	2 94
A. G. Ring, " " ".....	3 12
J. Sewall, serving writ " ".....	2 68
H. J. George, for sawing wood at Town Hall.....	2 80
John Varney for services in road case,.....	5 00
Wm. Merrifield for repairing Gas works,.....	6 65
John H. Davis for hauling wood to Town Hall,.....	4 00
Ed. Brown for treenails,.....	50
C. C. White for bill paper,.....	20
John Chaplin for labor, Town Hall,.....	1 05
E. P. Butler, for insurance on Town buildings.....	250 00
Holmes & Lewis, for broom for Town Hall.....	45
E. & J. F. Webster, for lumber for gas works.....	5 46
Alanson Kenney, for Constable service.....	3 00
Daniel Emery, for repairs.....	75
Solomon Gee, repairs on town clock,.....	3 00
Solomon Gee, for winding Town clock.....	10 00

Nath'l Wilson, for services as S. S. Committee,	\$35 00	
Nath'l Wilson, for making S. S. Com. report.....	5 00	
Chas. Buffum, for services as S. S. Committee.....	25 00	
Sam'l Libbey, " " "	20 00	
E. P. Butler, " as Treasurer.....	75 00	
E. P. Butler, " as Town Clerk.....	20 00	
E. P. Butler, for drafts and postage.....	3 18	
A. F. Lewis, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,.....	125 00	
Albert White, for services as Selectman, Assessor, etc. including making taxes and report,.....	150 00	
E. N. Mayo, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	100 00	
		\$1796 26
Appropriation	\$1,800 00	
Repaid by Mrs. Southard.....	63 00	
R. R. tax from the State	14 94	
Rent of Town Hall.....	229 80	
Rent of old Engine House.....	15 00	
		<u>\$2,122 74</u>

Unexpended by orders.....\$326 48

We have drawn on this account heavier than we expected to do. There have been two law cases in Court for two or three years, which were decided this year, and we were obliged to pay the expenses. The insurance on the town hall and two school houses expired, and it became necessary to renew the policies. These two items, amounting to the sum of \$479.74, were not thought of at the time our appropriations were made and therefore were not provided for.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.

O. B. Bridge, for painting "Monitor,"	\$25 00	
Wm. Merrifield, for care of "Eagle" and "Tiger".....	60 00	
J. T. Holmes, for neats foot oil.....	7 50	
Wm. C. Taylor, for acc't of care of "Monitor".....	13 33	
W. F. Lunt, for hauling coal	7 50	
Wood. Bishop & Co., for coal stove.....	18 65	
Chas. W. Johnson, for repair of Monitor platform.....	2 15	
A. H. Babcock, for coal.....	36 48	
Wm. Merrifield, for supplies	7 23	
E. & J. F. Webster, for lumber.....	4 95	
Wm. Merrifield, for repairs.....	1 00	
R. M. Crombie, for broom.....	35	
Sam'l Libbey, alcohol and emery paper.....	3 60	
		\$187 74
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Received for stove.....	10 00	
		<u>310 00</u>
Unexpended.....	\$122 26	

This fund is expended under the direction of the Fire Wards. Their report will give you more information as to the condition of Engines,

Hose, etc. This fund should have credit for fourteen dollars for wood which went to the Town Hall when they changed stoves to burn coal at the Monitor house.

The appropriation to pay for ringing the bell was forty dollars; this sum we have paid to James I. Parks who has rung the bell three times daily during the year.

CULVERT OVER MCPHETRES BROOK.

John A. Merrill, per contract,.....	\$290 00
John A. Merrill, for extra labor,	5 00
A. J. Durgin for putting up rail	1 58
E. T. & E. E. Ring for lumber for rail,	4 53
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	301 11
Appropriation	300 00
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Overdrawn	\$1 11

This culvert is built of split stone laid in cement. The contractor did his work well and we believe that we have a culvert that will not need to be repaired during this generation.

PAUPER FUND

Insane Hospital for board of Mary Doe,	\$11 92
Wm. Marcho for board of Emma Grant,.....	15 50
Chas. M. Gould for supplies,.....	36 51
Holmes and Lewis, ".....	52 42
G. M. Dutton paid for supplies,.....	45 00
N. W. Bond for supplies and repairs,	8 43
R. M. Crombie,.....	54 65
E. Webster,.....	12 15
A. E. Perkins, for supplies	6 14
J. Walker & Co., "	41 14
Chas. B. Ring, "	19 01
Chas. Buffum, "	39 70
Coombs & Mason, "	8 95
R. J. Hamilton, "	22 10
Sam'l Libbey, for paints, oils and medicine	49 68
E. F. Atwell, for supplies.....	48 31
J. B. Chase, "	6 25
David Antoine, for his support	26 00
Clothing for Joseph Brown and family.....	12 58
R. R. Tickets for Joseph Brown and family.....	28 70
Sophia Gonyea for support of Mrs. Pooler.....	2 75
Benj. King " wood for Reynolds.....	40
Dexter Merrill " Hay.....	23 43
Geo. W. Harris " balance of Salary and paid out.....	13 38
Patk. Wall " repairing cistern.....	6 00
Mrs. C. Haley " making clothes for Reynolds family.....	1 00
Mrs. C. W. Johnson for making clothes for Reynolds family.....	2 50
B. M. Foss for rent for Reynolds	1 00
B. E. Donnigan for clothing for J. Brown.....	3 40
Edwin Chick & Co., for Phosphate	5 80
Town of Brewer for support of John Sylvester.....	11 75
Rice & Skinner for bench, wringer and windows.....	9 25
Edwin Chick & Co., for grass seed.....	6 95
J. W. Atwell for Cedar for cistern.....	10 00

Geo. M. Dutton for salary as Farm Superintendent	\$275 00
John Wideawake for support of Joseph Burgoyne.....	50 54
City of Biddeford for support of Lucy Tallouse.....	25 00
Peter Pooler for burying Peter Gonyea's child.....	1 00
Haynes, Pillsbury & Co., for windows.....	4 20
Esther Carey for board of Ella Brown.....	8 00
M. S. Johnston for burying J. Atkins.....	4 00
J. H. Knox for Medical attendance J. Atkins.....	2 00
Abel Hunt for caskets and robes.....	20 00
City of Bangor for support of John Pooler.....	11 00
Daniel Emery for repairing farm wagons and tools.....	6 31
Benj. Weeks for team to funeral.....	1 70
Flora Buriby for care of Gonyea' child.....	2 50
M. Gammon for tracing lines.....	1 00
Rev. L. L. Hanscom for attending funeral J. Atkins.....	2 00
Felix LePage and family tickets to Canada.....	20 00
M. S. Johnston for burying Joseph Burgoyne.....	4 00
E. N. Mayo for Medical attendance per contract.....	50 00

Amount of orders drawn.....	\$1,131 00
“ due from other towns last Spring.....	78 20
	<hr/> \$1,209 20
Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Received from other towns	167 68
	<hr/> \$1,167 68

Overdrawn\$41 52

At the last annual meeting the Town voted to pay each of the two resident Physicians fifty dollars for medical attendance on the Town's poor for the year, and the Town to pay for the medicine in addition to this. The attendance and medicine have cost us one hundred and thirty-five dollars. Deducting this bill and the pay of Farm Superintendent from the appropriation, and we have left only five hundred and ninety dollars to pay all other bills for the support of the poor for a year. This sum is hardly sufficient for the purpose.

TOWN FARM.

DR.

Paid Geo. M. Dutton and wife for services,	\$275 00
“ “ for supplies furnished,	182 81
Supplies from other sources,	290 23
	<hr/> \$748 04

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By received for produce sold,	182 81
Produce and provisions on hand more than last year,	204 21
290 weeks board cost \$1.24 24-29 per week,	361 02
	<hr/> \$748 04

The above is the smallest number of weeks' board that has ever been reported since the town owned the farm.

The names of persons who have been supported at the farm, are as follows, viz:

Mrs. L. Cheney, Adel Brown, Joseph Brown, Minnie Brown, George Brown, Willie Brown, Etta Nado, and Thomas Ward, wife and child.

We are happy to report that the most satisfactory state of affairs exists at the farm, under the able management of Mr. Geo. M. Dutton and wife.

When Mr. Dutton entered upon the discharge of his duties, last spring, the buildings were badly out of repair, and during the year considerable improvement has been made.

Every room in the house has been papered, painted and whitewashed, and repairs made where it was found to be necessary. New sills have been put under the outbuildings, and other repairs made. This work has all been done by Mr. Dutton, without any extra cost to the town except for materials. He has also put the farm in better condition for crops than it has been in for many years.

We earnestly recommend that his services be secured for the coming year, feeling confident that the result at the close will demonstrate the wisdom of so doing.

Inventory of Farm Products, Stock, &c., on hand at the farm March 1st, 1882, with market and estimated value.

2½ tons of Hay,	\$45 00
2½ " Straw,	20 00
75 bushels Potatoes,	75 00
40 " Beets,	24 00
10 " Carrots,	5 00
2 " Turnips,	1 00
1 " Onions	1 25
45 " Oats,	22 50
25 " Barley,	16 25
6 " Beans,	18 00
1 " Peas,	1 75
3 " Corn,	2 40
1½ " Meal,	1 05
2½ barrels Apples,	6 25
1 barrel Pork,	22 00
1 " Beef,	12 00
1 " Flour,	8 50
½ " Pickles,	4 00
107 lbs. Ham,	12 84
60 " Cotton Seed Meal	1 05
60 " Squash,	1 80
35 " Tallow,	2 45
30 " Lard,	4 20
6 " Hard Soap,	48
16 lbs. of Sugar,	1 68
5 " Butter,	1 50
2 " Rice,	18
1 " Raisins,	16
1½ " Tea,	60
2 " Soda,	12
6 " Fish,	30
5 gallons of Soft Soap,	75
1 " Molasses,	1 40
1 " Vinegar,	30
30 cords of Hard Wood,	90 00
10 " Soft Wood,	20 00
3 Shoats,	35 00
1 Horse,	100 00
1 Cow,	40 00
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	\$600 76

Farming tools and Carriages,	\$210 00
Household Furniture,	265 00
Farm and buildings including wood lot,	3000 00

Following are the names of persons having a settlement here, who have received aid from the town, outside the Alms House, during the year 1881, with the amount furnished each.

David and Sarah Antoine,	\$26 00
Joseph Brown and family,	55 73
Joseph Burgoyne,	50 58
John Pooler,	11 00
Mrs. Vedal Pooler, Jr.,	11 19
Wm. Ward,	3 50
Henrietta Ward,	15 56
Lucy Tallouse,	25 00

TOWN HALL.

For Gasolene,	\$42 38	
Freight on gasolene,	6 45	
Wm. Merrifield, care of Hall,	50 00	
Fire Department for wood,	14 00	
J. H. Davis for hauling wood,	4 00	
H. J. George for preparing wood,	2 68	
R. M. Crombie for Brooms,	45	
S. Libbey for alcohol and paraffine,	6 51	
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		\$126 47

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By rent of Hall and barrels sold,	\$229 80
Surplus,	<hr/>
	\$103 33

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations by the town,	\$8,640 00
Due schools from last year,	296 35
Received from the State on account schools,	1,422 17
“ for tuition,	15 00
“ for Stove,	10 00
“ from Mrs. Southard—refunded,	63 00
“ from the State R. R. tax,	14 94
“ from other towns on account of Paupers,	167 68
“ Town Hall rents and others,	244 80
Overlayings,	311 31
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	\$11,185 25

EXPENDITURES.

For Highways,	1,182 43
Schools,	3,988 34
Pauper,	1,131 00
Incidental expenses,	1,796 26
Fire Department,	187 84
Culvert over McPhetres brook,	301 11
Ringling the bell,	40 00
Discounts for payment of taxes,	873 43
Interest on loans,	473 12
Abatements on taxes,	189 79
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	\$10,123 32
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	\$1,021 93

The above statement simply shows that the \$1000 raised by the town for the reduction of the debt, has not been reduced by overdraft; or, in other words, we have not overdrawn the appropriation.

LOAN ORDERS.

We have made and issued loan orders during the year amounting to \$10,025, and the amount of loan orders paid during the year is \$10,650. For information in regard to the amount outstanding March 1st 1881, and March 1st, 1882, we refer you to the Treasurer's report. The rate of interest paid this year was 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

FORFEITED REAL ESTATE.

In compliance with your instructions, given at the last annual meeting, we report the names of persons whose real estate is forfeited to the town for non-payment of taxes, together with the amount of tax. This statement only shows the tax without interest, and does not include tax deeds for property which is not yet forfeited.

RESIDENTS.

Jeremiah Colburn,	\$162 40
John B. Colburn,	138 06
J. B. & A. M. Colburn,	347 63
Solomon Gee,	37 17
John Moran,	2 99
Alex. Nado,	9 07
A. B. Sutton,	453 99
Nath'l Wilson,	57 48
A. R. Spencer,	12 60
Mrs. A. Cowan,	17 96
Nathan Frost,	40 97
Stinson Peaslee,	3 50

NON-RESIDENTS.

S. H. Blake,	22 29
Searles Dore,	8 90
Jona. N. Drew,	27 27
John Freese,	45 35
Jona. Freese,	16 81
Mary P. Field,	19 53
A. R. Hallowell,	16 54
Hersey & Grant,	42 49
Wentworth Lord,	24 46
John Lord, Estate,	17 89
Dan'l Libby,	2 98
Nathan Merrill,	47 46
J. McCarty,	26 67
Jos. Merryman,	55 84
S. B. Morse,	10 20
H. E. Prentiss, Heirs,	8 66
Albert Vinal,	7 96
E. C. Smart,	82 00

LAW CASES.

Hampden vs. Orono. On the 25th day of February, 1879, the town of Hampden sued Orono for the support of Abram Mansel and family. The case was tried at the October term of Court in 1880, and resulted in a disagreement of the Jury. At the April term, in 1881, the case was

again tried, and the Jury found a verdict in favor of the defendant. Hampden filed exceptions. and the case went before the full Court, who sustained the verdict of the Jury. This suit cost the town \$155.33, and we consider the money well expended, as the result releases us from all liability for the support of a family of seven persons and their descendants. We hope this is the last time the name of Mansel will figure in our pauper account, where it has appeared so frequently for thirty years.

Orono vs. Greenbush. This case was commenced last Spring to recover the amount of a bill for the support of Chas. W. Spencer. Before coming to trial the case was settled by Greenbush paying us the full amount of the bill (\$78.22) and costs. Our expense in this case was \$10.

Orono vs. Oldtown. Last year our Town Agent put into the hands of N. Wilson, Esq., a bill for the support of, and medical attendance on, Theodore Collins. Mr. Wilson sued Oldtown, and the case was tried before Judge Peters, in December last, and decided in favor of the defendant. This case has cost the town \$64.43. Defendant's cost not yet in.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Highways.....	\$1,200
Support of the Poor.....	1,000
Support of Common Schools.....	1,800
Support of Free High School.....	500
Incidental Expenses.....	1,800
Fire Department.....	625
Repairing Sidewalk on Railroad Bridge.....	300
Interest on Loans.....	500
Reduction of Town Debt.....	1,000

In closing the accounts for the year, we find the affairs of the town to be in better condition than for many years. The debt has been reduced about \$1,000; we have a smaller amount of taxes in the hands of the Collector; we have no law suits; no town has bills against us for the support of paupers; we have no bills against other towns; our loan account is smaller, and if our tax deeds were settled, few towns in the State would be in better condition.

Taking the year as a whole, we have found the duties of our office a little more laborious, and no less agreeable than we expected when they were assumed. We did not expect to please every one, and should have failed to do so if we had. Our thanks are due to the citizens, who have expressed more encouragement than criticism.

A. F. LEWIS,	} Selectmen of Orono.
ALBERT WHITE,	
E. N. MAYO,	

Correct.

SAM'L LIBBEY, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDS.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ORONO:

The many wants of the Fire Department have induced the Wards to depart from the customs of their predecessors and make a report of them.

There have been but two fires during the past year, both of which were extinguished without the aid of the Engines.

The reservoirs are mostly in good condition, and will need only minor repairs. They are located as follows:

East side Main Street, at Foster place,

West side Main Street, at Southard place.

Front of Town Hall, two.

Under old Engine house.

At junction of Main, Mill and Bennoch Streets.

East side Bennoch Street, opposite Mrs. Stetsons.

North side Mill Street, at C. M. Gould's.

East side Pleasant Street, near Mill Street.

At junction Mill and Water Streets.

North No. 3 School House.

East side Elm Street, near Richardson's.

Corner Middle and Beech Streets.

At junction of Main and North Water Streets.

At junction of North Water and Penobscot Streets.

Under Monitor Engine House.

East side Pond Street, near Crosby Street.

South side Crosby Street, near Pond Street.

East side Peters Street.

At junction of Pierce and Crosby Streets.

There are three Engines in good order, 600 feet 2 inch leather hose, (Tiger) 500 feet 2½ inch leather hose, (Eagle) 400 feet 2½ inch leather and 200 feet 2½ inch linen hose, (Monitor.)

The hose except about 400 feet, 2½ inch leather, is much worn, and not safe if it should be necessary to carry water a long distance. We would recommend the purchase of 400 feet 2½ inch cotton rubber lined hose.

The suction hose of the Eagle is badly worn, and liable to be broken at any time, entirely disabling the Engine, and it would be a wise economy to replace it with stronger and safer hose.

The deep snows of the past few weeks have admonished us that wheels are not a safe dependence for an Engine as heavy as the Eagle, where it is desirable to get to a fire in a short time and your Fire Wards would recommend having runners made ready for another winter.

The above recommendations will cost about,

\$400 00

Ordinary expenditures,

225 00

\$625 00

A. J. DURGIN, } Fire Wards
WM. THOMPSON, } 1881-82.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Town of Orono respectfully submits the following, his Annual Report of the year ending March 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

For Balance March 1, 1881,	\$667 68
Relief Remitted,	63 00
Monitor Engine Co.,	10 00
State R. R. and Telegraph tax,	14 94
Tax Deeds redeemed,	156 11
Interest on same,	37 75
Non Residents' Deeds of 1880,	47 43
Payment on Note vs E. B. Peaslee,	20 00
Rents of T. Hall,	244 80
State Pensions refunded,	36 00
Pauper Fund of other Towns,	89 48
School Fund, Tuition,	15 00
School Fund of State,	1422 17
Taxes collected by A. Kenney, Collector,	12304 00
Loans and Loan Orders issued,	10025 00
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	\$25,153 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

For recording 31 Tax Deeds,	\$15 50
Advertising Taxes of 1880,	6 75
Non Residents' Taxes returned,	33 18
Non Resident Deeds of 1880,	54 80
Resident Deeds of 1880,	61 91
Abatements allowed,	189 79
Discount on Taxes allowed,	873 43
State Pensions paid,	36 00
Balance County Tax of 1880, paid,	623 23
Payment on Tax of 1881,	450 00
Payment of State Tax of 1881,	2312 39
Loans paid,	10650 00
Interest on same,	473 12
Town Orders paid,	8838 53
Cash balance,	534 73
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	\$25,153 36

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TOWN ORDERS.

Amount outstanding, March 1, 1881,	1193 51	
“ Issued the year past,	8548 68	
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“ paid and cancelled,	8838 53	
“ outstanding March 1, 1882,	903 66	
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LOANS.

Amount outstanding March 1, 1881,	9673 00	
“ Issued the year past,	10025 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,698 00
“ paid and cancelled,	10650 00	
“ outstanding March 1, 1882,	9048 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,698 00

TAX DEEDS.

Amount held March 1, 1881,	2418 26	
“ received the year past,	116 71	
	<hr/>	\$2,534 97
“ redeemed,	156 11	
“ held March 1, 1882,	2378 86	
	<hr/>	\$2,534 97

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Due on County Tax, March 1, 1881,	623 23	
County Tax of 1881,	957 81	
State Tax of 1881,	2312 39	
	<hr/>	\$3,893 43
Paid on County Taxes,	1073 23	
Paid on State Taxes,	2312 39	
Due on County Taxes of 1881,	507 81	
	<hr/>	\$3,893 43

COLLECTORS.

Due March 1, 1881,	219 77	
S. Peaslee,	4673 10	
A. Kenney,	12221 51	
“ committed, 1881,	<hr/>	\$17,114 38
S. Peaslee settled by note,	219 77	
A. Kenney collections,	12304 00	
Balance uncollected,	4590 61	
	<hr/>	\$17,114 38
Uncollected balances are for the year 1878,	90 23	
Uncollected balances are for the year 1879,	211 62	
Uncollected balances are for the year 1880,	999 41	
Uncollected balances are for the year 1881,	3289 35	
	<hr/>	\$4,590 61

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES.

Due on County Tax,	\$507 81
Due on Loans,	9048 00
Accrued interest,	240 00
Town orders outstanding,	903 66
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	\$10,699 47

RESOURCES.

Balance in Collectors' hands,	\$4590 61
Tax Deeds estimated available,	1902 90
Note of E. B. Peaslee and others,	199 77
Cash,	534 73
Balance against the town,	3471 46
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	\$10,699 47

E. P. BUTLER, TREASURER.

Correct:—SAMUEL LIBBEY, Auditor.
March 1, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ORONO,

FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following as their Official Report, viz.:

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance unexpended from last year,	\$296 35
School fund from the State,	1,172 17
Free High School fund,	250 00
Received for Tuition from Scholars out of Town,	12 00
Received for cash refunded,	3 00
Amount of money raised by the Town, March, 1881,	2,000 00
Amount of money raised by the Town for Free High School,	500 00
Total	\$4,233 52

EXPENDITURES.

Total paid for wages of Teachers,	\$3,359 80
Paid on bills of 1880-81,	16 75
Paid on all other bills for 1881-82,	611 79
Balance unexpended,	245 18
	\$4,233 52

SCHOOL BOOKS.

This subject has become one of importance to all interested in the success of our Public Schools. The Town, through their S. S. Committee, purchase and own the School Books, except the Text Books of Ancient and Modern Languages and the Higher English Branches.

Your Committee have made some important exchanges, and as they believe of very essential advantage to the pupils and on most favorable terms. The one great advantage of this present system is—that, at the very commencement of each school term all pupils are supplied with the books adapted to their needs and can at once be classed, and proceed with their lessons, with no such delay, as was the indispensable result of the old system. The unfortunate poor, unable, or worse, those unwilling to supply their children with the required books, are now on equal footing with those of the most wealthy and the cheerful supplier.

Every book is carefully labelled and numbered, and the pupil is made responsible for its proper usage and return, at the close of each Term to the teacher, and the teacher to the Committee. By this arrangement a

wholesome restraint is exercised over all, and the injury and loss of books is surprisingly small.

The whole number of scholars in Town on the first day of April, 1882, between the ages of four and twenty-one years was 765. An increase of five over the census of 1880.

And the total cost of books for the past year is only \$179.27, and we have on hand not as yet used, books, at the prime cost worth at least twenty dollars.

It may not, generally, be understood that the expense of books, by a vote of the Town some years since, is now charged against the School Fund, whereas, prior thereto, it was raised by special appropriation, or taken from the Incidental.

Originally an experiment, and at the time, of very doubtful expediency, (in the opinion of a part of your committee, at least,) this arrangement has proved a grand success; and after these many years of trial and careful observation, is now regarded as a measure of judicious economy for the Town, and we can recommend it, as one eminently worthy of adoption by other municipalities.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

These in addition to the ordinary and usual repairs, required each year, have received some extra attention, but, only such as your Committee adjudged needed and desirable. The building on Bennoch St. has been new shingled, having been neglected quite too long.

The rooms and entries of the Select and High School Building have been newly painted. The seats and desks have also been painted anew, and varnished, and the ceiling colored and whitewashed, and a new furnace put in.

Our school houses are now in good condition, convenient, and well adapted to the purposes for which they are required, and do credit to the Town. As to the out-buildings, except the one on Main St., the *less* said the better.

In all the cities and in most towns in the State, the care and supervision of all Public School Buildings; the building and repairing, as also the purchasing the fuel and its manufacture, etc., and the hiring of all the teachers devolve upon and are entrusted to Agents for the specific purpose. But with us, all these varied responsibilities and duties devolve upon the S. S. Committee, thus requiring of them a *double* duty, with no commensurate compensation.

This arrangement, after more than thirty years experience, has proved truly economical and efficient, and well worthy of high commendation, and adoption by other towns.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

As matter of fact, Orono has but one School District in the whole town.

This change took place in 1850. At that time, all the separate districts were merged, by a vote of the town, into one, and our schools were graded:—

First, the Primary; second, the Intermediate; third, the Select and Grammar; fourth, the High School.

For purposes of distinction, the old division into numbers, is sometimes used.

FIRST—THE PRIMARY.

Of these we have 10; taught 22 weeks each, and divided into a Spring and Fall Term—one of 10, the other 12 weeks.

The former, No. 1—better known as the Page District—on the Bangor road, was the past season in charge of Miss Flora E. Welch, one Term of 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11; average, 7. This was Miss Welch's first effort at teaching, and her ability and success give promise of distinction, should she continue the profession. Wages \$6.00 per week. Several scholars from this District were advanced to the Select School, thus reducing the number to only some half dozen, so that the Committee decided that it was not wise, or good economy to have any Fall or Winter Term, but gave all the privilege of attending any other school most convenient for them.

NUMBER 2.

The Primary School, on Main Street, formerly No. 2, was in charge of Miss M. Addie Powers for the Spring and Summer Terms. The whole number in the Spring Term was 41, average 38; Fall Term 43, average 39; length of Spring Term 10 weeks; Fall, 12 weeks; wages \$6 per week. Miss Powers is an experienced teacher and her schools were a pattern of order, and in all respects to be commended for the marked improvement of her pupils.

NUMBER 3.

Primary school No. 3, near Depot, and designated last year as "Elm Street," was taught by Miss Lizzie B. Ring. Her continued charge of this and other schools for some fifteen successive terms, speaks in higher praise of her appreciation as a successful teacher, than any mere words of the Committee. Length of Term 10 weeks, wages \$6; whole number of scholars 43, average 40. Miss Ring resigned her position, and her sister, Miss M. L. Ring, was employed in the same school for the Fall Term. Miss Ring is a graduate of the State College, and judging from this, her first attempt at school-keeping, she will rival her more experienced sister. Length of Term 12 weeks, whole number of scholars 36; average 31; wages \$6.

NUMBER 3 1-2.

No. 3 1-2 in same District, was taught the Spring and Fall Terms by Miss Nellie M. Holt. Miss Holt is also a graduate of the State College and taught this same school both terms in 1880. She is full of life and energy, possesses marked fondness for children, and has a pleasing and attractive manner. Is thoroughly well-qualified, and inspires those in her charge to study and make the best of their time. Her school is a success. Length of Spring Term 10 weeks; Fall, 12; whole number of scholars in the Fall 42, average, 38; Spring Term 41, average, 38; wages, \$6 per week.

NUMBER 4.

Number 4 on Bennoch Street. Miss Percia A. Vinal was employed to instruct this school both Spring and Fall; 10 weeks the first, and 12 the second Term; wages \$6 per week; whole number of scholars the first Term 25, average, 23; the second Term 22, average, 20. Miss Vinal is also a graduate of the State College, and possesses fine literary taste. She has previously taught several of our public schools, doing well, but, the past season with decided improvement.

NUMBER 5—OR BASIN MILLS.

Here have been two schools. The one in the second story was in charge of Miss Carrie C. Johnston, both for the Spring and Fall Term.

10 weeks for the first, and 12 the second. Whole number of scholars, the first, 31; average, 28; the second, 30; average, 27; wages, \$6.00. Miss Johnston has had large experience as a teacher in different Districts in Town, and always with the most satisfactory result.

The school in the first story was taught by Miss Alice Wise both Terms. Whole number of scholars the first, 29; average, 25; second, 30; average, 27; wages, \$6.00 per week. Miss Wise has been employed in five or six different Districts in Town in successive seasons, and the success attending her teaching has been invariably good.

NUMBER 6—OR PENOBSCOT STREET.

Both Spring and Fall Terms of this school were taught by Miss M. L. Buffum. Whole number of scholars the Spring Term, 36; average, 34; Fall Term, 29; average, 27 13-20; length of school, 10 and 12 weeks; wages, \$6.00. Miss Buffum's quiet, unassuming manners, and evident fondness for children, made her a favorite with her pupils, and the kindly sympathy between teacher and pupils was a gratifying trait in this school. The improvement was highly commendable.

NUMBER 7, OR COLLEGE ROAD.

This school was in charge of Miss Ellen Libbey, who taught both terms. The Spring Term with a total of 32 scholars, and an average of 27. In the Fall, 33, average, 31. Length of the terms 10 and 12 weeks; wages, \$6 per week. Miss Libbey has been employed as a teacher in our public schools for very many years in succession. Her educational qualifications are excellent, and her manner of instructing intelligent and clear. At the closing examination of each Term, this school appeared to great advantage.

NUMBER 8.

This is better known as the Kelley District, or the Bog Road. Two Terms, one of 10 and one of 12 weeks, were given to this District, and both under the same teacher, Miss Alecia T. Emery. The first term, the whole number was 19, with an average of 14. The second Term, 16, average, 10; wages, \$6. Miss Emery exerted herself to the utmost to do her full duty in this school. The scholars, or many of them, live remote from the school house, and were quite irregular in attendance. Many of the parents take little interest in seeing that their children attend when they ought. With such apathy and want of interest in the importance of improving school privileges, no teacher can do herself justice, or obtain the credit she honestly deserves. Miss Emery is a graduate of the State College, and an excellent scholar.

NO 10—WEST PART OF THE TOWN.

This is more usually called the Temple District. The number of scholars here have become so reduced that the Committee did not deem it economy to open any School here for the past year. Heretofore, by the wish of the inhabitants, they have had a Winter Term only. A total of only 4 scholars made up the census of 1881-82, one of these an infant of 4 years, and one other nearly or quite 21, so that we made arrangements for those who chose to go to attend in West Bangor. In this way getting pay for allowing 4 to 6 from the same neighborhood in Bangor to attend the school in Orono, for ten or more years past, free of charge.

SECOND—INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Of these there have been seven and a Term of twelve weeks assigned to each. At these, all who can read well in Number Two Reader are admitted. The following teachers were employed.

Number 2, Miss M. Addie Powers, wages \$7 per week. Miss Powers is a graduate of the State Normal School, at Farmington, and has taught several successive years with marked ability and success; and her efforts the past winter have added largely to her reputation as a most desirable teacher. Her schoolroom is well-lighted, roomy and neat. At her own expense she has decorated it with choice engravings and pictures, and made it look exceedingly pleasant, homelike and inviting. Then, her attention to many little things affecting the habits, manners and disposition of the pupils under her charge, is worthy of all praise. The teacher seems justly proud of her pupils, and this sentiment was clearly reciprocated by the pupils. It is in all respects a model school. Whole number in attendance 42, average 38.

There is one other subject of interest connected with this school worthy of special mention, and that is the introduction of music. At the solicitation of Miss Powers, the attention of the pupils and their parents were called to the subject, and a sufficient fund was voluntarily and cheerfully contributed to pay Mr. Moody, (an experienced and most excellent teacher from Bangor,) for twelve lessons. And the last half hour of Friday, p. m., of each week was assigned for the instruction of the whole school in this delightful art. The improvement was very decided and most gratifying to all interested. At the closing examination, the Committee and other visitors were greatly entertained by listening to a few interesting specimens of the skill and proficiency of the youthful performers.

Two Intermediate Schools were taught in District No. 3 and 3½, one by Miss Holt, who had charge of the Primary School in the same building the Spring and Summer Term. Wages \$7 per week; whole number of scholars 34, average, 29. This was a good school but by reason of prevalence of Scarlet Fever, reducing the attendance one half, under the advice of the Health Committee, the school was closed two weeks earlier than intended, and without public examination.

The school in the lower room of this building was taught by Mr. A. J. Durgin, he having charge of the older and more advanced pupils. But by reason of the same unfortunate sickness that prevailed in the other school, by advice of the Health Committee this school was closed two weeks earlier than intended, and no closing examination was held by the Committee, much to their regret. Whole number in attendance 25, average, 19; wages \$36 per month.

The Intermediate School on Penobscot street was commenced by Mr. O. J. Dutton, a Freshman from the State College. Mr. D. commenced under favorable circumstances and passed an excellent examination before the Committee. In some way, he lost control of the scholars, and finding his situation somewhat unpleasant at the end of the fifth week, he sent in his resignation, which was accepted by the Committee. The Committee, without delay, employed Miss Alice Wise, who had been teaching in another part of the town, and she kept out the balance of the term, (7 weeks,) to the very general satisfaction of the parents and scholars and of the Committee. The wages to Mr. Dutton and Miss Wise were \$28.00 per month, whole number of scholars 37, average 31; length of school 12 weeks.

Two Intermediate Schools were kept at the Basin—5 and 5½. The lower room was in charge of Mr. Jos. C. Wilson, who has been employed to

teach the same school five successive winters. This is an important school and largely composed of boys and young men, who, in the season of operating the mills feel obliged to work and cannot go to school. The Winter Term is their only opportunity to attend. Here are a number who could pass the required examination and be admitted to the High School, but as they can attend only one term, they wisely prefer their present school.

The school, at the closing visit by the Committee, reflected high credit upon pupils and teacher, and the improvement was very marked and in the highest degree, satisfactory. The instructors are few, who could supply the place of Mr. Wilson in that school, and he well deserves the approbation, so unanimously accorded to him, by the scholars and their parents. Whole number 38, average 31; wages \$36 per month. Length of term 12 weeks.

The school in the Upper Room was in charge of Miss Carrie C. Johnston, who had the smaller and less advanced pupils. Miss Johnston taught the Spring and Fall Terms of the Primary School in same room. Miss Johnston is a profitable and successful instructor of children and youth, and her closing examination was excellent. Whole number 35, average, 33; wages \$7 per week.

School on Bog Road was taught five weeks by Miss Alice Wise, who was transferred to the Intermediate School in the Village to take the place of Mr. Dutton. The remaining seven weeks were taught by Miss Fannie E. Colburn, a graduate of the last class at the State College.

This was Miss Colburn's first effort at teaching in Town. She possesses many of the needed elements to make a successful and popular teacher, and during the few weeks employed here did good work. Whole number, 14; average, 10; wages, \$7.00 per week. There are at least 35 scholars properly included in the limits of this school District, and it is extremely unfortunate a larger number do not attend.

3.—SELECT AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

For admission to this School a preliminary examination is required. The tests are written answers to written questions—twenty in number. To secure admission three-fourths, at least, of all questions must be correctly answered. Examination is made in Reading, and Spelling, and in Geography and Arithmetic; the time usually, within two or three weeks after the closing of the Spring Term which ends the last Friday of June; due notice is always given, and it is of the utmost importance that all pupils desirous of entering this school should be on hand, as only one examination is held for each year, and occupies the time of the Committee two full days.

This school is kept in the first story of the High School Building. Prior to the commencement of the Spring Term, the Committee took into consideration the expediency and probable advantage of placing the government and general oversight of this School in the care of the Principal of the High School, provided he should give his consent thereto, and on conferring with him and obtaining his cheerful assent, such an arrangement was made, and by means of that wonderful invention, the Telephone, the two rooms were put in communication, and on the 18th of April, 1881, the experiment commenced, and has been continued for the entire school year of 35 weeks. It has worked far more satisfactorily than the high expectations of the Committee had led them to believe; and they now only wonder that such wise men should not, long years before, have inaugurated so desirable a plan. The services of Miss Laura R. Andrews, a graduate of the State Normal School, of Castine,

and who had been employed as Assistant to Mr. Powell in the High School one former Term, were again secured to assist for the year and to take the more immediate charge of this school; and to hear some recitations of classes in the High School while Mr. Powell should hear other recitations in her room. It is simple justice to Miss Andrews to say that she has educational qualifications of a high order, and has spared no time or effort in the discharge of the responsible duties assumed by her in this school. Her instruction has been intelligent and thorough, and the improvement of all the pupils who have applied themselves at all, has been marked and praiseworthy. Miss Andrews has proved a successful and popular teacher.

For the Spring Term she received but \$8.00 per week; for the Fall and Winter Terms \$9.00 per week.

See the following table for statistics:

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Whole number registered.....	45	52	64
Average number in attendance.....	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	53.4
Instances of Tardiness.....	52	45	124
Instances of Dismissal.....	23	79	43
Number not absent during term.....	12	22	8
Number of daily recitations.....	8	12	8
Number of pupils in Arithmetic.....	45	52	64
Number of pupils in Geography.....	45	52	64
Number of pupils in Grammar.....	27	19	30
Number of pupils in Penmanship.....	45	52	37
Number of pupils in Reading.....	45	52	64
Number of pupils in Spelling.....	45	52	64
Number of visits by S. S. Committee.....	7	2	3
Number of visits by citizens.....	15	66	59
Number in Drawing.....		19	21
Total number of visits by citizens, 140.			

Only two classes in any one branch.

Most scholars remain in this school two years, but may, on passing a satisfactory examination, be admitted to the High School after one year.

FOURTH—HIGH SCHOOL.

For admission to this school an examination must be passed in Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar and in Spelling, all by written answers. Twenty questions are proposed and not less than 3-4 of these must be answered intelligently and correctly. The use of capital letters and punctuation form a part of the requirements. To this examination one whole day is devoted, and the time, of which ample notice is given, takes place about the tenth to the twentieth of July each year. As but one examination is held for the year, it becomes all, seeking admission to this School, to be promptly present.

This school has now been in charge of Mr. S. H. Powell for twelve consecutive years, and on witnessing the annual examinations of each year we think each is an improvement upon the last, and that, about this period, perfection, in this department has pretty nearly been attained.

As an educator of youth he has shown great capacity and rare skill, and can have few equals.

As a disciplinarian, in his management and influence in governing those placed in his care, he has been eminently successful.

And we take pleasure in commending the services rendered in this school during the Fall and a few weeks of the Winter Term, by Miss Annie M. Hamilton, a graduate of the Readfield Seminary. Miss Hamilton proved a valuable assistant and won the love and good will of all her classes. Ill health compelled her to resign the second week of the Winter Term, and your Committee, on her recommendation, procured Miss Fannie R. Waterman, a graduate from the same Institution, to complete the term. Miss Waterman is a fine scholar and has done good work.

Mr. Powell is employed by the year, and is paid a salary of \$1,000 for the thirty-five weeks of the School Terms, usually divided as follows: 10 weeks for the first; 12 for the second; and 13 for the Winter Term.

The following Table will show the different branches taught; number of Scholars each Term; also the number in each class, &c., &c.:

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Whole number registered.....	3454	65	
Average attendance.....	3151	60	
Instances of tardiness.....	1236	104	
Instances of dismissal.....	1530	24	
Number not absent.....	818	18	
“ of daily recitations.....	1218	18	
“ in Arithmetic.....	2940	49	
“ “ Geometry.....	53	6	
“ “ Algebra.....	717	20	
“ “ Grammar.....	3448	55	
“ “ Reading and Spelling.....	3454	65	
“ “ Rhetorical Exercises and Composition.....	3454	65	
“ “ Rhetoric, and English Literature.....	43	4	
“ “ U. S. History.....	1320	20	
“ “ Physiology.....	918	16	
“ “ Philosophy.....	1010	12	
“ “ French.....	44	4	
“ “ Latin.....	98	7	
“ “ Botany.....	110	0	
“ “ Book-keeping.....	00	14	
“ “ Music and Calisthenics.....	3454	65	
“ “ Penmanship.....	3454	65	
“ “ Drawing.....	026	22	
“ of visits by the Committee.....	22	4	
“ visits by citizens.....	3266	157	

The length of this report and the full comments as to each scholar and each individual teacher, renders unnecessary more extended remarks.

On looking the ground all over and observing the result by reason of the neglect of so many of both sexes and of the boys, in particular, in not attending our excellent schools, an important question arises—what can be done to enforce better attendance.

We have 34 to 35 weeks of Public Schools *every* year; most convenient houses for the purpose and excellent and competent teachers are employed, and yet, too many of our young men and young women grow up in our midst, surrounded by all these advantages which are free of all expense to the scholar, and can neither write their name or read a word, have never even learned to read the Bible or a Newspaper.

It is *sad* to think of. It is *cruel* on the part of parents to allow such neglect and a disgrace to the age in which we live.

Persuasion, coaxing, mild measures, have not and never will effect the desired object. There must be Statute Law compelling attendance at least twelve weeks in each year, between certain ages, and adequate penalty attached, that should apply to both the children and the parents and guardians; and the sooner the minds of the people are opened to this desirable movement, the better. Let us do our duty.

In consequence of the success of Mr. Moody in the instruction of music in District No. 2, and the good effect there demonstrated, your Committee venture to suggest and would recommend instruction in this delightful art, during at least the Winter Term of all the schools. One half hour in each school, once or twice each week, under so eminent and practical a teacher as Mr. Moody, would accomplish a great deal. Its value and the advantages would more than compensate for the small expense thus incurred. Its influence would be to make better readers, giving better control of the voice. The government of the school would be greatly aided and made easier; then the pleasure and gratification sweet strains of music impart, would prove a source of high enjoyment, both in the school room and the home circle. By all means, let the children learn to sing.

In conclusion, your Committee take great pleasure in being able to assure the good people of Orono that the public schools of all grades, during the past year, have, in their judgment, done good work—have been profitable and a grand success. Our citizens are thus rewarded for the liberal appropriation so cheerfully voted from year to year to support these indispensable nurseries of knowledge, in which their children are educated and prepared for usefulness and to fight the great battle of life. And we doubt if a solitary city or other town in the State of Maine can produce a better record or show equal advantages and advancement, in all the elements needful to guarantee a thorough, practical education, or more favorably demonstrate the great blessings of our New England public school system.

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