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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
TREASURER,
AGENT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
AUDITOR,
OF THE
TOWN OF ORONO,
For the Year 1882--83.

BANGOR:
B. A. BURR, Whig & Courier Job Office.
1883.

COPY OF
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING,
March 12, 1883.

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 twelfth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2nd.—To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3d.—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.
- 22d.—To choose Truant officers, and see what instructions the town will give them in relation to habitual truants.
- 23d.—To see how much money the town will raise for making and repairing Highways, and determine by whom it shall be expended.
- 24th.—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.
- 25th.—To see how much money the town will raise to support a Free High School.
- 26th.—To see how much money the town will raise for Incidental Expenses.
- 27th.—To see how much money the town will raise to support the Poor.
- 28th.—To see how much money the town will raise for the Fire Department, and determine by whom it shall be expended.
- 29th.—To see how much money the town will raise to pay Town Debts.
- 30th.—To see how much money the town will raise to pay interest on Town Debts.
- 31st.—To see how much money the town will raise to build a cistern on the street running from Main St. to the College road, in rear of Mrs. Joseph Treat's house.

32d.—To see how much money the town will raise to build a cistern on Forest St. opposite the buildings occupied by Wm. Averill, and C. H. Colburn.

33d.—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.

34th.—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.

35th.—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.

36th.—To see if the town will instruct the overseers of the Poor to contract with the resident Physicians to attend the town Poor.

37th.—To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.

38th.—To see if the town will vote to 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.

39th.—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.

40th.—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.

41st.—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.

42nd.—To see if the Town will vote to accept the survey of streets made by Prof. W. A. Pike, in 1873, and if not, to see what action it will take in regard to the matter.

43d.—To agree upon the compensation for collecting taxes.

44th.—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. 1883.

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORONO,

FOR THE YEAR 1882-83.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORONO:

The undersigned, herewith respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1883.

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

For making and repairing Highways,.....	\$1,300 00	
Support of Common Schools,.....	2,000 00	
Support of Free High School,.....	500 00	
Incidental expenses,.....	1,800 00	
Support of the Poor,.....	1,100 00	
Fire Department,.....	625 00	
Reduction of Town Debt,.....	1,000 00	
Interest on Loans,.....	500 00	
Repairing Sidewalk on R. R. Bridge,.....	300 00	
	\$9,125 00	
Add State Tax,.....	2,312 39	
County Tax,.....	838 09	
	\$12,275 48	
Whole amount to assess,.....		
Value of residents' Real Estate,.....	\$308,227	
Personal Estate,.....	77,642	
Non-residents Estate,.....	130,711	
	\$516,580	
Total valuation,.....		
Number of Polls. 666. at \$3 each,.....	1,698 00	
Dogs, 82, at \$1 each,.....	82 00	
20½ mills on a dollar,.....	\$10,589 89	
	\$12,369 89	
Total tax committed,.....		
Making an overlaying of 94 91.		
The valuation of real estate, is	\$1,222	more than last year.
" personal estate,.....	3,233	" " "
	\$4,455	
Total increase of valuation is.....		

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

HIGHWAYS.

Moses S. Johnston for labor,.....	\$27 85
Wm. Shine, labor.....	16 95
Hartwell Antoine, labor,	2 40
Chas. T. Henderson, labor,.....	1 80
John Chaplin, labor,.....	17 88
Joseph O'Hara, labor,.....	1 10
Geo. H. Hamlin, for specifications for culvert,.....	5 00
E. M. Bailey, for labor and lumber,.....	6 65
John Kielty, for labor and lumber,.....	3 00
Bernard Cain, for labor,.....	16 70
W. H. Hanscom, for labor,.....	1 00
James Ambrose, for labor,	37 25
James Newman, for labor,.....	2 10
Danl. W. Bennoch, for labor,.....	1 00
Stinson Peaslee, for labor,.....	22 50
Benj. H. Stuart, for land damage,.....	50 00
Chas. M. Gould, " " "	50 00
Patrick Lyons, " labor,.....	18 99
James Kelliher, " "	8 25
J. L. Ellingwood, " "	3 00
Wm. A. Vinal, " "	3 00
Wm. Godsoe, " "	5 25
Timothy Collins, " "	27 50
Michael Sullivan, " "	13 50
W. H. Rowell, " "	3 00
John Hurley, " "	19 50
Glazier Esterbrook, for labor,.....	13 50
Wm. Smyth, for labor,.....	31 50
Robert Gibbons, for labor,.....	16 50
George Spurr, for labor,.....	13 50
E. & J. F. Webster, for labor and lumber,	22 63
Henry Labree, for labor,	5 25
Wm. H. Ward, " "	1 50
Peter Perry, " "	7 50
Albert J. Heald, " "	2 00
Martin Newman, for labor,.....	19 75
O. F. Abbott, for labor,.....	9 50
P. D. Webster, for labor,.....	48 75
Stinson Peaslee, for building culvert,	50 00
J. F. Kelley, for labor,.....	2 50
Abner Perkins, for labor,.....	10 50
John H. Davis, " "	58 05
W. W. Temple, " "	44 25
John McAuliff, for labor,.....	17 50
Davis Estes, " "	15 00
Dennis McAuliff, " "	30 00
Edgar E. Ring, for lumber,.....	7 92
A. B. Mosher, for labor,	32 63
A. F. Lewis, " "	1 30
Andrew Smyth, " "	15 25
John F. Page, " "	7 50
Jas. J. Colburn, " "	3 83
Thomas Gilbert, " "	84 75
Wm. Hagerty, " "	4 75
A. G. Ring, for lumber,.....	6 92

Mitchel King, for labor,	7 50	
H. W. French, for road machine,.....	150 00	
Thos. M. Perry, for labor,.....	19 00	
Peter Pooler, 2nd,.....	25 63	
Bangor Foundry and Machine Co., for plow points,	1 13	
Joseph Orcutt, for gravel,.....	3 75	
Morris McAuliff, for labor,.....	6 00	
James McCart,.....	6 00	
Benj. R. Mosher,.....	10 50	
J. H. Nash,.....	2 75	
Benj. King,.....	2 25	
Chas. H. Colburn,.....	95 62	
Chas. P. Crowell,.....	36 25	
Nathan'l Wilson,.....	17 75	
William Averill,.....	5 50	
Thomas Twombly, for labor,.....	3 75	
Elijah Webster,	15 00	
Wm. H. Colburn,	67 75	
Martin McPhetres,	23 00	
M. L. Grant,	1 50	
Benj. H. Stuart,	6 00	
Cornelius Madden,	5 00	
John B. Colburn,	56 75	
G. F. Spaulding,.....	45 00	
H. F. Decker,	2 25	
Geo. A. Colburn,	22 75	
S. P. Perkins,	12 62	
Wm. R. Bartlett, for labor and gravel.....	5 25	
Wm. H. Colburn, for scraping sidewalks,	16 00	
R. M. Crombie, for nails,.....	14	
R. J. Hamilton, for nails,.....	1 15	
Jas. Walker & Co., for labor and lumber,	28 80	
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By appropriation,.....	\$1,300 00	
Cash for amount overpaid Spurr,.....	2*25	
Received for use of road scraper,	9 00	
Balance overdrawn,	340 79	
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It gives us pleasure to report the streets and highways throughout the Town in good condition generally; the exceptions being Main street on Marsh Island, and the College road. These two pieces of road are perfectly safe, but not very pleasant to travel on when wet, for the mud will compel a slow rate of speed which insures safety; but they will not be much used by those who ride for pleasure. These roads need a good coat of gravel to mix in with the clay of which they are built.

The Town of Orono now owns three gravel pits. One at the Town farm and two on the Bog road, either of which is so far removed from the village that it is very expensive to haul gravel to put upon our streets which need it so much. We would suggest to our successors the feasibility of having some hauled this spring for future use, before the ice disappears from the Stillwater river.

All the large hills in the town have been thoroughly turnpiked within the past two years, (mostly within the last year,) and now are in first-class condition.

Two new stone culverts have been built. One at the junction of Main and Pierce Streets, and one across Main Street, Marsh Island, the cost of the two being eighty dollars. The large culvert at the foot of

the Basin hill has been thoroughly repaired, costing an equal sum. This is a wooden culvert, and it will be but a few years before it will have to be replaced by a new one; and your Selectmen are of the opinion that the saving of money in putting wood instead of stone into the building of culverts, is extravagance instead of economy.

We have purchased and operated a Pennock Road Machine during the past season, and are satisfied that it will make a better road, for one-half of the expense, than can be made in any other way. We are satisfied that the machine has saved enough in labor to more than pay for itself, and it has not been injured at all appreciably. The cost of the machine was one hundred and sixty-eight dollars, and as it is good for the work of many years in the future, it should not be reckoned as a part of the cost of repairs made the past year. Neither should the \$100 paid for land damage for the lane laid out last year. Deducting these items, and \$2.25 refunded, we have \$1,381.79 as the actual cost of repairs the past year.

SCHOOLS.

Ora S. Knapp, for wood last year,.....	110 37
John Libby,....."	2 00
Geo. Baker,....."	1 40
Wm. Marcho,....."	7 56
Mosher & Gilman,....."	99 56
Wm. H. Ward, for sawing and piling wood.....	14 70
I. N. Mansfield, for putting wood into the house,..	2 70
Wm. H. Ward, for putting wood into the house,...	10 75
George P. Gilman, for hauling wood,.....	3 50
M. W. Tewksbury, for books,.....	21 53
Knight, Adams & Co., for books,.....	6 08
Bailey & Noyes, for books,.....	6 30
Thompson, Brown & Co., for books,.....	14 48
Van. Antwerp, Bragg & Co., for books,.....	12 72
Hall & Whiting, for books,.....	16 20
S. H. Powell,....."	1 61
Alice Wise, for teaching,.....	216 00
Laura R. Andrews, for teaching,.....	350 00
Nellie M. Holt,....."	216 00
Ellen Libby,....."	216 00
M. Addie Powers,....."	139 00
Carrie C. Johnston,....."	60 00
S. H. Powell,....."	1000 00
Percia A. Vinal,....."	132 00
I. Maria Buffum,....."	132 00
M. L. Ring,....."	102 00
Flora Welch,....."	216 00
Agnes B. Chaplin, for teaching,.....	79 80
May P. French,....."	213 00
Alicia T. Emery,....."	24 00
Carrie C. Furguson,....."	72 00
J. C. Wilson,....."	108 00
Geo. T. Moody,....." music,.....	65 00
Matilda Plude, for cleaning school rooms,.....	2 00
Mary Meshaud,....."	2 00
Mary Plude,....."	2 75
Sarah Neal,....."	1 00
Mary Moran,....."	2 00
Arvilla Gibbons,....."	1 50
True Merrill, for building fires, sweeping, and care of rooms,.....	35 00
Walter H. Smith, for building fires and sweeping,..	3 00

Ernest L. Kent, for building fires and sweeping....	3 00	
Lewis J. Perry,.....	4 00	
Willie King, for building fires, sweeping, and wood,	4 25	
Walter A. Sewall,.....".....two rooms,	5 00	
Sam'l Libbey, for supplies and paid out,.....	62 33	
Jas. Walker & Co., for building fence,.....	30 00	
M. C. Marsh, for repairs,	5 50	
A. J. Durgin, for repairs and lumber,.....	107 21	
N. W. Bond, for repairs and supplies,.....	24 65	
Stinson Peaslee, for grading lot,.....	1 25	
Skowhegan Broom Co., for brooms,.....	2 75	
Wood, Bishop & Co., for a register,.....	4 90	
Benj. A. Burr, for blanks,.....	3 00	
Mrs. M. A. Corson, for trucking,.....	7 40	
R. M. Crombie, for a lock,	37	
H. J. Berryman, for hauling children to school,....	19 50	
Danl. Emery, for hooks for stove pipes,	50	
R. J. Hamilton, for brooms and soap,.....	76	
Jas. Walker & Co., for lumber and soap,.....	95	
Balance, unexpended,.....	146 85	
		<u>\$4,155 67</u>

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By appropriation for Common Schools,.....	2,000 00	
" " " Free High School,.....	500 00	
Received from the State,	1,354 45	
" for tuition, from other towns,	50 00	
" " damage to glass and books,	6 04	
Unexpended balance from last year,.....	245 18	
		<u>\$4,155 67</u>

This appropriation is expended under the direction of the S. S. Committee, who will give you further information, in their report.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Gilbert & Barker, Manufacturing Co., for gasolene,	\$35 12
Town of Oldtown, for defendant cost in Collins case	127 42
Insane Hospital, for support of Mrs. Southard,	2 75
Thos. M. Dean, for constable service,.....	20 00
D. Bugbee & Co., for books for accounts,	5 40
F. H. Walton, for Police badges,	1 00
H. J. George, for sawing wood for Town Hall,....	6 60
E. & N. A. Railway Co., for freight on gasoline,..	4 80
J. C. Kelley, for setting out trees at cemetery,....	6 00
B. A. Burr, for printing Town Reports,.....	38 00
John D. Cole, for Constable service,.....	17 50
Saml. Mercer, for abating nuisance,.....	2 00
N. W. Bond, for stove for Town House,.....	10 15
John D. Cole, for painting fence,.....	2 49
Wm. Merrifield on account for care of hall,....	35 00
" for repairs,	10 63
R. M. Crombie, for supplies to Town Hall,.....	7 05
J. H. Emery, for maintaining water trough,.....	3 00
Saml. Libbey, for supplies to Town Hall,.....	5 50
A. B. Mosher, for freight,.....	1 93
Alanson Kenney, for collecting taxes,.....	250 00
Betsey R. Babb, for maintaining water trough,....	3 00
Patk. Wall, for cutting door into Town Hall basem't	5 50
J. H. Nash, for repairing hearse,	2 50
Perigrine White, for services in law suit and expenses	61 00

J. H. Nash, for wood for Town Hall.....	18 56
J. C. Wilson, for services as S. S. Committee,.....	25 00
E. W. Johnston, for setting boundary stone,	2 00
" for abating nuisance,.....	50
E. E. Ring, for lumber for Town House,.....	2 54
J. W. Atwell, for shingles for Dead House,.....	13 80
Fred H. Coombs, for running town lines,.....	11 83
A. G. Ring, for lumber,.....	14 07
E. N. Mayo, for paid repairs on old Engine house,..	10 70
Thos. M. Dean, for repairs on old Engine House,..	2 00
Thos. M. Dean, for care of tramps,.....	3 00
J. H. Knox, for services as health committee,.....	5 00
E. P. Butler, for insurance on school houses.....	132 50
Albert White, paid for labor, assessor's scales &c.,.	5 68
A. J. Durgin, for materials and repairs on T. House	19 81
Chas. Buffum, for services as S. S. Committee,.....	20 00
Chas. Buffum, paid for horse hire to visit schools,..	5 00
Alanson Kenney, for Constable service,.....	4 62
Solomon Gee, for care of town clock,.....	10 00
E. P. Butler, for services as Town Clerk,	20 00
E. P. Butler, " " " Treasurer,	75 00
E. P. Butler, paid expressage and postage,	2 11
J. H. Nash, for teams to visit school,.....	1 00
A. F. Lewis, paid for labor at Town Hall fire.....	9 50
James Park, for ringing the bell,.....	40 00
Chas. L. Allen, for maintaining water trough,.....	3 00
Sam'l Libbey, for services as S. S. Committee,.....	20 00
Geo. M. Dutton, for labor in Cemetery,.....	23 00
A. F. Lewis, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,.....	125 00
Albert White, for service as Selectman, Assessor &c including making taxes and report,.....	150 00
E. W. Mayo, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,.....	100 00
Balance unexpended, by orders,.....	656 20
	<hr/> \$2,195 76

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By appropriation,	\$1,800 00
Sales of articles at Town House,.....	2 30
Relief remitted,.....	13 00
Sale of school house in R. R. District,.....	50 00
The State for R. R. and Telegraph tax,.....	24 93
Insurance on Town House for damage,.....	140 00
Rent of Town Hall,.....	165 53
	<hr/> \$2,195 76

The unexpended balance of this appropriation is used to cover the discounts on taxes and abatements, for which no orders are drawn; these items are settled with the Collector, by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. & N. A. Railway Co., for freight on hose,.....	\$2 85
Wm, C. Taylor, for care of "Monitor" Engine, in 1881,	33 32
Boston Belting Co., for hose,.....	389 12
Benj. King, Jr., for repairs on "Monitor's" house,	6 37
M. S. Johnston, " " "	8 62
Patk. Wall, " " "	12 00

Joseph McKenney, for repairs on "Monitor's" house	10 50	
J. M. Given, " " "	3 00	
R. M. Given, " " "	18 06	
Rice and Skinner, for outside windows, " "	10 15	
E. E. Ring, for lumber for " "	3 00	
N. W. Bond, for stove pipe and repairs,	8 05	
Wm. Merrifield, on ac. of care of 'Eagle' and repairs	41 50	
A. B. Mosher, for freight,	5 75	
Elmn McKenny, for care of "Monitor,"	40 00	
A. H. Babcock, for coal,	36 60	
T. G. Stickney & Son, for coal,	7 95	
Andrew Smyth for hauling coal,	9 00	
C. H. Colburn, for repairs on cistern,	7 35	
Patrick Wall, " "	2 00	
A. G. Ring, for lumber,	12 16	
W. S. Averill, for watching at Spencer fire,	1 00	
Horace Read, " " " "	1 00	
Peter Pooler, 2d, for labor, filling cisterns,	3 00	
Wm. Cowan, " " " "	1 50	
Lute Johnson, " " " "	75	
C. P. Johnson, " " " "	75	
J. H. Davis, " " " "	5 00	
Walter Johnson, " " " "	75	
Mrs. M. A. Corson, for trucking,	1 40	
Elmer McKenney, supplies and labor,	3 40	
Sam'l Libbey, for "	4 50	
Geo. A. Colburn, for hauling engine to fire,	1 50	
R. M. Hutchinson, " " " "	2 00	
Wm. H. Earl, for badges for Fire Wards,	3 75	
Dan'l Emery, for repairs,	1 75	
		<u>\$699 40</u>

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By Appropriation,	\$625 00	
Balance overdrawn,	74 40	
		<u>\$699 40</u>

This appropriation is expended under the direction of the Fire Wards. For information as to the condition of the department, and further details, we refer you to their report.

R. R. BRIDGE SIDEWALK.

Rice and Skinner, for nails,	\$3 65	
R. J. Hamilton, for nails,	7 35	
Chas. B. Ring,	1 40	
James Derusha, for labor,	10 50	
D. G. Curtis, "	1 50	
Richard Ambrose, Jr., for labor,	11 37	
John H. Davis, "	22 00	
Henry Derusha "	13 00	
E. W. Johnston, "	12 00	
J. W. Atwell, for lumber,	42 52	
A. G. Ring, "	38 65	
E. & J. F. Webster, for lumber,	43 79	
Balance unexpended,	77 27	
		<u>\$300 00</u>

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By appropriation,	\$300 00
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The covered part of this walk has been planked with new 2½ inch plank the entire length, and new sills put in where needed. We have

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By received for produce sold,	\$225 00
Produce and provisions on hand more than last year,	224 19
Geo. M. Dutton, for labor in Cemetery, &c.,	31 85
259 weeks board, at \$1.23 2-5 per week,	319 57
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	\$800 61

This is the smallest number of weeks' board ever reported. The expense of running the farm is just as much when there is only one inmate, (except the cost of provisions,) as when there is twenty, therefore it follows that the larger the number of inmates, the less it will cost a week, per head, for their support. During the past year the number of inmates has been small, hence the cost per week is greater. The names of persons who have been inmates of the Alms House some time during the year, are as follows: Mrs. L. Cheney, Etta Nado, and Thos. Ward and wife. The supplies reported above includes the supplies for house and stock on the farm, and lumber for repairs. In addition to this, we have paid out for materials for repairs and permanent improvements, the sum of \$188.66. The labor in repairing and making these improvements has all been done by Mr. Dutton, and the buildings and farm are now in excellent condition, except the barn, which needs some little repairs.

The expenditure on account of the Pauper fund looks to be large, but we have had some heavy bills to pay outside of the present year. We have paid \$159.75 for bills contracted in previous years, and also, board for one inmate of the Insane Hospital, at a cost of \$57.75. These bills, together with the repairs, as above stated, doctor's bills and Farm Superintendent's salary being deducted from the appropriation, leaves but a small sum for other purposes.

Inventory of Farm Products, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1883, with market and estimated value:

4 tons of Hay,	\$48 00
2½ tons Straw,	17 50
100 bushels Potatoes,	85 00
30 " Beets,	15 00
25 " Carrots,	12 50
10 " Turnips,	5 00
3 " Onions,	3 00
40 " Oats,	22 00
30 " Barley,	25 50
8 bushels Beans,	25 00
3 " Peas,	6 00
12 " Seed Corn,	12 00
2 " Meal,	1 70
½ " Hay-seed, mixed,	2 00
3 barrels Apples,	9 00
1 barrel Pork,	22 00
½ " Beef,	3 00
1 " Flour,	7 25
70 lbs. Ham,	9 10
75 " Cotton-seed Meal,	1 27
25 " Squash,	1 00
35 " Tallow,	1 40
40 " Lard,	5 60
7 " Hard Soap,	50
12 " Sugar,	1 20
40 " Butter,	12 80
1 " Rice,	10

2 lbs. Raisins,	30
2 " Tea,	50
2 " Coffee,	36
2 " Soda,	06
5 " Fish,	35
3 dozen Eggs,	1 25
Pickles,	2 00
1 gallon Molasses,	60
2½ gallons Vinegar,	70
43 cords hard wood,	172 00
2 " soft wood,	4 00
4 Hogs,	60 00
1 Horse,	100 00
2 Cows,	100 00
17 Hens,	12 75
500 feet hemlock boards,	5 00
3 M. cedar shingles,	9 90
Farming tools and carriages,	195 00
Household Furniture,	300 00
Farm and buildings, including wood lot,	3,000 00
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	\$4,319 19

TOWN HALL.

DR.

Paid for gasolene,	\$35 12
Freight on gasolene,	4 80
Wm. Merrifield, care of hall,	50 00
Paraffine and fluid,	5 50
Wood,	18 06
Sawing and getting in wood,	6 60
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	\$120 08

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By rent of hall, and barrels sold,	\$167 83
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Surplus,	\$47 75

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations by the town,	\$9,125 00
Due schools from last year,	245 18
From State on account of schools,	1,354 45
Other towns for tuition,	50 00
For damage to glass and books,	6 04
Relief refunded,	13 00
State for R. R. and telegraph tax,	24 93
Sale of barrels,	2 30
Refunded on highway account,	2 25
For use of road scraper,	9 00
Sale of school house in R. R. District,	50 00
For Insurance for loss on Town Hall,	140 00
For rent of Town Hall,	175 53
From other Towns on account of Paupers,	87 30
Town Farm, for labor and sand,	31 85
Interest on tax deeds redeemed,	472 15
Overlaysings,	94 41
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	\$11,883 39

EXPENDITURES.

For Highways,	\$1,652 04
Schools,	4,008 82
Paupers,	1,206 99
Incidental expenses,	1,539 56
Fire Department	699 40
R. R. Bridge sidewalk	222 73
Discount for prompt payment of taxes	884 09
Interest on loans	522 61
Abatement on taxes	238 46
	\$10,974 70

Leaving a balance of \$908.69 to apply to the reduction of the debt.

LOAN ORDERS.

We have made and issued loan orders during the past year, amounting to \$7,150, and the amount of loan orders paid during the year is \$8,200. The amount outstanding March 1st, 1883, was \$9,048; the amount outstanding March 1st, 1882, is \$7,998, making a reduction on loans of \$1,050. This loan bears interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

TOWN DEBT.

The net debt of the town as reported March 1st, 1882, was \$3,471.46, and the debt March 1st, 1883, is \$2,491.02 on the same basis of calculation; being a reduction of \$980.44 during the year. But, unfortunately for us, this is not the whole debt, there being about \$700 more, which was created before we were elected and which was never reported by our predecessors.

On assuming the duties of our office, we knew nothing of this debt, and did not discover it until we settled with the Collector last Spring, when it was too late to investigate and report it. Since then we have investigated the affair, and find that the town owes Alanson Kenney for per centage on the collection of taxes, \$703.02, as follows:

For per centage on collections of 1877,	\$172 62
1878,	133 60
1879,	200 10
1880,	111 17
1881,	83 66
1882,	1 87

All of which, excepting \$85.53 is on the years previous to our election. Mr. Kenney says that he never called for the payment of this sum, because he rather it would remain in possession of the town, so he would have something to reimburse them with, in the event that he should ever be short in his accounts, a contingency which we think is not very liable to occur. Why our predecessors never reported this, we do not know.

Now that our debt is reduced to a comparatively small sum, we would suggest, that instead of raising the usual sum, (\$1,000.) for the reduction of our debt, we increase the appropriation for Incidental Expense, \$700, and pay Mr. Kenney the amount due him. If Mr. Kenney desires to have the money in the hands of the town, our Treasurer would take it on a loan order, when he has occasion to hire money, which is of frequent occurrence during the year.

FORFEITED REAL ESTATE.

In compliance with your instructions, given at the last annual meeting, "to enforce the settlement of taxes on Real Estate forfeited to the town for non-payment of taxes," we have the pleasure to report that we have settled with the following named persons in full, viz: Jos. Merryman,

Stinson Peaselee, Jona. N. Drew, Daniel Libbey, Nath'l Wilson, Solomon Gee, A. R. Spencer, John B. Colburn, J. B. & A. M. Colburn, Nathan Frost, A. B. Sutton, Jeremiah Colburn, and Searls Dore. S. H. Blake and John Moran have paid in part, and several others, whose property has been sold for taxes, but not yet forfeited have paid the amounts due. The whole amount collected on account of Tax Deeds this year, is \$1,557.47. Interest collected on same, is \$472.15

MIGMA.

On the 26th day of February, a petition was presented asking that a road be laid out from Pine St., near Mrs. Welch's house to Island Avenue, at the Basin Mills, following Margin St. as laid down on the plan of Orono, and to insert an article in the warrant, for the town to accept the road as laid out. This we could not do, as the law requires seven days notice of an intention to lay out a road, and seven days notice to call a town meeting. There not being sufficient time to comply with the request of the petitioners, we are obliged to refer it to our successors to be acted on by them.

In consequence of so much work being done this year, our expense for the next year will be smaller. There is surplus produce at the Town Farm which ought to be sold, and the receipts from this source will help to pay the expense of paupers; and if the following sums which we recommend and consider sufficient for the expenses of the town next year, are not increased at the annual meeting, our rate of taxation can be reduced about two mills on a dollar. Our recommendations are as follows:

For Highways,.....	\$1,200 00
Support of the Poor,.....	1,000 00
Support of Common Schools	2,000 00
Support of a Free High School.....	500 00
Incidental expenses	2,500 00
Fire Department.....	400 00
Interest on Loans	500 00
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Total.....	\$8,100 00

On retiring from the management of the affairs of the town, we wish to extend our thanks to the many citizens who have encouraged us with words of commendation and cheer. That we have made mistakes, is probable, for "to err is human," and we are not infallible.

Among the items, which we hope will in a measure offset any mistake that we may have made, we mention the following: The tax deeds held by the town have been reduced from the sum of \$2,418.26 to \$879.94; the loan account from \$9,673.00 to \$7,998.00; the net debt from \$4,424.70 to \$2,491.02. We have revised and improved the Inventory and Valuation lists, thoroughly repaired the buildings at the Town Farm, and improved the condition of the farm. On the whole, we leave the affairs of the town in much better condition than they were when we assumed the duties of our office two years ago, and this has been accomplished while the rate of taxation has been reduced some two mills on the dollar. We hope we may be pardoned for feeling a degree of pride in this result.

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

ORONO, March 1, 1883.

FIRE WARDS' REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ORONO:

In making a second report for the Fire Department, the Wards have to report the use of more funds than were placed at their disposal; but the demands seemed imperative. The foundation of the Monitor house was found to need repairs, and they were partially made from the Fire Department funds, and it will be necessary for the preservation of the building and cistern, that the repairs be completed the coming season. Outside sash and doors were also put on the Monitor Engine room, trusting that their cost would soon be saved in fuel.

We have purchased a new suction hose for the Eagle, and 200 feet cotton rubber lined hose for each, Monitor and Eagle. The suction hose of the Tiger has been repaired several times, and it was supposed to be in good order; but it failed when put to the test, and we have ordered new, which will cost about \$30

There have been ten alarms of fire the past year, at seven of which the engines were not called into use. They were:

May 9. House occupied by James Powers; chimney.

May 26. Furnace at No. 12; damage slight.

June 13. Trotting Park; sheds destroyed.

July 14. Edgings near Ring's furnace; no damage.

Nov. 4. Walker's boarding house; damage \$500; insured.

Feb'y 5. House occupied by J. M. Given; chimney.

Feb'y 7. Wm. Averill's shed; damage slight.

The fires of July 14 and Nov. 4 were put out with the force pumps.

Jan. 10, the Almond Spencer house, occupied by Mrs. Spencer and family, was destroyed by fire. No water available except a very little in the well, and the shed and barn were saved by tearing away the ell. Loss \$400; no insurance.

Feb'y 2, the Town Hall caught fire from overheating the furnace, and was saved from destruction only by prompt and ready work. Damage \$140. Insured.

For the better working of the Department, it would seem wise to have a gong placed in the cupola of the Town Hall, to be used only for fire alarms, and a Hook and Ladder Truck is very much needed. We would recommend the raising

For ordinary expenses.....	\$300 00
For completing repairs Monitor House	50 00
For a cistern near the one now located at the junction of Main, Mill and Bennoch Sts.....	150 00
For a Hook and Ladder Truck	75 00
For a Fire Gong	125 00
	\$700 00

A. J. DURGIN, R. M. GIVEN, WILLIAM THOMPSON,	}	Fire Wards, 1882 & 83.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer of the town of Orono respectfully submits the following, his Annual Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882,		534 73.
E. B. Peaslee, note paid in full,		200 00
Relief Remitted,		13 00
Sale of Articles from Town House,		2 30
Highway Fund by Albert White,		2 25
“ “ for use of Scraper,		9 00
Sale of School House R. R. District,		50 00
Non-resident sale of 1881,		47 83
Of State for R. R. and Telegraph taxes ..		24 93
State pensions refunded by State,		84 00
Pauper fund of other towns,	87 30	
Town Farm earnings	31 85	
		119 15
School Fund, of State,	1,354 45	
do. for damages, glass and books	6 04	
do. for tuition	50 00	
		1,410 49
Of Insurance Companies, for loss,		140 00
Rent of Town Hall		175 53
Tax deeds redeemed		1,557 47
Interest on same,		472 15
Taxes collected by A. Kenney, coll.		12,492 77
Loans on loan orders issued,		7,150 00
		\$24,485 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Non-resident taxes of 1881, returned		31 58
Recording tax deeds		3 50
Advertising taxes,		8 25
Non-resident deeds of 1881,		58 55
Abatements on tax bills,	\$238 46	
Abatement of tax on lot sold by town	1 52	239 98
Discount allowed		884 09
State pensions paid		84 00
Payments on County tax,	1,257 81	
“ State tax,	2,312 39	
		3,570 20
Payments on loans,	8,200 00	
“ Interest on same,	522 61	8,722 61
“ of Town orders,		9,601 06
Cash balance on hand		1,281 78
		24,485 60

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TOWN ORDERS.

Amount outstanding March 1, 1882	903 66	
Issued the year past.....	9,329 54	
	<u> </u>	10,233 20
Paid and cancelled.....	9,603 76	
Outstanding March 1, 1883	629 44	
	<u> </u>	10,233 20

LOANS.

Amount outstanding March 1, 1882	9,048 00	
Issued the year past.....	7,150 00	
	<u> </u>	16,198 00
Paid and cancelled.....	8,200 00	
Outstanding March 1, 1883.....	7,998 00	
	<u> </u>	16,198 00

TAX DEEDS.

Amount held March 1, 1882,.....	\$2,378 86	
Received the year past,.....	58 55	
	<u> </u>	\$2,437 41
Redeemed the year past,.....	\$1,557 47	
Held March 1, 1883,.....	879 94	
	<u> </u>	\$2,437 41

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

County tax due March 1, 1882,.....	\$507 81	
County Tax of 1882,.....	838 09	
State tax of 1882,	2,312 39	
	<u> </u>	\$3,658 29
Paid on County taxes,.....	\$1,257 81	
State taxes,.....	2,312 39	
Due on County Tax of 1882,.....	88 09	
	<u> </u>	\$3,658 29

COLLECTORS.

Balance uncollected March 1, 1882,.....	\$4,590 61	
Bills of 1882 committed,.....	12,369 89	
	<u> </u>	\$16,960 50
Collected by A. Kenney, Collector,.....	\$12,492 77	
Balance uncollected March 1, 1883,.....	4,467 73	
	<u> </u>	\$16,960 50
Uncollected balances are for the year 1879.....	\$62 33	
1880,.....	345 94	
1881,.....	979 92	
1882,.....	3,079 54	
	<u> </u>	\$4,467 73

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES.

Due on County Tax,.....	\$88 09	
Loans,	7,998 00	
Town orders,.....	629 44	
Estimated accrued interest,.....	225 00	
	<u> </u>	\$8,940 53

RESOURCES.

Balance in Collector's hands,.....	\$4,467 73	
Tax Deeds estimated,.....	700 00	
Cash on hand,.....	1,281 78	
Balance against the town,.....	2,491 02	
		\$3,940 53

E. P. BUTLER, Treasurer.

March 1, 1883.

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and of the Treasurer, and have found them properly vouched, and correctly cast.

SAMUEL LIBBEY, Auditor of Accounts.

March 5. 1883.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ORONO,
For the Year 1882-83.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ORONO :

We present for your consideration a report of the School work of the town for the past municipal year. For some time past the school year has been divided into three terms, as follows, viz. : A Spring term of ten weeks to close just before Commencement; a Fall term of twelve weeks to close just before Thanksgiving, and a Winter term of twelve weeks, (except for the High and Select Schools) to close a short time before the annual March meeting. The teaching force has been nearly the same as the previous year and in nearly every case the teacher has been assigned to the same school as taught by him or her the year before.

The only changes in teachers during the year, have been the employment of Miss Emery in the school near the R. R. Station, in place of Miss Ring, who resigned during the Fall term, on account of her own illness and the death of a sister; that of Miss Welch in the school on Main street, Winter term, in place of Miss Powers, who has spent the Winter in Minnesota, and that of Miss Chaplin, who took the School in the Perry District, in place of Miss Welch, transferred to the Main street school. No changes have been made in the wages paid the teachers, excepting the Assistants in the High and Select Schools, whose pay has been slightly advanced. No schools have been kept in the Districts known as the Page District and the Temple District, because the number of scholars in each was so small that it was deemed unwise to incur the expense, and the scholars could be well accommodated in other schools. During the Winter term, by and with the advice and consent of the municipal officers, a contract was made with a resident of the Page District, Mr. Berryman, to carry the scholars of that locality to and from the schools at the Basin Mills, at a cost of two dollars per week.

The amount of money at our disposal has been somewhat less than the previous year, as an examination of the financial statement, elsewhere in this report, will show.

REPAIRS.

The School property is in good condition, and the amount expended for repairs has not been large, although new curtains have been put into the High and Select School rooms, and the foundation of the Perry District school house repaired and new curtains put into it. The location of this last named house is not the best that could be had, and the cost of keeping it in suitable condition will be larger annually in consequence of the location.

TEXT BOOKS.

The only changes in the text books used, have been in Physiology and Book Keeping in the High School. The amount expended for all the books for all the schools, has been unusually small, viz.: \$78.92. Dividing this amount by the number of different scholars attending school some time during the year, and the cost per scholar has been truly a small sum. The many advantages claimed for this mode of supply seem to have been realized, much to our gratification.

THE SEVERAL GRADES.

The Primary, the Intermediate, the Select and the High, are the grades as now established. Of these the Primary are kept in the Summer and Fall only, save in one district, the Intermediate in the Winter only, and the Select and High are kept three terms in the year. All scholars who can not class to advantage elsewhere, are entitled to admission to the Primary Schools. Those only who can read in the Second Reader, or above, and not qualified for admission to the Select, are admitted to the Intermediate Schools. An exception in favor of such as have reached the age of ten years and have not been to school in Spring or Fall is made, to the end that no person of the age of ten years shall be debarred from attending school at least twelve weeks in the year. For admission to the Select and the High Schools, examinations conducted in writing are held at the close of the Spring terms, or as soon after as convenient, of which due notice is given.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Of these there have been nine during the year. All the teachers have had more or less experience as such, and many of them have been teachers in our schools for several years. It gives us pleasure to say that, in our opinion, they have been faithful, generally, and as well as they could have seconded our efforts to secure the best possible results in their teaching. We call your attention to the following tabulations of the several Primaries which will show the different schools and their teachers, the number registered in each, and many other facts in connection with them, with which you may desire to become familiar.

Please notice the large, we think *too* large amount of tardiness, which evil we trust you will aid us, and them to correct in the future.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM, TEN WEEKS IN LENGTH.

Wages Six Dollars per Week.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.	No. of Scholars registered.		Average Attendance.		Number Tardy.		Number Dismissed.		No. Not Absent.		No. of Daily Classes.		No. in Arithmetic.		No. in Geography.		No. in Penmanship.		Visits of S. S. Committee.		Visits of Citizens.	
		4	41	48	5	12	12	29	24	29	3	3	4	12	23	14	23	3	3	4	3	3	4
Miss Powers.....	Main Street	41	41	48	5	12	12	29	24	29	3	3	4	12	23	14	23	3	3	4	3	3	4
Miss Ring.....	Near Depot	39	34	23	44	12	19	24	15	20	2	1	2	15	20	18	18	2	1	2	2	1	2
Miss Holt.....	Near Depot	45	40	40	12	18	15	25	19	25	3	1	4	18	12	18	4	2	8	3	1	2	8
Miss Vinal.....	Bennoch Street	28	25	36	26	11	14	14	14	16	3	1	1	14	16	3	1	1	2	9	2	9	3
Miss Wise.....	Basin	30	27	65	11	7	16	15	9	15	2	1	2	18	22	3	1	2	9	2	9	3	1
Miss Johnston.....	Basin	37	35	55	45	14	17	21	18	22	3	1	2	18	22	3	1	2	9	2	9	3	1
Miss Buffum.....	Penobscot Street	30	28	24	5	7	14	18	12	18	4	2	8	18	4	2	8	4	2	8	4	2	8
Miss Libbey.....	College Street	34	30	33	50	6	12	23	18	19	3	1	2	18	19	3	1	2	9	3	1	2	9
Miss Welch.....	Bog Road	13	10	51	3	5	12	10	8	8	3	1	2	8	8	3	1	2	9	3	1	2	9

FALL TERM, ELEVEN WEEKS IN LENGTH.

Wages, Six Dollars per Week.

Miss Powers.....	Main Street	41	38	31	17	6	12	23	14	23	3	6	2	3	6	2	3	6	2	3	6	2	3
Misses Ring and Emery.....	Near Depot	3	32	25	49	8	16	20	16	18	3	13	3	13	3	13	3	13	3	13	3	13	3
Miss Holt.....	Near Depot	41	37	40	32	18	17	23	15	19	3	1	2	18	15	19	3	1	2	9	3	1	2
Miss Vinal.....	Bennoch Street	30	26	32	31	10	16	21	21	14	4	9	3	1	2	9	3	1	2	9	3	1	2
Miss Wise.....	Basin	2	23	49	24	5	18	13	13	13	3	1	2	13	13	3	1	2	9	3	1	2	9
Mrs. Ferguson.....	Basin	37	33	50	49	11	15	21	18	18	3	1	2	18	18	3	1	2	9	3	1	2	9
Miss Buffum.....	Penobscot Street	28	26	23	10	14	15	16	8	19	7	2	4	19	7	2	4	19	7	2	4	19	7
Miss Libbey.....	College Street	31	27	42	25	4	12	16	16	17	2	1	4	17	2	1	4	17	2	1	4	17	2
Miss Welch.....	Bog Road	16	12	165	5	7	11	10	8	10	2	4	10	8	10	2	4	10	8	10	2	4	10

WINTER TERM, TWELVE WEEKS IN LENGTH.

Wages Seven Dollars per week.

Miss Chaplin.....	Bog Road	17	13	93	3	4	16	12	11	12	2	17	2	17	2	17	2	17	2	17	2	17	2
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THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Of these there have been five during the past winter. All the schools have been well attended, and all the teachers have had considerable experience and most of them, much. It gives us pleasure to add that these teachers also have been successful in their efforts, and that they have had the aid and confidence of their pupils generally. We present a tabulation, which will show the several teachers and schools, and many other facts of interest to which we desire to call your attention, in the hope that if you find anything unfavorable you will aid us in making the proper correction.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

WINTER TERM, TWELVE WEEKS IN LENGTH.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.	Wages per Week.	No. of Scholars registered.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number Tardy.	Number Dismissed.	No. not Absent.	No. of Daily Classes.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Music.	No. of Visits of S. S. Com.	No. of Visits of Citizens.
Miss Welch	Main St.	7.00	47	40	85	50	75	41	47	35	47	47	47	4	26
Miss Holt	Near Depot	7.00	48	40	83	51	39	9	16	48	36	48	48	4	17
J. C. Wilson	Basin	9.00	37	32	86	54	25	3	12	37	37	37	37	3	48
Miss Wise	Basin	7.00	37	31	84	105	58	2	14	26	22	26	37	3	25
Miss Libbey	Penobscot St.	7.00	38	34	90	30	13	13	11	35	27	38	38	4	35

THE SELECT SCHOOL.

Mr. S. H. Powell, Principal; Miss Laura R. Andrews and Miss May P. French, Assistants.

As soon as convenient, after the close of the Spring terms, we held examinations of scholars of the Primary and Intermediate desiring to enter the Select school, and thirty-one being found qualified, they were admitted. Miss French's services were secured at the beginning of the Fall term, and she was employed during that and the Winter terms only. The following tabulation will show the number of scholars each term, and something of the general character of the school. In explanation of the large numbers of instances of tardiness during the Fall term, it should be stated that sixty-four of the one hundred and four cases, were monopolized by seven of the scholars, and of these seven, one reached the high number of sixteen, a number by no means to be proud of. Whether an improvement was made during the Winter term following, the tabulation will show. Please examine it carefully and see.

SELECT SCHOOL.	Spring	Fall.	Winter.
Whole number registered	51	56	60
Average attendance	46	51	51
Percentage of attendance	90	91	85
Number tardy during term	28	104	95
Number dismissed during term	53	31	25
Number not absent during term	16	18	13
Number of daily classes	12	12	13
Number of pupils in Arithmetic	51	56	60
Number of pupils in Geography	51	56	60
Number of pupils in Grammar	20	29	30
Number of pupils in Penmanship	51	56	60
Number of pupils in Drawing	51	29	60
Number of pupils in Reading and Spelling	51	56	60
Number of pupils in Music and Calisthenics	51	56	60
Number of pupils in Rhetorical Exercises	51	56	60
Number of visits by S. S. Committee	3	3	4
Number of visits by citizens	15	20	15

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. S. H. Powell, Principal, with Misses Andrews and French, Assistants, as in the Select school. Mr. Powell has been paid a salary of \$1,000 for his services in both schools, for the year of thirty-five weeks. Miss Andrews has been paid \$10 per week for the same time, and Miss French \$8 per week for the Fall term, and \$9 per week for the Winter. All of these have been zealous and faithful, and have done their usual good work, which has given much satisfaction to us and to the scholars, and we trust to you also. Twenty-four from the Select school were admitted on examination, to this school, at the beginning of the Fall term, which necessitated the employment of the additional teacher. The discipline has been mild but firm, with as little friction as one could reasonably expect. The effort has been to lay a solid and secure foundation for future usefulness, and we think it has been remarkably successful. At the close of the term we listened to many excellent compositions and declamations, and were much pleased with the attainments of the several scholars who took part in them. At the close of the Winter term, a very creditable and enjoyable exhibition was given to a full house in the Town Hall, the proceeds of which were applied to increase the Reference Library, which has been a source of much enjoyment and instruction to the pupils. We are of opinion that much credit is due the teachers and scholars of this school, for the interest they have taken in securing so good a collection of Reference Books at their own expense. Your attention is respectfully called to the following table.

	Spring	Fall.	Winter.
HIGH SCHOOL.			
Number of scholars registered.....	31	61	70
Average attendance.....	28	55	64
Percentage of attendance.....	90	90	91
Number tardy.....	6	33	55
Number dismissed.....	11	27	36
Number not absent.....	10	26	19
Number of daily classes.....	12	16	6
Number in Arithmetic.....	25	41	54
Number in Geometry.....	2	0	0
Number in Algebra.....	8	22	20
Number in Geography.....	0	8	12
Number in Grammar.....	25	40	40
Number in Rhetoric.....	5	6	6
Number in History of United States.....	17	24	24
Number in Physiology.....	0	16	13
Number in Physics.....	0	13	11
Number in Latin.....	4	11	9
Number in French.....	0	0	0
Number in Botany.....	8	0	0
Number in Book-keeping.....	0	0	24
Number in Rhetorical Exercises.....	31	61	70
Number in Music and Calisthenics.....	0	0	70
Number in Reading.....	22	53	21
Number in Civil Government.....	0	0	11
Number in Drawing.....	0	22	21
Number of visits of S. S. Committee.....	2	2	2
Number of visits of citizens.....	56	76	75

MUSIC.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of last year, and with the approval of the town at its last annual meeting, the study of music was introduced into the High, Select and Intermediate Schools at the beginning of the Winter term, under the instruction of Prof. Geo. T. Moody, of Bangor. Our instructions to Mr. Moody were to conduct the study in such way, having due regard to the different grades of pupils, that a good foundation in music should be laid, so that it might be continued with advantage and profit, in the succeeding terms. A lesson of thirty minutes to each school, each week, was given by the instructor, and these lessons were continued and practiced each day by the schools, under guidance of the teachers, the remaining days of the school week. We are satisfied with the progress made in the study, and that it contributed much to the good order and easy government of the schools. We think it may be continued with manifest advantage in the future.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by town for Common schools,	\$2000 00
" " High schools,	500 00
Received from State " "	250 00
" " " Common schools,	1104 45
Tuition rec'd from non-resident scholars,	50 00
Received for injuries to books and glass,	6 04
Unexpended balance of last year,	245 18
Total.....	\$4,155 67

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for wages of teachers,	3340 80
Bills of last year,	110 37
This year's wood,	106 52
Text books,	78 92
Repairs and materials,	144 76
All other bills,	227 45
Total,.....	\$4008 82
Balance unexpended,.....	146 85

As the State appropriation for this year was \$67 72 *less* than for last year, and as \$110 37 was paid for wood hauled last year, the reason of the smaller unexpended balance of this year will be apparent.

We do not know of any outstanding bills.

COMPARISON OF SUMMARIES.

	1881-2	1882-3
Number registered, Spring Term,	387	394
" Fall Term,	387	408
" Winter,	340	337

This comparison shows the very gratifying fact that the attendance of this year has been larger by twenty-five than that of the previous year, and in our opinion it indicates a growing population, more prosperous times and better schools.

The number of different scholars attending some time during the year has been 487. Per centage of those attending, to the whole number of scholars, 69. The average cost to the State, of those attending in the whole State as per Supt's last report, \$7 25
 Average cost to Orono for this year, 6 41
 Cost per thousand dollars of valuation of the town, 6 04
 Cost of books per scholar, for those attending school, *seventeen cts.*, 17

In conclusion we will say that our effort has been, not to give the children a certain number of facts only, but to develop their faculties, and to aid in qualifying them for use in after life. We have acted upon the idea that the end to be attained is the systematical development of the whole nature, rather than the mere acquisition of facts.

Probably the two faculties of mind, which are as important to success in life as any others, are those of clear and accurate observation, and of clear expression. Whoever is able to see clearly and accurately, and to put into intelligent form the results of his observation, is pretty likely, with the requisite amount of energy, to make progress in any pursuit he may undertake. To clear speaking or writing, clear thinking is the first essential, and there can be no clear thinking unless the faculty of observation is alert and trained to accuracy. "Knowledge gathered from books may linger in the mind or be lost from it; but teach a child to see, to think, and to express his thoughts, and you send him out into life equipped to be a vital, intelligent force, rather than a mere receptacle of facts." We have urged upon the teachers of our more advanced schools, especially, the importance of acting upon these principles; and we believe that only good results have followed whenever they have been acted upon.

SAMUEL LIBBEY,	} Superintending	
CHARLES BUFFUM,		School
J. C. WILSON,		Committee.