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### ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OF OLDTOWN

FOR THE

YEAR 1879-80.

## REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Casl		y. ist March, 1879, and new				
	orders paid	,	\$	459	95	
••	received fro	om old tax-sales,		453	97	
••	•• •	G. F. Dillingham,		- 44	24	
••	•• •	• H. A. Pratt. tax.of 1878,	1	,285	33	
••		· E. R. Alford, tax of 1879,	13	1,935	76	
••		H. A. Pratt, School District		,		
		No. 2,		8	72	
••	•• •	• State for school,	1	1,655	16	
••						
		triet No. 2,		214	16	
••	÷- •	· loans,	3	1,500	00	
••	÷	<ul> <li>tax-deeds and interest,</li> </ul>		13	55	
••	•• •	town-poor, repaid,		6	87	
••	•• •	· poor-farm,		20	50	
••	45 B	• other towns for poor,		262	42	
	" ,	• sale of property,		2	75	
••		· rent for town hall,		240	24	
••	46 <b>4</b>	• State pensions in excess,			01	
Old	orders renew	ed,	-	1,833	33	

#### EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR 1879.

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

<ul> <li>" '' '' 1879,</li> <li>" loan,</li> <li>* old orders renewed,</li> <li>Deduct unpaid orders, 1879,</li> </ul>	315 31 1,500 00 1,833 33 	
Doudos anjunt orders, 1010,	10.121	
Paid interest on orders,	13	80
" " bonded debt.	500	00
" for tax-deeds.	25	12
" collector's percentage.	235	70
" State tax,	2,744	36
" County tax,	1,281	30
• old orders,	2,356	42
Cash on hand,	2,658	29 

#### SCHOOLS.

NST.	OVERDRAWN Last year	BALANCE DUE LAST YEAR.	APPORTION- MENT.	EXPENDED.	BALANCE DUE	OVBBDBAWN.
1		\$169.53	\$412.74	\$507.46	\$74.81	
2		812.52	2,991.52	3,610.33	193.71	
3	\$11.57		561.14	497.84	51.78	
4		116.93	97.37	129.11	85.19	
5		64.15	255.05	308.87	10.33	
6		18.42	268.99	153.43	133.98	
7		16.91	292.17	249.28	59.80	
8		69.35	139.12	210.73		\$2.26
9	19.65		115.94	75.85	20.44	
	\$31.22	\$1,267.81	\$5,134.04	\$5,742.90	\$629.99	\$2.26

#### POOR-BILLS FOR 1879.

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

Maria Caufy.	00 б
Theophile Cote (at Caribou),	33 60
Frank Durand,	1 30
John W. Elsmore,	20 64
Miss Charlotte Flood.	37 88
Peter Fredericks.	71 07
Laura E. Gates,	7 33
Francis Gifford,	5 00
Barzille Gagnon,	2 10
Mrs. C. H. Graffam,	18 00
Mrs. Griggs (at Insane Hospital),	460 57
Mrs. Geo. Gullifer,	40 57
George Gordon.	48 15
George Grover.	-30 00
George Gardner,	9 57
John Hill.	J1 00
J. P. Hardy,	13 15
John Jordan	50
Mrs. Johnson,	8 28
Joseph Koyte,	-30 44
Felix La Page.	4 50
John Lizotte	4 00
Frank Lancaster.	4 00
M. E. Lovejoy (at Mílo).	42 00
Mrs. Tnos. Lancaster.	90
Bruno Lozier,	3 30
John Marlin,	50
Mrs. Monahan,	10 70
A. Sanborn Martin (at Sebec),	6 18
H. Aaron Milton (at Wilton).	48 25
John H. Mitchell,	4 11
Serena Oakes,	45 25
Alonzo Patten.	12 31
Mrs. Phebe Pyle,	94 97
Electa Pooler (at Bangor),	6 50
Peter Pelletier.	5 14
James H. Roundy,	22 46
Mrs. L Rand,	625
Christopher Severance,	63 36
Mrs. Betsey Stinson (at Insanc Hospital),	55 92
Mrs. H. P. Sawyer,	16 00
Avander Sawyer.	1 35
Clem. O. Smith,	26 00
John L. Spaulding,	3 25
Mrs. R. H. Siuclair, or St. Clair (at Orono).	232 60

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J. B. Smith, Mrs. Hiram Stevens,	4 20			
John Taylor,	20 7	•••		
Fred Tarrio,	6			
Thos. F. Violette,	5 (			
David Winslow.	68			
Mrs. Ellen M. White (at Insane Hospital),	59 1			
Mrs. Phebe Wadlin,	35	33		
Mrs. Eliza A. White.	131 (	61		
Mrs. Addie Witham,	13 (	60		
Mrs. Orlena York.	32 1	19		
Tramps, etc.,	13 -	10		
Medical Attendance.	24 (	00		
Wood,	26			
Stove.	1		A. 800	
Distance of the transferration		_	\$1.739	
Deduct amount due from other towns,			374	73
Total cost of town-poor outside of poor-farm,		-	\$1.364	52
Add net expense of poor-farm,			939	18
Total.		-	\$2,303	70
Deduct amount repaid by poor,			4 - 1	87
better amount repaid by poor,		-		
Total cost of town-poor, 1879,			\$2.296	83
PAID PAUPER BILLS PRIOR TO 187	79.			
For 49 paupers,	\$831	42		
Deduct 7 paupers belonging to other towns.	139 3	33		
Then to summary balanceing to Oldenma	<u> </u>		440.	
For 42 paupers belonging to Oldtown,		_	\$692	09
Total cost of town-poor, old and new,			\$2,988	92
POOR FARM.				
By paid for 1877.	<b>82</b> 6	71		
······································	56 1		\$83	70
Paid for food.	447		200	••
·· ·· clothing,	186 (	33		
·· ·· medicine,	9 -	46		
" " house supplies (oil, brooms, soap, &c.)	30	13		
" " repairs,	9	72		
" ·' labor on farm,	23 (	63		
" 'seed,	17 3	30		
·· ·· medical attendance (Elkins),	1 8	50		
" " use of bull,	8	00		
•• •• housework,	33	00		
" " tobacco,	15	67		

<ul> <li>" tools (axes, &amp;c.),</li> <li>" salary of R. B. Knox,</li> <li>" furniture,</li> <li>" blacksmithing,</li> <li>" sleigh-bells,</li> <li>" wood,</li> <li>Total paid from treasury for poor-farm,</li> </ul>	106 10 12	45 00 30 40 30 04	960 53 \$1,044 23
The actual cost of poor-farm for 1879 is as follows:	:		
Total paid as above for 1879,	<b>\$9</b> 60	<b>53</b>	
Add goods purchased by Knox.	76	35	
	\$1,036	00	
Deduct mover received by Kney for all of meducts		00 20	
Deduct money received by Knox for sale of products,		20	
	<b>\$9</b> 59	68	
Deduct money paid into town treasury by Knox.	20	<b>50</b>	
		10	
Net expense, 1879, (1091 weeks' board).	\$939	18	
Price of board in full per week, 1879,	12		
fucturing birds of 11 and 10, 104			
•• •• •' food and clothing per week, 1879, .58			
GENERAL CONTINGENT FUNI	D.		
Paid bills prior to 1879:			
Geo. F. Dillingham. Treasurer,	\$100	00	
Geo. F. Dillingham, pension certificates,		50	
David Norton, collecting,	40	00	
E. L. Hunt, constable and notifying meetings.	9	10	
J. W. Sewall, s rveying and levelling,	7	21	
Horse-hire,	13	55	
Paid for cashing check,		20	
Fares to Bangor.	2	50	
Abatements,	10	60	
W. H. Stafford, constable and notifying meetings,	3	65	
J. P. Bass & Co., printing reports,	18	00	
Interest on old orders,	80	67	
Repair of hearse,		75	
D. Bugbee & Co., town-order book,	3	50	
			\$290 23
PAID BILLS OF 1879.		~~	
J. W. Waldron, treasurer.	100		
E. A. Pond, town clerk.	30		
Geo. T. Sewall, town agent,	10		
maning wates.	35		
" " selectman, etc.,	100		
Frank Hamblen,	100	00	

		44
D. G. Sawyer, "	001	
Wm. H. Stafford, constable,	17	
L. A. Buffun, "4th July.	_	25
Chas. Burnham.	_	25
John McNamara,	_	25
Fred A. Hunt, "		25
Thos. D. Jordan,	_	25
Paid for writing. etc.,	*	50
Notifying town meetings,	-	00
Advertising non-resident taxes.		00
P. M. Grover, watering trough.	_	00
J. Y. Hincks, "	3	00
Repair of hearse,		20
Expenses of State valuation,		60
** ** looking up pauper cases,		35
Albert O. Brown, land damages,		50
Health committee,		00
J. W. Sewall, surveying,		50
J. S. Robinson, cemetery at Oldtown,		00
Seth Orcutt, cemetery at U.S.,	5	00
Lock for Oldtown cemetery,		45
30 qu paper and other blanks,		63
Horse hire.		75
Postage and registry on letters,	9	15
Paid for telegram,		37
Paid for expressing,	-	20
Pension certificates,	_	25
Fares to Bangor,	-	50
Stationery,		38
Serving tax writs,		16
Rent, etc.,		00
C. A. Bailey, moderator.	-	00
Road-bills of 1878 as per vote,	273	
Lighting U. S. bridge,	24	00
(N)	<b>-</b>	- \$993 92
Total,		\$1.284 15
TOWN HALL.		
Paid bills prior to 1879 :		
•• supplies (oil, brooms, etc.,)	\$21	
• repairs,		50
" T. McMahon, labor,	-	50
" Balance of bill on furnace,	17	65
" surveying wood,		25
" trucking,		50
" cleaning hall,	9	00

** sawdust,	1 00	
" salary of janitor.	48 37	
Paid bills of 1879:		<b>\$1</b> 01 57
" supplies,	<b>\$24</b> 81	
" T. McMahon, labor,	3 00	
" cleaning hall,	10 50	
" repairs,	8 10	
" trucking,	5 55	
• wood,	22 09	
· piling wood,	6 00	
" stationery.	10	
· sawdust,	1 25	
" janitor's salary,	48 38	
		<b>812</b> 9 78
Total expense,		231 35
Received for rents,		240 24
Balance,		<b>\$</b> 8 <b>8</b> 9
FIRE DEPARTMENT.		
Paid bills prior to 1879 :		
• Trucking engines to Veazie mill fire,	<b>\$2</b> 50	
·· Watching fire,	1 00	
•• Acid and soda for Little Giants,	15 45	
<ul> <li>Hose for Little Giants,</li> </ul>	10 00	*** **
DIRIGO ENGINE COMPANT, NO. 1.		<b>\$</b> 28 95
Steward,	\$7 50	
Supplies,	3 76	
Trucking,	2 25	
Rope,	1 17	
Repairs,	7 21	
Firemen, 1878,	9 10	<b>\$30</b> 99
EXCELSIOR ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 2.		<b>4</b> 90 99
Trucking,	\$3 00	
Repairs.	4 10	
Firemen, 1878,	45 50	
		\$ 52 60
TORRENT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.		
Supplies,	\$7 17	
Trucking,	2 25	
Demoine	4 12	
Repairs,		
Firemen, 1878.	27 30	840 84

JAMESON ENGINE COMPANY, No. 4.		
Repairs	\$1 54	
Firemen, 1878,	19 50	
, ,		\$21 04
TEN ORPHANS ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 5.		
Repairs,	\$1 03	
		<b>\$1</b> 03
Total bills prior to 1879.		\$175 45
Paid bills of 1879:		
" Trucklug engines to fires,	\$12 00	
" Watching fires,	10 75	
" Reservoirs,-filling, etc	8 50	
··· Refreshments at fires.	38 09	
	<u> </u>	<b>\$69</b> 34
DIRIGO ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 1.		
Steward,	<b>\$22</b> 50	
Supplies,	35	
Firemen, 1879,	15 00	
		\$37 85
EXCELSIOR ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 2.		
Steward,	<b>\$20 83</b>	
Supplies,	10 53	
Trucking,	1 50	
Wood,	2 80	
Repairs.	3 60	
Fire-axes.	5 00	
Furniture,	14 77	
Firemen, 1879,	38 00	
	·	<b>\$97</b> 03
TORRENT ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 3.		
Steward,	\$30 00	
Supplies,	184	
Trucking to fires.	6 00	
Labor,	11 00	
Repairs,	2 00	
Firemen, 1879.	14 00	
		<b>\$64 84</b>
JAMESON ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 4.		
Repairs,	\$27 00	
Firemen, 1879.	15 00	
		<b>\$</b> 42 00
TEN ORPHANS ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 5.		
Supplies,	\$ 10	

11				
Repairs.	2	25		
Trucking,		90		
Fireman, 1879.	1	00		
			\$4	25
Total bills paid for 1879.			\$315	31
ROADS AND BRIDGES.				
Amount appropriated,			\$1,000	00
Paid bills of 1879:				
** labor on roads.	\$729			
•• lumber for sidewalks, etc.,	240			
" nails,		19		
··· Emery & Barker repairing Argyle road,	54			
•• plough and tools,		12		
di detaing,		95		
<ul> <li>survey bill of lumber.</li> <li>granite,</li> </ul>		86		
" gravel,		00 06		
gravel,			\$1,100	27
Amount overdrawn.			100	
SCHOOL HOUSE, DISTRICT NO	. 9.			
Amount raised by town,			<b>\$10</b> 0	00
" expended for building.	\$86	25	4100	
·· ·· ·· seats,		50		
" " blackboards,		25		
Balance unexpended,			\$95	
• ·			Ð	00
SIDEWALK IN WEST GREAT WO	RKS.			
Amount raised by town,			\$25	00
" paid G. W. Garland for labor,			25	60
STATEMENT OF TAXES, 187	9.			
Amount of tax committed to E. A. Alford,		8	15,931	32
Paid State tax,	\$2,744	36		
•• County tax.	1,581	30		
Abatements and discounts,	1,764	33		
Paid J. W. Waldron, Treasurer.	7,910	10		
* in executions.	119	<b>02</b>		
Balance uncollected.	2,112		51E 091	20
RESOURCES.			15,931	3Z
	a 104			
Due from other towns,	<b># 134</b>			
non-resident tax-decus,	2,253			
•• resident tax-deed,	2,742	14		

٠.	Medway, town	110	00		
**	executions in fa	executions in favor of town.			02
**	State R. R. tax			1	74
	" rent of ar		50	00	
••	J. H. Gould, e	ollecto	r, 1872,	858	10
••	D. Norton,	44	1874,	113	14
**	<b>5</b> 4	**	1875,	164	22
••	••	**	1876,	<b>37</b> 8	64
*1	**	4.	1877,	741	55
66	H. A. Pratt,	••	1878,	1,126	89
	E. R. Alford,	••	1879,	2,112	21

Cash in treasury,

#### LIABILITIES.

\$13,563 97

Outstanding	orders,	1874,	\$	481	<b>55</b>
••	**	1875,		31	75
••	**	1876.		57	00
•-	••	1877,		375	92
••	••	1878,		4,184	06
	**	1879,		5,795	69
Interest on l	oonded (	lebt unpaid, 1878,		25	00
Due School		-		627	73
Debt in tow		1	0.000		

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

Amount of total liabilities as above,				70			
D du	et eash ii	1 Treas	ary.		\$2,658	29	
••	amout	nt due f	from	other towns.	134	01	
••	**	••	••	State.	51	74	
	••	* 6	••	Medway on town order,			
	<b>\$1</b> 10 an	nd inter	rest.		112	75 	79
Net li	i <b>a</b> bilities	•				\$18.621	91
Amount of net liabilities given in last report.				\$17.898	61		
c	redited in	n the ta	ble (	idded \$560 which was duly of receipts in last year's re- y onlitted from the table of	,		
-	iabilities			•		560	00
						\$18,458	61
Dedu	et amou	nt dne i	from	other towns last year,		138	14
	net liabi					\$18,320	47
The d	lifference	e bet we	en t	hese two accounts is		\$301	44

Offset against this amount, the following sums : Amount of taxes in E. R. Alford's hands (82,112,21), of which at least two-fifths is collectable. **\$814 8**8 Amount due on executions (\$119 02), of which at least two-fifths can be collected. 90 00 Total assets for payment of \$301 44. **\$934 88 \$633 44** 

Surplus for contingencies,

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

The above statement shows that while there is an apparent increase of the liabilities of the town the past year to the amount of \$301 44, yet the increase is only apparent and not real, for the reason that of the assets of the same year (1879), amounting in all to \$2,231 23, at least \$984 88 is perfectly good, and hence the liabilities are really less this year than last by some \$600

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

For	r poor,	\$3,000	00		
••	roads.	1,000	00		
64	contingent.	3,000	00		
**	school district No. 9,	100	00		
••	sidewalk at Great Works,	25	00		
44	poor-house,	400	00		
	-			\$7,525	00

The current expenses for the town for 1879, amounts

to the following :		
Poor.	\$1,739 :	25
Poor-farm,	960 4	58
School district No. 9,	95 (	90
Sidewalk at Great Works.	25 (	00
Town Hall,	129	78
Roads.	1,100	27
Contingent,	993 9	92
Fire Department.	315 3	31
Abatements and discounts,	1,764 \$	33
Collector's percentage.	235	70
Interest on bonded debt.	500 (	00
Tax- deeds and interest,	38 9	
		<b>- \$7,898</b> 01

Deduct amount repaid by poor,			\$ 6.87	
44	**	due from other towns,	374 73	
••	••	paid by poor-farm,	20 50	
	••	in hands of Knox,	85	
••	••	of rent of town hall		
n	me-hali	f of \$240-24,	120 12	
Actual	expen	ses for town for 1879,		<b>\$523 07</b> 7,374 94
Ba	lance i	u favor of town,		\$150 06

One further explanation may be necessary. It will be seen that the outstanding orders for 1874-5-6-7-8, as reported last year, amounted to \$7.656 97. The outstanding orders for the same years as reported this year amount to \$5,130 28. The difference between these two sums -\$2.526 69-should represent the amount paid on old orders as appearing in the table of "Expenditures" of this report. The actual amount paid on old orders last year, however, as will be seen by referring to that table, was \$2,356 43 in money. The balance of the \$2,526 69 is explained by the fact that on looking over the old record of town orders drawn for the past six years, and comparing them with the town-orders cancelled by the treasurers and delivered year by year to the selectmen, it was found that two orders, one for \$125, and one for \$45 27 had been duly paid but accidentally been left marked as unpaid on the list of orders drawn; and hence, they were this year struck out from the table of liabilities

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. SEWALL, FRANK HAMBLEN. Of DANIEL G. SAWYER, Oldtown. Oldtown, Me., February 28th, 1880.

#### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM, MARCH 1ST, 1880.

1 bush Corn Meal, a bbl Pork, 1.2 bbl Floir, too bush Petatoes, to bush Barley, so lbs Lard, 20 lbs Butter. 20 Its Butter, 4 Ibs Sugar, 3 Ibs Soda, 12 bbl Scap-grease, 6 gal M lasses, 27 cords Hard Wood, 35 cords Soft Wood, 8 tons Hay, r ton Snaw, 13 Hens, 3 Shoats, 5 Cows. 7 Heifer, Heifer,
Horse,
Comforters,
Platter,
Dust-pan,
Sheers,
bbl Soft-soap,
Feather beds,
r-a bbl P aster,
Dust-plane, 27 Pillov s, 50 Pillov Cases, 16 Straw ticks, 1 Churr, 1 Mea -bags, 18 Ber steads, r Tie Boiler, 3 Looking Glasses, 1 Horse-hoe, 2 Solas, Crib, 40 Plates, 18 Cupe and Saucers,

19 Bowls, 4 Ox-yokes, 1 Rolling-pin, 3 Scythes, 3 Floor Pails, to Sheep, t Tea-pot, 3 Woodsaws, 1 Wheelbarrow, 15 lbs Tallow, 1 Grindstone, 1 Pair Balances, to lbs Codfish. ro lbs Codlish, r Pung, r bbl Apples, 3 lbs Tea, 2 lbs Copper, 2 lbs Raisins, 1 Sco feet Boards, 4 Clocks, 1 Lantern, Parcelain Ketth I Porcelain Kettle. to Dippers, 3 Tumblers, 1 Express-wagon, 20 Spoons. 31 Tin Pails, 2 Steamers, 18 Knives and Forks. 4 Pitches, 4 Pitches, 4 Meat-dishes, 4 Shovels, 6 Raker-sheets, 4 Axes, 4 Jugs, 1-2 bbl Lime, 1 Oil Can, 1 Op Can, 1 Chopping Knife, 6 Lamps, 2 Trays, 7 Stoves, 3 Wash-bowls,

3 Tubs, 3 Soap Barrels, 5 Firkins, 4 Jars, 1 Molasses Pitcher, 3 Horse Blankets, r Cultivator. 37 Chairs, 4 Tables, 1 Sugar Box, 3 Brooms, 2 Iron Bars. 3 Mops, 3 Pickaxes, 5 Tin Pails, 3 Hoes, 3 Hoes, 15 Chambers, 4 Smoothing-irons, t-2 bbl Beef. 2 bush Beans, 10 Towels, 1 Cart, 1 Harness, 2 Ploughs, Harrow. 1 Bureau, s m Shingles, 1 Tunnel, i Spioning Wheel, r Shed, r Snow plough, 4 Hay-forks, 1 Drag Rake, 3 Hand-rakes, 2 Bean Kettles, 3 Skimmers, 2 Dung forks, 80 gal Vinegar, 2 Garden Rakes, I Hav-cutter.