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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF OLDTOWN
FOR THE
YEAR 1880-81.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR 1880.

For schools,	\$5,733 34
“ poor (old bills),	688 68
“ “ 1880,	1,520 82
“ “ farm (old bills),	232 02
“ “ “ 1880,	1,263 07
“ general contingent,	1,837 44
“ fire department,	251 49
“ town hall,	198 22
“ roads and bridges,	2,285 73
“ reservoir,	168 75
“ old orders renewed,	2,843 72
	\$17,023 28
Deduct unpaid orders, 1880,	5,026 91
	11,996 37
Paid interest on orders,	\$ 9 33
“ “ “ bonds,	515 00
“ for tax deeds, 1878-9,	104 18
“ collector's percentages,	322 08
“ State tax,	3,428 67
“ County tax,	1,205 93
“ old orders,	4,011 35
Cash on hand and new orders,	2,200 05
	\$23,792 96

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, 1st March, 1880,	\$ 2,658 29
Error in charging abatement,	09
Cash received from old tax-sales,	215 89
“ “ “ J. Buck,	155 52
“ “ “ tax deeds and interest,	10 84
“ “ “ tax of 1878 (H. A. Pratt),	257 43
“ “ “ “ “ 1879 (E. R. Alford),	1,198 57
“ “ “ “ “ 1880 “ “ “	13,333 96
“ “ “ rent of town hall,	167 00
“ “ for schools,	2,378 79
“ “ “ railroad tax,	3 69
“ “ from other towns for poor,	458 84
“ “ “ town poor, repaid,	32 35
“ “ “ poor farm, produce,	53 70
“ “ “ F. & E. Davis, board,	19 28
Old orders renewed,	2,843 72
	\$23,792 96

SCHOOLS.

Dists.	Overdrawn last year.	Bal. Due last year.	Apportion- ment.	Expended.	Bal. Due.	Overdrawn.
1		\$74 81	\$469 45	\$353 68	\$190 58	
2 & High		193 71	3456 84	3600 74	49 81	
3		51 73	648 94	591 88	108 79	
4		85 19	101 26	198 75		\$12 30
5		10 33	276 15	252 75	33 73	
6		133 98	276 15	227 49	182 64	
7		59 80	207 15	259 13	7 82	
8	\$2 26		87 48	93 06		7 84
9		20 44	115 06	155 86		20 36
Total,	\$2 26	\$629 99	\$5638 48	\$5733 34	\$573 37	\$40 50

POOR FARM.

	Knox.	Davis	Total.
Food,	\$123 62	\$389 16	\$512 78
Clothing,	26 97	125 98	152 95
Salary Superintendent,	76 03	101 00	177 03
Meal,	17 68	124 99	142 67
Corn,	2 96	30 15	33 11
Grain,		9 39	9 39
Salt,	60	4 76	5 36
Alcohol,	1 20	40	1 60
Gin,		1 78	1 78
Medicine,	3 05	4 65	7 70
Poison,		1 55	1 55
Housework,	59 00	85 75	144 75
Labor,	1 00	6 12	7 12
Wood,	10 96	36 00	46 96
Tools,	2 00	2 45	4 45
Seeds,		5 95	5 95
Figs,		9 00	9 00
Cow,		5 00	5 00
Use of bull,		3 00	3 00
Repairs,	6 90	56 06	62 96
Blacksmithing,	2 35	8 30	10 65
Barrels,		2 30	2 30
Horse hire,		5 00	5 00
Furniture,	17 28	72 44	89 72
Mosquito netting,		1 32	1 32
Umbrella,		1 25	1 25
Brooms,	50	1 73	2 23
Clothes pins,		44	44
Mops,		50	50
Knife,		25	25
Tobacco,	5 28	9 46	14 74
Pipes,	07	02	09
Oil,	39	3 78	4 17

Chimneys,	05	78	83
Burner,		15	15
Wicks,		40	40
Brush,		26	25
Polish,	05	79	84
Matches,	60	1 20	1 80
Soap,	25	4 03	4 28
Combs,		51	51
Needles,	08	28	36
Twine,		10	10
Pitch,		40	40
Resin,		20	20
Saltpetre,		10	10
Tolls,	20		20
Blank books,	25	03	28
Postage,		06	06
Potash,		58	58
Wagon cushion,		3 00	3 00
Whip,		1 38	1 38
Buffalo robe,		10 00	10 00
Surcingle,		1 25	1 25
Cow tie,		35	35
Total,	\$359 32	\$1,135 77	\$1,495 09
Deduct bills of former years,			232 02
Total cost poor farm for 1880,			\$1,263 07
Total cost poor farm as above,			\$1,495 09
Deduct amount received from sale of produce,		\$53 70	
“ “ “ board of F. & E. Davis.		19 28	
			\$72 98
Total expense in money (839 weeks' board),			\$1,422 11
Price of board per week,			\$1 69
“ “ food and clothing per week,			79
“ “ board per week under Davis (698 weeks),			1 52 1-4
“ “ food and clothing per week under Davis.			73 4-5

PAUPERS AT FARM DURING THE YEAR.

George Brawn,	Mary Hardy,
Charles Brawn,	Hiram Longfellow,
Willie Brawn,	Nora Richardson,
Charles Caton,	John L. Spaulding,
Bert. Caton,	Jennie Spaulding,
Fred Caton,	Louisa Spencer,
Frank Durand,	Angus Stuart,
Peter Frederick.	Mary E. Patten,
Mary E. Frederick,	Albert Patten,
Sophronia Garey,	Willie Willett,
Percy Goodwin,	Ellen M. White,
Jacob Hardy,	Charles Willett,
	Phebe Wadlin.

POOR BILLS.

Louisa Antwine,	\$ 6 25
John Blanchette,	26 50
Mrs. J. U. Boller,	73 85
— Brady,	13 40
F. Beriby,	13 00
L. C. Cunningham,	7 27
C. A. Cunningham,	7 09
Timo. Caton,	6 55
Hannah Caton,	7 00
Mrs. M. Caufy,	17 00
John Clark,	2 75
Allen Dudley,	3 40
Mrs. E. Danforth,	20 00
Frank Durand,	9 10
P. Fredericks,	4 91
Eliza Griggs (Insane Hospital),	149 77
George Gardner,	101 44
George Grover,	64 75
Laura E. Gates,	4 00
Mrs. George Gullifer,	45 62
B. Gonyea,	1 45
Charles Green,	75
Mrs. Garey,	50
John Hill,	16 00
Henry M Hurd,	12 00
Mrs. Johnson,	1 00
Jos. Koyte,	5 58
— King,	25
Mrs. Knox,	40
M. E. Lovejoy,	146 00
Bruno Lozier,	2 00
Annette Lane (Insane Hospital),	42 54
Arthemise Lagasse,	5 00
Mrs. Rich. V. Moore,	8 25
Edward Mills,	2 00
Mich. Mayo,	3 00
Julia Nado,	1 50
P. Nado,	80
Sam. Nado,	2 00
Mrs. Andrew Oakes,	48 35
Peter A. Pelletier,	190 76
A. Patten,	16 70
Thos. Pelletier,	2 00
Mrs. P. Pyle,	160 03
J. Page,	50
Felix Page or LaPage,	2 00
Geo. Richards,	2 00
J. H. Roundy,	43 98

C. O. Smith,	1 14	
Betsy Stinson (Insane Hospital),	145 12	
Mrs. J. T. Sherman,	10 00	
A. Sawyer,	6 80	
H. P. Sawyer,	12 00	
Mrs. R. H. Sinclair,	22 13	
Mrs. James Sagur,	207 30	
Angus Stuart,	13 20	
Zeb. Smith,	4 15	
Hiram Stevens,	81 74	
Chris. Severance,	25 71	
Victor t. Louis,	8 50	
John Taylor,	14 68	
Marshal Chibadeau,	15 50	
T. C. Tarrlo,	35	
Mrs. E. A. White,	158 53	
Mrs. P. Wadlin,	27 63	
David Winslow,	22 00	
Addie Witham,	2 00	
Mrs. C. Willett,	12 00	
Henry Williams,	3 07	
Mrs. O. York,	31 67	
Tramps, etc.,	8 84	
Medicine, etc.,	72 25	
Wood,	2 00	
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Deduct amount charged to other towns,		\$2,209 50
		419 23
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Total cost of poor outside of poor farm,		\$1,790 27
Deduct bills of former years,		688 68
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Total outside for 1880,		\$1,101 59
Add total cost of poor farm for 1880,		1,263 07
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Total paid for our poor for 1880,		\$2,364 66

GENERAL CONTINGENT.

Repairs on watering-trough,	\$ 9 19
Overwork on roads, 1878, as per vote,	90 41
Horse hire,	23 00
Interest on orders,	247 20
Jos. Bolier, labor,	1 50
Damage on roads,	63 00
J. P. Baas & Co., printing reports,	13 50
Notifying 5 town meetings,	12 00
Expenses in Fairfield vs. Oldtown,	166 62
Sewall & Blanchard, legal services '79-'80,	240 27
Express on money sent,	4 56
Copying valuation book and other writing,	10 00
Justice Peace bills,	1 50
Fare to Bangor, 6 trips,	3 00

F. A. Gould, for barn etc., per vote of town,	192 65	
Lighting Stillwater bridge,	17 00	
Telegram,	25	
J. C. Wilson, trial justice,	6 62	
Expenses at court,	13 77	
Postage,	2 76	
Expense in Angus Stewart enquiry,	17 60	
Paid constables,	58 52	
Hersey Light Infantry target-range,	15 26	
" " " armory,	41 99	
Service of writs,	3 98	
John Varney, services,	5 00	
Health committee,	20 00	
Upper Stillwater cemetery,	6 00	
P. M. Grover, water-trough,	3 00	
J. Y. Hincks, water-trough,	3 00	
J. W. Waldron, treasurer,	100 00	
" " clerk,	31 00	
G. T. Sewall, town agent,	10 00	
" " making taxes,	35 00	
" " selectman, etc.,	100 00	
Frank Hamblen, "	100 00	
D. G. Sawyer, "	100 00	
Abatements,	10 82	
Advertising non-resident tax,	17 50	
Tolls,	12	
D. Norton, services and bills paid,	10 00	
Trucking,	90	
List of paupers 1840—1880,	15 00	
Bedding for lock-up,	8 00	
Blank books and stationery,	6 95	
Add coupons paid,		\$1,837 44
		515 00
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		\$2,352 44

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid services of firemen,	73 06	
" clearing reservoirs,	6 25	
" filling reservoir, (T. & W. Island,	15 00	
" watching fire at poor farm,	8 00	
" refreshments at poor farm fire,	3 59	
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		\$105 90
DIBIGO No. 1.		
Steward,	\$37 25	
Labor,	4 25	
Supplies,	5 83	
Repairs,	60	
Trucking,	75	
Wood,	1 50	
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		\$40 18

EXCELSIOR No. 2.		
Steward,	\$21 08	
Labor,	1 62	
Repairs,	29 23	
Trucking,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 93
TORRENT No. 3.		
Steward,	\$ 2 50	
Labor,	4 75	
Supplies,	5 26	
Repairs of house,	29 05	
Trucking,	3 05	
	<hr/>	\$44 61
JAMESON No. 4.		
Supplies,	\$6 87	
	<hr/>	\$6 87
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		\$251 49

TOWN HALL.

Oil,	\$21 18	
Matches,	8 35	
Tax,	08	
Chimneys,	13 33	
Wood,	49 78	
Brooms,	2 40	
Burners,	1 50	
Stationery,	10	
Janitor's salary,	44 31	
Cle Ming,	35 03	
Repairs,	11 30	
Piling wood,	3 00	
Pails,	1 80	
Spermaeeti	50	
Wicks,	70	
Trucking,	4 50	
Pitcher,	75	
Tumbler,	10	
Cleaning vault,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$198 22
General contingent,	\$2,352 44	
Fire Department,	251 49	
Town Hall,	198 22	
	<hr/>	\$2,802 15

RESERVOIR NEAR BANK BUILDING.

Amount paid V. Emery,	\$142 00	
" " for cement,	21 00	
" " " freight,	3 60	
" " " trucking,	2 15	
	<hr/>	\$168 75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Labor,	\$1,807 96
Lumber,	361 05
Nails,	15 02
Tools,	44 30
Repairs on Tools,	18 06
Survey of Lumber,	2 91
Trucking,	24 45
Use of Scraper,	6 50
Freight,	8 48
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	\$2,285 73

The above expenditures were divided as follows :

In West Great Works Village (G. W. Garland),	\$ 100 00
In Upper Stillwater Village (F. Hamblen),	486 03
On Hudson Road (J. Griffin),	360 29
In all other parts of town, including Birch Stream and Lancaster Bridges (D. G. Sawyer),	1,339 41
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	\$2,285 73

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1880.

Amount of tax committed to E. R. Alford,	\$16,726 78
Cash collections,	\$13,338 96
Discount for prompt payment,	1,440 00
Abatements,	247 52
Non-resident tax returned,	200 62
Balance uncollected,	1,499 68
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	\$16,726 78

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders of 1874,	\$ 381 55
“ “ “ 1875,	31 75
“ “ “ 1876,	57 00
“ “ “ 1877,	205 92
“ “ “ 1878,	3,147 31
“ “ “ 1879,	3,091 19
“ “ “ 1880,	5,026 91
Unpaid interest on bonds,	10 00
Due school districts,	632 87
Bonded debt,	10,000 00
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	\$22,484 40

RESOURCES.

Due from other towns for poor,	\$ 213 17
“ “ non-resident tax deeds,	2,789 91
“ “ resident tax deeds,	3,272 75
“ “ Medway (town orders),	66 00
“ “ State,	66 67
J. H. Gould. Collector, 1872,	858 10
D. Norton, “ 1874,	113 14
“ “ “ 1875,	164 22
“ “ “ 1876,	378 64
“ “ “ 1877,	741 55

H. A. Pratt, " 1878,	383 51
E. R. Alford, " 1879,	46 01
" " " " 1880,	1,499 68
Due from J. D. Davis, sale of produce,	15 00
" for concrete sidewalk,	14 00
Cash in treasury,	2,300 05
	<hr/> \$12,823 40

The following table shows the amount raised by the town for the last twenty years for state, town and county taxes (not including the "overlayings" nor the "omitted lists"), and also the amount of cash paid into the treasury (not including discounts, abatements, sales, etc.,) by the collectors:

Year.	Amount Raised.	Cash Collections.
1861,	\$ 10,275 46	\$ 7,169 24
1862,	12,934 42	9,204 71
1863,	22,589 40	15,184 86
1864,	25,329 93	20,166 62
1865,	58,819 86	39,429 34
1866,	15,679 07	11,896 03
1867,	31,102 26	24,200 63
1868,	21,604 26	16,534 46
1869,	26,856 44	20,260 08
1870,	29,094 39	21,165 74
1871,	24,734 61	18,882 61
1872,	26,021 35	19,357 90
1873,	25,714 01	19,382 54
1874,	22,234 30	16,716 44
1875,	19,828 93	14,553 60
1876,	17,661 72	15,359 18
1877,	15,824 97	13,149 26
1878,	14,448 97	11,359 91
1879,	14,931 63	12,898 63
1880,	16,690 60	13,338 96

The "amount raised" in two or three instances includes, also, school district taxes, where it was impossible to separate the money paid in by the collector for the districts from that paid in for the town.

Desiring to keep the taxes as low as possible, the town raised last year but \$2500 for the support of the poor. That sum is entirely insufficient to pay our poor-bills under ordinary circumstances, and the average cost for poor for the past ten years will be over rather than under \$3000. We were obliged to overdraw the appropriation to the amount of \$712.38, the account standing thus:

Amount paid for our own poor outside poor-farm,	\$1,790 27
Amount paid out for poor-farm,	\$1,495 09
Deduct received from poor-farm	72 98
	<hr/> 1,422 11

Total cost of poor not charged to other towns, \$3,212 38

Of this amount, \$207.30 is for an old bill prior to 1879, and if this is deducted it will leave \$3,005.08, which is made up of the bills paid for the present year together with those left unpaid at the close of last year, — those two items representing the ordinary cost for any one year.

We have paid out about \$200, partly included in the bill of Sewall &

Blanchard, in defending the suit *Fairfield vs. Oldtown*. If we win the case (as we hope to do) this will come back to us by the way of costs.

These two items (the overrun of \$712 in the poor-fund, and the advancing of \$200 in *Fairfield vs. Oldtown*), together with the unexpected expense caused by the fire at poor-farm, will more than account for the increase in the town liabilities, which in gross amounts to \$903.70.

We had made application for insurance of the poor-farm in the summer of 1880, but the companies to which we applied declined to take the risk, partly on account of the insane paupers residing there. The new building is fast approaching completion, is well built and will prove much more commodious than the old house.

The state valuation of the town has been diminished over \$150,000 from that of 1870, which will cause quite a saving in our state and county taxes.

The amounts raised at the last town-meeting (exclusive of schools, and state and county taxes) were:

Poor,	\$2,500 00	
Contingent,	3,000 00	
Roads, etc.,	2,100 00	
Reservoir,	200 00	
		\$7,800 00
Am't of orders drawn for above purposes,	\$8,446 22	
Deduct cash as follows: Rent town-hall,	\$167 00	
Other towns for poor,	458 84	
Town poor, repaid,	32 35	
Poor farm,	72 98	
		731 17
		7,715 05
		\$84 95

This simply shows, however, that the orders drawn, deducting cash repaid, has been kept within the appropriations. No provision is made in this view for the payment of interest on the bonded debt, payment of old orders presented, collector's percentages, amounts due school districts, and such items, except such money as may be received from old taxes; nor is any allowance made for discounts and abatements which make the appropriations smaller than their face.

It is for the interest of the town to remember that by making small appropriations the tax is diminished, but the debt is increased.

GEO. T. SEWALL,
FRANK HAMBLEN, } Selectmen.
D. G. SAWYER, }

Oldtown, Feb. 28, 1881.