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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF OLDTOWN**  
FOR THE  
**YEAR 1881-82.**

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# REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

### NEW ORDERS DRAWN.

For schools,	\$5,106 37
" poor,	1,809 23
" poor farm,	1,603 72
" rebuilding poor house,	1,621 44
" general contingent,	1,813 57
" fire department,	600 98
" town hall,	141 39
" roads and bridges,	1,903 46
" temporary loans,	907 00
" old orders renewed,	1,675 79
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	\$17,272 95
Deduct unpaid orders,	4,562 61
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Paid on new orders,	\$12,710 34
" State tax,	2,381 48
" County tax,	986 74
" for tax deeds,	44 86
" interest on bonds,	370 00
" " " orders,	87 91
" collector's percentages,	335 10
" on old orders,	2,871 19
Cash in treasury,	4,984 31
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	\$24,771 93

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, 1st March, 1881,	\$2,200 05
Received from old tax deeds,	197 10
" " H. A. Pratt, taxes 1878,	35 00
" " E. A. Alford, " 1879,	32 74
" " " " " 1880,	976 37
" " " " " 1884,	15,189 53
" " " " " S. D. No. 2 tax,	250 00
" " State for free high school,	250 00
" " tax deeds and interest,	31 86
" " other towns for poor,	193 03
" " our poor repaid,	58 45
" " poor farm sales,	351 91
" " Orono, cost of suit,	137 42
" " hall rents,	273 00
" " temporary loans,	907 00
" for schools,	1,995 08
" " road expense repaid,	22 00
Old orders renewed,	1,675 79
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	\$24,771 93

## SCHOOLS.

Districts.	Overdrawn last year.	Bal. due last year.	Apportionment.	Expended.	Bal. due.	Overdrawn.
1		\$190 58	\$448 16	\$519 21	\$119 53	
2 & High		49 81	3,109 66	2,919 69	230 78	
3		108 79	545 90	612 17	42 52	
4	\$12 30		105 45	99 31		\$6 61
5		33 73	214 56	247 34	95	
6		182 64	179 76	321 82	40 58	
7		7 82	206 85	269 30		54 63
8	7 84		66 52	96 51		37 83
9	20 36		74 22	21 02	32 84	
Total,	\$40 50	\$573 37	\$4,951 08	\$5,106 37	\$476 20	\$98 62

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Labor,	\$1,545 78
Lumber and survey,	305 83
Tools and repairing,	10 40
Nails,	12 50
Trucking,	20 85
Granite for crossings,	3 00
Paid Mrs. Joseph Lunt for gravel,	3 00
Paid J. W. Waldron " "	2 10
	<hr/> \$1,903 46

## POOR.

John Blanchette (at Augusta),	\$39 75
James Brady,	4 00
Geo. and Chas. Brawn (at Hudson),	16 50
E. Brawn,	2 00
Mrs. J. U. Bolier,	35 50
Susan Black (partly at Rockland),	67 22
John R. Bien (of Bangor),	10 00
Frank Butler,	2 00
S. A. Clark (in 1877),	1 16
Timo. Caton,	36 49
John Clark (at Portland, Augusta and Skowhegan),	39 70
M. Cota,	1 50
John Coan,	1 00
Frank Durand,	24 02
David Dean,	50
Mrs. E. Danforth,	20 00
E. Damien,	3 52
Peter Frederick,	12 33
George Gardiner,	3 15
George Grover,	74 65
Mrs. E. Griggs (at Insane Asylum),	66 63
Lucy Gullifer,	32 97
O. Gonyea (of Milford),	42 00
Francis Gifford,	24 27

Jacob Hardy,	30 80
E. Haskell (of Hudson),	9 14
Mrs. F. Johnson,	38 01
Mrs. M. Johnston,	15 37
Jos. Koyte children,	48 50
A. Lorn,	54 21
Mrs. F. Lancaster (of Edinburg),	11 60
Felix La Page,	5 02
M. E. Lovejoy (at Milo),	104 00
Michael Mayo,	4 00
C. H. Mann (of Veazle),	17 81
Geo. Miller,	50
John Nado,	4 50
Wm. Nelson,	50
Mrs. And. Oaks (of Greenbush),	3 25
P. A. Pelkey,	137 03
Mrs. P. Pyle (of Eddington),	62 14
Geo. Puller,	50
Ira Park,	50
J. H. Roundy (of Bangor),	48 00
F. Richard,	18 03
R. Richard,	6 00
James F. Rogers (at Concord),	48 50
John L. Spaulding,	3 00
Jenny Spaulding,	5 16
Zeb. Smith,	8 00
C. Severance (of Medway),	42 65
Angus Stuart (at Enfield),	6 00
Mrs. B. Stinson (at Insane Hospital),	113 91
Joseph Side,	1 00
Victor St. Louis, Sr.,	14 00
R. Stirling,	1 00
T. C. Tarrío,	1 40
Alphonse Trembly,	10 41
Mrs. Julia Violette,	9 07
Thomas Violette,	3 00
Albert Vickler,	50
Mrs. Ellen M. White,	1 00
Chas. Willett,	24 80
D. Winslow (1880 and 1881)	135 00
Mrs. P. Wadlin,	4 04
Mrs. E. A. White,	68 09
Aleck Wright,	10 28
Mrs. Albert Wyman (of Chester)	23 00
Mrs. O. York (of Hermon)	48 00
Tramps, etc.,	4 15
Wood,	2 00
Medicine,	50
	----- \$1,900 23

Deduct amount repaid by other towns,	\$199 63	
"    "    "    "    town poor.	58 45	
	<hr/>	257 08
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		\$1,552 15

## POOR FARM.

	Davis.	Shea.	Total.
Food,	\$128 26	\$305 04	\$523 30
Clothing,	63 95	145 96	209 91
Corn, etc.,	21 15	38 17	59 32
Salary of superintendent,	99 00	174 62	273 62
Furniture,	17 81	14 45	32 26
Books,	03	4 10	4 13
Repairs,	12 65	15 50	28 15
Housework,	33 98	30 25	73 23
Tobacco,	1 66	6 10	7 76
Hay,	13 80	6 00	19 80
Household implements, dishes, etc.,	11 47	18 95	30 42
Sheeting,	43	20 00	20 43
Medicine,	3 35	4 84	8 19
Labor,	12 86	9 97	22 83
Oil,	18	2 72	2 00
Tools,	1 00	5 23	6 23
Household supplies (chimneys, starch, etc.),	3 25	9 14	12 39
Harness and blanket,	1 50	7 00	8 50
Blacksmithing,	6 50	7 25	13 75
Horse,	150 00		150 00
Cow,		40 00	40 00
Burial,		3 00	3 00
Salt,		4 98	4 98
Wood,	10 00		10 00
Woolen rolls,		5 00	5 50
Pigs,		6 00	6 00
Matches,		1 80	1 80
Seeds,		3 25	3 25
Crash,		97	97
Pump and pipe,		5 70	5 70
Sewing,		6 10	6 10
Rope,		2 08	2 08
Pipes,		12	12
Plaster and superphosphate,		7 10	7 10
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	\$592 83	\$1,010 89	\$1,603 72
Deduct sold from poor farm,			351 91
Net cost of poor farm,			<hr/>
Deduct labor on roads by Shea,			\$1,251 81
			49 50
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Total expense (933 weeks' board,)			\$1,202 31

Cost of board per week, including all expenses,	\$1 29
“ “ food and clothing alone per week,	79
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ under Shea (725 w.)	69

PAUPERS AT FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Chas Brawn,	Peter Frederick,
Willie Brawn,	Mary E. Frederick,
George Brawn,	Sophonra Gerry,
Susan Black,	Eliza Grigs,
Timothy Caton,	Jacob Hardy,
Frances Caton,	Fanny Johnson,
George Caton,	Hiram Longfellow,
Sophonra Caton,	— Magrath,
Lizzie Caton,	Thomas O'Connell,
Bert Caton,	Alonzo Patten,
James Caton,	Etta Patten,
Eva Caton,	Albert Patten,
Fred Caton,	Jenny Spaulding,
Frank Caton,	Phebe Wadlin,
John Clark,	Ellen M. White,
Hannah Clark,	Willie Willett,
Frank Durand,	Charles Willett.

CONTINGENT.

GENERAL FUND.

Postage and registry, 2 years,	\$ 19 42
Interest on orders,	247 50
Lighting Upper Stillwater bridge,	31 85
Paid constables,	43 25
Notifying two town meetings (fees,)	4 75
Work on reservoir,	40 00
H. L. I. target and armory (in part.)	69 68
Fare and expenses in pauper investigations,	36 25
Stationery,	3 22
Depositions,	10 00
Settlement with Clark,	2 00
Concord vs. Oldtown,	5 00
Fairfield vs. Oldtown, trial, etc.,	62 65
Sawyer vs. Oldtown,	25 00
Sawyer vs. Emery,	25 00
Oldtown vs. S. H. Blake,	32 26
Oldtown vs. J. S. Smith,	15 60
Oldtown vs. other parties,	1 16
Conway vs. Oldtown (indictment,)	5 00
Orono vs. Oldtown (trial,)	145 10
Express on money, etc.,	3 25
Telegrams,	95
Paid for labor,	9 00
Poor house fire (moving paupers, repairs of rented house, etc.,	18 50



Wing contract,	3 00
Oldtown cemetery,	34 93
Insuring Town Hall and Poor House,	313 50
Upper Stillwater cemetery,	6 00
Land damages,	70 00
Road damages,	4 88
Horse hire,	4 10
Militia returns,	2 25
Surveying,	5 00
Advertising non-resident taxes.	13 12
Health committee,	15 00
Abatements,	11 65
Watering-troughs,	7 00
D. Norton, warrant,	50
Blanks,	1 25
Geo. T. Sewall, making taxes,	35 00
“ “ selectman, etc.,	100 00
Frank Hamblen, “	100 00
D. G. Sawyer, “	100 00
J. W. Waldron, treasurer,	100 00
“ “ clerk,	30 00
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	\$1,813 57

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## DIRIGO, No. 1.

Paid firemen, 1878,	\$ 2 55
“ “ 1879,	3 50
“ “ 1880,	67 50
“ “ 1881,	100 20
Trucking,	3 75
Labor,	22 50
Steward,	12 50
Repairs,	1 00
Alcohol,	10 88
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	\$224 38

## EXCELSIOR, No. 2.

Paid firemen, 1878,	\$ 1 30
“ “ 1879,	4 74
“ “ 1880,	61 00
“ “ 1881,	78 00
Steward,	27 07
Repairs,	14 05
Alcohol,	11 01
Oil,	4 68
Wood,	7 00
Chimneys, wicks, etc.,	55
Broom,	25
Stationery,	20
Rigging,	2 40
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	\$212 25

<b>TORRENT No. 3.</b>			
Paid firemen, 1880,		\$51 13	
"    "    1881,		64 80	
Trucking,		1 50	
Steward,		30 00	
Repairs,		3 40	
Alcohol,		2 50	
		<hr/>	\$153 33
<b>TEN ORPHANS, No. 5.</b>			
Paid firemen, 1879,		\$2 25	
"    "    1880,		9 75	
"    "    1881,		12 30	
		<hr/>	\$24 30
<b>JAMESON, NO. 4.</b>			
Paid firemen, 1880,		\$17 50	
"    "    1881,		22 50	
Stove,		7 30	
		<hr/>	\$47 30
<b>PORTER'S MILLS LITTLE GIANT.</b>			
Paid fireman, 1878,		\$1 30	
		<hr/>	\$1 30
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES.</b>			
Paid fighting fire,		\$10 00	
Lead pipe (reservoir.)		1 95	
Filling and clearing reservoirs,		8 00	
Repairs,		4 17	
Watching fires,		3 00	
Refreshments for firemen,		1 00	
		<hr/>	\$28 12
Total fire department,			<hr/>
			\$690 98
<b>TOWN HALL.</b>			
Wood,		\$33 25	
J. W. Williams, janitor,		5 55	
J. M. Jellison,     "		41 67	
Trucking,		75	
Cleaning, etc.,		19 98	
Stove pipe and labor on furnace.		2 45	
Oil, lamps, matches, chimneys, etc.,		22 13	
Faucet,		50	
Duplicate key,		25	
Repairs,		1 65	
Curtains, pitcher and pail,		2 41	
Axe handle,		30	
Cleaning privy,		3 00	
Piling wood in cellar,		7 50	
		<hr/>	\$141 39
<b>RECAPITULATION.</b>			
General Contingent,		\$1,813 57	
Fire Department,		690 98	
Town Hall,		141 39	
Temporary loan.		907 00	
		<hr/>	\$3,552 94

## REBUILDING POOR HOUSE.

Paid for building as per contract,	\$1,495 00	
" " extra work on rollway, attic, ice house, etc.,	126 44	
		<u>\$1,621 44</u>

## STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1881.

Amount of tax committed to E. R. Alford,		\$19,856 96
Cash collections, town tax,	\$15,189 53	
" " Sch. Dist. No. 2 tax,	250 00	
Abatements and discount,	1,866 42	
Non-resident tax returned,	1,260 24	
Balance uncollected,	1,290 77	
		<u>\$19,856 96</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders of 1874,	\$381 65	
" " 1875,	31 75	
" " 1876,	50 00	
" " 1877,	105 01	
" " 1878,	2,600 73	
" " 1879,	1,960 09	
" " 1880,	3,941 21	
" " 1881,	4,562 61	
Unpaid interest on bonds, January, 1882,	140 00	
Due school districts,	377 58	
Bonded debt,	10,000 00	
		<u>\$24,150 53</u>
Deduct cash in treasury,		4,984 31
Debt of town, March 1st, 1882,	\$19,166 22	
Debt last year, less cash in treasury,	20,284 35	
Debt diminished this year by		<u>\$1,118 13</u>

## RESOURCES.

Due from other towns for poor,	\$288 30	
" " non-resident tax-deeds,	2,457 00	
" " resident tax-deeds,	3,306 59	
" " notes,	45 25	
" " executions,	115 57	
" " pending suits,	165 23	
" " J. H. Gould, Collector, 1872,	858 10	
" " D. Norton, " 1874,	77 23	
" " " " " 1875,	88 84	
" " " " " 1876,	204 06	
" " " " " 1877,	341 90	
" " H. A. Pratt, " 1878,	348 51	
" " E. R. Alford, " 1881,	1,290 77	
Cash in treasury,	4,984 31	
		<u>\$14,571 66</u>

The reduction reported in the debt (\$1,118) would have been much larger had we not been disappointed by the non-collection of one or two taxes upon which we confidently relied. Mr. Wm. T. Pearson has generally paid his taxes promptly and cheerfully; but this year, by reason of the destruction of his mill, he paid only a portion of the amount, and asks an abatement of the remainder. We found therefore our receipts some \$600 less than we expected on his tax alone, to say nothing of other unpaid taxes. Had it not been for this loss, which happened without our fault, the reduction of the debt would have exceeded \$1700. General J. S. Smith, collector of Bangor, has also failed as yet to pay his tax of about \$170. These two taxes of themselves make considerably more than half of the uncollected balance in the hands of Mr. Alford.

A larger amount of "cash in the treasury" than usual is reported this year. It is proper to say that this has not been gathering during the year, but that much of it has been received lately from the collector, from other towns, from school funds and from different sources. We have instructed the treasurer to use it in taking up old interest-bearing orders as fast as possible until it is reduced to a sum sufficient to meet the ordinary running expenses of the town; and since the books were closed this year he has paid out about \$1400 on old orders and \$370 on orders of 1881. Other orders will be paid as soon as they can be reached. One great difficulty in the payment of them being that they almost invariably pass out of the hands of the original holders, and thus become hard to find.

The financial condition is really a little better than would appear from the table of "Liabilities." The debt as there stated is \$19,166. There is due the town from other towns \$288, of which no part is disputed so far as we are informed; of the notes (\$45) held by the town, \$35 may be reckoned as cash,—the remaining \$10 being doubtful (these were given in payment of pauper supplies, and not considered of any actual value); the uncollected balance in Mr. Alford's hands, even if the whole unpaid portion of the Pearson tax be abated, ought safely to be appraised at \$350. If these sums be deducted, the face of the debt will be brought below \$18,500.

There remain a few words to be said concerning the suits to which the town is a party.

*Fairfield v. Old Town.* Action for supplies furnished to the family and descendants of Cyril Gonyea. This case was tried in Somerset County, and although in our opinion (shared by nearly all who were present at the trial) the evidence was clearly and strongly in our favor, yet the jury after some hours' deliberation decided for the plaintiffs. We are quite confident of getting a new trial, and trust in that case to obtain a different verdict.

*Concord v. Old Town.* Action for supplies furnished to James F. Rogers. While we doubted the liability of Old Town for this pauper, yet as the testimony was somewhat unreliable, and as the cost of trial even if we were successful would be large, and especially as Rogers is now maintaining himself and is not likely to need further help, we settled

the action by paying one half of the bill, the pauper remaining in Concord.

*Orono v. Old Town.* Action for supplies furnished to Theodore Collins. This suit has been decided in our favor.

*Arthur G. Sawyer v. Old Town.* Action arising out of the building of the road from Porter's Mills to Peacove some years ago. N. Wilson, Esq., the plaintiff's attorney, after keeping the case several terms in court, finally offered to drop the action if we would pay the plaintiff's costs, which we declined to do. He thereupon agreed to discontinue it, each party to pay his own costs; and the case was thus dropped.

*A. G. Sawyer v. V Emery.* Action similar to the foregoing. Emery being sued for building the road mentioned above. As he built it by direction of the town, we assumed the defence of the suit. The same offers and final disposition were made as in the other action.

*State v. Old Town.* An indictment upon complaint of Mrs. P. Conway for a refusal or neglect to open fully the south end of Fourth Street. This case is still pending, but will probably be arranged.

*Doyle v. Old Town.*

*Severance v. Old Town.*

These are actions for recovering damages for alleged injuries through defects in the roads. They are still pending. We think that the town is not liable, and that the plaintiffs will fail.

*Old Town v. S. H. Blake.*

“ *v. J. M. Lord's heirs.*

“ *v. Jos. S. Smith.*

“ *v. Wm. Henderson.*

These are tax-suits, brought to enforce payment of taxes assessed against the parties named, and still pending. We expect to obtain a verdict as soon as a hearing can be had.

It may be said in conclusion that the expenses of the town have been kept within the appropriations, and that the taxes have been well collected, during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. SEWALL,  
FRANK HAMBLIN, } Selectmen.  
DANIEL G. SAWYER, }

Old Town, Me., February 28th, 1882.