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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF OLDTOWN

FOR THE

YEAR 1883-84.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

New orders drawn—For schools,	\$5,388 65	
“ poor,	1,855 24	
“ poor farm,	1,573 92	
“ contingent,	1,583 54	
“ fire department,	241 46	
“ town hall,	840 41	
“ roads and bridges,	3,903 54	
“ school books,	735 81	
“ U. Stillwater reservoir,	147 25	
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		16,269 82
Deduct new orders unpaid,		183 03
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Cash paid out on new orders,	\$16,086 79	
“ “ “ for state tax,	2,117 44	
“ “ “ county tax,	616 71	
“ “ “ interest on bonds,	260 00	
“ “ “ “ “ orders,	100 83	
“ “ “ collector's percentage,	317 97	
“ “ “ old orders paid,	816 60	
“ “ “ tax deeds,	42 36	
“ to balance notes charged,	87 00	
“ in treasury,	4,157 40	
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		\$24,603 10

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, 1st March, 1883,	\$4,499 15
“ received from non-resident tax,	500 00
“ “ “ old taxes and sales,	373 52
“ “ “ E. R. Alford, taxes 1882,	531 09
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ S. D. No. 2	25 35
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1883,	14,985 57
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ S. D. No. 2,	350 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1882 S. D. No. 8,	8 04
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ S. D. No. 9,	5 29
“ “ “ state for schools,	1,935 83
“ “ “ “ “ free high school	250 00
“ “ “ tuition at “ “ “	24 00
“ “ “ tax deeds and interest,	8 47
“ “ “ citizens for concrete walks, &c.,	15 05
“ “ “ produce sold from poor farm,	86 76
“ “ “ other towns for poor,	265 52
“ “ “ our poor repaid,	104 88

Cash received from town hall rents,	523 00
“ “ “ sale of school books,	101 08
“ “ “ F. S. Hunt, billiard license,	10 00
“ “ “ sale of forfeited liquor jug,	50
	<hr/> \$24,603.10

SCHOOLS.

Districts-	Overdrawn last year.	Bal. due last year.	Apportion- ment.	Expended.	Bal. due.	Over- drawn.
1		\$265 75	\$500 57	\$486 82	\$279 50	
2 & High		222 15	2995 09	3419 62		\$202 38
3	\$5 06		613 83	592 82	15 95	
4		63 78	149 80	176 45	37 13	
5		10 35	219 22	209 48	20 09	
6	48 06		186 34	140 05		1 77
7	57 61		259 42	264 92		63 11
8	63 37		73 80	62 31		51 88
9	12 68		56 44	36 18	7 58	
Total	\$186 78	\$562 03	\$5,054 51	\$5,388 65	\$360 25	\$319 14

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Labor bills, 1881,		\$19 75
“ “ 1882,		51 52
“ “ and teams, 1883,	\$2,374 70	
Concrete walks,	356 00	
Lumber,	316 55	
Jigger,	60 00	
Miscellaneous bills,	725 02	3,832 27
		<hr/> \$3,903 54
Deduct Am't paid by citizens,		15 05
		<hr/> \$3,888 49
Deduct Am't still due from citizens,		233 97
		<hr/> \$3,654 52

ROAD IMPLEMENTS ON HAND.

Road machine,	\$150 00
Dump scraper,	15 00
Two horse jigger,	60 00
Two horse dump cart,	70 00
Plough,	20 00
Plough,	12 00
Three hand scrapers,	15 00

Chain,	3 00
Iron bar,	1 50
Hammer and drills,	4 00
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	\$350 50

POOR FARM.

W. H. Shea, superintendent,	\$208 33
Food,	459 63
Clothing,	147 79
Medicine,	36 96
Repairs,	74 88
Tobacco,	21 21
House work,	42 41
House supplies (soap, oil, matches, brooms, &c.),	73 27
Farm supplies (seeds, grain, corn, tools, &c.),	252 25
Furniture,	37 00
Sewing machine,	30 00
Wood,	168 39
Miscellaneous,	21 80
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	\$1,573 92
Deduct amount sold from poor farm,	86 76
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	\$1,487 16
Deduct am't labor on roads by Shea,	308 90
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Total expense (1142 weeks' board),	\$1,178 26
Cost of board per week, including all expenses.	\$1 03 1 5
“ “ food and clothing alone per week,	53 1 5
“ “ food alone per week,	40 1 5

POOR.

Delia Appleby (of Burlington),	\$5 00
Dennis Ayotte (State pauper),	60 03
Frank Betters,	4 00
Godfrey Bolier,	5 00
C. Burlingame (repaid),	18 19
John A. Brooks (at Bangor),	310 00
Abram Beriby,	75 20
William Black (of Greenbush),	12 00
Mary C. Blenn (of Bangor),	4 00
Sam A. Clark,	22 85
I. C. Cunningham (of Hudson),	13 60
Joe. Cyr,	43 34
John Clark (repaid),	14 85

Nathan Collins (of Bradley),	6 20
F. Cote,	2 75
Timothy Caton,	77 75
Mary M. Cowan (of Orono),	2 70
Jos. Dubay,	19 25
F. Durand,	9 00
J. C. Grover (at St. Albans),	8 00
O. Gonyea (of Milford),	48 00
H. F. Grover,	11 58
H. B. Hackett (of Detroit),	43 00
Wealthy Hunter,	14 00
Jos. Koyte,	40 82
Lorenzo & Charles Knowles (of Hampden),	47 64
M. E. Lovejoy (at Milo),	104 00
O. O. Martin,	15 00
M. Mayo,	15 56
R. E. Matthews (of Lincoln),	1 00
Mrs. T. McNamara,	11 26
Thos. Nado,	4 00
Wm. Nado,	31 60
Andrew Nado,	5 80
A Odell (of Farmington),	5 00
Peter A. Pelkey,	114 42
F. Richard,	51 00
C. H. Stevens (of Jackson),	94 26
Fred A. Smith (at Insane Hospital),	98 52
Betsy Stinson (at Insane Hospital),	116 49
Victor St. Louis, Sr.,	2 00
Antony Socie (of Orono),	23 80
Prudent Tarrío,	11 69
Agnes Tarrío,	1 90
Thos. Violette,	9 77
Mrs. Wright,	3 00
Daniel Ward (of Orono),	62 74
D. Winslow,	79 15
Mrs. White,	4 00
Mrs. H. Williams,	3 46
W. S. Weymouth (of Milo),	6 43
Tramps and all others	35 39
Medical attendance,	25 25

\$1,855 24

Deduct supplies to other towns' poor as above,	\$375 37
“ “ to State pauper “ “	60 03
“ “ to our poor repaid “ “	33 04

468 44

Expense of our own poor,	\$1,386 80
Add net expense of poor farm,	1,178 26
Total,	\$2,565 06

PAUPERS AT FARM DURING THE YEAR.

	Weeks.	Days.		Weeks.	Days.
Susan Black,	52	2	Fanny Johnson,	52	2
Charles Brawn,	16	5	Mary Laplante,	52	2
C. Burlingame,	33	4	Mary Laplante, Jr.,	52	2
Abram Beriby,	26	2	H. Longfellow,	52	2
John Clark,	14	5	Jane Lanfest,	29	2
Timothy Caton,	25	5	Mrs. Mayo (3 children),	1	
Frances Caton	26		Albert Patten,	48	3
George Caton,	26		Mary Patten,	5	4
Sophronia Caton,	26		Mellie Patten,	52	2
Eva Caton,	26		Jennie Spaulding,	52	2
Lizzie Caton,	26		John Thompson,	5	3
John Caton,	26		Agnes Tarrio,	19	6
Charles Caton.	3	3	Ellen White,	52	2
Frank Durand,	1	2	Phebe Wadlin,	5	1
Eliza Griggs,	52	2	Willie Willett,	14	2
Sophronia Gerry,	52	2	John Warren,	3	2
Silas S. Harvey,	52	2	Tramps,		1
				1037	4
Add board of Mr. and Mrs. Sbea,				104	4
Total weeks' board,				1142	1

CONTINGENT.

Printing reports.	\$17 00
Watering troughs.	6 60
Service precepts,	14 21
Horse hire,	52 75
Old Town v. Blake and Lord,	57 94
Damages road,	70 00
Notifying meetings.	2 50
Expressage and labor,	2 94
Expenses in looking up paupers,	101 22
Blank-books, stationery and postage,	41 79
Surveying streets,	13 00
Writing, recording, and Jus. Peace certificates,	6 15
Health committee,	19 00
Telephone,	8 00
Interest and abatements,	400 68

H. L. Infantry, target-rent,	24 00	
Upper Stillwater watering trough,	9 57	
King v. Alford,	32 41	
Old Town v. Chester and Greenbush,	8 20	
Constables' services,	28 50	
Oldtown cemetery, (Buffum),	45 00	
Upper Stillwater cemetery,	10 72	
Insurance on poor-house,	12 50	
Advertising non-resident tax,	17 00	
Expenses at Minneapolis, pauper case,	5 00	
Severance and Doyle v. Old Town,	20 00	
Old Town street-lamps,	37 86	
Upper Stillwater street-lamps,	14 70	
Mending key,	30	
F. Hamblen, moderator,	5 00	
G. T. Sewall, making taxes,	50 00	
“ “ town-agent, 1882-3,	10 00	
“ “ selectman, &c.,	100 00	
G. B. Michael, selectman,	100 00	
Henry A. Pratt, selectman,	100 00	
J. W. Waldron, treasurer,	100 00	
“ “ clerk,	30 00	
		\$1,583 54

TOWN HALL.

Wood,	\$47 75	
Painting,	141 72	
Diagrams for sale of seats,	11 25	
New floor,	270 00	
Repairs, (including change of doors and registers),	170 04	
Cleaning,	47 70	
Window wire-screens,	13 32	
Supplies, (oil, matches, furniture, front lamp, &c.),	82 38	
J. M. Jellison, janitor,	56 25	
		\$840 41

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DIRIGO No. 1.		
Steward,	\$30 34	
Firemen,	3 00	
Repairs,	3 25	
Miscellaneous, (oil, alcohol, &c.),	15 35	\$51 94
EXCELSIOR No. 2.		
Steward,	\$18 75	
Firemen,	9 00	
Repairs,	36 95	
Miscellaneous,	17 99	\$82 69

TORRENT No. 3.			
Steward,	\$30 00		
Repairs,	43 25		
Miscellaneous,	5 78	\$79 03	
JAMESON No. 4.			
Firemen,	\$6 75		
Repairs,	75		
Miscellaneous,	2 30	\$9 80	
GENERAL EXPENSES.			
Clearing reservoirs, trucking, &c.,		\$18 00	
		<u> </u>	\$241 46

UPPER STILLWATER RESERVOIR.

Labor,	\$78 88		
Cement and lumber,	57 58		
Trucking,	6 88		
Miscellaneous, (pails, hhd., &c.),	3 91		
		<u> </u>	\$147 25

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Books,	\$731 23		
Freight,	2 03		
Stamp,	2 55		
		<u> </u>	\$735 81
Deduct received from sales,			101 08
			<u> </u>
			\$634 73

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1883.

Amount of tax committed to E. R. Alford,		\$18,507 66
Cash collections, town tax,	\$14,985 57	
“ “ Sch. Dist. No. 2 tax,	350 00	
Discount,	1,703 95	
Non-resident tax returned,	727 64	
Balance uncollected,	740 50	
	<u> </u>	\$18,507 66

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders of 1875,	\$31 75
“ “ 1878,	1,175 56
“ “ 1879,	910 09
“ “ 1880,	2,282 13
“ “ 1881,	3,081 49

“	“	1882,	4,121 36
“	“	1883,	183 03
Unpaid interest on bonds,			250 00
Due school districts,			41 11
Due Fairfield,			397 50
Bonded debt,			10,000 00
			<hr/> \$22,474 02
Deduct cash in treasury,			4,157 40
Debt of town 1st March, 1884,			<hr/> \$18,316 62
Debt last year,			18,680 08
			<hr/> \$363 46

RESOURCES.

Due from other towns for poor,	\$340 00
“ “ non-resident tax-sales,	2,457 36
“ “ resident tax-sales,	3,381 28
“ “ notes and orders,	87 00
“ “ executions,	115 57
“ “ E. R. Alford, collector, 1883,	740 50
“ “ citizens for concrete walks,	233 97
“ “ Otis Reed for work of paupers, 1882,	23 25
Cash in treasury,	4,157 40

Certain uncollected taxes, amounting in all to \$1,906.50, have been carried along from year to year in the table of “Resources” for the past ten or twelve years. A small part of those for the year 1878 has been collected since our books were closed; but these uncollected balances are as a whole deemed so valueless, serving only to give a fictitious increase to the resources, that it has seemed to us expedient to omit them altogether.

The following statement shows the increase of the valuation in the town during the past five years, and the percentage of assessment. It should be explained that the amounts are given in round numbers; that the “amount raised” does not include the omitted-list assessment; and that from four to seven hundred dollars each year was assessed upon polls.

Year.	Valuation.	Am't raised.	Per cent.
1879	\$507,000	\$15,200	.029
1880	502,700	16,000	.031
1881	505,000	18,800	.036
1882	557,000	18,500	.032
1883	592,500	17,700	.029

In 1883 the valuation of property in School District No. 2 was \$361,000.

Respectfully submitted,

	GEO. T. SEWALL,	} Selectmen.
	G. B. MICHAEL,	
Oldtown, Me., 29th Feb., 1884.	HENRY A. PRATT,	