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REPORT
OF THE
AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS
OF THE
TOWN OF WISCASSET,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 9, 1878.

**And Estimates of the Selectmen for the
Ensuing Year.**



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1878.

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877-8.

For paupers and expenses of town farm	\$1,500 00	
schools	1,600 00	
bonds due July, 1877	3,000 00	
fire department	350 00	
bills rendered orders not drawn	928 00	
sidewalks and bridges	600 00	
contingent expenses	500 00	
interest on outstanding loans and bonds . .	6,600 00	
abatements	250 00	
commissions	400 00	
town officers	575 00	
highways in labor \$2000, in money	_____	
Total, Town tax		\$16,303 00
State tax	2,078 32	
County tax	904 97	
	_____	2,978 29
		\$19,281 29

ASSESSMENTS.

Tax on property and overlappings:		
On real estate	\$12,059 43	
personal estate	6,289 28	
	_____	\$18,348 71
polls		1,506 00
Deficient highway tax		101 79

Total amount committed to Collector		\$19,954 60
Supplementary tax		26 65
Highway separately assessed		2,020 22

At the last annual meeting of the town March 26, 1877, it was *Voted* that the Treasurer of the town, for the time being, be and hereby is authorized to borrow, from time to time, for the town and on its credit and faith, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of notes and other indebtedness of the town, and issue notes or bonds with semi-annual coupons for interest, therefore, payable at such times as may be agreed on, but not to pay more than Bank interest therefor, and to obtain the same at the lowest rate.

Town of Wiscasset in Account with
JOSEPH TUCKER, TREASURER.

1877.	DR.	
To paid coupons No. 17 and 18 April and Oct.		\$900 00
" " 8 and 9 May and Nov..		960 00
" " 2 and 3 June and Dec..		1,800 00
" " 10 and 11 July and Jan.		1,560 00
" " 18 bonds matured July.		90 00
" July bonds matured.....		3,000 00
coupons on bonds K. & L. R. R....		6,698 10
1878. matured notes of the town.....		4,177 24
To paid pauper and town farm orders.....		2,208 38
contingent orders		571 89
sidewalks and bridges orders.....		804 38
town officers' orders.....		726 13
highway account orders.....		397 15
fire department orders		392 16
school district No. 1 orders.....		2,467 14
" " " 2 orders.....		459 60
" " " 3 orders.....		146 61
" " " 4 orders.....		209 38
" " " 5 orders.....		161 96
" " " 6 orders.....		171 35
municipal orders of 1876.....		209 38
interest on loans.....		1,157 38
pension H. R. Smith \$84; do. C. M. Nutter \$48.....		182 00
outstanding bills of 1876....		925 54
balance to new account		522 78
		\$30,841 45

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1877.

By cash in treasury April 1877.....	\$2,997 84
taxes of D. Quinam collector, for 1874 ..	320 18
Alfred Call, collector for 1875....	2,343 58
Alfred Call, collector for 1876....	6,535 85
Alfred Call, collector for 1877....	4,998 70
loans per vote of town.....	10,693 10
cash of Harvey Gove for School Dist. 3..	25 00
Snell, 3.33; Stinson, 3.33; lum- ber, 3.50, District No. 1.....	10 16
School warrant State Treasurer do	500 00
Railroad tax for 1876 State Treas- urer.....	15 86
School fund State Treasurer.....	441 67
School mill tax State Treasurer..	705 76
Pension Smith and Nutter State Treasurer.....	132 00
City of Biddeford.....	23 80
Sale of calf and timber, town farm	6 50
Sale of hay \$34.72; License \$1.00;	35 72
Grass, cemeteries, Town farm	28 00
Balance on oxen, Town farm.....	20 00
Sale of pigs, 6.75; Exchange of oxen, 15.00	21 75
Bristol pauper, 14.50; peddler, 1.00	15 50
Error, .80; from town farm cash for hay, hides, 10.00.....	10 80
Cr. S. A. Haraden 10.10; certifi- cate physician, 2.00	12 10
Dog Licenses.....	72 00
Non-resident tax, H. Walker....	1 41
Coupons unpaid, No. 7, \$15; No. 62, 76, 80, 82, \$12.....	27 00
School tax, District No. 1, 1875, \$260.81; 1876, \$250.45; 1877, \$340.91.....	852 17
	<hr/> \$30,841 45

Analysis of Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Amount rec'd from all sources (except for pensions) for the year ending Mar. 9, 1878,	\$27,711	61
Cash in treasury, March 10, 1877.....	2,997	84
	<u> </u>	<u>\$30,709 45</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of payments (except for pensions rec'd from State) for the year ending March 9, 1878	30,186	67
Cash in treasury March 9, 1878.....	522	78
	<u> </u>	<u>\$30,709 45</u>

RECEIVED.

For taxes.....	\$15,046	89
From State for school purposes ..	1,647	43
loans.....	10,693	10
all other sources	324	19
	<u> </u>	<u>27,711 61</u>
Cash in treasury.....		2,997 84
		<u>\$30,709 45</u>

PAID.

On Account of Interest.

On town bonds.....	\$5,310	00
Defaulted coupons Knox & Lincoln R. R....	6,693	10
On loans.....	1,157	38
	<u> </u>	<u>13,160 48</u>
On matured obligations.....	7,386	57
On orders of Selectmen for municipal expenses 1876 and 1877-78.....	9,639	62
	<u> </u>	<u>\$30,186 67</u>
Cash in treasury.....		522 78
		<u>\$30,709 45</u>

**Bills Paid by Orders Drawn by Selectmen during the Year
Ending March 9, 1878.**

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM AND PAUPERS.

Superintendent, W. F. Foye, to Feb. 16th, 1878		\$312 50
<i>Repairs etc :</i>		
John West, painting and whitewashing	38 75	
Moses Huntoon, labor on drain and sink	10 50	
Edward B. Neal, bills	55 24	
Ames Bros., mending axes	1 50	
Nute and Sones	3 50	
Seth Patterson, lime	1 10	
Hartley Lowell, shoeing oxen	1 50	
	<hr/>	112 09
<i>Labor :</i>		
Lemantine Pushard, cutting wood		13 50
<i>Furniture, Stock, etc :</i>		
R. H. Tucker, iron bedsteads	10 00	
Sewall Albee, washing machine	3 00	
Moses Huntoon, ox sled	6 00	
Charles P. Knight, bills	45 92	
Nathan Thoms, difference between cows	5 00	
	<hr/>	69 92
R. N. Bailey for use of boar		8 00
<i>Medical Attendance :</i>		
S. B. Cushman, physician 1876	14 00	
R. H. Cunningham, physician 1876	4 00	
R. H. Cunningham, physician	30 00	
	<hr/>	48 00
<i>Nursing :</i>		
Esther Nute, care of inmates	3 00	
Harriet Munsey, care of Mrs. Mitchell	1 00	
Martha Grover, care of Mary Taylor	3 00	
Martha Grover, care of Mrs. Barter	4 50	
	<hr/>	11 50
Funeral expenses of Hannah Savage		21 50

Store Accounts,

W. F. McClintock	\$38 51	
West & Dow	17 61	
Colby & Taylor	9 12	
R. M. Brookings	52 08	
F. P. Lowell	42 12	
A. H. Foye	3 66	
John Jones	11 65	
Jas. Groves	35 18	
F. E. Johnson	75	
Stimpson & Boreland	17 48	
L. Nute & Co.	5 09	
S. L. Young	13 64	
N. Lincoln	22 86	
W. P. Lennox	22 18	
Alex. Blagdon	3 36	
J. M. Knight	43 94	
F. T. Dana	13 59	
J. C. Henderson	5 00	
I. B. Dickinson	38 60	
J. A. Foye	27 56	
C. E. Jackson	23 01	
A. Lennox	30 88	
Sarah W. Dana	5 50	
S. E. Carr	17 30	
Gibbs & Rundlett	2 46	
Mrs. S. B. Hilton	19 30	
J. Taylor & Son	50 88	
A. H. Foye	75	
John Cowley	95	
I. A. Foye	6 30	
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	581 31	
Less sales of produce in exchange for goods ..	17 17	
	<hr/>	\$564 14
Total Town farm		<hr/>
		\$1,161 15

Deduct:

Sales hay	38 22	
calves	12 00	
pigs	10 50	
vegetables	5 45	
Difference in oxen	20 00	
Difference in oxen	15 00	
Cowhide	8 50	
Butter	50	
Rec'd from City of Biddeford	1 50	
for care of inmates	6 00	
		\$112 67
Net Town farm		\$1,048 48

Of this amount, the sum of \$108.06 was paid on bills due prior to March 10, 1877.

PAUPERS NOT ON FARM.

Store Accounts:

R. M. Brookings	10 59
F. T. Dana	39 28
C. E. Jackson	43 87
W. F. McClintock	78 32
J. Jones	25 21
J. A. Foye	3 47
Gibbs & Rundlett	12 14
J. M. Knight	29 91
J. W. Stimpson	5 90
L. Nute & Co	9 79
S. L. Young	13 99
N. Lincoln	19 90
W. P. Lennox	10 46
Alex. Blagdon	80
I. B. Dickinson	35 70
F. P. Lowell	5 75
J. L. White, wood, etc	5 62
B. Clark, wood, etc	15 30
G. T. Roberts, wood, etc	4 50

J. Groves	6 10
Town of Dresden.....	2 00
Colby & Taylor.....	4 21
Stimpson & Boreland.....	25 95
Mrs. S. B. Hilton.....	9 27
J. Taylor & Son	49 16
West & Dorr.....	3 72
John Cowley.....	1 30
S. W. Dana.....	6 35

 \$477 86

Which amount is chargeable as follows:

Daniel Barter and family (5).....	95 47
Dennis Munsey and family (4).....	132 05
Mrs. Emma Wolff.....	12 00
H. Pushard	13 68
H. Pushard's children.....	65
Mrs. T. Hilton.....	4 65
I. Foster.....	3 00
C. H. Savage.....	2 00
J. Mitchell.....	6 75
E. Henderson.....	1 00
Rufus Clark and family (6).....	128 99
Wilmot Blake.....	38 60
Boudin Child.....	12 74
Charles Blackman.....	6 68
Thos. Hilton	9 89
Mrs. Andrews and child.....	3 50
George B. Dickinson	3 00
William Smith.....	30
C. Tibbetts.....	3 51

 477 86

Medical Attendance:

R. H. Cunningham, physician 1876. Services to William Nutter, 32.00; services to D. Barter and family, 24.00; services to D. Mitchell, 27.00; services to E. Henderson, 2.00; services to Miss Holbrook, 4.00.....

89 00

Nursing, etc.,

F. T. Thomas, care of D. Munsey, 11.00; Fred West, care of D. Munsey, 27; Jos. W. Munsey, care of D. Munsey, 32.50	70 50
Maine General Hospital, board of J. R. Mitchell	66 00

Funeral Expenses:

Of C. Tibbetts, 1876, 19.50; Jas. Dunbar, 27.62 David G. Mitchell, 7.58; of Andrews child, 3.00; of Jas. Mitchell, to Maine General Hospital, 16.00; R. Clark's child, 7.10; Dickinson child, 1876, 2.94; E. Henderson, 1876, 1.84	90 64
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Insane Hospital Patients:

Judith A. Dickinson	\$139 56
Sarah A. Harraden	140 26
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	\$279 82

Tramps &c.

J. E. Morse, for keeping 95 tramps at 43 cts. each, from Jan. 5, to March 26, 1877	40 85
J. E. Morse, for keeping 114 tramps at 43 cts. from March 26th, 1877, to March 10, 1878..	49 02
Seth Patterson, railroad fares.....	8 30
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	\$98 17
J. E. Morse, board of J. H. Brown under commitment, from Oct. 30th 1877 to March at \$2.75 per week	51 50

Miscellaneous:

Town of Cape Elizabeth, supplies to M. J. Barter,	11 61
D. C. Rines, sawing wood for the Misses Hannaford, 6.50; E. Kitchen do., 3.25; S. Foster, 1.25; E. Hatch 5.00	16 00
J. W. Munsey do., for D. Munsey	2 00
J. E. Morse board of E. Little Bristol pauper 13.50; S. B. Cushman services to do., 1.00	14 50
Melissa Deering house rent for J. Foster 4.50; W. B. Hall bringing Barter family from	

Southport 4.25; Peter Jones do., 2.50; R. Clark R. R. ticket for Mrs. C. Baker 1.00; for R. R. ticket for Asa Cunningham 1.30.	13 55	
		57 66
Total		\$1,281 05
Deduct am't rec'd from town of Bristol 14.50; do., from city of Biddeford 22.30; do., from C. Decker estate, acc't S. A. Harradon 10.10 do., from doctor's certificate, 2.00.....		48 90
Net paupers not on farm		1,232 15
Of this amount the sum 195.58 was paid on bills due prior to March 10, 1877.		
Total Town Farm and Pauper Bills.....		\$2,442 20
Add sum of items transferred to contingent and fire department act's		4 20
Orders drawn.....		2,446 40
Nett amount of expenditures.....		2,280 63
Bills of 1876		303 64
Total for the year.....		1,976 99

OUTSTANDING BILLS OF 1876.

APPROPRIATION \$928.00.

Town Officers.

Joseph Tucker, Treasurer 1876	\$100 00	
B. F. Lancaster, S. S. Committee.....	30 00	
Alfred Call, Constable and Police officer	35 00	
J. P. Hilton Police	2 00	
Geo. Rines, Special Police.....	2 00	
		\$169 00

Town Farm and Paupers.

Store Accounts, Nathaniel Lincoln.....	\$37 58
W. F. McClintock.....	31 02
W. P. Lennox	30 89

Alex. Blagdon	3 47	
C. E. Emerson	3 37	
S. L. Young	29 88	
J. W. Stimpson	3 85	
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	\$140 01	
Medical attendance S. B. Cushman	4 00	
Paid R. R. Brookings, Superintendent 1876 ..	195 00	
	<hr/>	\$339 01
<i>Paupers not on Farm.</i>		
Store Accounts, W. F. McClintock	\$36 01	
Nathaniel Lincoln	10 35	
Chas. E. Emerson	8 80	
S. L. Young	11 10	
J. W. Stimpson	23 90	
G. Rines, Trucking.....	2 00	
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	\$92 16	
Medical attendance S. B. Cushman.....	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$119 66
Which amount is chargeable as follows:		
To Rufus Clark	\$27 99	
W. Blake	2 08	
Mrs. T. Hilton.....	9 00	
D. Barter family	51 79	
Huldah Smith	1 50	
T. C. Jones	3 00	
W. H. Nutter	8 55	
E. Henderson	25	
Certificates	2 00	
Unknown Tramp	1 50	
Miss Winslow	12 00	
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	\$119 66	
Paid Jacob Rairden, Board of Boudin child	25 00	
Town of Alna, Medical attendance and supplies to Wm. Coffin	21 15	
Town of Alna, Medical attendance and plies to D. Mitchell	12 75	
Town of Alna, supplies to Lydia Dick- inson	3 00	
Jos. Wood, Administrator, robe for Mrs. Douglas, 1875	3 45	
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	\$65 35	

Tramps.

Paid Seth Patterson for board of 96 at \$1.00, and one for 5 days 48 6-7 cts.	96 14
Total, Paupers not on farm	251 15
Total Town Farm and Pauper account	620 16

Fire Department.

Seth Patterson for Lime	\$6 25
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Contingent Accounts.

Edward B. Neal	8 26	
Alex. Johnson plan of new cemetery	36 75	
Alex. Johnson laying out cross road	5 00	
Hiram L. Greenleaf labor, wood and pipes ...	11 11	
C. E. Emerson Printing	6 00	
W. P. Lennox.....	6 59	
R. H. Tucker, Brick.....	9 00	
Geo. F. Rines bill for trucking.....	19 80	
Kennebec Land & Lumber Co	22 47	
		\$124 98
Joseph Stimpson use of Pile Driver & Raft		8 60
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Total		\$928 99
Cr. by overcharge 80 cts repaid		80
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Balance—total orders drawn		\$928 19

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

APPROPRIATION \$500 00.

For Fuel for selectmen's office.....	\$4 75
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Printing.

J. Wood.....	\$1 00	
C. E. Emerson, orders	10 25	
Wood & Barker, Town reports.....	20 00	
		<hr/>
		\$31 25

Use of Halls.

J. Wood	12 00	
J. M. Knight.....	20 52	
		<hr/>
		\$32 52

Stationery.

Gibbs & Rundlett	\$29 04	
Gibbs & Rundlett 1876	22 28	
Alex. Johnson.....	2 85	
Joseph Tucker.....	50	
	<hr/>	\$54 67

Cemeteries &c.

Alex'r Johnson, surveying.....	\$40 25	
Benjamin A. Curtis setting posts	5 00	
Benjamin Curtis	19 75	
Daniel Simpson, repairing fence.....	2 00	
W H. Devitt, making sign boards.....	2 00	
Wm. Elmes, painting sign boards.....	4 50	
George Patterson, painting hearse	14 00	
Jos. T. Cowley, repairing hearse.....	2 00	
J. Cowley, cleaning tomb.....	1 50	
John West, whitewashing tomb.....	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$95 50
John Cowley, ringing bells, 1876.....	\$18 75	
John Cowley " "	75 00	
" " work on bell	1 00	
" " night watch July 4th.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 75

Pumps and Wells.

A. Bailey, repairs	5 00	
Geo. Gibbs, repairs 1876.....	8 25	
" " "	2 90	
" " new pump	11 40	
Geo. D. Lewis and J. Munsey, work.....	1 50	
A. Dorithy.....	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$30 25

Wells.

Wm. Farnham work.....	3 00	
Henry Albee work	4 00	
Jas. Munsey, work.....	5 00	
Chas. F. Marr, work.....	2 60	
Sanford Jones, work	9 50	
Seth Patterson, cement.....	8 10	
	<hr/>	\$27 20

Bridges.

Fred Bean, taking of draw Birch Point bridge	50	
S. Foster et al	"	60
E. W. Bailey,	"	2 20
J. McMichael,	"	2 00
Alden Bailey, repairs	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$9 70

Horse Hire.

S. B. Erskine, 1876	\$7 50	
Thos. Cunningham, 1876	30 95	
Sulton T. Foye	23 75	
	<hr/>	\$62 20

Trucking.

Wm. Damon	\$2 17	
Geo. F. Rines	10 60	
U. N. Rines, 1876	5 20	
J. P. Hilton	9 10	
E. Hatch, trucking and labor	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$29 57

Legal Services.

S. E. Smith		\$60 00
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Miscellaneous

E. B. Neal's bill hardware	\$3 39	
W. P. Lennox's bill of hardware	3 27	
G. B. Sawyer, examining collectors acct's	3 00	
Taylor & Son	60	
B. Clark, expenses buying oxen	3 00	
J. Munsey and A. Pinkham, going down river for town	2 30	
Jos. Tucker, expenses to Bath	2 00	
Geo. Hilton, lumber, 1873	6 50	
Wilnot Blake, mowing burdocks	3 00	
Isaac Foster	3 00	
Geo. P. Colby, watching at fire	2 00	
Mrs. E. Foote, damages to field	10 20	
Alden Bailey, blacksmith work	2 70	
S. B. Erskine, board of tramps 1876	1 50	
Selectmen of 1876, sums paid	8 27	
	<hr/>	\$54 73

Total.....	\$589 09
Less items charged from pauper account.....	3 10
	<hr/>
	\$585 99

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By amount received from licenses	\$2 00
amount sale of grass, cemetery	10 00
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	\$12 00
	<hr/>
	\$573 99

SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, \$1,600.

Received of State from mill tax	705 76
" " Savings bank tax.....	441 67
" " For District No. 1	500 00
Rec'd A. Call coll. of dis't No. 1 1875, \$260 81	
A. Call coll. of dis't No. 1 1876, 250 45	
A. Call coll. of dis't No. 1 1877, 340 91	
	<hr/>
	\$852 17
Rec'd for tuition dis't No. 1	6 66
from lumber.....	3 50
from town of Dresden dis't No. 3.....	25 00
	<hr/>
	\$4,184 76
Balance due districts March 9, 1877.....	727 76
	<hr/>
	\$4,862 52

District No. 1.

For wages of teachers	\$1,764 00
Repairs.....	292 81
Care of school rooms	101 97
Assessors	18 00
School books	17 46
Fuel and sawing wood.....	138 65
Interest.....	153 30
Insurance	18 00
Agent	12 00
Recording deed 1874.....	50
	<hr/>
	\$2,516 69

Of this amount the sum of \$151 86 was paid on bills due in 1876.

District No. 2.

For wages of teachers	\$284 00	
Board of teachers	115 00	
Repairs.....	18 70	
Care of school room	4 00	
Care of school room 1876.....	4 00	
Agent	5 00	
Chalk	90	
Clerk.....	2 00	
Clerk 1876.....	2 00	
Fuel.....	24 00	
Map.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$459 60

District No. 3.

For wages of teachers	\$79 00	
Board of teachers	39 00	
Fuel	6 08	
Repairs.....	17 58	
Map.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$146 61

District No. 4.

For wages of teachers	\$148 00	
Board of teachers	44 00	
Fuel	11 88	
Repairs.....	2 15	
Care of school house	3 35	
Map.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$209 88

District No 5.

For wages of teachers	\$120 50	
Board of teachers	21 00	
Repairs.....	15 46	
Map	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$161 96

District No. 6.

For wages of teachers	\$166 35	
Map.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 35

Total	\$3,665 59
Balance due schools	1,196 93
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	\$4,862 52

SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES.

APPROPRIATION \$600 00.

<i>Lumber</i> , I. F. Hobson's bill.....		\$399 80
<i>Sidewalks.</i>		
Thos. Jackson, labor.....	\$1 00	
Abram Dickinson, labor 1876.....	4 60	
T. H. Cutton labor.....	9 00	
Orrin Pottle.....	11 94	
Chas. McKenney.....	10 50	
Howard Sevey.....	50	
	<hr/>	37 54
<i>Bridges: Hobson's Bridge.</i>		
I. B. Dickinson labor.....	22 75	
Morrill Munsey labor.....	16 50	
Bradford Clark labor.....	24 00	
Thos. Jackson labor.....	31 00	
Orrin Pottle labor.....	1 50	
Chas. McKenney, labor.....	3 50	
L. S. Hubbard, labor.....	3 00	
Lincoln Davis, logs.....	7 50	
Willard Deering, logs.....	8 00	
Alexander Johnson, use of screws.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$114 75
<i>Trucking:</i>		
Hatch & Hilton, 1876.....	4 00	
Elihu Hatch, 1876.....	3 75	
U. N. Rines.....	17 23	
L. Light.....	4 09	
	<hr/>	29 07
J. L. White, labor on bridge in District No. 2	6 50	
John Munsey, " " " No. 3	1 25	
N. Huntoon, " " " No. 5	5 00	
A. Dickinson " " " No. 9		
self, oxen, and materials.....	54 50	
W. P. Lennox, bill.....	90	
Jos. Rumrill, labor on bridge in district No.		
self, oxen, and man.....	57 25	
John F. Young, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 15	22 80	
J. McKenney " " " No. 18	2 50	
	<hr/>	150 70

Sidewalks and Bridges :

E. B. Neal's bill	27 02	
Jos. Groves, labor	29 00	
Sewall Groves, labor	15 00	
J. M. Blinn, labor	4 00	
		757 02
Total		\$806 88

Of this amount \$12.35 paid on bills of 1876.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATION, \$850.00.

Care of engines 1876	10 00	
Care of Engines	26 00	
Payments of firemen No. 1, \$92; No. 2, \$72 .	164 00	
Alden Bailey, hook and ladder man	2 00	
Repairs and labor	39 86	
Hunneman & Co. for hose, couplings, springs etc., No. 1	154 00	
		895 86
Expressage etc., from town farm account		1 10
Total		\$896 96

TOWN OFFICERS.

APPROPRIATION, \$575.00.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor :

Richard T. Rundlett	75 00	
Albert W. Hall	210 00	
Bradford Clark	97 00	
		882 00
Clerk, J. W. Stimpson		20 79
Treasurer, Jos. Tucker		100 00
<i>School Committee :</i>		
B. F. Smith	34 50	
C. E. Jackson	17 00	
		51 50

Auditor, B. F. Smith.....	25 00
Constable and Police, Alfred Call.....	63 84
1876:	
Thos. Cunningham, selectman, 24.00; H. L. Greenleaf, selectman, 16.00; Bradford Clark, selectman, 17.00; Jas. Taylor, auditor, 20.00; B. F. Smith, school committee, 6.00.....	83 00
Total.....	<u>\$726 13</u>

HIGHWAYS, 1876.

APPROPRIATION, Money nothing, Labor \$2,000.

Dist.	Surveyor.	Amt. commit.	Worked out.	Delinq't Returned.	Snowbills & overw'k
No. 1	Bradford Clark.....	\$571 16	\$493 40	\$77 76	.....
2	Jas. L. White.....	154 11	154 11	.....	.....
3	Jos. Munsey.....	94 49	90 61	3 88	21 90
4	Robert Dow.....	59 60	59 00	.....	.....
5	Jeremiah Nute.....	52 71	52 71	.....	22 00
6	Edw. Jones.....	95 19	87 89	7 50	15 25
7	H. L. Greenleaf.....	101 44	99 86	1 58	29 95
8	J. M. Sprowl.....	54 41	54 41	.....	6 24
9	Daniel McKenney.....	65 67	55 33	9 84	80 15
10	Luther S. Donnell.....	62 93	62 93	.....	8 44
11	F. J. Brookings.....	70 95	70 95	.....	10 16
12	Fred'k Colby.....	77 02	14 39	62 63	29 26
13	I. G. Williamson.....	85 66	85 34	32	.....
14	Jos. Dickinson.....	47 88	47 88	.....	22 90
15	J. F. Young.....	51 67	43 90	7 77	32 57
16	David Baker.....	59 24	59 46	78	15 37
17	Benjamin Dickinson.....	131 31	124 67	6 64	4 15
18	John McKenney.....	66 29	38 88	2 41	22 50
19	Chas. W. White.....	64 41	57 81	6 60	40 86
20	John Greenleaf.....	55 42	55 42	.....	.....
21	Jesse Bailey.....	26 85	26 85	.....	35 45
					<u>\$397 15</u>

MISCHIEVOUS DOGS.

Paid Luther D. Dickinson damage done by two dogs in killing three sheep and two lambs.....	22 50
Received from Licenses.....	72 00

RECAPITULATION.

Town farm and paupers account	2,446 40	
Outstanding bills of 1876	928 99	
Contingent expenses	585 99	
Schools	3,665 59	
Sidewalks and bridges	806 88	
Fire department	395 86	
Town officers	726 13	
Highways	397 15	
Mischievous dogs account	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$9,975 49
Deduct sums received and credited		174 37
		<hr/>
Total expenditure for current expenses, not including interest or bonds or notes paid		\$8,801 12
Deduct amount paid on outstanding bills of 1876, as above	928 99	
Also amount paid on other bills due in 1876 as above (not including snow bills of the winter of 1876-7 or amounts paid on town officers, accounts) and \$7.00 paid on bills paid prior to 1876	571 39	
	<hr/>	1,500 38
Total current expenses for 1877		<hr/> \$7,300 74

ORDERS DRAWN OUTSTANDING MARCH 9, 1878.

Pauper—No. 88, 31.25; No. 90, 16.30; No. 93, 9.40; No. 97, 6.82; No. 99, 10.08; No. 100, 49.02; No. 101, 51.50; No. 109, 27.63; No. 112, 1.50; No. 114, .75; 119, 11.11; No. 120, 2.00; No. 122, 4.16; No. 125, .75; No. 126, 11.85	240 07	
Sidewalk and bridge—No. 26	2 50	
Fire department—No. 13	3 70	
Contingent—No. 42, 2.00; No. 43, 1.50; No. 49, 4.50; No. 51, 3.10; No. 59, 3.00	14 10	
School district 1—No. 47, 23.58; No. 48, 25.97	49 55	
Mischievous dogs, No. 1	22 50	
Outstanding bill account—No. 28	3 45	
Also, No. 38—Sidewalk and Bridge (old order 1876)	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$337 87

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS, TOWN OF WISCASSET.

Edwin Robinson, Collector 1866.

DR.

To uncollected Taxes for 1866 978 21

CR.

By uncollected Taxes March 9, 1878 978 21

Daniel Quinnam, Collector 1873.

DR.

To uncollected Taxes for 1873 1,184 57

CR.

By abatements	57 15	
uncollected taxes March 9, 1878	1,127 42	
	<hr/>	1,184 57

Daniel Quinnam, Collector 1874.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1874 3,082 00

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer	320 18	
abatements	249 28	
uncollected taxes March 9, 1878	2,512 54	
	<hr/>	\$3,082 00

Alfred Call, Collector 1875.

DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1875 4,796 78

CR.

By cash	2,343 58	
abatements	185 00	
commissions	47 80	
uncollected taxes March 6, 1878	2,220 40	
	<hr/>	\$4,796 78

Alfred Call, Collector 1876.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1876 13,146 80

Cr.

By cash paid town treasurer	6,535 85	
abatements	268 06	
commissions	133 33	
uncollected taxes March 9, 1878	6,209 56	
	<u> </u>	\$13,146 80

Alfred Call, Collector 1877.

Dr.

To tax bills for 1877, viz; Town of Wiscasset	\$16,976 31	
State tax	2,073 32	
County tax	904 97	
Supplementary tax	26 65	
	<u> </u>	\$19,981 25

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer	4,993 70	
abatements	59 88	
discount for early payments	254 69	
commissions	162 62	
cash paid state tax	2,073 32	
cash paid county tax	904 97	
uncollected taxes March 9, 1878	11,532 07	
	<u> </u>	19,981 25

BALANCE DUE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MARCH 9, 1878.

District No. 1	\$1,051 18	
“ No. 4	1 91	
“ No. 5	45	
“ No. 6	159 30	
	<u> </u>	\$1,212 84
Due from District No. 2	14 31	
“ “ “ No. 3	1 60	
	<u> </u>	15 91
Balance		<u> </u>
		\$1,196 98.

ABATEMENTS.

On taxes of 1873.....	57 15	
“ “ 1874.....	249 28	
“ “ 1875.....	185 00	
“ “ 1876.....	268 06	
“ “ 1877.....	59 88	
		————— \$819.37

Of these abatements the sum of \$384.16 was for taxes of the years 1874, '75 and '76 on schooner Atlanta (owned by Richard H. Tucker) by vote of Town, and \$118 to J. Edwards Scott, 1876-77, for errors.

TOWN FARM.

The Auditor can give no exact account for the reason that none has heretofore been kept with the Farm proper. Unusual demands have been made upon it the past season. Nineteen inmates have received constant support. It is believed that the buildings, implements and furniture are in better condition than at the beginning of the year, and of increased value; likewise that the stock, hay, wood, produce and manure on hand are worth more in the aggregate than were the same assets when last appraised, and are actually worth the sum of \$525.00.

The cost of supporting paupers on the Farm can be obtained approximately by adding the interest on the cost of the Farm buildings, furniture, &c., to the balance expended for the year on Town Farm account as before stated. This would give :

Balance expended on Town Farm account.....	\$1,048 48
Interest on \$4,844.69 for one year.....	290 68
Total.....	————— \$1,339 16

This amount is probably in excess of the actual cost. The Auditor is of opinion that a new inventory and appraisal should be made of all the farm property, and a separate account kept with the farm in the future.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

OUTSTANDING MARCH 10, 1877.		MARCH 10, 1878.
Loans, notes payable.....	\$14,439 65	\$20,955 51
Town bonds.....	90,000 00	87,000 00
Balance due School Districts.	727 76	1,196 93
Orders drawn and not paid...	211 33	337 87
Interest accrued not paid.....	1,500 00	1,396 73
Bills rendered, orders not dr'wn	928 00	115 89
Bills due before March 10, '77, paid since.....	571 39	Bills outstanding estimated.... 140 00
Total.....	\$108,378 13	\$111,142 93
Less cash in treasury....	2,997 84	522 78
Balance.....	\$105,380 29	\$110,620 15
Total debt March 9, 1878.....		\$110,620 15
“ “ “ 10, 1877.....		105,380 29
Increase during the past year.....		\$5,239 86

UNCOLLECTED TAXES MARCH 9, 1878.

Of the taxes of 1873.....	\$1,127 42	
“ “ 1874.....	2,512 54	
“ “ 1875.....	2,220 40	
“ “ 1876.....	6,209 56	
“ “ 1877.....	11,532 07	
		\$23,601 99
There is also a charge against Edwin Robin- son, Collector for 1866, for uncollected taxes of that year amounting to.....		978 21
Total.....		\$24,580 20

KNOX AND LINCOLN RAILROAD.

In addition to the municipal indebtedness before mentioned, there are outstanding town bonds, issued in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad, to the amount of \$160,300, secured by first, second and third mortgages of all the property, and franchises, present and prospective, of said Road. The liability of the town is conditional—that is to

say, it is held to pay the interest and principal of the bonds, if the Road does not. The bonded debt of the Company is \$2,395,000, of which the portion of the town is as before mentioned. The Treasurer has taken up and canceled all matured and defaulted coupons on said bonds, and has paid deficiencies therefor as follows :

1873	\$6,693 10	
1874	2,677 24	
1875	4,685 17	
1876	4,015 86	
1877	6,693 10	
		————— \$24,764 47

The town has heretofore borrowed money to meet these large annual demands, and is to-day paying interest on notes and bonds issued for that purpose.

The foregoing figures need no comment. They demand and should receive most serious and immediate consideration. I have prepared and subjoin an exhibit in detail of the bonded debt of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Wiscasset, March 20, 1878.

Upon the foregoing statement the following estimate for a tax to provide for the expenses of the ensuing year is submitted by the Selectmen:

For paupers and expenses of farm	\$1,800 00
Schools	1,600 00
Town officers	700 00
Highways—in labor \$2,500 ; in money	1,200 00
Bonds due May and July	12,000 00
Fire Department	350 00
Sidewalks and bridges	500 00
Contingent expenses	600 00
Interest on outstanding loans and bonds	7,177 00
Abatements	1,000 00
Commissions	400 00

RICHARD T. RUNDLETT, }
 ALBERT W. HALL, } *Selectmen.*
 BRADFORD CLARK, }

EXHIBIT IN DETAIL OF BONDED DEBT OF TOWN.

<i>Date of Authorization.</i>	<i>Date of Issue.</i>	<i>For What Purpose Created.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>			<i>Interest.</i>		<i>Principal When Payable.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
			<i>Author-ized.</i>	<i>Issued.</i>	<i>Outstand-ing.</i>	<i>Rate.</i>	<i>When Pay-able.</i>		
April 4, 1868	July 1, 1868	In part payment of town in- debtedness.	\$20,000	\$20,000		6 %c.	Jan & July		The last 3 bonds of \$1,000 each of this issue were paid and canceled by treas- urer July 1, 1877.
Sept. 18, 1867	Oct. 1, 1867	Knox & Lincoln Railroad subscription.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	6 %c.	Apr. & Oct.	Due 1863, \$6,000 Due 1866, 3,000 Due 1867, 3,000 Due 1868, 3,000	
June 8, 1872	July 1, 1872	In part payment of town indebtedness.	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	6 %c.	July & Jan.	Due 1878, 3,000 Due 1879, 3,000 Due 1880, 3,000 Due 1881, 3,000 Due 1882, 3,000 Due 1884, 3,000 Due 1885, 3,000 Due 1889, 5,000	
Jan. 18, 1873	May 1, 1873	Purchase of Birch Point & construction of town way.		\$7,000	\$7,000	6 %c.	May & Nov	Due 1885, May 1	
March 31, 1873	May 1, 1873	For payment of notes, and other indebtedness of town.	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	6 %c.	May & Nov	Due 1878, May	
March 27, 1876	June 1, 1876	Do.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	6 %c.	June & Dec	Due 1879, \$3,000 Due 1880, 3,000 Due 1881, 3,000 Due 1882, 3,000 Due 1884, 3,000 Due 1886, 3,000 Due 1887, 3,000 Due 1888, 3,000 Due 1889, 6,000	
				90,000	87,000				

RAILROAD AID BONDS.

First Series, Sept. 18, 1867.	July 1, 1869.	Aid of K. & L. Railroad.	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	6 7/8%	July & Dec.	\$4,250 payable each year, from 1880 to 1889, inclusive.	Secured by first mortgage of the property and franchises of the road.
Second Series, Oct. 15, 1870.	Mar. 1, 1871.	Aid of K. & L. Railroad.	\$31,800	\$31,800	\$31,800	6 7/8%	Mar & Sept.	Due 20 y'rs from date (1891).	Secured by second mortgage.
Third Series, June 28, 1871.	Feb. 1, 1872	Aid of K. & L. Railroad.	\$43,500	\$43,500	\$43,500	6 7/8%	Feb & Aug.	Due 30 y'rs from date (1902).	Secured by third mortgage.

*To Alfred Call, Constable of the Town of Wiscasset in the
County of Lincoln, Greeting.*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Wiscasset qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Franklin Hall in said Town on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

First,—To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Second,—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third,—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other necessary town charges for the ensuing year.

Fourth,—To see what action the town will take in relation to raising money to pay the interest on bonds issued by said town in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad

Fifth,—To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise for the construction of the town way laid out by the Selectmen for the year 1876, commencing near the School House in District No. 2, and terminating near the house of Alfred West.

Sixth,—To see what authority the Town will give to the Treasurer to issue notes or borrow money for the payment of notes, bonds and other indebtedness of the Town.

Seventh,—To see if the Town will vote to establish an agency for the sale of spirituous liquors for medical and mechanical purposes.

Eighth,—To see if the Town will vote to pay to the Fire Company No. 1, of Wiscasset, the sum of seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount expended by said Company for new Cylinders.

Ninth,—To see what action the town will take in relation to giving deeds of the burial lots in "Greenlawn Cemetery" for the purpose of securing to the possessors more perfect titles.

Tenth,—To see what action the town will take in relation to making a new and accurate invoice, and valuation of all estate, real and personal, in the town, or taxable therein, as a basis on which future assessments shall be made.

Eleventh,—To see if the town will vote to allow Edward Jones the privilege of working out his highway taxes on his private way.

Twelfth,—To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes now due, or that may hereafter become due.

Thirteenth,—To see if the town will vote to raise a committee to confer with a committee appointed at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Knox & Lincoln Railroad Company.

Fourteenth,—To see if the town will vote to give to Joseph Decker the sum of \$10.10, being the distributive share of Sarah A. Harraden (an insane pauper) in the estate of Victor H. Decker, deceased, paid into the treasury by the administratrix of said Decker's estate.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, on Saturday March 23d at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under our hands at Wiscasset the 16th day of March, A. D. 1876.

RICHARD T. RUNDLETT, } *Selectmen*
 ALBERT W. HALL, } *of*
 BRADFORD CLARK. } *Wiscasset.*