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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

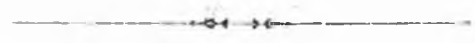
## SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

OF THE

### TOWN OF DENMARK,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1859. - 60



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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### VALUE OF PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION.

Resident Real Estates,	\$122,535 00
Non-resident Real "	30,464 00
Personal Estates,	48 584 00
Total Valuation,	201 583 00
No. of Polls, 246.	
No. of Voters on list in Sept., last, 281.	

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### ASSESSMENTS.

State Tax,	\$343 78
County Tax,	402 13
Voted by the town for support of schools,	800 00
" " " support of Poor and other town expenses,	800 00
" " " Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	1000 00

### RATES OF ASSESSMENT.

Money tax, \$1 10 on \$100. Poll tax, \$1 00.  
Highway tax, 45 cts. on \$100. Poll tax, 53 cts.

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by the town,	\$800 00
“ Received from State, (bank tax,)	156 50
“ Interest of School Fund,	32 80
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Total,	\$989 30

Whole No. of scholars in town, as returned on the first day of April, 1859, 488.

Proportion of money to each scholar, \$2 02 7 mills.

Apportioned to the several school districts, as follows, to wit :

Description of Districts.	No. of Scholars.	Amount of money.
Centre District.	49	\$99 32
District, No 1.	53	107 43
“ “ 2.	71	143 91
“ “ 3.	42	85 13
“ “ 4.	37	75 00
“ “ 5.	22	44 59
“ “ 6.	21	42 56
“ “ 7.	4	8 11
“ “ 8.	70	141 89
“ “ 9.	20	40 54
“ “ 10.	29	58 78
“ “ 11.	27	54 72
“ “ 12.	19	38 51
“ “ 13.	13	26 35
J. K. Gammon and others	11	22 29
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	488	\$989 13
	Surplus,	17
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		\$989 30

## REPAIRING OF HIGHWAYS.

The sum of \$1000 was raised by the town, at the last Annual Meeting, for repairs on Highways, which has been expended, in labor and materials, under the supervision of the several Highway Surveyors.

In addition to the above, the Selectmen have found it necessary to draw on the Treasurer, for \$20, for repairs on Bridge across “Beaver Brook” east of S. F. Harnden’s.

## EXPENSES OF PAUPERS.

The contracts for the support of the Poor, for 1858, were out on the 15th day of March, but in consequence of the town's failing to elect a board of Overseers, they could not be disposed of the present year till the 22d of March,—leaving a week that the expenses of all our Paupers have had to be defrayed, aside from the contracts of the previous, or succeeding years. It was during this week, (March 21st,) the death of Supply Walker occurred at the house of E. P. Pingree.

The following schedule exhibits the amount of our Pauper bills, so far as known, from the 15th day of March, 1859, to March 22d, 1860.

Names of Paupers.	Sums paid.	To whom paid.
Asahel Porter and wife,	106 00	T. H. Smith.
John Bachelder,	1 50	E. T. McIntire.
“ “	52 00	Daniel Smith.
Arthena Grover and her child,	4 00	J. Bennett.
“ “ “ “	1 00	L. P. Sawyer.
“ “ “ “	22 35	Aaron S. Pingree.
Abigail Allen,	106 00	Ivory Richardson.
Thomas Richardson and family,	9 49	L. P. Sawyer.
“ “ “ “	2 22	J. Bennett.
“ “ “ “	1 08	F. L. Rice.
Almira Gilman and two children,	25 00	Caleb Warren.
Dorothy Bragdon,	25 00	“ “
Asenath Whidden,	1 00	Fes'den Whidden.
“ “	50 96	J. Ingalls.
Supply Walker,	6 00	E. P. Pingree.
“ “	7 50	Funeral Expenses.
Total,	\$421 10	

A suit has been brought by the town of Sebago, to recover pay for supplies furnished Lewis Richardson and family, 1858. A trial was had in August last, before J. P. Hubbard, Esq., resulting in judgment for Denmark. From this decision of Mr. Hubbard, the town of Sebago have seen fit to take an appeal, and the suit is now waiting the action of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The town has been truly fortunate in relation to Pauper bills from abroad, the Overseers not having received a single notice, from other towns in the State, during the year.

## LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES.

We find in the Treasurer's Office a file of Deeds, purporting to convey certain parcels of Real Estate to the Inhabitants of Denmark; said property having been sold for the non-payment of taxes assessed in 1855 and '56.

The time allowed by law, for redemption, having expired, these lots are all forfeited to the town. An article will be inserted in the warrant for the next Town Meeting, bringing this matter before the town; when it is to be hoped such action may be taken on the subject as shall tend to its speedy and equitable adjustment.

The following schedule exhibits a brief description of said property, together with the names of the individuals to whom each parcel was assessed, the dates of the deeds, and the amount of taxes and cost for which each lot was sold, including fifty cents for deed.

*Schedule of Resident Real Estate, sold for taxes, assessed in 1855 :*

Description.	To whom Assessed.	When sold.	Am't of tax & cost.
Eaton & Emory Upper Lot,	Barnabas Brackett,	July 9, 1856,	\$3 31
“ “ Lower Lot,	“ “	“ “	3 31
“ “ Middle Lot,	“ “	“ “	3 31
Red House and Lot,	“ “	“ “	9 42
Part of Lane Lot, near J. Richardson's,	“ “	“ “	6 50
Hancock Lot, No. 16,	“ “	“ “	4 36
“ “ No. 12,	“ “	“ “	2 77
“ “ No. 13,	“ “	“ “	3 31
1-4 part of Boston Hills,	“ “	“ “	27 68
Upper Lane Lot,	“ “	“ “	3 31
Deering Lot,	“ “	July 1, 1857,	16 76
Homestead,	Cyrus Ingalls,	“ “	17 63
Burnell Lot,	“ “	“ “	2 15
Osgood Land on Moose Brook,	“ “	“ “	1 76
Lot No. 6, East of Sand Pond,	“ “	“ “	2 15
Davis Lot,	“ “	“ “	2 61
Mills on Moose Brook,	“ “	“ “	8 31
Littlefield Lot,	“ “	“ “	3 72
Lot No. 54,	James Osgood,	July 5, 1856,	4 46
Homestead,	Timothy H. Smith,	“ “	6 81

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\$133 64

*Schedule of Resident Real Estate, sold for Taxes, assessed in 1856:*

Description.	To whom Assessed.	when sold.	Am't of tax & cost.
Parsonage Lot,	B. Brackett,	July 1, 1857,	\$2 27
Eaton & Emery, Upper Lot,	" "	" "	3 59
" " Middle Lot,	" "	" "	3 09
" " Lower Lot,	" "	" "	3 09
Milliken House,	" "	" "	7 17
Hancock Lot, No. 12,	" "	" "	2 58
" " No. 13,	" "	" "	3 09
" " No. 16,	" "	" "	4 11
Ezekiel Wood Lot,	" "	" "	2 48
Lot near D. G. Tarbox,	" "	" "	1 41
Lane Lot near J. Richardson's,	" "	" "	6 47
Deering Lot,	" "	" "	16 60
Lane Lot near Corson's,	" "	" "	3 09
Red House and Lot,	" "	" "	11 25
1-4 part of Boston Hills,	" "	" "	10 68
Lot No. 6, near Sand Pond,	Cyrus Ingalls,	" "	1 73
Davis Lot,	" "	" "	2 56
Mills on Moose Brook,	" "	" "	8 08
Littlefield Lot,	" "	" "	3 01
Osgood Land,	" "	" "	1 73
Homstead,	" "	" "	17 61
Lot No. 54,	James Osgood,	" "	3 64
			\$119 33

The interest on the foregoing has been computed at 6 per cent, although the statute allows 20 per cent.

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COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Mr. Thomas C. Smith, Collector for 1858, is in arrears the sum of \$714 08. The Treasury is suffering great embarrassment for want of this money, and the town paying interest on the orders which should have been redeemed with it,—an operation alike unequal, unjust, and oppressive to the prompt tax payer.

Mr. Smith has certainly been sufficiently lenient, and no one could have just cause of complaint, were he to enforce prompt payment from all in arrears.

Mr. Charles E. Smith, Collector for 1859, has succeeded in collecting enough to defray the State and County taxes, and has paid a small amount to the Town Treasury. The amount due the Treasury, on his commitment at this date, is \$1693 17, which should be



collected and paid over immediately. Every one owing taxes should take measures to have them adjusted forthwith, that the Collector might be enabled to settle, and balance his account with the Treasurer, before another tax shall be assessed and committed.

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STATE OF FINANCES, FEB. 17, 1860.

*Resources :*

Amount due from J. A. Hilton, Coll. for 1856,	\$66 43
“ “ “ T. C. Smith, Coll. for 1858,	714 08
“ “ “ C. E. Smith, Coll. for 1859,	1693 17
“ “ on L. K. Ingalls' Note, dated March, 1857,	65 50
“ “ on land sold for taxes, for 1855,	133 64
Interest on above, from the time of sale,	26 09
“ “ on land sold for taxes, for 1856,	119 33
Interest on above at 6 per cent,	19 09
Execution, “Inhabitants of Denmark, vs. D. G. Tarbox,”	251 96
Interest of School Fund,	32 80
Due from C. E. Smith, School House tax, (Centre District,)	104 73
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	\$3226 82

*Liabilities :*

Outstanding Town Orders, drawn prior to March 22d, 1859,	\$1327 81
Interest on above,	252 47
Outstanding Orders, drawn since March 22d, 1859,	458 54
Interest on above, about,	10 00
Am't due the several School Districts,	477 37
Abatement of Taxes for 1858 and 1859,	70 00
For support of Paupers, quarter ending March 22,	96 74
Thomas C. Smith, for Collecting taxes, for 1858,	70 72
Charles E. Smith, for Collecting taxes, for 1859,	59 97
L. P. Sawyer, for Doctoring Town's Poor,	12 50
Town Officer's Bills,	120 00
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	\$2956 12

## LIQUOR AGENCY.

In conformity to the provisions of Statute, the Selectmen have procured a small quantity of intoxicating liquors, and appointed Mr. Nathaniel Head, Agent to sell the same, as specified by law. The amount invested, including expense of purchasing, freight, &c., is \$40 54. As no settlement has been made with the Agent, the quantity sold is not known.

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1859.

SELECTMEN—F. L. Rice,	46 00
L. P. Sawyer,	17 00
E. P. Ingalls,	19 25
TOWN CLERK—J. Bennett,	00 00
TOWN TREASURER—T. I. Pingree,	8 00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Thurstin Pingree,	00 00
"    "    J. H. Farrington,	19 00
"    "    A. B. Deering,	00 00
CONSTABLES—S. Fly,	
"    C. E. Smith,	

## LIST OF ORDERS

*Drawn since March 22d, 1859, exclusive of School Orders and Pauper Orders.*

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, FOR 1853, ALLOWED BY TOWN.

SELECTMEN—E. P. Pingree,	\$30 50
"    J. H. Warren,	26 00
"    E. P. Lowell,	24 00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,—Thurstin Pingree,	12 00
"    "    Cyrus Ingalls,	6 00
"    "    J. H. Farrington,	15 00

PHYSICIAN—L. P. Sawyer,	25 50
“ J. H. Farrington,	15 00
“ J. P. Sweet,	1 57
CONSTABLE—J. Ingalls,	6 00
Repairs, &c., on Town House,—H. H. Smith,	4 50
Funeral Expenses of Mrs. Walker,—S. Harnden,	3 80
Witness fees,—Eben Warren,	1 60
Building Bridge—B. B. Frest,	40 00
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	\$196 47

## NOT AUDITED BY THE TOWN.

William Pingree, for services as Treasurer, 1858,	\$8 00
Thomas M. Brown, for abatement of tax,	64
Wm. Bean, for Committee on accounts,	50
E. P. Ingalls, for Blank Books, &c.,	5 25
J. A. Hilton, for abatement of taxes, for '55,	8 33
“ “ “ “ “ “ '56,	3 60
Thos. C. Smith, for abatement Def. Highway tax, H. D. Corson,	3 91
T. C. Smith, Collecting taxes, for 1857,	58 12
T. C. Smith, Collecting School house tax, Dist., No. 4,	1 16
Jonathan Dresser, Bridge across “Beaver Brook,”	20 00
L. K. Ingalls, services and expense, in trial of suit, (Sebago vs. Denmark.)	9 00
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	\$118 51
	196 47
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	\$314 98

## CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FOR 1859.

For support of Paupers,	\$421 10
Distributed to the several School Districts,	800 00
Abatement of taxes, for 1859,	25 00
For Blank Books and Stationery,	5 75
J. Dresser, for Bridge across "Beaver Brook,"	20 00
Bills of town Officers for 1859,	120 00
Premium for Collecting taxes,	59 97
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	\$1451 82

We present the foregoing Report of our doings for the past year, showing, as nearly as we are able the expenditures for the year, and the financial condition of the town at this date. In estimating the liabilities of the town, some trifling items may have been overlooked, but we presume our estimate is very nearly correct.

We cannot consent to close this Report without calling attention to the large amount of outstanding orders drawing interest to the amount of more than \$80, per year while the money intended by the town to redeem them is suffered to lay back in the hands of Collectors, or individuals, where not only the interest is lost, but large amounts frequently become unavailable.

F. L. RICE,        } *Selectmen*  
 L. P. SAWYER,    } *of*  
 E. P. INGALLS. } *Denmark.*

DENMARK, Feb. 17, 1860.