Report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Agent, School Committee, and Auditor of the Town of Orono, for the Year 1879-80

Orono (Me.)
SELECTMEN'S REPORT, 1878-'79.

The Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit to the inhabitants of Orono their annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1880.

The following appropriations were made at your last annual meeting:

For Highways, $1000.00
   Common Schools, 2312.00
   Free High School, 500.00
   Incidental Expenses, 2500.00
   Support of the Poor, 1000.00
   Fire department, 300.00
   Ringing the Bell, 40.00
   Cistern at Monitor Engine House, 50.00

Add State Tax,
County Tax,

Making total amount to be assessed, $10,784.14
Overlayings, 204.83

Valuation of Real and Personal estates of residents is $355,312.00
Valuation of Real and Personal estates of non-residents is 141,897.00

Total valuation, $4197,209.00

We assess $3.00 each on 514 polls, $1542.00
" 1 9-10 per cent. on $497,209.00, 9446.97

$10,988.97
### DISBURSEMENT OF HIGHWAY FUND

Paid John Chaplin, labor in 1878, $2.30
- John Chaplin, 11.45
- Dennin McAuliff, 8.87
- John D. Cole, 3.30
- S. Marcho, 5.80
- Joseph Fogg, 3.70
- John S. Davis, 1.00
- John S. Davis, 4.50
- Patrick Shine, 6.55
- J. J. Colburn, 3.30
- J. J. Colburn, 18.50
- Michael Sullivan, 10.20
- G. W. Arey, 4.00
- Jas. Newman, 2.90
- Jas. Newman, 14.50
- A. F. Lewis, paid ont for labor, per vouchers, 17.85
- A. F. Lewis, " " " in 1878, 3.25
- J. Wilmot, labor in 1878, 13.35
- J. Wilmot, 3.10
- Martin Kelley, 4.00
- Martin Kelley, 75
- Walter R. Lunt, 2.00
- Richard Alum, 8.30
- Wm. Newman, 7.25
- Joel Hawes, 15.50
- B. P. Kelliher, 4.79
- James Emery, 1.50
- Zebulon Doe, 13.70
- P. D. Webster, 6.00
- Ira E. Parsons, " and gravel, 22.75
- James Ambrose, 28.00
- James McCarte, 4.50
- A. S. White, 10.00
- George Inman, 1.00
- Mitchell Cowan, 17.80
- Timothy Collins, 12.50
- Abbott George, 2.00
- James Ford, 7.75
- Martin McPhetres," 1.30
- William Newman," 14.76
- Bernard Cain, 3.00
- Robert Good, 8.00
- Wm. Shine, 13.00
- A. B. Mosher," 14.75
- E. Parkhurst, for gravel, 40
Paid R. M. Crombie, for shovels, rake and nails, 4 74
B. R. Mosher, labor, 14 25
E. W. Mansfield, " 8 37
Wm. & Thos. Hagerty, labor, 16 77
Richard Ambrose, " 11 75
Gregory Hewes, " 12 00
A. J. Brown, " 8 50
Thos. Gilbert, " 18 56
W. W. Temple, " 25 38
Samuel Mercer, " 3 00
John Wideawake, " 5 00
J. C. Hill, for gravel, 6 30
Elijah Page, labor in 1878, 4 00
W. S. Averill, labor, 3 00
P. D. Webster, " 7 50
R. J. Hamilton, " 1 00
M. & J. Newman, " 14 50
Betsey R Babb, " and watering trough, 1 15
Nath'l Wilson, " 3 00
J. C. Murphy, " building fence, and materials, 5 66
M. A. Corson, " 1 90
Thos. M. Perry, " 7 25
John Hurley, " 4 50
M. A. Hussey, " 8 50
Jas. Walker & Co., " and lumber 24 02
Richard Alum, " 5 25
B. P. Gilman, " 13 65
Elias Clark, " 4 50
Patrick Lyons, " 14 13
Hector Morrison, " 7 75
Valentine Page, " 13 25
A. G. Ring, for lumber, 118 22
John Kielty, labor, 12 79
Chas. Kelley, " 2 00
Frank Spaulding, " 3 25
J. G. Spaulding, " and taking down fence, 1878, 11 75
J. G. Spaulding, " " " " " " 3 75
Angie Dresser, " team, 4 37
Ned Ambrose, " 3 00
Geo. W. Harris, " 13 38
F. Lancaster, " 8 50
A. B. Sutton, " 18 50
John McDonald, " 13 12
Jones S. Kelley, " 7 30
R. M. Hutchinson, " 4 75
Eben Webster, " and lumber, 23 10
Paid Morris McAuliffe, "Morris McAuliffe, " in 1878, 4 50 5 00
John M. Downs," 8 50
David Perry," 6 00
Wm. Marcho," 4 00
Charles Mudgett," 75
Ezra Johnston," 1 50
Erastus Downs," 3 40
W. H. Colburn," in 1878, 34 50
W. H. Colburn," 12 75
Chas. H. Colburn," in 1878, 10 50
J. H. Nash, team," 7 75
Elijah Page," 3 50
Ambrose Head," 6 50
John E. Bennoch," 3 25
James Page," 13 50
Isaac Smart," 6 50
Chas. P. Crowell," 1 60
John Page," 3 00
Elijah Webster," 20 00
Stewart Inman," 3 00
S. P. Perkins," 7 50
Peter Pooler," 17 28
H. F. Decker," 4 00
A. C. McCurdy, for taking down and putting up fence, 5 00
W. R. Bartlett, labor, 14 77
M. J. Vinal," 2 00
Henry Marcho," 2 80
H. H. Page," 5 75
J. B. Colburn," 8 75
Jas. Kelliher," 10 82
Daniel Emery, for bolts for bridge, 1 54
Henry Rolfe, labor, 5 00
C. W. Johnson," 55
J. H. Davis," 2 50
P. J. Page, " in 1878, 2 93
Nathan Frost, for superintending work, 60 00
E. Mansfield, for repairing tools, 3 89
A. F. Lewis, paid out for labor, 3 00
Michael Kelley, labor, 6 00

Total amount of orders drawn,$1218 81
Appropriation, 1000 00
Overdrawn,$218 81
By referring to the above schedule you will see that we have
paid bills which were contracted for labor done in 1878 to the
amount of $167.84; subtracting this from the amount overdrawn
leaves $50.97 as the overdraft on account of repairs in 1879. At
the time of our last annual meeting it was supposed that the
bridge across Bennoch's brook could be repaired at a moderate
cost, but on examination we found it necessary to build a new
bridge, as the old one was past repair. This we have done at a
cost of about $175. The roads at the close of the season were in
good condition, except the bridge over McPhetres brook on the
Bangor road, which is in bad condition, and should be rebuilt
this year without fail. We do not know of any highway bills out-
standing.

DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL FUND.

Paid Joseph Luro, for preparing wood, $  4  85
Gregory Hewes, for wood and repairs,       23  65
Asa Inman, preparing wood, and repairs,     7  45
James Ambrose, preparing wood,             15  25
John Perry, building fires,                 2  50
A. J. Durgin, repairs,                      42  57
W. S. Park, care of room, building fires, 10  00
E. F. Gulliver, teaching,                  158  50
Addie A. Colburn,                          60  00
Carrie S. Johnston,                        126  00
S. H. Powell,                               High School, 1000  00
Hattie E. Hayes,                            126  00
Ellen Libbey,                                Select School, 265  00
Alice Wise,                                 105  00
L. B. Ring,                                 197  50
Annie M. Gee,                              114  00
Mary A. Crowell,                            126  00
Sarah E. Mayo,                              60  00
Susie C. Kelley,                            55  00
Nellie M. Holt,                             66  00
E. L. B. Wilson,                            60  00
John B. Wilson,                             78  00
J. C. Wilson,                               106  20
J. H. Cain,                                  78  00
W. F. Decker,                              88  00
P. J. Page,                                 81  00
A. J. Durgin,                                93  50
L. L. Gardner, assistant teacher, High School, 104  00
H. Latino, paints and painting school houses, 53  52
N. W. Bond, repairs,                        14  10
B. M. Vinal,                                 2  00
John A. Merrill, high school house,         7  12
Paid Geo. H. Wilson, " " " " 3 50
Jacob Treadwell, " on No. 2 " " 27 50
John A. Merrill, " " " " 61 00
G. W. Brown, " " " " 53 50
John D. Cole, " " " " 22 50
Paul Emerv, " " " " 5 13
F. B. Weeks, " " " " 6 52
A. W. Perkins, " " " " 59 25
A. J. Durbin, " " " " 84 05
John W. Mayo, shingles for No. 2 school house, 45 00
Dole & Fogg, lumber " " " " 100 85
Eben Webster, " " " " 63 48
Thos. Jenness & Son, materials for No. 2 school house, 63 00
Samuel Libbey, " " " " 18 29
M. A. Corson, trucking, lumber etc., " " " " 20 00
A. B. Mosher, " " " " 5 15
Marston & Gorham, painting sign for No. 2, 2 50
A. G. Ring, lumber, 4 76
A. C. Stocking, school books, 16 20
J. L. Hammatt, " " 16 20
B. C. White, " " 8 58
M. W. Tewksbury, " " 81 48
Ginn & Heath, " " 3 24
Robert S. Davis & Co., school books, 5 63
Cowperthwait & Co " " 8 96
Sam'l Libbey, supplies for school rooms and cash paid out, 44 91
W. S. Averill, building fence, 1 00
Thos. M. Perry, cleaning school room, 2 00
John Hurley, preparing wood, 2 50
Walter R. Lunt, " " 3 22
Thos. Kelley, " " 1 95
Jos. G. Kelley, care of fire and rooms, 18 50
Jas. J. Park, " " " " 6 50
Peter Fortier, " " " " 5 00
Lewellyn Grant, " " " " 3 00
Eddie King, " " " " 3 00
W. A. Pearl, " " " " 3 00
Dole Brothers, for chairs, 5 35
Henry Rolfe, for wood, 90 25
J. Walker & Co., for wood, 1 00

Amount of orders drawn, $4288 16
Appropriation—Common Schools, $2312 00
" High School, 500 00
Amount received from State, $4133.42

Overdrawn, $154.74

This appropriation is expended under the direction of the S. S. Committee, but perhaps it would be no more than fair to say in explanation of this seeming overdraft, that the unexpended balance of the past two years are charged against us by the State Superintendent of Schools, and he refused to allow the payment of our portion of the State School fund until we guaranteed to expend all the money as the law provides. For a further explanation we refer you to the report of the S. S. Committee.

DISBURSEMENT OF INCIDENTAL FUND.

Paid Daniel Emery, repairing bell and work on cisterns, $3.20
Geo. W. Brown, Constable service in 1878, 5.00
S. S. Smith & Son, printing reports, 35.00
E. O. Leach & Co., for gasolene, 18.62
Geo. W. Brown, cleaning Town Hall, 4.25
Win. Merrifield, repairing fence, tank and cisterns, 7.50
A. J. Durgin, making valuation and tax lists, 30.90
Betsey R. Babb, maintaining water trough, 3.00
Alanson Kenney, collecting taxes, 1877, ’78 and ’79, 150.00
Eben Webster, wood for Town House in 1878 and freight on gasolene, 22.75
Jas. H. Emery, maintaining water trough, 3.00
J. P. Gould, repairing roof of Town House, 16.70
Geo. W. Brown, care of Town Hall to March 28, ’80, 40.00
Patrick Wall, repairing Chimney, Town House, 17.00
John Cassidy, coal for Eagle Engine room, 9.17
Geo. W. Harris, hauling coal, 3.00
Edward Morrison, for night watching in 1878, 1.50
A. J. Durgin, copying valuation list for State valuation, 10.00
Chas. T. Henderson, wood for Town House, 16.07
E. P. Butler, insurance on school houses, 132.50
A. F. Lewis, paid for books, postage, etc., 9.01
Geo. W. Brown, care and board of tramps, 7.50
E. M. Vinal, labor in cemetery, 2.50
Nathan Frost, paid for books, labor and horse hire, 9.20
C. M. Gould, bolts and screws, 25
N. W. Bond, zinc for Town House, 86
Albert White, services as auditor six years, 10.00
J. H. Knox, “ health committee, 2.00
E. N. Mayo, “ “ “ 2.00
J. H. Knox, paid for removing dead horse from J. H. Nash’s stable, 2.00
Paid Solomon Gee, care of town clock, 10 00
Nathaniel Wilson, services as S. S. Committee, 30 00
Samuel Libbey, “ “ “ 20 00
E. N. Mayo, “ “ “ 25 00
E. P. Butler, “ Town Clerk, 20 00
E. P. Butler, “ Treasurer, 75 00
Eben Webster, “ Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 125 00
A. F. Lewis, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 75 00
Nathan Frost, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 40 00
E. P. Butler, paid for postage and records, 2 72
S. Libbey, Paraffine for Town Hall, 75

Amount of orders drawn, $998 03
Appropriation, 2500 00

Unexpended, $1501 97

This unexpended balance is used to cover interest, discount on taxes, abatements and expenses not otherwise provided for.

DISBURSEMENT OF PAUPER FUND.

Paid Benj. King, for wood, 5 50
Emma Good, care of Martin Kedney, 10 00
Daniel Emery, repairs and shoeing horse in 1878, 13 12
E. K. Stewart, supplies to Sarah Antoine in 1878, 7 50
Town of Fairfield, support of Geo. King family '78, 42 10
J. H. Knox, medical attendance on Samuel Baker and James Cutler, 1878, 37 00
M. A. McKendrick, support of Willie Wallis, 1878, 10 00
N. W. Bond, supplies to poor farm in 1878, 6 29
Town of Milford, support of J. Nado, in 1878, 16 00
A. F. Lewis, expense to Fairfield, and R. R. tickets for Geo. King and family, 18 62
S. Marcho, support of Samuel Baker, 10 00
Charles B. Ring, for supplies, 14 97
Samuel Libbey, supplies and medicine, 25 88
C. M. Gould, “ 80 67
R. J. Hamilton, “ 46 24
Jas. Walker & Co., “ 18 84
Jackson Page, “ 20 70
Holmes & Lewis, “ 42 17
Geo. W. Harris, “ 50 00
W. Bosworth, coffins for Mrs. Lovett and J. Nado, 14 00
Paid Abel Hunt, coffin for Mrs. Sinclair, $8.50
Mrs. E. Colburn, rent for Mrs. Wise, $25.00
M. S. Johnston, " and wood for Sinclair, $21.87
M. W. Gammon, repairing harnesses, $1.05
Josiah Dolley, support of H. Inman, $12.50
J. H. Mayo, lodging tramps $2.00
J. La Mountain, labor on town farm, $11.25
B. E. Donigan, clothing $11.30
A. B. Mosher, express bill, $1.55
Levi Dennett, cart for town farm $25.00
John Harkins, cow for town farm $30.00
A. G. Ring, lumber $2.50
Town of Waterville, support and funeral expenses of Modiste Cary, $27.50
J. H. Nash, teams for funerals, $4.50
Geo W Harris salary for self and wife, $200.00
Eben Webster, wood for Sinclair, $2.75
E. N. Mayo, medical attendance for other towns, $28.45
J. H. Knox, medical attendance for other towns, $61.00
F. A. Welch, goods to Mrs. Sinclair $4.00
Town of Milford, support of J. Nado, $32.49
Levi Dennett, repairing wagon $7.80
Town of Brewer, support of Sylvester $36.28
A. F. Lewis, cash paid out per vouchers $4.28
Nathan Frost, expense of carrying Mary Doe to Insane Asylum at Augusta $16.05
Nancy Dean, rent for Mary Dean, $3.75
E. M. Vinal, burying paupers $15.00
E. N. Mayo, medical attendance per contract $16.80
J. H. Knox " " " " $43.20

Amount of orders drawn $1257.66
Amount due from other towns last spring $282.13

$1539.79

Appropriation, $1000.00
Received from other towns $422.31
Amount due from other towns $212.87

$1635.18

$95.39

Cost of maintaining our own poor $904.61
The cost for the year 1878 was 1173.33
The cost for the year 1877 was 1518.49
This decrease in the cost from year to year is very gratifying, and is caused in part, no doubt, by the improvement in business, which tends to furnish our people with steadier employment.

**TOWN FARM.**

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<tr>
<td>For paid Geo. W. Harris, services, self and wife,</td>
<td>$200 60</td>
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<td>paid Geo. W. Harris, for supplies,</td>
<td>362 03</td>
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<td>Supplies from other sources,</td>
<td>153 34</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$715 37</strong></td>
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<td>By produce sold up to March 1st,</td>
<td>$215 53</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Harris, for labor for outside parties,</td>
<td>96 50</td>
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<td>530 weeks board of inmates at 76 1-10 cents per week, is</td>
<td>403 34</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$715 37</strong></td>
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| Number at the Poor House, March 1st, 1879,                                  |          |
| Admitted since,                                                             | 16       |
| Discharged,                                                                 | 7        |
| Deceased,                                                                   | 2        |
| Now at the house,                                                           | 13       |
| **Total**                                                                   | 22       |

As follows, viz:—David Antoine, Mrs. L. Cheney, John King, Etta Neddo, Bertie Dean, Mabel Dean, Walter L. Dean, Frank H. Dean, George Perry, Edward Perry, Charles Perry, Annie Perry, and Addie Perry.

We employed Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harris to superintend the town farm and almshouse the past year, and we feel well satisfied with their management. One of the inmates, during the year, Mrs. Mary Doe, became insane, and has been sent to the Insane Hospital. The superintendent states that "she is a good deal diseased, and will probably never be any better. She is more or less paralyzed, is sometimes noisy, and has but little intelligence."

Inventory of Farm Products, Stock, Household Stores, &c., on hand Feb'y. 28, 1880, with estimated value.

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<td>4½ tons Hay,</td>
<td>$45 00</td>
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<td>1 tons Straw,</td>
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<td>3½ bushels Wheat,</td>
<td>5 25</td>
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<td>75 &quot; Potatoes,</td>
<td>37 50</td>
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<td>25 &quot; Beets,</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<td>10 &quot; Carrots,</td>
<td>2 50</td>
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<td>10 bushels Turnips.</td>
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<td>½ barrel Flour.</td>
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<td>½ &quot; Beef.</td>
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<td>50 lbs. coarse Flour.</td>
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<td>20 &quot; Graham &quot;</td>
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<td>175 &quot; Pork.</td>
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<td>6 &quot; Sugar.</td>
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<td>8 &quot; Rice.</td>
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<td>10 &quot; Lard.</td>
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<td>6 &quot; Butter,</td>
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<td>&quot; Soap.</td>
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<td>3 &quot; Tea.</td>
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<td>4 gallons Molasses.</td>
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<td>2 bush. Meal,</td>
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<td>4 lbs Soda.</td>
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<td>20 lbs Codfish.</td>
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<td>1 box Salt.</td>
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<td>30 lbs Tallow.</td>
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<td>½ bush Onions,</td>
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<td>1 Horse.</td>
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<td>2 Cows.</td>
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<td>1 2-year old Heifer.</td>
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<td>6 Hams.</td>
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<td>25 Cords Hardwood.</td>
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<td>22 &quot; Soft &quot;</td>
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<td>Household furniture, etc.,</td>
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<td>Farm Tools, Carriages, etc.,</td>
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<td>Farm and buildings, including Dunham house and wood lot,</td>
<td>5000.00</td>
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We have set a smaller valuation on Furniture, tools, &c., than has been made heretofore. The most of it has been in use a number of years, and, of course, is growing poorer every year, this will account for the apparent decrease from last year.

**DISBURSEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.**

Paid Wm. Merrifield, $5 00
Wm. Merrifield, paid out extra labor on Eagle, 6 45
Wm. Merrifield, cleaning off cisterns, and 1 lb. L. Yarn, 5 18
Wm. Merrifield, care Eagle and Tiger Engines, 55 00
M. P. Young, for keys, 1 38
Paid N. W. Bond, coal stove, coffee-pot and repairs, Eagle, 22.75
E. W. Johnston, laying pipe and repairing sink, 4.73
E. W. Johnston, paid for building filter, 1.50
D. B. Tenney, repairing cisterns and finding material, 7.98
D. B. Tenney, cleaning off cisterns, 4.00
D. B. Tenney, paid out and extra labor on Monitor, 5.05
D. B. Tenney, care of Monitor Engine, 40.00
E. Pretto, hauling Engine to fire, 1.00
E. Mansfield, iron and work on Engines, 1.40
S. Libbey, acid and paint for Eagle, 87.00
S. Libbey, alcohol for Monitor, 1.50
R. M. Crombie, nails, and refreshments, 2.32
E. T. & E. E. Ring, covering for cisterns, 3.48
A. B. Mosher, gas pipe and packing leather 9.85

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<td>$179.44</td>
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<td>Appropriation,</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
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Unexpended, $120.56

This appropriation was expended under the direction of the Fire Wardens, to whom we refer you for further particulars.

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<td>Appropriation for ringing the bell,</td>
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<td>Paid Geo. Park for ringing the bell,</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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<td>Appropriation for cistern under Monitor house</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<td>Paid Patrick Wall, materials and labor,</td>
<td>$38.00</td>
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<td>Jas. McKenny, for labor,</td>
<td>12.00</td>
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<td>$50.00</td>
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RECAPITULATION.

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<td>Amount raised by the town,</td>
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<td>Received from the State on account Schools,</td>
<td>1321.42</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; other towns on acct. Paupers,</td>
<td>422.31</td>
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Amount to draw against, $9445.73

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<td>Orders drawn for Highway,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Schools,</td>
<td>4288.16</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Incidental expenses,</td>
<td>998.03</td>
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<td>1257.66</td>
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--- $8932.10
Leaving, $1403.63 to pay expenses for which there is no special appropriation.

TOWN HALL,

For paid for care of hall, $40.00  
  " gasoline, 18.62  
  " cleaning hall, 4.25  
  " wood, 38.82  
  " freight on gasoline, 4.00  
  __________  $105.69

Cr.

By amount received for rent of hall, $106.35  
  wood now on hand, 25.00  
  __________  $131.35

Receipts above expenses, $25.66

LOAN ORDERS.

Under the authority granted by the town at their annual meeting, we have made and issued loan orders to the amount of $8825, during the past year. The particulars in regard to their use are given in the Treasurer's Report, to which you are respectfully referred.

TAX DEEDS.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the amount of Tax Deeds held by the town has been reduced $89.15 during the year. This, in view of the fact that there has been a steady increase in the amount from 1874 to 1879, encourages us to hope that, with the increasing prosperity already manifest throughout the country, the reduction will go steadily on until we are relieved of this burden.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED FOR 1880.

For highways, $1000.00  
  support of poor, 1000.00  
  common schools, 2312.00  
  free high schools, 500.00  
  incidental expenses, 1800.00  
  fire department, 300.00  
  ringing the bell, 40.00  
  building bridge across McPhetres brook, 300.00  
  paying interest on town's indebtedness, 700.00  
  " town indebtedness, 1000.00  
  __________  $8952.00
By request of a large number of citizens of the town, we report the names of persons having a settlement here who have received aid from the town outside the almshouse during the year 1879, with the amount furnished.

Mrs. Hiram Crosby, $4 12
" Modiste Cary, paid Waterville, 27 50
Frank Clair and family, 15 13
Henry Inman, paid Josiah Doily, 12 50
Mrs. Arthur Dean and family, 16 25
Zebulon Doe and wife, 9 10
James Ford and family, 2 00
Andrew Fortier, 2 25
Abbot George and wife, 8 00
Geo. Inman, 6 57
Mrs. Marion Kedney, 10 00
John Mahew and family, 7 38
Joseph Nado, paid Milford, 54 24
Joseph Plude and family, 3 75
John Sylvester and family, paid Brewer, 36 28
Wm. H. Ward and family, 14 84
John Young and wife, 27 24
Mrs. Wise, 25 00
Geo. King and family, paid Fairfield, 60 72

The above does not include amount furnished to persons having a settlement in other towns.

In conclusion, we congratulate you on the improvement in the financial condition of the town. Notwithstanding no appropriation was made at the last annual meeting to pay indebtedness, the debt has been reduced a few hundreds. Our loan account is less than last year, and there is a smaller amount of uncollected taxes in the hands of the collector. For other items of interest in this connection, you are respectfully referred to the Treasurer's report, printed herewith.

EBEN WEBSTER,
A. F. LEWIS,
NATHAN FROST.
TREASURER'S REPORT.
ORONO, MARCH 1, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Received for Non-Resident Sale of 1878, $95.58
Redemption of tax deeds, 498.37
Interest on same, 58.55
Rents of Town Hall, 106.35
Of other towns, pauper account, 422.31
State pensions refunded, 126.00
State school fund, 1321.43
S. Peaslee, Collector, 215.38
A. Kenney, Collector, 11785.32
For Loans, 8825.00

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$23,454.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for advertising and printing, $9.75
Recording tax deeds, 30.00
Tax deeds cancelled for error, 5.90
Non-resident taxes of 1878, returned, 74.88
Non-resident tax deeds of 1878, 107.06
Resident tax deeds of 1878, 302.16
Paid State pensioners, 126.00
Allowed discount on taxes paid, 741.14
Abatement on taxes of 1875, $4.00
" " " 1876, 22.48
" " " 1877, 55.18
" " " 1878, 168.77
" " " 1879, 13.04

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263.47
18.08
9884.56
607.72
On county taxes,
State taxes,
Town orders,

Total receipts, $23,454 28
Balance, March 1, 1879, 452 86
Total payments, $23,782 79
Balance, March 1, 1880, 124 35

$23,907 14

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TOWN ORDERS.

Amount outstanding, March 1, 1879, $567 50
Issued, 802 10
Paid and cancelled, $8271 57
Outstanding, March 1, 1880, 328 03

8599 60

LOANS.

Amount outstanding March 1, 1879, $12,032 56
Issued, 8825 00
Paid, $9884 56
Outstanding March 1, 1880, 10,973 00

20,857 56

TAX DEEDS.

Amount held March 1, 1879, $2689 79
Received, 409 22
Redeemed, $498 37
Held March 1, 1880, 2600 64

3099 01

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Amount due on County Tax, March 1, 1879, $738 69
  " State " 980 93
  " " 2101 21

3820 83

Paid on County Tax, $1238 69
  " State " 2101 21
Due on County Tax of '79, 480 93

3820 83

COLLECTORS.

Balances due March 1, 1879:
Stinson Peaslee, '74, '75 and '76, $450 15
Alanson Kenney, '77, '78, 5274 44
  " " 79, 11,021 97

16,746 56

Paid by Stinson Peaslee, 215 38
By Alanson Kenney 11,785 32
Balances due from Collectors, viz:

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RECAPITULATION.

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<td>Tax deeds, estimated unavailable</td>
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RESOURCES.

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<td>Cash in Treasury</td>
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March 1, 1880.

E. P. BUTLER, Treasurer.
TOWN AGENT’S REPORT.

The undersigned has to report that very little has been done the past year on account of suits against the town. We at present stand on the defensive on two suits; the first, Kelley vs. Orono.

Mr. J. S. Kelley alleges that at 3 o’clock A. M., April 13, 1878, on his way from Bangor to Orono, by reason of a defect in our highway, he was overturned and was most grievously hurt, for which he claims heavy damages. In due season he commenced a suit. It has now been almost two years since commencing, and he has not yet seen fit to bring his case to trial. The town attorney, Wm. H. McCrillis, Esq., has the matter in charge and did what he could to have the case tried. We have no fears as to the result, and stand ready with a good defence.

The second case, Hampden vs. Orono. February 25th, 1879, Hampden sued Orono on account of supplies furnished one Abram Mansel and family, consisting of self, wife and five children. Abram is a son of Ephraim Mansel, formerly of Orono, and now dead. Most of our citizens have reason to remember Ephraim.

This case is one of great importance to the town and requires every proper effort on our part to see that the settlement of the family is not thrown on to Orono. The town has paid large sums in the past in the shape of pauper supplies to Ephraim Mansell and his descendants; succeeding in defending ourselves in this case, we rid ourselves of all risks of the name forever.

Mr. McCrillis has this case also under his management. With our knowledge of all the facts in the case, with proper care, we have no fears as to the result.
We have no cases whatever of Orono vs. other towns. The town of Hudson prefers a claim against Orono for a bill of supplies to Mrs. Nan-zy Mansel, for which we do not consider ourselves liable, and have no doubt the matter will be amicably adjusted.

April 12th, 1879, Joseph Page left a demand against the town with Otis Gilmore, Esq., claiming rent for the land on which the Hardy school house stands, also demanding that the house be moved off his premises. On examination I find the town holds a deed of the lot on which the house stands also a deed of the building dated May 18, 1869, signed by Joseph Page and Abigail Page. The consideration for the house was $50. He now says the house is not on the proper lot. The matter will have to be further investigated.

The above are all the matters that have come under the cognizance of the Town Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. RING.
To the Inhabitants of Orono:

The undersigned herewith submit their

ANNUAL REPORT.

The schools are so graded as to meet the wants of the children who compose them, and are known as the Primary Schools, the Intermediate Schools, the Select School, and the High School. Most of the Primaries are kept in the Summer and the Fall only, but three are kept in the Winter. The following tables will give you some idea of the size and character of each of the Primaries as kept during the year:

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**

**SUMMER TERM.**

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Length of Term, ten weeks, except Miss Gee's, which was eight weeks.
### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

**FALL TERM.**

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Each school was eleven weeks in length.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

**WINTER TERM.**

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Each school was twelve weeks in length, and the wages of each Teacher twenty-six dollars per month.

Nine of these Teachers having been employed for several terms prior to this year, have had much experience in teaching in our Primary Schools, while six of them have taught their first schools during the year. It affords us much pleasure to say that all of them strove to do their work well, and that nearly all were entirely satisfactory, while a little
more experience will add to the value of the services of a few of them. At the examinations at the close of the terms, we were glad to note much improvement on the part of the scholars. The three Winter Schools were especially successful, as the scholars were more advanced in years than were the others, and therefore were better informed to begin with, and could better appreciate the value of the good instruction which they received.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

There have been five of these schools during the year, all of which have been as successful as any person could reasonably expect. All the teachers save one have taught many schools before, and all have done themselves credit.

The accompanying table will give you much information of the daily work done in these schools, and we desire to call your attention to facts therein shown.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

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At the close of the fifth week, Miss Gulliver resigned to accept a school in Prescott, Arizona, and Miss Wise kept the remainder of the term.

SELECT SCHOOL.

Miss Ellen Libbey, Teacher. Wages, $8.00 per week.

This school is divided into two classes, nearly equal in numbers, one of which entered at the commencement of the school year, in September, 1879, and the other a year prior to that date. This excellent arrangement enables the pupils to do more and better work than they possibly could with a less desirable classification. The accompanying table will
show you something of the daily work of the school, but a personal visit would give you a much better idea of it, as it would of all the schools, should you extend it to them more frequently than has been your custom.

**SELECT SCHOOL.**

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The examinations at the close of the several terms showed that faithful and thorough work had been done, that the instruction given, the improvement made, and the discipline maintained, were fully satisfactory to your committee. Weekly tests in writing have been the rule during the year, in which the scholars have been much interested. The decided improvement in writing is attributed in part to the fact that much work was done upon the blackboards, which work was subject to the criticism of the class. In Map Drawing, great skill was shown, and the Teacher reports. "I have had no trouble to get the pupils to draw maps. They feel a pride in them, and more interest than ever before."

At the close of the Spring Term, twenty-one scholars from the Primary and Intermediate Schools were, after a careful examination in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, and geography, admitted to this school, and after a similar examination in all the studies of the school, a class was sent from this school to the High School at the beginning of the Fall Term.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

S. H. Powell, Principal, Salary, $1000 per year. Miss L. L. Gardner Assistant for the Winter Term. Wages $8 per week.

For ten consecutive years this school has been under the charge of Mr. Powell, with such assistants from time to time as the wants of the school seemed to require. During the Spring and Fall Terms of this year no assistant was employed; but the larger attendance during the Winter,
and the consequently larger number of classes, necessitated the employ-
ment of one, and we therefore obtained for the position Miss Gardner, a
graduate of the Normal School at Castine. We here present a statement
of three terms of the year covering a period of thirty-four weeks.

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Seventy-two different scholars attended this school during the
year, and the cost to the town for the tuition of each was $15,33 1-3. The
length of all the terms having been thirty-four weeks, the cost for tuition
of each scholar per week was forty-five cents.

This school continues in excellent condition, and we believe it to be
entitled to the confidence and hearty support of all our citizens. It cer-
tainly has ours, notwithstanding an attack upon Free High Schools has
been made "all along the line," in this and other States. It is now, and
has been for years past, almost the only place where the teachers of our
primary schools have fitted themselves for their duties, and should it be
crippled by impairing its efficiency in any way, the damage will be seri-
ously felt in all the schools of all the grades below it. We advise that
the present high standard in discipline and in imparting instruction be
kept up, so that our citizens shall not be obliged to send their children
away to school, nor be obliged in the alternative to be content with little
high school instruction, and that little poorly and feebly imparted.

When you remember that four of our primary school teachers who
have had perhaps the largest experience of all who have taught in these
schools during the year, have resigned their positions, three to assume
new and happier relations in life and one to accept a position as teacher
in a distant land, and that our own High School is the training school
where our primary teachers are mostly fitted for their onerous work, we
trust you will give it all the support it so much deserves at your hands.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the year, we have obtained, generally by exchange, and at
very favorable rates for the town, all the books needed for the schools,
except a few in the High School. The total amount expended for school
books, for all the schools, for the year, was $140.29. The cost to the
town for each scholar was only 26 3-4 cents for the year. We are not
aware of any other method by which the needed annual supply can be
procured at so little cost.

REPAIRS.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants held July 14th, 1879, the Com-
mittee were instructed to re-model and make extensive repairs upon
the school house on Main Street, which, erected in 1828, had become unfit
for further use in its condition at the time of the meeting. The materials
were procured and the labor done by Mr. A. J. Durgin and assistants,
under the supervision of your committee. Having had in the work done
on this building the advantage of Mr. Durgin's skill as a mechanic and
builder, his ability as a man of affairs, and of his interest as a fellow cit-
izen, we now have here one of the finest school houses in town. The
total cost of the repairs made was $634.49.

Minor repairs were made upon the other buildings, and those near the
depot and on Penobscot street were painted. All the school buildings
are now in such good condition that the only repairs needed for years to
come will be to make good the loss by the annual wear and decay.

EXAMINATIONS.

The examination of those proposing to teach, before the issuing of cer-
tificates to them, and of scholars, before promotion into the higher
grades, have been continued during the year as in former years. It has
been of great value to those most directly interested, and should by all
means be continued.

We think more written work, by way of tests, should be done in the
primary and intermediate schools, as it is on the basis of written work
that scholars are sent from these into the higher schools, where a great
deal of this kind of school-work is done.

TARDINESS.

We have reported the amount of tardiness in the several schools in or-
der that you may know the facts as they exist. It seems to us to be al-
together too large, and we invite your assistance, your earnest, cordial
aid in making it much smaller the coming year, which aid, we trust, you
will not fail to give.

SCHOOL FUNDS.

Early in the year we were notified that we had not expended for
schools in the past two years the amount required by law, viz: the per
capita tax of eighty cents per each inhabitant and the amount received from the State, by the sum of eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars, and that this amount must be expended or the payment of further school money by the State to the town would be withheld. We have endeavored to comply with these requisitions and present the following statement as showing how far we have succeeded. The school fund has been credited as follows:

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The expenditures have been as follows:

- For wages paid teachers, $3147 70
- All other bills, 1140 46

Amount of orders drawn, $4288 16

We have expended, $4461 42

Balance to begin next year with, $173 26

For the items of expenditure we respectfully refer you to the report of the Selectmen printed herewith.

**NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.**

The whole number of scholars in town, April 1st, 1879, was 737. The whole number of scholars attending school during the year was 527. The cost per scholar for tuition for the entire year was $5.97—

“In closing this report your Committee feel it a duty to state that parents and our citizens generally do not manifest that interest in our public schools that their importance and usefulness demand. More frequent visits would show both to the teachers and scholars that your eyes were upon them, that you felt they were deserving notice and consideration; and thus each teacher and pupil would be stimulated to greater effort to make each school a success.” Time thus spent on your part will not be thrown away, but will be of service to you in enabling you to judge for yourselves upon your own observation as to the actual or relative value of the teacher who for the time being has in his care and keeping the most precious charge committed to you, the education of your children,

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LIBBEY, S. S.
E. N. MAYO, Committee,
To the Inhabitants of Orono:—

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1879–80, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast; the several balances and results reported being in accordance with the facts. During the six years which I have had the honor to serve you as Auditor, I have not troubled you to any great extent with words. I now ask your indulgence for the purpose of making one or two suggestions.

The practice has been, for several years, to make a large appropriation for incidental expenses. Orders are drawn against this appropriation for salaries, wood and lights for the Town House, insurance and other legitimate expenses for which there is no special fund, and the balance has been used to cover interest on loans, discount on taxes, abatements, etc. Instead of this practice being continued, I would suggest that a special appropriation be made to pay interest, and also one to pay discounts on taxes, as looking more like business, and would, in my judgment, give better satisfaction to all concerned in doing the business of the town, after it has once been tried. The appropriation for incidental expenses could, of course, be reduced in proportion to the amount raised for these purposes.

There is another matter which I want to urge upon your attention: and that is the necessity of revising the description of property in our Valuation and Tax Lists. In a large number of cases there is not a sufficient description to make a tax deed valid, or even sufficient to locate the property unless a person be well acquainted in the town. In making this statement, I disclaim any intention of casting even the slightest reflection on our respected “fathers of the town” who have served us in the past years, for I have been there myself and can understand the difficulties in the way of doing just what they would like to do in this case. They have had to perform the duties of three offices, and all have had
pressing business of their own to look after, which has so fully occupied their time that they could not undertake the labor involved in making a new description. Errors and omissions have stolen in from year to year, in copying, to such an extent that it has become absolutely necessary that the work of revision be no longer delayed.

I do not know as I have any recommendations to make, but I will suggest for your consideration that a board of Assessors be chosen in addition to the usual board of Selectmen and Overseers, who shall be selected especially for this work; men who have a knowledge of what is required, good judgment, and can devote their time to the business. The expense, of course, will be a little larger than it would be under the old plan, but we can stand it one year, and the extra expense will be returned to you fourfold in the good results which will surely follow.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT WHITE, AUDITOR.