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TOWN FARM.

The expense for carrying on the farm and supporting the family the past year has been as follows:

For services of man and woman,	\$200,00
For supplies, provisions, groceries, clothing, &c.,	236,00
Due C. F. Grant for sundries as paid by him,	27,40
Paid A. C. Pulsifer for two coffins,	9,00
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	\$472,40
Paid by C. F. Grant from the farm,	49,47
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Making the whole expense of carrying on the farm and supporting the family,	\$422,93

STOCK AND PRODUCE ON THE FARM.

The oxen that were on the farm last year, valued at \$135,00, have been sold for \$180,00, and another pair bought for \$140, which are worth \$170 as prices are now; two cows; one three year old, one two year old and one yearling; three sheep; three shoats, and the same horse, as last year; one hundred bushels potatoes; four hundred pounds pork; forty bushels corn; seventy-five pounds beef; eleven bushels beans; thirty-five pounds lard; eight bushels barley; fifteen pounds tallow.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OFF OF THE FARM.

To town of Trescot for supplies to John Cole's family,	\$35,00
To town of North Yarmouth for supplies to Mrs. Wilber,	11,75
To town of Norway for supplies to J. Saunders,	22,50
To Daniel Usher for supplies to Mrs. Smith and child, (this bill due from Lewiston,)	11,00
To town of Westbrook for Ruth Walker,	27,00
To town of Falmouth for Mrs. Buly, \$34,00, and something more now due, perhaps \$10,00,	44,00
(A portion of this bill was due last year, about \$17,00.)	
To Allen Moody's family,	10,25
To Osgood Cole's family,	9,58
To D. B. Sawyer for attending Albert Crooker's family, and C. Waterman for nursing same,	41,00
To Uriah Berry's family,	7,00
To Wm. Berry's family,	70,15
To Thomas Verrill for supplies to Humphrey Edward's children,	2,00
(This is due from Casco, and also \$10,00 on an old account.)	
For the Noble girls,	143,00
(This bill is due from the town of Norway.)	
To A. J. Bucknam for house rent for Mrs. Billings last year,	17,50
To same for this year's rent, now due,	25,00
To J. T. Jordan for boarding Mrs. Mirick,	32,50
“ “ “ clothing for “	15,00
To B. Woodsome for house rent for Abraham Berry,	2,00
(This bill is due from New Gloucester); also a bill of last year of	5,00

There is now due the town of Gray, and Stephen Morrill for supplies to Priscilla Tripp's family about	50,00
Beside Dr. Anderson's bill for attending the family while sick. Sickness was the cause of this bill.	
To Mrs. Hiram Beal, (This bill due from Turner,)	\$10,00
To George Berry,	4,98
(This bill due from New Gloucester.)	
To Chipman Cobb,	8,78
(This bill is to be deducted from State aid.)	
Paid T. W. Hackett's family	18,13
To Eunice Edward's family, (which is now due,)	9,00
These sums added give	<hr/> \$623,12

Deduct from this what we claim from other towns leaves the sum of \$349,21 which it has cost for support of the poor off the farm.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There has been expended for the Chipman bridge, so called, the following sums, to wit:

For building piers and paving, \$400,00; for lumber and labor on the same, \$66,94, over and above what the old bridge come to, making the expense for the bridge \$466,94. When we commenced this bridge we intended to build new piers under it and let the old one stand, but found the old bridge so rotten that it would not be safe, so we tore down the old bridge and sold it, and expended the money we received for it on the new one.

Paid for repairs on Page's Mill bridge, so called, \$7,20.

" " " " Mechanic Falls bridge, \$26,34.

We have built a new bridge over Worthly brook near Empire Depot, which has cost \$111,27. This bridge was formerly built of stone but the culvert was too small for the water to pass through in time of a freshet, consequently last spring the water undermined the wall at one end of the

bridge and it went down. We found the bottom of the stream too soft to support a stone butment so we have built a wooden one. We have built another bridge across this brook, near T. W. Hacketts. This bridge was let out last year by your Selectmen, to be built of stone, to C. Butler, but after examining the place they came to the conclusion that a stone bridge would not stand there, so we have built a wooden one at the cost of \$57,13.

We have built a new culvert near Mr. Ross', which has cost about \$112,00. There is a small bill due on this yet—some ten or fifteen dollars.

FINANCE OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders by the town,	\$16,214,45
One note to E. G. Martin,	85,00
Hired by Treasurer to pay bounties,	1,300,00
One note to Treasurer of Ministerial Fund, and interest,	477,20
Due C. F. Grant, April 10th, 1864,	127,00
Due the several school districts,	402,08
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These sums added together give	\$18,605,73
Add to this the amount of conscript orders,	7,500,00
One note for money to pay bounties given last November,	8,250,00
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Total,	\$34,355,73

The amount of State aid that has been furnished to soldiers' families by the several stores since January 1st is not reckoned in the above.

FINANCES.

To offset these Liabilities we find, as assets, the following sums, viz:

Due from the several towns,	\$278,88
Due from C. R. Pulsifer on tax bills of 1862,	145,25

Due from C. R. Pulsifer on tax bills of 1863,	6,884,84
In the hands of the Treasurer,	285,93
State School Fund due the town,	402,27
The amount of aid to families of soldiers which was returned to the Secretary of State up to January 1st, 1864, which will be reimbursed to the town,	3,175,70
Amounting in all to	<u>\$11,172,87</u>

This sum deducted from \$34,355,73, the amount of liabilities, and there remains \$23,182,86

Add to the above the following sums, viz;

Due the town of Gray and Stephen Morrill,	\$50,00
Due Dr. Anderson,	25,00
Due Lufkin for boarding Mrs. Buly,	10,00
Due North Yarmouth for supplies to Chas. Haskell,	7,50
Due A. J. Bucknam for house rent,	25,00
Due for repairs of highways,	15,00
Due F. Storer for supplies to soldiers' families,	38,00
Amounting to	<u>\$171,06</u>

Total amount of the town debt, \$23,353,92

The road laid out by the County Commissioners, commencing at John Locke's and running to Danville line has been let to be built by next September, and is to be paid for when built.

The accounts to be allowed this spring are not reckoned in the above indebtedness of the town.

L. D. COBB,	} Selectmen of Poland.
W. A. TOBIE,	
A. J. WESTON,	

Poland, March 10, 1864.