

SIXTEENTH

Annual Report

OF THE
Town of Old Orchard



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JAN. 31, 1899.

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REPORT

OF THE

Officers of the Town of
Old Orchard, Me.,

FOR THE

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W. L. STREETER, PRINTER,
1899.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1898.

MODERATOR.

E. H. MILLIKEN.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

C. F. STAPLES,

E. M. YATES,

H. A. G. MILLIKEN.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

W. J. C. MILLIKEN.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRED I. LUCE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JARED WHITMAN,

FRED W. ELLSWORTH,

JOHN E. WEBBER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

W. H. H. McALLISTER.

TOWN AGENT.

E. M. YATES.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

J. A. RANDALL,

G. W. BUTLER,

P. C. HARLEY.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

J. I. MACKEY.

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS.

F. A. WHITTIER.

AUDITOR.

AUSTIN H. FISKE.

TRUANT OFFICER.

W. A. WHITTIER.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

J. F. LOMBARD,

H. A. G. MILLIKEN,

B. F. MILLIKEN,

J. P. MILLIKEN,

W. J. MEWER.

POUND KEEPER.

J. F. LOMBARD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

F. H. LIBBY.

TOWN WEIGHERS.

C. W. GORHAM,

W. H. H. McALLISTER.

FENCE VIEWERS.

FRANK MOSES,

ALVIN LYONS,

JACOB GIGENHEIMER.

TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

HENRY H. THOMAS,

EDSON H. MILLIKEN,

WILLIAM F. FERNALD

} Elected for one Year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS.

J. WESLEY DUFF.

CONSTABLE.

W. A. WHITTIER.

SPECIAL POLICE.

W. A. WHITTIER,
AUSTIN FISKE,
EDWARD McPHEE,
W. J. MEWER,
ISAAC C. ESTES,
IRVING T. HOUGH,
JOSHUA BERRY,
H. L. HILDRETH,
W. A. GOOGINS,
J. R. KIRKPATRICK,
A. O. FRENCH,
GEO. I. GOOGINS,
JOHN F. HAINES,
J. F. LOMBARD,
JACK DIAMOND,
O. W. ALWARD,

J. P. GOODWIN;
CHAS. F. MADDOX,
J. W. PORTER,
HEZEKIAH CHASE,
J. WESLEY DUFF,
GILBERT WYLEY,
CLARENCE G. LIBBY,
BENJ. T. RICHARDS,
E. J. ATWOOD,
ELI ROGERS,
ELMER E. GOOGINS,
HOWARD T. CLEAVES,
ARTHUR M. CHASE,
JAMES W. CROCKETT,
I. A. CASWELL,
GEO. W. HILL,

HARRY W. RICKER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
1898			
Mar. 14		Female	Alice & Adelbert O. French
Mar. 14		Female	Helen & Granville W. Leighton
April 11		Female	Lucy & Jas. R. Kirkpatrick
May 28		Male	Lillian & Alfred P. Larry
June 29		Female	Nellie G. & Ernest M. Bellows
Sept. 5	Everett Clark	Male	Maude & Malcolm G. Clark
Oct. 26		Female	Lillian B. & Geo. W. Cleaves
Dec. 8		Male	Lillian & Edward H. Phillips
Dec. 23	Elise RoseDowns	Female	Sylvia H. & Cornelius H. Downs
Jan. 25		Female	Susan A. & Joseph W. Elliott

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1899.

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM MARRIED
1898			
Mar. 14	Edmund C. Hancock Susie A. Elliott	Old Orchard, Me. Portland, Me.	Rev. J. B. Shepherd Portland, Me.
Mar. 20	G. F. Barrows Bertha S. Snow	Raymond, Me. Scarboro, Me.	Rev. F. Grosvenor, Old Orchard, Me.
April 6	Frank M. Redman Susie M. Allen	Old Orchard, Me. Sedgwick, Me.	Rev. E. S. Drew, Sedgwick, Me.
April 27	Josiah W. Elliott Susie A. Leavitt	Old Orchard, Me. Berwick, Me.	Rev. T. A. Tracy, Saco, Me.
May 28	Abel L. Greenwood Laura Laurange	Old Orchard, Me. Old Orchard, Me.	
June 11	Jack K. Thomas Alice May Haskell	Old Orchard, Me. Boston, Mass.	Rev. H. Chase, Old Orchard, Me.
July 2	Harry L. Moulton Edith A. Richards	Hollis Center, Me. Old Orchard, Me.	Rev. Hiram Mains
July 10	Franklin P. Jones Almina J. Cowles	Old Orchard, Me. Lyman, Me.	Rev. D. B. Gunn, Cambridge, Mass.
Nov. 5	Willford M. Norrad Marian Sprague	Old Orchard, Me. Bangor, Me.	Rev. F. Grosvenor, Old Orchard, Me.
Nov. 24	James Henry Arjion Margaret Marshall	Malden, Mass. Old Orchard, Me.	Rev. F. Grosvenor, Old Orchard, Me.
Nov. 24	Edwin A. Edgerly Gertrude Smith	Saco, Me. Old Orchard, Me.	Luther R. Moore, Saco, Me.
1899.			
Jan. 21	Charles E. Morris Mabel M. Libby	Old Orchard, Me. Old Orchard, Me.	Rev. F. Grosvenor, Old Orchard, Me.

DEATHS RECORDED FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899.

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		Y	M	D
1898				
Feb. 26	John M. Woodbury	73	8	20
Mar. 6	Alfred Eugene Nichols		6	11
Mar. 26	Elbridge G. Stevens	86	11	26
May 3	Mercy Stone	95	2	27
May 5	Thomas Mewer	65		
May 23	Frank E. Tarbox	77	3	
May 26	Moses W. Blanchard	77	5	19
June 11	Alfred Larry			14
July 18	Hannah Prescott	77	7	14
Aug. 4	Elizabeth Middleton	84	2	25
Aug. 10	Caroline Bowden	66		
Aug. 22	Helen Phillips	1	3	16
Aug. 24	Andrew Fay	20		
Sept. 1	Charles O'Shea	29		
Oct. 4	Marion Kirkpatrick		5	23
Oct. 17	Rebecca Whitney	76	7	
Oct. 24	Thomas Brown	66	6	
Oct. 26	Stephen Dorman	63	6	26
Nov. 22	Harriet N. Hill	75	7	19
1899.				
Jan. 24	Nathan Hall	83	9	

ANNUAL REPORTS.

I have thoroughly examined the town accounts of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Trustees of the Public Library, and Treasurer, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1899, and find them correct and vouched for.

AUSTIN H. FISKE, AUDITOR.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1898.

Number inhabitants last census,		877
Rate of assessment, \$15.00 on \$1,000.		
Rate of assessment on polls, \$2.50.		
Valuation—Real Estate,	\$622,302 00	
Personal Estate,	39,725 00	
	<hr/>	\$662,027 00
Assessments—Real Estate,	\$9,128 72	
Personal Estate,	578 35	
Polls, 290,	725 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,432 07
Appropriations—Town Tax,	\$7,201 60	
State Tax,	2,070 91	
County Tax,	855 72	
Overlay,	303 84	
	<hr/>	\$10,432 07

SPECIAL LIMITS.

Rate of assessment, \$5.90 on \$1,000.

Rate of assessment on polls, .50.

Valuation—Real Estate,	\$577,423 00	
Personal Estate,	37,445 00	
	<hr/>	\$614,868 00
Assessments—Real Estate,	\$3,356 82	
Personal Estate,	219 25	
Polls, 273,	136 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,712 57
Appropriations—Special Limits,	\$3,575 00	
Overlay,	137 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,712 57

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The poor we have always with us. The net expenditures in the Poor Department show an increase over those of last year, though as compared with other towns, Old Orchard is not excessively taxed for the support of its unfortunates. We now have four patients at the Insane Asylum in Augusta—Mary J. Googins, Joshua K. Patterson, Douglass Robinson and Rose Burnham, the expenses of the latter being provided for by her relatives. We are supporting in town, partially or wholly, four persons, David Gowen, Mrs. J. K. Patterson, Thomas Lynch and Suttcliffe Greenwood. Others have been and are now being temporarily assisted. One permanent charge, Mrs. Hannah Prescott, has died during the year. A small increase of the appropriation will be necessary for the present year.

Following are the amounts expended the past year:

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, board of Mary Jane Googins, J. K. Patterson, Douglass Robinson, and Rose Burn- ham,	\$459 49
Mrs. Frank Cleaves, board of Mrs. J. K. Patterson,	28 00
C. W. Smith, groceries to D. Gowen,	26 00
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, wood and supplies to D. Gowen and T. Lynch,	38 05
Mrs. J. K. Patterson, cash at different times,	25 00

Paid J. L. Chute, board of Mrs. Hannah Prescott,	\$91 00
Hannah T. Lord, board of children of A. Patterson,	20 00
Dennis & Worcester, groceries to D. Gowen,	9 23
C. L. Richardson, milk to D. Gowen,	13 22
F. H. Libby, groceries to W. S. Walker & G. Fender- son, 1897,	41 37
E. M. Yates, railroad fare for H. Burke, to Togus,	2 50
W. I. Dennett, casket, etc., for Harriet Pillsbury,	23 00
A. O. French, clothing to H. Burke,	3 00
S. J. Bassford, medical at- tendance on C. Corson,	15 00
J. A. Randall, medical services,	21 75
F. C. Bradbury, burial of Hannah Prescott,	67 00
O. O. Lumber Co., shingles for Patterson buildings,	29 32
G. L. Hyde, supplies to T. Lynch,	4 77
Duff Construction Co., sup- plies and labor at Patter- son place,	13 83
A. W. Fields, supplies to Suttcliffe Greenwood,	4 52

Paid J. Kirkpatrick, supplies and services,	\$11 60	
	<hr/>	\$947 65
Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book, Rec'd for Board of Rosella Burnham,	27 75	
	<hr/>	727 75
Overdrawn, Jan. 31, 1899,		<hr/> \$219 90

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

It is good economy to own the house you live in. The question of erecting a building, or buildings, to accommodate the business of the town, has been discussed by our people more or less for several years. If such an undertaking is ever to be consummated it would seem to be time to at least make a beginning. What the town especially needs is a building sufficient to accommodate an engine room and stable, on the same floor; a well arranged jail or lockup; a hall for town meetings and rooms for the accommodation of the various town officers and the public library; also a tenement for a watchman or janitor, who might also act as driver of the engine team, as now. Connected with such an establishment should be a spacious storehouse or sheds for the town sleds and carts, and for the protection of sidewalk material and other town property, which now, we are sorry to say, lies about the streets unprotected from the weather and petty pilferers.

Undoubtedly a building, or buildings, to combine all these requirements, could be erected on one and the same lot, and so connected as to be practically under one roof. The cost of such an establishment might be large or small, as the town might choose to make it. It has been estimated that five to seven thousand dollars would pay for a good, serviceable town establishment that would meet all the requirements.

The question of location would be an important consideration, and this fact would seem to call for early action in the matter, as many of the more desirable sites for such a structure are fast going out of the market. The town is now paying for rent and storage over three hundred dollars

a year. This would more than pay interest and insurance on an establishment which would meet the needs of the town far better than they are now accommodated.

Leases of the buildings now used by the town have three years yet to run, and in the meantime would it not be wise to obtain a lot and have a building begun, or even ready for occupancy when our present leases expire?

NEW VALUATION.

The Constitution of Maine requires that "A general valuation shall be taken at least once in ten years." When Old Orchard became a separate town, sixteen years ago, the valuation of the property, as established by the city of Saco, became our valuation. It remained practically unchanged until 1886, when the town valuation had increased from \$508,920 to \$614,305. Our assessors then proceeded to wipe out this \$100,000 increase by scaling down the total valuation of the town to \$497,350, being \$11,570 less than our valuation in 1883, when the set-off was made. It is understood that the reason for this reduction was to obtain a corresponding reduction of our annual State tax. Whatever the object, the result has not proved advantageous to the town.

If the scale down was made to give us a lower State tax, it signally failed, as exactly the contrary has resulted. For instance: In 1896-7, our town valuation, as returned by the assessors, was \$626,475; by the State assessors it was returned at \$751,610, being \$125,135 greater than our own valuation. The new State valuation, just issued by the State assessors, places the total valuation of this town at \$811,914. On this valuation we must pay a State and County tax for the next two years. This is an increase of \$60,304 over the State valuation of two years ago, or a State valuation of about \$150,000 more than our own town valuation of last year.

In other words, the State assessors have SCALED UP our town valuation about twenty per cent.

By what right do the State assessors do this thing? may be asked. Section 13, of chapter 103, laws of 1891, gives it to them, as follows: "*Said State assessors shall equalize and adjust the assessment list of each town by adding to or deducting from it such amounts as will make it equal to its full market value.*"

Towns, therefore, gain nothing from the State, but are liable to lose much, by dodging behind a low valuation. For the two years last past our town has paid the excessive State and County tax of nearly \$3,000 a year, and what its amount will be this year we do not yet know.

Another thing: There are some three thousand to four thousand different pieces of real estate in this little town, including about one thousand buildings of all grades, from palace hotels to private family stables. Transfers and re-transfers have been constantly going on here for twenty years. Despite the ceaseless vigilance of the assessors, more or less of this property has thus been manipulated out of sight. For instance: one piece of such "lost" property, worth \$1,000, was unearthed the past summer by the assessors. It had not paid a cent in taxes for eight years! Such discoveries are by no means rare.

Another grievance is our unequal valuation, low as it is. Each year our real estate has been materially increased in value, in spots, all over town, by the erection of hotels and cottages, calling for re-valuation by the assessors. The result is that recently improved property is in some instances carrying a higher valuation, in proportion, than adjoining unimproved property of equal cash value. This inequality has grown from year to year, and the result is a very unfair valuation for the whole town.

The proper remedy for all these ills is in a new valuation, to be taken at one time, and at a season of the year when property owners are present, and when each piece of

property can be personally identified and examined by the assessors. Such a valuation, manifestly, would be no small undertaking. It would not only reduce the tax rate, correct and equalize taxation, but it would, we believe, put on the tax list many pieces of property which now escape taxation altogether, and would give us what we greatly need—more money.

Such a valuation could not well be taken in time to be used in levying a tax the present year, but if taken the coming summer it would be ready for use by the assessors of 1900.

C. F. STAPLES,	}	Selectmen of Old Orchard.
E. M. YATES,		
H. A. G. MILLIKEN,		

SPECIAL LIMITS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

W. A. Whittier, supplies and ser-		
vices as chief,	\$193 75	
J. F. Lombard, services as police,	157 50	
J. Berry, services as police,	123 50	
A. M. Chase, services as police,	51 00	
C. G. Libby, services as police,	63 00	
O. Alward, services as police,	6 50	
G. I. Googins, services as police,	3 75	
E. J. Atwood, services as police,	1 50	
E. E. Googins, services as police,	13 50	
Atlantic Lodge I. O. O. F., rent of		
station,	50 00	
Jas. A. Kirk, care of tramps,	4 50	
		\$668 50
Appropriation,		650 00
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Overdrawn Jan. 31. 1899,		\$18 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. I. Mackey, services as chief, labor and supplies,	\$47 14
Wiley Googins, driver hook and ladder,	25 00
F. A. Whittier, driver hose cart,	25 00
A. G. Prentiss, supplies for team,	40 40
Prentiss & Stiling Co., supplies for team,	124 95
T. Lynch, labor,	3 95
J. H. Kirkpatrick, fireman, and driving town team,	418 50
Duff Construction Co., sup- plies,	76 42
Atlantic Lodge, rent,	150 00
C. E. Atwood, coal,	32 55
H. W. Warren, hauling hose,	3 00
A. G. Lyons, hay,	23 81
R. H. Roupe, painting hose carriage,	13 10
O. O. Lumber Co., supplies,	1 91
William Greene, labor,	1 05
J. Whitman, repairs,	6 25
E. E. Mills, hay,	16 74
G. Wylie, winding nozzles,	4 00
L. M. Hearn, smithing,	5 25
W. L. Libby, engineer,	100 00
F. H. Libby, fireman, and sup- plies,	18 20
C. F. Maddox, fire company	18 00
A. O. French, " "	18 00
P. F. Googins, " "	18 00
A. G. Lyons, " "	18 00
W. R. Hobbs, " "	18 00

Paid R. R. Milliken, fire company	\$18 00	
J. A. Berry, " "	18 00	
G. I. Googins, " "	18 00	
George Fields, " "	18 00	
H. W. Ricker, " "	18 00	
A. H. Fiske, " "	18 00	
A. L. Tibbetts, " "	18 00	
J. Scriptor, " "	4 50	
L. L. Bryant, " "	9 00	
George Cleaves, " "	18 00	
E. W. Bellows, " "	15 00	
J. Carter, " "	4 50	
G. L. Thomas, storage on wagon,	4 50	
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		\$1,408 72
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Rec'd of J. M. Woodbury, use town team,	3 50	
J. I. Mackey, use town team, sprinkling,	112 87	
Highway, sidewalk and streetlight departm'ts, use town team,	508 87	
On order schoolhouse repairs,	2 62	
W. J. C. Milliken,	87	
Duff Construction Co.,	1 75	
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		\$1,130 48
Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		<hr/>
		\$278 24

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. J. Mewer, snow scraper,	\$20 00
R. W. Libby, surveying,	17 80
J. F. Lombard, bricks, supplies and labor,	677 54

Paid H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken,		
lumber,	\$82 54	
Old Orchard Lumber Company,	16 24	
Mrs. H. Jameson, gravel,	2 25	
Mrs. Harford, gravel,	1 38	
M. F. Porter, gravel,	2 13	
C. F. Staples, gravel,	4 01	
F. Emmons & Co., material		
and labor,	119 30	
J. J. Scripser, labor,	4 50	
H. T. Cleaves, labor,	1 00	
D. Campbell, labor,	40 00	
A. Pratt, labor,	1 05	
Howard Robinson, labor,	1 80	
W. Crockett, labor,	3 00	
E. Lyons, labor,	75	
F. A. Whittier, labor,	44 25	
George Fenderson, labor,	20 63	
W. H. Fenderson, labor,	7 88	
A. C. Hamor, labor,	3 75	
T. Lynch, labor,	1 50	
A. W. Hutchins, labor,	36 63	
Fire Department, use of team,	136 75	
Duff Constr'n Co., supplies,	6 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,253 28
Appropriation, including Railroad		
Avenue crosswalk of \$100,		1,100 00
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$153 28

HYDRANT RENTALS.

Paid Old Orchard Water Co.,	\$1,000 00	
Appropriation,		\$1,000 00

TOWN LIMITS.

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid F. H. Libby, supplies,	\$105 04	
C. E. Fogg, supplies and light-		
ing lamps,	189 27	
Duff Construction Co., supplies		
and labor,	27 09	
F. W. DeMerritt, supplies,	4 58	
Globe Gas Light Co., lamps,	35 00	
D. Campbell, labor,	3 75	
C. G. Libby, lighting lamps,	25 50	
Town Team, services,	58 00	
W. Crockett, labor,	60	
O. O. Lumber Co., lumber,	9 75	
		<hr/> \$458 58
Appropriation,		382 00
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$76 58

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Paid O. O. Electric Co.,	\$960 00	
Appropriation,		\$918 00
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$42 00

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. A. Allen, cleaning cess-		
pools,	\$66 00	
Duff Construction Co., labor,		
material, on repairs, and		
construction,	560 68	
J. F. Lombard, labor and ma-		
terial,	50 00	
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken,	14 24	

Paid O. O. Lumber Co., lumber,	\$11 48	
Biddeford Iron Foundry,	40 40	
F. Ellsworth, labor,	4 50	
W. J. C. Milliken, use of team,	10 75	
	<hr/>	\$758 05
Appropriation,	\$25 00	
Credit by Treasurer's accounts,	280 00	
	<hr/>	\$305 00
Overbalance, January 31, 1899,		\$453 05

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Unexpended January 31, 1898,		\$339 13
Paid F. W. Ellsworth, transportation,	\$33 75	
Miss Emma D. Haines, teaching,	81 00	
Miss Hattie G. Nichols, teaching,	42 00	
Miss Mildred M. Moses, teaching,	88 00	
Sargent Clark, janitor,	27 00	
W. W. Moses, wood,	2 50	
W. H. H. McAllister, coal,	18 75	
F. H. Libby, supplies,	53	
	<hr/>	\$293 53
Unexpended April 1, 1898, end of school year,		\$45 60
Paid Miss Hattie G. Nichols, teaching,	\$245 00	
Miss Emma D. Haines, teaching,	198 00	
Miss Mildred M. Moses, teaching,	200 00	

Paid F. W. Ellsworth, transporta-		
tion,	\$92 75	
Sargent Clark, janitor,	82 69	
Mary Clark,	7 50	
Allie Chute, labor, sawing wood,	1 25	
P. Fenderson, labor, sawing		
wood,	1 50	
C. L. Richardson, transporta-		
tion,	72 00	
F. A. Whittier, coal,	49 50	
F. Moses, wood,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$965 19
Appropriation,	\$701 60	
State fund and mill tax,	429 90	
Unexpended April 1, 1898,	45 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,177 10
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Unexpended January 31, 1899,		\$211 91

HIGH SCHOOL.

Overdrawn Jan. 31, 1898,	\$ 7 39	
Paid J. A. Nichols, teaching,	225 00	
Sargent Clark, janitor,	14 62	
W. Moses, wood,	2 50	
F. W. Ellsworth, supplies,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$250 76
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Overdrawn June 1, 1898,		\$250 76
Paid F. Moses, wood,	\$ 5 00	
S. Clark, janitor,	20 94	
J. A. Nichols, teaching,	60 00	
R. D. Fairfield, teaching,	180 00	
F. W. Whittier, coal,	16 50	
F. Ellsworth, labor,	50	

Paid Mary Clark, labor,	\$2 50	
P. Fenderson, labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$286 94
Overdrawn June 1, 1898,		250 76
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		\$537 70
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Received from State,	260 50	
Rec'd tuition from E. E. McPhee,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$673 50
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Unexpended January 31, 1899,		\$135 80

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid W. J. Mewer, supplies,	\$ 3 67	
J. Whitman, supplies and labor,	20 69	
F. W. Ellsworth, labor,	3 00	
M. E. Hill,	14 00	
Duff Construction Co., sup-		
plies and labor,	61 49	
R. F. Chalk, labor,	8 00	
J. W. Elliott, labor,	1 00	
E. M. Wight, supplies,	1 70	
O. O. Lumber Co., supplies,	24 69	
J. J. Scriptor, labor,	1 13	
Use Town Team,	2 62	
	<hr/>	\$141 99
Appropriation,		100 00
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$41 99

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Paid Ginn & Co., books,	\$46 40
Educational Publishing Co.,	
books,	32 37

Paid J. L. Hammett & Co., books,	\$ 34 00	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	10 85	
Thompson Brown & Co., sup- plies,	6 00	
American Book Co., books,	6 94	
Loring, Short & Harmon, sup- plies,	5 40	
C. M. Rice Paper Co., supplies,	12 75	
Southworth Bros., supplies,	3 50	
J. Whitman, supplies,	7 00	
W. H. H. McAllister, supplies,	5 28	
Star Job Print, supplies,	2 41	
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		\$172 90
Appropriation,		150 00
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$22 90

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Tom Lunch,	labor,	\$1 77
J. Berry,	"	3 75
C. Tibbetts,	"	2 70
W. Greene,	"	4 50
J. Carter,	"	3 75
J. F. Lombard,	"	2 40
L. W. Hawkes,	"	1 50
A. Skinner,	"	2 70
A. G. Lyons,	"	3 30
H. Robinson	"	7 50
A. Smith,	"	1 95
W. Smith,	"	6 30
S. Boyden,	"	3 90
M. Robinson,	"	2 70
E. H. Bellows,	"	1 95
A. Tibbetts,	"	3 90
R. Roupe,	"	2 70

Paid W. Robinson,	labor	\$2 70
Ed Lyons,	"	3 30
G. Cleaves,	"	2 70
J. Whitman,	"	75
D. Furbush,	"	3 30
M. Whitman,	"	2 70
T. Lombard,	"	3 60
F. Cleaves,	"	2 70
J. P. Milliken,	"	1 20
J. J. Scriptor,	"	60
B. F. Milliken,	team	5 30
A. Haymor,	"	7 65
J. Turner,	"	60
S. W. Hill,	"	75
F. S. Adams,	"	3 30
Geo. Blackden,	"	3 30
W. Blacken,	"	3 30
W. Fletcher,	"	2 70
C. Morris,	"	2 70
E. Libby,	"	2 70
F. Ellsworth,	"	3 75
S. Cutts,	"	2 70
J. Schute,	"	3 75
W. W. Moses,	"	8 75
B. Allen,	"	8 75
A. B. Anderson,	"	2 70
L. Fowler,	"	1 20
C. Perkins,	"	3 15
Henry Allen,	"	3 75
B. F. Richards,	"	2 40
W. J. Mewer,	"	2 70
S. H. Phillips,	"	3 00
E. Stone,	"	1 20
O. Fenderson,	"	3 00
G. Harmon,	"	1 50
R. Emmons,	"	75

Paid S. Mullin,	"	\$1 87	
J. Reagan,	"	2 25	
M. Bunker,	"	75	
K. Sears,	"	3 30	
C. Richardson,	"	3 70	
P. Fenderson,	"	4 20	
H. Hutchins,	"	1 95	
W. J. C. Milliken, labor and teams,		19 60	
M. F. Porter, labor and teams,		7 00	
F. W. Whittier, labor and teams,		1,289 98	
Fire Departm't, use town team,		314 12	
		<hr/>	\$1,814 89
Appropriation,		\$1,500 00	
Balance in Road Commissioner's hands,		82 63	
		<hr/>	\$1,582 63
Overdrawn January 31, 1899,			<hr/> \$232 26

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. M. Yates, services as selectman, 1897-98-98,	\$165 00	
C. F. Staples, services as se- lectman,	60 00	
B. F. Milliken, services as se- lectman,	60 00	
W. J. C. Milliken, services as clerk and treasurer,	100 00	
W. H. H. McAllister, services as superintendent of schools,	41 00	
A. H. Fiske, services as auditor,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$451 00
Appropriation,		400 00
Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		<hr/> \$51 00

COMMISSIONS, ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Paid C. H. Milliken, abatement,	\$22 92	
F. I. Luce, commissions, 1896,	74 98	
F. I. Luce, commissions, 1898,	251 49	
F. I. Luce, abatements, 1892 -		
3-4-5-6,	139 39	
F. I. Luce, discounts, town, '98,	550 87	
F. I. Luce, discounts, special,		
1898,	199 29	
F. I. Luce, abatements for 1897,	35 99	
F. I. Luce, " " 1898,	102 10	
		\$1,377 03
Appropriation,		1,000 00
Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$377 05

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. M. Woodbury, services on	
board of health,	\$ 7 50
G. W. Butler, services on board	
of health and supplies,	35 00
F. W. Ellsworth, hauling	
water,	157 50
Nellie M. Harger, fumigating	
for scarlet fever,	8 75
J. A. Allen, hauling waste,	8 75
P. C. Harley, services on board	
of health, 1898,	30 25
George K. Bodge, for one car-	
pet destroyed by order of	
board of health,	25 00
John L. Schute, labor,	1 50

Paid J. J. Scriptor, cleaning streets,	\$1 35	
	<hr/>	\$275 60
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Rec'd of F. W. Ellsworth, fees for hauling waste,	62 00	
	<hr/>	\$212 00
Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$63 60

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid W. F. Fernald, trustee,		\$200 00
Appropriation,	200 00	
Rec'd from State,	26 10	
	<hr/>	\$226 10
Unexpended January 31, 1899,		\$26 10

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid G. L. Hyde, witness fees, fire inquest,	\$ 6 20	
J. W. Huff, serving subpoenas,	6 20	
F. W. Guptill, legal services,	10 00	
M. E. Hill, moving and storing goods on Pillsbury estate,	10 33	
W. L. Streeter, printing,	48 00	
W. J. C. Milliken, town clerk's fees,	18 50	
W. A. Whittier, supplies,	13 75	
Star Job Print, labor and sup- plies,	29 25	
Loring, Short & Harmon,	12 00	
S. P. Libby, witness fire in- quest,	62	
Duff Construct'n Co., supplies,	12 40	
J. J. Scriptor, labor,	4 20	
Old Orchard Pier Co., envelopes,	1 21	
D. B. Goodwin, labor,	3 15	
A. B. Anderson, care shade trees,	2 00	
R. W. Libby, surveying,	14 40	

Paid M. F. Porter, hall rent,	\$100 00	
G. W. Cleaves, shingling Pat- terson house,	21 00	
J. P. Milliken, election clerk,	2 00	
F. W. Ellsworth, clearing hall of rubbish,	75	
J. P. Goodwin, election clerk,	2 00	
R. H. Roupe, street sign,	30	
F. A. Whittier, use town team,	2 75	
A. H. Fiske, car fare,	1 20	
E. M. Yates,	11 78	
W. A. Whittier, for expenses and services capturing L. E. Kneeland,	54 56	
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		\$388 55
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Credit per treasurer's book,	196 00	
Rec'd of W. A. Whittier, on ac- count of L. E. Kneeland case, to balance expenses,	54 56	
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		\$650 56
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Unexpended,		\$262 01

TOWN INTEREST.

Paid York National Bank and Saco and Biddeford Savings Insti- tution, of Saco, Me., Interest,	\$149 37	
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Appropriation,	200 00	
Credits per Treasurer's books,	40 23	
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		\$240 23
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Unexpended January 31, 1899,		\$90 86

SPECIAL INTEREST.

Paid E. L. Gould, interest on notes,	\$135 00	
Interest on bonds,	395 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 00
Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Credits per Treasurer's book,	13 52	
	<hr/>	313 52
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Overdrawn January 31, 1899,		\$216 48

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS.

The following list of estimated appropriations for the ensuing year is respectfully submitted:

Town Officers,	\$ 400 00
Common Schools,	701 60
Free Text Books,	50 00
School House Repairs,	100 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,200 00
“ “ “ winter use,	300 00
Poor Department,	800 00
Street and Electric Lights,	1,300 00
Contingent Expenses,	300 00
Sanitary Department,	200 00
Interest, town,	200 00
“ special,	400 00
Commissions, Abatements and Discounts,	1,200 00
Police Department,	650 00
Sidewalks,	800 00
Fire Department,	700 00
To Replenish Fire Department,	477 00
Hydrant Rental,	1,000 00
Public Library,	200 00
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	\$10,978 60

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND AUDITOR OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD, ME.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Old Orchard, Maine, for the year ending January 31, 1899.

TAX YEAR 1893.	TOWN.	SPECIAL.
Amount committed,	\$ 9,853 25	\$2,645 75
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	9,503 10	2,552 18
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Balance uncollected,	\$350 15	\$93 57
 TAX YEAR 1894.		
Amount committed,	\$8,734 25	\$2,497 86
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	8,575 80	2,483 31
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Balance uncollected,	\$158 45	\$14 55
 TAX YEAR 1895.		
Amount committed,	\$9,647 59	\$3,255 12
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	9,488 06	3,216 02
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Balance uncollected,	\$159 53	\$39 10
 TAX YEAR 1896.		
Amount committed,	\$10,867 27	\$3,069 12
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	10,752 75	3,059 61
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Balance uncollected,	\$114 52	\$9 51

TAX YEAR 1897.	TOWN.	SPECIAL.
Amount committed,	\$10,703 18	\$4,092 05
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	10,305 63	3,821 71
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Balance uncollected,	\$397 55	\$270 34

TAX YEAR 1898.		
Amount committed,	\$10,432 07	\$3,712 57
Cr. by Treas. receipts,	9,303 59	3,366 06
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Balance uncollected,	\$1,128 48	\$346 51

Respectfully submitted,

FRED I. LUCE,
Collector of Taxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. J. C. MILLIKEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD, ME.

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To balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1898,	\$2,792 38
Town Note No. 113,	2,000 00
" " " 114,	2,000 00
" " " 115,	578 00
" " " 117,	1,000 00
" " " 118,	1,000 00
W. D. Merhage, supplementary tax,	10 00
Fred DeMerritt, " " "	5 00
E. L. Alkazin, " " "	20 00
D. F. Sullivan, " " "	10 00
J. W. Mahoney & Co., " " "	10 00
E. C. McDonough, " " "	10 00
Mrs. W. E. Leavitt, " " "	8 00
Dennis & Worcester, " " "	5 00
D. A. Abesaleli, " " "	1 00
James Steaves, " " "	1 00
Barney Gumpertz, " " "	3 00
A. Wahab, license,	6 00
P. B. Cote, " "	6 00
Simon Luntouchka, " "	6 00
Abraham Weinstein, " "	6 00
George Rhodes, " "	3 00
H. W. Staples, " "	10 00
Conrad R. Whittemore, " "	10 00
W. C. Field, " "	10 00

S. W. Holt,	license	\$10 00
N. C. Field, shooting gallery,		5 00
C. H. Fiske,	"	10 00
T. L. Cleaves,	"	10 00
C. Allen,	"	5 00
Cab Driver,	"	3 00
E. M. Yates,	(for bicycling on sidewalk,)	6 00
" "	(for rent of hall,)	7 00
E. C. McPhee, tuition,		13 00
State of Maine, high school,		260 50
" " " school fund and mill tax,		429 90
" " " acct. dog license,		39 26
" " " " Public Library,		26 10
" " " funeral expenses,		35 00
" " " R. R. & Telegraph tax,		15 43
J. M. Woodbury, town team,		3 50
J. I. Mackey,	" "	112 87
Highways,		314 12
Street Lights,		58 00
Sidewalks,		136 75
Repairs on School Houses,		2 62
W. J. C. Milliken,		87
Duff Construction Co.,		1 75
S. M. Blake,		27 75
Dog License,		66 35
W. A. Whittier, Ex. in Kneeland case,		54 56
M. E. Hill, sewer assessment,		15 00
L. F. Bowden	" "	15 00
A. Haley,	" "	15 00
N. C. Field,	" "	15 00
Sophia Harvey,	" "	15 00
M. E. George,	" "	15 00
H. G. Judkins,	" "	15 00
Smith Whittier,		15 00
E. E. Closson & E. E. Durell, sewer assessment,		15 00
O. C. Maddox,		15 00

Mrs. A. Young,				\$15 00
A. W. Perkins,				15 00
Chas. E. Butler,				15 00
Frank Greene,				15 00
C. M. Hawkes,				15 00
Moses Webber,				20 00
A. H. Gilman,				15 00
F. C. Bradbury,				20 00
F. I. Luce, Collector,	1890 tax,			17 01
" " "	1891 "			26 37
" " "	1892 "			110 56
" " "	1893 "			51 02
" " "	1894 "			35 92
" " "	1895 "			96 44
" " "	1896 "			115 63
" " "	1897 "			1,017 92
" " "	1898 "			12,669 67
Town Interest,				40 23
Special "				13 52
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				\$25,639 00

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By paid Town Note, No. 113,		\$2,000 00
" " " " 114,		2,000 00
" " " " 115,		1,000 00
" Contingent,		388 55
" High School,		530 31
" Police,		668 50
" Fire Dept.,		1,408 72
" Commissions, abatements & discts.,		1,377 03
" Acct. Poor,		948 70
" " Hydrant Rental,		1,000 00
" " State Pensions,		66 00
" " Sidewalks,		1,253 28
" " Common Schools,		1,258 72

By Paid Acct.	State of Maine Tax, 1897,	\$1,609 42
“ “	“ “ “ “ 1898,	1,069 16
“ “	County “ 1897,	893 80
“ “	“ “ 1898,	855 72
“ “	Street and Electric Lights,	1,418 58
“ “	Sewers,	758 05
“ “	Highways,	1,804 89
“ “	Town officers,	451 00
“ “	Free text books,	172 90
“ “	Sanitary,	213 60
“ “	Town interest,	149 37
“ “	Special interest,	530 00
“ “	Repairs on school houses,	141 99
“ “	Public Library,	200 00
“ “	State account dog tax,	59 00
“ “	Clerk's fee,	7 35
Cash on hand,		1,404 36
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		\$25,639 00

LIABILITIES.

Note No. 88,	E. L. Gould,	\$1,000 00
“ “ 89,	“ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ 90,	“ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ 112,	G. W. Butler,	1,500 00
“ “ 116,	John Howland,	578 00
“ “ 117,	York National Bank,	1,000 00
“ “ 118,	“ “ “	1,000 00
Mortgage Bonds, Nos. 1 to 20,		10,000 00
Due schools,		347 71
Accrued interest on notes and bonds,		160 14
Due on State tax,		1,011 75
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		\$18,597 60

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	\$1,404 36
Town property,	3,090 00
Due from sewer assessments, including ac- crued interest,	993 11
" F. I. Luce, Collector, 1893 taxes,	443 72
" " " " 1894 "	173 00
" " " " 1895 "	198 63
" " " " 1896 "	124 03
" " " " 1897 "	710 28
" " " " 1898 "	1,474 97
Accrued interest,	504 63
Breeders' Mile Track Association,	80 50
C. W. Ross, tax due 1887, tax sale,	50
" " " " " " "	50
Note, F. A. Whittier,	82 63
Note, H. T. Cleaves,	32 26
Patterson farm,	665 65
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	\$9,978 77

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. C. MILLIKEN,

Treasurer of the Town of Old Orchard.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN
OF OLD ORCHARD:

According to the custom and the by-laws of the town, it again becomes my duty to submit my annual report.

We were not as fortunate this year in exemption from fires as last year, having several quite serious fires to record. The first, on Feb. 26th, the Day and Leavitt block, corner Old Orchard street and Railroad walk, was a fierce fire for a time. Occurring very early in the morning it had gained great headway before it was discovered, but by prompt and hard work the fire was confined to the buildings in which it originated. It looked at first to be impossible to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings adjoining and getting beyond our control, and the Biddeford and Saco departments were called on and promptly responded, but the fire was practically under control when they arrived.

The second fire, on May 18th, the Hotel St. Elmo, was also a disastrous fire. It was not discovered until it was well afire and owing to a high wind it spread to the cottages near by and three of them were consumed, also the Lawrence, Smith and Withey's cottages; the Lawrence Hotel was damaged by the heat. Again we thought it advisable to call on Saco and Biddeford and they gave us efficient help by their prompt arrival. At this fire an unfortunate accident occurred, by collision of the hose wagon with a cart, by which the driver, F. A. Whittier, and Chas. Carson, were thrown out and quite badly hurt. The third fire was an unoccupied house on the sea wall called the

Concord House. It was well afire when discovered and burned to the ground. The fourth fire was on Dec. 17th when the houses of F. X. Cote and Mrs. Young, at the eastern end of the town, both burned. In all these last fires about all that could be done was to protect nearby buildings, as in every instance the fire had made such progress that it was not possible to save the buildings wherein the fire originated.

The membership of the company is complete and fully up to the standard of efficiency as heretofore.

I would again call your attention to the substitution of the Hydrants as I suggested in my report of last year.

Thanking the officers and members of the department for their prompt and ready attention to every duty,

I remain, respectfully,

J. I. MACKEY,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD,
MAINE.

Gentlemen: According to previous customs it becomes my duty to make for your consideration the sixteenth annual report of the Police department of the town for the year ending January 31, 1899, as follows:

Appropriation, \$650 00

Chief of Police, W. A. Whittier.

Officers on regular duty, John F. Lombard, Joshua Berry, Arthur M. Chase. Thirteen specials.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Atlantic Lodge,	\$ 50 00	
W. A. Whittier, services and supplies,	193 75	
J. F. Lombard, services,	157 50	
Joshua Berry, "	123 50	
E. E. Googins, special,	13 50	
Arthur M. Chase,	51 00	
George I. Googins, special,	3 75	
Oliver Alward, "	4 50	
Jas. R. Kirkpatrick, feeding tramps,	4 50	
E. J. Atwood, painting notices,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$603 50
Unexpended, Jan. 31, 1899,		\$ 46 50

Whole number of arrests 95, for offences as follows:

Assault,	2
Fornication,	2
Intoxication,	33
Illegal keeping of liquors,	21
Indecent exposure,	1
Larceny,	4
Kindling fires,	1
Rescuing prisoner,	2
Riding bicycle on sidewalk,	6
Railer and Brawler,	1
Tramps,	22
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	95

Tramps kept over night, not prosecuted, 44.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. WHITTIER,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD, ME. :

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools, as required by law.

As required by a change in the school laws regulating the election of Superintending School Committees, the terms of office of all the members of the Committee expired with the close of the year, March 7th, 1898, and a new Committee consisting of three members was chosen. Jared Whitman, Fred W. Ellsworth and John E. Webber were duly chosen to serve the town as its Superintending School Committee. In casting lots for terms of office, Jared Whitman drew the three year's term, Fred W. Ellsworth, the two year's, and John E. Webber, the one. Accordingly, a successor to John E. Webber must be chosen at the next town meeting.

At the organization of the School Board for the ensuing year, Jared Whitman was elected chairman, the Superintendent acting as secretary *ex-officio*.

At the last town meeting W. H. H. McAllister was duly elected, *as was supposed*, Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year. The State Superintendent, in ruling upon a case of contested election, decided that the election of a Superintendent by the town was valid only in case an article in the warrant submitted the question to the town, whether they would elect that officer in town meeting or would allow the Superintending School Committee to elect. There having been no such article in the warrant calling

the last town meeting, the election was held by the School officers to be invalid. The choice of the town, however, was confirmed by the Committee.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

COMMON SCHOOL RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, last report,	\$339 13
Rec'd from Town appropriation,	701 60
" " State School Fund,	429 90

Total Receipts,	\$1,470 63
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EXPENDITURES.

For Instruction,	\$854 00
" Transportation,	198 50
" Fuel,	89 03
" Janitor,	117 19

\$1,258 72

Balance unexpended,	\$211 91
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HIGH SCHOOL RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from Town,	\$400 00
" " State,	260 50
" " Tuition,	13 00

Total Receipts,	\$673 50
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EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn, last report,	\$ 8 89
For Instruction,	465 00
Due, but not drawn,	95 00
For Janitor,	41 31
" Fuel,	24 00

\$634 20

Balance unexpended,	\$39 30
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Due on acct. unpaid Tuition,	\$ 5 00
There has been expended for repairing School Houses,	141 99
For Free Text Books and Maps,	125 00
“ Apparatus, Appliances, etc.,	47 90

There was due to the teachers of the Common Schools and unpaid January 31st, some \$50. Due on Transportation account, \$17. Deducting these amounts there will be left a balance of \$150 to the credit of the Common School account for the Town year 1899-1900. If some of the accounts have been overdrawn, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have no outstanding bills, and that the appropriations for the coming year will be correspondingly smaller.

There will be needed to maintain our Schools for the coming year, as at present graded, the following appropriations, and under the following designations, to comply with the law as at present framed :

For Common Schools,	\$ 800 00
“ High School Instruction,	250 00
“ “ “ Fuel, Janitor, etc.,	75 00
“ Repairs,	100 00
“ Free Text Books,	75 00
“ Apparatus, Appliances, etc.,	50 00

SCHOOL CENSUS AND ATTENDANCE.

The School Census of 1898 showed 175 persons of school age—4 to 21 years—in town. The following table shows the attendance for the year :

TERM	HIGH	GRAMMAR	INTERMEDIATE	PRIMARY
Winter	10	30	29	32
Spring	10	25	26	43
Fall	14	28	34	43

The present attendance is: High School, 15; Grammar, 25; Intermediate, 29; Primary, 32.

INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. J. A. Nichols taught the High School the Winter and Spring Terms. Mr. R. D. Fairfield has taught the Fall Term and is engaged for the year.

After over seven years of faithful service, to the general regret of School officers, parents and scholars, Miss Emma D. Haines resigned her position as teacher of the Grammar School at the close of the Fall Term, to accept a position in Massachusetts. Miss Myrtie E. Sweet of Strong, Me., a teacher of experience and a graduate of the Farmington Normal School, has been engaged to take Miss Haines' place. It is too early to speak of Miss Sweet's success at present writing. From her recommendations we expect good work of her.

Miss Nichols and Miss Moses have been continued in their respective positions. Their work praises them. On the whole it has been a prosperous School year and good work has been done in all the grades. Especially gratifying is the slightly increased attendance in the High School and a corresponding increase in interest and attention to work. Mr. Fairfield is doing good work and, given time, will build up the school. Now that the tide has manifestly turned it would be a mistake not to continue the High School. Yearly accessions from the Grammar School ought and undoubtedly will in time furnish the material for a successful school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. McALLISTER,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

By a new State law, which went into effect March 1, 1898, the office of Road Commissioner was created. The person holding that office was given full control of expenditures for repairs of Highways and Bridges, with power to hire help, raise and pay out money for the same, and to make monthly reports of his expenditures to the Selectmen. Under this law the Selectmen now have very little control of repairing highways, beyond drawing their orders in favor of the Road Commissioner for payment thereof.

Following is a detailed report of the Road Commissioner, showing his receipts and expenditures, from and after the time when the new law took effect, March 1, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Cash paid R. Com. by order	1389,	\$100 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1406,	400 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1439,	150 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1460,	100 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1501,	300 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1500,	75 48	
“ “ “ “ “	1658,	150 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,275 48
Expenditures,			\$1,192 85
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			\$82 63
Appropriation,	\$ 1,500 00		
Expended to March 1, '98,	225 84		
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Balance for remainder of year,			\$1,274 16

OLD ORCHARD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The first Public Library and Reading Room started in the town of Old Orchard was in 1890, at Willard Hall, Union Avenue, by Mrs. A. C. Dawley, Mrs. M. A. Harley, Mrs. H. N. Came, and other members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, with some fifty books, magazines and Portland Transcripts. Open each Saturday afternoon and evening. No books or papers were allowed to be taken from the room.

This Library has been closed to the public several years.

At a recent meeting of this Union they voted and donated to the Old Orchard Free Public Library eighteen of their books.

At a meeting of the Old Orchard Club, in February, 1897, Mrs. Lizzie A. Googins agitated the matter of a Library and Reading Room, and in April of the same year the Club voted to start a Reading Room and Library.

On June 9th and 23rd, in Porter's Hall, under the auspices of the Club, Mrs. Fannie J. Fernald gave a lecture, "Mexico as I saw It," the proceeds being for this purpose.

October 7th, at a meeting of the Club, Mrs. Googins, one of the Executive Committee, reported, she had consulted Mr. M. F. Porter, regarding a place for a Library and Reading Room, and he offered the free use of an unoccupied store, or the hall, one afternoon a week, the heating and furnishing to be done by the Club.

At the next meeting, October 14th, the subject was brought up for discussion, but owing to press of other business it was laid over for future action.

November 8th, in response to an invitation from Miss E. B. Kelsea and Mrs. E. H. Milliken, some twenty-three citizens met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ryan. Mr. E. H. Milliken called the meeting to order, Mr. J. M. Ryan was appointed chairman and W. F. Fernald, secretary.

It was stated the object of the meeting was to consider the matter of Village Improvement, beginning with the formation of a Public Library. Mr. J. M. Ryan, Mrs. E. H. Milliken, Miss E. B. Kelsea, Mrs. C. M. Yates and Miss E. Baker were appointed a committee to see what arrangements could be made for a room; also who would contribute books, money or other supplies, and report at a later meeting. This committee canvassed the town and met with favorable success. At a later meeting, November 15th, some twenty-seven citizens present, this committee reported a list of names of those who would contribute books, wood, coal, oil and lamps. Mr. M. F. Porter gave us the use of his building on Old Orchard Street, and a call was made for all interested in establishing a Public Library to meet there Tuesday evening, January 4th, 1898. It being a very cold evening only fifteen persons were present. Articles of Agreement for the establishing of a Free Library in the town of Old Orchard were read by Mr. J. M. Ryan, which were accepted and signed by all present.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, Mr. W. F. Fernald, Mrs. E. H. Milliken, Miss E. B. Kelsea and Mr. A. O. French were elected an Executive Committee.

This committee got together 738 books and 262 magazines, and on Wednesday, February 9th, 1898, opened the Library for the first time, with Mr. A. O. French as Librarian, and Miss Josephine Jordan, Assistant. Twelve cards were issued and that number of books taken from the Library that day (the smallest number since started.)

The Library remained in this building until Saturday, May 7th.

This Library as now established was a developement of the ideas originating in the Old Orchard Club.

On Monday, March 14th, 1898, at the annual town meeting, the following votes were unanimously carried:

"That the Town establish a Free Public Library, for the use of its inhabitants, to be called the Old Orchard Free Public Library, and raise and appropriate \$200, to be expended under the direction of a board of three Trustees, and that the town accept the Library funds and other property donated by the citizens and organized January 4th, 1898, as the Old Orchard Free Public Library." "That three Trustees be elected by ballot for one year, who shall constitute a board of management and have full control thereof, and that the clerk shall cast the following ballot:"

FOR OLD ORCHARD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Henry H. Thomas, Edson H. Milliken and William F. Fernald, who were declared unanimously elected and duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Trustees organized with Edson H. Milliken as chairman and Wm. F. Fernald, secretary and treasurer.

The Executive Committee chosen January 4th turned over to the Trustees all the books and property with \$30.40 in cash.

A room in Porter's Block was leased and on Saturday, the seventh of May, 1898, the Library was opened with Miss Josephine R. Jordan, Librarian, who served until June first, when she resigned on account of ill health and was succeeded by Mrs. C. M. Yates.

In our selection of books we have studied the needs of all the people. We sent out invitations to the different organizations to send in a list of such books as they desired purchased, and after receiving such lists, we made such

selections as our funds would allow, and with the books donated by the State, and others, we have a Library of which we are proud.

The Library has been classified and catalogued by the Dewey system with the card catalogue, by Miss May Read Raymond, of Westbrook.

CIRCULATION.

On the 30th of June we circulated cards in the hotels and other public places, inviting the Summer guests to use our Library.

The offer was promptly accepted and 217 cards were issued to these people and they had the first reading of all new books which were added August first. It was hoped we should receive liberal gifts from these takers, but regret to say we received only three dollars and twenty-five cents from four readers.

During the year 4,883 volumes have been delivered for reading, the daily average circulation being 48. The largest number delivered in one day was 89, March 26th; the smallest number, 12, February 9th, the first day the Library was opened for business: There has been collected for fines, \$19.87.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES.

One of our trustees, being desirous of promoting the interest of lovers of Art, donated our Library one year's membership to the Library Art Club, (composed of forty Libraries in five states,) organized to obtain photographs or other pictures for exhibition, which are passed from one Library to another for two weeks at a time. Our first exhibit from January 10th to 24th, the Youth's Companion Library Loan Exhibit, composed of fifty examples of the work of modern illustrators and painters, was of great interest to the young people, more especially those who are readers of the Youth's Companion.

The next exhibit will be a collection of foreign photo-

graphs of Venice, to be followed by views of Florence, the Prang Educational Co. loan, the views of New England scenery on the Boston & Maine system, and other interesting collections. It is hoped all our citizens will visit our Library while these pictures are on exhibition.

REGISTRATION.

Five hundred and eight cards have been issued; 217 of this number were to out-of-town subscribers. Cards are issued regardless of age, thus enabling the young scholar as well as the older, to share the benefits of our Library.

ACCESSIONS.

When the Library started, Feb. 9th, 1898, there were donated 586 books, 152 Government publications, and 262 pamphlets and unbound serials, a total of 1,000. There have been purchased 165 volumes. The State donated 100 volumes in accordance with the Library laws for founding new Libraries; 199 Government publications, 78 State of Maine, 39 miscellaneous, 501 unbound serials, donated. Eighty books have been withdrawn, making total number of volumes 1,239; unbound serials 763; making a total in Library, Jan. 31st, 1899, 2,002.

There have been purchased, "The American Soldier in the Civil War;" "Standard Reference Atlas of the World." "The World We Live In," donated by B. F. Strickland, Portland. Two volumes Chambers Encyclopedia and a Universal Dictionary, donated by Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Goss. "The Saco Valley Settlements and Families," donated by Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Field, Messrs Cousens, Haley, Hazelton and Googins. All of these books are kept on table as reference books and not taken from the Library.

DONATIONS.

In the Treasurer's Report will be found a list of the cash donations, all of which have been gratefully acknowledged. Among them are the proceeds of a Musicale by Miss Lillian Carlsmith and others at Central Villa; Mr. Thomas Goodall, a summer cottager for many years, and one interested in every advancement of our town; Dr. H. Tuholske of St. Louis, Mo., (who enjoys his summers at the Old Orchard House.) The Old Orchard Ocean Pier Co. kindly allowed the Boy Choir of St. John's Church, Lowell, Mass., under the direction of Mr. F. O. Blunt, to give a concert on the Pier, which was enjoyed by a large audience; The Dramatic Co., (composed of local talent) proceeds of play, "Mr. Bob;" Old Orchard Club, account Mrs. Fernald's lectures; Rev. T. P. Linehan, Biddeford; Mrs. E. H. Milliken; Pine Cottage Library; Women's Christian Temperance Union, bound volumes Harper's and Atlantic Monthly; Mr. Romero, traveling salesman for Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, Boston, two lamps; Mr. A. H. Cook, six chairs; Mr. H. B. Bennett, two dating stamps; Mrs. G. S. Lowell, of Cedar Brook Cottage, kindly loaned us a table for use of reference books. For detailed list of donors see appended list, all of which the trustees acknowledged with pleasure.

We wish to express our thanks to H. Fairfield, Esq., Judge Emery of Saco, and others, for the valuable assistance rendered, also to the voters of this town for their unanimous willingness in voting for the appropriations for this Library work.

We need more commodious quarters for a Reading Room and Library, and it is hoped our citizens will take some step at the coming town meeting, towards the erection of a town building, where suitable rooms could be provided.

We trust our Library has amply realized the hopes of those who labored to establish it, and has become an educational power in our community, and it is hoped that the

same interest will continue by donations of cash, books, magazines and pamphlets, and thus contribute to the pleasure and benefit of many.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. FERNALD,

Secretary.

William F. Fernald, Treasurer, in account with the Old Orchard Free Public Library.

1897.

DR.

Dec.

To cash from Bennett, H. B.,	\$5 00
Brackett, N. C.,	1 00
Butler, C. E.,	1 00
Dennett, Mrs. F. J.,	1 00
Dresser, Wm. A.,	1 50
Fernald, Mr. & Mrs.	
W. F.,	3 00
Fiske, A. H.,	2 00
Fiske, C. H.,	3 00
Hill, M. E.,	1 00
Kelsea, Miss E. B.,	1 00
Kelsea, Mrs. L. F.,	1 00
Leighton, Mr. & Mrs.	
G. W.,	3 00
Libby, F. H.,	2 00
Mackey, J. I.,	1 00
Milliken, Mr. & Mrs.	
E. H.,	3 00
Milliken, W. J. C.,	3 00
Ryan, Mr. & Mrs.	
J. M.,	2 50
Sidelinger, F. A.,	1 50
Staples, F. G.,	3 00

To cash from Thomas, Mr. & Mrs.

H. H.,	\$2 50
Weaver, Mr. & Mrs.	
A. J.,	2 00
Whittier, F. A.,	1 00
Whittier, W. A.,	1 00

March 14th, 1898, Total Receipts,

\$46 00

1897.

CR.

Dec.

By paid F. X. Cote & Co., 1 stove

and pipe,	\$6 50
W. L. Streeter, printing,	5 35
Rice Paper Co., paper,	1 50
C. E. Fogg, index books,	75
M. E. Hill, postage,	50
H. B. Kendrick, stationery,	40
Loring, Short & Harmon,	
paste,	35
B. & M. R. R., freight on	
books,	25

Total expenditures,

\$15 60

March 14th, 1898, cash on hand

to balance,

30 40

\$46 00

1898.

DR.

March 14th.

To cash on hand when town voted

to accept Library, \$ 30 40

Appropriation of town, 200 00

To cash from Smith, Mrs. W. G.

acct. Concert, Aug. 21st, 26 00

Goodall, Thomas, Sanford,	\$25 00
Concert on pier, Aug. 8th, by choir boys, St. John's Church, Lowell, Mass.,	19 48
Yates, Mrs. C. M., Librarian, fines collected,	19 41
Moses, Miss L. Treas. Dramatic Co., acct. play "Mr. Bob," March 2nd,	14 65
Smith, Mrs. W. G., Treas. Old Orchard Club, acct. Mrs. Fernald's "Talk on Mexico," June 9th and 23rd, 1897,	11 80
Linehan, Rev. T. P., Biddeford,	10 00
Tuholske, Dr. H., St. Louis, Mo.,	5 00
Smith, Mrs. W. G.,	2 00
Alward, Mrs.,	1 00
French, A. O.,	1 50
Hawkes, C. M.,	1 00
Holmes, A. L.,	1 00
McCoy, Miss,	1 00
Jones, A. L.,	1 00
Moore, Rev. P. H.,	1 00
Winkley, Rev. H. W.,	1 00
Moses, Miss L. E., Librarian, fines collected,	46
Littlefield, Mrs. C.,	25

 \$372 95

1898.

C.R.

March.

By paid Rice Paper Co., paper,	\$ 1 65
Hill, M. E., postage,	2 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	123 75

By paid Yates, Mrs. C. M.,	
Librarian,	\$34 00
Raymond, Miss M. R.,	
Cataloging,	25 03
Porter, M. F., rent to	
April 1st, 1899,	25 00
Library Bureau, supplies,	18 30
Yates, Mrs. C. M.,	
Cataloging,	17 00
Green, A. E., board of Miss	
Raymond,	16 00
Streeter, W. L., printing,	13 41
O. O. Lumber Co., lumber,	11 99
Courier Pub. Co., printing,	11 00
Hill & Milliken, Insurance,	9 00
Jordan, Miss J. R.,	
Librarian,	8 50
French, A. O., Librarian,	7 50
Hogan, J. J., book,	7 00
Maker, A. J., book,	5 00
Hamor, A. C., papering	
room, etc.,	3 75
Duff Construction Co.,	
glass and lock,	2 75
Oil and supplies,	2 47
Clark, C. A., janitor,	2 10
Parsons, Mrs., Cataloging,	2 00
American Ex., Expressage,	1 55
Whiting, N., painting signs,	1 35
Milliken, E. H., supplies,	1 87
Subscription "Public	
Library,"	1 00
Moses, Miss L. E.,	
Librarian,	1 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	50

By paid Rikken, Agnes, cleaning,	\$	30	
Boyden, W. B., janitor,		20	
		<hr/>	\$357 47
Jan. 31, 1899, cash on hand			
to balance,			15 48
			<hr/>
			\$372 95

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

Akron, O., Public Library.
 Allen, Hon. Amos L.
 Alexander, D. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Atwood, E. J.
 Baker, Miss E.
 Bennett, H. B.
 Bickford & Porter.
 Biddeford Public Library.
 Blake, Simon M.
 Blunt, F. O., Lowell, Mass.
 Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.
 Bowdoin College, Brunswick.
 Brackett, Mr. & Mrs. N. C., Lancaster, Mass.
 Brewster, Chas.
 Brown, John C.
 Butler, C. E.
 Cadwallader, C. G., Philadelphia.
 Cleveland, O., Public Library.
 Cleaves, T. L.
 Cook, A. H.
 Cousens, F. J.
 Dehaley, Mrs. A.
 Dehaley, Miss Nellie.
 Dennett, Mrs. F. J.
 Dexter Library.
 Donaldson, M. E.

Donovan, Mrs. J. B., Alfred.
 Dover, N. H., Public Library.
 Dresser, Mrs. J.
 Dresser, Wm. A.
 Emery, Mrs. H.
 Emery, Geo. A., Saco.
 Fernald, Mr. & Mrs. W. F.
 Fairfield, H., Saco.
 Field, G. A., Jr.
 Field, Mrs. G. A.
 Fiske, A. H.
 Fiske, C. H.
 Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.
 French, A. O.
 Frye, Hon. Wm. P.
 Gardiner Public Library.
 Goodwin, E. C., Washington, D. C.
 Googins, Mrs. L. A.
 Googins, P. F.
 Gilkey, Mrs. A. L.
 Gorham, Miss Cather.
 Goss, Mrs. J. S., Melrose, Mass.
 Guilford, Miss N. L.
 Hale, Hon. Eugene.
 Haley, Albert.
 Haley, John, Saco.
 Hazelton, F. H., Portland.
 Hill, M. E.
 Hoar, Hon. Geo. F.
 Howard, H. N., Skowhegan.
 Independent Historical Readers.
 Jones, A. L.
 Jordan, Mrs. B. B.
 Kelsea, Miss E. B.
 Kelsea, Mrs. L. F.
 Leighton, Mr. & Mrs. G. W.

Libby, F. H.
Libby, Mrs. J.
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.
Lowell, Mrs. G. S.
Lowell, Miss L.
Mackey, J. I.
McAllister, W. H. H.
McKenney, Mrs. E. H.
McLaughlin, Mrs. A.
Maine State Library.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Mason, C. G., Norway.
Milliken, Mr. & Mrs. E. H.
Milliken, Mrs. J. P.
Milliken, W. J. C.
Moses, Miss L. E.
New Hampshire Library Commissioners.
Newton, Mass., Free Library.
Old Orchard Lumber Co.
Palmer, Mrs. Geo.
Portland Public Library.
Pratt, Mrs. M. A.
Railroad Men's Library, New York.
Reed, Hon. T. B.
Rich, Mrs. D.
Robinson, Mrs. M. V.
Rochester, N. H., Public Library.
Rockland Public Library.
Rush, Mrs. H. L.
Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. J. M.
Romero, Mr., with Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, Boston.
Sidelinger, F. A.
Simpson, Rev. A. B., New York.
Smith, Miss B.
Smith, Mrs. W. G.
Snow, Mrs. K. W.

Stevens, Miss M., Lawrence, Mass.
 Stevens, Wm. F., New York.
 Staples, F. G.
 Staples, H. W.
 Strain, Mrs. E. A., Melrose, Mass.
 Strickland, B. F., Portland.
 Sturgiss, Ralph, Lewiston.
 Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. H. H.
 Thornton Academy, Saco.
 Thomas, Miss May E.
 Tibbetts, Gordon.
 Tewksbury, Mrs. L. F.
 Tuholske, Dr. H., St. Louis, Mo.
 Utler, Miss.
 Vining, Mrs. W. D.
 Wadsworth, C. O., Gardiner.
 Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. A. J.
 West, North M., Biddeford.
 Wight, Mrs. E. M.
 Whitcomb, Mrs. Nellie Wade.
 Whitefield, N. H., Public Library.
 Whittier, Mr. & Mrs. F. A.
 Whittier, J. H., East Rochester, N. H.
 Whittier, W. A.
 Willey, Miss.
 Williams, Mrs. S. J., Lancaster, N. H.
 Williams, Mrs. H. E.
 Women's Christian Temperance Union.
 Yates, Mrs. C. M.

SUMMARY.

	APPROPRIATION	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAWN	PAGE
Town Officers	\$ 400 00		51 00	28
Common Schools	701 60	211 91		23
High School	400 00	135 80		24
Free Text Books	150 00		22 90	25
Repairing School Houses	100 00		41 99	25
Highways and Bridges	1,500 00		232 26	26
Poor	700 00		219 90	11
Contingent	400 00	262 01		30
Street Lights	382 00		76 58	22
Electric Lights	918 00		42 00	22
Sanitary	150 00		63 60	29
Interest, Town	200 00	90 86		31
Interest, Special	300 00		216 48	32
Com., Abatements and Discounts	1,000 00		377 03	29
Police	650 00		18 50	18
Sidewalks	1,100 00		153 28	20
Fire Department	500 00		278 24	19
Hydrants	1,000 00			21
Sewers	25 00		453 05	22
Free Public Library	200 00	26 10		30

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6th, 1899.

*To W. A. Whittier, Constable of the Town of Old Orchard,
in the County of York,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Old Orchard qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Porter's Hall in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3rd. To hear and act upon the report of the town officers and all standing and special committees.

4th. To see what action the town will take in relation to pay of town officers.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will raise:

1st, for common schools; 2nd, for public library; 3d, free high school; 4th, for free text books; 5th, making and repairing highways and bridges; 6th, support of poor; 7th, pay of town officers; 8th, maintaining street lights and electric lights; 9th, contingent expenses; 10th, sanitary expenses; 11th, interest; 12th, repairing school houses.

6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay collector's commissions, abatements and discounts.

7th. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the Collector for collecting taxes, for all moneys actually collected.

8th. To see if the town will vote when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector for collection, and what discount shall be allowed on both town and special, if paid within a given date, and charge interest thereon thereafter.

9th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes and not exceed the same.

10th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to issue town notes to pay those which fall due the present year.

11th. To see if the town will authorize the Assessors to make such abatements as they think reasonable.

12th. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric light at the junction of Odena and Seaside Avenues.

13th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors to employ such assistance as they may deem proper to aid them in taking a re-valuation of the town, and what sum of money the town will appropriate therefor.

14th. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer on Staples Street, beginning at a point opposite the Old Orchard House and running easterly about four hundred feet to connect with sewer leading to the sea.

15th. To see what action the town will take in relation to buying a lot and building a town house, and what amount of money it will vote to raise therefor, by loan or otherwise.

16th. To see if the town will vote to change the name of Old Orchard Street to Ocean Pier Avenue.

17th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Road Commissioner to remove projecting signs, awnings and all other obstructions from the streets and highways of the town, within Special Limits, so called.

18th. To see if the town will vote to accept Evergreen Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

19th. To see if the town will vote to accept Oceana Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen.

20th. To see what action the town will take and what sum of money the town will raise to maintain a police force; construct and maintain sidewalks; to construct and maintain sewers; to maintain fire department; for hydrant rental; for interest on debt incurred in fire department, sewers and loan, all within the limits set out in Section IV of the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Old Orchard, to be a separate tax, to be assessed and collected as provided in said act.

21st. To see if the town will vote to accept a public way leading from Grand Avenue to Surf Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

22nd. To act upon any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at Porter's Hall, for the purpose of revising and correcting the voting list, on the morning of election from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Given under our hand this 25th day of February, A. D. 1899.

C. F. STAPLES,	}	Selectmen
E. M. YATES,		of
H. A. G. MILLIKEN,		Old Orchard.





