

FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

OLD ORCHARD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897.

SACO, ME:
THE STAR JOB PRINT.
1897.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1896.

MODERATOR :

JOHN F. HAINES.

SELECTIONMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

CHAS. F. STAPLES,
DANIEL S. BICKFORD,
B. FRANK MILLIKEN.

CLERK AND TREASURER :

WILLIAM J. C. MILLIKEN.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES :

FRED I. LUCE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

JESSE A. RANDALL,
J. W. DUFF,
W. H. H. McALLISTER.

TOWN AGENT :

EDWARD M. YATES.

BOARD OF HEALTH :

JESSE A. RANDALL, M. D., R. F. CHALK, G. W. BUTLER.

AUDITOR :

EDWARD M. YATES.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT :

J. IRWIN MACKEY.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR :
FRANK MOSES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS :
J. WESLEY DUFF.

CONSTABLE :
FRANCIS J. COUSENS.

SPECIAL POLICE :

F. JASON COUSENS,	ARTHUR LUCE,
JAMES P. GOODWIN,	EBEN J. ATWOOD,
J. W. DUFF,	JAS. R. KIRKPATRICK,
BENJ. F. RICHARDS,	IRVING T. HOUGH,
H. L. HILDRETH,	JOHN F. HAINES,
I. C. ESTES,	SILAS W. BOYDEN,
AUSTIN FISKE,	W. A. GOOGINS,
HARRY W. RICKER,	WESLEY T. LEE,
C. F. MADDOX,	J. W. PORTER,
MARBLE COUSENS,	IRVING CASWELL.

TRUANT OFFICER :
F. JASON COUSENS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK :
J. F. LOMBARD, H. A. G. MILLIKEN,
B. F. MILLIKEN, J. P. MILLIKEN.

POUND KEEPER :
J. F. LOMBARD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES :
FRANK H. LIBBY.

TOWN WEIGHER :
C. W. GORHAM.

FENCE VIEWERS :
FRANK MOSES, JOHN LYONS, JACOB GEGENHEIMER.

INSPECTOR OF MILK :
J. F. LOMBARD.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Recorded Year Ending Jan. 31, 1897.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS
1896. Feb. 16		Female	Helen S. & Granville S. Leighton
Mar. 20		"	Minetta & Fred W. Ellsworth
" 20	Sylvia May,	"	Rose E. & Geo. A. Ricker
April 4		Male	Virginia F. & J. Irwin Mackey
May 3		Female	Lucy & Jas. R. Kirtpatrick
July 24		"	Mabel and Jessie J. Scripter
Aug. 3		Male	Ellen & Denis Dunley
Sept. 11		"	Abbie A. & Walter M. Lowell
Oct. 10		"	Nellie C & Walter E. Libby
" 13		Female	Grace E. & Curtis A. Davis
" 21	Stephen George,	Male	Abbie D. & John Thomas Perham
" 20		Female	Delia W. & Clifford W. Richardson
Nov. 11		Male	Isabell F. & E. G. S. Ricker
" 28		"	Flora A. & Lewis B. Jenkins
Dec. 11	Oren C.	"	Vesta & Oren B. Fenderson

Marriages Recorded Year Ending Jan. 31, 1897.

DATE	NAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM MARRIED
1896 Aug. 2	Chas. W. Smith Emma J. Rounds	Biddeford, Me. " "	Rev. H. C. McBride, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Aug. 20	William J. Murray Perla E. Higgins	Laconia, N. H. Houlton, Me.	Rev. W. J. Cozens.
Sept. 16	Chas. H. Tibbetts Emma L. Libby	Old Orchard, Me. " "	Rev. T. H. Tracy, Saco, Me.
Sept. 30	Chas. E. LeBaron Sarah A. McKensie	New Bedf'd, Mass. " "	Rev. W. Canham, Old Orchard, Me.
Oct. 3	John W. H. Law Miriam J. Andrews	Lawrence, Mass. Old Orchard, Me.	Rev. G. N. Mus- grove, Biddeford,
1897 Jan. 19	Benj. H. Gross Helen J. Beckman	Old Orchard, Me. " "	Rev. O. A. S. May- bury, Old Orchard.
Jan. 23	Harry A. Hutchinson Sadie E. Libby	Old Orchard, Me. " "	Rev. H. F. Moulton, Biddeford. Me.

Deaths Recorded Year Ending Jan. 31, 1897.

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		Y	M	D
1896				
Feb. 24	Lucia A. Elwell.....	73	5	6
May 25	Nathan Wight.....	71	8	
June 1	Howard S. Hobbs.....	22	7	22
July 12	George C. Jones.....	25	6	15
" 13	Mabel Higgins.....	19	4	23
" 18	Col. R. A. Kempton.....	69	9	
Aug. 1	James H. Higgins.....	58	1	21
" 2	Augustus J. Owen.....	74	2	21
" 3	Fred C. Walker.....	1	2	12
" 18	Mildreth Frost.....		4	
" 22	Ruth T. Robinson.....			
Sept. 7	Margaret B. Libby.....	58	4	15
" 25	George S. Googins.....	79	1	17
Nov. 1	Not named.....			2
" 6	Mary A. Harley.....	66		3
" 9	Martha F. Hancock.....	24	4	25
Dec. 12	Alfred Milliken.....	95	2	12
1897				
Jan. 17	Rev. H. E. A. Patterson.....	78	2	

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. C. MILLIKEN, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

The auditor having carefully attended to the examination of the several town accounts, of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, for the year ending January 31, 1897, finds them correctly drawn and vouched for.

EDWARD M. YATES, AUDITOR.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATIONS, ASSESSMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1896.

Number of inhabitants, last census,		877
Number of school children,		167
Rate of assessment, \$16.40 on \$1,000.		
Rate of assessment on polls, \$2.50.		
Valuation—Real Estate,	\$582,170 00	
Personal Estate,	44,305 00	
	<hr/>	\$626,475 00
Assessments—Real Estate,	\$9,588 13	
Personal Estate,	721 64	
Polls, 223,	557 50	
	<hr/>	\$10,867 27
Appropriations—Town Tax,	\$8,431 60	
State Tax,	1,556 63	
County Tax,	631 62	
Overlay,	247 92	
	<hr/>	\$10,867 27

SPECIAL LIMITS.

Valuation—Real Estate,	\$544,420	
Personal Estate,	40,585	
	<u> </u>	\$585,005
Assessments—Real Estate,	\$2,774 58	
Personal Estate,	207 04	
	<u> </u>	\$3,069 12
Appropriation—Special Limits,	\$2,935 00	
Overlay,	134 12	
	<u> </u>	\$3,069 12

Rate on one thousand dollars, \$5.10.
Polls, .50.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

Gentlemen:—In presenting our annual report of the financial condition of the town, we desire to call your attention to a matter which requires thoughtful consideration. The close of the year, Jan. 31, showed the town indebtedness to be \$12,921.48. The larger part of this debt was incurred, as we all understand, by the extra outlay required to establish a fire department, a sewer system, to build sidewalks and light the streets. While the debt has not reached alarming proportions, its steady increase since 1890 shows plainly that unless a halt is called, it may get to be uncomfortably large in a very few years.

Shall the debt increase be checked? And if so, how?

These questions are for you to answer. "Keep within the appropriations," somebody says. This is easier said than done. There are certain town charges that must be paid, regardless of appropriations. The selectmen have no choice; they must pay them. In a summer resort town like ours, certain lines of expense are steadily increasing, very much faster than the increase of taxable property, and they must be met.

There are two ways to check the increase of our town debt; first, by an increase of taxation; second, by reducing expenses. We all agree that taxes are heavy enough already. But how and where can we begin to reduce expenses? We are satisfied that by a careful system of economy money can be saved in several of the departments. We begin with the interest department. The larger part of our town debt is here to stay. Ten thousand dollars of our debt, at least, is permanent, and instead of short time notes it should be bonded on ten or twenty years at a low rate of interest. The bonds of this town, with our present debt, would be good as gold, and could be placed at 4 per cent. with-

out a doubt, and possibly lower. This would materially lessen the interest payments and do away with the constant care about renewals and a fluctuating money market.

Next we call attention to our sidewalks department. We have some three miles of plank walk, with quite a stretch of gravel and concrete walk. In the past seven years, since 1890, we have paid out for sidewalks, \$5,983.51, an average outlay of \$850 a year; for several years this has gone mainly for repairs upon this same plank walk, while repairs upon the gravel and concrete have been next to nothing. It is safe to say that our wooden sidewalks have already cost money enough, in building and repairs, to have covered the entire three miles distance with a permanent walk of concrete or even brick. In our opinion the time has arrived for retrenchment in our sidewalk expenditures. Sidewalks we must have, but let them be of some material more permanent and less expensive than wood. It would be well to replace the plank walks with gravel, or concrete or brick, by degrees, as they become unsafe for travel, and when once the substitution is completed, money will have been saved, and our streets will be safer for foot travel, and far more substantial and ornamental in appearance than they now are.

Many of our people believe that money ought to be saved in our highway expenditures. In the past seven years the town has paid for building and repairing, in round figures, \$18,200, an average of \$2,600 a year. This department is one about which no man can tell what a day will bring forth, in the way of extra expense. For instance, last year's appropriation was overdrawn by reason of two large items of expense, which were not known about when the appropriation was voted, namely, the collapse of Goose Fair bridge, which had to be entirely reconstructed, and the building of the new county road. No extra work of this kind is now in sight, however, and a reduction of expense in this department is in order. It remains for the tax-payers to say how much it shall be.

Our school department also demands attention. The school account for the past year stands as follows:

Paid for Common Schools,	\$1,410 66
High School,	668 73
School Books,	49 69
Enlargement and repairs,	831 09
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Total,	\$2,950 17

Number persons of school age,	167
Number who attend school, about	100

Leaving out of the account the \$831.09 paid for the school-house enlargement, the regular school expenses for the year were \$2,119.08, being an increase in the common school department of \$592.34 since 1890. This gives \$21.00 for every scholar who attends school. We doubt if there is a town in the State of Maine that begins to equal the town of Old Orchard in its amount of school money per scholar. The peculiar feature of this situation is that, while this rapid increase of school expenses has been going on there has been no corresponding increase of scholars. To be exact, there are but six more persons of school age in the entire town today than there were seven years ago!

While the State requires us to raise for common schools a certain amount per capita, according to the number of inhabitants, it does not require us to maintain schools of a higher grade than that of a first class grammar school.

During the past twelve years we have maintained, on the financial side, a High school at an average cost of about \$700.00 a year.

With so small a pupilage as we have at Old Orchard, it may well be questioned whether a school above a first class grammar grade is desirable, especially when we remember that we are located within easy reach of Portland, Saco and Biddeford, where there are three of the largest and best equipped high schools in Maine, which offer better advantages for our scholars than we can possibly afford them.

The tuition for the small number of Old Orchard students who desire to take a full grade high school course, would cost but a very small part of what we pay yearly for our present high school. Would it not be of untold advantage to our scholars seeking high school honors, as well as a financial help to our taxpayers, to furnish them tuition free to the schools of Saco, Biddeford or even Portland? As a matter of fact, more Old Orchard scholars have graduated from the high schools of Biddeford and Saco than have graduated from our own high school, since the town was organized. Many of our scholars prefer to go to one of the out of town schools and pay their own tuition.

It would seem to be the clear duty of the school committee, in view of the present financial condition of the town, to formulate some plan whereby our school expenses may be materially

reduced, and at the same time help our ambitious boys and girls to obtain better school privileges, in all the higher grades, than they now possess.

Another source of supply to the town debt are the taxes uncollected. The Treasurer's report shows the amount of taxes now remaining uncollected to be \$3,375.06. The average increase, since 1890, has been about \$500 a year. In a small town like ours this annually increasing deficit is no small matter; in fact it means so much a year added to the town debt, for who does not know that taxes left uncollected year after year, soon become dead, past resurrection, and must eventually be abated. The law provides that every dollar of a tax levy shall be paid in, and there can be no reasonable excuse why every tax levy should not be collected down to a very close margin within the year.

The selectmen make their expenditures and draw their orders against the appropriations; if their full face is not in the treasury, the money to make up the deficit must be borrowed, and as we have already seen, this means so much added to the town debt.

At our last annual meeting the town passed a code of by-laws from which resulted a marked improvement in the government of the town, last season. On account of an adverse decision before the Saco police court, in a complaint made by the town for violation of the carriage license act, a report has gained currency that the whole code of by-laws had been declared illegal. This is not true.

The chapter on carriage licenses is the same, word for word, that has been in force for the past six years. The action brought under it was for doing business without a license. An examination of the State law showed that it had been amended so that town by-laws, relating to carriages, must be printed in some newspaper in the county once before taking effect. This publication had not been complied with, and the action failed.

The requirement to print in a county newspaper only applies to by-laws concerning carriage licenses. It applies to no other by-law in the book. With this exception they are all in full force and effect. It is now proposed to amend this by-law about carriages, have it duly published, and then go on with an entirely legal code of by-laws.

These suggestions are submitted solely in the interests of true economy and the future welfare of the town. We trust they will be so received and acted upon. We close as we began, with the remark—if we propose to check the increase of the debt we

must do one of two things—reduce expenses or increase taxation. Which shall it be?

C. F. STAPLES, }
D. S. BICKFORD, } Selectmen.
B. F. MILLIKEN, }

SPECIAL LIMITS.

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Paid O. O. Water Co., to Aug. 1, 1896,	\$1,000 00
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00

SIDEWALKS DEPARTMENT.

Paid H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, lumber,	\$300 48
W. S. Walker, labor,	68 40
A. R. Smith, labor,	20 19
A. Patterson, labor,	4 35
N. S. Walker, labor,	12 75
F. Whittier, labor with team,	33 25
W. J. C. Milliken, labor with team,	31 50
G. Fenderson, labor,	15 00
O. Fenderson, "	5 25
T. Lynch, "	7 95
C. Clark, "	1 50
G. Devine, "	60
S. Clark, "	45
E. Rogers, "	75
J. Carter, "	7 50
J. Howland, "	4 50
A. Haley, "	17 50
F. Moses, "	6 00
H. Robinson, "	4 50
C. Bachelder, "	4 50
Mrs. Jameson, gravel,	6 38
F. H. Libby, supplies,	7 88

Paid L. M. Hearn, blacksmithing,	2 00	
G. L. Hyde, supplies,	15 32	
J. F. Lombard, labor and supplies,	31 20	
E. M. Bellows, labor,	97	
Duff Construction Co., supplies,	2 25	
J. M. Trafton, labor,	1 50	
G. Cleaves, "	5 40	
N. S. Walker, "	1 20	
J. Garnett, "	4 95	
D. Campbell, "	39 00	
Services of town team,	253 25	
G. Dunn, labor,	60	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$918 82
Appropriation,	\$500 00	<u>500 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,		\$418 82

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Francis J. Cousens, chief of police,	\$200 15	
John F. Haines, policeman,	120 00	
J. W. Porter, "	63 00	
C. F. Mattocks, "	28 00	
Jas. R. Kirkpatrick, "	27 00	
Harry Ricker, "	1 00	
Atlantic Lodge, I. O. O. F., rent,	50 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$489 15
Appropriation,	\$500 00	<u>500 00</u>
Balance unexpended,		\$10 85

HOSE WAGON AND REEL.

Paid W. A. Whittier, labor,	\$11 25	
J. I. Mackey, labor and materials,	90 70	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$101 95
Appropriation,	\$100 00	<u>100 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,		\$1 95

HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Paid W. A. Googins, driver,	\$12 50	
George A. Field, fireman,	6 00	
Harry Ricker, "	6 00	
Albert Patterson, "	6 00	
Irving Hough, "	6 00	
Alonzo Smith, "	9 00	
Total,		<u>\$45 50</u>
Appropriation,	\$85 00	85 00
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$39 50</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. R. Kirkpatrick, town team,	\$431 50
A. G. Prentiss, hay and grain,	134 03
W. L. Libby, engineer,	108 15
J. I. Mackey, chief engr., and supplies,	38 86
M. F. Porter, hay,	70 17
Mrs. M. F. Porter, supplies,	45 69
Duff Construction Co., supplies,	13 35
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, lumber,	3 75
T. Lynch, labor,	1 25
A. G. Lyons, fireman,	12 00
H. Clark, "	8 50
E. Bellows, "	14 00
W. G. Blackman, "	3 00
R. R. Milliken, "	12 00
G. Devine, "	4 50
G. Fields, "	6 00
F. H. Libby, "	12 00
J. Berry, "	12 00
C. Bachelder, "	12 00
J. Kirkpatrick, "	12 00
W. A. Googins, "	6 00

Paid F. Maddox, fireman,	17 00	
A. Tibbetts, "	9 00	
G. Cleaves, "	4 00	
F. Garnett, "	2 00	
N. S. Walker, "	1 50	
B. F. Richards, "	6 00	
A. Patterson, "	3 00	
D. Furbush, "	3 00	
A. R. Smith, "	3 00	
G. S. Googins,	2 00	
Hill & Burnham, coal,	23 49	
Mrs. Plummer, storage,	5 00	
L. M. Hearn, blacksmithing,	42 40	
F. Boothby, hay,	38 85	
G. L. Thomas, storage,	4 50	
G. L. Hyde, supplies,	70	
Atlantic Lodge, I. O. O. F., rent,	150 00	
Meguire & Jones, supplies,	8 00	
Total,	<hr/>	\$1,284 19
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Credits per Treasurer's book:		
Labor of team—Highways,	336 00	
Sidewalks,	234 50	
Breaking sidewalks,	18 75	
Street lights,	56 00	
J. I. Mackey,	78 75	
F. Moses,	7 00	
W. J. C. Milliken,	5 25	
Mackey & Milliken,	1 75	
M. F. Porter,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,248 50
Balance overdrawn,		\$35 69

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Paid Duff Construction Co., for labor and materials,	\$249 73	
D. W. Chute, cleaning cesspools,	48 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$297 73
Credit, per Treasurer's book,	\$467 38	467 38
Balance unexpended,		<u> </u> \$169 65

STREET AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Paid G. Fabyan, lamplighter,	\$152 00	
G. L. Hyde & Co., oil and supplies,	129 94	
O. O. Electric Light Co., per contract,	882 00	
E. Fiske, labor and supplies,	11 90	
Duff Construction Co., supplies and labor,	4 70	
J. W. Porter, lamplighter Ocean Park,	27 45	
D. S. Bickford, supplies,	4 80	
D. Campbell, labor,	7 00	
F. A. Whittier, lighting lamps,	9 00	
Services town team,	56 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$1,284 79
Appropriation,	\$1,380 00	1,380 00
Balance unexpended,		<u> </u> \$95 21

TOWN LIMITS.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Paid D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	\$2 00	
Duff Construction Co.,	30	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	7 97	
W. H. H. McAllister,	1 45	
Ginn & Co.,	25 67	
Wm. Ware,	11 30	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$48 69

Appropriation,	\$50 00	
Credit per Treasurer's book,	1 88	
	<u> </u>	51 88
Balance unexpended,		<u> </u>
		\$3 19

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. H. H. McAllister, school supt.,	\$18 75	
B. F. Milliken, services as selectman,	30 00	
C. F. Staples, " " "	60 00	
D. S. Bickford, " " "	135 00	
W. J. C. Milliken, services as clerk and treasurer,	100 00	
E. M. Yates, services as auditor, 1896,	25 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	368 75
Appropriation,	\$400 00	<u> </u>
Balance unexpended,		\$31 25

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Overdrawn, Jan. 31, 1896,	\$92 74	
Paid J. A. Nichols, teaching,	266 61	
	<u> </u>	
Overdrawn June 1, 1896, end of school year,	\$359 35	
Appropriation,		\$400 00
Received from State,		234 16
		<u> </u>
		\$634 16
Paid J. A. Nichols, teaching,	288 38	
Haley & Co., coal,	21 00	
	<u> </u>	668 73
Overdrawn Jan. 31, 1897,		<u> </u>
		\$34 57

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Unexpended, Jan. 31, 1896,		\$554 54
By error, last report,		21 08
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		\$575 62
Paid Emma E. Haines, teaching,	\$81 00	
Agnes Duff, teaching,	33 00	
S. Clark, janitor,	25 00	
D. Chute, transportation of scholars,	55 00	
J. A. Randall, services and supplies,	25 50	
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, wood,	6 00	
W. S. Walker, labor,	3 25	
H. Gay, wood,	5 00	
	<hr/>	233 75
Unexpended April 1, 1896, end of school year,		\$341 87
Appropriation,		701 60
School Fund and Mill Tax,		406 50
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		\$1,449 97
Paid Mary W. Means, teaching,	\$246 00	
Emma D. Haines, teaching,	218 00	
Jesse M. Shackford, teaching,	78 00	
Agnes R. Duff, teaching,	30 00	
D. W. Chute, transportation of scholars,	126 75	
D. W. Chute, labor and team,	6 00	
S. Clark, janitor,	80 75	
S. Clark, labor and supplies,	6 85	
M. A. Clark, janitor services,	16 00	
J. F. Lombard, labor and supplies,	31 38	
Horace Gay, wood,	5 00	
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, wood,	15 00	
W. H. H. McAllister, coal,	12 00	
Haley & Co., coal,	79 25	
G. L. Hyde & Co., supplies,	2 85	
A. C. Hamor, labor and supplies,	7 65	

Paid G. Fenderson, labor,	1 50	
M. A. Clark, cleaning school house,	9 00	
O. D. Case & Co., supplies,	68 73	
J. A. Randall, services and supplies,	15 70	
A. B. Anderson, janitor services,	3 50	
W. A. Dresser, supplies,	6 69	
Ginn & Co., supplies,	18 04	
Southworth Bros., supplies,	4 80	
King & Merrill, supplies,	42 47	
Franklin Pub. Co., supplies,	15 00	
Frank Moses, supplies,	12 00	
A. G. Nichols, teaching,	18 00	
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Unexpended Jan. 31, 1897,		\$273 06

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid W. S. Walker, labor,	\$90 75
N. S. Walker, labor,	67 07
Frank Moses, labor and supplies,	182 33
Duff Const'n Co., labor and supplies,	93 78
M. F. Bunker, labor,	21 00
G. Rapley, "	29 25
H. Robinson, "	34 50
W. Fletcher, "	24 00
I. Libby, "	26 25
C. Bachelder, "	30 00
O. Fenderson, "	72 90
G. Marshall, "	21 00
B. Allen, "	15 00
G. Fenderson, "	87 15
T. Lynch, "	17 55
J. Carter, "	24 75
F. Ellsworth, "	19 50
G. Cleaves, "	7 50

Paid Jas. Howland, labor,	31 50
M. Robinson, "	15 00
W. Robinson, "	16 50
J. Scriptor, "	6 00
F. A. Whittier, labor with team,	60 50
W. J. C. Milliken, labor with team,	112 00
M. F. Porter, labor with team,	171 25
J. Trafton, labor with team,	48 50
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, lumber and wood,	132 36
B. F. Milliken, labor with team,	19 25
C. F. Staples, labor and gravel,	111 25
J. F. Lombard, labor and supplies,	26 80
D. Chute, labor with team,	51 25
Mrs. M. P. Porter,	9 00
E. M. Yates, street signs,	5 27
J. Garnett, labor,	4 50
F. Mattocks, labor,	3 00
Thomas Googins, labor,	2 88
A. Hamor, labor,	75
M. T. Mulhall, street signs,	13 50
C. Lombard, labor,	4 50
C. Clarke, "	1 50
W. T. Bunker, "	10 50
G. Chase, "	1 50
W. Norrid, "	4 50
A. Bryant, "	1 50
R. Bishop, "	1 50
E. M. Wight, "	3 00
T. Solis, "	3 00
Mrs. Jameson, gravel,	9 00
M. D. Small, repairing bridge,	115 00
L. M. Hearn, blacksmithing,	2 70
A. W. Field, supplies,	44
A. Haley, labor with team,	59 50

Paid C. Richardson, labor with team,	20 00	
M. T. Moses, labor,	2 25	
Labor of town team,	336 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$2,281 73
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	<u>2,000 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,		\$281 73

COMMISSIONS, ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Paid Fred I. Luce, commissions, 1895-6,	\$349 75	
Fred I. Luce, discounts,	738 34	
Fred I. Luce, abatements,	141 86	
A. L. Russell, abatement,	3 22	
E. H. Milliken, abatement,	55 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$1,288 17
Appropriation,	\$950 00	<u>950 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,		\$338 17

REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Duff Const'n Co., labor and supplies,	\$135 54	
G. W. Butler, enlarging school house,	525 00	
E. Fiske, labor and supplies,	2 10	
Norwood & Bail, furnace,	154 00	
A. C. Hamor, labor,	1 25	
A. R. Smith, labor,	13 20	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$831 09
Appropriation,	\$600 00	<u>600 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,		\$231 09

NEW STREETS AND LAND DAMAGE.

Paid M. F. Porter, labor with team,	\$37 80	
A. Haley, labor with team,	7 00	
G. Fenderson, labor,	3 00	
O. Fenderson, "	3 00	
C. Batchelder, "	3 00	
H. Robinson, "	3 00	
N. S. Walker, "	6 00	
J. Carter, "	4 50	
W. J. C. Milliken, labor with team,	14 00	
C. Clarke, labor,	7 50	
M. F. Bunker, labor,	3 00	
James Howland, labor,	3 00	
Frank Moses, labor,	8 75	
Clara A. Lombard, land damage,	350 00	
J. A. Guilford, land damage,	3 00	
Total,		\$456 55
Appropriation,	\$500 00	500 00
Balance unexpended,		\$43 45

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid Insane Hospital, board of J. Patterson and Mary Googins,	\$397 23
J. A. Randall, medical services,	22 75
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, wood for D. Gowen and others,	35 76
A. Haley, express and other charges,	7 60
G. L. Hyde & Co., supplies,	4 32
D. S. Hickford, cash and supplies,	19 30
L. B. Dalton, care of insane woman,	1 50
O. Fenderson, board of A. Haley,	10 00
A. L. Luce, milk to D. Gowen,	4 86
Mrs. J. S. Moulton, board of C. Haley,	115 25
J. Garnett, care of sick man,	5 00

Paid W. A. Oxnard, medicine,	70	
F. C. Bradbury, funeral of C. Haley,	29 00	
R. S. Robinson, supplies to D. Gowen,	5 82	
E. M. Yates, investigating Vesta Remick case,	24 65	
H. H. Allen, med. services for C. Haley,	20 00	
A. W. Field, supplies to D. Gowen,	17 30	
Smith & Robie, supplies to D. Gowen,	4 86	
G. W. Chase, care of O'Brien,	5 00	
A. L. Luce, milk to D. Gowen,	6 15	
F. A. Whittier, team for C. Haley,	4 00	
Total,		<u>\$741 05</u>
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Credit, per Treasurer's book,	144 26	
		<u>544 26</u>
Balance overdrawn,		<u>\$196 79</u>

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. A. Randall, services board of health,	\$36 50	
R. F. Chalk, services board of health,	20 00	
D. W. Chute, hauling waste and clean- ing cesspools,	185 00	
T. Lynch, labor,	1 00	
Star Job Print, health reports,	16 00	
C. L. Richardson, burying dead animal,	1 00	
R. H. Roupe, painting sign,	1 65	
Wm. Costello, delivering reports,	4 00	
Charles Clark, delivering reports,	1 00	
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, labor,	1 75	
G. L. Hyde & Co., supplies,	2 45	
J. A. Randall,	7 50	
Total,		<u>\$277 85</u>
Appropriation,	\$250 00	250 00
Balance overdrawn,		<u>\$27 85</u>

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Star Job Print, town reports and other printing,	\$113 75	
Dennett & Jose, surveying streets,	7 50	
C. H. Prescott, advertising non-resident taxes, etc.,	29 11	
E. M. Yates, legal services,	38 57	
W. J. C. Milliken, supplies for town clerk,	13 20	
L. M. Webb, advice in road cases,	100 00	
J. A. Randall, birth and death certificates,	3 50	
W. A. Whittier, doctoring horse,	5 00	
M. F. Porter, use of hall,	8 00	
W. H. Stevens & Co., blank books,	12 00	
R. H. Roupe, sign boards,	8 00	
Sapien Solomon, fighting fire,	1 50	
Joseph Tomsteller, fighting fire,	1 50	
J. F. Lombard, milk inspector's outfit,	5 17	
T. L. Cleaves, lunch for firemen,	17 98	
Mrs. M. F. Porter, for sheep killed,	6 00	
Norwood & Bail,	9 95	
J. P. Milliken and J. P. Goodwin, election clerks,	8 00	
H. A. G. & B. F. Milliken, wood,	4 50	
Fred I. Luce,	12 95	
E. J. Atwood, painting lamp posts,	11 80	
D. S. Bickford,	22 30	
G. L. Hyde & Co., supplies,	4 00	
C. A. Jones, lunch for firemen,	10 00	
J. A. Randall,	9 75	
Total,		\$464 03
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Credit, per Treasurer's book,	151 10	
		651 10
Balance unexpended,		\$187 07

INTEREST DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL.

Paid People's Savings Bank, Lewiston,	\$300 00	
L. S. Griswold, Boston,	100 00	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$400 00
Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Credit, per Treasurer's book,	24 51	
	<u> </u>	\$274 51
Balance overdrawn,		\$125 49

TOWN.

Paid E. L. Gould, Old Orchard,	\$135 00	
Anne O. Fiske, Old Orchard,	14 08	
York National Bank,	209 30	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$358 38
Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Credit, per Treasurer's book,	92 44	
	<u> </u>	392 44
Balance unexpended,		\$34 06

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND AUDITOR OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD :

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Old Orchard for the year ending January 31st, 1897.

	TOWN.	SPECIAL.
TAX YEAR 1890.		
Amount committed,	\$8,191 35	\$2,813 51
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	8,088 69	2,798 57
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Balance uncollected,	\$102 66	\$14 94
 TAX YEAR 1891.		
Amount committed,	\$8,474 91	\$3,145 61
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	8,381 06	3,105 74
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Balance uncollected,	\$93 85	\$39 87
 TAX YEAR 1892.		
Amount committed,	\$7,746 67	\$2,589 62
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	7,658 07	2,556 75
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Balance uncollected,	\$88 60	\$32 87
 TAX YEAR 1893.		
Amount committed,	\$9,853 25	\$2,645 75
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	8,416 43	2,529 97
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Balance uncollected,	\$436 82	\$115 78

TAX YEAR 1894.		
Amount committed,	\$8,734 25	\$2,497 86
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	<u>8,444 59</u>	<u>24,52 43</u>
Balance uncollected,	\$289 66	\$45 43
TAX YEAR 1895.		
Amount committed,	\$9,647 59	\$3,255 12
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	<u>9,251 01</u>	<u>3,158 59</u>
Balance uncollected,	\$396 58	\$96 53
TAX YEAR 1896.		
Amount committed,	\$10,867 27	\$3,069 12
Cr. by Treasurer's receipts,	<u>9,712 70</u>	<u>2,804 51</u>
Balance uncollected,	\$1,154 57	\$204 61

Respectfully submitted,
 FRED I. LUCE,
 COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Town Officers,	\$400 00
Common Schools,	701 60
Free High School,	450 00
Text Books,	50 00
School House Repairs,	100 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,500 00
Land Damage,	150 00
Poor Department,	500 00
Street Lights,	1,280 00
Contingent Department,	500 00
Sanitary Department,	250 00
Interest—Town,	350 00
Special,	250 00
Commissions, Abatements and Discounts,	950 00
Police Department,	500 00
Sidewalks,	500 00
Fire Department,	1,000 00
Hydrant Rental,	1,000 00
Total,	<u>\$10,431 60</u>

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

Gentlemen :—I hereby present my report as Chief of Police for the year ending January 31st, 1897.

Officers on regular duty, as follows :

FRANCIS J. COUSENS, Chief.
JOHN F. HAINES.
JOSEPH PORTER.

Whole number of arrests, 96, as follows :

Intoxication,	37
House of ill fame,	3
Liquor sellers,	5
Larceny,	5
Assault on officers,	3
Vagrancy,	11
Assault and battery,	4
Seizures,	5
Unlawful pool room,	1
Violation of by-laws,	1
Tramps,	21
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Total,	96

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS J. COUSENS,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

In accordance with the requirements of the town ordinance, governing the Fire Department, I respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending February 1st, 1897.

I have the melancholy duty to record the occurrence of three quite serious fires during the past year, one of which totally destroyed the Imperial Hotel, one of our oldest landmarks, and one of our most successful hotels, under the management of Mr. D. H. Swan. The fire breaking out very early in the morning, had gained such headway that the firemen could do nothing to stay the progress of the flames, although they were promptly on the scene after the alarm was given, and combined their efforts to saving the surrounding buildings.

The two other fires were, one in the Windsor block, which caught in the basement and was subdued after two hours hard fighting, with considerable loss to the lower floors of the building and the contents, mostly by water damage.

The next and last fire was an alarm from the two and one-half story house on Hotel street, owned by C. D. Blair, which was promptly responded to by the department, and although the fire had gained great headway in the interior and the flames had burst through the upper windows, the major portion of the house was saved after several hours hard work.

Too much credit cannot be given to several of our citizens as well as to the members of the fire company, who certainly did very efficient work during the several fires.

Also our thanks as citizens of Old Orchard should be extended to the fire departments of Saco and Biddeford, for their prompt response to our call for aid at the Imperial House and Windsor

block fires, who by their timely assistance prevented a disastrous conflagration, which at the commencement seemed inevitable.

The total loss sustained by the three fires was as follows: on Sept. 12th, the Imperial House, \$14,500.00; Sept. 30th, the Windsor block \$4,750.00; residence of C. D. Blair, \$1,698.00; making a total of \$20,943.00.

The advantage in providing ladders for the department was very plainly shown in the Imperial House fire. By their assistance we were able to save the stable adjoining, which had caught in the roof, and also at the residence of Mr. Blair, without the ladders we should have been unable to check the flames until all the upper part of the house had been burned out, if at all. But by means of the ladders which were promptly on hand the firemen were able to carry the hose to the second story and play on the fire at short range, with good effect.

I would recommend the purchase of five hundred feet of new hose, as we have only one thousand feet that can be depended upon at present. At the two last fires we had every available foot of hose in use, and needed more badly. Some of our houses are situated so far from the hydrants that with our present supply of hose we could not reach the buildings.

We also need some small accessories, such as axes, crow-bars, lanterns, etc., and should have smoke protectors for the leading hosemen.

I would also recommend the purchase of the fifty-foot extension ladder that we have had the free use of for two years, as it can be bought very cheaply, in fact much less than one-half price.

The probable cost of the above necessary additions would be as follows:

500 feet of hose, at 45c per foot,	\$225 00
One 50-foot extension ladder,	35 00
Tools and other articles,	65 00
For painting hose wagon and ladder truck,	35 00
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	\$360 00

I trust the members of your honorable body and the citizens of Old Orchard, will consider the absolute necessity of providing the supplies as set forth above, as the only chance we have for the prevention of excessive insurance rates on our property is the capability of the fire department.

I would state that the membership of the department is complete ; all take an active interest in keeping up the standard of efficiency of the company.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. MACKEY,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD:

As required by law I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Schools for this town for the current year.

By the action of the town at the last annual meeting the school board was reduced from five to three members, in consequence of which action no members were elected last year to take the places of those whose term of office had expired. J. A. Randall, J. W. Duff and W. H. H. McAllister have constituted the school board for the present year. The terms of office of J. A. Randall and J. W. Duff expire this year by limitation, and their successors will have to be chosen at the approaching election.

J. W. Duff has served the board as president, and W. H. H. McAllister as secretary *ex-officio* the present year. W. H. H. McAllister was elected superintendent for the year.

I refer you to the Treasurer's report for the financial condition of the school treasury. Notwithstanding the increased expenditures incurred in maintaining a new department, and the expense of transporting the scholars from the Milliken Mills neighborhood, there is a very satisfactory balance in the common school treasury.

Owing to a large falling off in the amount of aid received from the State in support of the high school, we come to the end of year with that amount slightly overdrawn. Unpaid tuition, however, will more than make good the deficiency. For both the common and the high schools larger appropriations will be needed the coming year. The estimates will be found in their proper places.

In consequence of the action of the town at the last annual

meeting we now have another school room. The overcrowded condition of the primary school has been relieved, and the high school room is now used for purely high school work. Our schools are now graded in four departments—Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and High, with three classes in each department. Instruction extending through twelve years are thus provided for, with the choice of a business, a literary-scientific, or a classical course in the high school. While we are not at present organized for full college-preparatory work, we can give our scholars such a start that a year spent in some other school ought to give them the necessary preparation.

Mrs. Means, Miss Haines, and Mr. Nichols have been retained in their respective departments. The intermediate department during the fall term was in charge of Miss Shackford; it is now in charge of Miss Nichols. While the schools are doing good work in the main, we have not yet reached our ideal. It is to be hoped that the regrading of the schools will greatly increase their usefulness. After the school officers and the teachers have done their utmost, we shall still fall short of the desired success unless we can have the hearty co-operation of the parents. The way children are allowed to spend their time out of school will largely determine the benefit they receive from the school. In order to derive the highest benefit all harmful and diverting amusements should be prohibited during term time.

At the last census there were one hundred and sixty-seven children of school age, the largest number thus far in the history of the town. Of these ninety-seven attended school in the spring term and one hundred and seventeen in the fall. The average daily attendance for the spring term was eighty-one, for the fall term ninety-four. There are registered for the present term one hundred and six.

Some changes in the courses of study have been necessitated by the establishment of a new department. These have not been so far completed as to be embodied in this report, but

they are being worked out practically by the several teachers under the supervision of the superintendent with the existing courses as a guide. By the close of the year it is hoped they will be ready for publication.

It enters into the plan of the revised course of study to prescribe courses of collateral reading under the supervision of the several teachers, with certain requirements which will give them a positive educating value. A few books for class use on this line have already been purchased. More will be needed as the plan develops. For more general reading nearly two hundred volumes have been secured by gift and purchase without expense to the town and put in the several schools. These are of a highly useful and entertaining character, and because they find their way into the homes, both children and parents are partakers of the benefit. The expense thus far has been met by the receipts of our school exhibition at the close of the spring term and by private benevolence. There is still an outstanding balance to be met, and any contributions to this worthy object of either money or suitable books will be thankfully received.

The faulty sanitary conditions complained of in the report of my predecessor in office have in their worst features been relieved. As soon as the town can afford the expense, there should be water closets put in the basement of the large school house. Whether this shall be done this year or at some future time, I leave for your decision under the advice of the board of health and the selectmen.

In behalf of the schools, thanking you for your generosity in the past and soliciting the same for the future that the highest good of the oncoming generation may be subserved, I respectfully submit this report for your consideration and action.

W. H. H. McALLISTER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

In making this our first annual report we do so with some degree of satisfaction. In taking hold of the work we found many nuisances to be removed. The health of our town is shown in the following table :

Number of deaths,	18
Contagious diseases,	4
Accidents,	1
Suicides,	1
Number of residents,	11
Number of non-residents,	7
Decrease over last year,	2
Population,	877

The above table will be of much interest not only to those residing here the year round, but to those who visit our resort, and more so to those who are looking for a healthy and desirable home. You will find by the above table that out of eighteen deaths only eleven were residents, five were sick when they came here ; one accident and one suicide cuts down the actual number of deaths by sickness to sixteen ; seven non-residents from the sixteen leaves only eleven deaths among the yearly residents. This is certainly a remarkable showing and one that should be recognized by all, that our resort stands upon a plane far above the average in point of health.

The water supply has been carefully looked after. We have had two wells analyzed which were found unfit for use and had them closed. (See table.)

Total solids,	9.2'
Loss of ignition,	4.8
Hardness,	3.90

Chlorine,	1.6
Free Ammonia,	.298
Organic Ammonia,	.013
Nitrites,	Trace
Nitrates,	Trace

Also the water of the Old Orchard Water Co., which by analysis proves to be pure and of excellent quality. (See table).

Odor,	None
Color,	None
Total solids,	5.8
Loss of ignition,	2.2
Phenomena of ignition,	None
Hardness,	1.95
Chlorine,	.9
Free Ammonia,	.000
Organic Ammonia,	.003
Nitrites,	Very slight trace
Nitrates,	Very slight trace

The number of complaints increases with the growth of the town and efforts that are made to improve the sanitary condition of the same. The following will show a part of the duties of the board :

Number of complaints, written,	47
Number of complaints, verbal,	81
Number of visits, twice,	31
Total complaints,	159
Number of letters written,	28
Number of houses quarantined,	7
Number of cases contagious diseases,	4
Number of houses and barns disinfected,	4

We have endeavored to keep the expenses of the board within the appropriation as far as possible.

The expenditures of the board were as follows :

Printing by-laws and receipt books,	\$16 00
Disinfectants,	4 45
Removing waste,	185 00
Burying calf,	1 00
Lumber for notices,	1 75
Sign for B. of H.,	1 65
Distribution of by-laws,	5 00
Thomas Lynch, for labor,	1 00
Dr. J. R. Randall, services as health officer,	18 00
R. F. Chalk, services as secretary,	20 00
Total,	<u>\$253 85</u>

R. F CHALK, Secretary.

J. A. RANDALL, M. D., Health Officer.

G. W. BUTLER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Dr.

To balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1896,	\$2,064 77
Town Note No. 98,	2,000 00
" " 99,	1,000 00
" " 100,	1,000 00
" " 101,	500 00
" " 102,	2,500 00
" " 103,	600 00
" " 104,	1,000 00
" " 105,	1,000 00
E. Maxwell, license,	10 00
C. H. Fiske,	10 00
H. W. Staples,	10 00
N. C. Field,	15 00
C. R. Whitmore,	10 00
G. W. Butler,	5 00
O. S. Perkins,	5 00
Fred C. Gowen,	4 00
C. H. Fenderson,	3 00
Joseph A. Lock,	3 00
Loring Doe,	3 00
Clarence Hooper,	3 00
E. W. Burbank,	3 00
Wm. Crawford,	3 00
Simon Huntress,	3 00
Geo. Cooper,	3 00

To Peter B. Cote,	license,	6 00
Geo. N. Elliott,	"	3 00
Hugh J. McGuick,	"	10 00
Mrs. M. E. Ellis,	"	1 00
James Albert,	"	3 00
Barnet Cohen,	"	3 00
A. Wahab & Ally,	"	6 00
Sale of bottles, by J. F. Haines,		8 10
Sale of bottles, by F. J. Cousens,		12 00
State of Maine, damage by dogs,		6 00
" " Free High School,		205 66
" " Dog License,		57 40
" " R. R. & Telegraph,		1 60
" " School Fund and Mill Tax,		406 50
" " Vesta Remick,		27 01
" " '95 Pensions,		48 00
" " '96 Pensions,		72 00
Non-Resident Tax, '94,		31 54
J. E. McPhee, tuition of son,		28 50
M. F. Porter, town team,		10 50
Frank Moses, " "		7 00
J. I. Mackey and W. J. C. Milliken, town team,		1 75
W. J. C. Milliken, town team,		5 25
Fire Department, " "		645 25
J. I. Mackey, " "		78 75
Dwight Harley, dressing,		10 00
A. D. Morse, for walk,		24 07
City of Biddeford,		117 25
Mrs. F. J. Dennett,		5 00
E. Richards, tuition of daughter,		12 25
Wm. Ware & Co.,		1 88
Town Interest Account,		392 44
Special Interest Account,		24 51
Mrs. M. E. Ellis, sewer assessment,		15 00
Miss Z. R. Harper, "		15 00

To Mrs. J. S. Crockett, sewer assessment,	15 00
Mrs. Jas. Dougall, "	15 00
Mary E. Smith, "	15 00
Mrs. L. S. Green, "	15 00
O. M. Boynton, "	15 00
S. G. Dorman, "	15 00
Newton Whitten, "	15 00
C. A. Waterman, "	15 00
Mrs. Rebekah Baker, "	15 00
Nicholas Robinson, "	30 00
Mrs. C. E. Smith, "	15 00
S. S. Ayer, "	15 00
Miss Sarah Ross, "	15 00
Mary E. Emmons, "	15 00
Richard Bucknam, "	15 00
M. Dunn, "	15 00
J. A. Randall, "	15 00
A. F. Houston, " on account,	10 00
F. I. Luce, Collector, 1890 Tax,	25 38
" " " 1891 "	20 70
" " " 1892 "	36 19
" " " 1893 "	85 54
" " " 1894 "	330 33
" " " 1895 "	1,125 49
" " " 1896 "	12,517 21
E. H. Milliken, Collector, 1883 Tax,	18 46
" " " 1884 "	31 18
" " " 1885 "	10 85
Dog License,	68 75
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	\$28,320 06

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By paid Town Note No. 96,	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ 97,	2,500 00
“ “ “ 98,	2,000 00
“ “ “ 99,	1,000 00
“ “ “ 100,	1,000 00
“ “ “ 101,	500 00
“ “ “ 102,	2,500 00
“ “ “ 103,	600 00
“ Contingent,	464 03
“ High School,	575 99
“ Police,	489 15
“ Commissions, Abatements and Discounts,	1,288 17
“ Fire Department,	1,284 19
“ Poor,	741 05
“ Hydrant Rental,	1,000 00
“ State Pensions,	72 00
“ Sidewalks,	918 82
“ Town Officers,	368 75
“ Common Schools,	1,409 66
“ Highways,	2,281 23
“ Free Text Books,	48 69
“ Street and Electric Lights,	1,284 79
“ Sanitary,	277 85
“ Interest, Town,	358 38
“ “ Special,	400 00
“ New Streets and Land Damage,	456 55
“ Enlarging and Repairing School Houses,	831 09
“ County Tax,	631 62
“ Hose Wagon and Reel,	101 95
“ Hook and Ladder Co.,	45 50
“ Sewers,	297 73
“ State, account Dog Tax,	62 00
“ Clerk's Fee,	6 75
“ On State Tax,	465 50
“ Cash on hand,	1,058 62
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	\$28,320 06

TOWN DEBT.

LIABILITIES.

Note No. 54,	\$ 256 00
“ “ 75,	4,000 00
“ “ 81,	2,000 00
“ “ 88,	1,000 00
“ “ 89,	1,000 00
“ “ 90,	1,000 00
“ “ 104,	1,000 00
“ “ 105,	1,000 00
Outstanding bills, (estimated)	250 00
Due Schools,	250 24
Accrued interest on notes,	86 36
Due on State Tax,	1,090 63
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	\$12,933 23

RESOURCES.

Town Property,	\$3,090 00
Due from sewer assessments, including accrued interest,	809 48
Due from F. I. Luce, Collector, 1890 taxes,	117 60
“ “ “ “ 1891 “	133 72
“ “ “ “ 1892 “	121 47
“ “ “ “ 1893 “	552 60
“ “ “ “ 1894 “	335 09
“ “ “ “ 1895 “	493 13
“ “ “ “ 1896 “	1,419 18
“ accrued interest on 1890, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96 taxes,	344 29
“ Mrs. F. M. Jacobs' note,	15 60
“ Breeders' Mile Track Association, labor of town team,	80 50

Due from C. W. Ross, tax deed 1887, tax sale,	50
“ F. B. Ross, tax deed 1887, tax sale,	50
“ J. M. Woodbury, town team,	3 50
Cash on hand,	1,058 62
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	\$8,575 67

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. C. MILLIKEN,
Treasurer of the Town of Old Orchard.

RECAPITULATION.

	APPROPRIATIONS	EXPENDITURES	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAWN
Town Officers.....	\$ 400 00	\$ 368 75	\$ 31 25	\$
Common Schools.....	1,683 72	1,400 66	273 06	
High School.....	634 16	668 73		34 57
Free Text Books.....	50 00	48 69	3 19	
Enlarging and repr. School Houses	600 00	831 09		231 09
Highways and Bridges.....	2,000 00	2,281 73		281 73
Street and Land Damage.....	500 00	456 55	43 45	
Support of Poor.....	544 26	741 05		196 79
Street Lights.....	1,380 00	1,284 79	95 21	
Contingent Expenses.....	651 10	464 03	187 07	
Sanitary Department.....	250 00	277 85		27 85
Interest—Town	392 44	358 38	34 08	
" Special	274 51	400 00		125 49
Coms., Abatements and Disconnts	950 00	1,288 17		338 17
Police Department.....	500 00	489 15	10 85	
Sidewalks Departments.....	500 00	918 82		418 82
Fire Department.....	1,248 50	1,284 19		35 19
Hydrant Rental.....	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Hook and Ladder Co.....	85 00	45 50	39 50	
Sewers.....	467 38	297 73	169 65	
Hose Wagon and Reel.....	100 00	101 95		1 95

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 1, 1897.

To F. FASON COUSENS, 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 first day of March, A. D. 1897, 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, free high school; 3rd, for free text books; 4th, making and repairing highways and bridges; 5th, support of poor; 6th, pay of town officers; 7th, maintaining street lights and electric lights; 8th, contingent expenses; 9th, sanitary expenses; 10th, interest; 11th, land damages; 12th, repairing school houses; 13th, for reduction of the town debt.
- 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 amend Chapter IV. of its code of by-laws in relation to carriages and vehicles, in conformity to the laws of the State of Maine, in substance as follows :

CHAPTER IV.

CARRIAGES AND VEHICLES.

SEC. 1. No wagon, hack, carriage, or other vehicle shall stand in any public or private way, within the limits of the town of Old Orchard, for the transfer of passengers or baggage, without the owner or driver of the same having first procured a license from the selectmen. Such owner or driver shall comply with all rules established by the selectmen relating thereto. Such license may be revoked at any time by the selectmen at their discretion.

SEC. 2. Every person so licensed when soliciting passengers, or when transporting passengers or baggage shall wear a distinctive badge plainly indicating the number of his license.

SEC. 3. The charge for such license shall be one dollar, to be paid to the town treasurer, and shall expire on the first day of May next after the date of such license.

SEC. 4. The rates of fare for the conveyance of passengers within special limits, as set forth in Section IV. of the act of incorporation of the town of Old Orchard, shall not exceed the following rates: For conveyance from one place to another, each adult per-

son, 25 cents; each child between the ages of five and ten years, 15 cents; each child under the age five years accompanied by an adult, no charge. Except that between the hours of 11 p. m., and 4 a. m., double the foregoing rates may be charged.

SEC. 5. Any violation of any of the provisions of these by-laws relating to carriages and vehicles shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offense, to be paid into the town treasury.

SEC. 6. Nothing in the foregoing by-laws shall be construed to prevent private parties or proprietors of hotels carrying passengers or baggage to their own houses.

13th. To see if the town will vote to pay firemen eighteen dollars a year for their services as members of the fire department, meaning to include members of the hook and ladder company.

14th. To see if the town will vote to change the name of Boardman street to Aldine Terrace.

15th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to lease, for a term of years, quarters suitable for an engine room and stable, police office and station, selectmen's office and court room.

16th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to bond the debt of the town to the extent of ten thousand dollars for a period of time not to exceed twenty years, and at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum.

17th. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer, beginning at the junction of Old Orchard and Milliken streets, thence through Milliken street about eight hundred feet to a point opposite Brown street; thence through Brown street to the sea; and what sum of money the town will appropriate therefor.

18th. 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.

19th. To see if the town will vote to enact the following by-law for the appointment of a Milk Inspector, and to make regulations for the inspection and sale of milk in the town of Old Orchard, in conformity to the laws of the State of Maine :

MILK INSPECTOR, AND REGULATIONS FOR
INSPECTION AND SALE OF MILK.

CHAPTER XV.

SEC. 1. There shall be appointed annually, by the selectmen, an Inspector of Milk, who shall be sworn, give notice of his appointment, and keep an office and books, and have all the power and perform all the duties set forth and prescribed in the statutes of the State relating to the sale of milk and the inspection thereof.

SEC. 2. No person or firm shall sell or offer for sale any milk within the limits of the town of Old Orchard, until such person or firm shall have obtained from the Milk Inspector of said town, a license to sell milk, or offer the same for sale, as herein expressed.

SEC. 3. No such license shall be granted or valid until the applicant has filed with the Milk Inspector a statement of his name, residence and place of business, or if he sells milk from a cart, of such fact, to the end that such statement may be registered in a book kept for that purpose; and also shall have filed with said Milk Inspector an official certificate from or by order of the State of Maine Cattle Commission, that the cow or cows from which milk as aforesaid is and is to be produced and obtained is and are in a healthy physical condition, and that said cow or cows are free from tuberculosis, pleuro-pneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and any other infectious or contagious diseases. *Provided*, that if said applicant sells milk at second hand, he shall be required to file with said Milk Inspector a sworn statement, signed by the producer or dealer from which his milk supply is obtained, that the cow or cows from which said milk supply is and is to be obtained have

been duly certified by the Maine Cattle Commission aforesaid, to be in a healthy physical condition and free from all the infectious or contagious diseases herein named and described.

SEC. 4. Said license shall be valid for one year from its date, and shall relate to and cover only such cows as are certified to as aforesaid of said cattle commission.

SEC. 5. No such license shall be transferable, or protect any person except the petitioner and his servants in his employ.

SEC. 6. The Inspector, when requested in writing by any citizen of Old Orchard, shall make inspection of any milk sold or offered, or intended for sale within the limits of the town. He shall upon his own motion without previous notice, as often as once a year, and oftener at his own discretion, visit all places of business and carts in and from which milk is sold within the town, and make thorough inspection as to the kind and quality of milk found in such place of business or cart, offered or intended for sale. He shall also prosecute all violations of the laws of the State and by-laws of the town relating to the sale of milk, and at the close of every fiscal year make a detailed report to the selectmen.

SEC. 7. The compensation of said Inspector shall be as follows, namely: For making the required inspection and issuing a certificate of registration, one dollar, to sellers from carts, and to all others, fifty cents, to be paid by the person requesting the same. For making an inspection of milk, fifty cents, to be paid by the person requesting the same. Said Inspector shall be entitled to one-half of all forfeitures resulting from prosecutions instituted by him under the laws and by-laws aforesaid.

SEC. 8. Any person violating or evading any of the provisions of this by-law, or who wilfully neglects or refuses to comply with the same shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars, one-half to the use of the town, for each such evasion, violation, neglect or refusal.

SEC. 9. This by-law shall take effect when approved by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine.

20th. To see if the town will vote to widen Grand avenue by taking land of Oren B. Ranlett, as laid out by the selectmen.

21st. To see if the town will vote to widen Saco road, by taking land of Old Orchard Water Co., and land of J. F. Currier, as laid out by the selectmen.

22nd. To see if the town will vote to pay bill of Fred A. Whittier, for horse and carriage hire, as per list of items filed with the selectmen, for the sum of forty-six dollars and fifty cents, (\$46.50), said bill bearing the endorsement of R. F. Chalk and J. A. Randall.

23rd. To see if the town will vote to instruct the highway surveyor to expend two-thirds of the appropriation for repair of highways and bridges before the first day of July, of the current year, one-third of said appropriation to remain in the hands of the town treasurer, subject to the order of the selectmen, to be used as in their judgment, the public needs may require.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the ante-room of Odd Fellows' hall, for the purpose of revising and correcting the voting list, on the morning of election from 8 to 10 o'clock A. M.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1897.

CHARLES F. STAPLES, } SELECTMEN
 DANIEL S. BICKFORD, } OF
 B. FRANK MILLIKEN, } OLD ORCHARD.