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REPORT.

LAND OFFICE, DEC. 31, 1844.

To the Governor and Executive Council of the State :

SINCE my last annual report, I have, in connection with the Land Agent of Massachusetts, sold 234,739 acres of the undivided lands, for the sum of \$300,248, one half of which sum is receivable by Maine. One fifth part of the purchase-money has been received and paid into the Treasury, and the remainder is secured by notes payable in one, two, three and four years, with interest. In most cases a bond has been taken guarantying the payment of the last note in the series, and in all cases a lien retained on the land and timber to secure the payment of the notes. A schedule of the undivided lands sold as above is hereto annexed, marked C.

I have sold of the lands held by Maine in severalty, 26,219 acres for various prices, amounting in the whole to \$8,963 94. These lands consist principally of small lots, which have once been sold, but suffered by the purchasers to revert to the state, and of lots reserved in townships sold by Massachusetts prior to the separation.

These lands have been sold at a low rate, but the reserved lots in most cases had never been located, and it was thought it would be better to sell them at public auction for what they would bring, than to incur the expense of location, which in many instances would have cost more than the land is worth.

Of the land once sold and forfeited to the state, I found there were many lots in the possession of individuals residing upon and

improving them, who had paid in part, and in some instances nearly the whole sum due; and in an equitable adjustment of such cases, I have in many instances sold the land very low to the actual settler.

I have sold of settling land 4,049 acres, and received therefor \$927 70 in cash, being one quarter of the sum required. The remaining three quarters is receivable in labor upon the roads.

The quantity of settling lands sold by no means indicates the progress of settlement—as the custom of squatting on the public lands is rather increased than diminished by the act requiring a cash payment in advance. I think, however, that the increase of settlements in Aroostook has been less the past year, than in some former years.

Schedules marked A and B, show the land sold, for what price, to whom, and where situated. The Fish river road leading from the Aroostook river in No. 11, range 5, to Fort Kent, passes over three townships of land belonging to Maine. I have had a tier of lots in these townships laid out on each side of the road, and offered for sale to actual settlers.

I have yet made no sales, but quite a number of persons have commenced clearing and improving the land, and the traveler can now find shelter and refreshment at convenient distances on the way.

The legislature at its last session authorized me to expend \$3,000 on the eastern Aroostook road, \$3,000 on the Fish river road, and \$800, on the road from the Presque Isle settlement to No. 11, range 5 (or the Machias settlement), on condition that Massachusetts should defray her equal proportion of the expenses. The Agent of Massachusetts was authorized to expend \$1,500 on the first named road, \$3,000 on the second, and nothing on the third. Nothing has been expended on the last, and but a trifle on the first.

The work on the Fish river road was commenced in June, under the immediate superintendence of John Rollins, Esq.—commencing on the north bank of the Aroostook river, we have opened and turnpiked very handsomely, about four miles; thence to the Portage lake, about four miles more, the road has been cut out four rods

wide, the higher and dryer parts of it grubbed and leveled, and the lower parts causwayed or turnpiked, making a tolerably good carriage road from the river to the lake, from which in the spring and fall goods may be easily and safely transported by water to the St. John river. The road from Portage lake to Fort Kent, at the mouth of Fish river, a distance of thirty-seven miles, has been widened, stumps, roots and stones removed from the traveled path; and all necessary bridges and causways made in a substantial manner, so as to render the traveling on this part of the road perfectly safe, although not quite easy and convenient.

This road crosses the Fish river about eighteen miles from its mouth, and near the outlet of Long lake, where it seldom freezes. It was often exceedingly difficult crossing in winter, as well as summer, and a bridge was therefore deemed indispensable. One has been built 300 feet in length, standing on one abutment and two piers of hewn pine timber, heavily loaded and well ironed, and believed to be sufficient to resist any pressure that will be likely to be brought against it.

During the progress of this work, I visited the road in company with the Agent of Massachusetts, and finding the road from Masardis to No. 11 impassable for any kind of carriage, and almost so on horseback, and it being the connecting link between the Aroostook and Fish river roads, without which the latter would be comparatively useless, we ordered Mr. Rollins to expend one thousand dollars on this road. The expenditure, it is believed, was very judiciously made, and the whole road has since been traveled with carriages with safety and ease. Two large and convenient ferry boats have been built, one for the St. Croix at Masardis, and the other for the Aroostook at No. 11, and left in the care of men who have agreed to take care of them and use them only as ferryboats, and they have probably before this been appointed ferrymen by the county commissions of Aroostook.

These are the only rivers or streams from Bangor to Fort Kent, (a distance of 188 miles,) that are not bridged, and as the road was made passable and the traveling very considerable, these boats were indispensably necessary.

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The whole expenditure on this road from Masardis to Fort Kent, (distance 56 miles,) is \$8,192 06. This is borne equally by the two states. We deemed the expenditure, over and above the \$6,000 ordered by the legislature, necessary in order to make the whole road passable, and we found our authority in the law giving the agents of the two states power to expend ten per cent. of all moneys received for land or timber, in opening roads and making improvements. The expenditures for the last three years, including all sums appropriated by the legislature, have fallen far short of ten per cent. on sales. I should not, under ordinary circumstances, exercise the power to any great extent, without consulting the legislature; but this was a case where the public interest required the expenditure, the agent of Massachusetts consented to it, and I could not justify myself in withholding it.

The eastern Aroostook road was located in the spring of 1843, commencing at the south line of letter G, in the 2d range, and extending northerly through H, I and K, in said 2d range, and thence bearing a little westerly on to No. 16, in the 3d range; thence northerly to the river St. John. The distance from No. 16 to the river, was about six miles more than it was supposed to be, or than it appeared to be on any of our maps. The river had not then been surveyed, and its course was not known. A subsequent survey of the river satisfied us that by taking a more easterly direction from the little Madawaska river in K, we might strike the St. John river at a more desirable point for the termination of the road, and save about six miles in the distance. As the principal part of the expenditure in 1843 was on the south half of the road, but little would be lost and much ultimately gained by the alteration, if the land would admit of it. We therefore ordered an examination which resulted in a new location, but the season was so far advanced before arrangements could be made with the agent of Massachusetts for the commencement of the work, it was thought best not to begin, but to endeavor during the winter to contract with some person or persons to build a bridge over the Little Madawaska river, and open the road from thence to the St. John—giving them the next season to accomplish the job.

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The military road has been kept in a good state of preservation at a cost of about \$800. This sum includes the expenses incurred by J. Rollins, Esq., in loading and protecting the bridges during the spring freshet, and as I was authorized to expend \$900, no part of the \$2,000 placed at the disposal of the governor and council, will be called for this year.

\$300 was appropriated for the repairs of the Moosehead lake road, and \$200 for the road over the Indian township in the county of Washington, which sums have been expended, and it is believed, judiciously.

The Aroostook road from the military road to Masardis, a distance of sixty-four miles, has been made by the states of Massachusetts and Maine, at a cost of about \$1,000 per mile; it was completed in 1841, and though quite a narrow road, was generally well made, and has been in good traveling condition until quite lately. Great quantities of goods are now transported over this road, and in loads so large that the road is fast giving way. Four tons, including the wagon, is a common load for six horses, and six tons, it is said, are sometimes carried on a wagon drawn by ten or twelve oxen, not *on* the road, but *through* it. During the spring, and after the heavy fall rains, no road built over light loamy land will bear such loads. The Moosehead lake road, and the road from Oldtown to Houlton, are subject to the same kind of treatment.

It has become a matter of serious inquiry whether the carrying of such loads should be permitted. The expense of transportation would be increased by carrying them in smaller loads on the same kind of road; but if they cannot be kept in so good condition while these large loads are carried as when prohibited, then the cost of transportation in small loads over a good road may be less, than in large loads over a poor one, with this advantage to the traveling public, that they have good roads to travel instead of poor ones, and a more important advantage still accruing to those who are charged with the expense of repairing the roads.

The whole length of the Aroostook and Fish river roads, from the military road to Fort Kent, is one hundred and twenty miles,

and not more than one fourth of it passes over taxable lands, and there is therefore no possible way of causing it to be repaired or improved but by continuing to make appropriations from the public treasury. The reasons urged in my last report in favor of making appropriations for this road have lost none of their weight in my mind. We have a large territory on the St. John river above Fort Kent with no road except this leading to it; and whether our object be to sell the land, or the timber, or to settle the country, the improvement of the road should not be neglected. The land on the north side of the St. John belonging to the two states, is supposed to exceed half a million of acres—and an addition of 5 cents an acre to the value of that land would be \$25,000. There is a much larger quantity of unlocated land on the south side of the river; thirteen townships east of Fort Kent undivided and unsold, and about thirty townships belonging to Maine in the county of Aroostook, all of which will be enhanced in value by the improvement of the roads.

The road from the Presque Isle settlement on the Aroostook in letter G, to the Little Machias in No. 11, range 5, about twenty miles in length, is impassable except in winter. It was opened in 1839, at a trifling expense, as a connecting link between Fort Fairfield and the Upper Aroostook. Nothing has been done towards repairing it since, and parts of it are no longer used. If the central portion of the road passing over the public land was made so that it could be traveled in safety with carriages, the inhabitants of the settlements at the termini would improve the remainder. A road here is very much needed, not only by the inhabitants on the river, but by every man who visits the Aroostook.

The central portion of the road is over two unsettled townships, No. 12 in the 3d range, belonging to Maine, and 12 in the 4th, belonging to Massachusetts, both of which would afford desirable locations for settlers if there was a safe road. I would therefore recommend an early appropriation for this road, in the hope that Massachusetts will aid in making it. She must see that the value of her lands has been increased in that section four fold by the improvements we have made and are making, and if she should not

be disposed in this case to be generous, she will undoubtedly be just.

The lumbering operations of the past year on the waters of the St. John, as well as the Penobscot, have been quite successful, and our collections better than was anticipated. In general the lumbermen made what is technically termed "a clean drive," in the spring, and little remains unsold, enabling us to settle up most of the old lumber accounts, some of which were of three years standing. The practice of taking possession of the timber cut on the St. John waters, and of continuing the possession down the river to the city of St. John and until the stumpage is paid, by an agent of the state, although attended with considerable expense is undoubtedly profitable, as in the multitude of claims their would always be some lost if not closely looked after. And it is believed that for all the timber cut during the past year on the St. John and Aroostook rivers, not one dollar has been lost.

The operations of the present winter are more extensive than the last, but it is by no means probable that there will be paid into the office so much money the coming year, as has been received during the past.

The receipts from lumber depend, first, on the quantity cut; secondly, on the success of the lumbermen in running their lumber down in the spring; and thirdly, on sales; for if the market is dull the owners choose to pile out lumber sufficient to pay the state, and pay the interest until a favorable time for selling, which I have never objected to. Perhaps it will be safe to say that \$60,000 will be paid into the treasury next year, and it may considerably exceed that sum.

There still remains in this office certain obligations for the payment of money growing out of the operations of the civil posse upon the Aroostook river in 1839. A portion of these securities was given to procure the release of teams that had been seized for trespasses upon the public lands, and the residue for timber seized and sold at Fort Fairfield. The principals are all inhabitants of New Brunswick, and judging from the best information I can obtain, are unable to meet their liabilities. Citizens of Maine were

in all cases required as sureties, and whatever is collected must, with one or two exceptions, be an entire loss to those who lent their provincial neighbors their names in this emergency. The business relations of the citizens of Aroostook were such at that time, that they could not with a very good grace withhold their names. They were cutting timber under permits from Massachusetts, and could not carry a stick to market until they had given bonds for the payment of stumpage into the province treasury, with one or more citizens of New Brunswick as surety. They could not, therefore, well refuse to sign for those whose names they had had, and must again have to enable them to carry their own timber to market. The principals were generally supposed to be good at the time the obligations were entered into, but the commercial embarrassments in the province in 1841, and consequent failure of many largely engaged in the timber trade, has changed very much their prospects.

They say, "that at the time of making these purchases they were told it was probable only one dollar a ton would be exacted of them. The timber had mostly been made by the settlers upon the Aroostook river, and without some compensation to them, it would have been impossible to drive it to market. The state could not recognize their claims, but those entrusted with this business intimated to the purchasers that the balance of the price over one dollar per ton might be safely paid to the manufacturers, and would probably be allowed by the state. The dollar a ton has been paid to the state, and the balance to the manufacturers, and they now claim a discharge from the state."

They also say, in reference to the other portion of their debts, that "the trespasses for which the teams were seized, were very small and unintentional, and in no instance sanctioned by the owners. That they were greatly injured by having their business broken up, and teams taken from the woods. That they were assured at the time, the only object of the state was to put a stop to trespassing, and that once accomplished, the notes and bonds would never be enforced." Two of these notes have already been canceled by legislative resolves—one in 1843, and the other in

1844; and application for further legislative aid will probably be made the present winter. As I have not considered myself authorized to remit any portion of these debts, I have never investigated the actual merits of their claims. Enough, however, has come to my knowledge to induce the belief that these representations are not entirely without foundation.

This was the first attempt of the state actually to extend its jurisdiction over what was then called the disputed territory, and those entrusted with the execution of the laws had a very difficult task to perform. They were surrounded with difficulties which were met and overcome with prudence, firmness and decision, and at that time, before our rights there were acknowledged, it would have been exceedingly bad policy to treat with leniency, even an unintentional trespass. But our border difficulties are all settled; and our business relations with our provincial neighbors such as to render it desirable to have these old matters equitably and amicably settled. I would, therefore, suggest the propriety of a legislative resolve, authorizing the appointment of some suitable person to hear and report the evidence in each of these cases, with his decision thereon, to the governor and council for their approval. This would doubtless be the cheapest method of ascertaining the merits of these claims; and when a full hearing shall have been allowed the parties, in the neighborhood of these transactions, the subject will be forever put to rest.

Permits have been given to make timber on the undivided lands on the St. John waters. Sixteen teams are permitted on the unsurveyed land north of the river, and seventeen teams on the townships surveyed last year, south of the river and east of the seventh range line.

In addition to these, General Webber, who continues to have the supervision of the lumbering operations on the St. John waters, has been authorized to grant permission to settlers to cut timber any where within two miles of the river as far up as the Allagash, and on the borders of that stream up to the falls. The number of permits given by him I have not yet ascertained, but most of the operations under them will be small. Twenty teams have been

permitted on the lands held by Maine in severalty on the St. John waters. Fourteen townships of undivided lands on the Penobscot have been permitted, and the number of teams will not probably much exceed the number of townships permitted. Five teams are permitted on the lands of Maine on the Penobscot, and four on the Kennebec.

In addition to the above there will be extensive operations on the townships sold during the last summer, the stumpage from which will be receivable by Maine and Massachusetts.

Perhaps it may not be expected that I should say any thing of the schools on the St. John river, but having recommended an appropriation of money for that object two years ago, and having repeated it last year, I cannot omit this opportunity of urging the necessity of a further appropriation. The experiment has been successfully made, and a lively interest on the subject of education has been excited in the minds of hundreds who had never before thought of learning to read. Many of the inhabitants contribute liberally (in comparison with their means) toward the support of the schools, and all are anxious to receive instruction. The prejudices, engendered by ignorance, against our people and institutions, are fast giving way, and they begin to feel that they are under the fostering care of a generous government. The setting off their lands to them by metes and bounds by the commissioners, has given great satisfaction, and they now begin to feel secure in their possessions. Deeds of conveyance will be made them as soon as possible after the final report of the commissioners. The people, however, do not appear to me to be qualified yet to adopt our municipal regulations, and therefore a continuation of the schools under the present system, for a time, is of much importance to the welfare of the community. Of Mr. Madigan it is unnecessary for me to speak. He will be remembered by hundreds with gratitude for the benefits of instruction they have derived from him, and the public will award him much well deserved praise for the prudence and diligence with which he has discharged the duties of his mission. Those who best know Mr. Madigan, know his worth, and the loss to that people will be irreparable, if for want of a suitable

appropriation for schools he should be compelled to leave them. Supposing the taxable property of the state to be \$75,000,000, (and it is probably more)—an appropriation of \$1,500, assessed upon property alone, would be a tax of two cents only on every thousand dollars of taxable property. Who will grudge so mere a trifle in aid of the benevolent object of enlightening such a people?

I was early last spring notified by Captain Babbitt, assistant quartermaster of the United States army, that it was not the design of government to reoccupy Fort Fairfield, and that it was subject to the control of the state. I immediately requested General M. Trafton to take possession of the property for the state, and subsequently leased it to him for the past season. There is in the lot leased about seventy acres of land, twenty of which is cleared.

There are several buildings upon the land, principally on wooden foundations already in a state of decay, and the keeping of them in repair will be attended with considerable expense. As it is not probable they will ever be used again for military purposes, I would recommend that they be sold, together with the land on which they are situated.

I have paid into the treasury one hundred seven thousand four hundred fifty eight dollars and fifty five cents, which appears in the account annexed, exhibiting the receipts and payments of the land office during the past year.

LEVI BRADLEY, *Land Agent.*

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Dr. STATE OF MAINE in account with LEVI BRADLEY, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1844.

For amount paid for postage,	49 70	
See sheet No. 1.		
For amount paid for Office rent at Bangor,	100 00	
See sheet No. 2.		
For amount paid for Bills of Cost,	118 72	
See sheet No. 3.		
For amount paid Assistant Land Agent,	1,000 00	
See sheet No. 4.		
For amount paid for incidental expenses, agencies, &c.,	1,705 20	
See sheet No. 5.		2,973 62
For amount paid for surveying timber on the public lands,	1,656 60	
See sheet No. 6.		
For amount paid for surveying land,	1,173 51	
See sheet No. 7.		
For half amount paid for surveying timber and other expenses on account of the undivided land,	2,265 94	
See sheet No. 8.		5,096 05
For amount endorsed on notes given for settling lands, having been received in labor opening and making roads under the law of 1838, and for labor received under Resolves of March 24, 1835, and February 22, 1844,	5,326 23	
See sheet No. 9.		5,326 23
For half amount expended on the Eastern Aroostook Road, per Resolve, approved February 12, 1844,	101 87	
See sheet No. 10.		
For amount expended on the Military Road, per Resolve, approved March 21, 1844,	715 43	
See sheet No. 11.		
For half amount expended on the Fish River Road, per Resolve approved February 19, 1844,	4,096 03	
See sheet No. 12.		4,913 33
For amount paid into the Treasury on account of the permanent School Fund, under the provisions of the Act of February 23, 1828,	15,307 53	
For other money paid into the Treasury,	92,151 02	
See sheet No. 13.		107,458 55
For amount of balances due on account of the "Civil Posse," from sundry persons, supposed to be worthless, transferred to account of "unavailable debts,"	718 10	
For amount allowed and abated on account of overcharges for timber,	74 00	
For amount of notes given up, per decree of Commissioners on claims, dated July 20, 1841, and per Resolve approved March 6, 1844,	1,038 42	
For amount of cash expended on the Madaceunk Road, included in the Madaceunk Road Fund, being part of the amount transferred to the credit of the State of Maine, December 30, 1843,	77 25	

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Dr. STATE OF MAINE in account with LEVI BRADLEY, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1844---(Continued.)

For amount of notes taken for lands, which have become forfeited to the State, transferred to account of "lands reverted,"	5,052 91	
See schedule.		
For amount paid John Rollins, balance of account,	100 92	6,960 68
For amount paid Dunn & Gilman, balance of account,	100 00	
For half amount collected for timber cut on the undivided lands, credited to Massachusetts, the whole amount having been charged on the books in this office,	8,176 12	8,377 04
For amount of securities, funds, &c., on hand, viz:		
Notes in the office,	175,073 18	
Bonds in the office,	37,983 55	
Executions in the office,	892 19	
Demands in the hands of attorneys,	17,356 66	
School Fund,	4,687 15	
Public lots, No. 2, R. 2, Titcomb's survey,	94 99	
Road Fund, Madaceunk,	666 78	
" No. 4, R. 5,	534 82	
" No. 6, R. 5,	19 32	
" No. 8, R. 5,	1,202 38	
" No. 10, R. 5,	2,320 75	
" No. 11, R. 5,	2,574 85	
" No. 12, R. 5,	396 99	
" No. 5, R. 6,	134 86	
" No. 9, R. 6,	2,234 98	
" No. 11, R. 6,	431 84	
" No. 1, River Township,	75 00	
" No. 2, Old Indian Purchase,	136 39	
" F, R. 2,	1,308 85	
" D, R. 1,	658 66	
For amount advanced for repair of the Military Road in 1843,	3,319 17	
For amount paid "Commissioners to locate grants," &c., per Resolve of February 21, 1843, (advance)	3,065 91	
For amount paid R. C. Remick,	25 00	
For amount paid E. H. Stockman,	20 00	
For amount paid Samuel Furlong,	18 00	
For amount paid John B. Wing,	86 74	
Cash on hand,	5,566 97	
		260,885 98
		\$401,991 48

Cr. STATE OF MAINE in account with LEVI BRADLEY, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1844.

By balance in the the hands of the Land Agent, December 30, 1843, viz :		
Notes in the office,	60,201	05
Executions in the office,	892	19
Bonds in the office,	2,127	29
Demands in the hands of attorneys,	19,015	50
School Fund,	5,459	36
Public lots, No. 2, R. 2, Titcomb's survey,	94	99
Road Fund, Madaceunk,	1,029	49
" No. 1, River Township,	75	00
" No. 2, Old Indian Purchase,	328	25
" No. 4, R. 5,	1,345	91
" No. 6, R. 5,	19	32
" No. 8, R. 5,	1,202	38
" No. 10, R. 5,	4,275	01
" No. 11, R. 5,	4,979	53
" No. 12, R. 5,	749	49
" No. 5, R. 6,	158	22
" No. 9, R. 6,	2,362	58
" No. 11, R. 6,	431	84
" F, R. 2,	2,091	37
" D, R. 1,	1,069	50
By Aroostook accounts,	718	10
By amount due from Massachusetts,	4,003	02
By amount due from sundry persons for advances, By amount due from sundry persons for timber charged upon the books,	5,123	30
By cash,	41,177	22
	10,626	58
		169,556 49
By amount received for sales of land,	4,437	69
Per schedule A.		
By amount received for sales of "forfeited lands," Per schedule B.	5,453	94
By half amount received for sales of undivided land,	150,124	01
Per schedule C.		
		160,015 64
By amount received in advance for permits and for timber cut on the public lands,	43,893	26
Per schedule D.		
By half amount received in advance for permits, and for timber cut on the undivided lands, Per schedule E.	14,553	80
By amount received for timber cut by trespassers on the public lands,	2,819	09
Per schedule F.		
		61,266 15
By amount received on demands transferred to the account of "lands reverted,"	1,310	69
		1,310 69
By amount received for interest on demands due the State,	4,428	78
By amount of interest received in labor on Road Fund notes,	639	87
		5,068 65

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Cr. STATE OF MAINE in account with LEVI BRADLEY, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1844---(Continued.)

By amount received for sale of public property at Fort Fairfield,	150 00	
By amount received of William A. Blake, per Resolve of March 21, 1843,	300 00	450 00
By amount received of the following persons, on account, and placed to their credit, viz:		
By Geo. W. Coffin,	63 15	
By John Webber,	1,118 52	
By Samuel Smith,	1,052 14	
By C. S. Clark,	1,822 00	
By S. P. & H. Strickland,	268 05	
		4,323 86
		\$401,991 48

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RECEIPTS of Money from all sources during the year ending December 31, 1844.

Balance from last year,	10,626 58
For trespass timber,	2,819 09
For timber cut on the public lands,	30,152 87
For half amount for timber cut on the undivided land,	13,338 12
For sales of land,	2,754 69
For half amount for sales of undivided land,	30,046 81
For forfeited lands,	4,983 56
For bills receivable, principal,	9,870 66
“ “ interest,	4,315 21
For Resolve in favor of Wm. A. Blake,	300 00
For amount received from sundry persons on account,	32,935 93
	\$142,143 52

DISBURSEMENTS of Money during the year ending Dec. 31, 1844.

Postage,	49 70
Office rent,	100 00
Bills of cost,	118 72
Charges for incidental expenses,	1,705 20
Assistant Land Agent,	1,000 00
Surveys of timber,	1,656 60
Surveys of land,	1,173 51
Surveys of timber on undivided lands, &c.,	2,265 94
Eastern Aroostook Road,	101 87
Military Road,	715 43
Fish River Road,	4,096 03
Madaceunk Road,	77 25
Abatements,	23 36
Road Fund, No. 10, R. 5, (transferred)	117 45
R. C. Remick, advance,	25 00
E. H. Stockman, advance,	20 00
Samuel Furlong, advance,	18 00
Commissioners to locate grants, &c.,	3,065 91
State Treasury,	107,458 55
G. W. Coffin,	12,788 03
Cash on hand,	5,566 97
	\$142,143 52

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TRIAL BALANCE, December 31, A. D. 1844.

Accounts.	Debit footings.	Credit footings	Debit balances	Credit balance's
George M. Chase,	177 61		177 61	
Surveys of land,	1,173 51		1,173 51	
Assistant Land Agent,	1,000 00		1,000 00	
Office rent,	100 00		100 00	
Madaceunk Road,	295 00		295 00	
Hodgdon & Rawson,	360 37		360 37	
Road Fund, No. 4, R. 5,	1,350 21	815 39	534 82	
Frederick Hobbs,	3,866 98	423 44	3,443 54	
Road Fund, No. 10, R. 5,	4,420 15	2,099 40	2,320 75	
Road Fund, No. 12, R. 5,	749 49	352 50	396 99	
Unavailable Debts,	718 10		718 10	
Roads, No. 4, R. 5,	320 45		320 45	
Road Fund, No. 6, R. 5,	19 32		19 32	
Road Fund, No. 5, R. 6,	171 86	37 00	134 86	
Road Fund, No. 1, R. T,	75 00		75 00	
Howard & Osgood,	100 00		100 00	
John McDonald,	2,392 68	215 00	2,177 68	
James W. Bradbury,	3,588 32	350 00	3,238 32	
Joseph A. Wood,	1,498 65	1,385 76	112 89	
Road Fund, No. 8, R. 5,	1,202 38		1,202 38	
Road Fund, No. 9, R. 6,	2,405 90	170 92	2,234 98	
Road Fund, F. R. 2,	2,242 70	933 85	1,308 85	
Road Fund, D. R. 1,	1,142 79	484 13	658 66	
Road Fund, No. 11, R. 6,	431 84		431 84	
Road Fund, No. 11, R. 5,	5,229 39	2,654 54	2,575 85	
Samuel Smith,	28,041 61	29,093 75		1,052 14
C. S. Clark,	500 00	2,322 00		1,822 00
Madaceunk Road Fund,	1,079 89	413 11	666 78	
Executions,	892 19		892 19	
Bonds,	39,129 80	1,146 25	37,983 55	
S. P. & H. Strickland,		268 05		268 05
John B. Wing,	86 74		86 74	
Resolve in favor of William A. Blake,		300 00		300 00
Road Fund, No. 2, O. I. P.,	354 29	217 90	136 39	
Roads, No. 2, O. I. P.,	217 90		217 90	
Roads, No. 10, R. 5,	121 44		121 44	
Roads, No. 11, R. 5,	2,654 54		2,654 54	
Roads, No. 9, R. 6,	170 92		170 92	
Public lots, No. 2, R. 2, T. S.,	94 99		94 99	
Roads, F. R. 2,	933 85		933 85	
Roads, D. R. 1,	484 13		484 13	
Roads, No. 5, R. 6,	37 00		37 00	
Trespass,	239 94	2,819 09		2,579 15
E. H. Stockman,	20 00		20 00	
R. C. Remick,	25 00		25 00	
John Hodgdon,	7,043 61		7,043 61	
Charges in Co.,	4,531 87	2,265 93	2,265 94	
Surveys of Timber,	1,416 66		1,416 66	
Samuel Furlong,	269 41	251 41	18 00	
E. A. Road in Co.,	203 75	101 88	101 87	

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TRIAL BALANCE---(Continued.)

Accounts.	Debit footings.	Credit footings.	Debit balances	Credit balances
Postage,	49 70		49 70	
John Webber,	1,047 46	2,165 98		1,118 52
Charges,	2,848 20	1,143 00	1,705 20	
Abatements,	1,112 42		1,112 42	
George W. Coffin,	19,826 48	19,889 63		63 15
State Treasury,	107,458 55		107,458 55	
Sales of land in Co.,		150 124 01		150,124 01
State of Maine,	8,454 29	169,706 49		161,252 20
Notes,	184,511 49	9,438 31	175,073 18	
Joseph Carr, Jr.,	1,004 94	302 30	702 64	
Commissioners to locate grants, &c.,	3,065 91		3,065 91	
Timber in Co.,	11,047 64	25,601 44		14,553 80
Bills of cost,	118 72		118 72	
Fish River Road in Co.,	8,192 06	4,096 03	4,096 03	
Interest,	418 73	5,487 38		5,068 65
Sales of land,		4,437 69		4,437 69
Resolve in favor of Green- bush,	91 00		91 00	
Timber,		43,893 26		43,893 26
Cash,	142,143 52	136,576 55	5,566 97	
School Fund,	22,880 39	18,193 24	4,687 15	
Military Road,	4,034 60		4,034 60	
Lands reverted,	5,052 91	6,764 63		1,711 72
	646,941 24	646,941 24	388,244 34	388,244 34

A.

LANDS SOLD during the year A. D. 1844.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Amount received.		Remarks.
					DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.							
Jan. 12,	Morton Taylor,	H, R. 2,		74	160	40 00	Land cer.
Jan. 30,	Wm. Y. Marchant,	D, R. 1,	117 and 129		320	60 21	
Feb. 3,	Isaac F. Ellis,	D, R. 1,		142	151	28 31	
Mar. 19,	Geo. F. Sampson,	H, R. 2,		33	157	39 25	
May 8,	Joseph Kinsman,	Cornville,			160	120 00	
June 5,	Isaac Gilman,	H, R. 2,		82	164	41 00	
June 5,	Joseph B. Hall,	H, R. 2,		85	158	39 50	
June 20,	Joseph Hines,	H, R. 2,		80	161	40 25	
June 20,	Hiram Hall,	H, R. 2,		89	166	41 50	
Aug. 6,	Michael H. Hall,	H, R. 2,		79	160	40 00	
Sept. 4,	J. & B. C. Freese,	Greenbush,		3	91	91 00	
Sept. 12,	Geo. Pierce,	2, R. 4,			320	48 00	U. C. deed.
Sept. 12,	same,	4, R. 6,			320	80 00	do.
Sept. 12,	same,	5, R. 6,			320	48 00	do.
Sept. 12,	same,	4, R. 7,			320	32 00	do.
Sept. 12,	same,	5, R. 7,			320	89 60	do.
Sept. 12,	same,	6, R. 7,			320	44 80	do.
Sept. 13,	Wm. W. Thomas,	2, R. 3,			320	48 00	do.
Sept. 13,	Rufus Robie,	Cornville,			160	85 00	do.
Sept. 27,	Phineas Pratt,	3, R. 5,			320	89 60	do.
Sept. 27,	Wm. M. Rogers & al.,	1, R. 4,			320	64 00	do.
Sept. 27,	Benj. King,	1, R. 5,			320	96 00	do.

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Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Amount received		Remarks.
					DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.							
Sept. 27,	Ira Crocker,	Blanchard,		320	48	00	U. C. deed.
Sept. 27,	same,	1, R. 3,		320	32	00	do.
Sept. 27,	same,	2, R. 5,		320	64	00	do.
Sept. 27,	same,	4, R. 2,		320	36	80	
Sept. 27,	same,	4, R. 3,		320	48	00	do.
Sept. 27,	same,	4, R. 4,		320	80	00	do.
Sept. 27,	Edward W. Hall,	H, R. 2,		90	18	62	Land cer.
Sept. 30,	Isaac Cone,	Lowell,	5, R. 12	100	25	00	do.
Oct. 2,	Abner Coburn & als.,	1, R. 13,	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 18,	5,295	1,946	00	Con. deed.
Oct. 2,	same,		Reserved lots,	2,240	438	40	U. C. deed.
Nov. 7,	Wm. Tripp,	Weld reserved lot,		160	40	00	do.
Nov. 19,	Franklin Smith,	{ 2, R. 2, " "	}	640	80	00	do.
		3, R. 4, " "					
Nov. 30,	W. A. Vaughan,	H, R. 2,	8, 14 and part of 9	263	32	87	Land cer.
Dec. 10,	Harvey Ormsby,	H, R. 2,		72	34	23	do.
Dec. 10,	Aaron Doble,	H, R. 2,	56 and 61	345	86	25	do.
Dec. 10,	Grinfill C. Hall,	H, R. 2,	57 and 62	313	78	25	do.
Dec. 10,	Isaac Gilman,	H, R. 2,		66	43	25	do.
				16,970	\$4,437	69	

B.

SALES OF LAND REVERTED, during the year 1844.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Amount received.		Remarks.
					DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.							
Jan. 1,	John Carrick,	Springfield,	3, R. 2	100	25	00	Land cer.
Jan. 1,	Nehemiah Kneeland,	Topsfield,	80	158	48	16	U. C. deed.
Jan. 1,	E. & O. Kneeland,	do.	124	134	26	26	do.
Jan. 2,	Jonathan Noyes,	do.	96	136	136	00	do.
Jan. 17,	Joseph Loring,	do.	91	103	31	27	do.
Feb. 8,	W. Ward & A. Webster.	No.4,R.5,W.E.L.S	1 and 2	330	61	88	do.
Feb. 21,	Wm. Tracey,	Topsfield,	98	137	74	13	do.
Feb. 21,	Crabtree & Haley,	do.	94 and 112	218	89	92	do.
Feb. 28,	Jeremiah Foster,	do.	99	142	142	00	do.
Mar. 20,	Mathias Vickery, Jr.,	do.	116 and 117	211	155	83	do.
Mar. 21,	Reuben E. Carpenter,	Chester,	22	640	28	64	do.
Mar. 30,	Isaiah Gardner,	Springfield,	$\frac{1}{4}$ 6, R. 3	25	6	25	Land cer.
April 1,	Peter Pineo,	Topsfield,	92	108	107	75	U. C. deed.
April 2,	Jacob Clark,	Enfield,	6, R. 3	100	41	32	do.
April 2,	John Miller & al.,	do.	3, R. 2	100	20	00	do.
April 2,	Asael Davis,	do.	20	239	21	85	do.
April 2,	Patrick Dunn & al.,	Greenbush,	36 and 37	164	112	44	do.
April 6,	James C. Spencer,	Enfield,	12	70	42	08	do.
April 8,	Moses S. Johnson,	Topsfield,	93	112	112	00	do.
April 8,	Joshua Walton,	Enfield,	17	157	42	00	do.
April 10,	Isaac Hanson,	Burlington,	5, R. 3	100	27	44	do.
April 10,	Ichabod L. Hanson,	do.	4, R. 5	100	27	44	do.

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SALES OF LAND REVERTED *during the year 1844.*

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Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Amount received.		Remarks.
					DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.							
April 10,	Samuel Fernald,	No. 1, O. I. P.,	18	100	30	00	U. C. deed.
April 10,	Wm. Costigan, Jr.,	Burlington,	8, R. 2	100	30	00	do.
April 11,	Jonathan C. Colby,	Topsfield,	114	118	31	00	do.
April 12,	Dennis Gleason,	Enfield,	2	81	81	40	do.
April 15,	Levi Bailey,	Topsfield,	48	188	188	00	do.
April 15,	Lucinda Sleeper,	Lowell,	4, and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 5, R. 1	150	90	00	do.
April 16,	Jonathan Gilman,	Passadumkeag,	88	103	51	00	do.
April 16,	John Haskell,	do.	53	96	31	23	do.
April 16,	John H. Whiting,	Enfield,	A.	223	74	50	do.
April 19,	L. & J. F. Dam,	No. 1, O. I. P.,	14	100	60	00	do.
April 19,	Abner Rounds,	Lincoln,	32	100	60	00	do.
April 19,	John Bowers,	Lowell,	5, R. 2	100	14	82	do.
April 19,	Francis Doble,	Lincoln,	37	40	24	00	do.
April 19,	Jno. Warren,	do.	40	100	60	00	do.
April 20,	Charles F. Ordway,	do.	53 and 54	210	76	10	do.
April 20,	David Rounds,	do.	Gore 6	72	23	90	do.
April 20,	Phineas Haley,	Topsfield,	111	102	102	25	do.
April 30,	Josiah Getchell,	do.	86 and 104	234	89	00	do.
April 30,	Levi Taylor,	do.	87	122	122	00	do.
June 28,	David W. Haynes,	No. 1, I. P.,	87	108	33	75	Land cer.
July 9,	Benjamin H. Hewes,	Lincoln,	Gore 3	75	37	50	U. C. deed.
Sept. 7,	James M. Tibbets,	No. 4, R. 5, W. E. L. S.	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 and 10	166	20	75	do.

Sept. 12,	Robert Betham,	Enfield,	9	100	33 60	U. C. deed.
Sept. 27,	John Robinson,	Masardis,	30 and 70	279	65 96	Land cer.
Oct. 2,	Abner Coburn,	4, R. 1, N. B. K. P.	10, R. 13, 7 and 8 R. 14, 4 and 5 R. 17, 9 and 10 R. 18,	700	497 00	Con. deed.
Oct. 2,	same,	1, R. 1, N. B. K. P.	27, 32, 38, 39, 40 & 41	1,500	690 00	do.
Oct. 11,	Justus Huff,	Topsfield,	118	108	27 00	Land cer.
Oct. 15,	Joseph Hammond,	No. 1, I. P.,	125, 126, 138 & 150	715	357 50	Con. deed.
Oct. 19,	Jonathan Clay,	Lincoln,	Part 3, R. 2	309	77 25	do.
Oct. 24,	James H. Bowler,	No. 1, I. P.,	113 and 115	298	149 00	do.
Oct. 24,	Bela H. Chesley,	do.	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 21 and 22	163	20 50	U. C. deed.
Nov. 4,	Phineas Foss,	do.	3 and 4	229	114 50	Con. deed.
Nov. 14,	Samuel Chesley,	do.	85	115	75 87	do.
Nov. 15,	same,	do.	68	69	3 90	U. C. deed.
Nov. 15,	Columbus Chesley,	do.	70	119	6 70	do.
Nov. 15,	Franklin Chesley,	do.	82	66	3 70	do.
Nov. 15,	Addison Chesley,	do.	83	69	3 90	do.
Nov. 16,	Job Pratt,	do.	123	160	80 00	Con. deed.
Nov. 21,	Freland Holmes,	Lowell,	2 and 3, R. 6	200	40 00	do.
Nov. 22,	Porter Whittier & als.,	Enfield,	21 and 22	222	55 50	Land cer.
Nov. 22,	Richard Davis,	Lowell,	1, R. 11	103	25 75	do.
Nov. 22,	John H. Brymer,	No. 1, I. P.,	54	54	16 20	U. C. deed.
Nov. 23,	Daniel Scribner,	Springfield,	5, R. 4	100	30 00	Con. deed.
Nov. 26,	David Barns,	do.	12 and 13, R. 1	200	50 00	U. C. deed.
Nov. 29,	Ephraim Moulton,	Lowell,	9, R. 3 and 4	277	69 25	do.
Dec. 2,	Andrew S. Davis,	Lincoln,	47	100	50 00	Con. deed.

B.SALES OF LAND REVERTED, *during the year 1844.*

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Amount received.		Remarks.
					DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.							
Dec. 11,	William Douglass,	Springfield,	2 and 3, R. 5	134	50	00	Con. deed.
Dec. 14,	Samuel R. Bearce & al.	Bradley,	18	600	150	00	do.
				13,298	\$5,453	94	

C.SALES OF UNDIVIDED LANDS, *A. D. 1844.*

Date.	Purchasers.	Township or tract.	No. of Acres.	Amount received.		Remarks.
				DOLLARS.	CTS.	
1844.						
May 23,	James Smith,	Mark Island,	6	12	50	
July 16,	Goddard & Jenkins,	$\frac{1}{3}$ 7, R. 10, W. E. L. S.,	3,852	1,945	25	
July 16,	Benjamin Dyer,	8, R. 10, do.	11,380	5,746	90	
July 16,	Samuel Smith,	6, R. 12, do.	11,277	19,566	10	
July 16,	same,	8, R. 13, do.	11,417	25,005	26	
July 16,	same,	6, R. 14, do.	11,394	12,647	70	
July 16,	Francis Blackman,	7, R. 12, do.	11,620	21,090	20	
July 16,	Shepard Boody,	8, R. 12, do.	11,062	21,129	00	
July 16,	same,	7, R. 13, do.	11,646	13,626	05	
July 16,	Samuel Smith,	8, R. 14, do.	11,410	17,058	50	

Aug. 10, Samuel Smith & al.,
 Oct. 1, Samuel Smith,
 Nov. 20, Elhanan W. McFaden,

8, R. 11, W. E. L. S.,
 5, R. 14, do.
 Island in Kennebec,

11,397	6,838 20
10,887	5,443 25
21	15 00
117,369	\$150,124 01