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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LAND AGENT

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1857.

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REPORT.

LAND OFFICE, December 31, 1857.

To the Governor and Council of Maine:

In accordance with the provisions of law, I herewith submit the Annual Report of the operations of the Land Department the present year.

There have been conveyed of the public lands during the current year, for cash, under resolves approved March 27, 1856, and April 8, 1857, $1091_{\frac{68}{100}}$ acres, for \$257 56; for road labor and road securities, $2,245_{\frac{67}{160}}$ acres, for \$1,120 84; on the surrender of outstanding land certificates, $1,229_{\frac{69}{100}}$ acres; and under resolves of the Legislature, $1,632_{\frac{17}{100}}$ acres: (as per Schedules A, B, C and D.)

The timber and grass upon 37,614 acres of the reserved lots, have been sold the current year for \$5,500 90, (as per Schedule E.)

I have expended under resolves of the Legislature of 1857, upon roads and bridges the present year, the sum of \$8,358 34, as follows:

On the Houlton and Baring road, in the county of Washington,	\$400	
On the county road in the town of Grafton, in the		
county of Oxford, the inhabitants and proprietors of		
said town having expended \$500 00, agreeably to		
the resolve,	990	00
On the road in the town of Mattamiscontis, the inhab-		
itants and proprietors thereof having applied \$500 00,		
agreeably to the resolve,	1,000	00
On the road leading from No. 11, Range 5, to Fort	·	
Fairfield,	1,485	85
On the road leading from Presque Isle to the St. John	•	
river, near Violette brook,	482	4 9

On the road leading from the Boundary line along the south side of the St. John to the Allegash river, an equal amount having been expended by the inhabitants of Hancock, Madawaska and Van Buren plantations, agreeably to the resolve, . . . \$1,000 00 On the Fish river road, between Portage lake and Fort Kent, \$3,000 00

For agents to superintend the laying out of the sums aforesaid, I appointed the following persons, viz:

William A. Gould, of Princeton; John M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; William C. Hammatt, of Howland; Samuel Wasson, of Franklin; Stephen B. Pattee, of Fort Fairfield; David Page, of Fort Kent; and Spencer Arnold, of Bradford.

With the exception of the road leading from the Boundary line to the Allagash, the agents have severally made their returns, and their accounts have been audited and paid. On the road last named, it being late in the season before the inhabitants had expended the amount required of them under the resolve, the jobs were not completed in season to obtain the agents' returns. So far as the returns have been made, I am satisfied that the agents have faithfully discharged the trusts severally committed to them, and that the appropriations were applied for the specific purposes designed by the resolves. Previously to making the foregoing expenditures, I personally examined all the roads upon which the outlays were to be made, (except the two in Oxford and Washington,) had them measured into sections, and, so far as practicable, required sealed proposals on the ground, for building and repairing the roads according to the specifications at the time submitted, thereby exciting a healthy competition, and lessening the chances for collusion between the contractors.

I have taken due pains to ascertain the condition of the several public thoroughfares leading through the county of Aroostook, and although I did not feel authorized, in making the outlays, either to exceed the amount appropriated, or to transfer any part of the sum designed for one road to the making or repairing of another, yet, upon examining the roads, I became satisfied that the sums appropriated were not distributed, under the resolves, as the public convenience and necessity required. The road leading from the

Boundary line through the Madawaska settlement to Fish river, a distance of some sixty miles, will, with the application of this appropriation, compare favorably with the roads along the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers, and will probably require no further aid from the State. Nor will the road from No. 11 to Fort Fairfield require any considerable amount in addition to what may be received in payment of settlers' lots, to make it a good and substantial road.

The road leading from Presque Isle to Violette brook is in a passable condition for carriages, as far north as the south line of township K, in the 2d Range; but after repairing the bridge over the Little Madawaska river, which had become totally unsafe for public travel, as well as several causeways which were in a like condition, the balance left out of the small appropriation of \$500 was entirely insufficient to make the necessary repairs on that part of the road leading through townships K, L and M, in the 2d Range, to the river St. John.

Over this road there is a weekly transportation of the United States mail, and were it in a proper state of repair, this would be an important avenue from Houlton to Van Buren plantation. But owing to the dangerous condition of the road, the public travel through that region is diverted, by leaving this thoroughfare at Presque Isle and taking the circuitous route by Fort Fairfield, thence through the Province of New Brunswick, by the Grand Falls, to Violette brook, thereby increasing the distance in travel some twenty miles.

A further appropriation sufficient to complete that portion of the road which passes through the unsettled lands, is essentially needed. It seems highly important that the two main thoroughfares leading north and south through the entire extent of Aroostook county, should be at once thoroughly completed.

After repairing the bridges and mending such places in the Fish river road as were considered unsafe, the balance of the appropriation on that road was laid out in making a thorough and durable turnpike so far as it went; and another similar appropriation would, I think, complete the remainder of that road between Portage lake and Fort Kent. In 1855, a road was laid out by the State from the "Ox Bow," so called, in township No. 9, in the 6th Range, to the "Aroostook road;" and although the inhabitants of that township

have expended a large amount of labor—perhaps to the extent of their ability—in opening the same, still it is hardly in a passable condition.

The settlement of that township was commenced in 1839, and although it is an excellent township for farming, and has the advantages of a milling establishment, with a water power sufficient to keep it in operation, yet owing to its isolated condition in regard to roads, instead of increasing, the settlement has been decreasing for the last few years. A small appropriation on that road, sufficient to make it passable for summer travel, would greatly serve to advance the settlement of upper Aroostook.

Nothing has been expended by the State on the Military road, the present season, although the bridge at the Forks of the Mattawam-keag was considerably affected by the operation of the ice freshet of last winter; and unless a small outlay of some fifty or sixty dollars shall be made in repairing the piers of that bridge the present winter, danger is apprehended that the bridge may be swept away by another similar freshet. The bridge is valuable, and should be saved by the timely action of the Legislature.

While I am aware of the liberality with which the State has furnished means for building roads and bridges, as an inducement for settlers to enter upon the public lands, still I am not prepared to recommend, at present, any better method for advancing the further settlement of those lands, than to continue the same liberal policy till the main thoroughfares leading through them shall have been completed.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the "times," public attention seems of late to have been directed to the subject of extending a railroad from Mattawamkeag, or some point on the Penobscot, to the Aroostook, or St. John river, as the best method of promoting the sale and settlement of the public lands.

On this subject, the Memorial of John A. Poor and others, addressed to the last Legislature, "asking that means may be adopted to promote the settlement and sale of the public lands of Maine," is replete with statistical information, and, as a public document, is worthy of the special consideration, not only of legislators, but of the people in general.

It is presumed that nothing further is expected to be done the

ensuing season, than to survey a route for the contemplated road, whereby statistics may be furnished for the consideration of some future Legislature.

Even that movement would have a tendency to stimulate those in want of homes, or such as are seeking opportunities to make a profitable investment of their capital, to enter at once upon the rich and beautiful lands of Aroostook.

The abundant crops raised the past season in that county, while there has been almost an entire failure of the same kinds of crops in the older counties, serve to demonstrate the fact, that for agricultural purposes alone, to say nothing of its lumbering and mineral resources, the county of Aroostook has hardly its equal in the State.

Under the present law regulating permits for cutting timber on the public lands, no material change as to the value of those lands can have taken place since the last annual report from this department. Permits have been given for seven six-ox teams, or their equivalent, to haul timber into the Penobscot waters, the present season, from the State lands in the following townships, viz: A, R. 2; 4, R. 13; 5 and 6, R. 16; and 4, R. 7, (W. E. L. S.;) and 3, R. 3, (N. B. K. P.)

Permission has also been granted to Franklin Adams "to cut and haul from township No. 3, in the 5th Range, N. B. K. P., twelve hundred thousand feet of pine timber," agreeably to a resolve of the last Legislature.

Some few applications were made early in the season for permits to cut timber on certain townships in the eastern ranges of townships in Aroostook county, but as yet no such permits have been taken out or granted. Owing to the depressed state of the timber market at St. John, there will probably be but a small amount of lumber, compared with the operations of former years, hauled into the Aroostook and St. John waters the present season.

The large amount cut on those waters last winter, from townships sold on securities still remaining unpaid in the Land office, rendered it necessary for me to employ an agent at St. John to take charge of the timber, and retain the State's lien upon the same till the stumpage should be adjusted on the several townships from which the lumber was taken. The small balance of timber on which

the stumpage remains due, is safely deposited in the Boom, where it must remain till spring.

Although the quantity of land sold to settlers in Aroostook county the present year has been small, still the settlement of that county is gradually advancing. The communications recently received at this office, from laboring men in different parts of the New England States, making inquiries in regard to the price and situation of the public lands, and giving assurance of their intention of seeking homes upon them, would seem to indicate a change in the current of emigration, which of late years has carried the mass of our young and enterprising men to California, or other sections of the "great west." The amount of land sold, as indicated by this report, does not, however, show the actual progress of settlement.

The custom has long prevailed, and still continues, to a certain extent, of entering upon lots and making improvements thereon, long before any application is made for them at the Land office, and although no particular injury is sustained by the State from this practice, still, as before remarked, the real progress of settlement is not indicated by the records of this office. Before the title passes from the State, lots are not unfrequently selected and passed by deed from one occupant, or speculator, to another, and conflicting claims set up to the same lot, which the parties expect to have adjusted through this office, adding to the already onerous duties of the Agent.

It may not be improper in this connection, to advert to other evils of still greater magnitude, since they serve more essentially to retard the settlement of the country; an evil, however, which it may be difficult entirely to remedy by acts of legislation.

I allude to the practice of selecting lots and taking out land certificates, not with the intention of making farms, but with the view of stripping the lumber therefrom, or of speculating out of the actual settler, by compelling him either to pay an advance, to be driven back from the advantages of society, or still further, to seek a home among the western prairies.

And in addition to these pernicious practices, land certificates are often applied for, and sometimes obtained, by persons not recognized under the provisions of the "settling act," such as foreigners not

naturalized, and men claiming and monopolizing some two, three or four lots, as the case may be, in the name of his wife, his minor children, or some distant friend. In this way, impositions are not unfrequently attempted, and in some instances practiced, upon the office, through the grasping cupidity of such as infest, to a greater or less degree, every community.

It has been my aim to guard the office against these impositions, but how well I may have succeeded the future will develope.

In order to adjust certain conflicting claims, and ascertain the amount of "settling duties" performed, I called to my aid the services of Joseph B. Hall, Esq., of Presque Isle, a gentleman well known, and acquainted with the settlers in that region, and gave him instructions to confer with the settling agents in townships No. 12 and 13, Range 3; D, Range 1; G and H, Range 2, and ascertain the amount of improvements, and by whom made, on each lot taken up or claimed in each of said townships, and not already conveyed, together with such facts connected therewith as should be deemed important to a proper adjustment of all conflicting claims, and to report the same to this department. In accordance with these instructions, an able and satisfactory report has been returned.

Our settling lands, under the existing law, are far from being a direct source of revenue to the treasury; for while the State is virtually giving away its lands to settlers, there is an annual cash expense attending the supervision of the road labor required under that law, additional to the expense of surveying the lands.

Still, so long as they furnish homes for a hardy and vigorous class of citizens, who are willing to subdue the primeval forest and turn the wilderness into well cultivated and fruitful fields, thus adding to the amount of real and taxable property, these small outlays and expenditures may, like "bread cast upon the waters," again be found "after many days."

Under the "resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement," passed by the Legislature of 1855, the lots surveyed in 1856 were deemed sufficient to supply the present wants of settlers; hence no further surveys of the settling lands have been made the present year. It may, however, be necessary to complete the unfinished surveys of townships G and I, Range 2, and 13, Range 3, the ensuing season.

In pursuance of the "resolve in relation to L, Range 2," approved March 13, 1857, I caused an examination to be made of said township by Hon. J. W. Stinchfield, of Lincoln, whose report was returned to this office on the 12th day of November, ultimo, (as per Appendix A.) And in accordance with the provisions of the resolve aforesaid, on the day last above named, I fixed the quantity of land to be set off to George W. Smith, when he shall have complied on his part with the conditions of the resolve, from the south and west parts of said township, according to the sketch accompanying Mr. Stinchfield's report, at 14,055 acres, at 37 cents per acre, reserving to the State the balance of said township, viz.: 10,401 acres, including all the settling lands on the State road, at 50 cents per acre.

As an act of legislation may be necessary for the future disposition of the State's interest in a certain lot of land called the "government lot," and being the site of Fort Kent, in township No. 18, Range 7, it may be proper, in this connection, to allude to that subject. It seems that on the 16th December, A. D. 1841, the land agents of Maine and Massachusetts leased to the United States of America the lot above named, containing about 100 acres, as surveyed by Silas Barnard, for the purpose of creeting fortifications thereon, on condition that the said United States "have and hold the same," &c., "to their sole use and benefit, so long as said premises shall be occupied and used as a military post by said United States, and no longer." And although the place was abandoned as a "military post" in 1843, yet the agent having the custody of the "government buildings" thereon, has also had the income of the farm, or lot on which the buildings were located, from that year to the present.

Under date of 16th March, 1857, a formal demand was made upon the War Department of the United States for the surrender of the lease aforesaid, and on the 27th of October, following, I received a communication from the Executive Department, saying that a surrender of the property had been ordered by the Quarter Master General, and directing me to call upon Mr. Dickey, agent for the government, and receive the property from him, for and in behalf of the State of Maine. (See Appendix B.)

In compliance with the Governor's directions, I communicated with Mr. Dickey through my agent, Col. David Page, of Fort Kent,

from whom I learned that Mr. Dickey chose to turn the property over to the Executive Department.

I subsequently sent a blank discharge for Mr. D. to sign, as agent for the government, and appended thereto a formal receipt for the property in behalf of the State, which was signed by me officially.

Under date of 20th December, inst., I received from Mr. Dickey a communication, in which he says:

"Some time since, I received an order from the Quarter Master's Department, directing me to surrender possession to the State of this property. I made the necessary papers of surrender, and a formal receipt for the Governor to sign and transmit to me. * * *

As you are the agent, you will find all the papers with the Governor, and a form of a receipt to be signed and sent to me."

An undivided half of this property is now claimed by virtue of a deed given by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to C. S. Clark, and W. H. McCrillis, in 1853. When the lease of the lot was made to the United States in 1841, the township of which that lot was a part, (viz., 18, R. 7,) belonged to Maine and Massachusetts, in common and undivided.

On the 12th of March, 1853, Massachusetts conveyed to said Clark and McCrillis, "the timber, wood, lumber, logs and grass standing, growing, or being" on 789 acres, estimated as her half of said township, (18, R. 7,) for the term of one hundred years. And on the 1st September, 1853, the Commonwealth conveyed the soil to said Clark and McCrillis, of "an undivided half of township numbered 18, in the 7th range, containing, exclusive of settlers' lots, 5,053 acres, more or less, as the same was surveyed by William Parrott, A. D. 1843," with the usual reservation of 500 acres for public uses, and "reserving also the lots to settlers, which have heretofore been conveyed, contracted, or bonded to settlers by said Commonwealth, or awarded to them by the report of the commissioners under the treaty of Washington, dated December 25, A. D. 1854.

On the 5th October, 1853, Massachusetts conveyed to Maine her interest in certain townships and tracts of land set forth in the deed, "together with all the right, title and interest of said Commonwealth to and in any other lands within the State of Maine, whether described or not described in this deed, not heretofore granted or

conveyed by said Commonwealth," and reserving "the fee of townships and tracts, the timber of which was sold to Cyrus S. Clark and William H. McCrillis, on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1853." These extracts from the deeds are sufficient, perhaps, to show in whom the title is vested.

The lot is valuable, not only for its improvements, but for its local situation; and it may be well for the Legislature to take some action in regard to the disposal of the State's interest in the premises.

The amount of cash paid into the treasury from this department the present year is \$54,251 89, (including payments for sales of public lots.)

And in addition to the sum last named, I turned over to the Treasurer, on the 31st of October, £3181 16s 6d, in sterling bills of exchange, equivalent to \$15,272 76, the net proceeds of which will, when collected, be placed to the credit of the land office.

These bills were taken by my agent at St. John, New Brunswick, as security for the payment of stumpage on lands, the notes given for which remain unpaid. The bills have been forwarded to England for collection, have there been accepted, and will doubtless, in the month of January, proximo, be paid into the treasury, but too late to be taken into the accounts of the present year.

Although the amount collected into this office the current year may compare unfavorably with the collections of the year preceding, still the disparity may be accounted for by a glance at the resolve approved March 22, 1856, which required payment in full of two classes of notes due the State, to be made on or before the 1st day of January, 1857, while it required the payment of only one-third on the remaining class of notes, on or before the 1st day of January, 1858.

Again, owing to the late monetary revulsions and business prostrations of the country, and indeed of the world, this has been an unpropitious year in which to enforce the payment of debts due the State. Still, by an indefatigable perseverance on the part of the debtors to the State, they have met the required payments on their notes, and there can remain no longer a doubt that the balance yet due will be promptly paid, and the lands for which the notes were given be saved from forfeiture.

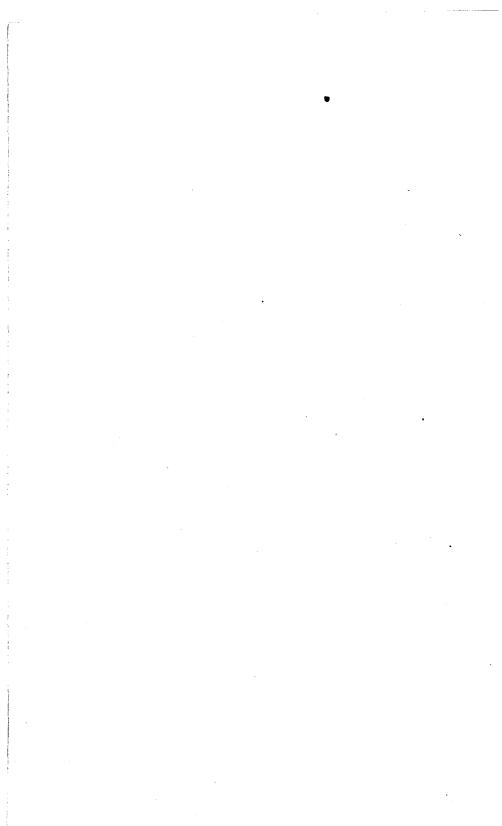
After the important reduction made in the amount of "bills receiv-

able" by the collections of the last two years, the avails of this office for the ensuing year cannot be expected to exceed \$50,000.

And although the State may still possess a wealth in her Timber lands, if properly husbanded, still it would seem to me an unwise policy to thrust them into the market at a time of financial embarrassments like the present, when no adequate consideration could be realized.

The result of my transactions in this department is herewith respectfully submitted.

NOAH BARKER, Land Agent.



APPENDIX.

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A.

J. W. STINCHFIELD'S REPORT.

To NOAH BARKER, Esq., Land Agent:

Sir:—Agreeably to your instructions, dated Sept. 16, 1857, I have carefully examined township L, R. 2, and to carry out the intention of the resolve referred to by you, I would recommend that there be set off to George W. Smith the south half of the township, excepting a tier of lots on each side of the road, of the same depth of those already run out, as far as the settlement extends, which is about one and a half miles from the centre.

This part of the township is mostly second and third quality soil, and wholly unfit for farming, about fifteen hundred acres without growth of any value; and to make out one-half the value of the township, as the resolve contemplates, take from the west half of the northwest quarter, running a line parallel with the west line to the centre.

This part of the township is generally of the same quality, soil and growth, as the south part; there are some hard wood ridges of moderate extent. There is no pine of value on this township, and the part of the township unfit for farming is valuable for spruce only, which is situated, on an average, a long distance from water suitable for floating the lumber to market. There is much spruce on this township, which is generally small, a large portion unfit for logs. The price of farming lands is fixed by a law of this State at fifty cents an acre, and I should judge the price should be the same on the part remaining of second and third quality soil, after

setting off Smith's part, for the reason that it is nearer navigable water than the part set off to him.

I should estimate the value of the land to be set off to said Smith at thirty-seven cents per acre.

(Signed,)

J. W. STINCHFIELD.

Nov. 12, 1857.

B.

Communication from the Executive to the Land Department.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, AUGUSTA, Oct. 26, 1857.

SIR:—I have received a communication from the Quartermaster General of the United States, under date of 20th October, inst., in which he says he has "directed the agent of the government, (William Dickey, Esq.) now in charge of the land occupied as the site of Fort Kent, to turn it over to whomsoever I may designate to receive it in behalf of the State."

You are hereby authorized and directed, without unnecessary delay, to call upon Mr. Dickey, and to receive from him the property aforesaid, for and in behalf of the State of Maine, and to execute in the same behalf any proper formal receipt therefor.

Please make due report of your doings in the premises, when the business shall have been completed, together with any suggestion concerning the property which you may think proper and useful.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS.

Hon. NOAH BARKER, A Land Agent.

Dr. State of Maine in account current with Noah Barker, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1857.

To cash paid incidental expenses, per schedule No. 1,	\$1,163 75	
To cash paid for surveys of timber, and protecting the		
public lands, per schedule No. 2,	2,604 65	
To cash paid for surveying land, including the accounts paid for surveys during 1856, per schedule No. 3,	3,126 54	
To eash paid for services on the settling lands, per	0,120 01	
schedule No. 4,	323 49	
To cash paid into the State Treasury, per schedule No. 5,	34,721 68	
To cash paid for taking care and adjusting stumpages due on timber at St. John, including payment for		
similar service rendered in 1856, per schedule No. 6,	1,978 13	
To cash paid bills of cost, per schedule No. 7,	25 00	
To cash paid office rent, per schedule No. 8,	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 250 & 00 \\ 18 & 72 \end{array} $	
To cash paid postage, per schedule No. 9, To cash paid Assistant Land Agents, per schedule No. 10,	1,111 87	
To cash paid into the treasury on account of the per-	_,	
manent school fund, per schedule No. 11,	7,670 36	
		52,994 19
To cash expended on roads and bridges, per resolves		
of the Legislature, viz:		
Road from No. 11 to Fort Fairfield,	1,485 85	
from Presque Isle to Violette Brook, in Grafton, Oxford county,	482 49 990 00	
Houlton and Baring,	400 00	
Fish River,	3,000 00	
Mattamiscontis,	1,000 00	
Per schedule No. 12,		7,358 34
To sundry balances, viz:	10.00	
C. G. Richardson, J. B. Wing,	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Jno. S. Patten,	110 27	
Sam'l Warner, Jr., Land Agent,	370 24	
E. C. Blake, Richard Lord,	1,000 00 25 00	
Springfield Road Fund,	70 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	2,000 00	
		3,674 25
To demands in the hands of Attorneys:		
Geo. M. Chase,	177 61	
J. A. Wood,	112 89	
John Hodgdon, Jno. McDonald,	$\begin{bmatrix} & 104 & 00 \\ & 2,177 & 68 \end{bmatrix}$	
James W. Bradbury,	1,680 32	· ·
R. M. Mills,	2,038 41	
		6,290 91
To cash advanced sundry persons, viz:		
Geo. W. Cummings,	75 00	
David Page,	550 00	
S. B. Pattee,	400 00	
Benj. H. Stuart, Wm. C. Averill,	25 00 25 00	
Per schedule No. 13,]	1,075 00
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Dr. State of Maine in account current with Noah Barker, Land Agent, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1857, (Con.)

To securities, funds, &c., on hand, viz:	}	
Executions,	\$1,638 04	
Road Fund, O. I. P., No. 2,	189 19	
Road Fund, 11, R. 5,	435 19	
School Fund,	22,864 92	
Bonds,	27,844 30	
Road Fund, 13, R. 6,	136 15	
" "F, R. 2,	1,324 82	
" " 5, R. 6,	425 73	
" " H, R. 2,	1,015 79	
" " D, R. 1,	3,475 87	
" " 6, R. 5,	534 72	
" 10, R. 5,	142 00	
" " 12, R. 3,	661 06	
" " E, R. 1,	60 12	
" " 3, R. 5,	2,871 92	
" 4, R. 5,	149 31	
" " G, R, 2,	116.18	
" " 4, R. 4,	441 50	
1, 10. 1,	441 00	64,402 06
To amount expended in road labor,	-	1,262 69
To notes,	158,406 10	. 1,202 00
To cash balance,	648 43	
		159,054 53
		\$296,111 97

Cr. State of Maine in account current with Noah Barker, Land Agent, for the year ending December 31, 1857.

By securities in Land Office, December 31, 1856, viz:		
Executions,	\$1,638 04	
Bonds,	27,844 30	
School Fund,	29,719 05	
Road Fund, 2, I. P.,	189 19	
" 11, R. 5,	561 85	
" " 13, R. 6,	691 34	
" " 5, R. 6,	425 73	
" " H, R. 2,	1,292 92	
" " F, R. 2,	628 64	
" " D, R. 1,	3,575 87	
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υ, τι, υ,	2,890 79	
" 4, R. 5,	149 31	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		71,004 98
By notes,		183,055 55
By sundry balances, viz:		
C. G. Richardson,	12 00	
J. B. Wing,	86 74	
Jno. S. Patten,	110 27	į
Samuel Warner, Jr.,	370 24	
E. C. Blake,	1,000 00	İ
Richard Lord,	25 00	
Springfield Road Fund,	70 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	2,000 00	1
Common wearing of massachasetts,	2,000 00	3,674 25
By demands in the hands of Attorneys, viz:		0,011 20
George M. Chase,	177 61	
	112 89	
J. A. Wood,	104 00	
Jno. Hodgdon,	2,177 68	
Jno. McDonald,	1,680 32	
J. W. Bradbury,		
R. M. Mills,	2,038 41	
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By sundry balances, viz:		ŀ
Daniel Cummings,	522 00	1
Noah Barker,	659 00	
Jeremiah Foster,	230 00	}
P. P. Burleigh,	155 00	
-		1,566 00
By cash balance,	1	16,205 47
By cash received for sundry articles sold by Road	}	
Agents,	-	74 80
By cash received of late Land Agent, for lot No. 14,	ļ	1.200
E. D., Washington county,	i	155 00
By amount received in road labor, notes for lots con-	Ì	100 00
		1 909 90
veyed on certificates, &c.,		1,393 80
By sales of lands reverted,		265 98
By cash received for interest collected on securities in		0 0== 00
the Land Office,)	9,675 66
By cash collected for stumpage,		2,74 9 6 2
•	l	
	(\$296,111 97
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Receipts of Cash from all sources during the year ending December 31, 1857.

	1	
By balance from last year,		\$16,205 4
By cash received on permanent school fund,	1	6,854 18
By cash received for articles sold by road agents,		74 80
By cash received for timber stumpage,	1	2,648 84
By cash received for notes—principal,	1	25,152 05
By cash received for interest on notes, &c.,	1	9,685 3
By cash received for sales of land under resolves,	1 1	212 56
By cash received for sales of land reverted,		100 00
By cash of sundry persons refunded, viz:		
Jno. M. Wilson,	100 00	
W. A. Gould.	358 30	•
A. O. Ingersoll,	200 00	
Mark Barker,	150 00	i
Daniel Barker,	545 48	· ·
D. R. Stockwell,	300 00	
G. W. Cummings,	50 00	
Joseph Parker,	34 28	
Samuel Wasson,	1,476 17	
I. R. Clark,	725 00	
J. W. Stinchfield,	100 00	
Daniel Cummings,	522 00	
P. P. Burleigh,	155 00	
Jeremiah Foster.	230 00	
Noah Barker.	659 00	
H. Clark,	25 00	
Alvin Haynes,	108 01	
N. H. Sawtelle,	135 78	
Spencer Arnold,	3,271 27	
		9,145 2
		\$70,078 4

Disbursements of Cash during the year ending Dec. 31, 1857.

	1		
To cash paid incidental expenses,		\$1,163	
To cash paid State Treasurer,		34,721	
Io cash paid same on account permanent school fund,		7,670	
To cash paid surveys of land,		3,126	54
To cash transferred from notes to interest account,		502	61
To cash paid office rent,		250	00
Fo cash paid Assistant Land Agents,	1	1,112	37
To cash paid postage,		18	72
To cash paid interest on Simmons' notes,		21	
To cash paid protecting timber and collecting stumpage			
at St. John,		1,978	13
To cash paid expenditures on roads and bridges, viz:			
Road from No 11 to Fort Fairfield,	1,485 85		
" from Presque Isle to St. John River, near			
Violette Brook,	482 49		
" in Grafton, Oxford county,	990 00		
" Houlton and Baring,	400 00		
"Fish River,	3,000 00		
" Mattamiscontis.	1,000 00		
reactamiscontis,	1,000 00	7,358	0.4
To cash advanced sundry persons, viz:		7,000	04
Alvin Haynes,	108 01		
Jno. M. Wilson,	100 00		
D. R. Stockwell,	300 00		
H. Clark,	25 00		
N. H. Sawtelle,	85 00		
D. Page,	550 00		
Samuel Wasson	1,326 17		
Daniel Barker,	545 48		
I. R. Clark,	725 00		
Geo. W. Cummings,	125 00		
J. W. Stinchfield.	100 00		
S. B. Pattee,	400 00		
W. A. Gould,	358 30		
Joseph Parker,	34 28		
A. O. Ingersoll,	200 00		
Arnold & Wasson,	878 54		
Mark Baker,	150 00		
Benjamin Stuart,	25 00		
W. C. Averill,	25 00		
Spencer Arnold,	2,492 32		
Spender Mindia,	2,102 02	8,553	10
Cash balance,]	69,430	
Cash Dalance,		648	42
		\$70,078	47

Trial Balance, December 31, 1857.

Folio.		Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
H	Accounts.	Footings.	Footings.	Balances.	Balances.
	George M. Chase, .	\$177 61	- 1	\$177 61	_
	J. A. Wood,	112 89	-	112 89	_
	Executions,	1,638 04	-	1,638 04 189 19	
8	Road Fund, No. 2, O. I. P., Jno. Hodgdon,	189 19 104 00		104 00	
9	C. G. Richardson,	12 00	_ {	12 00	_
11	Ino. McDonald.	2,177 68		2,177 68	_
12	J. W. Bradbury, .	1,680 32	- 1	1,680 32	_
	Road Fund, 11, R. 5,	561 85	\$126 66	435 19	
	School Fund,	37,389 41	14,524 49	22,864 92	_
	Mattamiscontis Road, Jno. B. Wing,	1,000 00 86 74	_	1,000 00 86 74	_
24	Bonds,	27,844 30	_	27,844 30	
26	State of Maine.		281,797 11	´ -	\$281,797 11
32	Road Fund, 13, R. 6, Road Fund, F, R. 2,	691 34	555 19	136 15	_
34	Road Fund, F, R. 2,	1,324 82	-	1,324 82	-
37	Road Fund, 5, R. 6,	425 73	- /	$\begin{array}{cccc} 425 & 73 \\ 110 & 27 \end{array}$	_
	Jno. S. Patten, Postage,	$110 \ 27 \ 18 \ 72$	_	18 72	_
	Supplies,	- 10 12	74 80		74 80
	Office Rent, .	250 00	_	250 00	_
	Road Fund, H, R. 2,	1,292 92	277 13	1,015 79	-
48	Road Fund, D, R. I,	3,648 37	172 50	3,475 87	-
49	S. Warner, Jr., Land Agt, Road Fund, 6, R. 5,	$ \begin{array}{rrr} 370 & 24 \\ 534 & 72 \end{array} $		$\begin{vmatrix} 370 & 24 \\ 534 & 72 \end{vmatrix}$	-
53	Geo. W. Cummings, .	75 00		75 00	_
	Assistant Land Agent,	1,111 87	_	1,111 87	-
55	Fish River Road, .	3,000 00		3,000 00	-
57	Settling Land, .	292 49	=	292 49	-
	Road Labor, .	1,301 19	38 50	$1,262 69 \ 2,000 00$	_
	State of Massachusetts, Houlton and Baring Road,	2,000 00 400 00	_	400 00	_
63	Road Fund, 10, R. 5,	142 00	_	142 00	_
65	R. M. Mills,	2,038 41	- 1	2,038 41	
	E. C. Blake, .	1,000 00		1,000 00	* *
78	State Treasury,	42,392 04 70 00	• -	42,392 04 70 00	
79	Springfield Road Fund, Road from Presque Isle	10 00	-	10 00	
•	to Violette Brook, .	482 49	-	482 49	-
	Road Fund, 12, R. 3,	661 06	-	661 06	-
	Richard Lord,	25 00	-	25 00	-
84	Road from 11, R. 5, to Ft. Fairfield,	1,485 85	_ }	1,485 85	_
92	Surveys of Timber, .	2,969 85	_	2,969 85	_
	Road Fund, E, R. 1,	60 12	-	60 12	. .
103	Sales of Land, .		1,393 80		1,393 80
	Surveys of Land,	3,126 54	005 00	3,126 54	265 98
	Lands Reverted, .	2,941 42	265 98 69 50	2,871 92	200 00
120	Road Fund, 3, R. 5, . Road Fund, 4, R. 5, .	149 31	-	149 31	-
	Interest,	21 40	9,697 06	- 1	9,675 66
132	Charges,	2,009 56	-	2,009 56	-
133	Road Fund, G, R, 2,	116 18	-	116 18	-
	David Page,	550 00	2,749 62	550 00	2,749 62
	Timber, Road Fund, 4, R. 4,	441 50	4,149 04	441 50	2,120 02
	Cash,	70,078 48	69,430 05	648 43	_
139	Road Fund, 12, R. 4,	75 25	-	75 25	-
140	S. B. Pattee,	400 00	-	400 00	-
	Collections, .	798 12	- 1	798 12	_
	Road in Grafton, .	990 00 25 00	_ 1	990 00 25 00	_
141	Benj. H. Stuart,	25 001		25 001	

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Trial Balance, December 31, 1857, (Continued.)

Folio.	Accounts.		Debit Footings.		Credit Footings		Debit Balances.		Credit Balances.
144	Wm. C. Averill, Notes, Bills of Cost, Sales of Land under	•	25 183,558 25	16	25,152 —	06	25 158,406 25	10	- -
	Resolves, .	•	·		155	00		_	155 00
			\$406,479	45	\$406,479	45	\$296,111	97	\$296,111 97

APPENDIX

Schedule A.

Lands conveyed for cash, under Resolves.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Am't Rec'd.	Remarks.
66 66 66 66	Reuben S. Prescott, Caleb P. Barker, Thomas Barker, Oliver Woodsum, Alfred Miller, John S. Patten, Same, Same, Alice Robbins,	Bradley, Burlington,	14, R. 6, 15, R. 6, 18, R. 7, 16, R. 6, 2, R. 8, 7, R. 9, 12, River Lot,	282.80 100 100 100 100 104.88 105 104 95	25 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 25 00	do. do. do. do. do. do.

Schedule B.

Lands conveyed for Road Labor and Road Securities, during 1857.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Am't Rec'd.	Remarks.
January 22, April 21, June 30,	Ellis M. Burgess, E. R. Foster, Lyman Darling, Jr., Isaac W. Robinson, George F. Robinson, Elisha T. Robinson, Charles Morgridge,	D, R. 1, 3, R. 5, 4, R. 4, ""	21, S. half 44, 87, 30, 42, 18, 6,	149 101.26 160 160 160 124 115.50	80 00 80 00 80 00 62 00	U. D. L. C.
July 14, August 29,	Stephen Thorn, Daniel Chandler, Jeremiah Trueworthy,	12, R. 4, F, R. 2,	6, 41, 59, 69,	163.50 150.60 159	75 30 79 50	" U. D.
Sept. 18,	Israel J. Todd, William C. Greenlaw, William C. Greenlaw, Jr., Daniel Darling, Joseph Baston,	G, R. 2, F, R. 2, 6, R. 5,	3, Sec. 36, \$ 81, N. D., 81, M. D., 65,	155.36 117.38 188.74 176.96 164.37	58 69 94 37	L. C. " U. D. "
				2,245.67	\$1,120 84	

Schedule C.

Lands conveyed by Deed on the Surrender of outstanding Certificates, during 1857.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.	Remarks.
" 22, " 22, " 23, " 23, October 8, " 29, December 3,	M. L. Gerry, S. B. Bearce, Luther Butler, Hiram Stevens, Almon S. Richards, James Thompson, Towle & Parsons, George A. Baston, Abraham Baston,	3, R. 5, 11, R. 5, 11, R. 5, D, R. 1, D, R. 1, 13, R. 6, Chester, 6, R. 5, 6, R. 5,	H, 11, 65, 107, 124, 16, 26, 6,	101.66	James Berryman's L. C. N. Blake's L. C. E. Betham's L. C.

Lands conveyed under Resolves of the Legislature, during the year 1857.

SCHEDULE D.

Date.	Purchasers.	Township.	Lot.	Acres.		Ren	aarks.	
April 15, Nov. 11, " 14, " 14,	Abigail O'Brien, John Parrs, Thomas S. Roberts, Silas Coburn, Jr., B. H. Chesley, C. F. A. Johnston & al., Same, Same, Same, Same, Hannah Murphy,	C, R. 1, City Portland, C, R. 1, 4, R. 5, B, R. 1, 4, Ind. Pur.,	72, House Lot, 84, N. half 43, S. half 43, 10, 22, 61, 63, 68, 61, (part,)	199 - 193.27 80.74 80.74 159.76 161.25 213.80 175.86 167.75 200 1,632.17	66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66	Approved	April March March March March Same. Same. Same.	14, 1856 14, 1857 30, 1857 16, 1857 16, 1857 14, 1855 18, 1856

Schedule E.

Timber and Grass Sold.

Date.	Purchasers.	То	wnship.	Acres.	Price.
January 7,	James C. Madigan,	B, R. 2,	W. E. L. S.,	960	\$96 00
" 7,	Same,	D, R. 2, E, R. 2,	4.6	1,054	105 40
" 7,	Same,	E, R. 2,	"	600	60 00
" 5,	D. M. Howard and al.,	3, R. 5,	46	960	250 00
" 10,	D. B. Hinckley,	4, R. 12, (E. ½,)	46	500	250 00
" 14,	Hinckley & Egery and als.,	5, R. 15, (S. ½ &		750	150 00
" 14,	S. F. Hersey,	2, R. 3, (N. ½,)	"	480	75 00
" 13,	Nathan Longfellow,	25, E. Div. Wasl	hington county,	960	240 00
" 13,	George Walker,	18, "	"	680	85 00
" 13,	Same,	19,	46	960	120 00
44 14,	Samuel F. Hersey,	7, R. 5,	W. E. L. S,,	480	25 00
" 14,	R. S. Prescott,	A, R. 11,	"	1,000	100 00
" 14,	Same,	B, R. 11,	"	1,000	100 00
u 14,	Same,	7, R. 5,	"	480	25 00
" 22,	Hastings Strickland,	5, R. 9,	""	500	125 00
" 1,	George W. Smith,	L, R. 2,	. "	500	100 00
" 10,	John Demeritt,	4. R. 11, (1,)	"	500	250 00
10,	D. Hammond & Hastings,	$4, R. 11, (\frac{7}{4},)$	"	250	125 00
10,	Bradley & Boynton,	$4, R. 11, (\frac{1}{4},)$	"	250	125 00
" 15,	E. S. Coe,	6, R. 12,	"	1,000	150 00
" 15,	Same,	5, R. 11,	"	1,000	150 00
" 15,	Same,	5, R. 15, (N. W	· 1 ,) "	250	50 00
" 1 <u>5</u> ,	Same,	7, R. 14, (S. E.	4,) "	250	50 00
" 1,	St. John Smith,	18, R. 4,	"	1,500	150 00
" 1,	Same,	18, R. 5,	44	1,400	150 00
« 1,	Same,	17, R. 3,	44	1,000	100 00

SCHEDULE E, (Continued.)

Date.		Purchasers.	Township.	Acres.	Price.
Da January "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""	1, 20,	St. John Smith, Cyrus S. Clark, John & M. L. Appleton, Bradley & Boynton, Thomas Howe, Same, Hinckley & Egery, Same, W. H. McCrillis, Same, Shepard Cary, Same, St. John Smith, Same,	17, R. 4, W. E. L. S., 8, R. 6, (N. ½,) " 11, R. 4, (E. ½ & N. W. ½,) " 8, R. 8, (¼,) " 15, R. 6, (W. ½,) " 10, R. 4, (W. ½ and S. E. ¼,) " 10, R. 11, " 9, R. 10, " 15, R. 7, (W. ½,) " 8, R. 8, (¾,) " 13, R. 13, " 12, R. 13, (S. ½,) " 15, R. 10, " 15, R. 10, " 15, R. 10, " 16, R. 11, " 16, R. 12, " 16, R. 12, " 16, R. 10, " 16, R. 11, " 11, R. 15, "	750 500 750 250 500 750 1,000 1,000 500 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000	\$100 00 55 00 100 00 25 00 75 00 100 00 75 00 150 00 100 00 100 00 125 00 187 50 125 00 100 00 150 00 150 00 150 00
February "	5, "	St. John Smith, Franklin Smith, Same, Same,	10, R. 3, 1, R. 2, 2, R. 2, 1, R. 3,	$1,000 \\ 480 \\ 640 \\ 480$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
		, Same 5,	1, 10. 0,	37,614	\$5,500 9