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STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the Annual Report of the State Commissioner for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors for the year 1866, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to Report that the usual number of copies thereof be printed.

Per order.

CHARLES E. WELD.

IN SENATE, January 25, 1866.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1867. }

Read and concurred.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*

STATE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

*To the Honorable Governor and
the Executive Council of Maine:*

I herewith submit to you, as by law required, my Fifth Annual Report.

In conducting the business of the State Liquor Commission another year, I have endeavored to carry out the clear intent of the law, and have furnished to the City and Town Agencies in this State, pure analyzed liquors, whenever legitimately ordered. Special care has been taken to purchase for the agencies such liquors as are suitable for the purposes contemplated and at the lowest market price. And I believe that satisfaction has generally been given.

Prices have not been stable and will be liable to fluctuate with the rise and fall of gold as well as from other causes. There has been quite a heavy business done in domestic liquors on which evidently no revenue tax was ever paid, and they have sometimes been sold much below the market value of sound and reliable articles obtained from legitimate sources. But it has not been safe to deal in them, if it were honorable and just to do so, and a large portion of them on examination have been found to be crude and very imperfect, and therefore excluded from all agencies properly conducted.

The town agencies generally, are well managed, and I judge to the satisfaction of the communities where they are located. But I regret occasion to state that, to this general fact, there have been some exceptions, and the law, which requires that all liquors purchased for town agencies shall be analyzed and certified to be pure by a competent Assayist, has been openly violated and set aside. The instances, however, of persistent violation are few, and less, perhaps, than might be expected, when it is considered how many are engaged in effecting sales of cheap and gross adulterations in every part of the State, the heavy bribes offered and the various methods adopted to bias and mislead those who have charge of

agencies, to secure their patronage. It is to be hoped that the Municipal Boards, responsible in these cases, may yet be induced to set the matter right and correct an inconsistency so palpable and repugnant to every sentiment of obligation and honor.

That there is a growing sentiment favorable to the State Commission is apparent from the annual increase of the orders made upon it, and from the fact that only a single town in the State has drawn on the State Commission of Massachusetts during the year past.

And it is gratifying to note that, notwithstanding the remoteness of so many towns from this office, the annual changes in the Municipal Board and the appointment of new agents, the business relations between them and the State Commission have uniformly been of a most pleasant and agreeable character. To the friends of temperance and good order the fact will be as gratifying as it is creditable to those who have the supervision of our agencies, that no fancy liquors are ordered for them, and only such as are held to be necessary for medicinal and manufacturing purposes, as will appear from my account of sales included in this report.

EATON SHAW, *Commissioner*.

PORTLAND, December 24, 1866.

*Statement of Sales to Cities and Towns for the year ending Nov.
30, 1866.*

Town of Abbot,	\$538 99	Town of Madison,	\$303 95
“ Albion,	468 79	“ Mercer,	292 94
“ Andover,	683 08	“ Minot,	1,014 23
“ Athens,	918 37	Pl'nt. of Monhegan,	20 70
“ Auburn,	2,678 82	Town of Monmouth,	848 51
“ Avon,	984 28	“ Mt. Vernon,	912 52
City of Bangor,	2,592 03	“ Naples,	584 61
“ Bath,	4,005 27	“ New Gloucester,	817 89
“ Belfast,	915 85	“ New Sharon,	383 06
Town of Bethel,	1,823 76	“ Newport,	1,038 30
“ Bingham,	338 98	“ Norridgewock,	1,157 84
“ Bowdoin,	1,069 47	“ Norway,	1,835 14
“ Bowdoinham,	989 79	“ Oxford,	754 78
“ Buckfield,	1,405 45	“ Palermo,	396 23
“ Brunswick,	3,236 29	“ Palmyra,	859 99
“ Burnham,	485 43	“ Parkman,	129 44
“ Canaan,	1,099 13	“ Paris,	1,710 99
“ Canton,	575 12	“ Phillips,	1,174 38
“ Chesterville,	300 82	“ Pittsfield,	866 17
“ Clinton,	1,080 31	“ Poland,	600 16
“ Cornish,	1,046 12	“ Porter,	498 11
“ Cornville,	328 02	City of Portland,	2,832 11
“ Danville,	791 01	Town of Raymond,	71 54
“ Dexter,	3,113 22	“ Readfield,	2,060 09
“ Dover,	718 07	“ Richmond,	715 87
“ East Livermore,	1,338 20	City of Rockland,	2,108 31
“ Fairfield,	630 84	Town of Rumford,	912 65
“ Fayette,	352 78	“ Saco,	881 38
“ Farmington,	1,590 12	Pl'nt. of Sandy River,	355 41
“ Foxcroft,	302 47	Town of Skowhegan,	3,284 46
“ Freeport,	404 21	“ Smithfield,	803 72
City of Gardiner,	2,658 58	“ Solon,	216 42
Town of Gorham,	773 45	“ Starks,	544 75
“ Greene,	635 86	“ Strong,	451 80
“ Greenwood,	1,254 56	“ St. Albans,	746 40
“ Hartland,	198 96	“ Sumner,	564 52
City of Hallowell,	579 21	“ Troy,	764 79
Town of Harmony,	747 76	“ Turner,	498 97
“ Hebron,	305 01	“ Vienna,	545 36
“ Jonesborough,	852 66	“ Warren,	446 06
“ Kingfield,	483 24	“ Waterville,	1,700 83
“ Leeds,	368 21	“ Wayne,	1,098 33
City of Lewiston,	3,802 70	“ Webster,	1,077 88
Town of Limington,	161 27	“ Winthrop,	837 77
“ Lisbon,	681 13	“ Wilton,	1,892 41
“ Livermore,	481 90	“ Woodstock,	213 52
“ Lovell,	180 35	“ Wiscasset,	1,011 22
“ Machias,	2,345 79		

RECAPITULATION.

Gross amount of sales,	\$96,152 24
Commissions,	5,069 60

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Rent, license, taxes and insurance,	635 62
Salary of clerks, stationery, revenue and post-office stamps,	1,624 01
Analyses, freight, cartage, fuel, &c.,	800 94

\$3,060 57