

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE VARIOUS

Public Officers and Institutions

FOR THE YEAR

1892.

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1892.

REPORT

OF THE

LAND AGENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

November 30, 1889.



REPORT.

LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1889.

To the Honorable Governor and Council:

In compliance with the provisions of the laws of Maine the Land Agent has the honor to submit this, his annual report for the year ended November 30, 1889.

Schedule A exhibits the conveyances to "Actual Settlers" on the surrender of outstanding certificates. There are now forty of these land certificates yet outstanding, containing five thousand five hundred sixty-nine and fifty-eight one-hundredths acres (5,569.58).

Schedule B shows the conveyances to the Swedish immigrants on surrender of their land certificates issued under acts to promote immigration and to facilitate the settlement of the public lands, approved March 23, 1873. There are yet ten of these certificates that have not been returned for deeds.

Schedule C exhibits lands conveyed under resolves of the legislature.

Schedule D contains a list of deeds of lands sold for cash by order of the Governor and Council. There are probably a few lots yet unfit for settlement that will be disposed of in the same way, but probably not desirable for settlement or lumber.

Schedule E exhibits the sales of islands under direction of the Governor and Council. The repeated calls for information about the titles to islands on the coast is somewhat perplexing. Inquirers evidently think that there is somewhere a schedule of all the islands on the coast and that they can easily ascertain whether the State claims any title or not. All the islands not previously sold, and that were considered to be of any value, were scheduled by Maine and Massachusetts in 1822 and divided between the states as provided in the act of separation. Those islands have all been sold, and the islands remaining were not considered of any value and no list or

schedule of them was ever taken or filed in any department of the State.

Schedule F contains a list of certificates for two hundred acres of land each, issued to soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers of the Revolutionary War under resolves of March 17, 1835 and March 26, 1836, and which have never been surrendered for deeds.

Schedule G exhibits the land now under contract to settlers who are entitled to deeds when they comply with the conditions of the act regulating the sales of land for settlement.

The legislature of last winter passed a resolve making an additional appropriation "to complete the work of preparing and distributing certified copies of the plans" now in the land office. This action ensures the completion of this very desirable work.

The same body also passed a resolve in favor of settlers in Madawaska territory, making an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars to pay for the lands now occupied by settlers to which they have no deed, and also pay for surveying these lands and pay the expenses of the commissioners appointed under said act. The Governor appointed as commissioners George I. Trickey, M. Newman Drew and George H. Smith. They bought in the name of the State some sixty thousand acres of land lying in townships No. 18 R. 4 (Madawaska), 18 R. 5 (Frenchville) and 18 R. 6 and 7 (Fort Kent). Surveys were commenced as soon as the purchases were completed (the first of August) and nearly all the occupied land was lotted before winter. These bills could not be settled in season for this report but must be carried over to next year. The commissioners will as soon as may be, fix on the terms upon which the Land Agent will deliver deeds to these parties.

CYRUS A. PACKARD, *Land Agent.*

APPENDIX.

DR. STATE OF MAINE *in account with* CYRUS A. PACKARD, *Land Agent, for the Year Ending November 30, 1889.*

To cash paid on account of charges—Schedule No 1.....	\$299 19	
postage—Schedule No. 2.....	5 00	
		\$304 19
into State Treasury on account of reserved lands—Schedule No. 3	-	412 43
To cash securities, viz:		
Notes	\$6,680 85	
School fund.....	1,285 94	
		7,966 79
Cash balance	-	114 29
		\$8,797 70

CR. STATE OF MAINE *in account with* CYRUS A. PACKARD, *Land Agent, for the Year Ending November 30, 1889.*

By cash securities in Land Office Nov. 30, 1888, viz:		
Cash balance	\$ 167 09	
Notes	6,680 85	
School fund.....	1,285 94	
		\$8,133 88
By cash received from miscellaneous sources, viz:		
From sales of land	\$161 39	
islands	90 00	
stumpage of timber cut on reserved lands.....	412 43	
		663 82
		\$8,797 70

LAND AGENT'S REPORT.

*Receipts of Cash from all Sources During the Year Ending
November 30, 1889.*

By cash balance December 1, 1888.....	\$167 09	
received for sale of land	161 39	
islands.....	90 00	
timber cut on reserved lands.....	412 43	
	\$830 91	\$830 91

Disbursements of Cash During the Year Ending November 30, 1889.

To cash paid on account of charges.....	\$299 19	
postage	5 00	
	\$304 19	\$304 19
into State Treasury on account of reserved lands	-	412 43
Cash balance	-	114 29
	\$830 91	\$830 91

Trial Balance November 30, 1889.

Folio.	Accounts.	Debit footings.	Credit footings.	Debit balances.	Credit balances.
9	Postage	\$5 00	-	\$5 00	
33	School fund.....	1,285 94	-	1,285 94	
42	Sales of land	-	\$161 39	-	\$161 39
46	Charges.....	299 19	-	299 19	
48	Reserved lands.....	-	412 43	-	412 43
50	Balances	-	8,133 88	-	8,133 88
51	Notes	6,680 85	-	6,680 85	
52	State Treasury	412 43	-	412 43	
53	Sales of islands.....	-	90 00	-	90 00
54	Cash	830 91	716 62	114 29	
		\$9,514 32	\$9,514 32	\$8,797 70	\$8,797 70

Bills Receivable, November 30, 1889.

Promisors.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.	Interest paid.	Principal paid.	Principal due.	Residence.
NOTES.							
Bragg and Sons.....	Nov. 16, 1869 ..	1870	\$234 96	-	-	\$234 96	Bangor.
Butler, Luther.....	Jan. 1, 1850 ..	1851	315 90	-	-	315 90	Ashland.
Cary, S., et al.....	Mar. 29, 1843 ..	1844	500 00	-	-	500 00	Houlton.
Same.....	Mar. 29, 1843 ..	1845	500 00	-	-	500 00	Houlton.
Cary, Wm. H., Jr....	Mar. 1, 1853 ..	1855	520 78	\$104 20	\$144 29	367 49	Houlton.
Same.....	Mar. 1, 1853 ..	1856	520 78	-	-	520 78	Houlton.
Fish, Ira, et al.....	Apr. 14, 1828 ..	1828	203 25	172 85	-	203 25	Patten.
Greenbush, town of ..	Nov. 28, 1851 ..	1851	800 00	-	-	800 00	
Hammond, Joseph...	Sept. 11, 1846 ..	1846	61 25	-	-	61 25	Lincoln.
Same.....	Sept. 11, 1846 ..	1847	61 25	-	-	61 25	Lincoln.
Hussey, Putnam & Co	Jan. 5, 1844 ..	1844	83 75	-	24 62	59 13	Houlton.
Jones, J. W. & T. D.,	May 14, 1851 ..	1851	550 00	-	50 00	500 00	Ellsworth.
Libby, Amzl.....	Dec. 1, 1841 ..	1844	15 00	-	-	15 00	Burlington.
Pratt, Job, et al....	Nov. 16, 1844 ..	1845	30 00	-	-	30 00	Chester.
Same.....	Nov. 16, 1844 ..	1846	30 00	-	-	30 00	Chester.
Smith, B. D., et al..	July 28, 1841 ..	1841	333 00	-	270 00	63 00	Houlton.
Sutton, A. B.....	Aug. 19, 1869 ..	1869	1,010 94	-	-	1,010 94	Orono.
Wentworth, Moses ..	Dec. 3, 1830 ..	1831	59 50	20 12	-	59 50	Ellsworth.
Same.....	Dec. 3, 1830 ..	1832	59 50	20 12	-	59 50	Ellsworth.
Same.....	Dec. 3, 1830 ..	1833	59 50	20 12	-	59 50	Ellsworth.
Same.....	Dec. 3, 1830 ..	1834	59 50	20 12	-	59 50	Ellsworth.
Whittaker, Collins...	Jan. 15, 1849 ..	1853	1,160 90	139 30	-	1,160 90	St John, N. B.
						\$6,680 85	
SCHOOL FUND.							
Fish, Ira D.....	Oct. 30, 1848 ..	1848	54 00	-	-	\$ 54 00	Patten.
Johnston, Dan'l, et al.	Apr. 27, 1841 ..	1841	250 00	-	-	250 00	Prov. of N. B.
McAllister, Abiel ...	Apr. 9, 1841 ..	1841	300 00	-	-	300 00	Masardis.
Tracey, S., et al.....	May 20, 1843 ..	1843	363 30	-	-	363 30	Greenville.
Wadleigh, Ira, et al ..	Jan. 18, 1844 ..	1845	318 64	-	-	318 64	Old Town.
						\$1,285 94	

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE A.

Lands Conveyed by Deed to Actual Settlers, on the Surrender of Outstanding Certificates, During the Year Ending November 30, 1889.

Date.	Grantee.	Residence.	No. of Lot.	Township	Acres.	Remarks.	Original Contracts.
1889.							
Feb 20 ...	Floris St. Peter.....	Caribou.....	123	I, R. 2	141.00	U. D.	Zachariah Doody, Nov. 28, 1875.
Sept 30 ..	Emily C. Reed	Ashland	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 43	11, R. 5	124.75	U. D.	Levi White, April 18, 1871.

SCHEDULE B.

Lands Conveyed to Swedish Immigrants under Acts Approved March 23, 1870, February 24, 1871, February 20, 1872, and January 25, 1873.

Date.	Grantee.	Residence.	Number of Lot.	Township.	Acres.	Remarks.	Original Contracts.
1889.							
Feb 20 ...	Moses Mortenson	New Sweden ..	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 129	15, R 3	122.77	U. D.	Nils Nilson, Nov. 27, 1871. Grantee, Nov. 7, 1871.
Feb. 20....	Nils Nilson	New Sweden...	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 129	15, R 3	122.77	U. D.	

SCHEDULE C.

Lands Conveyed under Resolves of the Legislature for the Year Ending November 30, 1889.

Date.	Grantee.	Residence.	Number of Lot.	Township.	Acres.	Remarks
1889.						
March 6 ...	New Sweden	-	17½	15, R. 3	51.17	Resolve, Feb. 23, 1889.
March 6 ...	Greenwood Runnels.	Woodland.	143	14, R. 3	193.53	Resolve, March 23, 1889.
March 6 ...	John Borgeson	New Sweden	78½	15, R. 3	111.83	Resolve, Feb. 28, 1889.

SCHEDULE D.

Lands Conveyed for Cash During the Year Ending November 30, 1889.

Date.	Purchaser.	Residence.	No. of Lot.	Location.	Acres	Amount	Remarks.
1889.							
Feb 19 ...	Goodwin & Hackett ...	Caribou	62	15, R. 3	138.72	\$75 00	Order of Council, Oct. 16, 1888.
Feb. 20 ..	H. C. Fales	Caribou	126	1, R. 2	175.41	61 39	Order of Council, Oct 16, 1888.
May 16 ...	N. D. Smith	Masardis	77	10, R. 5	145.00	25 00	Order of Council, April 26, 1889.

SCHEDULE E.

Islands Conveyed for Cash During the Year Ending November 30, 1889.

Date.	Purchaser.	Name of Island.	Location.	Amount.	Remarks.
1888.					
Dec. 11	M. H. Ferguson	Malaga	Phippsburg	\$5 00	Order of Council, Nov. 22, 1888.
1889.					
March 7	J G Reed	Smutty Nose	Brooklin	5 00	Order of Council, March 6, 1889.
March 7	Arthur Kehail	Upper Mark	Westport	5 00	Order of Council, March 6, 1889.
March 7	E B. Mallett, Jr.	Pound of Tea	Freeport	25 00	Order of Council, March 6, 1889.
March 7	M C. Brooks	Whittum	Westport	5 00	Order of Council, March 6, 1889.
March 7	E. C. Brown	Nettle Island	Muscle Ridge	5 00	Order of Council, March 6, 1889.
March 7	John Woodward	Eben and Cushing	South Thomaston	20 00	Order of Council, Feb 21, 1889.
March 11	United States	Goose Rocks	-	-	Resolve, Feb. 12, 1889.
March 11	United States	Clark's Ledge	-	-	Resolve, March 8, 1889.
May 2	H. S. Spofford	Spectacle	Boothbay	20 00	Order of Council, April 26, 1889.

SCHEDULE F.

Schedule of Certificates Issued under a "Resolve in favor of Certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the Widows of the Deceased Officers and Soldiers," approved March 17, 1835, and an Additional Resolve, approved March 26, 1836. Said Certificates having never been returned to the Land Office, no Deeds have been given of these Lots.

No. of claim.	Grantee.	Residence	Number of certificate.	Date of Certificate.	Township.	No. of lot.	Remarks.
92	Elizabeth Fletcher	Sumner	384	October 6, 1836	No. 4, Indian Purchase	49	Widow of John Fletcher.
137	David Ridley	Windsor	419	January 15, 1838	8, R 3	35	
167	Rebecca Adams	Bowdoinham	52	August 15, 1835	2, Indian Purchase	39	Widow of Jedediah Adams.
298	Hannah Dorman	Kennebunkport	283	March 30, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	43	Widow of John Dorman.
397	Thomas Boston	Kennebunkport	261	March 29, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	13	
453	Joseph Wardwell	Rumford	121	September 5, 1835	8, R 3	105	
514	Edward Wilson	Cumberland	278	March 29, 1835	3, Indian Purchase	65	
549	Mary Strout	Limington	403	Feb 10, 1837	4, Indian Purchase	70	Widow of Isaac Strout.
614	Eleanor Means	Freeport	327	April 4, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	1	Widow of Thomas Means.
624	Hannah Dyer	Sullivan	332	April 4, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	63	Widow of Ephraim Dyer.
629	Susan Worster	Rumford	333	April 4, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	27	Widow of Thomas Worster.
630	Zachariah Nowell	Portland	334	April 4, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	58	
719	Elizabeth Boothby	Limerick	382	October 6, 1836	3, Indian Purchase	48	Widow of William Boothby.
723	Matilda Dole	Orrington	412	April 27, 1837	8, R 3	2	Widow of Amos Dole.
733	Ephraim Haynes	Eden	405	February 16, 1837	8, R 3	44	
744	Sarah Jordan	Cape Elizabeth	427	March 29, 1838	8, R 3	27	Widow of Solomon Jordan.
759	Nancy Fulmer	Bangor	437	July 30, 1838	8, R 3	65	Widow of George Fulmer.

SCHEDULE G.

Lands Now Under Contract to Actual Settlers, who will be Entitled to Receive Deeds upon Payment of Road Labor and the Performance of Settling Duties.

Township H, Range 2—Part of Caribou.

No. of Lot	Acres.	Date of Contract.	No. of Lot.	Acres.	Date of Contract.
54	159.66	June 20, 1843.			
Total, 159.66 acres.					

Township I, Range 2—Part of Caribou.

29	160.11	Nov. 30, 1874.	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 128	105.03	Nov. 28, 1875.
31	108.04	July 19, 1869.			
Total, 373.18 acres.					

South half of Township No. 2, R. 3—Part of Glenwood Plantation.

69	76.00	Aug. 21, 1868.			
Total, 76.00 acres.					

Township No. 11, Range 3, Chapman Plantation.

			97	161.63	Aug. 26, 1879.
Total, 161.63 acres.					

Township No. 13, Range 3—Washburn.

32	158.58	Nov. 27, 1873.	3, sec. 1	159.60	July 3, 1878.
Total, 318.18 acres.					

Township No. 14, Range 3—Woodland.

9	158.76	Nov. 27, 1871.	42	155.26	Nov. 27, 1871.
18 $\frac{1}{2}$	110.70	Sept 5, 1872.	51	155.65	Sept. 29, 1873.
Total, 580.37 acres.					

Township 15, R. 3—New Sweden Plantation.

20	108.15	Nov. 27, 1870.	110	111.99	Nov. 27, 1871.
43	119.36	Nov. 27, 1871.	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	109.67	Nov. 27, 1871.
77	116.20	Nov. 27, 1871.	114	101.08	July 23, 1870.
79	119.42	Nov. 8, 1881.	128	111.29	Nov. 27, 1871.
81	112.65	Nov. 27, 1871.	134	106.67	July 23, 1870.
104	108.39	Nov. 27, 1871			
Total, 1,224.87 acres					

Township No. 12, Range 4—Castle Hill Plantation.

No. of Lot.	Acres.	Date of Contract.	No. of Lot	Acres.	Date of Contract.
6	176.80	Feb. 19, 1883.	18	112.94	Jan. 30, 1874.
9	146.20	April 30, 1861.	113	159.31	April 28, 1860.
15	148.25	Feb. 1, 1883.			

Total, 743.50 acres.

Township No. 14, Range 4—Perham Plantation.

4	119.97	Oct. 22, 1877.	72	160.21	Aug. 6, 1877.
21	103.95	Oct. 28, 1878.	89	157.96	Nov. 2, 1876.
51	116.67	Aug. 7, 1878.	103	161.63	Nov. 27, 1878.
61	147.92	Nov. 2, 1876.	137	263.67	Oct. 28, 1878.
66	158.59	July 14, 1875.			

Total, 1,390.57 acres.

Township No. 4, Range 5—Crystal Plantation.

S. W. ¼ 36	167.62	Oct. 6, 1870.			
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Total, 167.62 acres.

Township No. 6, Range 5—Moro Plantation.

29	172.00	Aug. 7, 1878.			
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Total, 172.00 acres.

North Half of Township No 17, Range 6—Part of New Canada
Plantation.

57	102.00	Nov. 30, 1876.		68	100	July 14, 1877.
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Total, 202.00 acres.

RECAPITULATION.

TOWN HIP.	No. of settlers.	Acres.
H. R. 2, part of Caribou	1	159.66
I. R. 2, part of Caribou	3	373.18
2 R. 3, Glenwood Plantation	1	76.00
11 R. 3, Chapman Plantation	1	161.63
13 R. 3, Washburn	2	318.18
14 R. 3, Woodland	4	580.37
15 R. 3, New Sweden Plantation	10	1,224.87
12 R. 4, Castle Hill Plantation	5	743.50
14 R. 4, Perham Plantation	9	1,390.57
4 R. 5, Crystal Plantation	1	167.62
6 R. 5, Moro Plantation	1	172.00
17 R. 6, New Canada Plantation	2	202.00
Total	40	5,569.58