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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**Municipal Officers**

OF THE

# TOWN OF BROOKS

FOR THE

**Year Ending February 15**

# 1922

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1922  
Advertiser Print  
Norway, Maine

# Town Officers

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*Moderator*

A. B. PAYSON

*Selectmen*

GEO. B. ROBERTS

W. C. DEERING

F. H. QUIMBY

*Town Clerk*

O. W. LANE

*Treasurer*

A. B. PAYSON

*Superintendent of Schools*

L. T. DUNHAM

*School Board*

R. E. WEBBER

A. E. KILGORE

JENNIE W. HAMLIN

*Collector*

ALBERT J. LOWE

# Selectmen's Report

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To the citizens of Brooks:

We hereby submit our annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending February 15th, 1922.

## VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN TOWN

April 1st, 1921

Real and personal estate .....\$406,870 00

No. of polls taxed, 181.

No. of polls not taxed, 32.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .04.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1921

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| State tax .....                     | \$2,252 95 |
| County tax .....                    | 1,604 48   |
| Common schools .....                | 2,500 00   |
| Support of poor.....                | 50 00      |
| Roads and bridges .....             | 2,500 00   |
| Contingent expense .....            | 900 00     |
| Text books .....                    | 300 00     |
| Interest .....                      | 1,000 00   |
| Repair of schoolhouses .....        | 600 00     |
| Material for roads and bridges..... | 450 00     |
| Memorial day .....                  | 20 00      |
| School supplies .....               | 300 00     |
| Library account .....               | 50 00      |
| Gibbs Hill .....                    | 100 00     |
| Free high school .....              | 1,200 00   |
| State aid highway .....             | 533 00     |
| Road patrol .....                   | 400 00     |
| Fire department .....               | 200 00     |
| Superintendent of schools .....     | 275 00     |
| Mothers' aid .....                  | 84 00      |

|                              |        |             |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Sidewalk .....               | 50 00  |             |
| Street lights .....          | 300 00 |             |
| Smith Hughes account .....   | 100 00 |             |
| Salary of tax collector..... | 250 00 |             |
| Overlay .....                | 494 37 |             |
|                              |        | \$16,513 80 |

## HIGHWAYS

Appropriation .....\$2,500 00

## Expended

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| John Knowlton .....   | \$116 09 |
| W. D. Bennett .....   | 45 98    |
| M. S. Knowlton .....  | 110 12   |
| S. F. Ryan .....      | 21 00    |
| Charles Mixer .....   | 100 69   |
| Otis Cram .....       | 5 50     |
| L. A. West .....      | 87 12    |
| Cyrus Ryder .....     | 191 02   |
| H. B. Bradford .....  | 83 00    |
| N. A. Cilley.....     | 2 00     |
| A. W. Lane.....       | 85 75    |
| M. A. Gibbs .....     | 18 00    |
| R. A. Jones .....     | 3 00     |
| C. H. Roberts .....   | 163 00   |
| S. J. Roberts .....   | 446 00   |
| J. L. Elwell .....    | 32 00    |
| George Prime .....    | 21 00    |
| Guy Prime .....       | 4 50     |
| H. H. Webb .....      | 6 40     |
| A. E. Chase Co. ....  | 144 28   |
| Lewis Lanphier .....  | 186 50   |
| R. J. Kenney .....    | 226 00   |
| E. R. Knowlton .....  | 142 37   |
| Joe Bennett .....     | 16 50    |
| E. F. Gibbs .....     | 100 42   |
| B. F. Stimpson .....  | 69 25    |
| B. F. Wentworth ..... | 24 67    |
| Ernest Gould .....    | 5 00     |
| R. B. Prime.....      | 125 75   |

|  |           |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Morris West .....                              | 8 25      |            |
| C. M. Conant Co., repairs to road machine..... | 1 30      |            |
| Roberts & Son, repairs to road machine.....    | 1 00      |            |
| Alice Clary, watering tub.....                 | 3 00      |            |
| Earl Gibbs, watering tub.....                  | 5 00      |            |
| B. A. Sherman.....                             | 9 00      |            |
| George H. Ryder .....                          | 32 60     |            |
| H. E. Rose .....                               | 9 65      |            |
| W. E. Hall, watering tub.....                  | 3 00      |            |
| J. E. Ellis, sawing bridge plank.....          | 11 07     |            |
|  |           | \$2,666 78 |
| Overdrawn .....                                | \$ 166 78 |            |
|  |           | \$350 00   |

## STATE AID ROAD

|                           |          |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Appropriation .....       | \$533 00 |            |
| Received from State ..... | 679 92   |            |
|                           |          | \$1,212 92 |

## Expenditures

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| John Cilley .....       | \$ 60 50 |
| George Prime.....       | 22 00    |
| C. H. Roberts .....     | 152 56   |
| Raymond Deering .....   | 8 24     |
| William Nickerson ..... | 5 50     |
| S. J. Roberts .....     | 100 00   |
| Joe Bennett .....       | 28 87    |
| R. J. Kenney .....      | 106 82   |
| Morris West .....       | 24 75    |
| E. F. Gibbs.....        | 72 00    |
| Charles Mixer .....     | 50 25    |
| E. R. Knowlton .....    | 69 00    |
| H. B. Bradford .....    | 46 00    |
| M. S. Knowlton .....    | 41 25    |

|                      |       |                   |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Lewis Lanphier ..... | 94 45 |                   |
| R. B. Prime .....    | 53 01 |                   |
| A. H. Yeaton .....   | 86 40 |                   |
| Clyde Smith .....    | 24 75 |                   |
| Donald Deering ..... | 42 62 |                   |
| W. D. Bennett .....  | 28 87 |                   |
| S. F. Ryan .....     | 13 75 |                   |
| L. A. West .....     | 5 50  |                   |
|                      |       | <u>\$1,137 09</u> |
| Material .....       | 99 31 |                   |
|                      |       | <u>\$1,236 40</u> |
| Overdrawn .....      |       | \$ 23 48          |

## ROAD PATROL

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$400 00          |
| Expenditures .....  | 578 00            |
|                     | <u>          </u> |
| Overdrawn .....     | \$178 00          |

## THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| No appropriation.         |          |
| Received from State ..... | \$563 63 |

## Expenditures

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| S. J. Roberts .....  | \$ 67 32 |
| R. J. Kenney .....   | 47 43    |
| John Knowlton .....  | 22 32    |
| L. G. Lanphier ..... | 47 43    |
| R. B. Prime .....    | 19 53    |
| E. R. Knowlton ..... | 25 92    |
| Joe Bennett .....    | 16 74    |
| Geo. Prime .....     | 22 32    |
| Gus Yeaton .....     | 40 32    |
| W. D. Bennett .....  | 13 95    |
| E. F. Gibbs .....    | 5 75     |
| L. A. West .....     | 16 74    |
| C. H. Roberts .....  | 71 68    |



|  |          |                 |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| Berger Mfg. Co., culverts.....           | 103 00   |                 |
| John Knowlton, gravel.....               | 34 30    |                 |
| A. E. Chase Co., cement boards, etc..... | 21 10    |                 |
|  |          | <u>\$575 85</u> |
| Overdrawn .....                          | \$ 12 22 |                 |

## RESERVOIR

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Paid E. C. Boody..... | \$400 00 |
|-----------------------|----------|

## OUTSTANDING INTEREST BEARING ORDERS

|  |           |                   |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| H. W. Littlefield, loan for heating and ventila-<br>ting plant ..... | \$ 600 00 |                   |
| City National Bank on 1917 class of bonds...                         | 1,170 00  |                   |
| H. H. Webb, loan to pay for hose.....                                | 390 00    |                   |
| H. H. Webb, engine loan.....   | 281 73    |                   |
| H. H. Webb, engine house loan.....                                   | 250 00    |                   |
| H. W. Littlefield, loan for hose.....                                | 366 00    |                   |
| City National 1914 loan.....   | 2,000 00  |                   |
| Waldo Trust Co., loan to reduce tax rate.....                        | 1,500 00  |                   |
|  |           | <u>\$6,557 73</u> |

## SIDEWALK

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$ 50 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

## Expenditures

|                     |          |                 |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|
| J. C. Forbes.....   | \$ 22 19 |                 |
| L. G. Lanphier..... | 5 00     |                 |
| S. J. Roberts.....  | 12 50    |                 |
| R. J. Kenney.....   | 6 00     |                 |
| Ira W. Bowden.....  | 5 25     |                 |
|                     |          | <u>\$ 50 94</u> |
| Overdrawn .....     | 94       |                 |

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**GIBBS HILL**

Appropriation .....\$100 00

**Expenditures**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Morris West.....    | \$ 2 75 |
| John Knowlton.....  | 8 25    |
| J. W. Bennett.....  | 2 75    |
| R. J. Kenney.....   | 10 50   |
| L. G. Lauphier..... | 10 50   |
| W. D. Bennett.....  | 2 75    |
| M. S. Knowlton..... | 2 75    |
| R. B. Prime.....    | 30 67   |

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\$ 70 92

Balance unexpended.....\$ 29 08

**MATERIAL FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Appropriation .....\$450 00

**Expenditures**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| A. E. Chase Co., old account..... | \$144 28 |
| M. W. Roberts, plank.....         | 139 50   |
| R. B. Prime, plank.....           | 120 00   |
| John Knowlton, gravel.....        | 16 00    |

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\$419 78

Unexpended ..... 30 22

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Unpaid bills.....\$120 00

**SUPPORT OF POOR**

Appropriation .....\$ 50 00  
 No expenditures.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation .....\$ 20 00  
 No expenditures.

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**STREET LIGHTS**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....               | \$300 00 |
| Expenditures                      |          |
| Paid Central Maine Power Co. .... | \$296 00 |
|                                   | \$ 4 00  |
| Unexpended .....                  | \$ 4 00  |

**MOTHERS' AID**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....          | \$ 84 00 |
| Received from State .....    | 84 00    |
|                              | \$168 00 |
| Paid Lydia E. Nickerson..... | \$168 00 |

**INTEREST**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Appropriation .....                        | \$1,000 00 |
| Expenditures                               |            |
| H. H. Webb .....                           | \$ 64 45   |
| H. W. Littlefield .....                    | 53 13      |
| Waldo Trust Co., on schoolhouse bonds..... | 240 00     |
| Waldo Trust Co., on \$1500.00 order.....   | 90 00      |
| Paid interest on temporary loans.....      | 434 08     |
| City National Bank on orders.....          | 190 20     |
| City National Bank on old bonds.....       | 90 00      |
|  | \$1,161 86 |
| Overdrawn .....                            | \$ 161 86  |

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$275 00 |
| Expenditures        |          |
| E. I. Toner .....   | \$141 65 |
| L. T. Dunham .....  | 96 23    |
|                     | \$237 88 |
| Unexpended .....    | 37 12    |
|                     | \$275 00 |
| Salary due .....    | \$ 16 05 |

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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....\$200 00

## Expenditures

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| A. E. Chase Co., old account.....      | \$ 95 94 |
| Albert Bowen, keeping fire.....        | 16 00    |
| Guy Prime .....                        | 4 50     |
| Owen Miller .....                      | 6 50     |
| M. A. King, service at Lane fire.....  | 1 25     |
| Charles Jenkins, work with engine..... | 4 00     |
| Leroy Staples, work with engine.....   | 5 00     |
| Guy Prime, work with engine.....       | 3 00     |
| Eben Miller, work with engine.....     | 5 00     |
| Herbert Ellis, work with engine .....  | 4 00     |
| Eben Young, work with engine.....      | 2 00     |
| Walter Jones, work with engine.....    | 3 00     |
| L. A. West, work with engine.....      | 2 00     |
| E. C. Boody .....                      | 20 34    |

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 \$172 53

Unexpended ..... 27 47

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 \$200 00

Bills unpaid .....\$ 85 51

## COLLECTION OF TAXES

Appropriation .....\$250 00

Paid Albert J. Lowe .....\$250 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| March 16th, Isaac Leathers..... | \$ 500 00 |
| March 16th, Eliza Leathers..... | 500 00    |
| March 22nd, Emma Huxford .....  | 1,000 00  |
| April 9th, F. R. York.....      | 1,000 00  |
| May 2nd, F. W. Brown, Jr.....   | 1,000 00  |
| May 19th, Ira Bowden .....      | 1,000 00  |
| June 8th, Waldo Trust Co. ....  | 1,000 00  |
| June 23rd, Kate Lane.....       | 800 00    |

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|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| July 1st, Waldo Trust Co.....      | 1,000 00 |
| July 19th, Waldo Trust Co.....     | 1,000 00 |
| August 22nd, Waldo Trust Co.....   | 1,000 00 |
| October 5th, Waldo Trust Co.....   | 500 00   |
| November 28th, Waldo Trust Co..... | 600 00   |

These were all paid in February, 1922.....\$10,900 00

## TAXES ABATED

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Ray Bowden .....      | \$ 3 00 |
| Ira Boulter .....     | 3 00    |
| Cecil Crockett .....  | 3 00    |
| Ralph Elwell .....    | 3 00    |
| William Morgan .....  | 3 00    |
| J. Cleland .....      | 3 00    |
| Fred Crocker .....    | 9 00    |
| S. A. Payson .....    | 6 67    |
| E. L. Toner .....     | 4 00    |
| J. H. Wentworth ..... | 18 00   |

\$ 55 67

## UNPAID TAXES

Frank H. Lane .....

\$ 61 60

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriation .....

\$900 00

## Expenditures

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Maine Farmer Co, printing town reports.....    | \$ 72 00 |
| A. R. Pilley, insurance on schoolhouse.....    | 112 00   |
| Hamlin & Young, dinners to selectmen.....      | 9 00     |
| John Hobbs Jr., work in cemeteries.....        | 3 00     |
| Webber Stimpson, work in cemeteries.....       | 21 00    |
| Loring Short & Harmon, town books.....         | 27 60    |
| G. C. Goddard, Atty., rent of schoolhouse..... | 300 00   |
| S. A. Perkins, election clerk.....             | 3 00     |

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|--|--------|
| E. C. Boody, repairing dam.....  | 46 64  |
| H. E. Staples, measuring roads.....                                    | 15 00  |
| H. F. Smith, ballot clerk.....   | 3 06   |
| W. S. Jones, work in cemeteries.....                                   | 25 00  |
| W. C. Deering, selectman.....  | 75 00  |
| Geo. B. Roberts, selectman service and expense..                       | 128 00 |
| Frank H. Quimby, selectman.....  | 60 00  |
| O. W. Lane, town clerk.....  | 8 00   |
| A. B. Payson, treasurer.....   | 50 00  |
| A. E. Kilgore, reporting births and deaths....                         |        |
| E. C. Boody, fire ward.....  | 16 00  |
| O. W. Lane, expense and recording births, deaths<br>and marriages..... | 9 25   |
| Albert J. Lowe, posting warrants and enforcing<br>dog law .....        | 15 00  |

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\$998 49

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Overdrawn .....

\$ 98 49

### RECAPITULATION

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Tax levy of 1921.....                      | \$16,513 80 |
| Mothers aid from State.....                | 84 00       |
| State agricultural school fund.....        | 686 66      |
| State Free high school.....                | 500 00      |
| State School mill fund.....                | 521 29      |
| State common school fund.....              | 732 91      |
| State improvement of state road.....       | 679 92      |
| State third class highway.....             | 563 63      |
| State for state pensions.....              | 135 00      |
| Tuition received.....                      | 1,104 00    |
| Pool room license.....                     | 10 00       |
| Interest on bank balance.....              | 10 94       |
| J. W. Jewell, grass on school lot.....     | 10 00       |
| Mrs. Dwyer, burial of Raymond Bridges....  | 35 00       |
| Lucia Edwards, for care of Edwards lot.... | 101 67      |
| Cash in treasury.....                      | 526 54      |

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\$22,215 36

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 Expenditures

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| State tax.....                       | \$2,252 95  |
| County tax.....                      | 1,604 48    |
| Roads and bridges.....               | 2,666 78    |
| Materials for roads and bridges..... | 419 78      |
| Road patrol.....                     | 578 00      |
| State road.....                      | 1,236 40    |
| Third class highway .....            | 575 85      |
| Fire department.....                 | 172 53      |
| Street lights.....                   | 296 00      |
| Abatements .....                     | 55 67       |
| Interest .....                       | 1,161 86    |
| Tax collector.....                   | 250 00      |
| Contingent expense.....              | 998 49      |
| Common schools.....                  | 3,755 88    |
| High school.....                     | 4,548 51    |
| Text books.....                      | 269 79      |
| School supplies .....                | 180 92      |
| Repair of schoolhouses.....          | 459 81      |
| Mothers aid.....                     | 168 00      |
| Reservoir .....                      | 400 00      |
| Library account.....                 | 121 37      |
| Special conveyance account.....      | 50 00       |
| School superintendent.....           | 237 88      |
| Agricultural equipment.....          | 43 83       |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$22,504 78 |
| Expenditures exceed receipts.....    | \$ 289 42   |

## STANDING OF THE TOWN

## Resources

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 200 shares of B. & M. H. L. R. R. Co. stock.. | \$15,000 00 |
| Due on tuition.....                           | 479 00      |
| Due from sinking fund .....                   | 4,165 88    |
| Due from State for State pensions.....        | 165 00      |
| Cash in treasury.....                         | 73 76       |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$19,883 64 |

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 Liabilities

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Due on old bonds.....                   | \$3,000 00  |
| on schoolhouse bonds .....              | 6,000 00    |
| on interest bearing orders .....        | 6,557 73    |
| on orders of current year unpaid.....   | 43 25       |
| on unpaid bills of all departments..... | 1,422 78    |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$17,023 76 |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Resources exceed liabilities .....      | \$ 2,859 88 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. ROBERTS,  
W. C. DEERING,  
F. H. QUIMBY,

Selectmen of Brooks.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SINKING FUND

|               |                                |            |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Feb. 15, 1921 | Amount in sinking fund....     | \$2,877 58 |
| July 2, 1922  | June railroad dividend.....    | 520 00     |
| Jan. 31, 1922 | December dividend.....         | 520 00     |
| Jan. 31, 1922 | Railroad and telegraph tax.... | 130 13     |
| Jan. 31, 1922 | Interest on deposit.....       | 118 17     |
|               |                                | <hr/>      |
|               |                                | \$4,165 88 |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Amount sinking fund deposited in savings    |            |
| department City National Bank.....          | \$2,988 82 |
| Deposit in Waldo Trust Co., Brooks branch.. | 1,177 06   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$4,165 88 |

W. E. BARKER,  
E. A. CARPENTER,  
A. E. KILGORE,

Trustees of Sinking Fund.



# Treasurer's Report

Brooks, Maine, Feb. 20, 1922.

## Receipts

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Balance from last year.....                     | \$ 526 54   |
| Received from A. J. Lowe, collector, 1921.....  | 16,492 20   |
| Received from State Treasurer:                  |             |
| Dependent mothers' aid.....                     | 105 00      |
| Free High School .....                          | 500 00      |
| Vocational Education Fund.....                  | 686 66      |
| School and mill fund .....                      | 521 29      |
| Common school fund .....                        | 732 98      |
| R. R. and Tel. tax .....                        | 130 13      |
| Improvement of State road.....                  | 665 55      |
| State pension .....                             | 135 00      |
| Received from:                                  |             |
| Tuition of scholars.....                        | 1,239 00    |
| Lucia Edwards, cemetery fund .....              | 101 67      |
| Auburn, burial of Dwyer boy.....                | 35 00       |
| C. W. Ryder, pool room license.....             | 10 00       |
| B. & M. H. L. R. R. Co., June dividend .....    | 520 00      |
| O. W. Lane, dog license.....                    | 51 00       |
| J. F. Jewell, grass, schoolhouse lot.....       | 10 00       |
| B. & M. H. L. R. R. Co., December dividend..... | 520 00      |
| Selectmen, interest orders.....                 | 10,900 00   |
| Interest on deposits .....                      | 10 94       |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$33,892 96 |

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 Disbursements

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid State pension .....           | \$ 165 00   |
| State treasurer, dog licenses..... | 51 00       |
| Trustees of sinking fund.....      | 1,170 13    |
| County tax .....                   | 1,604 48    |
| State tax .....                    | 2,252 95    |
| Selectmen's orders .....           | 28,575 64   |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$33,819 20 |
| Balance in treasury.....           | 73 76       |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$33,892 96 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. PAYSON, Treasurer of Brooks.

## High School Report

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is an accurate report of conditions in the High School for the year 1921-1922:

School opened Sept. 12, with an enrolment of 32 in the Senior High School

Comparatively little equipment has been purchased this year for the chemical laboratory or the agricultural department or in fact for any course. The agricultural department has had added to it this year a few much needed reference books, while the only expense for the chemical laboratory has been a small amount of glassware and a few chemicals which were necessary for experimental work.

In examining the physics apparatus which must be used next year I find a number of necessary pieces are beyond repair and also the absence of a number of pieces of apparatus which I consider essential to the proper teaching of laboratory physics and it is my suggestion that at least \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing new equipment for the physical laboratory. The agricultural equipment is still deficient in some respects and there is need of expending from \$75 to \$100 in this department next year. I believe that the agricultural course is of decided importance in this section and should not lack for equipment to make the course efficient in every respect.

The equipment of chairs for the agricultural laboratory have been practically built over this year but they are again becoming useless and a new equipment of chairs must be furnished at once.

The workshop which was installed last year is a decided advantage and the boys have in their shopwork this year manufactured and installed shelves downstairs and in the laboratory, repaired chairs, made bookracks for use by the students in typwriting, filing racks for agricultural bulletins, besides other miscellaneous articles for use in the school and on the farm. The first and second year students in agriculture have also tested milk for various farmers this year.

The agricultural instructor wishes to state that he desires to cooperate with the citizens of the town in the betterment of the teaching of agriculture here and he would appreciate any suggestions along that line. The department, while designed to teach agriculture to the high school students is also designed to be of all possible help to the farmers of the community and the instructor would like to have it understood that he is desirous of the department being used to help the farmer in every possible way. It is felt that all problems presented serve a dual purpose. They help the farmer and also furnish practical work for the student which is most essential.

A fire drill system has been installed in the school this year and I am sure that it has been again and again proven that such a system is necessary insurance for the safety of the students in any school.

The water supply at the school has been especially low this year. For days at a time the school has been without any water and this has caused great inconvenience in the teaching of chemistry and has likewise at times tended to produce unsanitary conditions in the building. I feel that a good and adequate water supply is essential whether it be in the home or in the school.

The school victrola is being used to good advantage in the various rooms and is much enjoyed by the students. It introduces variety and entertainment in the opening exercises which is much to be desired.

CARL A. LeGROW

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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To the Superintending School Committee and the citizens of Brooks:

It is my privilege to submit my first annual report. So few things have happened to mar the progress of our schools, that I can say in all sincerity that progress has been made.

I think we have done very well in securing competent teachers in about every case. No school can expect to maintain its efficiency under the strain of losing a large proportion of its experienced teaching force as has been the case. Every effort must be made to stop the exodus of our teachers. In order to build up a good school system, those teachers who make good should be encouraged to remain in the school system. After they have received their experience here at the expense of the pupils we should receive the benefit of that increased efficiency and not make our schools training schools for other towns.

I was hoping to present to you in this report, the standing of your schools as indicated by the Standard Educational Tests, but because of the lack of funds I was unable to do so.

Until the last few years the measurement of the progress of children through school has been based upon tradition, local opinion and personal opinion. The personal equation of the teacher also had much to do with the success of the pupil. If you were going to measure the length of a house you would use a rule and with that rule you could determine how many feet it was long. But no educational rule has been developed. But now educational experts have devised standards in the different school subjects by which, when the work of a pupil is applied to a scale, we can say the pupil has progressed to a very definite point. Then by comparing the results obtained in our schools with those obtained in other schools we can readily ascertain the standing of our own.

The new school law which took effect this year makes an apportionment for aggregate attendance in our schools. Parents should make an extra effort in order that their children should be in school every day that it is possible for them to be there. The rate per pupil is slightly less than two cents. Aggregate attendance is the total number of days attendance for one year of both elementary and high school pupils resident of the town supporting such high school.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As you will note, the resources do not over the expenditures. This is due to the fact that the town did not have as much money to put into their schools as in previous years. Brooks did not share in the equalization fund, which made a difference of \$560.00. Owing to the increase in agricultural departments the vocational fund was about a hundred dollars less. Ability to share in the equalization fund depends upon the special efforts which the town makes in the matter of its schools which raises its average for school purposes above the average for the state. This year the tax rates are as follows:

|              | Common School | High  | Municipal |
|--------------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| State .....  | .00708        | .0035 | .0385     |
| Brooks ..... | .0066         | .0032 | .042      |

You will note from the above that the tax rate for both items of school accounts is below the average.

## REPAIRS

In the recommendations for this account I have included those things which should be done.

It is absolutely necessary that we have an adequate water supply to suit our needs. The past year we have not had enough to safeguard the health of our children. With over one hundred and fifty pupils in the building, and a scant water supply, it makes a very unsatisfactory condition and at times unsanitary. It seems to me the only feasible thing to do is to connect with the town water supply. It is impossible to deepen the school well and the cost of a new well forbids us from entertaining a plan of this sort.

It is essential in compliance with the Smith-Hughes Act that new chairs be bought for the Agriculture course, to be placed in the laboratory. This course also needs some extra equipment.

At the South Brooks school there is need of some repairs. We would like to replace the old fashioned seats with modern ones. The old seats are in a very delapidated condition. This school has presented a very neat appearance throughout the year and in full justice to both teacher and pupils, I think we should install new seats. The schoolhouse needs painting and if the town will purchase the paint it will be painted free of charge.

These are the repairs foreseen at this time with the exception of a few minor things.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

These recommendations are made with the facts at hand from which to reckon. There are some things which it would be difficult to estimate in the way of resources.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Common schools .....                                | \$2,800 00 |
| High schools .....                                  | 1,800 00   |
| Repairs .....                                       | 300 00     |
| Supplies, including supplies for laboratory physics | 300 00     |
| Text books .....                                    | 300 00     |
| Library .....                                       | 50 00      |

The amount of the recommendations is the same as those recommended for last year but distributed differently.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. DUNHAM, Superintendent of Schools.

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 FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BROOKS COMMON SCHOOLS

## Resources

|                                  |            |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriated by town .....       | \$2,500 00 |            |
| Balance unexpended 1920-'21..... | 235 53     |            |
| School mill fund .....           | 521 29     |            |
| Common school fund .....         | 732 91     |            |
| Tuition due .....                | 2 40       |            |
|                                  |            | \$3,992 13 |

## Expenditures

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Teachers' wages .....                   | \$1,882 00 |            |
| Paid conveyance .....                   | 993 40     |            |
| Conveyance due on last year's account.. | 89 80      |            |
| Fuel .....                              | 489 53     |            |
| Janitors' services .....                | 301 15     |            |
|   |            | \$3,755 88 |
| Balance unexpended .....                | \$236 25   |            |
| Bill due and unpaid .....               | 506 10     |            |
|   |            | \$269 85   |

## Paid Teachers' Wages:

|                        |          |            |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Martha Payson.....     | \$140 00 |            |
| Mabel Rose.....        | 224 00   |            |
| Myrtle Sturtevant..... | 128 00   |            |
| Eva Toner.....         | 202 00   |            |
| Carrie Hobbs.....      | 352 00   |            |
| Edith Martin.....      | 306 00   |            |
| Vera Patterson.....    | 210 00   |            |
| Ela Rideout.....       | 240 00   |            |
| Helen Crowley.....     | 30 00    |            |
| Annie Watt.....        | 50 00    |            |
|                        |          | \$1,882 00 |



## Paid Conveyance:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Martha Payson.....                         | \$ 58 00 |
| R. E. Webber.....                          | 607 50   |
| B. O. Norton.....                          | 65 00    |
| A. E. Chase.....                           | 124 50   |
| A. E. Chase, 1920-21 account.....          | 89 80    |
| Waldo Trust Co. (J. L. Elwell).....        | 100 00   |
| A. B. Payson, (J. L. Elwell, account)..... | 20 00    |
| J. L. Elwell.....                          | 18 40    |

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\$1,083 20

## Paid Fuel:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| A. E. Chase Co.....         | \$ 60 55 |
| A. J. Lowe.....             | 13 50    |
| Elbert Ames.....            | 13 50    |
| F. B. Leighton Coal Co..... | 98 17    |
| Maine Central R. R.....     | 229 94   |
| B. A. Sherman.....          | 31 50    |
| Henry Lowler.....           | 40 50    |
| John Hobbs.....             | 1 87     |

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\$489 53

## Paid Janitor Service:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Emery Merithew..... | \$ 67 15 |
| Cecil Thompson..... | 67 50    |
| Hervey Bowden.....  | 166 50   |

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\$301 15

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

## Resources

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance 1920-21..... | \$ 124 10 |
| Town appropriation.....         | 1,200 00  |
| Vocational account.....         | 686 66    |
| Free High School.....           | 500 00    |
| Tuition received.....           | 1,104 00  |
| Tuition due.....                | 479 00    |

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\$4,093 76

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 Expenditures

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Teachers' wages.....                    | \$3,867 95 |            |
| Fuel .....                              | 132 48     |            |
| Janitor service.....                    | 99 33      |            |
| Tuition taken credit for last year..... | 448 75     |            |
|   |            | <hr/>      |
|   |            | \$4,548 51 |
| Overdrawn .....                         | \$ 454 75  |            |
| Bills due and unpaid.....               | 324 41     |            |

## Paid teachers' wages:

|                         |           |            |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| L. T. Dunham.....       | \$ 374 00 |            |
| Bernice Ellis .....     | 85 00     |            |
| W. C. Sturtevant .....  | 1,127 75  |            |
| Hester Rose .....       | 483 00    |            |
| Etta Bashier .....      | 540 00    |            |
| Annie Watt .....        | 375 00    |            |
| Madeline Coughlin ..... | 416 55    |            |
| C. A. Legrow .....      | 466 65    |            |
|                         |           | <hr/>      |
|                         |           | \$3,867 95 |

## Paid Fuel:

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| A. J. Lowe .....              | \$ 4 50 |          |
| Elbert Ames .....             | 4 50    |          |
| F. B. Leighton Coal Co.,..... | 32 70   |          |
| Maine Central R. R. ....      | 76 65   |          |
| Henry Lowler .....            | 13 50   |          |
| John Hobbs .....              | 63      |          |
|                               |         | <hr/>    |
|                               |         | \$132 48 |

## Paid Janitor Service:

|                       |          |          |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Emery Merrithew ..... | \$ 20 00 |          |
| Cecil Thompson .....  | 22 50    |          |
| Hervey Bowden .....   | 56 83    |          |
|                       |          | <hr/>    |
|                       |          | \$ 99 33 |



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 TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

## Resources

|                                   |          |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Appropriation .....               | \$300 00 |                 |
| Unexpended balance 1920-1921..... | 9 05     |                 |
|                                   |          | <u>\$309 05</u> |

## Expenditures

|                          |          |                 |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Orders drawn .....       | \$269 79 |                 |
| Unexpended balance ..... | 39 26    |                 |
|                          |          | <u>\$309 05</u> |

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT

## Resources

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$600 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

## Expenditures

|                            |          |                 |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Overdrawn 1920 1921 .....  | \$ 96 43 |                 |
| H. H. Hutchinson .....     | 215 93   |                 |
| A. E. Chase Co. ....       | 77 10    |                 |
| Ira Grady .....            | 1 50     |                 |
| E. C. Young .....          | 4 50     |                 |
| Norman Webber .....        | 1 00     |                 |
| Adrian Lane .....          | 2 75     |                 |
| F. L. Emmons .....         | 51 00    |                 |
| R. A. Barden .....         | 7 00     |                 |
| Ira Bowden .....           | 60       |                 |
| G. E. Littlefield .....    | 2 00     |                 |
|                            |          | <u>\$459 81</u> |
| Unexpended .....           | \$140 19 |                 |
| Bills due and unpaid ..... | \$ 20 71 |                 |

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 AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

## Resources

Balance unexpended 1921-21.....\$ 33 27

## Expenditures

Orders drawn.....\$ 43 83

Overdrawn .....\$ 10 56

## SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNT

## Resources

Appropriated by town.....\$275 00

## Expenditures

Paid E. L. Toner.....\$155 76

L. T. Dunham..... 111 96

\_\_\_\_\_ \$267 72

Due and unpaid.....\$ 19 35

\_\_\_\_\_ \$287 07

Resources ..... 275 00

Overdrawn .....\$ 12 07