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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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Moderator  
A. B. PAYSON

Selectmen  
E. C. HOLBROOK W. C. DEERING F. H. QUIMBY

Town Clerk—O. W. LANE

Treasurer—E. G. ROBERTS

Superintendent of Schools—E. L. TONER

School Board  
R. E. WEBBER S. W. NORWOOD  
H. H. HUTHINSON

Collector—C. W. RYDER

## 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, 1919.

### VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN APR. 1, 1918

Real and personal estate . . . . .	\$358,542 00
Number of polls . . . . .	167
Number of polls not taxed . . . . .	28
Poll tax . . . . .	\$3 00
Rate of taxation . . . . .	.030

### APPROPRIATION 1918

State tax . . . . .	\$2,024 30
County tax . . . . .	522 45
Common Schools . . . . .	1,100 00
Poor . . . . .	300 00
Roads and bridges . . . . .	2,200 00
Contingent . . . . .	900 00
Text books . . . . .	700 00
State road . . . . .	500 00
Interest . . . . .	700 00
Repair of school houses . . . . .	200 00
Material for roads and bridges . . . . .	300 00
Observance of Memorial Day . . . . .	20 00
Street lights . . . . .	300 00
Maintenance of State road . . . . .	200 00
Free High School . . . . .	800 00
Compensation of Collector . . . . .	200 00
Overlay . . . . .	284 51
Total commitment . . . . .	\$11,251 26

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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Expenditures under direction of the School Board for Common Schools, Free High School, Repair of School Houses and Free Text-books.

*Common Schools*

Appropriation by town	\$1,100 00
School Fund and Mill Tax	562 15
Common School Fund	578 59
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Total available	\$2,240 74

*Salaries of Teachers*

Paid Clarabel J. Jones	\$ 96 00
Eunice Chase	96 00
Mabel Rose	198 00
Grace D. Bachelder	60 00
Ethel Cochrane	169 20
Carrie E. Hobbs	114 00
Martha C. Payson	70 00
Eva L. Toner	121 00
Verna Wentworth	120 00
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Total	\$1,044 20

*Conveyance of Scholars*

Paid J. L. Elwell	\$150 00
Clifton Roberts	71 50
Hubert Cram	90 00
Lydia E. Nickerson	90 50
Lina Roberts	18 00
S. F. Ryan	91 00
Hubert Ryan	39 00
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Total	\$580 00

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## *Janitors*

Paid	A. K. Green	\$ 95 25
	Ethel Webber	2 30
	Viva Burnett	2 00
	Ada Mixer	2 00
	F. L. Emmons	6 75
	Hervey F. Bowden	66 75
	Verna Wentworth	3 75
		\$178 80

## *Fuel*

Paid	J. N. Suay	\$ 52 13
	Frank Lapage	83 44
	A. E. Chase Co.	319 15
	T. J. Hemphill	6 75
	Geo. Lacross	30 00
	J. E. Ellis	21 75
		\$513 22

Grand total expended	\$2,316 22
Common School Fund overdrawn	\$ 75 48

There are unpaid bills of the Common Schools estimated by the Superintendent at \$1245.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriation by town	\$800 00
Received from State	500 00
Rec'd from State, for course in Agriculture, 1917 account.	250 00
Rec'd from State for course in Agriculture 1918 account.	250 00
Received for tuitions	431 51
Due from tuitions.	
	\$2,231 51
Total available	

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*Salaries of Teachers*

Paid W. W. Wilder	\$557 10
Theresa M. Whittemore	259 00
Frances L. Gonyer	276 69
R. S. Greenwood	560 00
Jennie Weaver	274 85
Esther Hedman	252 00
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Total	\$2,179 64

*Janitor*

Paid A. K. Greene	\$ 31 75
F. L. Emmons	2 25
Hervey F. Bowden	22 25
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Total ..	\$ 56 25

*Fuel*

Paid J. N. Suay	\$ 17 37
Frank Lapage	27 81
A. E. Chase & Co.	106 38
T. I. Hemphill	2 25
J. E. Ellis	7 25
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Total	\$161 06
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Grand total expended.	\$2,396 95

## REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid E. C. Boody	\$ 3 50
H. H. Hutchinson	11 75
R. A. Barden	6 00
F. L. Emmons	6 00



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F. L. Emmons	11	65
H. H. Hutchinson	21	75
H. H. Hutchinson	1	25
F. L. Emmons	67	45
H. H. Hutchinson	1	11
F. L. Emmons	68	81
L. E. Godding	3	00
R. A. Barden	2	50
A. B. Payson	16	28
Total		\$221 05
Appropriation overdrawn		\$ 21 05
Unpaid bills amounting to \$115.63.		

## FREE TEXT BOOKS

Appropriation by town		\$700 00
Paid Ginn & Co.	\$208	06
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	6	14
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	10	00
Ginn & Co.	1	20
American Book Co.	3	94
Mrs. F. E. Merritt	2	56
E. A. Chase Co.	1	79
American Book Co.	6	16
A. N. Palmer Co.	3	84
Newell White		50
Gregg Pub. Company	10	75
Silver, Burdett & Co.	8	64
Mrs. Ira Bowden	1	25
E. L. Toner	8	47
E. L. Toner	6	72
Edward E. Babb & Co.	88	02
A. R. Pilley	10	20
Maine Library Commission	4	95
N. J. Bartlett & Co.	3	10

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Underwood Typewriter Co. ....	12 00
Silver, Burdett & Co. ....	1 08
Edward E. Babb & Co. ....	8 59
Gregg Pub. Co. ....	9 85
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins ....	6 83
A. N. Palmer Co. ....	11 88
Newell White ....	1 00
Loring, Short & Harmon ....	1 63
H. H. Hutchinson ....	1 97
D. C. Heath & Co. ....	40 60
Ginn & Co. ....	213 76
D. C. Heath & Co. ....	5 15
J. L. Hammett Co. ....	17 68
McIntosh Pub. Co. ....	3 98
American Book Co. ....	21 98
Boston Paperboard Co. ....	3 56
McMillan Co. ....	8 16
Ginn & Co. ....	50 14
Horter School Supply Co. ....	6 25
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Total expended .....	\$815 38
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Appropriation overdrawn .....	\$115 38

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation by town .....	\$2,200 00
Rec'd from State for Fifty-Fifty Fund .....	40 10
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Total .....	\$2,240 10

## Snow Bills of Winter of 1917—1918

Paid Elden Lanpher .....	\$ 2 25
L. G. Lanpher .....	5 47
Edward D. Wyer .....	5 47
H. F. Smith .....	3 15

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R. E. Webber	31 38
Geo. H. Ryder	7 30
A. O. Payson	15 31
Lydia Nickerson	7 00
W. E. Hall	12 00
L. W. Braley	11 76
C. W. Gibbs	4 00
Roy Godding	4 00
E. R. Knowlton	22 25
L. W. Braley	12 12
A. O. Payson	15 19
B. F. Wentworth	25 30
Charles Mixer	8 75
Clarence Forbes	5 00
Charles Mixer	9 00
Jos. L. Elwell	32 40
Scott M. Godding	3 15
W. C. Deering	1 00
George Lacross	13 75
Jos. Suay	8 00
John W. Hutchins	21 45
A. B. Wade	3 00
Robert McTaggart	5 90
John Leon	10 50
Bert Lowe	3 00
Geo. D. Ellis	3 00
Frank Quimby	1 00
F. W. Gibbs	21 60
D. E. Bradford	8 60
Clarence Bennett	4 22
S. M. Elwell	15 00
Ernest Gould	8 75
Hale E. Rose	6 75
E. R. Knowlton	3 75
R. E. Webber	8 02
Burton Gibbs	10 50
F. A. Twombly	14 25

R. J. Kenney	1 12
Richard Hall	8 00
A. K. Green	7 00
H. W. Littlefield	25 00
Geo. D. Prime	1 30
R. B. Prime	15 05
John Knowlton	10 00
Raymond Roberts	16 50
Waldo E. Hall	3 50
Herman Gibbs	2 56
E. L. Gibbs	14 35
Alfred Reynolds	4 00
William Hall	1 50
J. B. Payson	5 00
W. E. Barker	6 45
Lewis Leonard	2 25
A. O. Payson	13 42

Total

\$554 23

*Expended under Road Commissioner S. J. Roberts*

Paid Seth B. Moore	\$ 2 00
H. H. Webb	12 30
W. D. Bennett	12 00
Clarence Forbes	11 00
E. R. Knowlton	74 25
M. S. Knowlton	34 25
R. J. Kenney	63 10
Charles Mixer	57 70
R. B. Prime	72 25
A. B. Huff	2 50
A. P. Reynolds	27 00
S. J. Roberts	154 50
Earl Gibbs	30 75
Ira Flanders	4 20
Ned Roberts	13 75

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R. E. Webber	11 00
H. E. Wentworth	10 00
N. Cross	10 00
Fred Crocker	4 50
Hubert Lovely	13 75
W. A. Page	30 00
B. F. Wentworth	21 20
S. F. Ryan	12 15
John Gibbs	15 00
W. C. Deering	8 00
S. M. Godding	22 20
H. E. Clement	5 10
R. W. Wiggin	5 00
F. W. Gibbs	10 00
John Loon	3 00
S. M. Elwell	6 00
H. F. Smith	1 00
C. H. Roberts	227 25
H. E. Rose	12 60
M. L. Fogg	9 00
B. F. Stimpson	1 50
Total	\$1,020 05

*Expended under Road Commissioner, Frank A. Twombly*

Paid C. D. Davis	\$ 18 00
Maria H. Bailey	46 50
Alfred Reynolds	6 00
F. A. Twombly	116 40
Robert McTaggart	5 00
H. O. Payson	44 25
Raymond Roberts	8 50
R. A. Hall	10 50
Alice G. Clary	3 00
J. W. Hutchins	8 50
H. W. Littlefield	30 40

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Laforest Braley	2 50
George Lacross	1 50
Burton Gibbs	56
W. E. Hall	3 00
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Total	\$304 61
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Grand Total expended	\$1,878 89
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Balance unexpended	\$361 21

## STATE AID HIGHWAY

Appropriated by town	\$500 00
Received from State	638 22
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	\$1,138 22

Paid S. F. Ryan	\$ 10 50
R. J. Kenney	10 00
Clarence Forbes	3 05
S. F. Ryan	10 80
E. R. Knowlton	27 50
R. J. Kenney	18 90
M. S. Knowlton	13 50
Clarence Forbes	8 00
Charles Mixer	15 00
Charles Mixer	12 15
S. F. Ryan	10 80
E. R. Knowlton	22 00
R. J. Kenney	12 15
M. S. Knowlton	10 80
S. J. Roberts	25 00
S. F. Ryan	9 90
Clyde Smith	15 10
M. S. Knowlton	15 30
H. F. Ryan	1 05
S. F. Ryan	8 10

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H. F. Ryan	2 70
H. E. Clement	25 00
S. F. Ryan	16 20
Charles Mixer	13 50
L. W. Cook, gravel	2 20
Charles Mixer	4 05
E. R. Knowlton	68 75
R. J. Kenney	8 10
Charles Mixer	8 10
Clarence Forbes	8 00
M. S. Knowlton	16 20
S. F. Ryan	8 10
H. E. Clement	26 95
A. K. Green	13 50
Charles Mixer.	12 15
S F Ryan	11 40
E R Knowlton	46 75
M S Knowlton	21 60
S F Ryan	5 40
Charles Mixer	6 75
Clyde Smith	12 90
W C Deering	20 25
Clarence Forbes	5 00
John F Cilley	63 78
A B Payson, material	10 87
H H Webbs, gravel	72 20
E R Knowlton	5 50
Charles Mixer	9 90
A E Chase Co , material	23 68
W H Swift, gravel	7 20
C H Roberts.	270 60
S J Roberts	80 92
Total expended	<u>\$1,169 20</u>
Deficiency	\$ 30 98

## MATERIAL FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$300 00
Paid Berger Mfg Co	\$ 1 25	
W S Colson, "Turn to right" signs . . . . .	15 00	
Brooks Farmers Union	1 25	
A B Payson, bridge plank.	135 68	
S A Perkins	2 00	
Stanley Higgins, stringers	20 00	
A E Chase Co	20 40	
Brooks Farmers Union	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$196 83
Unexpended		\$103 17

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation . . . . .		\$300 00
<i>Edmond Young</i>		
Paid B F Stimpson, wood.	\$ 8 00	
Brooks Farmers Union, supplies.	72 64	
N R Cook, med attendance.	21 75	
A E Kilgore, med attendance.	31 25	
A K Green, digging grave.	4 00	
W S Jones, casket and burial exp	46 50	
Total	<hr/>	\$184 14

*Transients*

Paid F R York	\$ 10 50	
Total expended	<hr/>	194 64
Unexpended		\$105 36



## MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid State for patrol maintenance.	\$442 93
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Deficiency ..	\$242 93

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Purchase of Engine*

The new steam fire engine was purchased for the sum of \$1,000 and the old engine in exchange. The freight \$46.73 added made a total cost of \$1,046.73.

Through the exertions of Mr E C Boody, there was raised by voluntary contributions of citizens and firms doing business in town the sum of \$765. By authority of the town the balance of the money \$281.73 was borrowed of H H Webb.

Two lots of hose were purchased costing \$390 and \$366, respectively. By authority of the town \$390 was borrowed of Henry H Webb and \$366 of H W Littlefield.

## REPAIR OF ENGINE HOUSE

Appropriation	\$250 00
Paid E C Boody	\$ 85 86
E C Boody ..	165 00
A B Payson ..	65 52
Guy A Prime	14 00
Eben Miller .....	6 25
Bernard Cunningham .....	4 25
Ira Bowden .....	3 95
F K Roberts .....	6 40
H H Hutchinson .....	1 50

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A B Payson	7 11	
F H Smith	2 00	
		\$361 84
Overdrawn		\$111 84
Unpaid bill of A E Chase Co , amounting to		\$161 72

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid Penobscot Bay Electric Co	\$276 00
	\$ 24 00

## OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 20 00
Paid Geo G Davis Post, G A R	\$ 20 00

## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS

Paid Ralph D. Ellis	\$ 30 00
R. E. Webber	10 00
	\$40 00
Received from State	\$40 00

## BORROWED MONEY

Temporary loans to pay current expenses were made during the year as follows:—all from Waldo Trust Co. Mar. 13, \$1,000; April 1, \$1,000; April 19, \$1,000; May 17, \$1,000; July 1, \$500; September 12, \$1,000. These loans were all paid in February 1919, and are exclusive of regular Fire Department loans mentioned elsewhere.

### OUTSTANDING INTEREST BEARING TOWN ORDERS

H. W. Littlefield, loan for heating and ventilating plant of school house.	\$ 600 00	
City Nat. Bank, bal. on 1917 class of bonds	1,170 00	
H. H. Webb, loan to pay for hose.	390 00	
H. H. Webb, fire engine loan.	281 73	
H. H. Webb, engine house loan.....	250 00	
H. W. Littlefield, loan for hose.	366 00	
City Nat. Bank, loans of 1914	2,000 00	
Total .....		\$5,057 73

### ABATEMENTS

1918		
John A. Bowden	\$ 18 15	
C. W. Ryder, collector, personal tax of B. F. Stantial, 1917	24 65	
Total .....		\$ 42 80

### MOTHERS' AID

Paid Lydia E. Nickerson	\$115 08	
Rec'd from State	\$ 36 54	
Due from State	21 00	
		\$57 54

### COMPENSATION OF COLLECTOR

Appropriation .....	\$200 00	
Paid C. W. Ryder .....	\$225 00	
Overdrawn .....		\$25 00

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## INTEREST

Paid interest on old bonds . . .	\$120 00	
Interest on school house bonds.	240 00	
Interest on town orders.	348 25	
	<hr/>	\$708 25
Appropriation		\$700 00
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Overdrawn		\$ 8 25

## CONTINGENT FUND

Appropriation	\$900 00
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*Compensation of Town Officers*

A. B. Payson, serv. as moderator.	\$ 9 00	
O. W. Lane, serv. and exp. as town clerk	11 00	
O. W. Lane, recording births, deaths and marriages	5 10	
E. C. Holbrook, serv. as selectman.	87 00	
E. C. Holbrook, expenses. . . .	12 50	
W. C. Deering, serv. as selectman.	68 00	
F. H. Quimby, serv. as selectman.	52 50	
E. G. Roberts, serv. and exp. as town treasurer	30 00	
E. L. Toner, serv. as superintendent of schools	94 74	
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Total		\$369 84

*Cemeteries*

Paid Webber Stimpson	\$ 16 50	
W. S. Jones	12 00	
Fred Crocker . . . .	5 00	
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Total		\$ 33 50

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*Miscellaneous*

Paid:

Chas. E. Nash & Son, print'g town report, 1918 . . . . .	\$ 35 70
G. C. Goddard, Atty. insurance on school house . . . . .	30 80
Clifton Roberts, emuneration of schol'rs	3 64
D. B. Plummer, exp. as superintendent of schools . . . . .	4 00
Adrian Lane, watching fire Nov. 11 . . . . .	3 00
John Loon, watching fire at Webb house . . . . .	3 00
Guy Prime, ballot clerk and repairing booth . . . . .	5 00
F. H. Smith, serv. as ballot clerk . . . . .	4 00
A. R. Pilley, stationary . . . . .	1 60
G. C. Goddard, Atty, rent of school h'se . . . . .	3 00
A. E. Kilgore, rep. births and deaths . . . . .	6 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books . . . . .	13 84
A. R. Pilley, insurance on school house . . . . .	92 40
A. R. Pilley, insurance on fire house . . . . .	9 60
E. C. Holbrook, exp. of conveying school house litter . . . . .	4 26
E. C. Holbrook, attend'g meeting of State assessors . . . . .	3 00
Dunton & Morse, legal advice . . . . .	4 50
C. W. Ryder, services as watchman . . . . .	3 00
C. W. Ryder, posting warrant . . . . .	3 00
C. W. Ryder, enforcing dog laws . . . . .	3 00
S. W. Norwood, organizing school dist. . . . .	10 20
E. C. Boody, serv. as fire ward . . . . .	12 00
R. E. Webber, attend'g school meetings . . . . .	5 00
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Total . . . . .	\$560 54
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Grand total expended . . . . .	\$963 88
	<hr/>
Appropriation overdrawn . . . . .	\$ 63 88

## RECAPITULATION

*Receipts*

From Tax levy of 1918	\$11,251	26
State, school fund & Mill tax	562	15
State, common school fund	578	59
State, for free high school	500	00
State, for industrial education	500	00
State, for state road	638	22
State, for Fifty-Fifty fund	40	10
State, for dog damage	40	00
State, for dog license refund	5	35
Tuitions in high school	431	51
Public Utilities for clear'g cross- ing	2	75
State, for Mothers' aid	36	54
Due from State for Mothers' aid	21	00
Due from State for State aid to Mrs. Hall	88	57
Fire department loans	1,287	73
Voluntary contributions toward pur- chase of fire engine	765	00
Total	\$16,748	77

*Expenditures*

State tax	\$2,024	30
County tax	522	45
Common schools	2,316	22
High school	2,396	95
Repair of school houses	221	05
Free text books	815	38
Roads and bridges	1,878	89
State aid highway	1,169	20
Material for roads and bridges	196	83

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Support of poor . . . . .	194	14
Patrol maintenance . . . . .	442	93
Fire engine . . . . .	1,046	73
Hose . . . . .	756	00
Repair of engine house . . . . .	361	84
Street lights . . . . .	276	00
Memorial day . . . . .	20	00
Dog damage . . . . .	40	00
Mothers' aid . . . . .	115	08
Compensation of collector . . . . .	225	00
Abatements . . . . .	18	15
Contingent . . . . .	963	88
Interest . . . . .	708	25
State aid to Mrs. Hall . . . . .	88	57
	Total	\$16,797 84
Expenditures exceed receipts \$49.07.		

### STANDING OF THE TOWN

#### *Resources*

200 shares B. & M. H. L.R.R. stock	\$15,000	00
Due from J. G. Stimpson, col. 1913—14	284	36
C. W. Ryder, col. 1917	63	80
State, for Mothers' aid.	21	00
State, for State aid.	88	57
Cash in sinking fund . . . . .	1,150	07
Cash in treasury . . . . .	338	98
	Total	\$16,946 78

#### *Liabilities*

Due on old bonds . . . . .	\$3,000	00
Due on school house bonds	6,000	00
Due on interest bearing town orders	5,057	73
Due on outstanding orders.	288	16

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Due J. G. Stimpson, col.	105 00
Due on unpaid bills of schools and fire department	1,791 63
	<hr/> \$16,242 52
Resources exceed liabilities.	\$ 704 26

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HOLBROOK,  
W. C. DEERING,  
F. H. QUIMBY,

*Selectmen of Brooks.*



REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SINKING FUND  
1918

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Amount in Sinking Fund Feb. 15, 1918	\$432 29
June 4th To June R. R. Dividend	280 00
Dec. 5th To December R. R. Dividend	288 00
1919	
Feb. 4th To Railroad & Telegraph tax	130 12
Feb. 1st To interest on investment	19 66
Feb. 15th To amount in Sinking Fund	\$1,150 07
Deposited Savings Department City National Bank of Belfast, Book No. 1429.	

A. E. KILGORE,  
W. E. BOOKER,  
E. A. CARPENTER,  
*Trustees of Sinking Fund.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Brooks, Maine, February 1919.

*Receipts*

Received from:

Former Treasurer . . . . . \$235 87

Tuitions:

Town of Jackson . . . . .	377 76
Town of Thorndike . . . . .	10 00
Town of Monroe . . . . .	130 00
Town of Swanville . . . . .	3 75
Town of Dixmont . . . . .	30 00
Town of Knox . . . . .	30 00
A. L. Croxford . . . . .	30 00

\$641 51

State Treas., State pensions . . . . . \$225 00

Dog license refund . . . . . 5 35

School & Mill fund . . . . . 562 15

Common school fund . . . . . 578 59

R. R. & Tel. tax . . . . . 130 12

Industrial education . . . . . 500 00

Free High school . . . . . 500 00

Public Utilities Com. . . . . 5 75

Damage to sheep . . . . . 10 00

Improved highways . . . . . 638 22

Highway Department . . . . . 10 10

Aid dependent mothers . . . . . 36 51

\$3,261 82

Selectmen's interest orders . . . . . \$6,506 00

Sale of school house . . . . . 500 00

Sale of old hose . . . . . 7 04

Grass on grave yard lot . . . . . 5 00

Grass on school lot (1917) . . . . . 5 00

R. R. Dividends . . . . . 568 00

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E. C. Boody, engine account	765 00	
O. W. Lane, dog tax	40 00	
Leroy Godding, license	10 00	
Interest on McTaggart Fund	2 00	
Reimbursements on account organizing school union		
Town of Monroe	2 36	
Town of Jackson	1 75	
Town of Waldo	1 75	
C. W. Ryder, col. 1917	218 94	
C. W. Ryder, col. 1918	11,251 26	
	-----	\$24,023 30

*Disbursements*

Paid State pensions		\$ 225 00
State tax.		2,025 30
County tax		522 45
State Treas., dog license		40 00
State Highway maintenance		442 93
Trustees Sinking Fund		698 12
City Nat. Bank		
Interest on bonds.	120 00	
Interest on old order	100 00	
Interest on \$1170 order	29 25	
	-----	249 25
Waldo Trust Co.		
Interest orders	5,500 00	
Interest on orders	216 69	
Interest on bonds.	240 00	
	-----	5,956 69
H. W. Littlefield, int. on order.		30 00
Rent of school house		300 00
Town orders		13,194 58
Cash on hand February 19th.		338 98
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		\$24,023 30

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of  
the Town of Brooks:*

In accordance with the law I hereby submit my first annual report as Superintendent of your Schools.

The schools have been maintained for thirty weeks and the work accomplished is all that could be expected. An all day teachers meeting was held at the school building with Miss Florence Hale of the State Department as a speaker. Much good was derived from this meeting. It was found necessary at the beginning of the year to re-grade a large number of the scholars as many had been allowed to go into grades which were much too hard for them. Unless a scholar gets a good foundation in the fundamentals, reading, writing and arithmetic his work will be a discouraging proposition throughout his school course.

Certain tentative rules and regulations have been adopted which are necessary in a school of one hundred and seventy-five that would not be necessary in a rural school of twenty.

**TEXT BOOKS**

The schools are well supplied with books. A considerable number of new books having been purchased in the past year. It has been necessary to use the book appropriation also for supplies and rental of typewriters. It will be a great saving to the town when the school may own its typewriters, as a rental of \$3.00 per month on a machine that can be purchased new for \$70.00 is rather large interest.

## REPAIRS

A considerable amount of minor repairs have been necessary this year especially, as nothing much had been done since the building was completed.

It was necessary to clean the floors and windows which had not been done before and to paint the lower walls where they had become badly soiled. Repairs were three times necessary on the pump, due to broken shaft.

## ATTENDANCE

On the whole the attendance has been very good. Comparatively little time has been lost due to sickness. There have been cases of unnecessary absence and it has been necessary to resort in some cases to the truancy law. This is always unpleasant but sometimes seems the only course. It should be realized that our school year is short and that it is absolutely necessary for the scholar to get in practically full time to keep up to grade.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In making the following recommendations for the ensuing year, I am submitting only what I believe to be very necessary and advisable.

First I would speak of the appropriation of \$250 for agricultural equipment in order to receive the benefits of the Smith-Hughes Act. For the ensuing year this will give us \$250 from the federal government in addition to what we already receive from the state and this amount from the federal government will increase as our agricultural course develops, and without further expenditure more than would be necessary any way to carry on this course. The appropriation of this \$250 does not necessarily imply that it must all be expended but it is a requirement that it shall all be available for this purpose.

We are now well started with the commercial course which is very popular. We have been hiring typewriters for this course at an expense of \$3.00 per month. These machines are second hand. We can purchase new machines for \$70 each. Considering express charges this means an interest charge of approximately 40 per cent.

In making up the recommendations I have separated the text book account from the physical apparatus and supplies account. In the next report this will indicate more clearly how much has actually been expended for text books and how much for other purposes. It seems that it has been customary in the past to include various items in the text book and supply account. Note also that it has been necessary to purchase 12 new seats in the past year for the High School at a cost of over \$50. This amount had to come from the repair account. This literally was not a repair item as they were additional equipment and were not to replace old seats.

To summarize, I recommend the following appropriations:

Textbooks	\$100
Physical Apparatus and Supplies	100
Typewriters	210
Agricultural Equipment	250

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. TONER,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

#### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$1,100 00
Common School fund . . .	578 59
Mill fund	562 15
	—————\$2,240 74
Paid for Teachers	\$1,044 20
Conveyance	580 00

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Janitors .....	178 80	
Fuel .....	513 22	
	\$2,316 22	
Overdrawn		\$ 75 48

### *Paid for Teachers*

Clara Jones .....	\$ 96 00	
Eunice Chase .....	96 00	
Mabel Rose .....	198 00	
Grace Bachelder .....	60 00	
Ethel Cochrane .....	167 20	
Carrie Hobbs .....	114 00	
Martha A. Payson .....	70 00	
Eva Toner .....	121 00	
Verna Wentworth .....	120 00	
	\$1,044 20	

### *Conveyance*

J. Elwell .....	\$150 00	
C. Roberts .....	71 50	
Herbert Cram .....	90 00	
Lydia Nickerson .....	90 50	
Liva Roberts .....	48 00	
S. F. Ryan .....	91 00	
H. Ryan .....	39 00	
	\$580 00	

### *Janitor's Services*

A. K. Greene .....	\$ 95 25	
Ethel Webber .....	2 30	
Vira Bennett .....	2 00	
Ada Mixer .....	2 00	
F. L. Emmons .....	6 75	

Hervey Bowden	66 75	
Verna Wentworth	3 75	
		\$178 80

*Fuel*

J. N. Suay	\$ 52 13	
Frank LePage.	83 44	
A. E. Chase Co.	319 15	
T. I. Hemphill	6 75	
Geo. LaCrosse	30 00	
J. E. Ellis	21 75	
		\$513 22

Following is a total of unpaid bills in the Common school account:

Due for Teachers' salaries	\$441 00	
Due for Conveyance	436 50	
Due for Janitor's services	54 00	
Due for Fuel	316 67	
		\$1,248 17

## HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$800 00	
Rec'd from State, High school fund	500 00	
Rec'd from State, Agricultural fund.	500 00	
Rec'd from tuitions	431 51	
Due from tuitions	400 50	
		2,632 01
Paid Teachers' salaries.	\$2,179 64	
Janitors' services	56 25	
Fuel	161 06	
		\$2,396 95
Unexpended balance		\$ 235 06



*Paid for High School Teachers*

W. W. Wilder	\$557 10
Theresa Whitmore ..	259 00
Frances Gonyer . . .	276 69
Russell S. Greenwood	560 00
Jennie Weaver	274 85
Esther Hedman	252 00
	<hr/> \$2,179 64

*Paid for Janitors' Services*

A. K. Greene	\$ 31 75
F. L. Emmons ..	2 25
Hervey Bowden	22 25
	<hr/> \$ 56 25

*Paid for Fuel*

J. N. Suay	\$ 17 37
Frank LePage .	27 81
A. E. Chase Co.	106 38
T. I. Hemphill	2 25
J. E. Ellis	7 25
	<hr/> \$161 06

*Unpaid Bills of High School Account*

Due for Teachers' salaries	\$399 80
Due for Fuel	105 55
	<hr/> \$505 35

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$200 00
Paid E. C. Boody	\$3 50
H. H. Hutchinson	35 86

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R. A. Barden	8 50
F. L. Emmons	153 91
Roy Godding	3 00
	\$221 05
Overdrawn	\$ 21 05
Unpaid repair bills	\$115 63

## TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$400 00
Appropriation by town	300 00
Bal. unexpended 1916—1917	96 46
	\$796 46
Paid Ginn & Company	\$473 16
American Book Co.	32 08
Silver, Burdette & Co.	10 45
Benjamin A. Sanborn	10 00
Houghton Mifflin & Co.	6 14
A. N. Palmer Co.	15 72
Gregg Pub. Co.	20 60
D. C. Heath	45 75
Edward E. Babb	96 61
Underwood Typewriter Co.	12 00
The Macmillan Co.	8 16
N. J. Bartlett & Co.	3 10
Horter School Supply Co.	6 25
McIntosh Pub. Co.	3 98
Mrs. F. O. Merritt	2 56
E. L. Toner	15 19
H. H. Hutchinson	1 97
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins	6 83
A. E. Chase	4 79
Newell White	1 50
A. R. Pilley	10 20
Loring, Short & Harmon	63

J. L. Hammett	17 68	
Maine Library Commission	4 95	
Mrs. Ira Bowden	1 25	
Boston Paper Board Co.	3 56	
		————— \$815 11
Overdrawn		————— \$ 18 65

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

*To the Citizens of Brooks:*

It is with pleasure that I present to you this brief report of the conditions and some of the needs of our High School for the current year. The courses of study now offered are adequate in so far as appropriations will allow. However, you doubtless desire to improve the school, not only for the benefit of your own children, but in order that it will offer even greater inducement to children from neighboring towns, who already constitute sixty per cent of the fifty-two pupils in attendance.

I strongly recommend acceptance of the Smith-Hughes proposition, as Federal aid for agricultural education, under the provisions of this act, is bound to increase. Physical and chemical supplies, a few text books and at least three typewriters are also necessary.

An improvement which would have been highly desirable the past year, and which, no doubt, will be absolutely necessary with the opening of the fall term is an increase of floor space. The increased attendance, as you know, has obliged us to resort to the antiquated system of double seats; and no large body of pupils, nor any teacher, can be a highest efficiency under such conditions. While the room this year has been full to overflowing, there is a senior class of only five and a probable entering class of twenty-five.

I would further recommend better preparation of students who are to take up High school work. No student can get what he should from a High school course without having a proper foundation, and, moreover, without this the work is made doubly hard for pupils and teachers alike. A more thorough preparation in English is a special suggestion that I would make to grade teachers, even though thoroughness would mean confinement to a narrower field.

In closing, let me thank you all for your co-operation in making our school work and our school activities a success.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. GREENWOOD.