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ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

A. B. PAYSON

Selectmen

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

Town Clerk—O. W. LANE

Treasurer—A. B. PAYSON

Superintendent of Schools—E. L. TONER

School Board

R. E. WEBBER

H. H. HUTCHINSON

G. H. RYDER

Collector

A. J. LOWE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Brooks:

We hereby submit our annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending February 21, 1920.

VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN TOWN APRIL 1, 1919

Real and personal estate	\$372,563 00
Number of polls	161
Number of polls not taxed.	33
Poll tax	\$3 00
Rate of taxation.	.035

APPROPRIATIONS 1919

State tax	\$2,818 07
County tax	540 75
Common Schools	3,000 00
Poor	100 00
Roads and bridges	2,000 00
Contingent	1,000 00
Text books	100 00
Interest	800 00
Repair of school houses	225 00
Material for roads and bridges	150 00
Memorial Day	20 00
Street lights	276 00
Maintenance of State roads	200 00
Fire department	500 00

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Free High School	1,000 00
Agricultural equipment.	250 00
Typewriters	210 00
Physical apparatus	100 00
Improvement of State Aid road	533 00
Repair of Lacrosse road	200 00
For collecting taxes	200 00
Moulton Hill	400 00
Over-lay allowed by law	399 89
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Total commitment.	\$15,022 71

The town authorized the Selectmen to hire \$1,500 to reduce the tax rate of 1919.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriated	\$2,000 00
Lacrosse road	200 00
State Aid maintenance	200 00
Rec'd from State Fifty-fifty Fund	50 00
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Total	\$2,450 00

S. J. Roberts, Commissioner

Paid Geo. H. Ryder	\$ 8 00
M. L. Fogg	6 00
Ernest Gould	14 00
Eleazor Danforth	6 00
A. W. Lane	77 85
R. J. Kenney	159 00
Harry Bradford	92 75
Sidney Penney	6 00
R. E. Webber	54 20
E. R. Knowlton	197 70
W. D. Bennett	132 50
Clifton Roberts	16 50

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S. F. Ryan	52 50
M. S. Knowlton	126 50
Charles Mixer	137 89
Alice Clarey	3 00
Earl Gibbs	22 50
Fred Crocker	10 50
Maurice West	12 00
M. M. Leonard	6 30
L. A. Smith	53 00
Geo. Stimpson	45 65
Harry Stimpson	9 00
R. B. Prime	153 25
Emery Merrithew	9 00
Geo. Lacrosse	60 25
Herbert Lovely	16 00
Ira Bowden	4 55
B. F. Stimpson	11 00
Clarence Forbes	9 00
R. J. Kenney	163 50
H. E. Jenkins	9 00
A. O. Payson	53 50
John Knowlton	1 50
W. L. railey	14 35
C. L. Bennett	13 88
F. A. Moulton	4 50
Roberts & Son	4 59
B. F. Wentworth	26 70
A. E. Kilgore	6 40
O. R. McAndlass	7 20
John Loon	6 00
F. W. Gibbs, maintenance	9 30
State Treasurer for patrol	406 51
L. F. Murch	7 50
H. E. Moody	12 00
John W. Hobbs	16 50
Heirs of M. J. Dow	3 00

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R. A. Hall	5 00
Chas. H. Roberts	167 00
W. E. Hall	8 00
Good Roads Machinery Co.....	309 50
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Total	\$2,770 76
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Overdrawn	\$320 76
Unpaid bill	\$333 60

MATERIAL FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$150 00
Paid A. B. Payson, plank	\$ 45 46
Berger Mfg. Co.	9 00
W. L. Boyd, bridge plank	117 00
Brooks Farmers' Union	5 05
Geo. H. Ryder, gravel ..	23 70
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	\$201 21
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Overdrawn	\$ 51 21

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriated	\$ 20 00
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STATE ROAD

Town Appropriated	\$533 00
Rec'd from State	689 60
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Total	\$1,222 60
Paid R. J. Kenney	\$ 75 00
B. F. Stimpson	75 50
George Stimpson	46 00
Charles Mixer	90 00

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A. F. Gibbs	110 00
A. W. Lane	45 00
W. D. Bennett	48 31
M. S. Knowlton	67 81
E. R. Knowlton	97 50
F. H. Brown	8 00
L. A. Smith	27 00
Clyde Smith	28 40
S. V. Roberts	76 50
Albion Reynolds	30 00
H. H. Webb	51 60
C. . Roberts	122 75
Guy Twombly	7 50
H. F. Smith	5 00
A. E. Chase Co.	21 75
Lewis Cook	8 00
J. F. Cilley	52 76
R. B. Prime	128 50
	\$1,222 88
Overdrawn	\$ 28

MOULTON HILL

Town Appropriated	\$400 00
Rec'd from State	561 10
	\$961 10
Total	
Paid C. E. Ulmer	\$388 52
Hall-Ellis Co.	40 35
E. R. Knowlton	41 25
A. W. Lane	4 50
R. J. Kenney	40 50
M. S. Knowlton	34 50
S. J. Roberts	81 54
C. H. Roberts	80 66
Charles Mixer	60 00

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Berger Mfg. Co.	29 45	
Albion Reynolds	40 50	
L. A. Smith	65 66	
A. B. Payson	37 80	
F. W. Curtis & Son	2 86	
George Stimpson	12 00	
A. E. Chase Co.	23 05	
F. R. York	13 00	
		\$996 14
Overdrawn		\$ 35 04

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$500 00
Paid A. E. Chase Co.	\$161 72	
American-LaFrance Fire Engine Co.	44 29	
R. A. Borden	2 00	
A. R. Pilley, insurance, 3 years	19 70	
D. B. Plummer	1 92	
Central Maine Power Co., lights	12 00	
Cooper & Co., lumber	9 90	
Harry E. Walker, work on engine	9 90	
A. E. Chase Co.	73 84	
E. C. Boody	48 25	
E. G. Roberts	1 20	
J. E. Ellis	3 48	
John Loon	3 00	
Raymond Quimby	1 50	
		\$392 70
Unexpended		\$107 30
Bills not paid		\$ 40 00

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SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid F. R. York, for transients	10 50
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Unexpended	\$ 89 50

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$276 00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	\$276 00

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITERS

Appropriation	\$210 00
Paid Royal Typewriter Co.	\$ 70 00
Underwood Typewriter Co.	70 00
L. C. Smith Typewriter Co.	70 00
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	\$210 00

ABATEMENTS

To A. J. Lowe, Collector 1919

Hannah Small	\$ 5 25
Ambrose Bucklin	6 50
Ira Flanders	3 00
C. W. Vincent	3 00
Norman Pendleton	3 00
Bert Lane	3 00
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Total	\$ 23 75

ABATEMENTS

To J. G. Stimpson, Collector 1913-1914	\$ 84 28
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INTEREST

Appropriation		\$800 00
Paid Interest on old bonds	\$120 00	
Interest on schoolhouse bond	240 00	
Interest on interest bearing town orders	252 50	
Interest on temporary loans.	304 96	
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Total		\$917 46
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Overdrawn		\$117 46

COMPENSATION OF COLLECTOR 1919

Appropriated		\$200 00
Paid A. J. Lowe		\$200 00
Paid J. G. Stimpson, Collector for 1913-1914		\$105 00
Overdrawn		\$105 00

BORROWED MONEY

Temporary loans to pay current expenses were made during the year as follows:—all from Waldo Trust Co. March 12, \$2,000; March 26, \$1,000; May 14, \$1,000; June 7, \$1,000; July 1, \$1,000; August 29, \$1,000; September 21, \$1,000; August 14, \$1,000. These loans were all paid in February 1920.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriated by Town		\$1,000 00
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Compensation of Town Officers

Paid:		
A. B. Payson, services as moderator.	\$ 7 00	
O. W. Lane, serv. and exp. as town clerk	11 00	

O. W. Lane, recording births, marriages and deaths	3 90	
E. C. Holbrook, serv. and expenses as selectman	100 00	
W. C. Deering, services as selectman	75 00	
F. H. Quimby, services as selectman	56 00	
A. B. Payson, services and expenses as town treasurer	50 00	
E. L. Toner, services as superintendent of schools	178 75	
	<hr/>	\$481 65

Cemeteries

Paid W. S. Jones	\$ 15 00	
Webber Stimpson	13 50	
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Total		\$ 28 50

Miscellaneous

Paid:		
A. J. Lowe, enforcing dog law	\$ 4 50	
Posting notices for town meetings	3 00	
Albert Jenkins, night watch July 3 & 4	3 00	
G. C. Goddard, Attorney, rent of school house	300 00	
Charles E. Nash & Son, printing town reports	42 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books	22 85	
Guy A. Prime, ballot clerk	3 00	
F. H. Smith, ballot clerk	3 00	
C. W. Ryder, insurance on school house	28 00	
E. A. Carpenter, making deed of school house	2 00	
R. F. Dunton, legal advice	2 00	
A. E. Kilgore, reporting, births & deaths	4 25	
A. J. Lowe, night watch July 3	3 00	

A. R. Pilley, office supplies for selectmen	1 37
E. C. Holbrook, attend'g hearing on Moulton Hill at Augusta	8 50
E. C. Holbrook, attending meeting of State Assessors	3 00
F. R. York, for dinners.	12 00
Lydia E. Nickerson, for Mothers' aid.	42 00
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Grand Total	\$997 62
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Unexpended	\$ 2 38
Due Lydia Nickerson, Mothers' Aid.	\$126 00
Due from State for Mothers' Aid.	63 00

OUTSTANDING INTEREST BEARING TOWN ORDERS

H. W. Littlefield, loan for heating and ventilating plant of school house . \$ 600 00	
City National on 1917 class of bonds. 1,170 00	
H. H. Webb, loan to pay for hose. 390 00	
H. H. Webb, re engine loan 281 73	
H. H. Webb, engine house loan 250 00	
H. W. Littlefield, loan for hose. 366 00	
City National Bank, loans for 1914. 2,000 00	
Waldo Trust Co., loan to reduce the tax rate for 1919 1,500 00	
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Total	\$6,557 73

RECAPITULATION

Receipts

Tax levy 1919.	\$13,522 71
Mothers' aid	21 00

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State Treas., Fifty-fifty Fund	50 00
State, Agricultural School Fund	148 36
State, Free High school	500 00
State, dog license refund	4 23
State, School & Mill Fund	556 76
State, Common School Fund	660 75
State, Highway department.	561 10
State, Imp. State road	689 60
State, Industrial Education	500 00
State, High School Equalization Fund	325 00
State, Tuition	1,042 50
Cash in treasury	153 33
J. G. Stimpson, coll. 1913-1914	284 36
C. W. Ryder, coll. 1917	60 80
State, dependent family of soldier.	78 86
W. C. Austin	3 00
Webber R. Stimpson, grave yard lot.	200 00
Pool room license	10 00
C. W. Ryder, grass school lot.	7 50
Waldo Trust Co., loan	1,500 00
	—————\$20,879 86

Expenditures

State tax	\$2,818 07
County tax	540 75
Roads and bridges	2,770 76
Maintenance roads and bridges.	201 21
State road.	1,222 88
Moulton Hill	996 14
Fire department	392 70
Support of transients	10 50
Street lights	276 00
Typewriters	210 00
Abatements.	108 03
Interest	917 46
Tax Collectors	305 00

Common Schools	4,009 93
Contingent	997 62
High School	3,374 30
Text books	103 83
School supplies	120 50
Smith-Hughes.	40 51
Repair of school house	306 13
Paid old orders	333 26
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Total	\$20,055 58
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Receipts exceed the Expenditures,	\$824.82

STANDING OF THE TOWN

Resources

200 Shares B. & M. H. L. R. R. Stock	\$15,000 00
Due on tuitions	478 50
Due on Mothers' Aid from State	63 00
Due from Sinking Fund	1,895 16
Due from cash in treasury	824 28
Total	<hr/> \$18,260 94

Liabilities

Due on old bonds	\$ 3,000 00
Due on school house bonds	6,000 00
Due on interest bearing town orders.	6,557 73
Due on unpaid bills	1,201 35
Total	<hr/> \$16,759 08

Resources exceed liabilities	\$1,501 86
Reduction for the year, \$797.60.	

Respectfully submitted,
 E. C. HOLBROOK,
 W. C. DEERING,
 F. H. QUIMBY,
Selectmen of Brooks.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SINKING FUND

Amount in Sinking Fund Feb. 15, 1919	\$1,150 07
June 1919 R. R. Dividend	280 00
December 1919 R. R. Dividend	288 00
Telegraph tax	129 54
Interest on investments	47 55

Feb. 15, 1920 Amount in Sinking Fund \$1,895 16

Deposited in Savings Department City National Bank of Belfast, book number 1429.

A. E. KILGORE,
 W. E. BARKER,
 E. A. CARPENTER,
Trustees of Sinking Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brooks, Maine, February 21, 1920.

Receipts

Rec'd from former Treasurer	\$ 153 33
Rec'd from A. J. Lowe, Coll 1919.	13,522 71
Rec'd from J. G. Stimpson, Coll. 1913-1914 ..	284 36
Rec'd from C. W. Ryder, Coll. 1917	60 80
	\$14,021 20
State Treas., State pensions.	\$ 216 00
" " Dependent families of soldiers ..	78 86
" " Dependent Mothers' Aid.	21 00
" " Highway Department	50 00
" " Agri. School fund.	148 36
" " Free High school	500 00
" " Dog license refund	4 23
" " School and Mill fund.	556 76
" " Common school fund.	660 75
" " R. R. & Tel. tax.	129 54
" " Highway Department	561 10
" " Improvement State road.	689 60
" " Industrial Education.	500 00
" " High school Equalization	325 00
	\$4,441 20
From Tuitions:	
Town of Waldo	\$ 24 00
Town of Thorndike	24 00

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Town of Jackson	280 50
Town of Waldo	36 00
A. R. Wellman, Winterport	18 00
Lewis Libby, Winterport	18 00
Town of Swansville	24 00
Town of Thorndike	36 00
Town of Monroe	402 00
Town of Jackson	180 00
	\$1,042 50

Miscellaneous

Rec'd from W. C. Austin, fire house d'r	\$ 3 00
“ “ H. W. Littlefield, town order No. 44	600 00
“ “ Webber Stimpson, grave yard lot	200 00
“ “ R. R. Dividends	568 00
“ “ O. W. Lane, dog license	33 00
“ “ L. E. Godding, pool room license	10 00
“ “ C. W. Ryder, grass school house lot	7 50
“ “ Selectmen's interest orders	10,500 00
	\$11,921 50

Total receipts \$31,426 40

Disbursements

Paid State pensions	\$ 216 00
State tax	2,818 07
County tax	540 75
State Treasurer, dog license	33 00

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Trustees Sinking Fund	697 54	
Selectmen's orders	26,296 76	
		—————\$30,602 12
Balance in Treasury		824 28
		—————
		\$31,426 40

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. PAYSON,
Treasurer of Brooks.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Brooks:

It is my pleasure to submit my second annual report of the Brooks schools.

You will find at the end of my report a statistical report on enrollment and attendance for the school year ending July 1, 1919. The report shows a total average attendance in the grades of 77.9 per cent. which was very good for last year when there was so much sickness in many localities.

In the High School the total average attendance was 85.2 per cent. which was also very good. In the grades the same teachers were maintained throughout the year which tends for much greater efficiency than when several changes are necessary.

The eye and ear test has been given according to law and the parents notified where necessary.

A copy of the new State course of study has been given to each teacher to be used as a guide to supplement the course of study now in use in the schools. As the State course is based upon only eight years of work and the nine grade system is in use here the State course cannot be followed exactly.

It is desired that more parents visit the schools as this is the only means by which they may know the teacher and have personal knowledge of the work and conduct of the school.

THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

The Junior High School Plan adopted at the beginning of the fall term 1919 is working out very satisfactorily. Mr. Taylor, State Agent for Secondary Schools expressed himself as very much pleased with the plan of work as being carried on. This plan combines the eighth and ninth grades and Freshman Class into a Junior High School and leaves only three classes for the Senior High School. It relieves much congestion which existed in the Senior High School and allows for departmental teaching down to the eighth grade where it is considered advisable. It also brings the advantage here that the eighth and ninth grades get thirty-six weeks of school per year rather than thirty. This gives twelve more weeks schooling than they formally received before entering High School which of course means considerably better preparation for the regular High School work. The system helps to interlock the grade and High School work and eliminates to some extent the abrupt change from one to the other. It also tends to carry more pupils into High School work. The State also allows the teacher of the Junior High School to be paid from either common school or high school funds or from both.

REPAIRS

During the summer the school house was thoroughly cleaned, the floors oiled and the walls painted where necessary. As the suction rod on the pump had broken several times in the past year it was thought advisable to put in a new one as the cost of repairing when there was a break was considerable, so a new suction rod and suction pipe was purchased and installed and has given no trouble since. A new bubbling fountain had

to be put in on the second floor. Curtains were purchased for the east side of the building as there had never been any on that side and the light was much too strong for the eyes of the children. Some new seats were purchased and installed in the Junior and Senior High schools. It was also necessary to place a support under the second landing as it had settled to quite an extent.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year Ending July 1, 1919

Enrollment

	Boys	Girls	Total	Av. Att.
Primary	33	21	54	37
Intermediate	19	23	42	35.6
Grammar	18	13	31	26.1
Payson	0	5	5	4.1
	—	—	—	—
	70	62	132	102.8
High School	18	36	54	46.0

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
School and Mill Fund	556 76
Common School Fund	660 75
	—————\$ 4,217 51

Expenditures

Teachers' wages	\$1,875 50
Fuel	670 68
Janitor's wages	246 25

Conveyance	1,217 50	
Overdrawn 1917-18	75 48	
		\$4,085 41

Balance unexpended	\$ 132 10
Due and unpaid on Common Schools Feb. 13, 1920...	\$ 206 10

Paid Teachers

Mabel Rose	\$430 00	
Carrie Hobbs	276 00	
Ethel Cochrane	333 30	
Eva L. Toner	407 20	
Martha Payson	224 00	
Priscilla Nickels	205 00	
		\$1,875 50

Paid for Fuel

A. E. Chase Co.	\$316 67	
W. E. Harding	8 25	
Bacon & Robinson Co.	237 53	
Maine Central R. R.	43 36	
M. Fogg	17 25	
Winslow Ryder	4 50	
A. E. Payson	5 00	
J. E. Ellis	22 12	
Frank LaPage	16 00	
		\$670 68

Paid for Janitor's Service

Hervey Bowden	\$235 50	
Viva Bennett	4 00	
Martha C. Payson	6 75	
		\$246 25

Paid for Conveyance

J. Elwell	\$500 00
Lydia Nickerson	161 50
Samuel Ryan	74 00
Liva Roberts	352 00
Ada Mixer	130 00
	—————\$1,217 50

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance unexpended 1918-19	\$ 235 06
Appropriation	1,000 00
Equalization Fund	200 00
Federal Funds acct. Agricultural	148 36
State, Industrial Education	500 00
State, High School Fund	500 00
Rec'd from Tuition	1,042 50
Due from Tuition	478 50
	—————\$4,104 42

Expenditures

Tuition taken credit for in last report	\$ 400 50
Teachers' wages	3,081 99
Janitor's wages	78 50
Fuel	213 81
	—————\$3,774 80
Balance unexpended	\$ 329 62
Due and unpaid on High School Feb. 13, 1920	\$ 303 16

Paid High School Teachers

R. S. Greenwood	\$1,690 00
Jennie Hamlin	544 05
Esther Hedman	342 00
Harriett Canham	380 94
Priscilla Nickels	125 00
	—————\$3,081 99

Paid Janitor's Wages

Hervey Bowden	\$ 78 50
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Paid for Fuel

A. E. Chase Co.	\$105 55
Bacon & Robinson	79 18
Maine Central R. R.	14 45
M. Fogg	5 75
Winslow Ryder	1 50
J. E. Ellis	7 38
	————— \$213 76

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Expenditures

E. L. Toner	\$ 5 00
Edward E. Babb & Co.	44 52
The MacMillan Co.	17 95
Ginn & Company	12 67
N. J. Bartlett	1 50
O. W. Shaw Co.	1 50
D. C. Heath & Co.	13 60
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	3 60

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American Book Co.	50	
Lewiston Journal Co.	2 40	
The Gregg Publishing Co.	59	
		<hr/> \$103 83
Overdrawn		\$ 3 83
Bills due and unpaid ..		\$32 08

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation		\$225 00
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Expenditures

H. H. Hutchinson	\$128 85	
Vermont School Seat Co.	45 63	
A. E. Chase Co.	41 01	
F. L. Emmons ..	64 70	
E. L. Toner ..	7 19	
Roberts & Son	12 85	
A. B. Huff	5 00	
		<hr/> \$305 23
Overdrawn		\$ 80 23
Bill due and unpaid ..		\$156 67

APPARATUS AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation		\$100 00
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Expenditures

E. L. Toner	\$ 1 85	
Royal Typewriter Co.	1 00	

E. A. Banks	1 33	
Howard & Brown	5 46	
Dan J. Sullivan	3 50	
Scott Foresman & Co.	14 47	
World Book Co.	6 20	
American Book Co.	22 56	
Underwood Typewriter Co.	6 00	
Herbert L. Palmer	11 83	
A. R. Pilley	7 50	
City Job Print	8 00	
J. L. Hammett	86	
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	14 25	
A. B. Payson	8 58	
A. E. Chase Co.	7 11	
		\$120 50
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Overdrawn		\$ 20 50

SMITH-HUGHES AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

Resources

Appropriation	\$250 00
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Expenditures

R. S. Greenwood	\$ 22 55	
E. G. Roberts	1 00	
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	5 97	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	8 56	
Ralph Murphy	1 24	
A. B. Payson	1 19	
		\$ 40 51
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Balance unexpended		\$209 49

TYPEWRITER ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$210 00
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Expenditures

Royal Typewriter Co.	..	\$ 70 00
Underwood Typewriter Co.	70 00
L. C. Smith & Bros. Typ. Co.	70 00
		————— \$210 00

HIGH SCHOOL EQUALIZATION FUND—For Library

Resources

From State	\$100 00
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Expenditures

No expenditures	
		—————
Balance unexpended	..	\$100 00

For Equipment

From State	\$ 25 00
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Expenditures

No expenditures	..	
		—————
Balance unexpended	\$ 25 00

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with custom, I herewith present my annual report.

The Junior-Senior plan which was instituted with the opening of school last September has thus far proved a decided success. The twenty students of the two upper grades, seated in the same room with the freshman class, which numbers fourteen, have the advantage of departmental teaching as far as is practicable, and in this way we feel that a greater interest is aroused in the work to be taken up later. In the Senior High School, which comprises the three upper classes, there is an enrollment of forty-five. This makes in the four regular years of high school a total registration of fifty-nine, which is about ten per cent. more than the registration of last year and twenty-five per cent. more than the number enrolled two years ago.

We have been fortunate this year in escaping epidemics, but, even so, there has been a great deal of tardiness and absence, much of which, we have reason to believe, is unwarranted. In order to get the most from his school work, a student should attend school every day. This, moreover, is the time of life when those habits which make or mar a career are most readily formed, and the habit of punctuality is surely one of the most important.

One of the needs of our school which should be met as soon as possible is an opportunity for musical training and appreciation. The three typewriters now in use will not be adequate for next year's class, several students having been obliged this year to defer this course because

of lack of accommodations. In order to maintain the work in agriculture it will be necessary to appropriate \$150 for the Smith-Hughes Fund, but as there is now an unexpended balance of about \$100, it is doubtful if this appropriation will be drawn upon to any great extent during the coming year.

I trust that many of the parents and others will find it possible during the remainder of the year to visit the school in order that they may see for themselves the work that is being done. We shall be glad to receive from them any suggestions that they may offer, harboring always the thought that nothing but good can come of constructive criticism. Allow me to suggest that the first Wednesday in every month be made visiting day when parents make an especial effort to visit the school.

Respectfully submitted,

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