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ANNUAL REPORT

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YEAR 1944-1945

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

Report of Audit

Letter of Transmittal for Fiscal Year ending

March 1944

To the Citizens of Cutler, Maine:

I submit herewith my report of audit of your town accounts for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1944.

Your books have been written up to show the results embodied in this report.

Details of all transactions are recorded in the books of account and are open for inspection by all those interested.

All moneys received by your several officers have been properly accounted for.

Very truly,

SAMUEL M. HOLWAY,

Auditor.

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

C. D. WALLACE
F. DOUGLAS MAKER
A. H. BRYANT

Assessors

S. W. DAVIS
MILLIE HENDERSON
A. H. BRYANT

Overseers of Poor

F. DOUGLAS MAKER
A. H. BRYANT
C. D. WALLACE

Auditor

SIDNEY DAVIS

Clerk

LESLIE C. ACKLEY

Treasurer

CARLETON MELOON

Road Commissioner

ALBION McGUIRE

Health Officer

ARTHUR E. MELOON

School Committee

ALLEN FITZHENRY
ROBIN HENDERSON
ROY DAVIS

Superintendent of Schools

WILLIAM M. BOTTOMLEY

Tax Collector

ARLENE DENNISON

Constable

ARTHUR E. MELOON

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Cutler:

We hereby submit our annual report of the Town's business for the year ending March 1, 1945.

We will first speak of the extra expense this year. We have spent, for Mother's Aid, \$410.00 more than last year.

On account of the heavy snow storms we have paid out \$334.82 more than last year on snow removal. We have tried the best we could to keep our Main Line open and the mail has lost only one day this winter. But, under conditions, it has been impossible for us to keep our by-roads open. The Selectmen are very grateful to the Davis families and also the families on the Cross Island road for their cooperation. They have made no complaints and have been very considerate.

Our Excise Tax on cars was nearly fifty per cent less than last year.

In conclusion, we wish to thank our citizens and all members of the board of Town Officers for their cooperation in the year just past.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE WALLACE
ARTHUR BRYANT
F. DOUGLAS MAKER

Selectmen

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1944

Tax Collector	\$ 170.00	
Support of Schools	2,800.00	
Superintendent of Schools	180.00	
Repairs on School Buildings	200.00	
Support of Poor	400.00	
Mother's Aid	400.00	
Town Officers Salaries	700.00	
Contingent Fund	44.00	
Ways, Highways and Bridges	1,000.00	
Snow Removal	500.00	
50-50 Plan	50.00	
Maintenance of 3rd Class Road	300.00	
Bureau of Health	34.00	
State Auditor	25.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	15.00	
Insurance Dist. No. 1 School House	34.00	
Dental Hygiene in Schools	30.00	
Balance on Red Cross Fund	45.00	
Street Lights	150.00	
Interest on School Fund	56.00	
Health Officer's Salary	15.00	
Lights for School House	100.00	
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Total Appropriations		\$7,248.00
State Tax		1,180.39
County Tax		731.72

TOWN VALUATION FOR 1944

Real Estate, Resident	\$72,385.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	58,158.00	
Personal Estate, Resident	14,044.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	210.00	
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Total Valuation 1944		\$144,797.00

Amount Assessed (1944)		\$9,216.04
Number of Polls assessed 1944	128	
Number of Polls not assessed	36	
Rate of Taxation	61 mills	

VITAL STATISTICS

Births 6	Deaths 6	Marriages 3
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ARLENE B. DENNISON, Collector

Amount of Commitment		\$9,216.04
Amount paid to Treasurer	\$9,065.84	
Tax Bills	36.90	
Deferred Servicemen's Taxes	41.17	
Abatements	72.13	
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		\$9,216.04
Supplementary Tax		16.67
Excise Tax		266.34
Paid by Lowell Griffin (poll tax)		3.00
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Total Amount Collected		\$9,502.05

Abatements 1944

Louisa Ward Heirs	\$21.35
Mrs. Albert Beam	1.22
C. D. Wallace	25.92
Willard Cates	3.00
Edgerly Webber	3.00
Oscar Ramsdell	.61
DeCosta Shaw	5.49
F. Douglas Maker	5.49
Robert M. Trim	3.05
Lee Ackley	3.00
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\$72.13

Tax Bills

Ida Cosseboom Heirs	\$15.25	
Maurice O. Holmes Heirs	10.06	
Miss Ethel Huntley	11.59	
	<hr/>	\$36.90

COLLECTION OF TAXES

Amount Appropriated	\$170.00
Paid Arlene Dennison, Collector	\$170.00

STATE TAX

Amount Appropriated	\$1,180.39
Paid State Treasurer	\$1,180.39

COUNTY TAX

Amount Appropriated	\$ 731.72
Paid Treasurer	\$ 731.72

BUREAU OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC NURSING

Amount Appropriated	\$34.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$34.00

HEALTH OFFICER

Amount Appropriated	\$15.00
Paid Arthur E. Meloon	\$15.00

STATE AUDITOR

Amount Appropriated	\$25.00
Paid Samuel Holway	\$25.00

INSURANCE ON DISTRICT NO. 1 SCHOOL HOUSE

Amount Appropriated	\$34.00
Expended	\$34.00

*Annual Town Report***DENTAL HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS**

Amount Appropriated	\$30.00
Expended	0.00
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Unexpended	\$30.00

BALANCE ON RED CROSS FUND

Amount Appropriated	\$45.00
Expended	\$45.00

STREET LIGHTS

Amount Appropriated	\$150.00
Paid Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$193.75
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Overdrawn	\$ 43.75

DOG TAXES

Amount Collected	\$34.60
Paid State Treasurer	\$34.60

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Amount Appropriated	\$700.00
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Assessors:

S. W. Davis	\$50.00	
A. H. Bryant	40.00	
Millie Henderson	40.00	
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Selectmen:

C. D. Wallace	300.00	
A. H. Bryant	50.00	
Douglas Maker	50.00	
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Carleton Meloon, Treasurer	85.00
Leslie Ackley, Clerk	35.00
Arthur Meloon, Constable and Harbor Master	10.00

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Arthur Dennison, Fire Inspector	5.00	
Sidney Davis, Town Auditor	5.00	
R. T. Henderson, Moderator	5.00	
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		\$675.00
Unexpended		\$ 25.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount Appropriated		\$400.00
Paid for board for Frances Maker		208.00
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Unexpended		\$192.00

MOTHERS AID

Amount Appropriated		\$400.00
Paid State Treasurer		\$716.00
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Overdrawn		\$316.00

WAYS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Amount Appropriated		\$1,000.00
Paid for Patrol	\$ 299.10	
Paid for Maintenance	783.93	
Cutting Bushes	83.44	
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		\$1,166.47
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Overdrawn		\$ 166.47

50-50 PLAN

Amount Appropriated	\$50.00	
State Appropriation	50.00	
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		\$100.00
Expended		\$ 96.53
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Unexpended		\$ 3.47

*Annual Town Report***SNOW REMOVAL**

Amount Appropriated	\$500.00	
Received from State	166.43	
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Expended		\$707.62
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Overdrawn		\$ 41.19

Paid for Snow Removal

Plowing	\$287.33	
Shoveling	168.02	
Snow Fence	191.01	
Salt	18.50	
Sand	31.56	
Sanding	11.20	
	<hr/>	\$707.62

SPECIAL RESOLVE

Special Resolve	\$499.34
Received from State	\$499.34

MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS ROAD

Amount Appropriated	\$300.00	
Expended	265.79	
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Unexpended		\$34.21

CONTINGENT FUND

Amount Appropriated	\$ 44.00	
Amount of Excise Tax	288.55	
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Expended

Hall rent for 1943	\$ 25.00
Telephone, Observation Post	7.25
Marks Printing House, assessors' books and town officers' oaths	12.10
Lester E. Young, welding snow plow	6.42
Assessors, attending meeting at Machias	15.00
Eastern Fire Equip. Inc., Smith Indian pumps	71.48
C. D. Wallace, paint for posts	36.00
Sidney Davis, expenses	9.30
Ballot Clerks	36.00
Machias Valley News-Observer, printing	52.20
L. E. Gardner, supplies	7.33
Gardner's Garage, repairs on snow plow	30.75
C. D. Wallace, tel. and C. O. D. charges on roller bearings for grader	7.45
Carleton Meloon, expense as town treasurer	6.25
Leslie Ackley, expenses as town clerk	5.85
B. M. Clark, snow plow parts	25.50
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	\$353.88
Overdrawn	\$ 21.33

TREASURER'S REPORT**(Year ending March 1, 1945)****CARLETON C. MELOON, Treasurer**

1944—Cash on hand		\$8,124.45
Arlene Dennison, Tax Coll., 1944 Town Tax		9,068.84
Tax Bills		36.90
Abatements		72.13
Deferred Taxes on Service Men		41.17
Supplemental Taxes		16.67
Mary Farris, 1943 Treas., Excise Tax paid in after the books closed		22.21
Arlene Dennison, Tax Coll., 1944 Excise Tax		266.34
State Treasurer, Snow Removal		166.43
Bank Stock Tax		5.85
50-50 Road Plan		48.27
Special Resolve Road		499.34
School Maintenance		1,116.00
Dog Licenses Refund		5.13
State School Fund		1,784.22
R. R., Tel and Tel. Tax		3.33
Mollie Beam, 1943 Tax and cost		48.79
Addie Davidson, 1943 Tax and cost		27.84
Town of Machias, use of snow plow		3.85
Town of Machias, use of snow plow and sander		9.05
Willard Look, lease on clam flats		25.00
Olive Wallace, tax on pool table		5.00
Lewis McGuire, property bought by town on tax sales (Maurice O. Holmes heirs)		73.26
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Total		\$21,470.07
Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$13,686.10	
Tax Bills	36.90	
Abatements	72.13	
Deferred Taxes on Service Men	41.17	
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Total		\$13,836.30
Balance March 1, 1945		\$ 7,633.77

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Assessors for the year ending February 28, 1945, and have found them correct and well kept.

S. W. DAVIS, Auditor

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Cutler, Maine, Dec. 31, 1944.

Public Health Nursing is concerned with securing the best possible physical and mental health for all. To this end 62 family visits have been made in Cutler this year.

Today as never before the importance of prenatal and postnatal care is recognized. Realizing that the health of the mother during this period is a matter of primary importance to herself and her child, 19 visits have been made to maternity patients.

During the year 26 infants were visited to help the mothers with their routines, to plan for medical supervision and to stress the necessity of prevention of communicable disease which is most disastrous during the first year of life.

38 visits were made to preschool children to help the mothers continue the plan of health habits started in infancy and to solve the health problems peculiar to this age group.

A Child Health Conference was held at which 14 infant and preschool children were examined by a physician who made medical recommendations to the mother for the child's care. Immunizations against diphtheria and vaccinations against smallpox were done.

The prevention of tuberculosis has been taught in all home visits and in the schools. Home visits also have been made to secure Sanatorium care for active cases and to help family contacts with the problems of medical care.

Work in the schools has consisted of visits by the nurse to the teacher to act as a consultant on the health problems of the school, to demonstrate any necessary procedures and to stress the incorporation

of health teaching into the regular curriculum. 6 home visits were made to help the family plan for medical care and correction of defects. 20 audiometer tests were given. Children with indications of defective hearing were helped to plan medical care.

A cod liver oil program has been carried out with most of the children in the schools participating. This has been sponsored by the local Red Cross but administered by the teachers. It has been very popular in the community and it is felt that beneficial results have been obtained.

With some crippling conditions from birth injuries, accidents or disease, the fundamental right to success and happiness is denied either because of a handicap in work and play or a sensitiveness in social situations.

One of the Bureau of Health functions is to offer a diagnostic clinic for the children sent by their family physician. At these clinics the children are examined by a pediatrician and orthopedist and given recommendations for further treatment, including exercises, surgery or the use of appliances. The Social Worker at the clinic helps to evaluate the home situation and helps the parents make adequate financial arrangements for the care of the children.

The nurse helps to prevent deformities through her inspections of the newborn and through continuous visits to families. She finds the parents who would be benefited through the clinic and acts as an interpreter to the family and the clinic personnel.

JEANNETTE WATTERS,

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I have the honor of presenting to the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Cutler, my tenth annual report of the condition, progress, and needs of your schools.

Schools opened for the fall term Monday, September 11, 1944, with an enrollment in each school as follows: Village Primary, 21; Village Grammar, 20; Little Machias School, 17; Ridge School, 12.

Teachers have been harder to secure this year than any year in the history of this town or State. Because of this fact we had to hire two cadet teachers, one for the Village Primary School and one for the Little Machias School. A cadet teacher is either a second or third year student at Washington State Normal School who teaches a school for eighteen weeks in order to get practice in teaching. For a school year of thirty-six weeks it is necessary to have two cadet teachers for each school. These cadet teachers have a woman supervisor who spends one entire day each week at each school helping these cadet teachers improve in their methods of teaching. It is a very practical way for a normal school student to learn how best to teach and to really find out whether or not she is going to be a success as a teacher.

When we get a good cadet teacher, one who makes up her mind she is going to make a success of teaching, then both the pupils and the teacher are helped. Those of the normal school faculty who have had charge of this cadet system have done their utmost to give us the best students and to make his plan a success.

To me it looks as if it is going to be harder to get teachers for our schools for 1945 than it was to secure them for 1944. If we cannot get cadet teachers for

next year then the only thing to do is to combine our four schools into two schools either by conveying the pupils from the Little Machias and Ridge Schools to the Village Schools or uniting the Little Machias and Ridge Schools. We must remember that these are not normal times and because of this fact we must all do our best to keep our schools running in the best possible way for best good of our children.

If we should put all of the school children of this town in the two rooms at the Village School then we would have an enrollment in each school as follows:

Primary School

Grades	No. of Pupils
Sub-Primary	6
Grade 1	10
Grade 2	7
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	9
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Total	38

Grammar School

Grade 5	11
Grade 6	10
Grade 7	6
Grade 8	4
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Total	31

If we should combine the Little Machias School and the Ridge School and also put all of the pupils at the Village School into one room then we would have an enrollment in each school as follows:

Litte Machias and Ridge Schools

Grades	No. of Pupils
Sub-Primary	3
Grade 1	6
Grade 2	3
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	3
Grade 5	7
Grade 6	2
Grade 7	2
Grade 8	3
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Total	32

Pupils at Village School under one Teacher

Sub-Primary	3
Grade 1	4
Grade 2	4
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	6
Grade 5	4
Grade 6	8
Grade 7	4
Grade 8	1
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Total	37

The best results would be obtained by having all of the pupils in the two rooms at the Cutler Village School because a teacher can do better work with four or five grades than she can if she has to teach all nine grades.

Mrs. Doris Meloon and Mrs. Louise Bryant were re-elected to the same positions they held a year ago. At this time, when the teacher shortage is so acute, we are very fortunate to have the two above-mentioned teachers remain at their posts of duty. I personally

thank them for their faithful service to the school children of Cutler.

The names of the teachers and the names of the Schools in which they are teaching are as follows: Village Primary, Inez Lawson and Lois McPherson; Village Grammar, Doris Meloon; Little Machias School, Martha Reynolds and Amy Long; Ridge School, Louise Bryant.

At the end of the fall term there were thirteen students attending school at Washington Academy as follows:

Freshmen: Mona Ackley, Dewey Maker, Dwight Radley, Faye Radley.

Sophomores: Leslie Bagley, Hollis McGuire, Valerie Smith, Marian Zwinkel.

Juniors: Robert Ackley, Hollis Colbeth, Margaret Fitzhenry.

Seniors: Avis Bryant, Colleen Maloney.

In conclusion, I thank all of my teachers for the true patriotism they have shown in this time of need, by staying at their post of duty and by doing their best for the school children of Cutler.

I also thank the members of my School Committee for the help they have been to me and the parents and citizens for your patience and help during this year when teachers have been hard to get.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. BOTTOMLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For year ending March 1, 1945

Resources

Unexpended balance, 1944	\$ 536.93	
Appropriation	2,800.00	
Int. on School Fund	56.00	
Recd. from State School Fund	1,784.22	
Recd. from Equalization Fund	1,116.00	
Recd. from Cutler for Clerk Hire	41.12	
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Total Resources		\$6,334.27

Expenditures**Teachers' Salaries**

Jessie Farrar	\$ 375.00	
Doris Meloon	963.00	
Corice Gardner	375.00	
Louise Bryant	921.00	
Cadet Teachers	1,054.00	
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Total		\$3,688.00

Fuel

Raymond Dennison	\$ 210.80
Clarence D. Wallace	13.00
Lynn Look	65.00
Kenneth Dennison	7.20
Albert Dennison	2.80
E. S. McGuire	3.12
Chas. E. Smith	14.00
Charles Dennison	16.00
Arthur Dennison	15.00
Stillman Fitzhenry	18.00

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Roy Davis	131.50	
Lewis McGuire	10.00	
Arthur Meloon	15.00	
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Total		\$ 521.42

Janitor and Cleaning

Bryant Maker	\$ 37.50	
Lewis McGuire	18.75	
Arline Griffin	54.00	
Helena Griffin	16.00	
Gordon Farris	52.50	
Carrie McGuire	52.50	
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		\$ 231.25

Conveyance

John McGuire	\$ 155.25	
Millie Henderson	465.75	
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Total		\$ 621.00

Common School Tuition

Town of Whiting	\$ 72.00
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High School Tuition

Washington Academy	\$ 809.00	
Town of Beals	75.00	
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Total		\$ 884.00

Clerk Hire

Town of Lubec	\$ 41.12
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Textbook Account

Ginn & Company	\$	1.92	
Scott, Foresman & Co.		10.92	
American Book Co.		.55	
The Macmillan Co.		12.91	
The A. N. Palmer Co.		.30	
Longsman, Green & Co.		4.70	
Row, Peterson & Co.		2.40	
Webster Publishing Co.		2.36	
Brown & White Paper Co.		3.04	
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Total	\$		39.10

Supply Account

Laura Dennison	\$	4.00	
K. O. Dennison		13.79	
L. E. Gardner		19.13	
Howard & Brown		4.95	
Wm. M. Bottomley		4.96	
Carleton C. Meloon		6.00	
The American Book Co.		25.08	
E. E. Babb & Co.		10.25	
Webster Publishing Co.		7.10	
Gledhill Bros., Inc.		39.93	
The Educational Supply Co.		2.00	
Brown & White Paper Co.		5.84	
Chas. E. Smith		5.71	
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Total	\$		148.74

Total Expenditures	\$6,246.63
Unexpended balance March 1, 1945	\$ 87.64

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation \$200.00

Expenditures

Roy Davis \$ 63.00
M. W. Small 1.00
Irving Scoville 3.00
Chas. E. Smith 5.80

Total Expenditures \$ 72.80
Unexpended balance, 1945 \$127.20

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Resources

Unexpended balance, 1944 \$ 1.52
Appropriation 180.00

Total Resources \$181.52

Expenditures

Wm. M. Bottomley \$200.34
Total Expenditures \$200.34
Overdraft \$18.82

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Resources	Expend.	Bal.
Common School Acct.	\$6,334.27	\$6,246.63	\$ 87.64
Repairs	200.00	72.80	127.20
Supt. of Schools	181.52	200.34	18.82*
Totals	<u>\$6,715.79</u>	<u>\$6,519.77</u>	<u>\$214.84</u>

*Overdraft