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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF CARTHAGE
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1923

FARMINGTON, MAINE
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1923

TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

E. R. BERRY

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

LESTER S. LIBBY

GUY C. ROBBINS

R. G. NOYES

ROAD COMMISSIONER

A. E. BURGESS

TREASURER

DANIEL W. BERRY

CONSTABLE

C. E. WHITE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

R. C. SWETT

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. H. STAPLES

H. L. SMITH

MILDRED C. SWETT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

H. W. COBURN

HEALTH OFFICER

R. C. SWETT

Town Warrant

FRANKLIN, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

To *C. E. White, Constable of the Town of Carthage, in said County,*
GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Carthage, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for winter roads.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in section 19 of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.

ART. 6. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of three hundred dollars for the improvement of the section of the State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of commonn schools, for text books and supplies, for school house repairs, for school office expense, for school house insurance, for school house flags and for the interest on school funds, being forty-five dollars.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for superintending of schools.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for current expense.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will vote and raise to cover overdrawn accounts.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the care and repair of silent policeman.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will vote and raise to exterminate White Pine Blister rust.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of forty dollars for the support of a Public Health nurse who may coöperate with, or take the place of a school physician, and do work in town under the direction of the Municipal Officer of Carthage.

ART. 15. To see what sum the town will vote and raise for Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on all taxes, poll taxes excepted, for the 1923 commitment, paid on or before August 20, 1923, and raise a sum of money therefor.

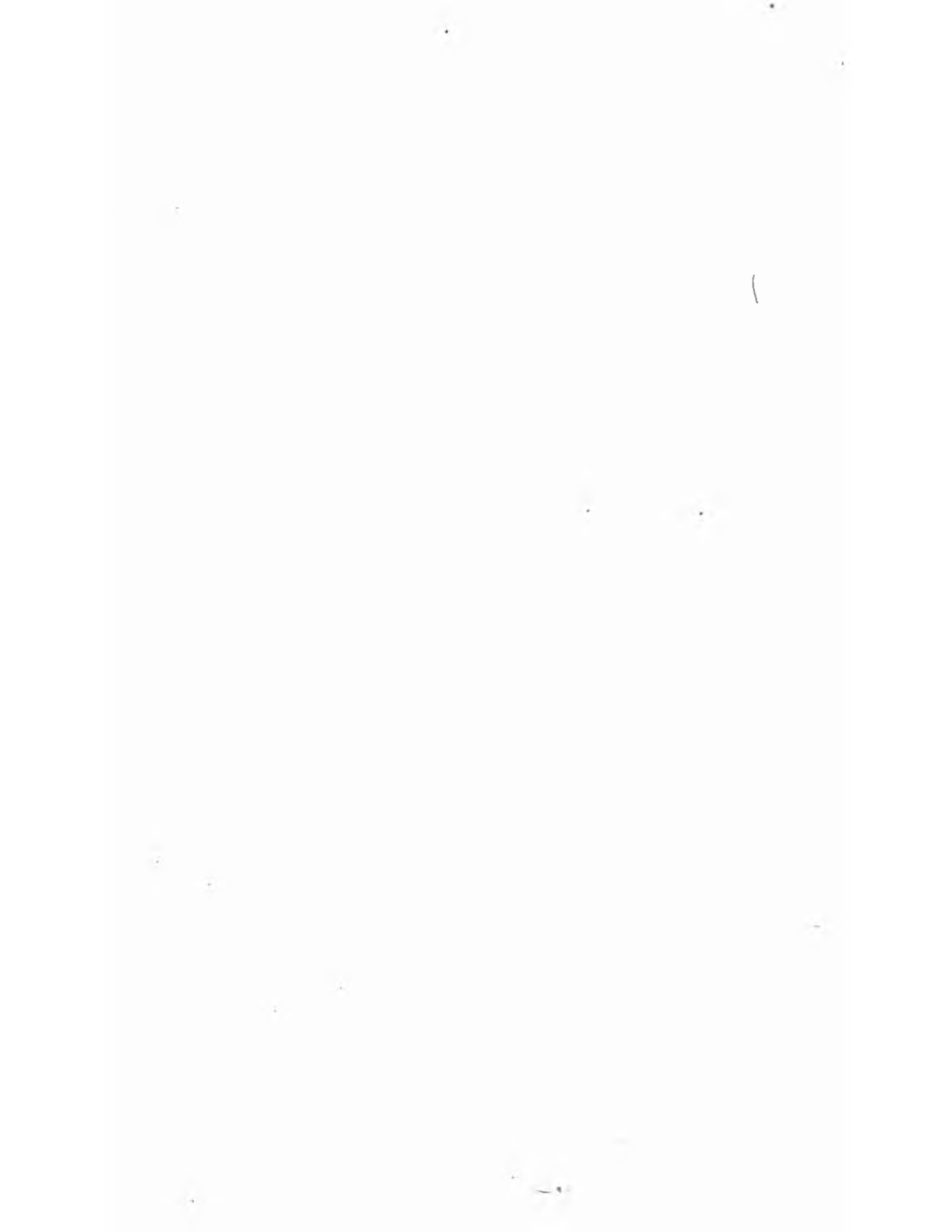
ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes of the 1923 commitment that remain unpaid November 15, 1923.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Carthage this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1923.

LESTER S. LIBBY,
GUY C. ROBBINS,
R. G. NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage.



Assessors' Report

Real estate, resident	\$60,513 00
Real estate, non-resident	97,142 00
Supplementary	1,210 00
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Total real estate	\$158,865 00
Personal estate, resident	\$30,318 00
Personal estate, non-resident	6,264 00
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	\$36,582 00
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Sum total	\$195,447 00
Total value of land	\$124,935 00
Total value of buildings	33,630 00

No. of polls taxed, 73.
 No. of polls not taxed, 12.
 Rate per poll, \$3.00.
 Rate of taxation, .037.
 Rate of collection, .02.

LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

	NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
Horses	83	\$91 68	\$7,610 00
Colts under 2 years	4	52 50	210 00
Cows	139	32 57	4,528 00
Oxen	11	60 00	660 00
Three years old	28	24 95	698 00
Two years old	27	20 33	549 00
Sheep, over 35 in number .	3	5 00	15 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
One year old	14	\$21 71	\$304 00
Sheep (to 35 in number)	163	4 30	712 00
Swine (to 10 in number)	29	13 82	401 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

	NO.	
Stock in trade		\$1,550 00
Logs		9,702 00
Lumber		1,312 00
Pulpwood		259 00
Carriages	26	518 00
Automobiles	26	6,675 00
Musical instruments	13	585 00
Finished products in mill	1	240 00
Materials in stock	1	671 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate	6	800 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Common schools	\$1,500 00
Permanent school fund	45 00
Text-books and supplies	125 00
Schoolhouse repairs	200 00
Office expense	20 00
Flags	15 00
Superintendent	290 00
Roads and bridges	1,300 00
Winter roads	300 00
State Aid road	300 00
Support of poor	200 00
Current expense	650 00
Overdrawn accounts	400 00
Silent policeman	15 00
Public health nurse	40 00
Discount on taxes	100 00
State tax	1,194 90
County tax	308 49
Overlay	402 37
Supplementary tax	44 77

Total commitment

\$7,450 53

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance, 1921-22	\$ 209 18	
Appropriation	1,500 00	
Interest on school fund	45 00	
Town of Weld, tuition	64 32	
State, school fund	702 96	
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		\$2,521 46
Teachers' salaries	\$1,682 00	
Fuel	75 75	
Janitors	61 00	
Transportation	443 00	
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		\$2,261 75
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Balance		\$259 71

TUITION

Balance, 1921-22	\$380 22	
Expended, town of Dixfield	105 00	
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Balance		\$275 22

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$125 00	
Expended	54 04	
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Balance		\$70 96

REPAIRS

Balance, 1921-22	\$ 26 38	
Appropriation	200 00	
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		\$226 38
Expended, Mills	\$18 23	
Newman	22 70	
Potter	39 96	
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		\$80 89
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Balance		\$145 49

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation	\$290 00	
Expended	265 00	
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Balance		\$25 00

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$20 00
Postage, stationery, etc.	\$9 91	
¼ rent Farmers' telephone	2 00	
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		\$11 91
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Balance		\$8 09

INSURANCE

Balance, 1921-22		\$3 22
No expenditures		

FLAGS

Appropriation		\$15 00
No expenditures		

STATE SCHOOL FUND

Received from State		\$702 96
Transferred to common school acct.	\$702 96	
Total receipts for year		\$3,581 28
Total expenditures		2,778 59
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		\$802 69

SUMMER ROADS

Town raised	\$1,300 00	
Received from sale of boards	10 00	
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	\$1,310 00	
Set apart for patrol and 50-50	338 17	
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Available		\$971 83
Expended	\$1,349 38	
Overdrawn		\$377 55

WINTER ROADS

Expended by E. R. Berry from Feb. 13 to Mar. 6, 1922	\$120 48	
Town raised		\$300 00
Expended by A. E. Burgess to Feb. 14, 1923	\$708 18	
Overdrawn		\$408 18

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Town raised		\$100 00
Discount on taxes paid before August 20, 1922	\$129 08	
Overdrawn		\$29 08

LOAN FROM RUMFORD FALLS TRUST COMPANY

Unpaid at settlement February 16, 1922	\$ 500 00	
Borrowed in summer of 1922	1,000 00	
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Total		\$1,500 00
Paid Rumford Falls Trust Company in full	\$1,500 00	

SILENT POLICEMAN

Town raised		\$15 00
Paid for repairs	\$ 4 85	
Paid for care of silent policeman	12 00	
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		\$16 85
Overdrawn	\$1 85	

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS AND BEARS

Paid R. C. Swett, for sheep killed	\$48 00	
O. V. Hutchinson, for sheep killed	66 00	
F. W. Morrison, for sheep killed	57 00	
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		\$171 00
Received check from State	\$171 00	

ABATEMENTS

Webbs River Grange Corporation, customary		\$12 95
Frank Hammond, error in assessment		3 00
Wesley Cushman, 1919-20 com., unable to collect		3 00
George Stevens, 1920 com., poor		10 17
Warren Pettengill, by vote of town		10 00

CEMETERY FUND

Will Putnam, fund in hands of town treasurer	\$216 00	
Year's interest due March 1, 1923	8 64	
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Total		\$224 64

PAUPER ACCOUNT

Town raised		\$200 00
Paid State, Mabel Cushman acct.	\$104 00	
State, Raymond Cushman acct.	100 03	
on acct. of B. F. Hackett to Feb. 13, 1923	15 00	
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		\$219 03
Overdrawn	\$19 03	
Paid for medical attendance upon Mrs. Elmer J. Wills		\$24 00
Received from overseers of poor of the town of Jay, Mrs. Wills acct.	\$24 00	

CURRENT EXPENSES

Town raised		\$650 00
Printing town reports, 1921-22	\$ 49 09	
Books and supplies	15 85	
A. W. Tainter, watering trough	3 00	
D. W. Berry, watering trough	3 00	
John Hammond, watering trough	3 00	
E. R. Berry, services as town clerk	24 50	
F. S. Schofield, sealer of weights and measures	6 00	
O. V. Hutchinson, services as moderator	2 00	
C. E. White, services as constable	5 50	
D. C. Brown, ballot clerk	7 50	
D. W. Berry, ballot clerk	7 50	
D. W. Berry, collector 1918, '19 and '20 com., balance due for collecting	8 06	
D. W. Berry, services as treasurer	50 00	
O. V. Hutchinson, services as selectman 1920, balance due	4 00	
R. C. Swett, collecting on 1921 com.	7 40	
R. C. Swett, collecting on 1922 com.	128 65	
Lester S. Libby, services as selectman 1921, balance due	4 00	

Lester S. Libby, services as selectman 1922	\$101 30	
Lester S. Libby, postage and express	3 79	
G. C. Robbins, services as selectman	96 00	
R. G. Noyes, services as selectman	82 00	
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		\$612 14
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Unexpended		\$37 86

RESOURCES

Due from Roy C. Swett, commitment 1921	\$ 58 93	
Due from Roy C. Swett, commitment 1922	678 98	
Town office and fixtures	200 00	
Lots 8 in 4th and 5th range	400 00	
Southwest corner of lot No. 2 in 12 range	1,000 00	
George Thompson land	15 00	
Pauper lot in Ellis cemetery	5 00	
Cash in treasury	469 19	
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		\$2,827 10

LIABILITIES

Cemetery fund, W. E. Putnam Estate	\$216 00	
Interest on same, Mar., 1923	8 64	
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		\$224 64
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Balance in favor of town		\$2,602 46

ACCOUNTS OVERDRAWN

Summer roads account	\$377 55	
Winter roads account	408 18	
Pauper account	19 03	
Silent policeman	1 85	
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Total		\$806 61

February 15, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. LIBBY,
GUY C. ROBBINS,
R. G. NOYES,

*Assessors, Selectmen and Overseers
of Poor of Carthage.*

LABOR ON 50-50 ROAD FOR THE YEAR 1922

R. C. Swett	\$36 00	
W. O. Burgess	24 00	
George Hunt	2 50	
A. E. Burgess	9 00	
G. S. Hutchinson	7 50	
Ivan Bowie	7 50	
Ivus Hutchinson	7 50	
A. D. Virgin	6 00	
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Total		\$100 00
Available	\$100 00	

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

SUMMER ROADS, 1922

Will Howard, for hemlock logs	\$53 60	
R. G. Noyes, for hemlock plank	83 40	
H. W. Berry, for hemlock logs	10 30	
A. L. Coburn, sawing logs	20 00	
Etta Hutchinson, for gravel	1 00	
C. T. F. Smith, tools and spikes	18 00	
A. L. Coburn, spikes, stringers, plank	4 60	
R. C. Swett, hemlock logs	16 42	
O. V. Hutchinson, for plank	19 35	
E. E. Holt, for plank	23 55	
W. O. Burgess, gravel and bridge stringers	6 00	
L. S. Libby, Smith bill	9 95	
R. G. Noyes, for plank	7 49	
R. G. Noyes, for plank	16 54	
R. G. Noyes, for gravel	4 80	
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		\$295 00

WINTER BILL, 1923

L. S. Libby, evener and repairing chain	\$2 39	
A. W. Tainter, housing snow plow	1 50	
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		\$3 89
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Total		\$298 89

LABOR ON THE SUMMER ROAD, 1922

A. D. Virgin and team	\$ 39 66
W. O. Burgess and team	16 32
A. E. Burgess	27 33
Gardner Brown	7 50
Stetson Hutchinson	15 00
Gardner Brown	2 50
R. P. Savage and team	24 50
Lorein Bowie	10 00
A. D. Virgin and team	28 00
J. O. Jordan	5 00
Gardner Brown	18 34
Alfred Barnett	2 50
Stetson Hutchinson	25 84
Gardner Brown	5 00
Eraland Bowie and team	56 00
R. C. Swett and team	117 00
Ivus Hutchinson	24 59
W. O. Burgess and team	44 00
R. P. Savage and team	11 00
Hazen Cochran	1 00
A. E. Burgess	65 50
R. P. Savage	4 50
C. F. Eaton	5 00
M. E. Hanscom	3 00
John Hammond	2 50
Guy Webster	10 00
E. H. Staples, man and team	3 00
O. V. Hutchinson	7 00
Stetson Hutchinson	5 00
R. C. Swett and team	3 00
A. D. Virgin and team	17 61
Stetson Hutchinson	6 00
Lorein Bowie	6 00
R. O. Dunning	6 00
Warren Pettingill	6 00
R. O. Dunning	13 50
P. G. Noyes	7 00
A. D. Virgin	21 00
Stetson Hutchinson	5 00

Will Hutchinson and team	\$ 60 00	
Lorein Bowie	5 00	
C. F. Eaton	2 50	
E. H. Staples, man and team	6 00	
O. V. Hutchinson	11 50	
John Hutchinson	3 00	
Ben Bowie	12 00	
M. E. Hanscom	3 00	
R. C. Swett and team	6 00	
W. O. Burgess and team	72 00	
Ivus Hutchinson	9 00	
A. E. Burgess	43 50	
G. C. Robbins and team	12 00	
Willis Berry	1 50	
Carroll Noyes	8 50	
R. C. Noyes and team	6 00	
Arthur Hatch	4 50	
J. O. Jordan and team	16 83	
G. W. Kneeland, use of truck	3 00	
A. E. Burgess	9 00	
A. D. Virgin	4 00	
H. W. Cochran	1 50	
P. G. Noyes	1 50	
M. E. Hanscom	1 50	
A. D. Virgin and team	5 00	
A. D. Virgin	3 00	
John Hutchinson	6 00	
Will Hutchinson and team	12 00	
R. C. Swett and team	12 00	
E. H. Staples, man and team	9 00	
Ivus Hutchinson	3 00	
A. E. Burgess	16 36	
Stetson Hutchinson and team	4 00	
G. C. Robbins	1 50	
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Expended		\$1,052 88
Available	\$961 83	
Boards sold		\$10 00

LABOR ON WINTER ROADS, 1922-1923

Carroll Libby	\$ 70
R. P. Savage and team	2 00
A. D. Virgin	2 33
Hazen Cochran	2 33
A. E. Burgess	4 00
Harry Smith	6 40
Stetson Hutchinson and team	6 00
John Hammond and team	12 00
A. D. Virgin and team	25 50
Fred Eastman	7 50
J. O. Jordan and team	49 16
Will Hutchinson and team	40 00
Stetson Hutchinson and team	36 00
T. A. Wyman and team	18 75
Ivus Hutchinson	4 50
R. G. Noyes, man and team	6 00
Fred Hammond and team	6 66
John Hammond and team	9 00
Earland Bowie and team	29 15
John Robbins	4 67
R. C. Swett and team	90 00
M. E. Hanscom and team	4 00
Warren Pettingill	10 00
Guy Webster and team	53 34
J. O. Jordan and team	3 00
Harry Smith and team	18 41
Laforest Hutchinson and team	62 00
L. B. Bordau and team	7 10
R. O. Dunning and team	20 46
A. H. Barnett and team	24 00
H. W. Berry	2 00
Will Hutchinson and team	8 00
A. D. Virgin	3 00
Stetson Hutchinson and team	6 00
O. V. Hutchinson and team	3 00
J. A. Hutchinson	9 00
C. F. Eaton and team	7 33
Wilmer D. Berry, man and team	35 00
A. E. Burgess	31 00

G. C. Robbins and team	\$28 66	
Frank I. Brown	4 00	
Carroll Maxwell	3 84	
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Expended		\$705 79
Available	\$300 00	

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BURGESS, *Road Commissioner.*

CARTHAGE THIRD CLASS ROAD, 1922

Apportionment		\$414 34
Expended by State	\$ 2 12	
Expended by town	414 44	
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Cost of road		\$416 56
Town account	\$414 44	
Town appropriation	00 00	
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Excess of appropriation		\$414 44
Total State apportionment	\$414 34	
Cost of inspection	2 12	
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Available from State		\$412 22
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Overexpended		\$2 22
Charge Carthage third class, pay town treasurer	\$412 22	

Expended by C. W. RAND.

STATEMENT — CARTHAGE STATE AID, 1922

Cost of inspection	\$ 19 79	
Cost of labor and material	661 00	
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Total cost		\$680 79
Paid by town	\$188 40	
Paid by State, 1922 apportionment	492 39	
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Total expenditure		\$680 79
Balance to 1923	\$8 75	

Expended by C. W. RAND.

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURE FOR PATROL MAINTENANCE IN THE
YEAR 1922

Estimated number of miles under patrol maintenance, 7.00		
Patrol joint fund		\$528 17
Expended as follows:		
Patrolman's wages	\$702 00	
Cost of extra help	238 66	
The following work was done:		
Dragging	\$339 16	
Raking rocks	72 00	
Cleaning ditches and culverts	36 00	
Surfacing, gravel	493 50	
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Expenditure on patrolled road		\$940 66
State's expenditure on patrol, road machine work, gravel surfacing, and supervision	\$759 36	
Town's expenditure on patrol and road machine work	338 17	

WILLIAM M. AYER,

FRANK A. PEABODY,

LYMAN H. NELSON,

State Highway Commission.

Expended by F. S. HUTCHINSON.



Treasurer's Report

*D. W. Berry, in account with the town of Carthage, as Treasurer,
for the year ending February 16, 1923:*

DR.

To cash in treasury at beginning of the year	\$ 829 99
Received from D. W. Berry, collector, 1919	20 73
D. W. Berry, collector, 1920	80 84
R. C. Swett, collector, 1921	223 17
R. C. Swett, collector, 1922	6,771 55
State Treas., pauper account, 1921	176 17
State Treas., for sheep killed by dogs	92 00
R. C. Swett, for interest on taxes, 1921	7 51
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan for 1922	999 80
Will Hutchinson, for boards bought of town	10 00
Rumford Falls Trust Co., for int. overpaid	4 00
Town of Weld, tuition, 1921	64 32
E. R. Berry, dog licenses, 1922	57 00
Town of Jay, pauper account	24 00
State Treas., State school fund, 1922	695 95
Railroad and telegraph tax	2 19
School account, 1922	7 01
Highway account, 1922	412 22
Damage to domestic animals	171 00
R. C. Swett, interest on taxes, 1922	16 06
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	\$10,665 51

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Paid State, State Aid highway	\$ 188 40
Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest on loan	18 33
County Treas., county tax, 1922	308 49
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan	1,000 00

Paid Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest on loan	\$ 13 34
Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest on loan	13 34
State Treas., dog licenses, 1922	57 00
State Treas., joint highway fund, 1922	338 17
State Treas., State tax, 1922	1,197 90
Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest on loan	12 50
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan in full	500 00
Town orders cancelled	6,562 19
Cash in treasury, Feb. 16, 1923	469 19
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	\$10,665 51

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BERRY, *Treasurer.*

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

1921 COMMITMENT

W. O. Burgess	\$30 63
Vern Brown	3 09
H. H. Schanz	9 50
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	\$43 22

1922 COMMITMENT

G. C. Ames	\$132 68
Chester Brown	5 77
J. W. Brown	4 85
W. O. Burgess	34 04
Estate of W. W. Coburn	12 02
G. P. Fish	25 20
S. F. Hammond	1 85
Fred Hammond	3 66
L. L. Hutchinson	56 85
Estate of S. D. Kittredge	9 99
A. F. Marden	5 18
R. G. Noyes	30 29
C. C. Noyes	12 58
E. H. Staples	97 20
Al. Thurlow	1 85

A. D. Virgin	\$ 20 90	
Mike Velush	11 21	
W. T. Gould	3 00	
O. L. Glover	3 00	
Joseph Fournier	3 00	
Adam Berzilas	3 00	
Herman A. Childs	17 02	
Tama Lamb	5 18	
Lulu Marble	9 25	
H. H. Schanz	9 25	
O. H. Hildreth	14 80	
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		\$533 62
Collected since settlement with treasurer	\$72 23	

R. C. SWETT, *Collector.*



Vital Statistics

To the Selectmen of Carthage:

The following returns of births, marriages and deaths for the year ending Feb. 14, 1923, in the town of Carthage, have been made to this office:

BIRTHS

1922

Mar. 3 — To the wife of Alvah D. Virgin, a son, 5th child.

Mar. 24 — To the wife of Elmer J. Wills, a daughter, 5th child.

May 23 — To the wife of Patrick Waluszes, a son, 8th child.

Dec. 15 — To the wife of Hazen Cochran, a son, 1st child.

1923

Feb. 2 — To the wife of Leo Houghton, a son, 2nd child.

MARRIAGE

1922

Sept. 16 — At Lewiston, Me., by Rev. Will H. Kelley of Lewiston, Me., Alphonso Fulsom Russell, Jr., of Canton, Me., and Gertrude Etta Berry of Carthage, Me.

DEATHS

1922

May 13 — Sarah A. McLain, age 71 yrs. 2 mos. 28 days. Cause of death, labor pneumonia.

May 15 — Elbridge C. McLain, age 79 yrs. 9 mos. 24 days. Cause of death, labor pneumonia.

1922

May 23 — Caleb W. Hirtle, age 37 yrs. 28 days. Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

May 23 — Baby Waluszes, stillborn.

May 31 — Hannah W. Hanscom, age 64 yrs. 10 mos. 4 days. Cause of death, acute delation of heart.

July 21 — Luther Hutchinson, age 89 yrs. 5 mos. 9 days. Cause of death, acute indigestion.

E. R. BERRY,

Town Clerk of Carthage.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Carthage:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

For the first time in its history, I think, the town has given its children a school year of more than the 30 weeks required by law. We have had, this year, 32 weeks of school. This was made possible by the aid of an equalization fund received from the State last year which was used toward a 12-week spring term. No fund of this sort has been received this year, for the reason that the tax rate for school purposes in 1921 fell below the average for the State. In order for towns to share in this fund this rate must be above the State average and the municipal rate must be within three mills of the State average. I am in hopes our rates for 1922 will enable us to share again this year, but I am unable to state definitely in regard to this for I have not been informed as yet regarding the State averages.

The school census, taken in April, showed 45 boys and 34 girls between the ages of 5 and 21, a decrease of 6 from last year.

We have 46 pupils attending the town schools with 5 elsewhere. The children in the Stickney Corner district were at the East Dixfield school for the winter and spring terms, but are attending the Towle school in Dixfield for the present year.

The attendance this year is practically the same as last year, 85.54% as against 85.6% in the last report. The attendance at the Newman and Potter schools has been very good as can be seen by referring to the tabular statement following this report. The percentage at the Mills would have been good had it not been for sickness, and for some pupils entering and leaving school during the terms.

I am glad to report that the schools are in a good state of organization and are well graded, as is shown by the fact that those who are attending High school are finding no difficulty in carrying on the advanced work. The improvement has been good in every school,

particularly so at the Potter, perhaps. The present teacher here, Miss Trethewey, has had nearly two years' Normal training and, although having no previous experience, is proving a valuable asset to this school. At the end of the fall term we were very sorry to receive the resignation of Miss Hilda Bowie who has taught the Mills school for four terms with unvarying success. This is a large school with all the grades represented and with all ages of pupils requiring a teacher of considerable tact and ability and Miss Bowie has fitted in here very nicely. The short winter term was under the instruction of Miss Elva C. Meservie. No one has yet been engaged for the spring term.

Mrs. Coburn, at the Newman, resigned at the end of last winter term, and her place was filled by Miss Ethel Fuller of North Jay, who had a successful spring term. This school is at present in charge of Mrs. Elva Swett who has had good teacher training and several years' experience, and the work is moving along very smoothly. This school has an active Improvement League which is working for the betterment of school surroundings in various ways. There seems to be a good school spirit in this district, and the school building is being used as a community center more than ever before. This is a condition that is bound to be helpful to the school for it brings the parents into closer touch with the work of both teacher and pupil and cannot help but result in increased interest in school affairs throughout the community.

The sum of \$200.00 was raised at the last annual meeting, it being the intention to equip the Newman school with sanitary toilets, but as this was not enough for the purpose it has not been done. The school-room here has been improved materially, however; the stove has been moved to the cold side of the room; the seats have been changed so that they face the river; the windows on the north side have been taken out and put in on the west and south sides, so that now all the light comes in at the back and at the left of the pupil, making the room standard as regards lighting. This is a great change for the better and is very much appreciated by the whole school.

It became necessary to do considerable work at the Potter in order to make the building somewhere near comfortable for winter use. Heavy roofing was purchased and put over the old floor; the walls were patched up, and as a consequence the school-room has been much warmer than last winter. In all probability there will have to be a school in this building for an indefinite number of years

and it should be repaired or rebuilt at once. Toilet conditions must be remedied this year or next to keep within the limits of the State law and when this is done it seems as though steps should be taken to render the building suitable for the children and the teacher to do their work in.

A little work should be done at the Mills this year. It seems to be impossible to keep glass in the upstairs windows and on this account I would recommend that shutters be made for these windows as early in the spring as possible. They would certainly be much less unsightly than so many broken panes of glass and would serve to keep out the wind, rain and snow. New blackboard surface is also needed very badly for this school.

It is a relief to be able to report no accounts overdrawn in the school department, and I hope the same thing can be done next year. It will cost a little more for common schools for the next three terms on account of more expense for transportation and a probable small increase in teachers' salaries next fall.

The estimate is based on a 32-week year as I did not think the voters would want to drop back to the 30-week year again.

The estimate for repairs is made to include the cost of sanitary toilets at the Newman as well as other necessary repairs.

Only a small amount will be necessary for books and supplies on account of the large balance in that account. With the addition of a new history text for 7th and 8th grades our books will be in very good condition and only ordinary replacements will be needed.

During the coming year insurance policies on the buildings at the Mills and Stickney Corner become due and a sufficient amount to cover the premiums is included in the estimates.

In closing I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the School Committee and the teachers for their assistance and coöperation in the administration of school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, *Superintendent.*

ESTIMATES

Common schools	\$1,700 00
Books and supplies	25 00
Interest on school fund	45 00
Repairs	400 00
Superintendence	215 00
Office expense	10 00
Insurance	35 00

Tabular School Statement

SCHOOL	Registered	Average Attendance	TEACHER	Weekly Salary
Spring, 1922				
Mills	25	20.31	Hilda Bowie	\$18 00
Newman	11	9.79	Ethel Fuller	19 00
Potter	7	6.45	Hilda Humphrey	12 50
	43	36.55		
			Attendance, 85 per cent.	
Fall, 1922				
Mills	22	18.59	Hilda Bowie	\$19.00
Newman	13	12.22	Elva Swett	17 00
Potter	8	7.46	Margaret Trethewey	18 00
	43	38.27		
			Attendance, 89 per cent.	
Winter, 1922-23				
Mills	26	19.32	Elva Meservie	\$20 00
Newman	12	11.43	Elva Swett	17 00
Potter	8	7.26	Margaret Trethewey	18 00
	46	38.01		
			Attendance, 82.63 per cent.	

Attendance for the year, 85.54 per cent.

Attendance for the year, per school — Newman, 92.75 per cent.; Potter, 92.04 per cent.; Mills, 80.01 per cent.

