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FINANCIAL CONDITION
OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1937



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THE CARIBOU PUBLISHING COMPANY
CARIBOU, MAINE

COURT DIRECTORY AND COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 1938

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, RESIDENT JUSTICE

Hon. Charles P. Barnes, Houlton

SUPERIOR COURT, RESIDENT JUSTICE

Hon. Herbert T. Powers, Fort Fairfield

SUPERIOR COURT TERMS

First Tuesday of February and Second Tuesday of September at Caribou (Civil Business.)

First Tuesday of April and First Tuesday of November at Houlton (Civil and Criminal Business.)

COURT OF PROBATE

At HOULTON on the third Tuesday of January, March, April, June, September, November and December.

At CARIBOU on the third Tuesday of February, May and October.

At FORT KENT on the third Tuesday of August.

At VAN BUREN on the third Tuesday of July.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

At HOULTON on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

HOULTON MUNICIPAL COURT

First Monday of each month, except August, for Civil Business. Constant session for Criminal Business.

CARIBOU MUNICIPAL COURT

First Tuesday of each month, for Civil Business. Constant session for Criminal Business.

NORTHERN AROOSTOOK MUNICIPAL COURT

At VAN BUREN on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November for Civil Business.

At FORT KENT on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December for Civil Business. Constant session for Criminal Business.

PRESQUE ISLE MUNICIPAL COURT

Second Tuesday of each month for Civil Business. Constant session for Criminal Business.

FORT FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

Third Tuesday of each month for Civil Business. Constant session for Criminal Business.

COUNTY OFFICERS

CLERK OF COURTS

Walter B. Clark Houlton

COUNTY ATTORNEY

George B. Barnes Houlton

JUDGE OF PROBATE

Ira G. Hersey Houlton

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Nathan H. Solman Houlton

REGISTER OF DEEDS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Florence I. Wheaton Houlton

REGISTER OF DEEDS, NORTHERN DISTRICT

Alva Thibodeau Fort Kent

COUNTY TREASURER

Edith M. Dill Houlton

SHERIFF

Jasper S. Lycette Houlton

CARIBOU MUNICIPAL COURT

Irvine E. Peterson, Judge Caribou

Willard P. Hamilton, Recorder Caribou

HOULTON MUNICIPAL COURT

Robert M. Lawlis, Judge Houlton

Ransford W. Shaw 2nd, Recorder Houlton

NORTHERN AROOSTOOK MUNICIPAL COURT

Arthur J. Nadeau, Judge Ft. Kent

Ambroise Albert, Recorder Madawaska

PRESQUE ISLE MUNICIPAL COURT

Granville C. Gray, Judge Presque Isle

Parker P. Burleigh, Jr., Recorder Presque Isle

FORT FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

Charles M. Fowler, Judge Fort Fairfield

Henry W. Perry, Recorder Fort Fairfield

PROBATION OFFICER

Peter J. Haggerty Houlton

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George R. Umphrey, (chairman) Washburn

Lester F. Ellis Houlton

George B. Buck Caribou

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Dec. 31, 1936	Dec. 31, 1937
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 37,571.02	\$ 8,788.21
Deposits in Closed Banks	7,498.79	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Towns and Plantations	188,348.81	198,418.25
Road Repair Taxes	8,061.76	7,697.29
Trust Funds	231.98	237.61
Highway Bridges (Page 9)	3,171.73	8,582.26
Total Assets	\$244,884.09	\$223,723.62

LIABILITIES:		
Unpaid Bills of Costs	\$ 1,904.06	\$ 1,434.73
Temporary Loans	32,500.00	2,500.00
State Highway Commission		5,410.53
Funded Debt:		
Highway Bridge Bonds	20,000.00	16,000.00
Court House Bonds	80,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Bridge Notes	15,000.00	12,000.00
Trusts	231.98	237.61
State, Fines and Costs		507.85
Surplus	95,248.05	110,632.90
Total Liabilities	\$244,884.09	\$223,723.62

RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS

Balance, Dec. 31, 1936	\$ 95,248.05
INCREASE	
Payment of Court House Bonds	5,000.00
Payment of Highway Bridge Bonds	4,000.00
Payment of Highway Bridge Notes	3,000.00
Adjustment of State Wild Land Tax	2,367.96
Adjustment of Road Repair Taxes	350.10
Amount from Accounts (Page 6)	5,956.46
Total	\$115,922.57
DECREASE	
Deposits in Closed Banks	5,289.67
Balance, Dec. 31, 1937	\$110,632.90

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Based on ESTIMATES approved by Legislature

Account	Estimate	Other Sources	Expended
Salaries (Page 7)	\$ 40,340.00		\$ 40,380.01
Court Officers	3,000.00		2,668.64
Jury Commission	400.00		252.18
Grand Jury	1,500.00		828.40
Traverse Jury	5,000.00		3,360.14
Referees and Masters	500.00		151.60
Aroos. Co. Farm Bureau	2,000.00		2,000.00
Law Libraries	1,300.00		1,300.00
County Bonds & Notes retired	12,000.00		12,000.00
County Officers' Expenses (Page 9)	1,000.00		612.74
Food and Clothing	3,500.00		4,630.56
Fuel	4,500.00		4,347.54
Furniture & Repairs	500.00		1,555.26
Indexing	1,500.00		1,361.00
Insurance	1,000.00		1,839.82
Interest	7,500.00	179.39	5,559.38
Light & Power	350.00		546.18
Liquor Deputies	2,000.00		3,517.58
Medicine & Med. Attendance	2,000.00		1,297.94
Medical Examiners	1,000.00		565.78
Printing & Publishing	2,500.00		2,857.63
Rent	800.00		655.25
Record Books and Postage	3,500.00		3,603.07
Telephones	1,300.00		1,379.23
Water & Sewer	450.00		611.05
Miscellaneous (Page 13)	1,500.00	898.39	4,120.75
Civil Fees (Page 8)		12,319.86	
Fines and Costs (Page 8)		23,124.91	
Criminal Costs, Co. Comrs.			11,899.90
Criminal Costs, Sup. Court			4,643.58
Guerette Road			3,620.18
Overlay		1,599.30	
Totals	\$100,940.00	\$38,121.85	\$122,165.39
Less amount cut by the Legislature	10,940.00		
Balance of Estimate	\$90,000.00		
Other Sources	38,121.85		
Amount to Surplus			5,956.46
	\$128,121.85		\$128,121.85

SALARIES

County Commissioners	\$ 3,300.00
Clerks of Courts	2,800.00
Clerks in Clerk of Courts Office	2,600.00
County Treasurer	800.00
Clerk in Treasurer's Office	300.00
Judge of Probate	2,500.00
Register of Probate	2,500.00
Clerks in Probate Office	1,516.67
Register of Deeds—Southern	1,800.00
Clerks—Southern Reg.	3,450.00
Register of Deeds—Northern	1,300.00
Clerks—Northern Reg.	1,300.00
Sheriff	2,500.00
Clerk in County Attorney's Office	600.00
Janitor, Houlton Court House	1,200.00
Janitor, Caribou Court House	480.00
Turnkey	1,300.00
Assistant Turnkey	1,300.00
Probation Officer	400.00
Judge, Fort Fairfield Municipal Court	1,300.00
Recorder, Fort Fairfield Municipal Court	400.00
Judge, Caribou Municipal Court	1,375.00
Recorder, Caribou Municipal Court	458.34
Judge, Houlton Municipal Court	1,500.00
Recorder, Houlton Municipal Court	500.00
Judge, Northern Municipal Court	1,000.00
Recorder, Northern Municipal Court	200.00
Judge, Presque Isle Municipal Court	1,300.00
Recorder, Presque Isle Municipal Court	400.00
	\$40,380.01

TRUST FUNDS

Houlton Savings Bank, Savings Account	\$229.93
Farmer's National Bank, Impounded	7.68
	\$237.61
Total	

TRUSTS

Chas. Douglas	\$11.30
Douglas	11.30
Elery Hersey	208.85
Perley T. Howard	1.03
Frank Gorman	5.13
	\$237.61
Total	

FEES:

Clerk of Courts	\$ 2,056.77
Register of Deeds, Southern	6,501.99
Register of Deeds, Northern	2,831.70
Register of Probate	187.00
Caribou Municipal Court	102.56
Fort Fairfield Municipal Court	44.90
Houlton Municipal Court	296.09
Northern Municipal Court	34.03
Presque Isle, Municipal Court	264.82
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Total	\$12,319.86

FINES:

Clerk of Courts	\$ 4,333.36
Caribou Municipal Court	3,281.44
Fort Fairfield Municipal Court	1,856.66
Houlton Municipal Court	4,015.84
Northern Municipal Court	436.63
Presque Isle Municipal Court	2,800.74
Sheriff	1,808.09
Trial Justices:	
S. T. Campbell	124.30
Richard Crocker	958.80
R. A. Daigle	119.00
Leroy Gardiner	201.00
Claude Martin	488.32
Albert C. Plourde	377.23
J. A. Pelletier	822.11
Geo. H. Pelletier	14.20
T. D. Pelletier	323.70
John R. Sedgley	718.27
M. A. Seeley	322.22
S. L. Snow	123.00
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Total	\$23,124.91

OFFICERS' EXPENSES

County Commissioners	\$	150.96
County Attorney		95.87
Sheriff		360.76
Probation Officer		5.15
		\$ 612.74

HIGHWAY BRIDGES

Madawaska	\$3,171.73	
Dickey Brook	2,058.00	
Bearsley Brook	75.93	
East Hastings	1,546.67	
Nigger Brook	1,729.93	
		\$8,582.26
<p>Total cost of Bridges built for which no finances have been made available.</p>		

MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

During the Year 1937

Month	Receipts	Disbursements
January	\$ 4,487.69	\$ 12,242.38
February	4,241.38	7,332.51
March	23,866.10	10,713.90
April	9,481.08	10,060.88
May	2,406.43	37,023.43
June	6,698.46	7,159.13
July	12,138.22	10,352.49
August	4,138.22	10,045.24
September	18,493.36	13,697.72
October	11,245.03	13,582.78
November	9,546.92	11,894.76
December	44,765.85	36,327.29
		\$180,432.51
Totals	\$151,649.70	\$180,432.51
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1937	37,571.02	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1937		8,788.21
		\$189,220.72
		\$189,220.72

COUNTY TAXES

Towns and Plantations	Balance due		Amount Balance due	
	Dec. 31, 1936	1937 Tax	Paid	Dec. 31, 1937
Amity		\$ 208.62	\$ 208.62	
Ashland	\$ 8,290.38	1,322.83	557.75	\$ 9,055.46
Allagash Plt.		747.11	747.11	
Bancroft		193.07	193.07	
Benedicta		199.93		199.93
Blaine	4,563.92	843.85	200.00	5,207.77
Bridgewater	1,257.48	1,170.49	1,257.48	1,170.49
Caribou	13,488.34	6,356.80	6,744.17	13,100.97
Cary Plt.		144.59		144.59
Castle Hill	2,136.66	522.26	1,575.94	1,082.98
Caswell Plt.	1,014.64	335.03	335.03	1,014.64
Chapman	1,867.48	355.88		2,223.36
Connor	3,397.98	287.70		3,685.68
Crystal	1,063.88	337.98	331.94	1,069.92
Cyr Plt.	363.26	336.90	363.26	336.90
Dyer Brook	340.50	320.08		660.58
E Plt.		127.32	50.00	77.32
Eagle Lake	2,473.57	373.46	373.46	2,473.57
Easton		1,551.35	1,551.35	
*Fort Fairfield	27,822.78	6,629.65	2,500.00	31,952.43
Fort Kent	13,673.42	2,004.45		15,677.87
Frenchville	1,911.13	624.33	200.00	2,335.46
Garfield Plt.	118.13	127.75		245.88
Glenwood Plt.	1,160.92	153.82		1,314.74
Grand Isle	419.29	395.88	419.29	395.88
Hamlin Plt.	905.72	283.45	300.00	889.17
Hammond Plt.		254.71		254.71
Haynesville	122.84	120.47		243.31
Hersey	220.53	204.98	425.51	
Hodgdon	5,912.94	781.46	1,626.24	5,068.16
Houlton	8,188.91	7,740.64	8,188.91	7,740.64
Island Falls	2,558.72	841.64	1,642.69	1,757.67
Limestone		1,819.56	1,819.56	
Linneus	1,567.10	506.05		2,073.15
Littleton	4,473.28	819.32	1,115.28	4,177.32
Ludlow		243.60	243.60	
Macwahoc	996.18	153.78	165.66	984.30
Madawaska		4,475.36	4,475.36	
Mapleton		1,162.15		1,162.15
Mars Hill	5,825.77	1,882.43	3,279.07	4,429.13
Masardis	916.00	465.40	829.69	551.71
Merrill	1,065.37	337.07	1,065.36	337.07

* Fort Fairfield tax paid in full since the books were closed.

COUNTY TAXES

Towns and Plantations	Balance due		Amount Balance due	
	Dec. 31, 1936	1937 Tax	Paid	Dec. 31, 1937
Monticello	\$ 3,899.54	\$ 1,052.99	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,452.53
Moro Plt.	833.20	150.44	200.00	783.64
Nashville Plt.		184.63	184.63	
New Canada Plt.	1,543.37	273.97	365.47	1,451.87
New Limerick		332.56	332.56	
New Sweden		696.30		696.30
Oakfield	1,867.63	530.95		2,398.58
Orient		155.92		155.92
Oxbow Plt.	298.00	169.16	476.16	
Perham		664.39	664.39	
Portage	459.71	433.58		893.29
Presque Isle	21,670.28	7,532.06	6,350.00	22,852.34
Reed Plt.	1,432.02	244.64	244.64	1,432.02
Sherman	1,399.04	661.01	1,399.04	661.01
Silver Ridge	461.60	101.84		563.44
Smyrna	441.24	415.48		856.72
St. Agatha	1,898.98	629.61		2,528.59
St. Francis Plt.	2,609.52	365.98	30.42	2,945.08
St. John Plt.		245.60	245.60	
Stockholm	1,254.03	392.84	844.71	802.16
Van Buren	23,721.12	2,399.26	2,157.98	23,962.40
Wade		387.38		387.38
Wallagrass Plt.	660.10	318.11	350.00	628.21
Washburn	1,885.91	1,739.94	715.85	2,910.00
Westfield	3,263.48	879.64	870.00	3,273.12
Weston		175.97	175.97	
Westmanland Plt.		238.46	238.46	
Winterville Plt.	632.92	155.81	100.00	688.73
Woodland		742.87	742.87	
	<u>\$188,348.81</u>	<u>\$70,034.59</u>	<u>\$59,965.15</u>	<u>\$198,418.25</u>

ROAD REPAIR TAXES

Township	Bal. Due Dec. 31, 1936	1937 Taxes	Credit	Bal. Due Dec. 31, 1937
A R 2	\$1,990.44	\$ 346.00	\$ 740.86	\$1,595.58
3 R 2	982.46	882.00	664.82	1,199.64
1 R 4	109.10	776.42	885.52	
11 R 4	31.57	129.00	126.64	33.93
16 R 4	79.49	1,465.75	1,483.18	62.06
17 R 4	1,699.95	1,324.75	1,386.79	1,637.91
A R 5	648.34	892.86	1,100.83	440.37
1 R 5	397.48	736.02	914.20	219.30
7 R 5	25.75	595.83	582.18	39.40
8 R 5	90.72	531.09	597.54	24.27
9 R 5	217.07	988.78	1,046.91	158.94
17 R 5	1,500.84	1,867.91	1,744.53	1,624.22
14 R 6	215.61	714.24	357.12	572.73
15 R 6	72.94	359.29	343.29	88.94
	<u>\$8,061.76</u>	<u>\$11,609.94</u>	<u>\$11,974.41</u>	<u>\$7,697.29</u>

ROAD REPAIR WORK IN UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS

Townships	Amt. Expended
A R 2	\$ 346.00
3 R 2	349.20
1 R 2	738.50
11 R 4	493.48
16 R 4	1,287.93
17 R 4	1,856.83
A R 5	967.70
1 R 5	734.50
7 R 5	521.80
8 R 5	477.20
9 R 5	933.94
17 R 5	1,663.33
14 R 6	612.60
15 R 6	256.50
	<u>\$11,239.51</u>

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Board of Federal Prisoners	\$666.00
All Other Items	232.39
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Total	\$898.39

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Houlton Court House	\$ 466.88
Caribou Court House	118.23
Jail	456.72
Commissioners	37.68
Clerks of Courts	221.15
Southern Register of Deeds	100.00
Northern Register of Deeds	190.36
Municipal Courts	32.77
Church Services at Jail	80.00
Auditors	373.50
Finger Print Mach. & Camera	275.01
Transportation of Prisoners	188.10
Clerk hire, Co. Atty.	81.43
Collecting Taxes	150.00
Attorneys Services	127.50
Humane Agent	352.95
Prem. on Officers Bonds	300.00
All other Expenses	568.47
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Total	\$4,120.75

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

Houlton, Maine,
Feb. 1, 1938.

To the Commissioners of Aroostook County, Maine:

In accordance with your instructions we have examined the records of the County Treasurer, Clerk of Courts, Registers of Deeds, Register of Probate, Sheriff, the Municipal Courts of Fort Fairfield, Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Kent and several of the Trial Justices for the year ended Dec. 31, 1937 and find them carefully kept and accurate.

SHEAN ACCOUNTING CO.

By Fred A. Shean

Certified Public Accountant

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report of the Aroostook County Jail for the year 1937.

Number of Prisoners in Jail Dec. 31, 1936	59	
Number of Prisoners in Jail Dec. 31, 1937	58	
Number committed to Men's Reformatory	8	
Number committed to Women's Reformatory	1	
Number committed to State Prison	10	
Number committed to Bangor State Hospital	2	
Total number of prisoners, Male		544
Total number of prisoners, Female		21
		565

OFFENSES

Adultery		2
Arson		3
Assault		19
Bastardy		6
Breaking and Entering		11
Cheating by false pretenses		3
Debt		21
Fish and Game Violations		19
Forgery		10
Intoxication		225
Issuing checks without sufficient funds		3
Larceny		52
Liquor violations		31
Manslaughter		2
Motor vehicle violations, (drunken driving 69, all others 16)		
total		85
Murder		1
Non-support		9
U. S. Prisoners		20
Various other crimes		43
		565
Number of weeks board furnished Prisoners	3568	
Number of weeks board furnished Cook	52	
Number of weeks board furnished Turnkey	52	
	3672	

JASPER S. LYCETTE, Sheriff.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL COSTS FOR 1937

Fines and costs received from Criminal Prosecutions	\$23,124.91
Amount assessed for Criminal Costs	Nothing
Amount assessed for Special Liquor Deputies	2,000.00
Total	\$25,124.91
Bills of Costs allowed by County Commissioners Court	\$11,899.90
Bills of Costs allowed by Superior Court	4,643.58
Amount paid to Liquor Deputies and Officers	3,517.58
Amount paid to Sheriff for expenses	360.76
Total	\$20,421.82

JAIL AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT

Total Cost of Food consumed	\$3,833.49
Total Cost of Bedding and Clothing	711.22
Total number of weeks board furnished prisoners, cook and turnkey	3672
Cost of food for each prisoner per week	\$1.04
Cost of preparing and serving food per week	.35
Total cost per week	\$1.39

WALTER B. CLARK,
Auditor of Jail Account.

REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER

To the County Commissioners of Aroostook County:

Report of Probation Officer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1937.

There have been on Probation during the year 1937, one hundred nine persons, ninety-nine males, ten females.

The offenses have been as follows:

Breaking, entering and larceny	17
Larceny	24
Intoxication	4
Forgery	4
Illegal possession of intoxicating liquors	33
Assault	5
Rape	1
Non-support	1
Adultery	1
Robbery	1
Breaking the Game Laws	2
Juvenile delinquency	2
Issuing checks without funds	2
Concealing stolen property	2
Reckless driving	1
Drunken driving	3
Obtaining goods by false pretense	1
Indecent exposure	1
Perjury	2
Keeping a gambling place	1
Resisting an officer	1

As a rule, those on probation have reported in a regular and faithful manner.

Seven broke their probation; three had their probation extended; and four served their sentence.

PETER J. HAGGERTY,
Probation Officer

Houlton, Maine, December 31, 1937.

The foregoing report of the financial condition of Aroostook County for the year 1937, is respectfully submitted to the taxpayers of the County for their information.

EDITH M. DILL, County Treasurer.

GEO. R. UMPHREY
LESTER F. ELLIS
GEORGE B. BUCK

} County Commissioners