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Annual Report
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Owls Head
FOR THE
Year Ending March 17
1923

CASLON PRESS PRINT
Rockland, Maine.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

HAROLD W. PHILBROOK

JOHN F. WHALEN

MAYNARD CURTIS

Town Clerk

JAMES COLLINS

Treasurer

CHARLES W. LIVINGSTON

Collector of Taxes

CHARLES W. LIVINGSTON

Road Commissioner

HENRY CLOSSON

Superintending School Committee

MRS. BELL R. COLLINS

MRS. LYFORD YOUNG

MRS. ABBIE HURD

Superintendent of Schools

~~LELAND F. S.~~ MORSE

Secretary and Health Officer

FRANK EMERY

Constable

WALTER S. SNOWMAN

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOHN KOSTER

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Selectmen's Statement

VALUATION

Resident real estate	\$111,035 00
Resident personal estate	23,430 00
Non resident real estate	158,323 00
Non resident personal estate	1,900 00
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Total valuation	\$294,688 00
Number of polls assessed, 158	
Rate of assement, .036	
Poll tax rate, \$3.00	
Poll taxes	\$ 474 00
Resident tax on property	4,840 74
Non resident tax on property	5,768 02
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	\$11,082 76

APPROPRIATIONS

Superintendent of Schools, salary	\$ 162 50
Town expense	1,500 00
Roads and bridges	1,500 00
Support of Poor	300 00
Sidewalks	50 00
Common Schools	1,424 00 ✓
Repairs on schools	375 00
Free text books	200 00 ✓
Supplies and apparatus	75 00
Free High school tuition	1,065 00

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Interest on notes and bonds	260 00
For redemption of notes, bonds etc.	750 00
For retiring Board of Selectmen	200 00
For State Aid Highway Construction	533 00
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Total money raised	\$8,394 50
State tax	1,864 66
County tax	553 45
Overlay	270 15
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Total assessment	\$11,082 76
Taxes collected	\$9,826 92
Taxes unpaid	975 70
Taxes abated	204 14
Taxes abated, Polls	12 00
Taxes unpaid, Polls	66 00
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	\$10,082 76

ABATEMENTS

Mrs. Sullivan Curtis, widow	\$ 27 00
T. Donohue, over taxed	3 60
Clifford Goulding, sick	32 90
Knott Emery, old	3 00
Ava Kenney, poor	6 30
William Lattie, old	3 00
Margaret Philbrook, error	27 00
Maria Snowman, soldier's widow	12 60
Alice J. Philbrook, over taxed	11 20
Mrs. C. I. Burrows, error	10 80
Ralph Conant, no property	7 20
Jose Colcord, no property	12 24
M. F. Donohue, over taxed	14 40

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Mrs. Hurley, over taxed	3 60
Ralph Philbrook, over taxed	7 26
John O. Stevens, no property	18 00
Louise Holman, no property	3 60
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	\$202 54

STATE AID HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Paid for cost of construction		\$762 15
Cost of inspection		20 30
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Total cost		\$782 45
Paid by town	\$334 72	
Paid by State	435 63	
Paid by State Balance 1921	12 10	
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		\$782 45
Appropriation for road construction		\$533 00
Town part		334 72
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Unexpired balance		\$198 28

Made up at Owls Head, Maine, the 17th. day of March,
A. D. 1923.

HAROLD W. PHILBROOK
JOHN F. WHALEN
MAYNARD W. CURTIS

SELECTMEN OF OWLS HEAD, MAINE.

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POOR ACCOUNT

Amount raised at annual town meeting	\$300 00
Paid Mrs. A. H. Brackett, board, John Worthen	\$171 60
Paid Mrs. J. H. Foster, board, Sarah Ripley	86 86
Paid Mrs. Alice Philbrook, board, Sarah Ripley	150 00
Paid B. R. Collins, Transportation, Sarah Ripley	3 00
Paid Richards & Robbins, fuel, Ava Kenney	19 00
Paid F. D. Maddox, hauling fuel, Ava Kenney	3 00
Paid F. L. Emery, wood, Ava Kenney	5 00
Paid A. B. Borgerson, groceries, John Worthen	16 61
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	\$455 07
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Overdraw	\$155 07

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR RETIRING SELECTMEN 1921

Amount	\$200 00
Paid Carl Libby	\$100 00
Paid P. Fisk	50 00
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	\$150 00
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Arthur Robbins, donated for roads	\$50 00
Appropriation for Roads and Bridges	\$1500 00
State Highway Patrol	449 99
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	\$1050 01
Paid Henry Closson for Pay Roll	\$1584 46
Paid No. East Metal Culvert Co.	48 00
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	1632 46
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Overdraw	\$582 45

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Appropriations for Sidewalks	\$50 00
Paid Henry Closson	44 45
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Unexpended balance	\$ 5 55
Appropriations for redemption of notes, bonds etc.	\$750 00
Amount paid on outstanding notes	750 00
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Appropriations for interest on notes and bonds	\$260 00
Interest paid	67 50
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Amount unexpended	\$192 50

FIRE REPORT 1922

- June 9 William A. Lynde, Buildings Bally Hack, Struck by lightning and totally destroyed.
- June 10 T. K. Sweetland, Automobile, partly destroyed, caused by back fire.
- April 16 Frank Aylward, cottage at Ingraham's Hill, totally destroyed, cause unknown.
- Sept, 15 Abel Fuller, cottage at Cooper's Beach, totally destroyed, struck by lightning.
- Nov. 22 Harold Robbins, cottage at Crescent Beach, totally destroyed, cause unknown.
- Nov. 28 Fred C. Tolman, House at Ingraham's Hill, totally destroyed, cause of fire unknown.

CURRENT EXPENSES

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. B. R. Collins, postage and telephone	\$ 1 06
R. I. Thompson, legal services	25 00
Harry Hicks, safe	60 00
Jas. A. Collins, Town Clerk	4 74
R. U. Collins, Auditing South Thomaston Book 1921	30 00

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Loring, Short & Harmon, Town book	7 75
John Garnett, posting election warrants	3 00
Jas. A. Collins	2 13
Mrs. B. R. Collins, postage and telephone	1 73
Henry Closson, freight and trucking	2 34
Chas. Livingston, iron works	1 65
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery	11 60
Huston-Tuttle Book Co., books and stationery	10 85
Atlantic Road Machine Co., road drag	26 00
John Whalen, taking school census	10 00
Courier-Gazette, advertising dog tax	2 40
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery	4 05
H. Closson, labor and carting on road machine	8 25
Jas. Collins, town business	3 93
Eastern S. S. Line, freight on road machine	13 49
March Bros. flag	1 69
Rockland Hardware Co., supplies	7 65
Arthur L. Orne, bond for Tax Collector	16 00
Jas. Collins, recording and postage	3 24
A. B. Borgerson, caucus	26
C. W. Livingston, labor on road machine	4 56
Knox Publishing Co., tax cards	14 00
North East Metal Culvert Co., road machine	241 20
Jas. Collins, recording and postage	2 80
John Whalen, services ward clerk	2 50
Harold Philbrook, services ward clerk	2 50
Maynard Curtis, services ward clerk	2 50
W. H. Glover Co. lumber for election booth	4 79
Mrs. B. R. Collins, typing check list	1 50
Election pay roll, election Sept. 11	17 50
Lottie Robbins, kerosene oil and can	2 04
Dr. G. L. Crockett, services	7 00
Jas. Collins, Town Clerk	3 48
John Hall, services on school board	3 00
Huston-Tuttle Book Co., cash book; Livingston	1 35

A. L. Anderson, serving papers	\$ 75
Mrs. B. R. Collins, postage	1 51
Loring Short & Harmon, blanks	82
Dr. F. O. Bartlett	7 00
Harold Philbrook, postage for town mail	2 00
Elmer Ames, building election booth	3 00
Courier-Gazette, notices	1 00
Courier-Gazette, publishing tax notice	30
Mrs. B. R. Collins, recording births, deaths, marriages	2 06
Camden & Rockland Water Co., use of hydrant	17 50
F. D. Maddocks, hauling fire engine Crescent Beach	5 00
Chas. Livingston, supplies	4 60
Walter Snowman, services as constable	17 94
Charles Livingston, 2% on taxes collected	196 54
Dalton Adding Machine Co., adding machine	150 00
Mothers Aid \$480 less State amount \$140	340 00
Three Selectmen \$325 Treas. \$35.00	360 00
Jas. Collins, services ward clerk	2 50
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	\$1682 05
There is due from the State on Mothers Aid	\$100 00
There was expended for removing snow	\$977 21

Treasurer's Report

C. W. LIVINGSTON, Treas.

Debit

To cash in treasury April, 1, 1922	\$ 153 16
Received from temporary loan	3000 00
Line money	125 27
Elmer Curtis, weir privilege	5 00
Difference in interest	10 00
Wentworth & Pillsbury	154 44
Sale of stove	5 00
South Thomaston overlay school fund	73 00
State Treasurer, town road	49 88
State Treasurer, Mothers Aid	140 00
Poll Taxes	396 00
Real estate taxes	9,430 92
State school fund	1,714 31
Town Clerk, dog tax	49 00
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	\$15,305 93

Credit

State tax	\$ 1,864 66
Knox County tax	553 45
State Treasurer, dog license	49 00
Paid notes	2,750 00
To order of selectmen	9,742 08
Cash in treasury	346 79
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	\$15,305 98

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND ORDERS

Owls Head part of South Thomaston debt	\$4,003 85
Borrowed for Snow Account	1000 00
One unpaid order for Rockland High School	630 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OWLS HEAD, MAINE, MARCH 17, 1923.

Assets.

Unpaid taxes	\$1041 70
Due from State Mothers Aid	100 00
Road Machine purchased in year	241 00
Road Dray purchased in year	26 00
Safe purchased in year	60 00
Adding Machine purchased in year	150 00
Cash on hand	346 79
Deficit March 17, 1923	3668 36
	\$5633 85

Liabilities

Rockland High School tuition	\$630 00
Note for Snow Account	1000 00
Owls Head part of South Thomaston debt	4003 85
	\$5633 85

Report Superintendent Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of
Owls Head:

The schools of the town during the past year have been maintained at a very high standard of excellence. The teachers are capable and conscientious and rank much higher in ability than the average rural teacher. They are employed at salaries of which the town need not be ashamed.

Each school has an Improvement League in flourishing condition.

There is Health Crusade work in each school, and two of the schools have warm lunches each day. A proof of the value of these lunches was shown recently in the weighing of the pupils of the Timber Hill school in connection with the Health Crusade work. None of the pupils fell below the standard. This is a most unusual record and can be explained only by the fact that school lunches have been served in that school for the past two years.

Mrs. Whalen as helping teacher has been faithful and zealous. All progressive ideas and improvements gained are shared with the other teachers so there can be no rivalry.

The teachers have worked hard for their schools, the pupils have made good progress, and the schools hold a high place in the social life of the community.

The school at Owls Head Village has been discontinued and the pupils from that locality have attended the Timber Hill school. As the distance seemed long for the smaller pupils to travel an arrangement was made with Mr. G. C. Wotton whereby

the pupils came to his home and are conveyed to school in the morning and back to the same place in the afternoon during the winter season. In this way what seemed necessary conveyance has been obtained at a small expense. It does not seem wise to establish any costly plan of conveyance at present. If granted to one section, it could not be denied another locality.

The rates of tuition at the Rockland High School will be increased at the beginning of the spring term and the appropriation for this purpose should be larger than that of last year.

The text book appropriation for last year was large and there is so large an unexpended balance that no additional sum is necessary at this time.

In the way of repairs there are needs for each school house. New sills and foundation timbers are needed at Ingraham's Hill. The school house at Ash Point is in need of repairs and the front of the building at least should be painted.

To comply with the state law for improvements of school toilets, each of the schools must be equipped in this particular before the first of September 1924. I recommend that the school house at Timber Hill, be furnished with improved toilets during the coming summer. The present out buildings there have been in a shocking condition. They would hardly have been tolerated if the parents of the pupils had been aware of conditions at certain times. These conditions have not been due to neglect on the part of teacher or pupils. Only an improved toilet building, inaccessible to outsiders can prevent this in the future.

The toilets at Ash Point should be made tight to keep out the snow and supplied with locks and with hooks on the outside of the doors. By another year permanent toilets should be built there but meanwhile decent conditions should be maintained.

Some of the residents of Owls Head village feel that the present plan for the schools is not all that might be desired. Several plans intended to improve the situation have been sugg-

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ested. There are arguments for and against each of these plans. Some would like to have the school at the village reopened. If this were done, extensive repairs would be necessary, an additional improved toilet would be necessary. It is doubtful if under this arrangement the pupils would receive the training that they enjoy at present. Some wish for a new school centrally located. This might be the best solution of the problem. It is for the people of the town to judge whether or not the financial condition of the town would permit this plan to be considered. Before any action a committee of citizens should be appointed to study the situation and report.

If any plan looking to the erection of new buildings is entered upon, it may be wise to be conservative in the matter of conveyance. The school officials will desire to be just and impartial but unless it seems necessary for the welfare of the children will probably hesitate to increase the amount of conveyance.

I have prepared estimates for appropriations for schools. In doing this I have tried to provide for the needs of the schools without extravagance. If there are to be repairs upon the village school or increased conveyance, more money will be needed.

Appropriations needed if three schools are maintained as at present.

Common Schools	\$1250 00
Tuition (High School)	1100 00
Repairs	350 00
Supplies and Apparatus	75 00
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Total	\$2775 00

In conclusion I wish to thank the teachers, the members of the committee and public spirited citizens who have loyally supported the schools, for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. S. MORSE.

COMMON SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

TEACHERS SALARIES

Helen Sleeper	\$216 00
William Powers	785 00
Margaret Gilchrest	656 00
Lura Whalen	674 00
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	\$2331 00
Fuel Account	163 00
Janitor Service	83 00
Conveyance	14 00
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Total Expenditures	\$2591 00
Unexpended balance	447 31
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	\$3038 31
Appropriated by town	\$1424 00
From State School Fund	1614 31
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	\$3038 31

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

	Superintendents Vouchers
City of Rockland	\$1423 00
Unexpended balance	52 00
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	\$1475 00
Appropriated	\$1065 00
Paid by South Thomaston	310 50
From State School Fund	100 00
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	\$1475 00

Of the \$1423.00 for which vouchers have been written, the sum of \$630.00 has not been paid.

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TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Ginn & Company	\$42 36
D. C. Heath & Company	14 74
Houghton, Mifflin Company	11 73
The Macmillan Company	2 50
World Book Company	5 31
D. Appleton & Co.	4 45

\$81 09

Unexpended balance 118 91

\$200 00

Appropriation \$200 00

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES

Henry Closson, moving seats	\$ 2 25
Abbie Hurd, labor	6 90
I. L. Snow Co. broom	75
Orel Davies, clock	1 75
J. A. Collins, labor	1 25
J. A. Collins, paid labor	1 25
Sears Roebuck Co., wallpaper	5 77
A. S. Borgerson, glass	18
James Collins, constructing toilet	112 50
Mrs. George Winslow, cleaning	6 00
Sears Roebuck Co. wallpaper	1 13
E. Emery, cleaning toilets	25 00
L. H. Young	1 05
Ed. Pierce, transferring furniture	3 00
Ed. Pierce, lime and carting	2 75
Arthur Robbins, hanging curtains	1 50
Herbert Barter, building material	38 91
Herbert Barter, repairs Ingraham Hill school	4 40
Herbert Barter, repairs	3 24
V. F. Studley, shades and labor	4 50

Charles Collins - Labor 24 37

James Collins Repair Toilet 3 50

Ed Pierce Carting Shingles 2 50

Rockland Hardware Co. lamps and fixtures	7 80
Elmer Ames, setting glass	2 00
Mrs. Lura Whalen, paid for repairs	3 20
A. E. Gray, labor	8 00
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	\$275 45
Amount Unexpended	172 55
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	\$448 00

Credit

Appropriation	\$375 00
Balance from previous year	73 00
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	\$448 00

SUPPLIES AND APPARATUS

Knox Publishing Co., printed matter	\$20 00
Mrs. Bell Collins	2 95
F. L. S. Morse	79
Mrs. B. R. Collins	11 63
John Collins	11 00
Caxton School Supply Co.	10 60
Caxton School Supply Co.	2 07
Loring. Short & Harmon	2 10
Milton Bradley Co.	35
J. L. Hammett Co.	2 33
The Jones Bailey Co.	3 60
Milton Bradley Co.	1 12
Milton Bradley Co.	1 36
<i>A. B. Borgerson</i>	<hr/>
	\$61 18
Unexpended balance	18 82
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	\$80 00

RESOURCES

Appropriations	\$75 00
Received from sale of stove	5 00
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	\$80 00

