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REVIEW OFFICE, FORT FAIRFIELD

Town Officers

Assessors

JAMES H. PHAIR

GEORGE McCALLAN

*WILLIAM RICHARDSON FLOYD FINNEMORE

HENRY BELL

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fire Wardens

JAMES H. PHAIR

GEORGE McCALLAN

FLOYD FINNEMORE

Town Clerk

R. H. CALDWELL

Treasurer and Tax Collector

BENJAMIN H. ADAMS

School Committee

MATTIE FINNEMORE

AUSTIN A. BARNES

EVA ST. PIERRE

Superintendent of Schools

ALBERT A. SPAULDING

Constable

OMAR O'NEAL

Road Commissioner

JAMES H. PHAIR

Health Officer

AUSTIN A. BARNES

*Failed to qualify

Municipal Officers' Report

Following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls, as found in Caswell Plantation April 1, 1943, the same being a copy to the State Tax Assessor:—

Real estate, resident	\$90,155.00	
Real estate, non-resident	93,435.00	
Total real estate		183,590.00
Personal estate, resident	\$11,235.00	
Personal estate, non-resident ..	2,465.00	
Total personal estate		13,700.00
Grand total amount		197,290.00
Total value of land	\$152,605.00	
Total value of buildings	30,985.00	

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	61	\$98.77	\$6,025.00
Cows	144	36.25	5,220.00
Two-year-olds	23	32.40	745.00
Poultry (over 50)	150	.50	75.00
Total			12,065.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$200.00	
Gas pumps	535.00	
Machinery and equipment	900.00	
Amount brought forward	12,065.00	
Total personal property		13,700.00

Exempt Livestock

Yearling (cattle)	72	\$15.00	\$1,080.00
Sheep (to 35 in number)	52	4.00	208.00
Swine (to 10 in number)	115	10.00	1,150.00
Poultry (to 50 in number)	1090	.50	545.00

Total exempt personal 2,983.00

Number of polls taxed, 86

Rate of taxation, \$98.00 per thousand

Amount on each poll, \$3.00

ASSESSMENTS, 1943

On listed polls and estates, as per warrants from the State and County Treasurers, and as per vote of the inhabitants of the Plantation of Caswell at the annual meeting held on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1943, the following assessments were made for taxes for the municipal year ending March 1, 1944:—

State tax	\$1,708.96	
County tax	353.37	
Schools	4,715.00	
Town charges	2,000.00	
Poor	5,000.00	
Roads	1,510.00	
Limestone Fire Department	200.00	
Nursing	125.00	
Debts and snow removal	3,000.00	
Overlay	979.59	
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Total	\$19,592.42	
Supplemental assessment	509.60	
Total to collector	<hr/>	20,102.02

STATE TAX, 1943

Voted		\$1,708.96
Warrant paid	\$441.45	
Paid by State from school fund	1,267.51	
		<hr/> 1,708.96

COUNTY TAX

Voted		\$353.37
Warrant paid		353.37

LIMETONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Voted		\$200.00
Warrant paid		200.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Voted		\$60.00
Warrant paid		60.00

NURSING

Voted		\$125.00
Warrant paid	\$25.00	
Unexpended	100.00	
		<hr/> 125.00

GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$4,149.00	
State school fund	2,203.22	
Equalization	1,183.00	
Interest on reserved land	37.82	
Sup. subsidy	33.30	
Balance March 1, 1943	98.01	
		<hr/> 7,704.35

Expenditures:

Teachers	\$3,593.00	
Fuel	801.85	
Janitors	1,208.00	
Conveyance	1,442.50	
Supplies	180.09	
Textbooks	107.07	
H. S. tuition	913.50	
Teachers' income tax	96.25	
State of Maine	1.95	
		8,344.21
Overdrawn		639.86

Teachers

Bernice Greenier	\$728.00	
Fern Cyr	753.00	
James Phair	400.00	
Josephine Wright	312.00	
Lea Tardiff	312.00	
Mabel Watson	412.00	
Katrina Tardy	338.00	
Edwina Briggs	338.00	
		3,593.00

Fuel

Lawrence Bell	\$72.00	
Fred Berube	272.50	
James Phair	51.00	
James Smith	247.50	
Linwood Cote	51.00	
James Gerrard	87.85	
John Smith	10.00	
Elmer Cote	10.00	
		801.85

Janitors

Sterling Hazelwood	\$692.50	
Ferdinand Pelkey	247.50	
Wilfred Bernier	268.00	
	<hr/>	1,208.00

Conveyance

James Smith	\$854.50	
Nelson Bell	45.00	
Elmer Bell	205.00	
Fred Turcotte	108.00	
Elmer Cote	230.00	
	<hr/>	1,442.50

Supplies

B. D. Perry	\$109.94	
J. L. Hammett Co.	60.22	
A. A. Barnes	6.30	
Allyn & Bacon	1.83	
Beecher Tardy	1.20	
Phair Co.60	
	<hr/>	180.09

Text Books

The Macmillan Co.	\$54.03	
American Book Co.	11.09	
Silver Burdett	6.95	
Webster Pub. Co.	23.22	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	10.00	
Glendhill Bros.	1.78	
	<hr/>	107.07

H. S. Tuition

Town of Limestone	913.50
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Plantation of Caswell:

I hereby present the annual report of the school department for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1944:—

Increased cost in fuel, labor for conveyance, and teachers' salaries has caused us to be overdrawn in our school account. But on the whole we have reason to feel that we have done well under the present conditions. When we think of the boys who have gone out from our town to meet the call of our country and all that it means we realize that we must all do our best to help the young people now with us to get an educational preparation for the uncertain days that lie ahead of us.

To meet the situation we must recognize the fact that prices and wages will not be any lower for the coming year and there may also be new problems arise, which will require money. In considering these facts and estimating as nearly as possible the probable expenses, the sum of \$6,000.00 is suggested as the amount of appropriation for general school account.

Some repair work was done on the buildings during the past year and with a few minor repairs they will be all right for another year. It will be almost impossible to get help for work of that kind at the present time.

All who have contributed to the success of the school work during the past year should be commended.

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT A. SPAULDING

Caswell, Maine

March 1, 1944

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIR

Warrants Paid:

Caldwell, Bert	\$7.50	
Bernier, Wilfred	117.50	
Labreck, Abe	50.00	
Frost, A. C.	6.70	
Norton, Fred	91.92	
O'Neal, Charles	23.00	
Page, John	1.25	
Tardy, Fred	8.00	
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Total	\$305.87	
Unexpended	71.43	
Total	<hr/>	377.30
Voted	\$350.00	
Refunded by J. H. Phair	13.65	
Refunded by B. H. Adams	13.65	
Total	<hr/>	377.30

INTEREST

Warrants Paid:

Limestone Trust Co.	\$80.00	
State of Maine	137.15	
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Total	\$217.55	
Unexpended	291.48	
Total	<hr/>	509.03
From taxes	\$125.26	
From excise tax	383.77	
Total	<hr/>	509.03

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Warrants Paid:	
A. A. Spaulding.....	\$156.00
Voted	156.00

TOWN ROADS

Voted	\$500.00
Unexpended	500.00

THIRD-CLASS REPAIR

Voted	\$250.50
Unexpended	250.50

STATE HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Warrant Paid:	
State of Maine	\$271.20
Voted	271.20

STATE HIGHWAY AND STATE ROAD PATROL

Warrant Paid:	
State of Maine	\$489.30
Voted	489.30

TOWN ROAD SNOW REMOVAL

Warrants paid:	\$1,118.67
Voted	1,118.67

DEBT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Warrants Paid:	
Town of Monroe	\$44.81

Limestone Trust Co.	1,000.00	
Balance of 1942 state tax	738.88	
Fort Fairfield Drug Co.	39.09	
Allen Plumbing Co.	43.53	
American Book Co.	168.68	
Total		2,034.99
Voted	\$1,881.33	
From overlay	153.66	
Total		2,034.99

The sum of \$3,000.00 was voted for town road snow removal and debts. Warrants to the amount of \$1,118.67 were paid for snow removal and the balance of \$1,881.33 was applied on the debt and bills payable, and the sum of \$153.66 was taken from the overlay to balance the account.

We have not received a bill from the state for the plowing it has done on our town roads, but, if it reimburses us for its share of the cost of plowing, it should offset what we owe it. This will appear in next year's report.

POOR ACCOUNT

Warrants Paid:	
Hendricksen, Mary	\$397.49
Bernier, Wilfred	8.00
King, Elie	39.00
King, Leo	234.00
King, Eva	33.09
King, Flivie	4.28
Labreck Family, Frank	277.27
Labreck, Albert	38.50
Lapointe, George	279.45
Lapointe, Lawrence	59.20

Lavoie, Noah	296.00	
Michaud, Tom	32.50	
Smith, John	248.24	
St. Pierre, Mary	18.67	
Walton, Fred	164.50	
Wright, William	117.00	
Total		2,247.19
Hendricksen, Sybil, to be re-		
funded by state	\$107.42	
Total		107.42
Warrants paid to state for A.		
D. C.	\$831.55	
Warrants paid to state for		
inst. service	732.53	
Total paid state		1,564.08
Total warrants paid		3,918.69

The plantation voted \$5,000.00 for this account, but when you add the sum of about \$2,550.00 we still owe the state for board and care for this year it leaves an overdraft of \$1,468.69. It is impossible to give an exact figure of the amount of this account for the ensuing year, but we received a bill from the state for the last half of this year for \$1,181.00. We have had 18 children on this list, but two have been taken off.

TOWN CHARGES

Warrants Paid:

Phair, James, assessor and ex-	
penses	\$600.00
McCallan, George, Assessor	200.00
Finnemore, Floyd, assessor	75.00
Bell, Henry, assessor	10.00
Caldwell, R. H., clerk services	66.75

Caldwell, R. H., census	12.00	
Adams, Benjamin, treasurer ..	100.00	
Adams, Benjamin, tax collector	757.91	
Barnes, Austin, health officer	25.00	
O'Neal, Omar, constable	5.00	
McCallan, George, door locks	26.74	
St. Pierre, Mary, cooking at school	15.00	
N. E. T. & T. Co., services	32.65	
Therriault, Edmund, insurance	284.00	
Brooker, George, house and lot	350.00	
Hamilton, W. P., legal services	21.50	
Limestone Electric Co., ser- vices	112.94	
Fort Fairfield Review, print- ing	54.60	
Marks Printing House, print- ing	17.25	
Adams, Benjamin, tax dis- counts	65.98	
Small accounts	109.28	
Total		2,941.60
Voted		\$2,000.00
Refund from Charles Smith	\$10.00	
From overlay	825.93	
From supplementary tax	105.67	
		2,941.60

ADJUSTMENTS

Smith Heirs, on 1940, '41, '42 taxes	\$60.70	
Tax liens turned in by collec- tor	226.10	
Total		286.80
From supplementary tax		286.80

GAIN

Supplementary tax	\$117.13	
Schoolhouse repair	71.43	
Interest	291.48	
Town roads	500.00	
Third-class repair	250.50	
	<hr/>	1,230.54

LOSS

Schools	\$639.86	
Debt	153.66	
	<hr/>	793.52

In the school account the plantation paid warrants to the amount of \$7,428.76. The state paid \$915.45 from the state school fund.

TAX ACCOUNTS, B. H. ADAMS, COLLECTOR

1935 delinquent	\$69.71	
1936 delinquent	79.54	
1937 delinquent	142.09	
1938 delinquent	56.00	
1939 delinquent	133.52	
1940 delinquent	128.50	
1941 delinquent	48.45	
1942 delinquent	208.79	
Total	<hr/>	866.60

1943 TAXES

Delinquent:	
Berube, Ferdinand	\$58.25
Berube, Guy	45.08
Cantin, Ted	4.90
Cote, Jasper	53.47

Labreck, Alfred	13.18
Labreck, Abe	4.90
Lapoint, George	3.00
Lavoie, Noah	3.00
McDougal, Steve	3.00
Pelkey, Joe	7.90
*Richardson, William	25.54
*Richardson, Hudson	3.92
St. Pierre, William	13.78
St. Pierre, George	15.19
Willard, Herbert	36.26
Willard, Howard	285.30
Michaud, Noel	35.20
Bouchard, Leo	3.00
Holmes, Herman	58.80
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	\$673.67

Non-Resident

Anderson, Annie	\$18.62	
Fisher, Charles	411.60	
Lavoie, Shanell	7.35	
Marks, Jennie and Harold	382.20	
Leighton Bros.	228.30	
Pierce and A. Thompson	29.40	
Weatherhead, Verne	274.40	
*Hopkins Heirs	293.51	
Cote, Louis	19.60	
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	\$1,664.98	
Total on tax book		\$20,102.02
Delinquent	\$2,338.65	
Discounts	65.98	
Treasurer's receipts	17,697.39	
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		20,102.02

*Paid after books closed

TREASURER'S REPORT
Receipts

From previous year	\$2,109.36	
1940 taxes	61.60	
1941 taxes	679.09	
1942 taxes	2,432.80	
1943 taxes	17,697.39	
State of Maine	1,220.82	
B. H. Adams, refund on paint	13.65	
James Phair, refund on paint	13.65	
Charles Smith, refund for cash	10.00	
Tax discounts	65.98	
Liens for land taken over	226.10	
Adjustment on taxes	133.35	
Bank charges	10.73	
Wm. Richard, for land	93.00	
George Brooker	11.88	
State of Maine, pauper claims	145.74	
Refund from other towns	227.94	
Excise tax	383.77	
Interest	125.26	
Interest on reserve land	37.82	
Total receipts		25,699.93

PAYMENTS

Total warrants paid	\$20,229.25	
Balance at Limestone Trust Co.	2,463.80	
Paid checks on hand to be de- posited	3,041.48	
Total payments and credits		25,734.53
Due treasurer, to balance	\$34.60	

B. H. ADAMS

Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MARCH 1, 1944

Assets:

Cash on hand	\$5,505.18	
Tax accounts due	3,205.25	
Henry Bell	175.00	
Equipment	500.00	
James Pierce	63.00	
Eli King	39.00	
Wood	200.00	
State for Sybil Hendricksen	107.42	
Land and buildings	2,975.00	
Small accounts	150.00	
		12,919.85

Liabilities:

Limestone Trust Co.	\$1,000.00	
County tax	2,505.14	
State, board and care	9,385.43	
Assets over liabilities	28.28	
		12,919.85

CLERK'S REPORT

Births	23
Marriages	5
Deaths	7

\$381.13 was received from stumpage for wood and lumber cut on the public lot.

WARRANT

To Omar O'Neal, Constable of the Plantation of Caswell,
in the County of Aroostook and State of Maine,

Greeting:—

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Caswell Plantation, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE on MONDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1944, at TEN O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, to act upon the following articles, viz.:—

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose a plantation clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 To see if the plantation will vote to raise the sum of \$10,000.00 to buy equipment to plow snow on town roads; said amount to be in addition to the regular assessments and to be paid to the collector by June 1, 1944.
- Art. 4 To see if the plantation will vote to accept the plantation report.
- Art. 5 To choose all necessary plantation officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of schools and all school officers.
- Art. 7 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the payment of all plantation officers and plantation charges, including in-

urance.

- Art. 8 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of the poor, including A. D. C., board and care and inst. services.
- Art. 9 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for ways and bridges, including third-class repair, snow removal and maintenance of state highway, maintenance of state-aid and snow removal of state-aid and town roads.
- Art. 10 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the Limestone Fire Department.
- Art. 11 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for nursing, health and tuberculosis.
- Art. 12 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise on plantation debts.
- Art. 13 To see what disposition the plantation will make of money received from the excise.
- Art. 14 To see if the plantation will vote that poll taxes be due and payable May 1, 1944, and to determine a date when all other taxes shall be due and payable, and the rate of interest to be collected thereafter.
- Art. 15 To see if the plantation will vote to allow a discount on the 1944 taxes paid prior to Sept. 1, 1944, said discounts to be determined by the selectmen.
- Art. 16 To see if the plantation will vote to authorize the treasurer and selectmen to issue a note or

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notes for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, said note or notes not to exceed the total tax levy of the preceding municipal year and said note or notes to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxation.

Art. 17 To see if the plantation will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer, on behalf of the plantation, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the plantation for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 18 To see what action the plantation will take to set up a fund for the future welfare of the plantation.

Art. 19 To transact all other necessary business.

NOTICE

The selectmen will be in session at the Pleasant Ridge Schoolhouse on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1944, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1944, at said Caswell Plantation.

JAMES PHAIR

GEORGE McCALLAN

FLOYD FINNEMORE

Selectmen of Caswell Plantation

A true copy, attest:

OMAR O'NEAL

Constable of Caswell Plantation

RESTRICTED CIRCULATION

INQUIRE AT DESK