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Machias, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF MACHIAS FOR YEAR 1929-1930

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR AND
MOTHERS' AID**

Isaac S. Heaton

Fred A. Clark

Edwin S. Hill

TOWN CLERK

Richard L. Hanscom

TOWN TREASURER

George B. Boynton

SCHOOL BOARD

Frank S. Ames

Mary G. Dinsmore

Ernest Crane

AUDITOR

Cyrus W. Beverly

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Irving O. Bragg

HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. H. O. Johnson

TRUANT OFFICER

Malcolm W. Clark

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

William G. Means

APPROPRIATIONS

Money appropriated by the Town of Machias at its annual
Town Meeting, March 25th 1929

For Schools	\$ 9,500.00
Poor	1,500.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Water Service	1,635.00
Street Lighting	2,325.00
School Books	800.00
Apparatus & Appliances	600.00
Roads & Bridges	2,500.00
Sildewalks	1,000.00
Repairs Town Buildings	1,200.00
Boys' Band	200.00
Discount of Taxes	2,000.00
Town Officers	1,500.00
State Aid Roads	1,800.00
State Aid Roads Maintenance	450.00
Free Reading Room	800.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Interest on Town Debt	700.00
Payment of Town Debt	2,500.00
Tuberculosis	100.00
Insurance of Town Bldgs.	800.00
Advertising Natural Resources	25.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Snow Removals	100.00
Athletic Field	100.00
Music in Schools	500.00
Town Dump	200.00
Total appropriated	\$34,185.00

State Tax	6,458.79
County Tax	2,650.45
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	43,294.24
Overlay	748.86
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Total Tax	44,043.10
483 Polls at 3.00	1,449.00
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	\$42,594.10
Supplementary Tax	11.50
Valuation Real Estate	\$613,432.00
Personal Estate	238,450.00
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Total Valuation	\$851,882.00
Rate of Taxation	.05%

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$1800.00
Received from State	3694.04
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	\$5494.04

Expended

Paid R. B. Dunning & Co.	\$ 260.19
James Clemons	374.00
Eugene Bowers	265.50
Harry Hill	313.25
Harvey Manchester	273.00
George McDonald	268.50
Roy Day	172.50
Richard Clemons	117.00
Walter Beverly	213.50
James E. Hurley	181.50
Jesse Davis	240.00
Town Truck	555.75

E. S. Hill & Team	129.00	
James Clemons & Truck	805.50	
Samuel Berry	93.00	
Machias Lumber Company	31.06	
Eldridge Bryant	69.00	
Edwin Connors	12.00	
Joseph Mealy & Truck	421.00	
Harry Manchester	157.00	
Town Grader	22.50	
Butler & Berry	22.00	
Paul McDonald	45.65	
Lee Getchell, gravel	375.10	
Sanford Crocker	4.00	
Chapman Lumber Company	1.80	
Eugene Drisko, gravel	19.20	
E. S. Hill, gravel	51.90	
		5494.40
Overdrawn	.36	

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
	Expended	
Paid State		480.50
Overdrawn	\$30.50	

ROADS & BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Received from State	715.50	
		\$3,215.50
	Expended	
James Clemons	\$290.00	
Harry Hill	199.49	

Eugene Bowers	169.50
E. S. Hill & Team	75.00
Carl Hudson	5.25
David Clemons & Team	12.00
Harvey Manchester	112.50
Blanchard Kilton	6.00
Roy Day	121.50
Fred Myers	27.00
Fred Clark	29.25
Sam Berry	15.00
J. E. Hurley	30.00
Clyde Manchester	13.50
Jesse Davis	27.00
Earl Smith	9.00
Clarence Byther	9.00
William Byther	9.00
Harry Manchester	36.00
James Clemons & Truck	252.50
George McDonald	70.50
J. E. McEacharn	15.00
Harry McPhail	13.50
Lester Armstrong & Truck	30.00
A. D. Foss & Truck	40.00
Walter Beverly	6.00
Richard Clemons	3.00
Hollis Morse	18.00
Edwin Connors	6.75
Orrin Marston & Truck	50.00
Joseph Mealy & Truck	50.00
Mawhinney Motor Company	435.55
Grover K. Coffin	138.25
White Motor	124.75
Machias Lumber Co.	304.53
Longfellow Chevrolet Co.	89.80
E. G. MacLauchlan	42.90
Joseph Mealey	4.50

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Fred Sanborn	22.20
The A. G. A. Company	13.00
Frank Foster	32.50
E. M. Garnett	8.53
E. S. Hill	17.50
C. Sullivan	12.50
Frank Welch	41.85
Simon Hall	31.75
Paul McDonald	21.20
Charles Saddler	9.50
Irving H. Johnson	3.75
R. C. Bailey	13.00

\$3118.78

Surplus

\$96.72

THIRD CLASS ROAD

No Appropriation

Received from State

\$498.89

Expended

James Clemons	\$42.00
Harry Hill	21.00
Eugene Bowers	28.50
Harvey Manchester	28.50
George McDonald	28.50
Roy Day	28.50
Hollis Morse	25.50
James Clemons truck	85.50
Town Truck	61.75
Orrin Marston & truck	65.00
Frank Welch	47.70
Machias Lumber Company	7.94
Harry Manchester	28.50

\$498.89

CUTTING BUSHES

No Appropriation

Expended

Paid Jesse Davis	\$30.75
Eldridge Bryant	30.75
Walter Beverly	27.00

\$88.50

SIDEWALKS

Appropriation

\$1,000.00

Expended

Paid James Clemons	\$ 40.00
James Clemons, truck	62.00
Roy Day	57.00
Sam Berry	22.50
Harvey Manchester	42.00
Harry Hill	36.75
Eugene Bowers	34.50
Fred Clark	72.00
George McDonald	22.50
Charles Saddler	13.50
Chapman Lumber Co.	27.07
Machias Lumber Co.	593.30
R. C. Bailey	6.50
L. W. Longfellow	1.80

\$1,031.42

Overdrawn

\$31.42

BOYS' BAND

Appropriation

\$200.00

Expended

ADVERTISING NATURAL RESOURCES

Appropriated	\$25.00
Expended	
Nothing	
Surplus	\$25.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$100.00
Received from State for winter 1928-29	35.95
Received from Town of Marshfield	73.24
Received from Town of Jonesboro	55.13
Received from Town of Whitneyville	60.29
Received from Town of Whiting	12.08
Received from Town of Cutler	25.88
Received from Town of Machiasport	27.61
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	\$390.18

Expended	
Paid for Snow Fence	\$ 16.00
Frank Mallar	6.83
James Clemons	101.50
Harry Hill	44.59
Carl Hudson	39.48
Mawhinney Motor Company	567.29
Ralph McRae	11.85
David Clemons	5.10
Alvah Armstrong	2.40
Charles Smith	2.40
Wm. T. Armstrong	2.10
Fred Hasty	2.10
Adelbert Hasty	2.10
E. G. MacLauchlan	1.60
Donald Armstrong	2.10

Morrill Armstrong	2.10	
Samuel Watts	3.00	
Ralph Foss	1.50	
Amos Anthony	1.50	
Hollis Morse	1.50	
Merrill Hooper	1.50	
Curtis Morse	1.50	
William Dodge	3.00	
Harvey Manchester	4.50	
Harry Manchester	4.50	
Frank Huntley	3.00	
Ira Davis	3.00	
Wesley Davis	3.00	
Fred Clark	6.00	
Eugene Bowers	10.48	
Walter Beverly	4.50	
Philip Nelson	4.50	
Elton Meserve	4.50	
Charles E. Johnson	2.25	
Eugene Johnson	2.25	
		\$875.52
Due from State	\$165.97	
Due from Roque Bluffs	18.98	
Due from Emery Small	15.53	
Due from Chapman Lumber Company	10.00	
		\$210.48
Overdrawn	\$274.86	

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Received from State Acct. Wm. Gilman	19.00
Refund from Town of Clinton	8.00

Due from Town of Jonesport Acct. Mrs. Polk 5.72

\$1532.72

Expended

Town of Clinton	\$ 100.96
Susie Ellsmore	57.14
Mary E. Bowers	210.00
Nellie Marston	50.00
Mrs. Ernest Albee	130.00
R. C. Bailey	8.73
Eastern Trust & Banking Co.	24.00
Lester Armstrong	5.00
Charles Saddler	7.00
A. G. Ingalls	10.00
L. H. Hanscom's Sons	115.30
Mary McLaughlin	46.00
D. L. Sinford	6.50
R. T. Crane Co.	14.90
James A. Hatt	10.50
F. L. Gratto	10.00
James Cummings	45.00
State Treasurer	388.85
Schoppee & Fenno	340.17
Schoppee Farm	61.57
Town of Bar Harbor	207.19
Eastern Telephone & Telegraph Co.	1.65
Hall & Hanscom	42.05
Dr. H. O. Johnson	62.50
Irving H. Johnson	3.00
L. I. Leighton	3.00
Thomas Foss	2.50
L. W. Longfellow Co.	5.72
Foss Bargain Store	22.85
J. E. Hudson	5.00
F. J. Geary	5.00

Slark & Sterritt	11.40
Machias Lumber Co.	7.25
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	\$2,020.73
Overdrawn	\$488.01

POOR ACCOUNT

Persons Aided

George W. Wallace	\$513.64
Alonzo Henry	102.61
Zettie Marston	400.56
George Todd Family	207.19
Thomas Foss	5.00
Mrs. K. Polk	5.72
Atwood Children (State)	37.14
William Gilman	115.30
McEacharn Children (State)	147.50
Alzina Andrews	226.76
Tramps	45 00
B. Woodruff	10.00
Henry Children (State)	204 21
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	\$2,020.73

CONTINGENT

No Appropriation	
Received from State for Bank Stock Tax	\$1125 81
Received from State damage to Domestic Animals	123.00
Received from State Bounties on Porcupines	194.75
Received from State Railroad & Tel. tax	144.07
Received for Licenses	62.00
Received Dog Taxes	154.00

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Received from Mrs. Effie Maynard, back tax and int.	21.91
Received from William Vane rent of Poor House	80.00

\$1905.54

Expended

Paid A. L. Jones	\$ 6.00
Parlin Printing Company	55.00
Union-Republicon	110.98
R. E. Gardner	41.10
Loring, Short & Harmon	110.49
Bangor Hydro-Electric Company	15.00
W. G. Means	23.50
Leighton & Haley	4.29
Grover K. Coffin	5.85
Post Office, stamps and envelopes	11.17
O. F. Meserve, sheep killed	72.00
James Haley	2.00
Fred L. Tower Co.	5.00
Samuel Watts, sheep killed	51.00
Teague Publishing Co.	5.20
Malcolm W. Clark	9.50
L. I. Leighton	110.00
E. B. Andrews, repairing town clock	8.36
J. E. Hurley	5.00
Horace Sylvester	14.00
Emily G. Bradbury	18.00
O. F. Meserve, acct. Forest Fires	5.70
Herbert Weller, forest fires	1.00
Fred Hill	1.50
National Used Car Market Report	6.00
Frank Huntley, ballot clerk	3.00
Mrs. Jessie Hutchinson, ballot clerk	3.00
Mrs. Frances Parnell, ballot clerk	3.00
Uriah Smith	4.00

O. H. Dunbar	13.00
American Gas Ac. Company	2.38
H. G. McEacharn	5.00
Charles Saddler	1.00
U. W. Johnson	12.00
W. G. Means Jr.	10.00
John McEacharn, winding town clock	40.00
D. L. Sinford	6.50
Irving H. Johnson	6.00
C. B. Donworth	2.00
Edward H. Quimby	60.00
R. C. Bailey	.65
L. W. Longfellow, office rent 1928	60.00
Dr. H. O. Johnson	9.25
R. E. Gardner	17.00
E. S. Hill	10.00
Arden McEacharn	35.00
R. L. Hanscom	16.65
Dr. J. W. Longfellow	4.00
George B. Boynton, Postage, Express etc.	22.98
Henry Sawyer	5.00
Teague Publishing Co.	108.00
George McDonald	15.00
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	\$1,172.05
Surplus	\$933.49

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDING

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Expended

Charles Saddler	\$10.50
J. E. Hurley	42.25
Samuel Berry	12.00
Harry C. McPhail	69.75
Machias Lumber Co.	142.90

Chapman Lumber Co.	125.83
Thomas Foss	1.00
Jesse Davis	29.75
Edwin Hill, gravel	2.50
Irving H. Johnson	4.00
Lester Armstrong	15.00
Nelson Clark	27.30
Percy Hooper	10.50
Wililam Hooper	10.50
Ernest McLaughlin	32.06
Joseph E. McEacharn	98.50
Paul McDonald	6.25
R. C. Bailey	16.65

\$657.24

Expended on School Buildings

Frank Huntley	\$2.00
Joseph Fenno	10.66
Machias Lumber Company	36.21
Ernest Crane	4.50
R. C. Bailey	130.96
Malcolm W. Clark	140.00
Chapman Lumber Co.	7.30
J. Arthur Green	117.00
Ruby Bryant	35.23
Joel Smith	16.87
A. J. Reynolds	28.80
A. L. Jones	6.80
R. E. McKenzie	1.29
C. I. McEacharn	122.75

\$659.77

Total Repairs

\$1317.01

Overdrawn

\$117.01

TEMPORARY LOAN

Borrowed Eastern Trust & Banking Co.	\$4,000.00	
Borrowed Merrill Trust Company	4,000.00	
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Paid Eastern Trust & Banking Company	\$4,000.00	
Paid Merrill Trust Company	4,000.00	
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TUBERCULOSIS FUND

Appropriation		\$100.00
	Expended	
Paid Mrs. Martha Vose		\$100.00

FREE READING ROOM

Appropriation	\$800.00	
Received from State	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$880.00
	Expended	
Paid Sarah L. Foster		\$880.00

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation		\$200.00
	Expended	
Paid Lester Armstrong		\$200.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		\$300.00
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Paid A. D. McFaul (Longfellow Cemetery) \$200.00

Paid Mrs. Mina Bosworth (Court St.

Cemetery)

100.00

\$300.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation

\$2325.00

Paid Bangor Hydro-Electric Company

\$2325.00

**REPORT OF ARDEN S. McEACHARN
TAX COLLECTOR**

To Amount of Taxes committed for collection

\$44,060.60

Delinquent Taxes from year 1928

48.78

Supplementary Tax 1929

11.50

\$44,120.88

By paid Geo. B. Boynton, Treasurer

\$41,938.07

Six per cent Discount

1,398.52

Four per cent Discount

504.29

Abatements

208.75

Uncollected

71.25

\$44,120.88

DELINQUENT TAXES

Orrin Marston

\$21.75

Henry Maynard

15.00

Charles Myers

5.50

Charles Blyther

3.00

Percy Hooper

3.00

H. L. Richardson

23.00

\$71.25

ABATEMENT 1928 TAXES

Nelson Hodgkins, out of town	\$3.00
William McPherson, out of town	3.00
Norman Nelson, out of town	3.00
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	\$9.00

ABATEMENTS 1929 TAXES

William Alexander, over value stock in trade	\$15.00
Mrs. Delia Davis	5.00
Howard Smith, no cow	1.25
Leslie Cates, no car	7.50
Forrest Spencer, no real estate	7.50
John Perry Heirs, no piano	5.00
Fred Jasper, over value car	5.00
Machias Lumber Company, over value lumber	13.25
Ralph Clark, no cow	1.25
David Merritt, car burned	5.00
Harold L. Kilton, paid in Mars Hill	33.00
Philip Armstrong, no cow	1.25
William A. Foss, over value car	5.00
Harvey Manchester, no car	2.50
Daniel Morang, paid in Presque Isle	3.00
Hovey Kilton	1.25
Ross McEacharn, no car	15.00
Shirley Anthony, over value of car, not of age	8.00
Mary E. Bowers, over value of Real Estate	10.00
Alice Handy, unable to pay	15.00
Charles Saddler, unable to pay	13.00
Ruth Thompson, no car	15.00
C. A. Huntley	3.00
Norman Nelson	3.00
Geoge Webb	3.00

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William Blyther, died	3.00
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	\$199.75
Overlay	\$748.86
Surplus	\$540.11

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Expended	
Arden McEacharn at 6%	\$1,398.52
Arden McEacharn at 4%	504.29
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	\$1,902.81
Surplus	\$97.19

ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation	\$100.00
Expended	
Paid Mrs. George Maclauchlan	\$100.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$50.00
Expended	
Paid Warren Hill, treasurer	\$50.00

VITAL STATISTICS

33 Births
16 Deaths
32 Marriages

STATE PENSIONS

Paid Mrs. Eva Roberts	\$120.00
Miss Kate Talbot	48.00

Mrs. Julia E. Hurley	30.00	
		\$198.00
Received from State		\$198.00

WATER SERVICE

Appropriation		\$1,635.00
Paid Machias Water Company		\$1,861.00
Deficit	\$226.00	

STATE TAX

Assessed to Town by State		\$6,458.79
Paid State Treasurer		\$6,458.79

COUNTY TAX

Assessment		\$2,650.45
Paid Elmer E. Bowles, treasurer		2,650.45

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Roy L. Sinclair	\$132.44	
Irving O. Bragg	302.64	
George B. Boynton	155.00	
Edwin S. Hill	250.00	
Isaac S. Heaton	250.00	
Fred A. Clark	200.00	
Richard L. Hanscom	25.00	
Dr. H. O. Johnson	50.00	
Malcolm W. Clark	15.00	
Arden S. McEacharn	300.00	
		\$1,680.08
Overdrawn	\$180.08	

MOTHERS AID

No Appropriation

Paid Mrs. Nellie Marston \$80.00

State Acct. Nellie Marston 60.00

\$140.00

Received from State

\$60.00

Deficit \$80.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Received from East Machias 50.00

Refund on old Hose 36.00

\$1,086.00

Expended

A. L. Jones \$51.58

Sterling Siren Fire Alarm Company 11.95

Western Union Telegraph Co. 2.22

Arden McEacharn 47.94

Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company 208.74

Bangor Hydro-Electric Company 117.33

Mawhinney Motor Co. 29.00

R. T. Crane Company 53.28

L. A. Paul Company 7.05

Arthur H. Blanchard 4.15

Walter Reynolds 1.00

H. B. McKenney 5.00

Charles Vane 4.50

J. E. Hurley 1.20

Frank Ellsmore 4.40

Harold Vane 5.80

Harry Gilson 7.30

James McDonald 18.00

Leo Sexton	1.44
E. C. Lindsey	60.50
Emma P. Means	12.00
Ernest Crane	5.42
R. C. Bailey	6.24
I. H. Johnson	.50
E. W. Farnsworth	7.00
James McDonald	32.95
Clinton Clark	21.18
H. E. Tribou	15.00
George R. Berry	16.20
J. E. Hurley	15.00
W. H. Colson	12.00
Henry Rogers	15.00
Ernest Miller	14.00
Daniel Lowell	15.00
Fred Schoppee	11.18
Roy Mallar	12.18
Guy Woodman	9.18
Ralph Armstrong	12.00
Nelson Clark	17.18
Percy Saddler	12.58
George McDonald	12.38
Hollis Schoppee	13.38
Charles Mahoney	12.38
Anson Armstrong	15.00
Frank Ellsmore	12.18
H. G. McEacharn	12.18
John McEacharn	11.18
Guy Armstrong	12.18
Harry McPhail	5.00
Malcolm Clark	12.38
William Vane Jr.	13.98
Emerson MacLauchlan	16.18
Harold Vane	67.78
Lewis Longfellow	35.00

Postage	.50	
		\$1,155.85
Overdrawn	\$69.85	

SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$9,500.00 ✓
Received from State	4,836.10 ✓
Tuition received from Marshfield	<u>1,063.50</u>
Tuition received from Northfield	420.00
Tuition received from Wesley	100.00
Tuition received from Machiasport	265.00
Tuition received from Roque Bluffs	200.00
Tuition received from Crawford	80.00
Tuition received from Whiting	120.00
Tuition received from Whitneyville	500.00
	<u>2748</u>
	\$17,084.60

Expended High School

J. Arthur Green	\$2,049.91
Arden McEacharn	1,472.14
Allston Smith	361.10
Esther S. Guild	1,099.98
Lois Chadwick	1,099.98
Lois Dudley	1,036.04
Eloi Daigle	938.86
Roy L. Sinclair	22.22
Mary G. Dinsmore	368.65
Lester Armstrong	78.20
C. B. Dolge	15.00
H. B. McKenney	10.00
Malcolm W. Clark	400.00
J. Arthur Green	36.00
Eastern Tel. & Tel. Co.	13.00
Irving H. Johnson	31.06

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	96.23
Ernest Crane	30.51
H. B. Smith Co.	75.00
Irving O. Bragg	5.79
R. E. Gardner	.75
Parlin Printing Company	11.50
L. W. Longfellow & Co.	30.72
R. T. Crane Co.	8.30
Charles E. Merrill Co.	10.00
E. E. Babb Co.	27.69
Eirmer & Amend	4.35
Milton Bradley & Co.	58.57
World Book Co.	4.54
D. C. Heath & Co.	29.04
Ginn & Co.	40.09
Silver, Burdett & Co.	6.06

Total High School Expenditures

\$9,471.28

Expended Common Schools

Mary McDonald	\$1199.88
Rose Gaffney	900.00
Elizabeth M. Smith	792.00
Margaret Coffin	674.00
Velma Roberts	180.00
Elizabeth McGuire	864.00
Rena Foss	792.00
Ruby Bryant	674.00
Helen D. Bowker	546.00
Mary G. Dinsmore	368.65
Harvey Manchester	12.00
Malcolm W. Clark	440.00
Iva Manchester	55.50
R. T. Crane Company	31.70
Silver, Burdett Company	211.85
D. C. Heath Company	86.63
Bangor Hydro-Electric Company	32.55

Thomas W. Foss	100.00	
Irving H. Johnson	14.25	
C. B. Dolge	15.00	
A. R. Roberts	3.50	
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Total Common School Expenditures		\$7973.51
Total High School Expenditures		9471.28
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		\$17444.79
Overdrawn	\$360.19	

APPARATUS & APPLIANCES

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Received from M. C. R. Co., Damages	26.35	
Received for Rent of Typewriter	12.00	
		<hr/>
		\$638.35

Expended

Paid Eastern Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 15.00
Milton Bradley Company	234.81
World Book Company	5.29
Parlin Printing Company	43.33
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	45.50
Masury, Young Company	37.10
I. M. Sargent Estate	1.55
D. H. Knowlton	.64
Shaw Business College	15.00
R. L. Sinclair	25.00
R. T. Crane Company	6.82
Irving H. Johnson	2.00
L. J. Sexton	7.95
R. E. McKenzie	12.00
Newell White	5.05
A. R. Roberts	7.00
Webster Publishing Company	5.19

R. E. Gardner	3.49	
Eimer & Amend	47.02	
Berkley, Cardy Company	67.06	
Bruce Publishing Co.	23.13	
Papercrafts, Inc.	1.52	
A. Flanigan Company	11.14	
The A. N. Palmer Co.	5.25	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	17.28	
Educational Supply Co.	21.16	
Charles T. Holt	3.50	
E. E. Babb Co.	7.87	
Rand, McNally & Co.	21.18	
Joseph Mealey	15.00	
Porter Kilton	12.00	
Grover K. Coffin	8.58	
Irving O. Bragg	49.70	
Edward H. Quimby	22.69	
		\$806.80
Overdrawn	\$168.45	

TEXT BOOKS

Appropriation		\$800.00
	Expended	
Paid Allyn & Bacon	\$ 39.54	
Rand, McNally & Co.	56.86	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	19.17	
Macmillan Company	81.85	
American Book Company	230.74	
John C. Winston	8.99	
Ginn & Company	190.26	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	40.55	
R. H. Hinkley Co.	62.55	
Frontier Press Co.	15.50	
E. C. Babb Company	53.33	

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Irving O. Bragg	10.99
A. S. Barnes & Co.	7.60
D. C. Heath & Co.	28.34
World Book Company	61.47
Longmans, Green & Co.	15.73
Professional & Technical Press	3.40

\$981.87

Overdrawn \$181.87

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$500.00
Paid Alice H. Radcliffe	\$ 48.00	
Mrs. Anna Parlin	220.00	
H. B. McKenney	4.70	
Silver, Burdett Co.	57.76	
Ginn & Co.	1.35	
C. C. Birchard Co.	14.25	
American Book Co.	26.40	
Sam Fox Publishing Co.	9.74	

\$382.20

Surplus \$117.80

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$700.00
Received interest on cash balances	70.86

\$770.86

Paid Eastern Trust & Banking Co.	\$613.72
Merrill Trust Company	174.19

787.91

Overdrawn \$17.05

PAYMENT ON TOWN DEBT

Appropriation		\$2500.00
Paid Town Bond	\$1000.00	
Eastern Trust Notes	1500.00	
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		\$2500.00

LIABILITIES

Eight (8) Bonds, \$1000.00 each	\$8000.00
Town Hall notes at Eastern Trust & Banking Co.	2,500.00
Town Hall notes at Merrill Trust Co.	2,500.00
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	\$13,000.00

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	\$ 851.70
Due from State for Porcupine Bounty	26.75
Due from Town of Wesley, Tuition	140.00
Due from Town of Machiasport, Tuition	120.00
Due from Town of Whiting, Tuition	40.00
Due from Allan Ramsdell, Tuition	20 00
Due from Mrs. L. A. Dinsmore, Tuition	3.50
Due from State for Snow removal	165.97
Due from Town of Roque Bluffs, Snow Plowing	18.98
Due from Emery L. Small, Snow Plowing	15.53
Due from Chapman Lumber Co., Snow Plowing	10.00
Due from Collector balance of 1929 Tax	71.25
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	\$1,483.68
Total Liabilities	\$13,000.00
Less amounts due Town	1,483.68
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Net Liabilities	\$11,516.32

" Merry-Go-Round, License	10.00
" Emma Means, License	12.00
" H. B. McKenney, License	20.00
" Marshfield for Plowing Snow	71.49
" Marshfield, account James Clemons	1.75
" Jonesboro for Plowing Snow	55.13
" Whitneyville for Plowing Snow	60.29
" Whiting for Plowing Snow	12.08
" Cutler for Plowing Snow	25.88
" Machiasport for Plowing Snow	27.61
" State account of William Gilman	19.00
" W. S. N. S. Rent of Typewriter	12.00
" Tuition from Town of Northfield	420.00
" Tuition from Town of Wesley	100.00
" Tuition from Town of Machiasport	265.00
" Tuition from Town of Roque Bluffs	200.00
" Tuition from Town of Crawford	80.00
" Tuition from Town of Whiting	120.00
" Tuition from Town of Marshfield	1,063.50
" Tuition from Town of Whitneyville	500.00
" Interest on Cash Balances	70.86
" from C. W. Beverly	1.68
" from State for Pensions	198.00
" from Collector, Auto Excise Tax 1930	1,531.21
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	\$69,046.80

CONTRA

Paid 590 Orders of Selectmen

amounting to	\$68,181.60
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Paid Porcupine Bounties	13.50
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Cash on hand	851.70
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\$69,046.80

TOWN OF
MACHIAS, MAINE

Insurance on Town Buildings

Appropriation	\$800.00
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Expended	
Wm. W. Bucknam	114.00
F. T. Crane	66.20
T. G. Getchell	217.10
Edw. E. Talbot	44.58
Wm. G. Means	276.25
Bertha Longfellow	48.80
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The amount of \$5.00 charged
on page 12 of Report as Aid
furnished to Thomas Foss has
been re-paid to the Town since
issuing the report

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—OF THE—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

Town of Machias

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank S. Ames, Chairman

Term expires March, 1930

Mrs. Mary G. Dinsmore

Term expires March, 1931

Ernest Crane (Appointed)

Term expires March, 1932

Irving O. Bragg

Supt. and Secretary

Malcolm Clark

Attendance Officer

schools. In this respect and in their teaching ability Machias is very fortunate in her list of teachers and should endeavor to retain most of them if possible. In the absence of a definite salary schedule, it will be necessary to make some adjustments this year in order to more nearly equalize the pay for similar positions. Altho salaries are extremely low for this day and age when everything we buy is so dear, the steadily decreasing assessed valuation of this community seems to make it inadvisable to attempt to put wages where they belong. But the location of the Washington State Normal School in Machias makes it possible for teachers to get their training at or near home and to secure their early experience in the home or neighboring towns. Thus, the town profits by the lower salaries although it often loses, to some extent, because of the comparative inexperience of its teachers. So it is more or less to the mutual advantage of the town and the teachers. Therefore, we may expect our best teachers to be drafted to other fields after a year or so with us, unless home conditions make it to their interest to remain here at a much lower wage than they might readily secure elsewhere.

Until this year the high school has been inadequately supplied with teachers. This made it necessary for the principal of the school to teach full time, leaving no time for the proper administration of the school. If we are to pay more than two thousand dollars to a principal, we should give him time to earn this extra pay and he cannot do so when he is teaching continuously as the regular teachers are required to do. Co-operation with the Washington State Normal School this year made it possible to secure the services of a third year student without pay, thus releasing the principal part of his day for other duties. Only three teachers are admitted this year, one at a time, and these teachers serve only part time. Where the school is operated on the departmental plan, now adopted in practically every school in the country, any possible objection is minimized

a'almost to the vanishing point. Moreover, the Washington State Normal School is an institution of tremendous value to Machias and every effort should be made to co-operate with this school whenever it can be done without detriment to our own schools. The plan so far has given excellent results and there is no evidence of any loss of efficiency in the general quality of the work being done. And incidentally, the plan takes care of a considerably expanded course of study, permits part time of one teacher for physical education, and relieves the principal for his administrative duties, and does all these things, not at any additional cost to the town, but at a real saving of nearly one thousand dollars.

THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY

It is sufficient here to mention only the fact that the course of study has been revised and slightly expanded to more nearly comply with state requirements. This change makes it much more adaptable to the needs of a variable group of pupils. It offers a more comprehensive course to those planning a college career and provides much more adequately for those not going on to secure a higher education.

However, our course of study is still seriously defective. If the almost unanimous practice in high schools elsewhere thruout the United States and Europe means anything, it is still much too narrow. Practical courses should be introduced, not as vocational courses, but as means of introducing children to vocations and as a means of making tangible some of the things we teach as "fundamentals." I refer to a practical course in domestic science, a training for home making; a course in business, a training for doing the ordinary business of an ordinary citizen; music and art, a training for the better appreciation of these finer things of life; physical education, a training, not only for the development of better bodies, but for the more intelligent care of these bodies. These things cannot be introduced all at once, but the high school will not be doing its duty by its pupils

until they are provided with these opportunities.

PUPILS

As I go from school to school and see the children at their work and at their play; and as I note from time to time the names of Washington County boys and girls as they are mentioned in the news items of colleges and universities; I am thoroly convinced of the sturdy character and the keen intellect of the pupils in our schools. They are competent to profit by the best that we can give them in the way of a preparation for the struggles of life. Today, perhaps, the matter of getting a living is subject to keener competition than ever before. This competition is brought home to us when we realize that it is the competition of better soil; better farming methods; better marketing conditions in other states that has brought Maine agriculture to its present unprofitable condition. And the competition in the trades and the professions is no less keen. Therefore, it is our responsibility to give them a "lift" now while we have the opportunity; their fight to live is going to be hard enough at the best.

BOOKS AND APPARATUS

The text books in the grades and in the high school were generally out of date and there were not nearly enough of them. And of apparatus such as maps, globes, charts, etc. there were nothing worth speaking of. A start has been made in correcting these conditions. A complete set of basal readers has been furnished the grades, supplementing the few books of that text that were already in the schools; new spellers now make it possible for every child to have scientifically constructed word list in his hands; and many of the old books in the high school have been replaced by new ones that conform more nearly to requirements of a school of this kind. In all cases the old books were so badly worn out that to have replaced them would have been quite as expensive as to supply the new ones. Not a book has been purchased that was not absolutely necessary to insure even a good start in furnishing the books needed. When we realize that a text

book as made today cannot be expected to last more than three years of ordinary wear; that it requires about five books for every pupil above the lower grades ; that a grade book costs about fifty cents to a dollar and a high school book from a dollar to a dollar and a half; it does not need a mathematical genius to see that considerable money is necessary just to maintain our books in reasonable supply and condition. The high school is now fairly well supplied with books but will require additions and replacements frequently to maintain a working supply. The grades need at once additional supplementary readers, reading aids for the lower grades, etc. Laboratory facilities are very meagre in the high school and a considerable sum will be necessary if we are to offer chemistry and physics courses comparable at all with high schools of our class. If our high school were to be inspected by representatives of New England Colleges and Universities, it is very doubtful if our graduates would be admitted to any of these schools without an examination.

Damaged books that are still whole should be rebound each year. This can be done at a very small cost, say from 25 to 35 cents and a book so rebound is more durable than when new. No child, however studious, can get intensely interested in a dog eared book with the leaves loose and missing, the covers hanging by threads, and the pages dirty and torn. The way to save money on books is to have plenty of them and then to take care of them.

HEALTH

The health of the pupils this year has been excellent. No cases of serious illness have been reported. The school nurse has devoted as much time to our schools as her county wide duties would permit. She has examined the more serious cases and has advised with parents and teachers regarding treatment. It would be excellent economy if this union would employ a full time nurse. One nurse with more than five thousand children to look after cannot be expected to devote much time to each school in the county. Moreover,

the local nurse by being on the spot when such epidemics as whooping cough, measles, etc. first appear, can frequently avert the epidemic by rigid examination and exclusion of suspected cases.

And this is the year and March and April are the months when we look for an outbreak of whooping cough. Mothers and teachers cannot be too watchful during this time. All suspected cases should be excluded until a physician has pronounced it safe for the pupils to continue in school.

MUSIC

The work in music did not start promptly this fall because of the illness of Mrs. Anna Parlin, who is in charge of this department in the grades and in the high school. Books and charts have been supplied wherever needed and the work is now progressing most satisfactorily. Provision should be made in the regular school appropriation for continuing the instruction of music.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Some of the work done in this department has been misunderstood and the value of the course has often been under estimated. We are no longer riding ox carts through the streets; the mother who does her own house keeping no longer has to scrub out the family wash by hand; the lawyer no longer has to write out his briefs with a quill pen. Instead, we now whirl along the highway in fifty or hundred horsepowerd cars; mother presses an electric button and the washing machine silently and cheaply prepares the family wash for the electric ironer; and the lawyer dictates the letters to his stenographer who quickly puts them into print on a typewriter at the rate of fifty or a hundred words a minute. And that is not all. We turn a dial and listen to the voice of speakers on the other side of the world; or we step into a plane and in a day or so we are landed at a point six months distant by the old modes of conveyance.

Now do you believe that all else has advanced save education? Or do you think, perhaps, improvements have been

made in other important branches of endeavor? And so it has. The three R's are no longer sufficient to meet the modern demands. Trained minds and trained bodies are necessary now, if we are to compete successfully in the game of life. Education recognizes this fact and provides, not only training for the mind, but it also provides exercise and the better developments of the body.

This is so universally provided now in the public schools that it is almost superfluous to mention it in this report. But for the benefit of a few, who have not yet realized its importance, it is urged that you acquaint yourselves with the work of this department by visitation, seeing your boys and girls in action.

This department has been conducted this year without any additional cost to the town. The training teacher from the normal school has helped to make this possible; but the generosity of the physical training director has been responsible for most of the success this year. He has given unsparingly of his time and effort; has coached his athletic teams successfully; has developed a playground without cost to the town; has purchased and paid for over a thousand dollars worth of physical training equipment without costing the town a dollar. This work this year has vitalized the whole school, improved its morale, and, in fact, may be said to be responsible in considerable measure for the excellent condition of the school today.

Now this department can be maintained not only without cost to the town but at an actual saving of some \$600.00 each year. The State of Maine is so interested in having this work carried on in the schools that it will pay to the town supporting such a course one-half the salary of the director up to \$800.00 per year. All that is necessary is that the town by Special Appropriation raise the money to be paid the director as a fund for the support of physical education. The state will reimburse the town in proportion to the amount of time devoted to this work.

SCIENCE

The science department in the high school is very inadequately equipped with apparatus for the courses offered in chemistry, biology, physics and general science. And again, our graduates go to college courses in the sciences unfamiliar with the ordinary apparatus they will have to work with there and so find themselves handicapped during the first year of their course. In fact, it is not uncommon for graduates of poorly equipped high schools to be compelled to take an extra year in some other school, such as an academy to qualify them to enter college at all. This is not necessary. It is not an expensive matter to supply these departments with a reasonable minimum of equipment. Probably two hundred dollars a year for five years would not only maintain the laboratories, but would build them up to a reasonable standard of efficiency.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Since Machias lost its hall the young people have found it very difficult to find opportunity for the various activities of the younger groups. I refer especially to basketball, parties dances, etc. The public spirit of your School Committee has made it possible to adapt the high school building for these purposes and the large use made of this opportunity may be witnessed almost any evening of the week. No better place could be thought of than in the public school building under the responsible care of regular teachers.

BUILDINGS

All the school buildings are old and will require constant outlay to maintain them in usable condition for school purposes. A good start was made last year in repairing the town buildings. But they have been permitted to run down to such an extent that it will be necessary to make quite extensive repairs yearly until we get "caught up" with them.

The halls and stairway of the Kennebec school should be painted this summer. The halls and stairway of the Hem-inway school should be painted and the outside of the build-

ing will have to be painted if it is to be preserved from serious damage from the weather. The ceiling of the Rawson school should be re-plastered or a steel ceiling put up. And some way should be found to properly drain the basement of this building. Probably this can be done by providing drainage below the level of the walls, which I understand has not been done. The basement is cold and damp and often flooded.

The high school building needs paint in the halls, stairways, and on the outside. The room in the basement on the southwest corner should be excavated and cemented and a door cut through to the girls' corridor. This is a very necessary room and can be made usable at comparatively little expense.

One of the boilers in the high school building cannot safely be depended upon for another year of service. The expense of repair this year have been sufficient to warn of its general worn out condition. After more than thirty years of service it owes the town nothing and is extremely likely to become totally useless at any time. The walls are evidently rusted and when they do give way no repair is possible. If this occurs in the cold winter period it would be necessary to close school until a new boiler can be purchased, delivered and installed. This would be a serious matter.

A new boiler will cost approximately \$800.00 installed.

FIRE ESCAPES

The Rawson and the Hemmingway buildings have no fire escapes. The bits of wire hanging from back windows would be subjects of humor if it were not for the fact that any day it is possible that they might be subject for tragedy. Ch. 16, Sec. 15 of the public laws of Maine require every school building of two stories or more to be provided with at least TWO EXITS by inside or outside stairways. "Upon written notification by the superintending school committee that any building does not meet the specifications herein named, the municipal officers of the town shall at once pro-

ceed to correct the defects, and any failure so to act shall render the town liable to the section of provision nineteen of this chapter." The section referred to provides for withholding state aid. The Hussey steel outside stairway for a twelve foot drop costs about \$135.00 each. Wood covered stairways would be slightly more expensive. The modern slide escapes are probably too expensive for buildings of this kind, costing around \$370.00 and about \$40.00 installation costs. School fires are occurring every day somewhere and we have no assurance that Machias will always be exempt. \$270.00 in prevention is worth more than a million after it is too late.

PANIC BOLTS

All doors leading from the two story buildings to the outside should be equipped with automatic panic bolts. These bolts open the doors by merely pressing from the inside. Most of the loss of life in case of fires is caused by panic and jamming at the doors. Panic bolts may prevent this. The cost is about \$20.00 each and up.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Until July 1 the office of the superintendent has been in the principal's office in the high school. This office was desperately needed by the high school principal for administrative purposes. To enumerate his difficulties without an office would be superfluous. Since that time the office of the superintendent has been removed to a private residence and the principal's office has been repaired and turned over to him. The expense of the superintendent's office belongs to the towns composing the union and should be paid by them. There is no reason why the town of Machias should shoulder the responsibility of providing free office, free light, heat, telephone and janitor. All the towns excepting two have responded promptly and willingly and I have no doubt these two towns will see the necessity of helping with this expense.

FINANCES

The schools have been operated this year with the least possible outlay consistent with the accomplishment of anything worth while. No expenditure has been made without the fullest consideration by the superintendent and the committee. The fact that every member of your committee is a heavy tax payer in this town makes it certain that no one of them will approve any expense that is not in his judgment necessary for the welfare of the schools.

By carefully distributing the costs of the school to the various funds available it has been possible to close the books with a safe tho small balance in all departments excepting that of building repairs. The latter account will be overdrawn a few dollars. And this overdraft would not have been necessary except for the emergency expenses made necessary by the failure of one of the boilers in the high school building.

BUDGET

The budget submitted herewith provides for the following items: Thirty-six weeks of school; music; physical education; and the usual operating expenses of the schools. It also provides the normal increase in salaries of teachers now in service whose present salaries are below those in corresponding positions in the system. If the town wishes to add a course in domestic science, a special appropriation will be necessary in order to secure the state aid which amounts to half the wages of the domestic science teacher. This year, because of the possibility of co-operating with the State Normal School, the amount necessary for salary would be about \$400.00 and for repair of equipment and furnishing supplies, about \$200.00.

The attention of the voters is called to the fact that these estimates are based on the minimum amount necessary for thirty-six weeks and make no provision for emergency expenditures. And any reduction in the appropriations asked

for will simply make it necessary to reduce the number of weeks of school corresponding.

SCHOOL FUND

Receipts

Unexpended balance	\$ 900.60
Appropriation, elementary	4,750.00
Appropriation, secondary	4,750.00
Appropriation, text-books	800.00
Appropriation, music	500.00
State apportionment	4,836.10
Tuition Earned	2,623.50
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	\$19,160.20

Expenditures

Teachers	\$14,702.11
Teachers, music	268.00
Fuel	982.15
Janitor	1,082.12
Text-books	1,455.03
Music books and charts	114.20
Desk and laboratory	458.54
Balance	98.05
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	\$19,160.20

REPAIRS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$600.00
Overdraft	8.64
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	\$608.64

Expenditures

Elementary	\$254.31
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Secondary	354.33	
	<hr/>	\$608.64

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Damage M. C. R. R.	26.35	
Rent of typewriter	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$638.35

Expenditures

Elementary	\$178.36	
Secondary	450.05	
Balance	9.94	
	<hr/>	\$638.35

BUDGET

Expenditures

Teachers, elementary 1—6	\$ 4,842.00	
Teachers, secondary 7—12	9,200.00	
Fuel	1,000.00	
Janitor	1,175.00	
Text-books	800.00	
Desk and laboratory	600.00	
Teacher of music	540.00	
Physical Education	1,600.00	
Science laboratories	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$19,957.00

Receipts

Balance	\$ 217.49	
State aid	4,800.00	

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Tuition	2,600.00	
State Aid, physical education	600.00	
Necessary appropriation	11,739.51	
		\$19,957.00

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

Expenditures

50 study chairs for high school)		
50 folding chairs for high school)	\$400.00	
Diplomas, printing, stamps, telephone, rent &c	200.00	
		\$600.00

Receipts

Balance	\$ 19.94	
Necessary Appropriation	\$580.06	
		\$600.00

SOME COMPARISONS

Per capita School census valuation, Maine, 1928	\$2911.00
Per capita School census valuation, Washing- ton County	1863.00
Average annual salary elementary teachers, Maine	863.91
Average annual salary elementary teachers, Machias	834.00
Per capita cost on basis of school census, Maine	43.05
Per capita cost on basis of school census, Machias	37.80

State enrollment in terms of school census, 1928	63%
Machias enrollment in terms of school census	83%
Number of pupils of school age, April 1, 1928	659
Number of pupils of school age April 1, 1929	659
Total enrollment, 1928-1929 (Including out of town pupils)	545
Total enrollment, 1929-1930 (Winter)	498
Total enrollment, out of town	48
	546
Number of weeks of school, 1928-1929	36
Number of weeks of school, 1929-1930	36

Enrollment by Grades (Elementary)

1928-1929	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Training	12	23	15	13	13	16	10	13	14	129
Heminway	0	27	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	65
Rawson	0	0	0	0	29	22	27	0	0	78
Libby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	22	57
Kennebec	0	0	8	6	2	16	10	2	3	47
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	12	50	42	38	44	54	47	50	39	376

Enrollment by Grades (Elementary)

1929-1930 (Winter)	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Training	9	16	21	12	13	18	14	14	9	126
Heminway	0	26	26	14	0	0	0	0	0	66
Rawson	0	0	0	0	21	24	20	0	0	65
Libby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	22	48
Kennebec	0	7	9	7	2	9	6	9	2	51
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	9	49	56	33	36	51	40	49	33	356

High School Enrollment, 1928-1929	175
High School Enrollment, 1929-1930 (Winter)	190

LIST OF TEACHERS & SALARIES

HIGH SCHOOL

J. Arthur Green, B. S., Principal	\$2,100.00
Arden McEacharn, First Assistant	1,500.00
Eloi Daigle, B. S.	1,300.00
Esther Guild	1,100.00
Lois Chadwick, B. A.	1,100.00
Lois Dudley, B. A.	1,050.00

ELEMENTARY

Rose M. Gaffney*	\$900.00
Mary McDonald*	1,200.00
Elizabeth McGuire*	864.00
Elizabeth M. Smith*	792.00
Margaret Coffin*	684.00
Helen D. Bowker*	756.00
Rena Foss*	792.00
Ruby Bryant*	684.00

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report I want to speak especially of the good feeling that prevails toward the schools. The atmosphere in the schools is one of happy industry. Under such conditions our schools have done their best work. Your committee has done everything possible within the limits of the appropriations for the betterment of the schools. And your teachers have spared neither time nor effort to bring about the excellent results of the year's work now drawing to a close. It is such co-operation as this among all that makes possible our splendid American school system.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING O. BRAGG, Supt.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Machias, Maine

March 10, 1930

Mr. Irving O. Bragg
Superintendent of Schools
Machias, Maine

Dear Sir:

I am glad to submit to you the following report of the activities and needs of Machias High School.

At the opening of the school in September 1929, there was a total enrollment of 190 pupils, an increase of 15 over the year 1928-'29. Of this enrollment, 50 were from neighboring towns. The distribution by classes was 29 seniors, 35 juniors, 58 sophomores and 68 freshmen. The average attendance for the fall term was 180. The enrollment for the winter term has dropped somewhat and the average attendance correspondingly.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Allston Smith was filled by Mr. Eloi R. Daigle, a graduate of Bates College in 1929. No other changes have occurred in the High school faculty. We are, however, cooperating with the Washington State Normal School and one third year pupil from there is teaching three classes in seventh, eighth and ninth grade mathematics. These pupils teach continuously for nine weeks each. We have also had since late in the fall one and two other pupils from the normal school observing under the regular grade teachers of this building. These pupils have been of invaluable assistance in the special work of music and drawing, and they have occasionally assisted the grade teachers with other class work. At all times the work of these pupil teachers has been very carefully supervised and directed by the regular teachers of the building and the director of training of the normal school. I can say from experience that the grade of work done in general by these pupil teachers has been superior to that done by many of

the regular teachers in many of the high schools thruout New England. I most sincerely believe that the town should continue the practice; for by so doing it has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Late in the spring term of the last school year several changes were made in the courses of study so that it more nearly conforms to the State requirements. Latin is no longer required of all college preparatory pupils but it is an elective with the sciences. This is found to be very helpful to many and meets with the approval of all the pupils; for the pupil who wishes to take college preparatory work and specialize in science is now able to do so without overburdening himself in his junior and senior years. Under the old plan these pupils were required to carry five of the most difficult high school subjects during their last two years. Courses in Community and Vocational Civics, Economics, Problems of Democracy and Biology have also been added. A general questioning of the pupils studying these new courses shows that they consider them to be their most beneficial and valuable studies. We have this year attempted to meet the demands of the State Department of Education by making some form of Physical Education required by all pupils. This has consisted of from ten to twenty minutes of play a day, when the weather would permit, by each pupil. Probably the benefit derived from the introduction of this work has been more far reaching than in any other field. We were somewhat late in starting our work in music last fall, but once under way it has progressed rapidly under the very competent leadership of Mrs. Parlin; and it has proved exceedingly popular among the boys and girls.

Due to the changes made in our courses of study, it was found necessary to departmentalize part of the work of the grades. Under this plan the practice or pupil teacher has seventh, eighth, and ninth grade mathematics, Miss Gaffney has seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English, and Miss McDonald has seventh, eighth, and ninth grade history. The

other seventh and eighth grade subjects are handled by their respective teachers. With this arrangement we are really operating a six year high school, a plan which meets the fullest approval of, and which is very earnestly and enthusiastically recommended and urged by the State Department of Education for high schools having an enrollment of 250 pupils or less. We have found the plan to work very satisfactorily for both pupils and teachers this year. It confines the work of the teacher to two or three subjects in which she has done special work or has special ability; whereas, under the old plan seventh and eighth grade teachers must do work in five and six or even more unrelated subjects.

This year under the new School Assembly organization practically all our extra school activities are carried on by the pupils. Our Assembly programs, coming on the average of one every two weeks, have been arranged wholly by the pupils and have been participated in by outside speakers, teachers, and pupils. The pupil participation usually has consisted of regularly or specially prepared class work. The programs are eagerly and interestingly attended by all pupils; and I feel sure that they have been one of the means of creating a very pleasing and satisfactory school atmosphere. Under the auspices of Miss Dudley a school newspaper, "The Spotlight," has been instituted. This paper appears once every three weeks, and it has been another means of creating interest and enthusiasm among the pupils. Material for the school annual, "The Margarett," is now being collected and it will appear about the usual time in the spring term. Miss Chadwick is directing the work this year. Our athletic teams in football and basketball have made a very creditable showing under the leadership of Mr. Daigle. For the first time in several years the girls have had a basketball team thru the winter. Altho they have not piled up high scores the work done has been a credit to them. We should all remember that winning games is the least of the

benefits to be derived from organized athletics. Good, clean, honest sportsmanship and the social contacts of meeting and playing shoulder to shoulder with boys and girls of other schools and communities are values that cannot be overestimated. We are all social beings; and living, working, and playing with others as honest men and women is the first duty of every individual. Herein lies one of the greatest values of interscholastic athletics. Miss Dudley has also been instrumental in organizing a Girl Scout troop consisting of girls in the high school building. Altho the Boy Scouts was not organized thru the high school, because of its leadership in Mr. McEacharn and its membership, we feel that it is really a part of us and are glad to number it with the Girl Scouts as one of our organizations. We also feel that there is an excellent opportunity for some local organization to take the same interest in and give the same support to the Girl Scouts as the Chamber of Commerce does to the Boy Scouts. It seems to me that the community has not given quite so much consideration to the out of school activities of its girls as it has to those of its boys.— Here, in the Girl Scouts, might be a good starting point. As a school, we do not wish in any way to relinquish our hold upon or connection with either of these organizations; but we feel that each should have the support of both school and community. A French club organized by Miss Chadwick is holding meetings regularly and has held one entertainment. The Senior Class Play was very capably presented under the direction of Mrs. Guild as a part of its English work. Public Speaking is now being taken up as a project in Junior English and twelve members have been chosen for a public speaking contest to held March 20. As a project in American History, we now have one senior boy preparing an essay on the constitution for the National Oratorical Contest. I believe that such projects as the above named either as extra class or regular class work are exceedingly worth while. Several school entertainments as

school parties or as community parties arranged by the school have been held in the Assembly Hall quite regularly thru the fall and winter.

During the summer months the entire building was thoroly cleaned and several minor repairs made. One of the old domestic science rooms which was being used as a store room was fitted up as a class room by the addition of desks and blackboards. Tables were placed in one of the smaller rooms on the second floor and this is now being used for library purposes. Many of the desks were removed from the Assembly Hall and placed in the class rooms which are now being used as home rooms for the different classes or grades. Thru the fall and winter the Assembly Hall has been equipped for indoor physical education purposes and it is now used thru the school day for only study hall purposes, music classes, and school assemblies; after school and thru the evening it is used for physical education, school entertainments, Girl and Boy Scouts, Parent Teacher Association, and other school organization meetings. It is really serving as a community building for the boys and girls, but as soon as possible it should be replaced by a combination auditorium gymnasium.

In a school of this size the minimum number of teachers recommended by the State Department of Education is ten. With our pupil teacher we have but nine this year. We can readily see from this that our teachers are either being overworked or we are not offering our pupils as varied a program as should be. I believe that both conditions exist. Some of our classes have had well over 30 pupils in them, and this is above the limit set by definition of a Class A High School. Considerable work has been done on and much improvement made in our courses of study but we are still offering greater opportunities to the few who are preparing for college than to the great majority who will never go beyond the high school. For those girls who are not going further to school and for many who are a course in domestic

science is almost a necessity. For most of the boys and girls who do not plan to enter academic colleges, a knowledge of accounts and business methods and transactions which they will encounter from day to day is almost essential. Along with and parallel to our course in music we should offer some work in art for the purpose of developing and appreciation of the beautiful and finer things of life. Our courses in English and the sciences need to be revitalized and made more comprehensive to meet the needs of both the college preparatory and non-college preparatory pupils. This can be done only by wisely equipping our library and laboratory. Our library facilities are very meagre and only by a considerable expenditure of money can it be made at all usable. The minimum recommendation by the State Department of Education for this purpose is \$75.00 a year. Our laboratory equipment offers the pupils of physics and chemistry little or no opportunity to do work of a comprehensive nature and we have no equipment whatever for biology.

Our needs for a physical education program are great; and I feel that the work already done in this department needs a word of explanation. The State Law reads:—"It shall be the duty of the superintending school committee... to make provisions for instruction to be given to pupils in all public schools in....physical education, including recreational exercises in accordance with a course of study... prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Schools..." In attempting to comply with this law we have been greatly handicapped because of the lack of funds. When Mr. Daigle came to the school in September there was no money and the only available equipment was the physical energy of the boys and girls. In six months' time he has converted this energy into a playground, a skating rink, a toboggan slide and money sufficient to purchase equipment and supplies for football, basketball, winter sports and play ground to the amount of over \$1200. At the same time the boys and girls have been given a course in physical education which

will compare favorably with any in this section of the state. The work completed has all been done in the form of play the most modern and approved form of physical education. I feel that what has been accomplished in this department is truly remarkable; but I also feel that in order to carry forward successfully what we have already started we really need both a man and a woman in the work. The State Program of Physical Education authorizes the payment of one-half the salary of two directors but not to exceed \$1600 to any one town or \$800 to any one teacher. Since this is true and since by law we are required to do this type of work, I see no way that it can be discontinued. Therefore, why not avail ourselves of all that is possible and due us from the State Department by setting aside \$1500 or \$1600 of our school appropriation for this purpose? It would be equivalent to the town adding to its faculty one more teacher whose salary would be paid by the state.

In regard to the further needs, there is immediate and urgent need for desks preferably of the chair type, for study purposes, and chairs preferably of the folding type, for assembly purposes in the Assembly Hall. The cost of a reasonable number of such chairs would be from \$350 to \$400. Most of the old desks need to be sanded and refinished. The corridors of the building are badly in need of paint and the doors opening out of doors should be replaced by new ones with glass in order to sufficiently light the lower corridor. The plaster in room four needs to be repaired and the ceiling cleaned and retinted. The opaque window shades throughout the building should be replaced at once by those of a translucent nature. The basement room on the south-east side of the building and adjoining the girls' basement should be opened and made available for a locker and shower room for the girls.

As citizens of Machias, it seems to me, that the time has now come for us to face frankly the questions involved in the future growth and development of our schools. Are we to

stop and rest contentedly upon what has been achieved, or are we, compelled by the inescapable logic underlying every growing thing, to assume that growth is necessary to life, that to stand still means retrogression, that there is only one way to keep from falling behind and that is going ahead? There is but one answer to this question. Growth is a biological necessity. President Hoover has said, "If we were to suppress out educational system for a single generation the equipment would decay, the most of our people would die of starvation, and intellectually and spiritually we would slip back 4000 years in human progress. We could recover the loss in any big business in a few years—but not this one." If our schools were faced with the task of educating for today alone it would be a sufficiently difficult undertaking. They are faced with the added responsibility of educating for tomorrow. If we are faithful in our responsibilities as citizens, we shall leave no stone unturned in our planning for a larger and more useful future for our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ARTHUR GREEN

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

To GROVER K. COFFIN, one of the Constables of the town of Machias:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF MAINE, you are hereby required to warn and notify such of the inhabitants of said Town of Machias as are qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at COLONIAL THEATRE, in said Machias, on Monday the twenty-fourth day of March instant, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, to act on the following named articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Auditor, Member of the Superintending School Committee for the term of three years, one Fire commissioner for the term of three years, Collector of Taxes, Road Commissioner, and all other town officers required by laws of State of Maine.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary or deemed expedient for the support of the schools, poor, fire department, water service, street lighting, school books, apparatus and appliances, repairs of town buildings and all other legal purposes and town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see whether the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of raising and appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to State aid as provided in section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so, how much, for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State highway commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and

bridges: the amount not to exceed the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of section 18, Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes and of acts additional thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of said town.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not less than Eighty dollars for the maintenance of the improved section of Third Class roads, to be used in connection with the third class road apportionment made by the state for improvement of third class roads.

Article 8. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so how much, for support of free reading room, or Public Library.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for observance of next Memorial Day.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so how much, to pay this year's interest on the town debt.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so how much, to be applied toward payment of the principal of the town debt.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to borrow not exceeding eight thousand dollars, upon the faith and credit of the town during the municipal year 1930-1931 in anticipation of, and to be paid from the taxes to be collected on assessment for the said municipal year, and if the town votes so to borrow, to authorize and direct the treasurer to execute and deliver the negotiable interest-bearing promissory note or notes of the town for the sum or sums so borrowed

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to suspend for the ensuing year, the operation of the provisions of the last paragraph of section 10 of the town by-laws requiring the ringing of the curfew.

Article 15. To see whether the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so how much, toward defraying the expenses of combating tuberculosis in Washington County, said sum to be expended by the Washington County Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars for the purpose of tarring Main street from the foot of Steel's Hill to the Burnham Tavern and the Covered Bridge, and Center street from the Hotel Corner to the Post-Office corner.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and if so how much, to defray the expense of insurance on the town buildings.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Dollars or other sum, to be expended for gravel for the highway in East Little Kennebec District.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, or other sum for Snow removal during winter of 1930-1931, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred dollars for the purpose of paying for a two mile Snow Fence.

Article 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty dollars for the purpose of installing Hydrant to be located near the residence of Wm. B. Holway on Court Street.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred dollars to be expended on the Longfellow Cemetery.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-

appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for the maintenance of the Court Street Cemetery.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty dollars for repair of the road in West Kennebec District from the top of Barn Hill, so-called to the line of Charles Davis land.

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred dollars to install fire escapes on the Hemmingway, Rawson and Kennebec school buildings.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to make Free street from Court street to Stratton Corner, a One-way street, to be entered only from Court street; and lower Broadway a One-way street from Dr. Smith Corner to Court street, to be entered only from the Main street end of Broadway. Excepting from the restriction above mentioned the rights of residents on the said one-way streets to and from their residences only.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars for the benefit of the Boys' Band.

YOU WILL GIVE NOTICE that the undersigned will be in session at the town office located in the Leighton Block in said Machias, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, the twenty second day of March A. D. 1930 to hear and decide on the application of persons claiming the right to vote at the above named meeting.

Given under our hands on this fifteenth day of March A. D. 1930.

ISAAC S. HEATON

FRED A. CLARK

EDWIN S. HILL

Selectmen of Machias

STATE OF MAINE

Washington, ss.

March 15th, 1930

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of said Machias to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned and have given notice that the Selectmen will be in session as therein specified, by posting an attested copy of said warrant on the bulletin board of Donworth Building, being a public and conspicuous place in said town, on the 15th day of March A. D. 1930, being seven days before said meeting.

GROVER K. COFFIN

Constable