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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

- TOWN OF -

Madawaska, Maine

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st

1931

Report of the Selectmen

Salaries of Town Officers

Cr.

Appropriation	\$3,800.00
Overdraft	12.16

Dr.

\$3,812.16

Expenditures

Town clerk, Ambroise Albert	\$ 35.00
Selectmen:	
John J. Cyr, chairman	1,200.00
Ambroise Albert, second	250.00
Joseph X. Cyr, third	250.00
Treasurer, Levite E. Rossignol	125.00
Moderator, Leonard Dufour	10.00
Collector, Leonard Dufour	1,000.00
Conctables:	
Leonard Dufour	21.00
Truant officer: Jos. A. Bouchard	2.50
Ballot Clerks:	
Adelard Labbe	8.00
Frank D. Fournier	8.00
Denis J. Cyr	8.00
Abel Picard	8.00
Board of Health:	
Eugene Bouchard	248.92
Alexis Martin	26.00
Leonard Dufour	6.00
School Committe:	
Ambroise Albert	50.00
Denis J. Cyr	50.00
Thomas D. Dufour	50.00
For taking census, Leonard Dufour	12.00
Building Committe:	
Levite E. Rossignol	25.00
Charles Clavette	10.00
Abel Picard	6.00
Notary Public services, Remi A. Daigle	5.00
Fire Warden: Leonard Dufour	4.00
Supt. of Schools, Albert D. Martin	393.74

\$3,812.16

Treasurer's Report

LEVITE ROSSIGNOL Treasurer

Treasurer's account for year ended March 1, 1931

Dr.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1930	\$ 9,183.68
Temporary Loans	29,900.00
Town of Van Buren paupers	82.50
Town of Fort Fairfield paupers	53.00
Town of Ashland paupers	8.00
Town of Fort Kent paupers	51.39
State of Maine:	
Support of poor	1,695.08
50-50 Highway	50.00
Tax on Bank Stock	40.74
State Aid road	1,010.79
Third class road	3,748.49
Special Resolve Road	988.17
Interest on trust fund	37.14
State school fund	9,007.01
Fort Kent Trust Co., interest	58.41
Leonard Dufour, collector	93,695.20
Land sold by Leonard Dufour	60.00
F. D. Fournier, Auto tax	1,443.59
Francis J. Cyr, Auto tax	3,474.88
Evangeline Lodge	28.00
License bread seller	200.00
Pool rooms and Bowling Alley licenses	35.00
Vital Gervais	55.00
Albert Martin, refund	.93
Bockus, Downey & Blotner shows	420.00
St. John Valley K. of C.	50.00
Xavier Dufour	50.00
N. E. Metal Culvert refund	1.32
Jos. J. Pelletier, refund	10.00
Jos. C. Bosse	30.00
Raymond Albert, refund	59.35
Boston Woolen hose and rubber Co.	21.60
Interest on school fund	40.00
John J. Cyr, refund	.10
Total receipt	\$155,589.37

Cr.

Paid on selectmen's orders	\$151,710.72
Cash on hand March 1, 1931	3,878.65
Total payments and cash	\$155,589.37

SUPPORT OF POOR

Cr.

Appropriation	\$2,084.00
Received from State treasurer	1,695.08
Town of Van Buren paupers	82.50
Town of Fort Fairfield paupers	53.00
Town of Ashland paupers	8.00
Town of Fort Kent paupers	51.39
Raymond Albert, refund	59.35
Overdraft	1,022.33

 \$5,055.65

EXPENDITURES

Dr.

Account of:

Armand Caron, family of 6	\$ 438.09
William Pelletier, family of 3	113.63
Paul Dionne, family of 9	543.05
Victoria Lizotte, family of 1	90.00
Maxime Michaud, family of 1	231.00
Henry Saucier, family of 6	107.44
Hubald Guimond, family of 7	76.79
Pierre Cyr, family of 9	1,126.87
Mrs. Emile Pelletier, family of 3	61.10
Marc Michaud, family of 4	249.46
Mrs. Remi E. Cyr, family of 8	160.38
Exilda Cyr, family of 1	50.00
Anastasię Cyr, family of 1	311.25
Steven Dumond, family of 8	71.17
Mrs. Donat Gervais, family of 4	13.00
Mrs. Jos. R. Cyr, family of 1	32.50
Pat Gervais, family of 1	3.40
Mrs. Ernest D. Lagasse, family of 5	120.00
Mrs. Come Cyr, family of 5	150.78
Hypolite Michaud, family of 8	132.76
Adolphe Bellefleur, family of 8	242.69
Mrs. Leon H. Cyr, family of 1	75.00
Sam Michaud boy	132.00
Louis Michaud, family of 1	144.00
Belone Michaud, family of 1	15.00
Levite Sirois, family of 5	47.00
Will Ouellette, family of 5	155.00
Severin Dufour, family of 1	25.00
Alsime Dechaine, family of 1	93.50
Alm house	43.79

 Total expenditures

\$5,055.35

Total number of poors supported by town: 115

Appropriation Accounts

CHARITIES & CORRECTIONS

1930	Appropriation	\$	200.00
"	Expenditures	\$	242.66
	Overdraft		42.66
			42.66

COUNTY TAX

1930	Appropriation	\$	4,261.17
"	Expend	\$4,261.17	

DAIGLE ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	\$10,000.00
"	Expended	\$	992.31
	Unexpended ...	7.69	

EDDIE DUFOUR ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	500.00
"	Expended	\$	446.14
	Unexpended ...	33.86	

NAPOLEON DIONNE BRIDGE

1930	Appropriation	\$	800.00
"	Expended	\$	812.68
	Overdraft		12.68

LOUIS CYR ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	500.00
"	Expended	\$	483.25
	Unexpended ...	16.75	

VITAL T. CYR ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	250.00
"	Expended	\$	292.20
	Overdraft		42.20

CYR & SOUCY CASE

1930	Appropriation	\$	150.00
"	Expended	\$	280.00
	Overdraft		130.00

JOSEPH GAGNON ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	Expended	\$	831.75
	Unexpended ...	168.25	

GRAND RUISSEAU ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	Expended	\$	940.54
	Unexpended ...	59.46	

INTEREST ACCOUNT

1930 Appropriation	\$	3,000.00	
" Bank Interest Received		58.41	
" Tax Interest Charged		80.67	
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	Total Available	\$	3,139.08
1930 Expended	\$	2,366.34	
	Unexpended Balance	772.74	
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		\$3,139.08	\$3,139.08

INTEREST ON SCHOOL FUNDS

1930 Appropriation	\$	40.00	
" Expended	\$	40.00	

IRON CULVERTS

1930 Appropriation	\$	1,000.00	
" Expended	\$	969.10	
	Unexpended ...	30.90	

LOCKUP RENT

1930 Appropriation	\$	60.00	
" Expended	\$	60.00	

ADOLPH LEVESQUE ROAD

1930 Appropriation	\$	300.00	
" Expended	\$	178.69	
	Unexpended ...	121.31	

MATHIAS ALBERT BRIDGE

1930 Appropriation	\$	200.00	
" Expended	\$	214.82	
	Overdraft ...	14.82	

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

1930 Appropriation	\$	13,560.00	
" School House Sold		30.00	
" Xavier Dufour House Sold		50.00	
" Vital Gervais		55.00	
" Evangeline Lodge Rent		28.00	
" St. John Valley K. of C.		50.00	
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	Total Available	\$	13,773.00
1930 Expended	\$	14,383.05	
	Overdraft	610.05	

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

1930 Appropriation	\$	100.00	
" Expended	\$	100.00	

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ROAD MACHINE

1930	Appropriation	\$	550.00
"	Expended	\$	572.30
	Overdraft		22.30

STATE TAX

1930	Appropriation	\$	16,479.24
"	Expended	\$	16,479.24

SIDEWALKS

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	Expended	\$	1,017.23
	Overdraft		17.23

STREET CONSTRUCTION

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	Expended	\$	1,130.00
	Overdraft		130.00

STREET LIGHTS

1930	Appropriation	\$	640.00
"	Expended	\$	511.95
	Unexpended		128.05

PAUL PELLETIER ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	500.00
"	Expended	\$	453.95
	Unexpended		46.05

JOSEPH PELLETIER ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	150.00
"	Expended	\$	105.00
	Unexpended		45.00

ST. DAVID STATION ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	200.00
"	Expended	\$	270.10
	Overdraft		70.10

STATE AID ROADS

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	From State Highway Dep't.		1,010.79
"	Discount on Culverts		1.32
	Total Available	\$	2,012.11
1930	Expended	\$	2,057.62
	Overdraft		45.51

SPECIAL RESOLVES

1930	— From State Highway Dep't	\$	988.17
"	Expended	\$	1,008.40
	Overdraft		20.23

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SUMMER ROADS

1930	Appropriation	\$	5,000.00
"	From State Highway Dep't		50.00
"	Tax on Bank Stock		40.74
	Total Available	\$	5,090.74
"	Expended	\$	5,372.95
	Overdraft		282.21

MAINTENANCE THIRD CLASS ROADS

1930	Appropriation	\$	759.00
"	Expended	\$	758.85
	Unexpended15

TOWN HALL RENT

1930	Appropriation	\$	50.00
"	Expended	\$	54.00

TOWN BOOKS

1930	Appropriation	\$	60.00
"	Expended	\$	66.29
	Overdraft		6.29

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1930	Appropriation	\$	40.00
"	Expended	\$	40.00

TOWN DEBT

1930	Appropriation	\$	5,000.00
"	Expended	\$	5,000.00

WILLIAM PARADIS ROAD

1930	Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
"	Expended	\$	957.65
	Unexpended ...		42.35

WINTER ROADS

1930	Appropriation	\$	2,000.00
"	Expended	\$	1,664.99
	Unexpended ...		335.01

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

1930	Appropriation	\$	3,800.00
"	Expended	\$	3,812.16
	Overdraft		12.16

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

1930	Appropriation — Overlay	\$	1,182.08
"	Licenses & Taxes Collected		515.00
"	Supplementary Tax		69.00

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	Total Available	\$	1,766.08
" Expended	\$	573.49	
" Tax Abatements		260.28	
	Unexpended		932.31
		\$1,766.08	\$1,766.08

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1929 Appropriation Unexpended and Carried Forward to 1930		\$	3,000.00
1930 Refund on Equipment			21.60
" Expended	\$	3,260.76	
	Overdraft		239.13
		\$3,260.76	\$3,260.76

GARDING EVANGELINE SCHOOL LOT

1930 License-Blatner Amusement Co.		\$	200.00
" Expended	\$	450.93	
	Overdraft		250.93

SEWERS

1930 Expended		\$	907.17
	Overdraft		\$ 907.17

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

1930 — From Highway Dep't		\$	3,748.49
" Expended	\$	3,667.20	
	Unexpended		81.29

TEMPORARY LOANS

1930 — Borrowed at Ft. Kent Trust Co.		\$	29,900.00
" Paid Ft. Kent Trust Co.	\$	29,900.00	

MOTHERS AID ACCOUNT

1930 Expended		\$	20.00
	Overdraft	\$	20.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

1930 Appropriation		\$	2,084.00
" Received from Town of Van Buren			82.50
" Received from Town of Ft. Fairfield			53.00
" Received from Town of Ashland			8.00
" Received from State Treasurer			356.37
" Received from State Treasurer			516.00
" Received from State Treasurer			364.21
" Received from State Treasurer			457.90
" Received from Town of Ft. Kent			51.39
" Received from Raymond Albert			59.35
	Total Available	\$	4,033.32
" Expended	\$	5,055.65	
	Overdraft		1,022.33

SCHOOLS

1930 Town Appropriation:—		
“ Teachers Wages		\$21,300.00
“ Repairs, Insurance and Lights		5,945.00
“ State School Funds		8,350.17
“ State School Funds		150.00
“ State School Funds		506.84
“ State School Funds		37.14
“ Interest on School Funds		40.00
“ Order Refund10
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	Total Available	\$ 36,329.25
“ Expended:—		
Teachers Wages	\$23,768.50	
School Fuel	1,862.35	
Janitor Service	1,255.65	
School Conveyance	2,499.50	
Board of Pupils	102.00	
School Books	1,822.51	
“ Supplies	1,604.04	
“ Repairs	400.15	
“ Light & Power	65.16	
“ Rents	3,870.60	
“ Tuition	45.00	
“ Medical Inspection	78.00	
“ Insurance	1,333.75	
	Overdraft	2,287.96
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	\$38,617.21	\$38,617.21

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Unexpended Balances		
Daigle Road		\$ 7.69
Eddie Dufour Road		33.86
Louis Cyr Road		16.75
Jos. Gagnon Road		168.25
Grand Ruisseau Road		59.46
Interest Account		772.74
Iron Culverts		30.90
Adolph Levesque Road		121.31
Street Lights		198.05
Paul Pelletier Road		46.65
Jos. Pelletier Road		45.00
Third Class Road Maintenance15
William Paradis Road		42.35
Winter Roads		335.01
Miscellaneous Expenses		932.31
Third Class Road Construction		81.39
	Total	\$ 2,821.17
Overdrafts		
Charities & Corrections	\$	42.66
Napoleon Dionne Bridge		12.68
Vital F. Cyr Road		42.20
Cyr & Soucy Case		130.00

Mathias Albert Bridge	14.82	
New School Bldg. Acct.	610.05	
Road Machine	22.30	
Sidewalks	17.23	
Street Construction	130.00	
St. David Station Road	70.10	
School Accounts	2,287.96	
State Aid Roads	45.51	
Special Resolve	20.23	
Summer Roads	282.21	
Town Hall Rent	4.00	
Town Books	6.29	
Town Officers Salaries	12.16	
Fire Apparatus	239.16	
Grading Evangeline School Lot	250.93	
Sewers	907.17	
Mothers Aid Account	20.00	
Support of Poor	1,022.33	
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Total	\$ 6,189.99	
Net Overdraft For Year		3,368.32
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	\$ 6,189.99	\$ 6,189.99

TAXES

1930 Tax Commitment	\$94,191.12	
" Supplementary Tax	69.00	
" Interest on Taxes	80.67	
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Total To Collect 1930	\$94,340.79	
1928 Taxes Collected in 1930	3,022.99	
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Total Uncollected Taxes at Beginning of 1930;	\$97,363.78	
Total Taxes Collected 1930		\$93,695.20
" Tax Abatements Allowed		260.28
Balance Uncollected Feb. 28, 1931		3,408.30
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	\$97,363.78	\$97,363.78

Note: — Tax Collections were not separated between 1928 and 1930 so cannot show the balance uncollected for each of the two years.

BALANCE SHEET — FEBRUARY 28, 1931
Assets & Town Debt

Treasurers Cash	\$ 3,878.65	
Uncollected Taxes	\$3,408.30	
Less Excise Tax Overlay	1,449.10	
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Net Balance of Taxes	1,969.20	
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Total Assets		\$ 5,837.85
Net Town Debt		\$16,418.15
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Total Assets & Net Town Debt		\$22,256.00

Liabilities

Notes Payable-Fort Kent Trust Co.	\$21,456.00	
Notes Payable-Ministerial Fund	800.00	
Total Liabilities		\$22,256.00

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

MADAWASKA, MAINE

March 28, 1931

To Leonard Dufour a constable in the Town of Madawaska, in the County of Aroostock, Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Madawaska, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Willie Daigle's Hall in said town, or Madawaska on the twenty-eight day of March, A. D. 1931, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:—

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

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To choose a board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose one member of the board of superintending school committee.

Art. 7. To choose a collector of taxes and determine his compensation.

Art. 8. To see what rate of interest the town will charge on taxes and what date this interest shall begin.

Art. 9. To choose road commissioners or authorize selectmen to do same.

Art. 10. To choose all officers required by law, to be chosen at the annual town meeting.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the salaries of all town officers.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the support of poor.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money to buy a poor house, for support of poor.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for elementary and secondary schools including teacher's wages and board, fuel, janitors' service, conveyance, tuition and board of pupils, textbooks, reference books and school supplies for desks or laboratory use.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for school repairs, light and power, insurance, rent, truant officer, and medical inspection,

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of building and owning a waterwork system in the village of Madawaska.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of building and owning a sewer system in the village of Madawaska.

Art. 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the water work and sewer system, in the village of Madawaska.

Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen and Treasurer to issue Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.) waterwork bonds, bearing interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually June 1, and Dec. 1st., bonds dated June 1st. 1931 in denominations of \$1000. due \$2000. Dec. 1st, 1932, \$2000. Dec. 1st, of the succeeding three years, \$5000. due Dec. 1st, 1936, \$5000. due Dec. 1st, of the succeeding three years, \$8000. due Dec. 1st, 1940 and \$8000. due Dec. 1st, of the succeeding three years.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for grading certain school lots.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of new school buildings.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of five cents per capital for the suppression and prevention of tuberculosis.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$250. for Mother's Aid.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the purpose of hiring a policeman in the village of Madawaska.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$60.00 for rent of basement for lockup.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$625.00 for the actual street light.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$40.00 for interest on ministerial school fund.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, As provided in Section 19, of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Section 21, Chapter 25, R. S., amended by Chapter 258, P. L., 1917.

Art. 31. To vote a sum of not less than \$1061. for the maintenance of improved sections of third class road.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of summers roads and bridges.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote for winter roads.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the purpose of buying road drags.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for buying iron culverts.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$500 for Israel Daigle's road.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote to repair two bridges on Pierre Dionne's road.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote for Come Albert's road.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$125. for Town books and town reports.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote a sum of money for rent of Town Hall.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to build a Town Hall.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the town will vote to apply on town debt.

Art. 43. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the payment of interest and also for contingent expenses.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize its selectmen to borrow the necessary funds, not to exceed Fifty Thousands Dollars and to be paid through the current year taxes, for transacting the expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 45. To transact all other necessary business that may properly come before said meeting.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to purchase the charter of the Madawaska Company and all rights thereunder, according to special laws, 1929 Chapter 93.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Municipal Officers, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

The Selectment give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said hall, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Madawaska, this 18th day of March, A. D., 1931.

JOHN J. CYR
AMBROISE ALBERT
JOSEPH A. CYR

Selectmen of Madawaska, Me.

CONCLUSION

There are several other matters relating to town affairs that I would like very much to comment upon before retiring from the head of town business, but my memory is poor and I do not feel like worrying myself or others, as my successor no doubt will feel that he knows how to do the work on another system that will be more favorable to the town financially. I already hear in the air, the comments of some of my would be successors, defining how much better some of the departments can be run, and at a much greater saving to the town, than under the present regime.

I earnestly hope to see those good things come about, but I will always feel that I have done all that I could do to make my work a success, and I will be very much pleased to see others remedy the evils that they are already referring to.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. CYR