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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the TOWN of

ROQUE BLUFFS, MAINE

for the

YEAR 1947-1948

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

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REPORT *of* AUDIT

SAWYER & SAWYER

Accountants and Auditors

Milbridge, Maine, December 8, 1947

Board of Selectmen
Roque Bluffs, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Roque Bluffs for the period March 1, 1946 to March 1, 1947.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and Schedules included in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in the report may prove of interest to you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

SAWYER AND SAWYER

By A. F. Sawyer

Accountants and Auditors

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS 1947-'48

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

JOHN B. PRESTON GEORGE A. RICHARDS
WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

Assessors

GEORGE A. RICHARDS WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
HARLAN P. JOHNSON

Treasurer

PHYLLIS M. PRESTON

Town Clerk

FRANK R. WELCH

Tax Collector

JULIA L. JOHNSON

School Committee

CARL W. SMITH ERNEST MORSE
HARLAN P. JOHNSON

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Real Estate, Resident	\$19,679.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	24,406.00	
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Total		\$44,085.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 2,926.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	410.00	
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Total		\$ 3,336.00
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Total Valuation		\$47,421.00
Rate of Taxation	.10	
Assessed on property		\$4,814.50
Assessed on polls		84.00
Supplemental tax		3.00
Polls not taxed	4	
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Total		\$4,901.50
Estimated Excise Tax		74.00
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Total		\$4,827.50

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REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Total Appropriation	\$4,898.50
Supplemental Poll Tax	3.00
Surplus Excise Tax	84.50

Total \$4,986.00

Credits

Cash to Treasurer, Town Tax	\$4,773.40
Cash not deposited, Town Tax	3.00
Unpaid Town Tax	38.50
Abatements	12.60
Excise Tax to Treasurer	153.50
Excise Tax not deposited	5.00

Total \$4,986.00

Abatements

Freeman Preston	\$ 2.50
Mrs. Irving Foss & Heirs	3.30
World War II Veterans	
Ronald Thaxter	3.00
Laura Smith	.80
Woodrow Preston	3.00

Total \$ 12.60

Uncollected Tax \$ 38.50

*Annual Town Report***REPORT OF TREASURER****Receipts for the Year**

Bank balance, March 1, 1947	\$ 545.67
E. T. & B. Co., loan	1,100.00
Julia Johnson, 1947 Town Tax	4,773.40
Julia Johnson, Excise tax	153.50
State, snow removal	320.25
Bank Stock tax	4.87
1946 Taxes	3.46
State school fund	1,088.89
Equalization fund	627.00
Unimproved road	301.25
Int. on School Fund	.79
E. T. & B. Co., fire loan	400.00
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Total	\$9,319.08
Warrants paid	\$9,094.41
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Bank balance March 1	\$ 224.67
Cash not deposited	8.00
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Total	\$ 232.67

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance

Balance per bank statement Feb. 25, 1948	\$1,075.79
Outstanding checks	851.12
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Total	\$ 224.67
Cash not deposited	8.00
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Total	\$ 232.67

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**Assets March 1, 1947**

Cash	\$ 545.67
State, snow removal	320.25

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1946 Taxes	3.46	
School fund	52.65	
School balance	82.66	
School repairs	48.16	
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Total		\$1,052.85

Liabilities March 1, 1947

School fund	\$ 52.65	
School balance	82.66	
School repairs	48.16	
State Aid road	300.00	
3rd Class Maintenance	35.28	
State, snow removal	256.20	
Public Health	10.00	
Surplus	267.90	
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Total		\$1,052.85

Assets March 1, 1948

Bank balance March 1, 1948	\$ 225.43	
Cash not deposited	8.00	
1947 Taxes	38.50	
School Fund	52.65	
State, snow removal	320.25	
State, sanding	156.50	
School balance	120.19	
State, fire account	233.69	
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Total		\$1,155.21

Liabilities March 1, 1948

School balance	\$ 120.19	
School Fund	52.65	
State, snow removal	256.20	
E. T. & B. Co., note	400.00	
Surplus	326.17	
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		\$1,155.21

*Annual Town Report***Undetermined Liabilities**

Fire Bills	\$1,388.33	
Pumper	500.00	
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Total		\$1,888.33

OFFICERS' SALARIES**Expenditures**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Wyman Johnson, Jr., selectman	\$ 5.00	
Wyman Johnson, Jr., assessor	15.00	
George Richards, assessor	25.00	
Harlan P. Johnson, moderator	9.00	
Harlan P. Johnson, assessor	15.00	
Julia L. Johnson, collector	73.90	
Phyllis M. Preston, treasurer	93.19	
Frank R. Welch, town clerk	10.00	
George A. Richards, selectman	5.00	
John B. Preston, selectman	25.00	
L. W. Moan, supt. salary	66.72	
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Total		\$342.81
Overdraft		\$ 42.81

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$125.00	
Bank Stock tax	4.87	
Overlay on taxes	2.19	
Surplus Excise tax	84.50	
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Total		\$216.56

Expenditures

E. T. & B. Co., charge on check ac.	\$ 7.32	
E. T. & B. Co., int. on notes	33.17	
Machias Valley News-Ob., town rep.	38.50	
Machias Valley News-Ob., coll. bill	3.75	

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Marks Ptg. House, warrant book	1.25
Loring Short & Harmon, town bk.	10.60
Dunbar & Vose, town warrants	3.00
Dunbar & Vose, town warrants, Special meeting	2.00
Dunbar & Vose, drafting clam petition	5.00
Emily G. Bradbury, bonds	20.00
F. L. Cates, flags	3.75
Sawyer & Sawyer, audit	25.00
Sawyer & Sawyer, mileage	7.50
Harlan Johnson, posting warrants	6.00
Julia Johnson, postage	3.00

Total	\$169.84
Balance for Fire Bills	\$ 46.72

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$200.00
Balance March 1, 1947	35.28

Total	\$235.28
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Expenditures

Freeman Preston, truck	\$ 18.00
Horace Preston, labor	9.00
Russell Davis, labor	2.25
Clarence Smith, labor	2.25
Earl Smith, labor	2.25
George Manchester, labor	2.25
Freeman Preston, Jr., labor	2.25
George Richards, truck	8.00
Ernest Marston, truck	8.00
Alonzo Hatch, truck	8.00
Frank Welch, gravel	28.90

Total	\$ 90.95
Unexpended	\$144.33

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$350.00	
State snow removal	320.50	
State sanding to date	156.50	
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Total		\$826.75
Expenditures		
Freeman Preston, sanding	\$ 63.00	
Freeman Preston, Jr., sanding	37.50	
Ernest Marston, hauling sand	16.00	
George Richards, hauling sand	16.00	
Harold Richards, labor	6.00	
Andrew L. Noyes, sand	6.00	
Basil Smith, sanding	6.00	
Fred Wood, sanding	6.00	
Carroll Look, plowing	384.30	
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Total		\$540.80
Due Carroll Look		\$256.20
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Total		\$797.00
Unexpended		\$ 29.75

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation		\$350.00
Expenditures		
Freeman Preston, truck	\$ 12.00	
Horace Preston, labor	6.00	
Look Bros., nails from 1946	.70	
John B. Preston, labor	12.00	
Kenneth Smith, labor	6.75	
H. Blaine Davis Est., plank for bridge	58.23	
L. S. Crane, lbr. for crossways	26.86	

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Irving Smith, gravel for unimp. rd.	15.60
Burnham Hardware Co., garden rakes	3.00
H. Blaine Davis Est., lbr. for gravel screen	2.56
Paul H. Sinford, labor	12.00
Paul H. Sinford, truck	2.00
Paul H. Sinford, supplies	1.35
Look Bros., supplies	1.50
Oscar Mawhinney, overdraft, Spec. Res. Rd.	2.60
Machias Farmers Union, garden rakes	1.65
Frank Welch, gravel, unimp. road	18.00

Total	\$182.80
Unexpended	\$167.20

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Receipts from State	\$301.25
Transferred from Town Road	33.60

Total	\$334.85
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Expenditures

Freeman Preston, truck	\$ 47.00
Clarence Wood, truck	9.00
Ralph Wood, truck	29.00
Ernest B. Morse, labor	17.63
Irving Smith, gravel	15.60
Eldred Bryant, labor	7.12
Carroll Look, truck	10.00
Wellesley Look, labor	6.00
Treasurer State, grader	5.00
O. C. Mawhinney, foreman	10.40
Russell Davis, labor	6.00
Clarence Smith, labor	6.00
Earl Smith, labor	6.00
George Manchester, labor	6.00

Freeman Preston, Jr., labor	6.00	
George Richards, truck	16.00	
Ernest Marston, truck	6.00	
Alonzo W. Hatch, truck	16.00	
David Look, truck	10.20	
Daniel Look, truck	17.85	
Treasurer of State, shovel	64.05	
Frank R. Welch, gravel	18.00	
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Total		\$334.85

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Receipts		\$300.00
Expended		\$300.00

PATROL STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation		\$250.00
Expenditures		\$250.00

PATROL UNIMPROVED ROAD

No Appropriation
No Expenditures

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Balance March 1, 1947	\$300.00	
Appropriation	450.00	
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		\$750.00
	Expenditures	
Treasurer of State		\$750.00

TOWN POOR

No Appropriation
No Expenditures

TEMPORARY LOANS

Receipts

Eastern Trust & Banking Co. \$1,100.00

Expenditures

Eastern Trust & Banking Co. \$1,100.00

FIRE LOAN

Receipts

Eastern Trust and Banking Co. \$400.00

ABATEMENTS

No Appropriation
Abatements \$ 12.60
 Overdraft \$ 12.60

STATE TAX

Appropriation \$377.31

Expenditures

Treasurer of State \$377.31

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation \$234.00

Expenditures

County Treasurer \$234.00

EXCISE TAX

From Collector \$158.50

Deducted from Appropriations \$ 74.00

Surplus \$ 84.50

PUBLIC HEALTH & NURSING

Appropriation 1947	\$ 10.00	
Appropriation 1945	10.00	
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Expenditures

Treasurer of State		\$ 20.00
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FIRE PAYMENTS MADE

Frank Faulkner, labor	\$ 9.00
Barney Smith, labor	9.00
Ira Smith, labor	9.00
Kenneth Smith, labor	30.00
W. Arthur Maker, bulldozing	100.00
J. W. Davis, gas	1.00
J. W. Davis, oil	.35
Calvin Davis, gas	16.58
Calvin Davis, oil	5.95
Morrill Morse, Sr., labor	20.00
Harold Richards, Sr., labor	30.00
Eugene Richards, labor	30.00
Wyman Johnson, Jr., labor	30.00
Amos Anthony, labor	20.00
Earl Keaton, labor	15.00
Fred Richards, labor	10.00
Donald Watts, labor	10.00
Norman Johnson, labor	10.00
Morrill Morse, Jr., labor	10.00
Ernest Marston, truck	15.00
Edgar Foss, truck	15.00
Fred Davis, labor	10.00
Lewis Gupstill, labor	10.50
Woodrow Norton, labor	10.50
Gordon Dorr, labor	10.50
Shirley Morse, labor	10.00
Phillip Gray, labor	10.00

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P. L. Johnson, labor	5.00
Joseph Richard, labor	5.00

Total	\$467.38
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

State, snow removal	\$320.25
State, fire account	233.69
State, sanding	156.50

Total	\$710.44
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SCHOOLS

Receipts

Unexpended balance	\$ 82.66
State School Fund	1,088.89
Equalization Fund	627.00
Int. on School Fund	.79
Appropriation	2,100.00

Total	\$3,899.34
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Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,263.88
Janitors and Cleaning	209.90
Conveyance	1,309.00
Fuel	138.51
Tuition	608.50
Books	60.78
Supplies	86.71
Office Help	18.35
Income Tax	15.20
Teacher's Pension	68.34

Total	\$3,779.15
Unexpended balance	\$ 120.19

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Unexpended balance	48.16	
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Total		\$ 198.16
Expenditures		\$ 236.92
Overdraft		\$ 38.76

Annual Report

of the

Public Schools

of

Roque Bluffs

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1948



Superintending School Committee

Carl Smith	Term expires 1948
Ernest Morse	Term expires 1949
Harlan Johnson	Term expires 1950

Harlan Johnson—Attendance Officer

LeRoy W. Moan—Superintendent and Secretary

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**To the Superintending School Committee:**

I submit, herewith, my annual report of your public schools.

We were fortunate enough to get Mrs. Mary Bowles to teach for us again this year. Under her direction the school is making excellent progress.

The new stove and new storm windows have enabled us to keep warm and comfortable during the year.

Mr. Morse has been our conveyance driver for the year and has performed this duty in his regular satisfactory manner.

The greatest needs of the school at the present time are: a suitable playground, a well, and new adjustable desks for the pupils.

ENROLLMENT

Sub.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl.	
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Tuition students at Machias High School 4

Tuition students in Senior Class 0

This is the second year of our new five year Health Program. The children in the 1st, 5th and 8th Grades were given physical examinations and will also have dental examinations in the near future. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the parents and friends for their fine cooperation which makes this excellent program possible.

The following budget will show the amount necessary to appropriate this year.

BUDGET 1948-49

Estimated Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,500.00
Janitor and Cleaning	200.00
Conveyance	1,368.00
Fuel	125.00
Tuition 7 pupils	1,050.00
Office	25.00
Books	50.00
Supplies	60.00

Total	\$4,378.00
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Estimated Resources

State School Fund	\$1,088.89
Equalization	554.00
Unexpended 1947-48	125.00

Total	\$1,767.89
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Necessary to appropriate for Schools	\$2,500.00
Necessary to appropriate for Repairs	\$ 100.00

This gives a school rate of .048 which should entitle us to equalization for another year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT**Resources**

Unexpended balance	\$ 82.66
State School Fund	1,088.89
Equalization Fund	627.00
Int. on Res. Land	.79
Appropriation	2,100.00

Total	\$3,899.34
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Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,263.88	
Janitors and Cleaning	209.90	
Conveyance	1,309.00	
Fuel	138.51	
Tuition	608.50	
Books	60.76	
Supplies	86.71	
Office	18.35	
Income Tax	15.20	
Pension	68.34	
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Total		\$3,779.15
Unexpended balance		\$ 120.19

REPAIRS

Unexpended balance	\$ 48.16	
Appropriation	150.00	
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		\$ 198.16
Expended to date		236.92
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Overdraft		\$ 38.76

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee and Citizens for their excellent cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

LeROY W. MOAN

Supt. of Schools

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR ROQUE BLUFFS
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947
BUREAU OF HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

The Public Health Nursing Service of Roque Bluffs has been continued this year with its aim for supporting good health, the correction of defects and prevention of disease. A total of twenty-three visits were made.

Since the first year of life is the period when the mortality rate is highest, emphasis is placed upon helping the mother in the care of the baby. The importance of medical supervision and protection against communicable diseases is stressed at this time. Three infant and five pre-school visits were made.

The Tuberculosis program is a preventative and diagnostic service. State Diagnostic X-ray Clinics are held annually in this area for the purpose of finding new cases of tuberculosis and for following known cases.

In the School Health Program, the nurse acts as a consultant for the teacher. Cases may be referred for home visits where physical defects and other problems are observed.

The contribution of the public health nurse in the venereal disease program consists of helping to get examinations for the individuals who have come in contact with the disease and to keep infected individuals under treatment until they are cured.

The Crippled Children and Pediatric Services consists of diagnostic and consultant clinics where specialists are in attendance. A medical social worker and nutritionist also attend these clinics. Children are referred to these clinics by the family physician, school personnel, social agencies and public health nurses.

All children receive a complete physical examination and assistance in correcting the physical defects found. Six home visits were made to these families to assist in carrying out recommendations made.

Interviewing key people in relation to health measures is another phase of the nurse's activities; these people include parents, physicians, superintendents of schools, teachers, town officials, chairmen of organizations and health minded citizens. It is through the interest and cooperation of these individuals that progress has been made, but there is need for more interest and participation by each citizen to further the health program. During the coming year, it is hoped that interest may be stimulated in forming a local health council which will be closely affiliated with the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN HART, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

To Harlan P. Johnson, a Constable of the Town of Roque Bluffs, in the County of Washington and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Roque Bluffs aforesaid, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the School House in the said town of Roque Bluffs, on the twenty-ninth day of March A. D. 1948, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, there and then to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Article 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the selectmen and other officers as printed.
- Article 4. To choose three selectmen.
- Article 5. To choose three assessors.
- Article 6. To choose one or more overseers of the poor.
- Article 7. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Article 8. To choose one member of the superintending school committee for three years.

- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner, and, if so, to elect the same and fix his compensation.
- Article 10. To fix the amount to be paid for the collection of taxes.
- Article 11. To choose a tax collector.
- Article 12. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise for maintenance of improved state road under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930.
- Article 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$10.00 for public health nursing in Roque Bluffs. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Article 15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for removal of snow from State and Town ways approved by the State Highway Commission for snow removal. The contract not to exceed \$70.00 per mile.
- Article 16. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the following purposes: Contingent Fund; Highways and Bridges; Poor; Fire Bills; Snow Removal and Sanding; Schools; Repairs on School Buildings; and all and any other town charges for the year ensuing.
- Article 17. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly

raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R.S. 1944, as amended.

- Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of improved Third Class Roads.
- Article 19. To see if the town will vote to borrow not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars upon the faith and credit of the town, during the municipal year 1948 and 1949, in anticipation of and to be paid from the amount to be collected from taxes of 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 20. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.
- Article 21. To see what action the town will take regarding the Grange tax.
- Article 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem ad-

visible, and to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds for such property.

Article 23. To see what compensation the town will vote to the Fire Warden for his services.

Article 24. To see what compensation the town will vote the Moderator for his services.

Article 25. To transact any other business that may properly and legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the School House at 8:30 A. M. on the day of said meeting, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1948.

JOHN B. PRESTON
GEORGE A RICHARDS
WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

Selectmen of Roque Bluffs

A true copy, attest:

Constable of Roque Bluffs