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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

TREASURER

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF ROME

For the Year Ending February 16, 1919

Mail Publishing Co., Printers, Waterville, Me.



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Town Officers

Town Clerk

G. H. LeBARON

Selectmen

W. D. DAMREN

E. L. BLAISDELL

G. H. LeBARON

Town Treasurer

R. E. MARTIN

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN S. TAPLEY

Board of Health

IRA WENTWORTH

Term Expires 1919

CECIL ESTES,

Term Expires 1920

CHARLES TIBBETTS,

Term Expires 1921

School Committee

E. E. KELLEY,

Term Expires 1919

DELBERT KELLEY,

Term Expires 1920

CHARLES TIBBETTS,

Term Expires 1921

Tax Collector

G. G. DOWNS

92054

Report of Selectmen

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rome we submit the following report of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending February 16th, 1918:

Valuation.

Real Estate, Resident	\$87,005.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	104,040.00
Personal Property, Resident	39,685.00
Personal Property, Non-Resident	50,235.00
	\$241,280.00

Town Appropriation for the Year 1918

State Tax	\$1,337.67
County Tax	360.82
Schools	1,000.00
Poor	700.00
Roads and Bridges	500.00
Breaking Snow	500.00
Town Officers' Bills	450.00
Schoolhouse Repairs	50.00
School Books	25.00
Sinking Fund	200.00
High Schools	200.00
State Road Maintenance	100.00
For Outstanding Orders	1,000.00
Long Pond Road	200.00
Foss Road	50.00
Note of David French	500.00
Vaccination	130.00
Patrol	500.00
Insurance	119.00
Refund on Vaccination	30.00
Higgins and Oliver Road	200.00
Superintendent of Schools	117.00
Overlay	10.07
Number of Polls 119,	\$3.00
Rate of Taxation,	.0331
Number of Polls not taxed	13

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Town Officers' Bills

W. D. Damren, services as First Selectman	\$95.00
E. L. Blaisdell, services as Third Selectman	60.00
R. E. Martin, services as Treasurer	40.00
Ralph Witham, services as Constable	12.00
G. H. LeBaron, services as Town Clerk	14.00
G. G. Downs, services as Tax Collector	163.94
Ira T. Wentworth, services Board of Health	4.00
F. A. Thurston, services as Truant Officer	11.00
G. G. Downs, services as Superintendent of Schools	25.00
Outstanding Orders	70.00
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	\$494.90
Appropriated by Town	\$450.00

Orders Drawn for Sinking Fund

W. D. Damren, moderator	\$3.00
Cecil Estes, board of health	4.50
Bowditch, Webster & Co., formaldehyde	2.95
Samuel J. Foster, fumigator	2.00
Crowell Bros., fumigator and vaccination	9.50
O. B. Head, fumigating	8.00
F. L. French, board of health	2.50
W. D. Damren, supplies for hall	7.80
W. D. Damren, curtains for hall	12.60
Hosea Briggs, enforcing dog law	6.00
Frank Tracy, sup. for Town Hall	3.75
F. W. Clair, legal services	1.00
W. D. Damren, expenses to Augusta and Oakland	6.79
W. D. Damren, postage	5.00
Geo. G. Downs, serving papers	1.94
G. H. LeBaron, recording births and deaths	2.55
G. H. LeBaron, auto service	5.00
L. A. Brown, auto to Augusta for Cecil Estes, board of health	10.00
G. H. LeBaron, postage	1.75
Walter M. Sanborn, legal services	12.00
W. D. Damren, auto service	15.00
George G. Downs, tax deed of E. H. Burgess	15.85
E. L. Blaisdell, auto service	9.00
A. S. Foster, labor and pine for booths	6.56
G. H. LeBaron, labor and material for booths	5.50
E. P. Caswell, hardware and paint	13.02
H. L. Kelley & Co., record book	2.30

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Outstanding orders	36.01
W. D. Damren, lumber and hinges for booths	8.75
Charles Tibbetts, flag pole	5.00
W. H. Wheeler, burial of soldier	35.00
A. S. Foster, going to Augusta	4.62
C. R. Sturtevant, plans for town hall	10.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	15.93
Mail Publishing Co., printing	36.25
Cecil Estes, board of health	10.00
Edward Farnham, error in taxation 1917	4.20

Appropriated by Town

\$341.87
\$200.00

Orders Drawn for Support of Poor.

Ira Wentworth, boarding paupers	\$460.00
J. H. Morse, pauper supplies	7.00
Town of Fairfield, account of Milton Stevens	19.10
Ridley & Flanders, pauper supplies 1915-1917	19.29
Ridley & Flanders, pauper supplies	28.44
O. B. Head, medical attendance to paupers 1917-18	56.55
Annie Knight, paupers 1917-1918	36.00
William Knight, paupers	36.00

Appropriation by Town

\$662.38
\$700.00

Orders Drawn for Vaccination.

Dr. O. B. Head, vaccination	\$98.15
Dr. C. A. Macomber, vaccination	.65

Appropriated by Town

\$98.80
\$130.00

Balance

\$31.20

Reimbursement for Vaccination.

Arthur Wilds	\$3.00
Arthur Perkins	7.00
Lester Brown	3.00
Joseph Blanchard	3.00

Appropriated by Town

\$16.00
\$30.00

Orders Drawn for Roads and Bridges

Martin Pressey, year 1917	\$1.75
W. B. Arnold, year 1917	3.20
Bert Turner, year 1917	12.00
A. M. Dudley, year 1917	2.00
E. L. Blaisdell	73.00
Ira Wentworth, watering tub	5.00
J. H. Wing, on Narrows Road	18.00
A. S. Foster	7.00
A. S. Foster, watering tub	5.00
G. H. LeBaron	2.75
Geo. Mosher	6.00
A. S. Tracy	10.00
Luther Ellis	1.50
E. T. Foster	9.17
L. A. Brown	86.10
F. A. Thurston	4.50
G. H. LeBaron	5.00
Geo. Tracy	5.00
D. M. Marshall	45.25
Clyde Tilson, lumber	21.86
D. E. French, lumber	38.04
A. M. Dudley	2.16
Ralph Witham, labor on road machine	5.00
Bert Clement	6.00
G. H. Johnson	12.00
L. A. Bartlett, nails and spikes	2.14
Mark Wentworth	4.50
Albert Tuttle	14.33
Lester Yeaton	6.00
E. L. Blaisdell	25.00
W. D. Damren	15.00
Edward Meader	9.00
Bert Clement	30.00
George Foss	6.00
Outstanding orders	57.58
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	\$556.83
Appropriated by Town	\$500.00

Orders Drawn for Long Pond Road.

Marshall Robinson	\$4.50
Orland Tibbetts	1.50
A. S. Turner	62.00

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L. A. Turner	30.00
Edson Thurston	4.50
Fred Robinson	5.00
G. G. Downs, gravel	10.00
Leon Watson	9.33
Edward Meader	10.50
E. L. Blaisdell	75.00
R. H. Currier	31.50
David Nickerson	25.50
Marshall Robinson	6.00
Outstanding orders	25.50

\$300.83
\$200.00

Appropriated

Orders Drawn for Foss Road

Albert Tuttle	\$4.00
Albert Tuttle	3.50
George Foss	27.00
Bert Turner	1.50
Levi Mosher, year 1917	2.00
S. B. Mosher	3.00
J. H. LeBaron, post for fence	5.00
Webster Tracy, post for fence	7.50

\$53.50
\$50.00

Appropriated

Orders Drawn for Breaking Snow.

A. S. Turner	\$4.50
L. M. Hawes	5.00
A. S. Foster	8.05
Ira Wentworth	2.40
Robert Cox	6.30
Ira Wentworth	5.50
Richardson Bros.	7.56
George Kelley	18.25
Webster Tracy	1.32
Robert Cox	24.00
S. B. Mosher	4.50
Isaac Mosher	5.00
Paris Mosher	6.55
M. O. Hawes	6.00
Coridon Mosher	3.00

John Young	4.90
Arthur Clark	2.50
E. T. Foster	14.24
L. A. Brown	29.90
F. A. Thurston	4.50
A. S. Foster	11.04
Crowell Bros.	17.05
George Tracy	2.35
Silas Marash	2.62
Marshall Robinson	4.59
Leon Watson	7.77
Charles Grant	4.05
C. R. Sturtevant	9.90
Albion Watson	2.48
C. H. Tibbetts	8.25
Elwin Kelley	12.00
Elwin Kelley	4.50
David Nickerson	4.46
E. T. Foster	1.00
Oland Tibbetts	3.10
D. M. Marshall	2.80
Alvin Frost	1.54
A. M. Dudley	3.50
Ezekiel Wentworth	7.60
George Blaisdell, 1917	37.33
A. S. Tracy	20.00
Outstanding Orders	20.58
Albert Grant, 1917	.60
George Foss	2.80
George Blaisdell	3.20
A. S. & R. D. Turner, 1917	7.00
Richardson Bros., 1917	23.26
L. M. Hawes, 1917	7.00
Bert Turner	4.20
A. M. Dudley, 1917	9.00
Bert Turner, 1917	12.00
Charles Tracy	3.00
D. H. Nickerson	10.00
Ernest Melvin, 1917	2.60
C. R. Sturtevant, 1917	18.90
Howard Nickles, 1917	16.90
Charles Trask	21.00
Charles Grant	1.54
Ed Thurston	7.10

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Ed Thurston	37.90
Roy Stevens, 1917	4.60
Ernest Melvin, 1917	6.40
Floyd Melvin, 1917	8.70
Robert Cox, 1917	31.12
H. A. Kiley, 1917	16.20
Frank Heselton, 1917	3.00

 \$610.50
Paid~~Outstanding~~ Orders in Oakland Bank 1917

Corydon Mosher, labor on State road	\$5.00
E. E. Kelley, labor on State road	50.00
George Kelley, labor on State road	50.00
Fred Robinson, labor on State road	6.00
Freddie Robinson, labor on State road No. 2	14.00
Marshal Robinson, labor on State road No. 2	14.00
Levi Mosher, labor on State road	16.25
Levi Mosher, labor on State road	20.00
Ernest Melvin, repairing State road	6.00
Ernest Melvin, labor on State aid road	24.00
Ernest Melvin, labor on State road	12.00
Levi Mosher, labor repairing State road	11.25
L. M. Hawes, labor on State aid road	6.75
E. E. Kelley, labor on State road	108.00
Ralph Wentworth, labor on State road	8.00
Henry Grant, labor on State road	2.00
Ralph Wentworth, labor on State road	13.00
E. H. Mosher, cement on highway	3.75
Oland Tibbetts, labor on State aid road	20.00
Albion Hersom, eight loads of gravel	8.00
D. M. Marshall, labor on highway	24.37
D. M. Marshall, breaking snow	7.63
Luther Ellis, breaking snow	4.60
George Kelley, breaking snow	18.25
L. M. Hawes, breaking snow	5.00
Oland Tibbetts, breaking snow	3.06
Fred Robinson, breaking snow	12.80
Sanborn and Isaac Mosher, breaking snow	6.00
Corydon Mosher, breaking snow	3.00
Russell Stevens, breaking snow	12.18
L. A. Dudley, breaking snow	1.65
Adelbert Kelley, wood for Dudley school	6.00
Charles Tibbetts, sundries for Morrill school	5.94

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Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery	14.10
Annie Knight, boarding Asa Trask and wife	24.00
Frank Tracy, house rent for Asa Trask	15.00
Annie Knight, boarding Ruby Mosher	12.00
Harold Tuttle, labor on highway	5.00
Adelbert Kelley, labor on highway	10.00
Ernest Melvin, labor on highway	5.50
Lester Brown, labor on highway	12.50
George Foss, labor on highway	26.00
Fred Robinson, labor on highway	2.00
Marshal Robinson, labor on highway	8.50
E. E. Kelley, labor on highway	8.50
E. E. Kelley, labor on highway	80.00
Ralph Wentworth, labor on highway	4.00
E. H. Austin, labor on highway	12.00
George Mosher, labor on highway	2.50
A. H. Higgins, building his private highway	200.00

\$943.58
\$1,000.00

Appropriated by Town

Orders Drawn for Oliver Higgins' Road.

Oliver Higgins Co.	\$55.00
E. E. Kelley	148.19
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	\$203.19

Orders Drawn for Insurance.

J. B. Friel Co.	\$69.80
J. B. Friel Co.	50.08
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\$119.88
\$119.00

Appropriated by Town

Orders Drawn for Cemetery.

M. E. Wentworth	\$1.50
Ira T. Wentworth	4.00
Ezekiel Wentworth	3.00
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\$8.50

Orders Drawn for Superintendent.

John S. Tapley	\$78.00
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Orders Drawn for Teachers.

Arthur Wilds	\$390.00
Alys Taylor	210.00
Linda Thurston	201.30
Eva Blaisdell	156.00
Leota Kelley	410.00
Velma Stevens	341.00
Nellie Tibbetts	168.00
Town of Belgrade	59.94
Mrs. J. H. Stevens	21.00
Maude Kelley	15.00
Nellie Tibbetts	48.00
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	\$2,020.24
Orders Drawn for Janitor Service	\$44.40
Outstanding order	\$10.70
Order Drawn for Tuition of High School Scholars	\$225.50

Orders Drawn for Repairs on Schoolhouses.

E. L. Blaisdell, Blaisdell schoolhouse	\$9.50
F. P. Caswell, Blaisdell schoolhouse	18.82
Sears, Roebuck & Co., seats for Blaisdell schoolhouse	52.00
G. H. LeBaron, hauling material Blaisdell schoolhouse	1.50
Charles Tibbetts, labor and material Blaisdell schoolhouse	8.00
M. C. R. R. Co., freight on seats for Blaisdell schoolhouse	7.56
Frank Thurston, Long Pond schoolhouse	2.69
Clifton Louck, Dudley schoolhouse	1.00
Albion Watson, Robbins' schoolhouse	6.00
D. H. Nickerson, labor on Robbins' schoolhouse	18.00
A. S. Foster, lumber on Robbins' schoolhouse	8.26
Charles Sturtevant, lumber on Robbins' schoolhouse	10.44
Cecil Estes, labor on schoolhouse	1.00
Hosea Briggs, labor and lumber Robbins' school	75.85
Bert Turner, labor and lumber Robbins' school	68.00
M. O. Hawes, labor and lumber Robbins school	20.00
Bert Turner, labor on Blaisdell schoolhouse	2.75
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	\$161.37

Orders Drawn for School Supplies

Frank Tracy	\$.85
D. M. Marshall	2.40
Frank Tracy	.70
Frank Tracy	.75
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Outstanding	\$4.70

Orders Drawn for Wood.

M. O. Hawes	\$3.50
H. A. Kiley	16.00
L. A. Brown	25.50
E. E. Kelley	21.70
Webster Tracy	11.50
Webster Tracy	5.00
Adelbert Kelley	16.00
Ramon Tibbetts	2.50
George Mosher	12.00
Raymond Tibbetts	2.50
N. S. Stowell	12.00
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\$128.20

Orders Drawn for Books \$46.87

Outstanding Orders.

Cecil Estes	No. 15	3.00
Cyrus Watson	17	4.50
Albion Watson	18	5.00
Adie Estes	21	2.00
Harry Hawes	22	3.00
Lena Kelley	55	3.00
Ira Wentworth	74	26.00
Ira Wentworth	75	14.00
L. A. Brown	76	54.10
F. L. French	79	2.00
Ira Wentworth	88	27.91
Ira Wentworth	90	14.00
Cyrus Watson	91	25.50
Mrs. Nellie Tibbetts	115	48.00
Ira Wentworth	122	52.00
Ira Wentworth	123	28.00
Bert Turner	188	68.00
Ira Wentworth	192	28.00
Ira Wentworth	193	52.00
Lena Kelley	211	1.20

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Parker Tibbetts	217	1.50
G. H. LeBaron	227	50.00
Fred Robinson	230	3.00
N. S. Stowell	232	12.00
B. A. Hawes	343	2.30
B. A. Hawes	344	.98
B. A. Hawes	347	1.85
Bert Clement	352	3.00
Moses Hawes	353	20.00
Ira Wentworth	379	21.00
Ira Wentworth	380	39.00
George LeBaron	390	20.00
B. H. Charles	393	3.00
Bert Turner	399	2.75
George S. Pressey	404	1.08
Merton Pressey	405	1.08
W. P. Dudley	408	2.50

 \$646.25
Outstanding Orders 1917.

Adelbert Kelley	No. 109	\$25.00
Bert Clement	67	6.80
Paris Mosher	117	3.25
David Nickerson	219	4.00
Albion Watson	251	8.75
Ira Wentworth	260	6.00
Rebecca Wentworth	350	1.66
Charles Trask	357	1.75
L. A. Brown	375	30.00
Varney Mosher	377	20.40
Isaac Mosher	382	24.81
Paris Mosher	383	18.03
Sanborn Mosher	384	20.46
Charles Estes	386	2.00
L. A. Brown	409	81.05
David Nickerson	345	34.20
Ira Wentworth	357	41.05
H. A. Kiley	464	16.20
Annie Knights	469	24.00
Annie Knights	470	12.00
Harold Tuttle	332	25.00
Cyrus Watson	351	15.80

 \$422.21

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ABATEMENTS

Ed Mosher, over 70 years old		\$3.00
P. M. Brann, over 70 years old		3.00
Marie Yeaton, paid in Belfast		17.54
Lester Yeaton, paid in Belfast		3.00
J. P. Burgess, owned by Town		38.07
Mrs. Grant Butler, vote of Town		26.15
Cecil Estes, owned by Town		10.76
James French, disability		6.62
Charles Frost, owned by Town		3.31
Mrs. John Foster, owned by Town		8.28
Frank Heselton, paid in Augusta		3.00
Geo. McCockle, paid in Boston		3.00
Fred Clark, owned by Town		5.79
Mrs. F. H. Ball, owned by Town		16.07
Hartford Lumber Co., owned by Town		16.55
Proctor & Bowie Co., owned by Town		41.72
A. E. Richardson, owned by Town		3.31
F. H. Wilson, owned by Town		4.97
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Note of D. E. French	\$500.00	
Liabilities of Town		\$1,568.46

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN OF ROME, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1919.

Due from Tax Deeds	\$357.38	
Due from Tax Deeds, E. H. Burgess 1918	15.85	
Due from L. A. Brown	92.53	
Cash on hand	234.65	
Due from Augusta, acct. Wm. Brewer	17.00	
Due from G. G. Downs, Collector	130.88	
	<hr/>	\$848.29
Total Indebtedness of Town		<hr/> \$720.17

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DAMREN,
G. H. LeBARON,
E. L. BLAISDELL,

Selectmen of Rome.

Report of Treasurer

TOWN OF ROME, IN ACCOUNT WITH
R. E. MARTIN, TREASURER.

DR.

By cash on hand	\$355.40
By cash received from State, high school fund	267.00
By cash received from State, dog licenses refunded	9.62
By cash received from State, school and mill funds	330.49
By cash received from State, common school fund	367.25
By cash received from State, highway department	49.50
By cash received from Messalonskee National Bank, temporary loan	1,500.00
By cash received from tax deeds	96.21
By cash received from State, burial of soldiers	35.00
By cash received from Town Clerk, dog licenses	73.00
By cash received from State, soldiers' pensions	66.00
By cash received on account of cemetery lots	15.00
By cash received from Town Hall rent	96.57
By cash received from equalization fund	215.00
By cash received from old Town House	15.00
By cash received from G. G. Downs, Collector	8,207.37

\$11,698.41

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To payment of Town Orders	\$6,701.43
To payment of State Tax	1,337.67
To payment of County Tax	360.82
To payment of State Treasurer, dog licenses	73.00
To payment of State pensions	66.00
To payment of interest bearing notes, Messalonskee National Bank	1,500.00
Interest and revenue on same	45.20
To payment of interest bearing orders, and interest on same	1,000.00
To payment of Patrolled Highway	607.50
To payment of dog licenses deficiency	3.00
To payment of interest bearing note and interest	527.50
To payment of interest on five hundred dollar note	27.50
To abatements	214.14
Cash on hand	234.65

\$11,698.41

R. E. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1918.

Albee, Fred	\$3.00
Burgess, J. P.	18.72
Butler, Grant	3.00
Clark, Arthur	1.47
Estes, Charles	10.76
Estes, Cecil	5.99
French, Ray	4.99
Foster, H. S.	6.56
Grant, Henry	3.00
Knight, William	5.64
Knox, Joseph	3.00
Robinson, A., Heirs of	12.41
Robinson, Fred, Jr.,	3.00
Sturtevant, Charles	20.36
Tracy, Webster	6.52
Tracy, Charles	3.83
Worcester, Samuel	3.00
Young, John	7.35
Bemis, Albion	3.31
Higgins, Henry	3.31
Warren, B. W.	1.66

GEORGE G. DOWNS,
Collector.

EXPLANATORY IN REGARD TO UNPAID TAXES.

In regard to boys that are in the service it was the intention to abate them, but some had paid. We will take this up on our last article to have them abated and refund to those that have paid, also Grant Butler should have his poll tax abated as he had to come out by Edison Thurston at more expense, and I promised in the spring to see to it if he would do so, but it was overlooked.

In regard to balance of A. S. Foster's tax, the town owes him \$6.56, which makes it balance even.

Yours truly,
G. H. LeBARON.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Rome:

I herewith submit the annual report of the schools for the year ending February 14, 1919.

At the beginning of the school year the union consisting of Oakland, Sidney and Rome became effective. Union supervision which now embraces the whole state, has many advantages over the arrangement of the past, the most important being that a superintendent may devote all of his time to the work. During the construction period some opposition may arise and progress along certain lines may be delayed but in the long run this system of supervision will bear fruit.

My report is somewhat incomplete, owing to the fact that I began work in the middle of the year and since that time the effects of the war and the prevailing epidemic have made it impossible to follow out any definite schedule. A number of the schools have work to make up yet, to complete their thirty weeks, but we trust that at the beginning of the spring term the schools will continue without interruption.

Attendance

The attendance during the late fall and winter has not been satisfactory and this is due to three reasons: First, some of the pupils live a long distance from the school and no provision is made for their conveyance, second, in some families there is more or less antagonism toward the local teacher; and third, some parents are indifferent as to whether their children attend school or not. These defects should be corrected. The town at its annual meeting should consider the matter of conveyance and if necessary make suitable provision for it. The local teacher when she is satisfactory to the parents and pupils should be retained, but I feel that in some of our schools a stranger would do better work. The indifferent parent should be dealt with according to the law. At the end of another term we shall note an increased attendance in all of the schools.

Repairs

The buildings at the Whittier, Long Pond and Dudley schools are in very fair condition and will serve for some time. The Blaisdell schoolhouse is in poor condition and that of the Robbin's school is incomplete.

At the beginning of cold weather it became necessary to repair the Robbins' schoolhouse. Mr. Harold Allen, the State Inspector of rural schools, visited the Robbins' school together with the Superintendent and Committee, and outlined such improvements as would be approved by the State. Following his suggestions, a new chimney suitable for ventilation and to receive the smoke pipe of a jacketed stove was constructed, the ceiling and walls of the room were finished in beaver board; a cloak room and book closet were partitioned off at the front of the room; the lighting was changed to the east wall and the rear; a door was cut through the back of the room which will open into the wood shed and closets when the work is completed. New seats and blackboards have been ordered and are in transit.

The law provides that a suitable building shall be furnished for school purposes and in the repair of a building all plans must be approved by the State department. It would seem the wise thing to do, to appropriate money to complete the work here inasmuch as the State has already given to the town a sum of \$215 for the work.

Text-books

Good books are an important factor in the efficiency of the school. The child receives his knowledge and ideas of things through the medium of books, and it is not enough that text-books be in good condition but they must embrace the ideas and methods of the present. Your former superintendent began the introduction of a uniform system of books in the schools and this work should be continued till all texts have been brought up-to-date. I have added but few books this year because of the small appropriation and I trust that the coming appropriation will be more liberal.

Paper and supplies should be furnished by the town. This is now quite generally done throughout the state, for two reasons: first, quite a saving is made by purchasing paper and supplies in large lots, and second, the work of the school is not interrupted from time to time by pupils not having provided themselves with the necessary supplies.

Recommendations

You will notice an overdraft in this year's school account due to the increased cost of teachers, fuel and janitors. The tendency of wages is now downward, and our future expense should be more nearly normal. I am inclined to believe that the average teacher's wage should not exceed \$11 per week, and on this basis the cost of a school year of thirty weeks is made:

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Teachers,	\$1650.00
Fuel,	150.00
Belgrade Union School,	150.00
Janitor Service,	75.00
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Total,	\$2025.00
State aid,	700.00
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Appropriation by town,	\$1325.00
Text-books,	100.00
General Repairs,	50.00
To complete Robbins' School,	350.00

I would also suggest that the schools begin early in the spring with a term of twelve weeks; that the fall term begin August 1, and continue till Christmas time, which will mark the end of the school year.

By this arrangement our schools will be in session during the warm months and the running expense will be reduced to the minimum.

In closing, I wish to thank the school committee, the citizens and our former superintendent, for the interest taken in all matters pertaining to the schools, and for the aid and support which they have rendered me. Below is the financial report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00	
Mill Tax,	330.49	
Common School Fund,	367.25	
Unexpended 1918,	81.00	
Overdrawn,	344.30	
	<hr/>	\$2,123.04

Expenditures.

Teachers

Leota Kelley,	\$410.00
Alys Taylor,	210.00
Velma Stevens,	377.00
Eva Blaisdell,	156.00
Arthur Wilde,	390.00
Nellie Tibbetts,	216.00

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Linda Thurston,	201.30	
Town of Belgrade,	59.94	
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		\$2,020.24
		<i>Janitors.</i>
Guy Wentworth,	\$11.40	
Clifton Lucks,	8.40	
Harold Blaisdell,	2.00	
William Luckes	3.90	
Nellie Tibbetts,	3.90	
Lena Kelley,	8.10	
Linda Trask,	5.40	
Harry Hawes,	3.00	
Parker Tibbetts,	1.50	
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		\$47.60
		<i>Fuel</i>
Elwin Kelley,	\$21.70	
N. S. Stowell,	12.00	
Raymond Tibbetts,	5.00	
Webster Tracy,	16.50	
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		\$55.20
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		\$2,123.04
		<i>Repairs.</i>
		<i>Receipts.</i>
Appropriation,	\$50.00	
Overdrawn,	83.91	
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		\$133.91
		<i>Expenditures.</i>
M. C. R. R., freight	\$7.56	
Cora Perkins,	2.00	
Charles Tibbetts,	8.00	
Cecil Estes,	1.00	
Clifton Loucks,	1.00	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.,	52.00	
W. Tracy,	1.50	
F. B. Caswell,	18.82	
Loring, Short & Harmon,	21.09	
Frank Thurston,	2.69	
Mrs. J. A. Loucks,	2.00	

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Ada Estes,	2.00
G. H. LeBaron,	1.50
Frank Tracy,	.85
D. M. Marshall Co.,	2.40
E. L. Blaisdell,	9.50

 \$133.91

*Equalization Fund.
Receipts.*

Unexpended 1918,	\$137.08
State,	215.00

 \$352.08

Expenditures.

Hosea Briggs,	\$75.85
D. H. Nickerson,	18.00
Albion Watson,	6.00
Bert Turner,	68.00
Unexpended,	184.23

 \$352.08

*Book Account.
Receipts.*

Appropriation,	\$25.00
Unexpended 1918,	47.21

 \$72.21

Expenditures.

Loring, Short & Harmon,	\$.65
Ginn & Co.,	12.34
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	7.25
Newell White,	1.00
Postage and Freight,	3.54
Unexpended,	47.43

 \$72.21

*High School Tuition.
Receipts.*

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Received from State,	267.00
Unexpended 1918,	22.50

 \$489.50

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Expenditures.

Town of Oakland,	\$64.50	
New Sharon,	125.00	
Belgrade,	24.00	
Augusta,	12.00	
Unexpended,	264.00	
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*Superintendent's Account.**Receipts.*

Appropriation,	\$117.00	
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Expenditures.

John S. Tapley, to March 1, 1919,	\$78.00	
Unexpended,	39.00	
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAPLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant for Town Meeting

To Ralph Witham, a constable in the Town of Rome, County of Kennebec,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Rome, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles.

To wit:

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

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance and support of schools, the poor, repairs on roads and bridges, breaking snow, town officers' bills, repairs on schoolhouses, school books, miscellaneous orders and defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for tuition of High School scholars.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the State road and how much.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of the State road.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to have dance and public entertainments in the new Town Hall.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to elect a hall agent, to look after and let the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to complete the Foss road.

Article 10. To see if the Town will lay out a sum of money on road from Henry Young's to Webster Tracy's.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish the price of teachers per week.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to pay damage on George Tracy's horse, and how much.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to pay Sanford Blaisdell \$200, for crossing field.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to fence the Dudley schoolhouse lot, and raise money for same.

Article 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to uncollected taxes in Lester Brown's hands.

Article 16. To see if Town will vote to raise a sum of money for care of cemetery.

Article 17. To see if Town will vote to raise a sum of money for patrol work.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Superintendent of Schools.

Article 19. To see how the taxes shall be collected and when made payable.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Jurors chosen by Selectmen and Treasurer.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to build a toilet for the town hall and raise money for the same.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$200 for Long Pond road.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a school in Hersom district, so-called.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$500 to pay the David French note.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to build State road and raise money for same.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay the outstanding orders in Oakland Bank.

Article 27. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall in said Town, Rome, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting and revising the check list.

Given under our hands at Rome, this seventeenth day of February, 1919.

W. D. DAMREN,
G. H. LeBARON,
E. L. BLAISDELL,

Selectmen of Rome.