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OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
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OF THE
Town of Rome
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 16, 1929

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Officers of the Town of Rome, 1928

TOWN CLERK

G. H. LeBARON

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

JAMES FORBES

GEORGE H. LeBARON

ARTHUR HETHERINGTON

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

A. D. WILDE

TOWN TREASURER

A. D. WILDE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN S. TAPLEY

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ELWIN KELLEY

CYRA C. CHARLES

BERT MOSHER

ROAD COMMISSIONER

ADELBERT KELLEY

BOARD OF HEALTH

IRA WENTWORTH

GEORGE FOSS

BARTON P. RICHARDSON

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

ELWIN E. KELLEY

E. L. BLAISDELL

LESTER BROWN

FENCE VIEWERS

J. L. BUSHEY

FRED MOSHER

LEON WATSON

FIRE WARDENS

JAMES FORBES

G. H. LeBARON

A. HETHERINGTON

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

LESTER BROWN

HOSEA BRIGGS

ALEXANDER FORBES

GEORGE DOWNS

135335

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Rome:

We submit the following of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 16th, 1929.

VALUATION APRIL 1st, 1928.

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Real estate, resident | \$128,275 00 |
| Real estate, non-resident | 211,020 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total real estate | \$339,295 00 |
| Personal estate, resident | \$35,940 00 |
| Personal estate, non-resident | 16,785 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount personal estate | \$52,725 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand total | \$392,020 00 |

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| Number of polls taxed | 117 |
| Number of polls not taxed | 17 |
| Rate of taxation \$31.00 on \$1,000.00 | |

TAXES ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO

A. D. WILDE, *Collector*.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| State tax | \$2,471 16 |
| County tax | 695 42 |
| Support of schools | 1,800 00 |
| Text-books | 100 00 |
| Repairs on school buildings | 100 00 |
| Tuition of High school scholars | 500 00 |
| Superintendent of schools, salary | 285 00 |
| Support of poor | 600 00 |
| Breaking snow | 600 00 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Roads and bridges | \$1,800 00 |
| Patrol road | 525 00 |
| State Aid road | 533 00 |
| Maintenance of State Aid road | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous orders | 300 00 |
| Town officers' bills | 800 00 |
| Advertising attractions of Maine | 50 00 |
| Care of cemetery | 150 00 |
| Peoples National Bank, note | 1,000 00 |
| Overlay | 94 04 |
| Supplementary tax | 12 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$12,515 82 |

ASSESSMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 31 mills on \$392,020 | \$12,152 62 |
| 117 polls at \$3.00 | 351 00 |
| Supplementary | 12 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total commitment | \$12,515 82 |

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED

| | NO. | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Horses and mules | 125 | \$ 6,715 00 |
| Cows | 193 | 5,130 00 |
| Oxen | 8 | 530 00 |
| Three years old | 28 | 645 00 |
| Two years old | 78 | 1,370 00 |
| Sheep (over 35 in number) | 65 | 220 00 |
| Poultry (over 50 in number) | 120 | 90 00 |
| Stock in trade | | 700 00 |
| Boats | | 16,650 00 |
| Logs and lumber | | 1,325 00 |
| Wood and bark | | 325 00 |
| Automobiles | | 15,425 00 |
| Musical instruments | | 1,580 00 |
| Portable mills | | 1,000 00 |
| Other property | | 1,020 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$52,725 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Knowlton & McLeary Co., town reports | \$85 50 | |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, town books | 41 50 | |
| Newell White Co., printing | 10 55 | |
| W. W. Berry Co., books | 3 60 | |
| Barton Richardson, burying horse | 3 00 | |
| Dr. J. D. Ames, reporting births and deaths | 9 75 | |
| James Forbes, assessors' convention | 11 80 | |
| Geo. H. LeBaron, recording births, deaths and marriages | 8 50 | |
| Cyra Charles, 6 bags cement | 5 10 | |
| Dr. E. P. Williams, reporting births and deaths | 1 50 | |
| A. S. Foster, lumber and labor on booths | 38 92 | |
| G. H. LeBaron, auto hire | 7 00 | |
| G. H. LeBaron, express, telephone and money paid out | 6 10 | |
| James Forbes, postage | 5 00 | |
| James Forbes, auto hire | 10 50 | |
| A. D. Wilde, postage | 5 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$253 32 |
| Unexpended | | 46 68 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Appropriated | | \$300 00 |
| Ira Wentworth, sheep killed | | \$60 00 |
| State of Maine, reimbursed | | 60 00 |

TOWN HALL

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Rec'd for rent of hall | | \$125 00 |
| Rollins & Dunham, supplies | \$ 1 51 | |
| D. M. Marshall & Co., supplies | 8 47 | |
| G. H. LeBaron, labor | 2 00 | |
| E. L. Blaisdell, labor | 6 00 | |
| E. E. Kelley, wood | 8 00 | |
| David French, lumber | 7 36 | |
| G. H. LeBaron, janitor | 6 00 | |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Webster Tracy, labor on tomb | \$ 7 50 |
| Ira Wentworth, supplies and labor | 52 16 |
| Mark Drury, labor and grading | 26 00 |

\$125 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Appropriated by town | \$1,800 00 |
| Maintenance fund | 100 00 |

\$1,900 00

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Elwin Kelley | \$110 00 |
| Kelley & Tibbetts | 23 25 |
| Geo. Tibbetts | 147 00 |
| Clyde Tracy | 32 50 |
| Willie Clement | 24 00 |
| Archie Witham | 87 50 |
| Oland Tibbetts | 42 00 |
| Irwin Kelley | 42 00 |
| Carroll Tibbetts | 25 00 |
| A. D. Wilde, Jr. | 6 00 |
| Geo. Kelley | 18 00 |
| Bert Warren | 27 00 |
| Geo. Gray | 54 00 |
| Dell Kelley | 419 68 |
| Chester Clement | 13 50 |
| Chas. Gray | 21 00 |
| Foss Hawes | 14 00 |
| Leland Tracy | 7 00 |
| Leon Watson | 9 00 |
| Joe Campbell | 28 50 |
| Ben. Mosher | 19 00 |
| Lloyd Holt | 15 00 |
| Arthur Hetherington | 199 00 |
| Lena Kelley | 6 00 |
| D. M. Marshall & Co. | 80 32 |
| A. S. Foster | 5 00 |
| I. T. Wentworth | 3 00 |
| Will Watson | 26 10 |
| Linwood Allen | 101 50 |
| Phillip Bacon | 60 00 |
| Albert Grant | 3 00 |

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Fred Mosher | \$ 89 05 |
| Geo. Tracy | 107 40 |
| Luther Stevens | 6 00 |
| Elias Foster | 9 00 |
| G. H. LeBaron | 8 00 |
| Robert Jennings | 9 00 |
| James Forbes | 6 00 |
| Bert Clement | 2 00 |
| Ware & Butler | 4 15 |
| J. H. Peace | 12 00 |
| Maine Road Equipment Co. | 8 50 |
| Isaac Mosher | 4 00 |
| S. B. Mosher | 18 25 |
| J. A. Littlefield | 16 95 |
| Norman Loucks | 10 00 |
| L. J. Littlefield | 11 69 |
| Geo. Foss | 3 00 |
| Lee Randall | 3 00 |
| A. D. Wilde | 12 00 |
| Lester Brown | 132 50 |
| Leeman Turner | 32 00 |
| A. S. Turner | 11 67 |
| Walter Dyke | 21 60 |
| E. L. Blaisdell | 4 05 |
| Berger Mfg. Co. | 19 00 |
| Getchell Foundry | 6 15 |
| Simpson & Harding | 4 00 |
| Herman Morrill | 12 00 |
| Paul Italien | 19 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,282 81 |
| Amount appropriated | 1,900 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn | \$382 81 |

STATE AID HIGHWAY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriated by State, Section 20 | \$1,066 00 |
| Appropriated by town, Section 18 | 533 00 |
| 1927 balance in State | 372 91 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,971 91 |

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|--|------------|
| Dell Kelley | \$171 00 |
| Linwood Allen | 27 00 |
| Archie Witham | 189 00 |
| Oland Tibbetts | 52 50 |
| Harold Spencer | 51 00 |
| Elias Foster | 43 50 |
| Chester Clement | 37 50 |
| Fred Mosher | 3 00 |
| Albert Tuttle | 19 50 |
| Arthur Hetherington | 18 00 |
| Lorenzo Littlefield | 6 00 |
| George Tibbetts | 167 50 |
| Charles Gray | 45 00 |
| George Gray | 22 50 |
| George Kelly | 63 00 |
| Philip Bacon | 175 00 |
| Levi Mosher | 25 50 |
| Albert Grant | 12 00 |
| Delbert Tracy | 25 50 |
| Clyde Tracy | 40 50 |
| Bert Warren | 15 00 |
| Luther Stevens | 12 00 |
| George Tracy | 9 00 |
| Elmer Tibbetts | 13 50 |
| Irvin Kelly | 18 00 |
| Lloyd Holt | 18 00 |
| Berger Mfg. Co., unreported bill of 1927 | 198 74 |
| Town of Fairfield, unreported bill of 1927 | 60 00 |
| Maine Central R. R. Co., freight bill of 1927 | 10 94 |
| Maine Road Equipment Co., bill of 1927 | 247 00 |
| Berger Mfg. Co., culverts | 54 40 |
| D. M. Marshall Co., dynamite, caps, etc. | 24 70 |
| Fairfield, cedar posts | 37 50 |
| Bills paid from State Highway Commission office | 58 63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,971 91 |
| Unreported bills of 1927, included in above, paid in 1928 | \$469 68 |
| Town reimbursed by State | 195 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| Amount due from State | \$273 93 |

THIRD CLASS ROAD

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Berger & Co., road guard, 1927 | \$ 72 80 | |
| Berger & Co., culverts, 1928 | 104 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$176 80 |
| Due from State | | 176 80 |

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Appropriated for salary of Superintendent of schools | \$285 00 | |
| Appropriated by town | 800 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,085 00 |
| G. H. LeBaron, town clerk | \$ 16 00 | |
| James Forbes, selectman | 125 00 | |
| G. H. LeBaron, selectman | 100 00 | |
| Arthur Hetherington, selectman | 75 00 | |
| A. D. Wilde, treasurer | 50 00 | |
| A. D. Wilde, collector | 251 32 | |
| A. D. Wilde, services as constable | 20 00 | |
| James Forbes, moderator | 3 00 | |
| Ira Wentworth, board of health | 12 00 | |
| George Foss, board of health | 3 00 | |
| Barton Richardson, board of health | 3 00 | |
| Leon Richardson, ballot clerk | 9 00 | |
| Wesley Damren, ballot clerk | 9 00 | |
| John S. Tapley, Superintendent of schools | 236 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$912 47 |
| Unexpended | 172 53 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,085 00 |

SUPPORT OF POOR

| | |
|--|----------|
| Ella Tracy, boarding Ruby Mosher | \$470 00 |
| B. A. Hawes, supplies, Ruby Mosher | 1 00 |
| J. H. Morse, supplies, Ruby Mosher | 2 00 |
| Ridley and Flanders, supplies, Ruby Mosher | 6 00 |
| Town of Cherryfield, pauper | 10 00 |

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|---|----------|----------|
| Town of Fairfield, Milton Stevens | \$20 30 | |
| Arthur D. Wilde, guardian, Hannah Trask | 88 40 | |
| Ira Wentworth, digging grave, Hannah Trask | 6 00 | |
| W. H. Wheeler & Son, funeral expense, Hannah Trask | 63 20 | |
| State of Maine, account Richard Meader and Hollis Spear | 72 06 | |
| Town of New Sharon, Lyman Tracy | 4 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$742 96 |
| Town appropriated | | 600 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn | | \$142 96 |
| State of Maine, account of George Wood, State charge | \$229 88 | |
| Refund by State | 229 88 | |
| Paid order for Estate of Alvin and Etta Frost | \$71 20 | |
| Due from Estate | 71 20 | |

MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Voted by town | \$50 00 |
| Paid by town | 50 00 |

CEMETERY

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriated by town | | \$150 00 |
| Webster Tracy, labor | \$ 7 50 | |
| Ira Wentworth, flags and labor | 19 50 | |
| Ira Wentworth, Pond Cemetery | 6 00 | |
| A. M. Dudley, Tuttle Cemetery | 2 50 | |
| Ezekiel Wentworth, mowing cemetery | 3 00 | |
| Mark Drury, labor | 6 00 | |
| Barton Richardson, labor and money | 5 47 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ 49 97 | |
| Unexpended | 100 03 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$150 00 |

SNOW

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Appropriated by town | | \$600 00 |
| Ed. Crowell | \$ 4 67 | |
| Delbert Tracy | 2 50 | |
| Thomas Galbert, Federal road, 1927 | 158 00 | |
| Fred Mosher | 1 50 | |
| D. M. Marshall, 1924 | 2 33 | |
| D. M. Marshall, 1926 | 15 90 | |
| C. C. Holman | 2 00 | |
| Herman Morrill | 3 00 | |
| Leon Watson | 6 00 | |
| Alex. Forbes | 3 00 | |
| C. A. Thompson | 150 00 | |
| C. W. Bruce | 3 00 | |
| Lloyd Holt | 1 50 | |
| Ira Wentworth | 6 00 | |
| Unexpended | 240 60 | |
| | | <hr/> \$600 00 |

The following abatements were made by the Selectmen to A. D. Wilde, collector for 1928:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Fred Ellis, taxed in Belgrade | \$3 00 |
| Allie Richardson | 3 57 |
| Bert Warren | 3 00 |
| Frank Roche, boat removed | 31 00 |
| | <hr/> \$40 57 |

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN OF ROME FOR YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 16, 1928

| | |
|---|----------|
| Estimated due from tax deeds | \$ 90 00 |
| Due from taxes 1925-26-27, in hands of Locke, Perkins & Williamson, for collection | 350 58 |
| Unpaid taxes of 1928 | 843 77 |
| State, account bounty on porcupines | 14 75 |
| Due from Estate of Alvin and Etta Frost | 71 20 |

| | |
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| Due from State, third class road of 1927 and 1928 | \$176 80 |
| Due from State, account of State Aid highway, 1927 and 1928 | 273 93 |
| Cash in treasury | 721 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total resources | \$2,542 45 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--|------------|
| Due Peoples National Bank, loan and int. | \$2,025 00 |
|--|------------|

JAMES FORBES,
GEORGE H. LeBARON,
ARTHUR HETHERINGTON,
Selectmen of Rome.

 LIST OF UNPAID TAXES FOR 1928

RESIDENT

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Ed. Austin | \$ 3 78 |
| Belle Austin | 15 81 |
| Geo. Crowell | 3 00 |
| Joseph Campbell | 6 88 |
| Leon Drury | 9 20 |
| Mark Drury, Jr. | 3 00 |
| Alvin Frost and wife | 42 63 |
| Rosbie French | 3 00 |
| Albert Grant | 3 78 |
| Paul Italier | 7 25 |
| Jamaica Point Camp Co. | 393 49 |
| William Knights | 7 65 |
| John Louchs | 3 00 |
| Earle Moulton | 13 85 |
| Almond Meservey | 3 00 |
| Russell Stevens | 25 32 |
| Roy Stevens | 6 72 |
| Chas. Tibbetts | 29 97 |
| Raymond Tibbetts | 3 00 |

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|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Chas. Trask | \$36 17 | |
| Webster Tracy | 12 35 | |
| Geo. Tracy | 15 10 | |
| Mrs. Geo. Tracy | 34 10 | |
| Carroll Tracy | 3 00 | |
| Sam'l Tracy | 6 10 | |
| Mason Tracy | 5 33 | |
| Levi Wentworth | 30 90 | |
| Florence Williams | 92 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$819 58 |

NON-RESIDENT

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Gilbert Burgoin | \$10 08 | |
| Clyde Chaney | 31 | |
| William Holden | 7 75 | |
| Harry Pressey | 1 09 | |
| Myrtie Snell | 1 86 | |
| Henry Tuttle Heirs | 3 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$24 19 |
| Total amt. uncollected taxes for 1928 | | <hr/> \$843 77 |

Treasurer's Report

A. D. WILDE, *Treasurer*

DR.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Amount on hand | \$ 110 29 |
| Rec'd from State, acct. damage to animals | 186 00 |
| Snow removal | 116 55 |
| State paupers | 229 88 |
| State pension | 10 00 |
| Schools | 1,257 68 |
| Dog license refund | 36 26 |
| State Aid roads | 195 75 |
| Peoples National Bank, loans | 3,000 00 |
| Town Clerk, acct. dog licenses | 88 00 |
| Collection of 1926-1927 taxes | 934 94 |
| Locke, Perkins & Williamson, acct. back taxes | 283 45 |
| Collection of 1928 taxes | 11,631 48 |
| Geo. Kelley, rent of hall | 125 00 |
| Abatements, 1928 taxes | 40 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$18,245 85 |

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|---|----------|
| To payment of State pensions | \$ 10 00 |
| Loans and interest, Peoples National Bank | 3,126 19 |
| State Highway Commission, State Aid road | 533 00 |
| State Treasurer, acct. dog licenses | 88 00 |
| State Treasurer, acct. State tax | 2,471 16 |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| To payment State Treasurer, acct. patrolled roads | \$ 502 20 |
| County Treasurer, County tax | 695 42 |
| of bounty on porcupines | 11 50 |
| of town orders | 10,046 39 |
| of 1928 abatements | 40 57 |
| Amount on hand | 721 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$18,245 85 |

ROME SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 1928-1929

To the School Committee of Rome:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report of the schools for the year ending Feb. 20, 1929.

In reviewing the work of the year much credit is due the teachers for what they have accomplished. Oftentimes we overlook the fact that the teacher is deserving of a certain praise, but when we consider that her work is something more than an ordinary job, that she has the moulding and shaping of the lives and characters of our children, from year to year, then do we realize something of her real worth to our community.

We have been very fortunate in securing our present teaching staff. All are teachers of experience or training and they have faithfully served the town at a minimum cost.

In regard to our school attendance, on the whole it has been good, when we take into consideration that the "Flu" and the various epidemics of child's diseases have been so prevalent this winter. There are some cases of absences that might be avoided were the parents awake to the fact that they are directly responsible for this. It is very easy to allow children to stay out a day now and then without considering the harmful effects to the child. More often it is the irregularities in attendance which makes it impossible to promote at the end of the year, than a lack of ability to do the day's work.

STANDARD SCHOOL YEAR

I wish to call your attention again to the need of a longer school year. I have emphasized this in former reports and each year the need of more schooling for the children, becomes more acute and I urge that you give this your careful consideration.

It is the ambition of nearly all children to gain at least a high school education. A very large number go beyond this. The industrial institutions have come to recognize that the completion of a secondary school course marks the minimum requirement of young men and women beginning an industrial career.

The high school bases its work on a course of eight standard years in the elementary school, a standard year being thirty-six weeks in length. Therefore children coming from a thirty week system are handicapped when they try to compete with the children who have had the advantage of the longer school system.

To illustrate a child who is in the sixth grade of a thirty-six week system has had practically the same amount of training as one who graduates from the thirty week system.

There are two ways of adjustment, first the children who live in a town maintaining a thirty week school year, may be kept in school till they are sixteen or seventeen years of age or the school year may be increased six weeks. The objection to the first method is that children kept in the elementary school beyond the lawful age, become discouraged and dissatisfied and leave the school while children who are ready for the high school at the age of fourteen or fifteen invariably enter such a school and continue at least two years. This is a distinct advantage to the child who otherwise would be loafing or would be on the street for about two years or until he was old enough to be of service in the trades.

It is cheaper in the long run, for the town to adopt a thirty-six week school year. You can then educate your children in eight years while under the present system it should take ten years.

The cost to our town of this extra schooling is approximately \$100 per week, or a total of \$500 over what was raised for schools at the last annual meeting. I shall recommend that this amount be raised for the coming year.

COMMON SCHOOL CONVEYANCE

This account shows an increase over that of last year and perhaps a few words of explanation are in order. The conveyance of the pupils from the Foster district, so called, takes the place of maintaining a school in the Herson district. The price paid for this conveyance has been \$8 per week, throughout the year, whereas to maintain a school in this district would cost approximately \$18 per week.

Conveyance was granted to the pupils from the Belgrade Lakes'

section, for the reason that the Belgrade school was crowded and the committee voted not to accept students from outside of the town. This conveyance has cost \$5 per week.

The conveyance in the Long Pond district has been carried on by a Mr. Ladd, who with his two children lives off of the main highway at the foot of Vienna mountain. These children have been carried to the Robinson school in Mt. Vernon, five miles distance. The cost has been five dollars per week.

A second conveyance driven by James Littlefield was engaged to convey from the Littlefield neighborhood to the Robinson school, a distance of two miles, at the same price.

At the beginning of the fall term Mr. Littlefield was engaged to convey his own children to the Robinson school and those at the Cox place should a family move in. Two weeks after school began Mr. Ladd moved to town at the location mentioned and requested conveyance for his children. The matter was investigated and while Mr. Littlefield had been engaged to convey children it was found to be impossible and impracticable for him to attempt to convey the Ladd children because of the distance. Mr. Littlefield had been hired and could not legally have been discontinued as a driver. Therefore arrangements were made with Mr. Ladd to convey his own children at \$5 per week, making the total charge for the route of five miles \$10.

There has been an additional charge of four dollars per week for tuition, during the fall and part of the winter terms.

At the middle of the winter term a Mr. Green moved into this district with four children and these children have been sent to the Robinson school at an additional charge for tuition of \$4 per week. The cost of schooling pupils in this district at present is \$18 per week, practically what it would cost should the Long Pond school be opened.

In considering the opening of this school we must consider that the majority of these pupils attending school from this locality are more or less of the transient class, and are liable to move out at any time. Should this happen, the cost of maintaining a school would be much more than the cost of the conveyance and tuition arrangement.

This is a matter to be discussed at the regular meeting and if a school is to be opened at this point, the schoolhouse needs some repairs and it would require a vote of the town to do it as this school was closed and discontinued by law.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,800 00 | |
| State fund | 1,257 68 | |
| High school tuition | 500 00 | |
| Unexpended, 1927-28 | 103 05 | |
| | | \$3,660 73 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Teachers | \$1,931 00 | |
| Conveyance | 597 00 | |
| Fuel | 162 50 | |
| Janitors | 64 00 | |
| Tuition, C. S. | 106 00 | |
| Tuition, H. S. | 791 25 | |
| | | \$3,651 75 |
| Unexpended | 8 98 | |
| | | \$3,660 73 |

TEACHERS

| | | |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| Arthur Wilde | \$480 00 | |
| Merle Goodwin | 176 00 | |
| Lucie Burrill | 480 00 | |
| Ermine Blaisdell | 480 00 | |
| Alida LeBaron | 315 00 | |
| | | \$1,931 00 |

CONVEYANCE

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Eugene Richardson | \$256 00 | |
| James Littlefield | 170 00 | |
| C. O. Ladd | 50 00 | |
| Phillip Bacon | 105 00 | |
| Lena Kelley | 16 00 | |
| | | \$597 00 |

JANITORS

| | | |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| Arthur Wilde | \$16 00 | |
| Arthur Hawes | 5 50 | |
| Howard Knight | 5 50 | |
| Kenneth Bruce | 5 50 | |
| Lena Kelley | 1 00 | |
| Gordon Drury | 10 50 | |
| Kenneth Gray | 10 50 | |
| Lucie Burrill | 9 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$64 00 |

C. S. TUITION

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Town of Mt. Vernon | \$86 00 | |
| Town of Belgrade | 20 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$106 00 |

H. S. TUITION

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Town of Oakland | \$491 25 | |
| Town of Belgrade | 200 00 | |
| City of Augusta | 75 00 | |
| Town of N. Sharon | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$791 25 |

FUEL

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Cyra Charles | \$ 40 00 | |
| Arthur Wilde | 1 00 | |
| Howard Knight | 1 00 | |
| Elwin Kelley | 102 50 | |
| Clifton Ladd | 8 00 | |
| B. G. Moshèr | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$162 50 |

ACCOUNT OF HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

| | 1927-1928 | | 1928-1929 |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Winter | Spring | Fall |
| Oakland | | | |
| Calvin Crowell | \$20 00 | \$15 00 | \$31 25 |
| Floyd Foster | 20 00 | 15 00 | 31 25 |
| Laura Mosher | 20 00 | 15 00 | 31 25 |
| Arthur Wilde | 20 00 | 15 00 | 31 25 |
| Barbara Wilde | 20 00 | 15 00 | 31 25 |
| Gertrude Wilde | 20 00 | 15 00 | 31 25 |
| Bertram Mosher | | | 31 25 |
| James Minard | | | 31 25 |
| Arthur Hawes | | | 31 25 |
| Belgrade | | | |
| Elmer Tibbetts | 25 00 | 25 00 | |
| Lillian Tibbetts | 25 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| Calvin Wentworth | 25 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| Augusta | | | |
| Goldie Crowell | 37 50 | 37 50 | |
| New Sharon | | | |
| Minnie Tracy | | | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$232 50 | \$202 50 | \$356 25 |
| Total | | | \$791 25 |

REPAIR ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 34 10 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$134 10 |

EXPENDITURES

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|----------------------|---------|
| T. L. Butler & Co. | \$35 36 |
| Arthur Gordon | 20 00 |
| Louise Moulton | 3 00 |
| D. M. Marshall & Co. | 3 20 |
| Cyra Charles | 35 05 |
| Calvin Crowell | 2 00 |
| Mina Tracy | 8 00 |
| H. W. Greeley Co. | 4 50 |
| Alice Drury | 4 00 |

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|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Barton Richardson | \$ 1 25 | |
| Sewall Foster | 12 00 | |
| Bert Mosher | 2 00 | |
| Rollins & Dunham | 3 74 | |
| | <hr/> | \$134 10 |

BOOK ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Town appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 12 57 | |
| | <hr/> | \$112 57 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| Silver, Burdett & Co. | \$20 03 | |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 3 27 | |
| American Book Co. | 32 01 | |
| E. E. Babb & Co. | 2 58 | |
| Loring, Short & Harmon | 2 85 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 14 21 | |
| A. N. Palmer Co. | 2 18 | |
| Charles E. Merrill Co. | 9 12 | |
| Benj. H. Sanborn Co. | 4 20 | |
| World Book Co. | 5 88 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 5 74 | |
| Papercrafters, Inc. | 10 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$112 57 |

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| C. S. appropriation | \$1,800 00 | |
| H. S. tuition appropriation | 500 00 | |
| Text-books | 100 00 | |
| Repairs | 100 00 | |
| State fund | 1,257 68 | |
| Unexpended, 1927-28 | 103 05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,860 73 |
| Overdrawn | 37 69 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,898 42 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Common schools | \$2,860 50 |
| H. S. tuition | 791 25 |
| Text-books | 112 57 |
| Repairs | 134 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,898 42 |

RECOMMENDATIONS

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Common schools | \$2,300 00 |
| H. S. tuition | 600 00 |
| Text-books | 100 00 |
| Repairs | 100 00 |

In closing I wish to thank the members of the Committee for the interest which they have taken in the school work and for the coöperation which they have extended to me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAPLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

WARRANT

FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4, 1929

*To A. D. Wilde, a Constable in the Town of Rome, in the County of
Kennebec,* GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House on Monday, the fourth day of March, 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor.

ART. 4. To choose a road commissioner.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the School Committee.

ART. 6. To choose a treasurer, collector of taxes and all other town officers required by law to be chosen at said meeting.

ART. 7. To see if the town will grant to the Grange the use of the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for Common Schools.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for purchase of text books and supplies.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repairs on school buildings.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for tuition of scholars attending High School.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of poor.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for breaking snow roads.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repair of roads and bridges.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for maintenance of patrolled roads.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for State Aid Road.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for payment of miscellaneous orders.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for care of cemeteries.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for maintenance of State Aid roads.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to give the members of the school committee a yearly compensation, and how much.

ART. 24. To see if the town will accept a Trust Fund from the Betsy Ann Watson estate of \$100 for the care of the David Watson lot in cemetery, the interest every year to go toward care of said lot under the direction of the Selectmen of the town.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to give a discount of 2% on all taxes paid before August 1, 1929 and to charge 6% interest on all taxes not paid by Oct. 1, 1929.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Hersom schoolhouse to the highest bidder, said bidder to remove building.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to buy snow fence.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to repair the road from foot of Hoyt's Hill to Jamaica Point Farm.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money and how much, to repair road from Arthur Hetherington's lane over Worcester Hill.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money and how much, to repair road from Hillside camps to Crystal Spring camps.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to repair road from Richardson's corner to Abbie Foster corner.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to repair road from LeBaron's corner to Leon Watson's.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money until taxes are available.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to accept list of Jurors prepared by Selectmen, Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 35. To see if the town of Rome will appropriate and raise the sum of \$100, more or less, to be used in coöperation with Federal and State funds for the purpose of controlling the White Pine Blister Rust disease, already found within the limits of the town. This appropriation to be used for the purpose of assisting the inhabitants of said town only in this work and at all times to be under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen of said town.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to buy the house and land where Bert Warren lives, same being property of Ernest L. Blaisdell.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote and raise \$1,000 to pay one note at Peoples National Bank.

ART. 38. To see if town will vote and raise money to install one electric light at Richardson corner, and one at Robbins Stream bridge on highway.

ART. 39. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1929.

Given under our hands at Rome, this fifteenth day of February, 1929.

JAMES FORBES,
GEORGE H. LEBARON,
ARTHUR HETHERINGTON,

Selectmen of Rome.