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Superintendent of Schools and Road  
Commissioner of the Town of Carthage For the  
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*OF THE*  
**SELECTMEN**  
**Clerk, Treasurer**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
*AND*  
**Road Commissioner**  
*OF THE*  
**Town of Carthage**

*FOR THE YEAR ENDING*  
**MARCH 1, 1904**

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*HOLT BROTHERS PRINT SHOPS*  
*Dixfield, Maine*  
*1904*

1808

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# Selectmen's Report

*Expenditures from March 1, 1903, to March 1, 1904*

## Valuation.

Amount of Resident real estate,.....	\$54,795 00
Non-resident real estate,	58,115 00
Resident personal estate,	18,844 00
Supplementary resident real estate,	100 00
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	\$131,854 00

## Appropriated and Assessed.

For Common Schools,.....	\$268 00
Free high school,.....	75 00
Text books and appliances,.....	65 00
Repairs on school-houses,.....	25 00
Support of poor,.....	500 00
Repair of roads and bridges,.....	1,000 00
Current expenses,.....	500 00
Relinquishment of town debt,.....	800 00
State road,.....	100 00
New steel bridge,.....	1,000 00
State tax,.....	347 61
County tax,.....	138 67
Overlays,.....	61 86
Supplementary tax,.....	3 60
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Total committed,.....	\$4,884 74
Number of Polls, 92.	
Rate per Poll, \$1.50	
Amount of poll tax,.....	\$138 00
Rate of property tax, .036.	
Amount of property tax,.....	4,746 74
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Total,.....	\$4,884 74

### Support of Common Schools.

Town raised,.....	\$268 00
Balance from last year,.....	243 91
Mill tax from State,.....	265 39
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Available,.....	\$777 30
Paid teachers' wages and board,.....	\$610 00
Transportation of pupils,.....	80 00
Janitor service and fuel,.....	72 05
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Undrawn,.....	\$15 25

#### SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

Town raised,.....	\$25 00
Balance from last year,.....	18 46
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Available,.....	\$43 46
Expended,.....	15 61
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Undrawn,.....	\$27 85

#### TEXT-BOOKS AND APPLIANCES.

Town raised,.....	\$65 00
Overdrawn last year,.....	34 75
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Available,.....	\$30 25
Expended,.....	85 81
Overdrawn,.....	\$55 56

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Town raised,.....	\$75 00
Balance from last year,.....	51 20
Due from State, 1903- '04,.....	49 50
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Available,.....	\$175 70
High school (now keeping),.....	\$82 00
Due Wilton,.....	7 00
Paid Gardiner,.....	10 00
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	\$99 00
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Unexpended, .....	\$76 70

### State Road.

Town raised, .....	\$100 00
Received from State.....	50 00
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Available, .....	\$150 00
Expended, .....	\$200 00
Overdrawn, .....	\$50 00

### New Bridge.

Town raised, .....	\$1,000 00
Paid for bridge, .....	\$825 00
Abutments, .....	325 00
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	\$1,500 00
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Overdrawn, .....	\$150 00

### Town Debt and Interest.

Town raised, .....	\$800 00
Overdrawn last year, .....	75 67
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Available, .....	\$724 33
Paid E. W. Murch, principal, .....	\$400 00
E. W. Murch, interest, .....	34 13
Etta M. Hutchinson, principal, .....	100 00
Etta M. Hutchinson, interest, .....	7 33
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	\$541 46
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Undrawn, .....	\$182 87

### Roads and Bridges.

Town raised,.....		\$1,000 00
Overdrawn last year,.....	\$444 92	
Expended between February 12, '02 and March 1, '03:		
Bills of Frank Brown,.....	22 05	
C. F. Eaton,.....	31 20	
F. J. Casey,.....	21 21	
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		\$519 38
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Available,.....		\$480 62
Expended February 15, 1904,.....	\$787 68	
Overdrawn,.....		\$307 06

### Current Expenses.

Town raised,.....		\$500 00
Paid Knowlton, McLeary Company, print- ing town reports, 1902- '03,.....	\$12 00	
Abatement on W. W. Hall pasture,...	6 30	
Abatement on N. G. Severy's back farm,.....	2 70	
V. O. White, M. D., birth and death certificates,.....	1 75	
Albert I. York, M. D., birth and death certificates,.....	50	
J. G. Coburn, services as moderator, 1902- '03,.....	2 00	
S. A. McLain, cleaning school-house,	4 00	
S. A. Wood,         "         "         "	2 00	
Josie Judkins,         "         "         "	2 50	
Peter Paradis, removing old wooden bridge at Stowell's Mill,.....	7 00	

G. D. Loring, blank books furnished,	\$6 25
E. B. Maxwell, fighting forest fire,.....	6 00
C. F. Eaton       "       "       "       .....	3 00
I. A. Mitchell,       "       "       "       .....	3 00
T. R. Plummer,       "       "       "       .....	3 00
W. T. Chandler,       "       "       "       .....	4 50
I. H. Beals,       "       "       "       .....	1 50
E. E. Winter,       "       "       "       .....	3 00
Charles Trout,       "       "       "       .....	1 50
J. S. Swett, services as Fire Warden, 1903, -'04,.....	2 25
Frank W. Brown, labor on new bridge railing,.....	3 00
J. S. Swett, labor on new bridge railing	2 50
D. W. Berry, running lines around town lot,.....	1 50
D. W. Berry, services as Constable,....	4 00
D. W. Berry, services as Collector 1903 tax, part payment,.....	45 00
W. E. Hutchinson, services as Collect- or 1902 tax, part payment,....	88 00
Joseph Arnold & Son, for cement,.....	90
Luther Hutchinson, for issuing por- cupine certificates,.....	3 00
T. R. Plummer, S. S. committee, 1903 -'04,.....	5 75
H. W. Berry, services as Constable, 1901,.....	10 09
H. W. Berry, for collecting on 1901 tax,.....	3 75
A. L. Coburn, services as Supervisor of schools, 1903,- '04,.....	32 75
A. L. Coburn, postage, express and material,.....	5 85
C. W. Hanscom, services as S. S. com- mittee, 1903, -'04,.....	5 00
Luther Hutchinson, services as Treas- urer, 1903, -'04,.....	18 00



D. D. Berry, services as S. S. committee, 1903, -'04,.....	5 75	
Lester S. Libby, services as Fire Warden, 1903, -'04,.....	2 25	
E. E. Holt, services as Town Clerk, 1903, -'04,.....	6 00	
J. S. Swett, services as Selectman and Assessor, 1903, -'04,.....	37 00	
Chas. Brown, services as Selectman and Assessor, 1903, -'04,.....	43 15	
Lester S. Libby, services as Selectman and Assessor, 1903, -'04...	48 70	
Lester S. Libby, postage and express,	3 25	
		<u>\$449 91</u>
Unexpended,.....		\$50 06

### Pauper Account.

Town raised,.....	\$500 00	
Received State Pension,.....	36 00	
From Canton on Jones case,.....	101 37	
		<u>\$637 37</u>
Overdrawn last year,.....	\$64 00	
Unpaid bills March 1, 1903,.....	93 02	
		<u>\$157 02</u>
Available,.....		\$480 35
Paid for support of Sophronia Howard, to March 1,.....	72 09	
Paid for support of Ruth Potter, to March 1,.....	107 78	
Paid for support of Joseph Tobin,.....	112 47	
Farmington on Ac. of Tobin family,	20 00	
"      "      Mary E. Adams,	5 10	
Avon on Ac. of John W. Shepard,...	30 25	
Medical attendance for Mrs. Willis Cushman,.....	10 00	

Witness fees in Jones case,.....	19 14	
		<u>\$376 83</u>
Undrawn,.....		\$103 52

### Resources.

Due from tax deeds in treasury,.....	\$160 00	
W. H. Berry, tax bills of '01,	45 14	
W. E. Hutchinson, " " '02,	200 00	
D. W. Berry, tax bills of '03,	2,768 42	
State, high school Ac. '03, -04,	49 50	
Dixfield for tuition, '02,.....	8 64	
T. Hutchinson, tuition, '03,..	5 06	
Road Machine,.....	25 00	
South east quarter, range 12, lot 2,.....	250 00	
Cash in treasury, February 17,.....	57 69	
		<u>\$3,569 45</u>

### Liabilities.

Outstanding orders bearing interest,.....	\$211 82	
Interest due,.....	36 00	
Outstanding orders not bearing interest,	223 46	
Due Wilton on high school tuition,.....	7 00	
Cost of high school (now keeping),.....	82 00	
Janitor service,.....	5 00	
Pauper bills outstanding.....	60 75	
Road bills reported,.....	196 42	
Road bills not reported: estimated,.....	18 00	
Outstanding officers' and other bills,.....	106 06	
		<u>\$946 51</u>
Balance in favor of town,.....		\$2,622 94

Respectfully submitted, February 20, 1904.

LESTER S. LIBBY, } *Selectmen*  
 CHARLES BROWN, } *of*  
 JOHN S. SWETT, } *Carthage.*

# Treasurer's Report

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*Luther Hutchinson, Treasurer, in account with the town of  
Carthage for the year 1903, ending February 17, '04.*

**Dr.**

To balance in treasury as per report, \$	28 72
Recd. of State treasurer, amount due for free high schools, 1902,	70 50
On tax deeds,.....	18 93
State treasurer dog licenses refunded,.....	25 03
State treasurer, on account of State pension,.....	36 00
E. E. Holt, on account of dog licenses,.....	33 00
State treasurer, amount due for free high school, 1903,	51 95
State treasurer, school fund and mill tax,.....	265 39
State treasurer for high school tuition,.....	5 00
State treasurer for State road,	50 00
H. W. Berry, collector, 1901,	50 00
W. E. Hutchinson, " 1902,	2,371 84
D. W. Berry, " 1903,	2,116 32
	\$5,122 68

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By paid to Carleton P. Merrill, Co. tax, \$	138 67
State treasurer, dog licenses,....	33 00
" " State tax,.....	347 61
W. E. Hutchinson, on tax deeds,	11 07
Bounty on porcupines,.....	14 75
Town orders issued by Sel'men, 4,519	89
	\$5,064 99
Balance in treasury Feb. 17, 1904,.....	57 65
	\$5,122 68

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER HUTCHINSON, *Treasurer.*

# Road Commissioner's Report.

*March 1, 1903, to February 15, 1904.*

*Frank Brown, Commissioner.*

## Summer Bills.

A. L. Coburn,	labor on road,	.....	\$49 75
C. F. Eaton,	" " "	.....	17 00
I. A. Mitchell,	" " "	.....	17 02
I. A. Mitchell,	" " "	.....	6 75
E. H. Staples,	" " "	.....	5 40
Hasen Cochran,	" " "	.....	38 00
Chas. Brown,	" " "	.....	2 95
Emery Hutchinson,	" " "	.....	15 87
A. L. Coburn,	" " "	.....	7 00
Clyde Josselyn,	" " "	.....	3 00
Harry Rand,	" " "	.....	7 00
I. H. Beals,	bridge planks,	.....	22 86
L. S. Libby,	labor on road machine and drill sharpening,	.....	2 35
Lyman Getchell,	keeping logs away from bridge,	.....	75
F. W. Brown,	labor on bridge,	.....	2 00
D. W. Berry,	labor on roads,	.....	4 50
John Leach,	" " "	.....	15 87
L. P. Mason,	" " "	.....	6 00
George Maxwell,	" " "	.....	3 75
Frank Brown,	" " "	.....	3 50
Sumner Josselyn,	" " "	.....	75
D. C. Brown,	" " "	.....	75
Frank Brown,	" " "	.....	18 50
Frank Brown, team,	" " "	.....	10 70
Sumner Josselyn,	" " "	.....	7 57
E. E. Magoun,	" " "	.....	3 00
George Berry,	" " "	.....	75

D. C. Brown,	labor on roads,.....	\$	37
H. W. Berry,	" " " .....		37
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	25	80
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	18	90
Sumner Josselyn,	" " " .....	6	07
Clinton Lamb,	" " " .....		90
D. C. Brown,	" " " .....		82
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	17	10
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	9	70
Sumner Josselyn,	" " " .....	7	27
Daniel Barrett,	" " " .....		45
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	5	80
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	3	20
Sumner Josselyn,	" " " .....	1	80
George Virgin,	" " " .....	1	50
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	4	00
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	4	00
Sumner Josselyn,	" " " .....	3	00
Geo. Virgin,	" " " .....		75
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	2	80
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	1	60
D. C. Brown,	" " " .....		45
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	9	40
Frank Brown, team,	" " " .....	6	00
Sumner Josselyn,	" " " .....	3	00
Hasen Cockran,	" " " .....	6	15
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	2	00
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	1	80
Frank Brown,	" " " .....	8	00
Charles Cushman,	" " " .....	13	85
Frank Brown, five stringers, .....		2	50
Frank Brown, paid J. G. Coburn for plank,		12	00
Frank Brown, for plank, .....		43	40
Frank Brown, for tools and cash paid out,			60
D. D. Berry, cutting trees from highway, ...			50
Repairs for road machine, .....		25	45
W. V. Tainter, watering trough, .....		3	00
D. W. Berry,	" " .....	3	00

## BREAKING BILLS, 1903,- '04.

C. F. Eaton, .....		3 00
H. L. Smith,           breaking roads, .....		5 55
L. P. Mason,           "       "       .....		38 35
W. V. Tainter,       "       "       .....		10 04
Geo. Maxwell,       "       "       .....		16 35
E. E. Winter,       "       "       .....		18 07
Charles Strout,     "       "       .....		11 70
Warren Pettingill,  "       "       .....		6 50
I. A. Mitchell,     "       "       .....		7 52
E. B. Maxwell,     "       "       .....		19 90
W. E. Hutchinson,  "       "       .....		18 27
F. A. Allen,       "       "       .....		3 35
S. A. Wood,       "       "       .....		16 55
J. A. Wood,       "       "       .....		7 27
N. G. Seavery,     "       "       .....		15 60
J. L. Berry,       "       "       .....		90
Orrin Hatch,       "       "       .....		11 50
W. T. Chandler,   "       "       .....		5 93
E. E. Holt,       "       "       .....		2 90
Eastman Judkins,  "       "       .....		6 00
Emery Hutchinson, "       "       .....		45
C. W. Hanscom,   "       "       .....		3 02
E. E. Magoun,     "       "       .....		1 42
W. W. Coburn,     "       "       .....		2 00
A. L. Coburn,     "       "       .....		6 90
Bills outstanding, "       "       .....		18 00

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Total, ..... \$787 68

# TOWN OF CARTHAGE

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## *Births, Deaths and Marriages for the Year 1903.*

### BIRTHS.

May 1,	1903,	To the wife of W. W. Holman,	A daughter
July 15,	"	E. E. Magoun,	" "
August 8,	"	I. H. Beals,	" "
September 27,	"	Clyde Josselyn,	" "
November 22,	"	F. S. Hutchinson,	" "

### DEATHS.

			YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
April 20,	1903,	Sylvanus Holt,	75	9	10
November 27,	"	Dorcas Barrett.	67	8	26
December 20,	"	Joseph Tobin,	87		

### MARRIAGES.

Lowell, Mass., April 15, 1903, by Rev. F. M. Piskles, Mr. Virgil C. Mitchell of Carthage, to Miss Alice R. Taplin of Lowell, Mass.

Carthage, June 24, 1903, by Rev. G. B. Hannaford, Mr. Elmer E. Holt, of Carthage, to Miss Etta A. Mitchell of Carthage.

Dickvale, Peru, Maine, August 8, 1903, by Rev. A. A. Abbott, Mr. Percil Knight of Peru, to Miss Lena E. Virgin of Carthage.

Dickvale, Peru, Maine, November 26, 1903, by Rev. A. A. Abbott, Mr. Benjamin Brown of Carthage, to Miss Georgia Virgin of Carthage.

Carthage, December 23, 1903, by Rev. T. H. Scammon, Mr. Albert D. Coburn of Carthage, to Miss Marilla M. Houle of Dixfield.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. HOLT.

TOWN CLERK.

# Report of the SUPERINTENDENT of Public Schools.

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*To the School Board and Citizens of Carthage:*

In these days, when all the schools are under the control of a School Board and Superintendent, the report of the Superintendent is the only medium through which the citizens can be apprised of what is going on: therefore, in submitting my report for the consideration of the citizens of Carthage, I realize the importance of expressing the actual condition of our public schools.

We have had a school year of 22 weeks. Eight different teachers have been employed. Although in some instances the wages have been a little higher than usual, still, we deem it wiser to pay fair wages for good competent instruction, than we do to hire incompetent, deficient instructors for a less amount.

The teachers have all been true to their trust, and so far as we know, have given entire satisfaction to all interested in the welfare of our common schools.

It is with a degree of some satisfaction as we look over the school work of the past year; but, as gratifying as it may be, still we feel that something ought to be done to remedy some of the existing evils under our present school system.

The child's studies are prescribed, in part, by the teacher, but largely they are determined by the fancies of the parent or the caprices of the child, therefore our scholars be-



come well advanced in some studies at the expense of being woefully ignorant in other branches of equal necessity and value, then, when they come to enter a secondary school, they are compelled, on account of the deficiency in a few studies, to begin the Freshman year, whereas if their instruction in their home school had been systematical, instead of "hit 'r miss", they could begin the Sophomore or Junior year, thus saving one or two years of valuable school days.

This is one of the many evils that a graded school would eliminate. What shall we do about it? It is left to you, fellow citizens, to decide. Our schools belong to the citizens: the citizens are the tax payers and those in authority. The Superintendent, School Board and teachers are the servants.

But, remember, before you decide, that every official of this Republic, from our time-honored President down to the petty town official, must occupy the bench in the school room before he can his official position, and that the better instruction and training we give him there, the better service he will render us when he becomes our servant.

Again, as commerce expands, as empire extends, as the greed of Shylock multiplies, the individual unit becomes less and less; and the time is *now*, that a man without "pull" or money has to struggle hard to keep the "hungry wolf from his door".

What, then, is the remedy for this deplorable condition, unless it be the betterment of our schools?

Miss Nettie Maxwell taught the spring term at Stickney Corner. Her work was satisfactory. The school room was quiet, the pupils were diligent and thorough. Miss Maxwell would not accept the fall term on account of ill health.

The fall term at Stickney Corner was taught by Miss Ethel Hutchinson. Miss Hutchinson is a graduate of Gardiner High School, 1903. Although this was Miss Hutchinson's second term, her work was commendable and there is

a bright future for her in the school room.

The spring and only term in the Ellis district was taught by Miss Hattie Smith of East Dixfield. This was Miss Smith's first term. We think she did her best.

Mrs. Mattie Pratt taught the spring term on Potter Hill. Mrs. Pratt is an able instructor as well as an experienced one, this being her 27th term. And I can say aught that will add to her laurels in the school room. Miss Lida Allen of East Dixfield, taught the fall term in this district. Miss Allen graduated with the highest honors of her class, from Wilton Academy, 1903. Miss Allen was alive to her work, and faithful in the discharge of her duties.

The spring and fall terms at Berry Mills were taught by Della H. Coburn. Mrs. Coburn graduated from Wilton Academy in the class of '99. The school was a success, and, as far as I know, satisfactory.

The spring term in the Newman neighborhood was taught by Miss Linnie Brown. Miss Brown is an efficient teacher and too well known to need any recommendation. Miss Daisy Dascomb was hired for the fall term. Miss Dascomb is a graduate of Wilton Academy, 1900. She is also a teacher of some experience, and no small ability. She is energetic, enthusiastic, progressive. I do not hesitate to pronounce her school a grand success.

The School Board set Monday, January 4, for the day on which to have our term of Free High School begin. Mr. Fred Tripp of Alfred, Maine, was employed to teach same. Mr. Tripp, however, instead of beginning school Monday morning, left for Alfred, Maine, claiming he had a "better offer" etc.

Therefore, we were compelled to postpone our school one week. The school is now in session under the instruction of Miss Lida Allen. It is only a little past the middle of the term now, so we can not report definitely, but it is safe to say that the school will prove, as it has thus far, valuable and interesting. Expense of same will be found in the

financial statement.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation, the School Board for their hearty support and the citizens for their appreciation of the honest efforts I have made for the improvement of our public schools.

*School Statistics.*

No. of school.	Name of teacher.	Term.	Wages of teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils registered.	Average attendance.
1.	Nettie Maxwell.	Spring.	\$5.00 <sup>†</sup>	10	7	6.44
1.	Ethel Hutchinson.	Fall.	5.00 <sup>†</sup>	12	7	6
2.	Hattie Smith.	Spring.	3.50*	10	5	4.36
3.	Mattie Pratt.	Spring.	5.50*	10	15	12.54
3.	Lida Allen.	Fall.	5.00*	12	26	20
4.	Della H. Coburn.	Spring.	6.50 <sup>†</sup>	10	20	18.9
4.	Della H. Coburn.	Fall.	6.50 <sup>†</sup>	12	21	18
5.	Linnie Brown.	Spring.	7.00 <sup>†</sup>	10	18	14.5
5.	Daisy Dascomb.	Fall.	6.00*	12	16	11.5

<sup>†</sup> Including board.

\* Price of board, \$1.75

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD L. COBURN, *Supt. of Schools,*

Carthage, Maine.