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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Carthage
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1918

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1918



TOWN OFFICERS, 1917

SELECTMEN

LESTER S. LIBBY, Chairman
E. H. STAPLES, 2nd N. G. SEVERY, 3rd

TOWN CLERK

E. R. BERRY

TREASURER

R. C. SWETT

CONSTABLE

C. E. WHITE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

A. L. COBURN

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LESTER S. LIBBY A. L. COBURN
E. E. HOLT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PARKER M. COOPER

ROAD COMMISSIONER

A. L. COBURN

BOARD OF HEALTH

E. E. HOLT E. H. STAPLES
C. F. EATON, Health Officer

TOWN WARRANT

To P. E. White, a Constable of the town of Carthage, in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Carthage qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, 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.

ARTICLE 2

To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3

To hear the reports of the town officers and act on the same.

ARTICLE 4

To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for summer roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for winter roads for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid as provided in section 19 of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or more for the improvement of the sec-

tion of the State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 18 of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for a free High school.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for books and school supplies.

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse repairs.

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for insurance and apparatus.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the town will vote for superintendency of schools.

ARTICLE 15

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

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for current expenses.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to be expended in finishing the Fuller Flat job of last year.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be expended in dragging the road leading from Dixfield line to Wilton line, at S. Carthage.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the town will vote to give a discount on all taxes of the 1918 commitment paid on or before August 20th, 1918 and raise a sum of money for the same.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the town will vote to charge interest on taxes of the 1918 commitment that remain unpaid on December 1, 1918.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money for the purchasing of a war service flag, also an American flag, the same to be displayed under the direction of the local Red Cross society of this town.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay the road commissioner.

ARTICLE 24

To see what action the town will take in regard to allowing Frank Hammond and Fred Hammond their 1917 tax for maintaining the road from Ellis schoolhouse to the Hammond farm as per agreement made with A. L. Coburn, road commissioner.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the town will vote to discontinue without awarding any damage, the private way in Carthage leading from the Lindon Mason place, so called, and the Washington Plantation line as laid out by the selectmen of said Carthage on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1898 and accepted at the annual meeting of the voters of said town of Carthage held on March 6th, A. D. 1899, the same to discontinue the

town way over the same location as said above named private way, in case any town way exists.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the town will vote to abate any part of the E. E. Adams' real estate tax commitment of the year 1917.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the municipal officers.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Grange hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the check list.

Given under our hands at Carthage this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1918.

LESTER S. LIBBY,
E. H. STAPLES,
N. G. SEVERY,

Selectmen of the town of Carthage.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Year Ending February 15, 1918

VALUATION

Real estate, resident	\$66,789 00	
Real estate, non-resident	70,965 00	
	<hr/>	\$137,754 00
Personal property, resident	\$22,022 00	
Personal property, non-resident	2,957 00	
	<hr/>	\$24,979 00
Total valuation		<hr/> \$162,733 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For summer roads	\$1,800 00	
Winter roads	400 00	
Fuller flat	250 00	
State Aid road	300 00	
Common schools	800 00	
High schools	200 00	
Books and supplies	100 00	
Repairs of schoolhouses	100 00	
Insurance	35 00	
Discount on taxes	50 00	
Memorial Day	10 00	
State tax	1,068 74	
County tax	266 94	
School lot fund	45 00	
Current expense and supt's. salary	550 00	
Supplemental tax	7 50	
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Total commitment		\$5,983 18

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

For support of Albert Cushman, for board.

and care from Jan. 1, 1917 to Dec. 21, 1917 \$142 85

For medical attendance 20 00

Paid C. F. Eaton and Harry Kittredge, for care 8 00

\$170 85For support of Charles H. Cushman family last
quarter of 1917

\$39 16

For first quarter of 1918

2 50

Due from State, last quarter, 1916

39 00

\$80 66

\$251 51

Received from State

\$156 43

Due from State

\$95 08

SUPPORT OF CANTON PAUPERS

For care, medical attendance and support
of Estella Jones and two children, Roland
and Harold, also George and Vena
Jones

\$90 21

Due from Canton

\$90 21

SUPPORT OF CRYSTAL PAUPERS

T. D. Duplisea family, for supplies and collecting
from Crystal

\$37 91

Received from Crystal

\$37 91

MONEY HIRED

Temporary loan, Rumford Falls Trust Co.

\$1,700 00

Paid Rumford Falls Trust Co.

1,500 00

Unpaid at time of settlement

\$200 00

SUMMER ROADS

Town raised	\$1,800 00	
Received from State, for patrol road repairs	50 00	
Received from Fuller Flat funds	27 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,877 75
Overdrawn last year	\$557 61	
Set apart for patrol	263 36	
	<hr/>	\$820 97
Available		<hr/> \$1,056 78
Expended	\$1,311 37	
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Overdrawn		\$254 59

WINTER ROADS

Town raised	\$400 00	
Overdrawn last year	122 38	
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Available	\$277 62	
Expended		\$780 03
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Overdrawn		\$508 41

STATE AID ROADS AND REPAIRS

STATE AID REPAIRS AT S. CARTHAGE

No appropriation		
Expended	\$1,011 29	
Received from State	487 02	
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Balance with no reimbursements		\$524 27

STATE AID ROAD AT CARTHAGE

Town raised	\$300 00	
Received from State	589 16	
	<hr/>	\$889 16
Overdrawn last year		\$32 60
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Available		\$856 56

Expended	\$927 94	
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Overdrawn		\$71 38

REPAIR OF FULLER FLAT

Town raised		\$250 00
Expended by A. L. Coburn	\$ 27 75	
Expended by L. E. Judkins	222 25	
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		\$250 00

FOR DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Town raised	\$50 00	
Paid	73 52	
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Overdrawn		\$23 52

ABATEMENTS

	<i>1914 Commitment</i>	
C. R. Hall	\$7 56	
	<i>1915 Commitment</i>	
C. R. Hall	\$7 56	
	<i>1915 Commitment</i>	
Alex Fournier	\$2 00	
	<i>1915 Commitment</i>	
Henry Harvey	\$ 4 42	
N. G. Severy, rebate on back farm for the com-		
mitments of 1914-15, 1916-17	38 31	
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		\$59 85

RESOURCES

Due from D. W. Berry, commitment, 1910	\$ 4 22
D. W. Berry, commitment, 1911	27 89
D. W. Berry, commitment, 1912	11 03
D. W. Berry, commitment, 1913	11 02
A. L. Coburn, commitment, 1916	51 26
A. L. Coburn, commitment, 1917	561 52

Due from I. W. Hutchinson, for tuition	\$ 11 00
Town of Canton, pauper account	90 21
State, pauper account	95 08
Town office and fixtures	250 00
George Thompson land	10 00
Lots No. 8 in 4th and 5th Ranges	250 00
S. W. corner, lot No. 2, Range 12	700 00
Pauper lot in Ellis cemetery	5 00
Cash in treasury	75 58
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	\$2,153 81

LIABILITIES

SNOW BILLS UNPAID

Due Ivus Hutchinson	\$ 3 00
Horace Grant	9 00
V. C. Mitchell	4 50
C. P. Sampson	9 20
C. F. Eaton	3 00
C. F. Eaton, summer	1 00
C. F. Eaton, health officer's bill	19 00
C. F. Eaton, Willis Cushman bill	6 35
Rumford Falls Trust Co.	200 00
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	\$255 05
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Balance in favor of town	\$1,898 76

All of which is respectfully submitted this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1918.

LESTER S. LIBBY,
E. H. STAPLES,
N. G. SEVERY,

Selectmen of Carthage.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

1910 Commitment — D. W. Berry, Collector

L. A. Getchell	\$ 6 35	
		\$ 6 35

1911 Commitment

I. H. Beals	\$21 91	
L. A. Getchell	5 98	
		\$27 89

1912 Commitment

I. H. Beals	\$ 4 30	
L. A. Getchell	6 73	
		\$11 03

1913 Commitment

L. A. Getchell	\$ 9 02	
		\$ 9 02
Total		\$54 29

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

1916 Commitment — A. L. Coburn, Collector

Mrs. C. F. Eaton	\$10 79	
L. A. Getchell	8 31	
Fred Hutchinson	2 00	
Horace Schanz	6 80	
C. H. Cushman	21 92	
L. F. Wilbur	2 00	

NON-RESIDENT

C. R. Hall

\$ 5 70

Total uncollected

\$57 52

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

1917 Commitment — A. L. Coburn, Collector

E. E. Adams	\$16 86
Joe Boucher	2 00
Ebenezer Burgess	2 00
Will O. Burgess	9 35
C. H. Cushman	30 74
Hazen Cochran	2 00
Frank Chamberlain	2 00
F. W. Danforth	14 71
T. D. Duplisea	5 33
Mrs. C. F. Eaton, estate of	20 97
C. F. Eaton	2 00
L. A. Getchell	10 89
J. L. Hammond	11 03
H. A. Holt	12 96
F. S. Hutchinson	13 33
Fred Hammond	6 73
S. F. Hammond	38 90
Luther Hutchinson	13 59
J. S. Hutchinson	4 80
Joseph L. Howard	2 00
W. F. Howard	6 03
Joseph Locklin	2 00
Paul Perry	2 00
C. P. Sampson	37 04
Horace Schanz	15 30
Ray Savage	2 00
Henry Stevens	3 50
B. L. Wardwell	2 98
Frank Hackett	2 00

 \$195 04

NON-RESIDENT

W. T. Chandler	\$24 50	
Wesley Cushman	1 33	
W. W. Holman	14 00	
C. R. Hall	8 75	
J. S. Houghton	25 38	
Mrs. Tama Lamb	90	
Will Waite	26 32	
	<hr/>	\$101 18
Total uncollected		<hr/> \$396 22

Treasurer's Report

R. C. Swett, in account with the town of Carthage as
Treasurer for the year ending February 15, 1918

DR.

To cash in treasury at beginning of year	\$ 675 09
Rec'd from D. W. Berry, collector, 1912	3 35
D. W. Berry, collector, 1913	9 40
Harry Rand, collector, 1914	7 56
Harry Rand, collector, 1915	49 00
A. L. Coburn, collector, 1916	248 18
A. L. Coburn, collector, 1917	5,329 99
State, support of paupers	221 85
Town of Canton, support of paupers	36 00
Town of Crystal, support of paupers	37 91
E. R. Berry, dog licenses collected	25 00
Rumford Falls Trust Company, loan	500 00
Rumford Falls Trust Company, loan	500 00
Rumford Falls Trust Company, loan	700 00
State, damage to domestic animals	41 00
Free High school	391 33
Improvement of State roads	589 16
Highway department	487 02
Dog licenses refunded	8 00
School and mill fund	274 85
Common school fund	294 25
R. R. and Tel. tax	2 15
Verne Brown, for tuition	5 50
I. A. Mitchell, auction license	5 00
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	\$10,441 59

CR.

Paid dog licenses to State treasurer	\$ 25 00
County tax to County treasurer	266 94
State, for maintenance on patrol highway	263 36

Interest on loan	35 49
Paid State tax to State treasurer	1,068 74
Orders cancelled	8,706 48
Cash in treasury	75 58
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	\$10,441 59

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. SWETT, *Treasurer.*

Road Commissioner's Report

LABOR ON SUMMER ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1917

N. G. Severy	\$ 11 95
John Hammond	8 75
A. L. Coburn	100 00
I. A. Mitchell	25 70
I. A. Mitchell	18 30
Will Howard	18 25
George Libby	18 23
George Libby	12 00
V. C. Mitchell	14 06
Isaac Libby	5 00
Isaac Libby	52 50
Harry Libby	9 00
Will Howard	15 75
A. L. Coburn	104 12
Harry Kittredge	10 98
Harry Kittredge	26 52
I. A. Mitchell	7 50
E. H. Staples	68 12
W. O. Burgess	8 16
Earle Hutchinson	15 10
Harry Libby	2 25
George Libby	22 06
Earle Hutchinson	20 22
A. W. Hammond	9 95
R. C. Swett	99 00
R. J. Newton	3 00
Carroll Maxwell	17 70
Harry Smith	13 00
Gerald Hutchinson	3 50
Harry Kittredge	1 69
Joe Holman	4 00
A. W. Burgess	3 75
A. L. Coburn	110 00
Harry Kittredge	13 00

Lee Hutchinson	\$ 3 00
George Libby	25 00
E. C. Judkins	2 25
A. L. Coburn	12 75
L. E. Judkins	5 00
E. M. Daymon	5 00
John Hammond	2 00
Frank Hutchinson	11 25
O. V. Hutchinson	25 01
I. T. Hutchinson	8 50
M. E. Hanscom	4 00
I. A. Mitchell	12 00
Harry Libby	37 69
N. G. Severy	5 00

\$1,151 56

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

G. R. Hunnewell Fur Co., dynamite	\$17 95
Berger Mfg. Co., culvert bolts	2 76
Town of Weld, use of road machine	10 50
A. L. Coburn, cedar and bridge plank	6 74
G. R. Hunnewell Fur Co., dynamite, caps and fuse	18 78
L. S. Libby, blacksmithing	4 28
C. T. F. Smith, tools and spikes	4 44
R. C. Swett, bridge plank	9 00
E. E. Winter, cedar for culverts	1 00
C. H. Towle, road plough	40 00
C. H. Towle, dynamite and tools	33 40
S. H. Niles, tools	2 00
L. S. Libby, culvert bolts	1 25
C. T. F. Smith, tools and spikes	5 48
Good Roads Machinery Co., cutting edge and road machine boxes	11 42
C. T. F. Smith, tools and spikes	3 95
A. L. Coburn, freight, cartage and postage	4 85
E. E. Holt, bridge lumber	3 75
C. T. F. Smith, spikes	77
R. G. Noyes, bridge plank	89 98
A. W. Tainter, watering trough	3 00

A. W. Tainter, housing snow plough	\$1 50	
D. W. Berry, watering trough	3 00	
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		\$278 80
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Total		\$1,430 36

SNOW BILLS FROM FEB. 13 TO APR. 1, 1917

Ivus Hutchinson	\$ 3 50	
Isaac Libby	1 00	
Harry Libby	2 60	
Carroll Libby	3 00	
A. L. Coburn	15 88	
Will Howard	2 80	
W. O. Burgess	7 00	
Walter Cushman	11 00	
I. A. Mitchell	13 35	
A. W. Hammond	4 25	
R. C. Swett	10 00	
Carroll Maxwell	3 52	
Harry Smith	8 45	
D. D. Berry	2 00	
Fred Morrison	20 00	
A. W. Tainter	16 24	
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		\$124 59

SNOW BILLS FOR WINTER OF 1917 - 1918

V. C. Mitchell	\$32 00
A. L. Coburn	65 00
Horace Grant	18 00
L. E. Judkins	4 00
Fred Morrison	30 00
N. A. Babb	25 36
R. O. Dunning	45 33
Harry L. Smith	28 40
Frank Hammond	2 50
Fred Hammond	2 50
John Hammond	39 00
E. E. Holt	10 99

O. V. Hutchinson	\$13 85
E. H. Staples	33 00
R. C. Swett	22 00
L. E. Judkins	2 40
A. L. Coburn	45 25
Warren Pettengill	37 20
D. D. Berry	8 55
Carroll Maxwell	33 60
I. A. Mitchell	49 64
Willis Hammond	12 75
A. H. Barnett	11 10
A. W. Tainter	63 58
E. R. Berry	3 30
Bruce Kittredge	4 50
V. C. Mitchell	18 00

Total

\$751 80

SOUTH CARTHAGE STATE AID REPAIR JOB

(Expended by A. L. Coburn)

Wilfred Towle	\$ 2 50
B. H. Towle	22 75
R. G. Noyes	20 00
A. W. Tainter	12 00
N. G. Severy	19 10
L. S. Libby	1 50
Harry Kittredge	67 12
Erroll Hutchinson	40 00
Jo. Holman	50 87
Carroll Maxwell	8 25
E. H. Staples	197 00
Amos Cox	20 25
A. L. Coburn	321 75
Geo. F. Libby	70 63
Isaac Libby	47 49
Jason Adams	39 87
Elliott Brown	70 21

Total

\$1,011 29

FULLER FLAT DISBURSEMENTS

Expended by A. L. Coburn	\$27 75	
Expended by L. E. Judkins:		
E. R. Berry	\$28 06	
L. E. Judkins	70 00	
V. C. Mitchell	63 62	
C. W. Libby	20 00	
H. L. Libby	2 50	
Geo. F. Libby	17 50	
Etta Hutchinson	10 00	
C. H. Towle	5 20	
C. T. F. Smith	95	
L. S. Libby	50	
I. W. Hutchinson	3 92	
Total		\$250 00

STATE AID ROAD DISBURSEMENTS

By A. L. Coburn:		
Joe Holman	\$29 49	
Harry Kittredge	30 87	
Isaac Libby	13 12	
Bruce Kittredge	45 37	
Verne E. Brown	33 33	
V. C. Mitchell	31 00	
J. G. Coburn	24 60	
C. H. Towle	26 52	
Berger Mfg. Co.	65 52	
Gardner Brown	2 25	
F. S. Hutchinson	5 00	
E. R. Berry	3 00	
Asa C. Brown	14 00	
Phillip Hutchinson	46 65	
Emery Hutchinson	115 00	
Ivus Hutchinson	53 44	
A. L. Coburn	217 96	
E. H. Staples	122 31	
L. S. Libby	30	
Ezra Hutchinson	4 00	
Elliott Brown	44 21	

Total

\$927 94



VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Carthage:

The following returns of births, marriages and deaths for the year ending Feb. 12, 1918, in the town of Carthage, have been made to this office:

BIRTHS

1917

- Feb. 12. To Stella Jones, a son; 2nd child.
- Mar. 31. To the wife of Victor Staples, a daughter; 2nd child.
- May 12. To the wife of Bert L. Wardwell, a son; 3rd child.
- Oct. 4. To the wife of Earl M. Hutchinson, a son; 3rd child.
- Dec. 12. To the wife of Chas. H. Cushman, a daughter; 10th child.

MARRIAGES

1917

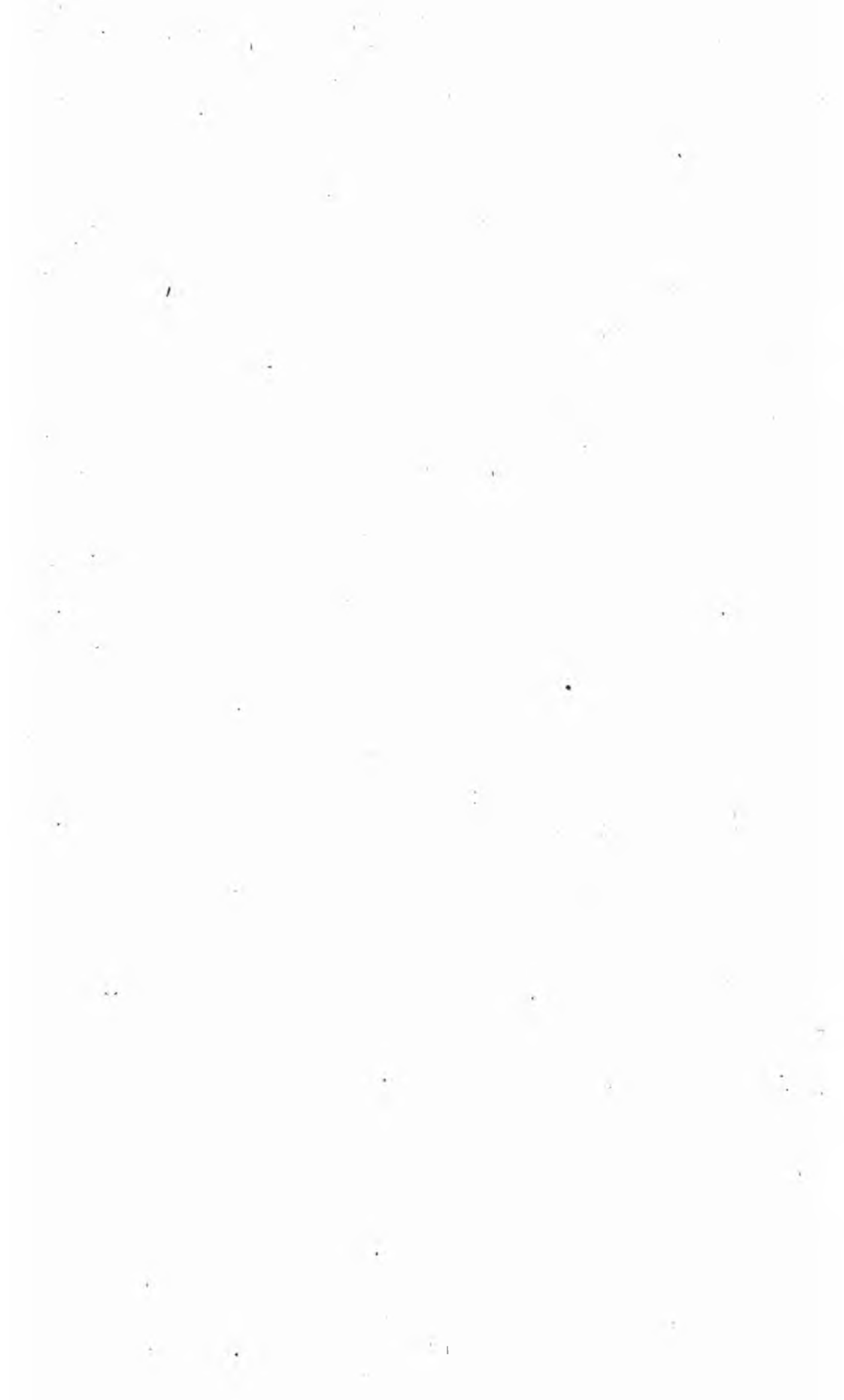
- Sept. 29. At Carthage, Me., by Rev. H. H. Brown of Berry Mills, Me., George Ripley Eastman and Mrs. Evelyn L. Knight, both of Dixfield.
- Nov. 12. At Rumford, Me., by Rev. R. F. Lowe of Rumford, Me., Harry E. L. Libby of Carthage and Grace Julia Ver-rill, of Livermore, Me.
- Dec. 21. At Mexico, Me., by Rev. Melbourne O. Baltzer of Mexico, Me., Lee Gerald Hutchinson of Carthage, Me., and Agnes Mildred Hall, of Mexico, Me.

DEATHS

1917

- Apr. 5. Rena Eaton, aged 61 yrs, 4 mos, 28 days. Cause of death, chronic myocarditis; cause, pulmonary euphysena.
- May 10. Willis Cushman, aged 49 yrs. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage. Shock, duration, 10 minutes.
- Dec. 20. Albert Cushman, aged 68 yrs. Cause of death, pneumonia, following measles.

GEO. R. BERRY, *Town Clerk.*



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens:

I hereby submit my second annual report concerning the schools of the town. In doing so I wish to express my pleasure in working with as congenial people as I have found in your town. It is inevitable that the people who have the handling of school affairs receive severe criticism, some just and some unjust, but in the town of Carthage I have found very little.

ATTENDANCE

With the exception of the Newman and Stickney schools I have found the attendance very poor. In almost all cases of absence there seems to be an excuse, but I believe that excuses, other than of ill health, are very poor.

A remedy should be found for all other causes of absence even though it be inconvenient for the parents. I wish through this report to convey to the parents the necessity for their making suitable preparations for their children so that they can attend school regularly.

CONDITION OF BUILDINGS

I find the buildings in very poor condition, and while some money was appropriated for repairs, I was unable to find people to make repairs except at the Stickney school, where the lighting was greatly improved.

During the coming year considerable repairs must be made on the Stickney, Newman and Mills buildings in order to make them suitable.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

The text-books have been added to so that at the present time there is quite a good supply of modern texts for classes but only a few for reference. This is particularly bad in the case of the High school. With new geographies, a new course in reading, and new spelling books in two of the schools we shall have a good equipment.

Maps and globes are needed badly and some new blackboard space must be provided during the summer.

TEACHERS

In most instances the teachers during the past year have been very satisfactory and in spite of the very small salaries paid have devoted themselves to hard work to make their schools successful. New problems have arisen which add to the teacher's task. These are problems brought about by the war, and there are two that are adapted to our community. They are the incessant teaching of thrift and production of food. The methods being used by the teachers to teach these things are made possible through the War Savings campaign and the Agricultural Clubs promoted by the State College of Agriculture. Every teacher has in her possession thrift cards and stamps and is doing all that she can to induce pupils to purchase these stamps, explaining to them the national duty, also the personal benefits derived. It certainly is high time that something of this nature be taught our children, for we have fast become foolish spenders. The Agricultural Club seems to be very popular among the pupils and with the help of the parents the children of the town will assist materially in the production of food during the coming summer. I hope that every parent will assist his children in obtaining seed, land and fertilizer and make it possible for the child to have a garden of his own. Next fall exhibits will be held and if possible provision will be made so that prizes can be offered to those who excel.

The teachers have expressed their willingness to enter into this work in connection with their regular school work and I am sure that we shall be successful in starting the children on the road to production. There was never a better opportunity nor more need for work of this nature than at the present time.

FINANCES

I am pleased to report that the financial condition of the schools is much better than that of a year ago. It seems to me that it is much better to have a little balance on the accounts than to be showing the accounts overdrawn. By raising \$300.00 more on the common school account you have paid an overdraft of \$351.75, and have at this time a balance of \$5.65.

The other accounts all have a small balance which makes it possible to submit a financial report that is as it should be.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that teachers are scarce and it will be necessary for us to increase the salaries considerably

in order to employ efficient teachers. Fuel is costing almost double that of a few years ago. This is the fault of no person, but is brought about by the scarcity of labor and the increased cost of living.

In making your appropriations these things should be taken into consideration. I have made my recommendations as small as possible after considering every phase of the situation and I hope that the town will act favorably on the following:

Common schools	\$800 00
High school	225 00
Books and supplies	150 00
Repairs	100 00
Insurance and apparatus	50 00
Superintendency	80 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. COOPER, *Superintendent of Schools.*

TEXT - BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

FUNDS

Balance, 1917	\$ 25 32	
Appropriated	100 00	
		\$125 32

EXPENDED

For text-books	\$84 32	
For supplies	40 24	
		\$124 56

By balance	\$ 76
Credit E. E. Babb & Co.	\$ 11 11

REPAIRS

FUNDS

Appropriated	\$100 00
Expended	44 89
Overdrawn	1 80
	\$46 69

By balance	\$53 31
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INSURANCE

FUNDS

By balance	\$ 4 19	
Appropriation	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$39 19

EXPENDED

Insurance	\$38 08	
Apparatus	54	
	<hr/>	\$38 62

By balance	\$ 57
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SUPERINTENDENT

By balance	\$13 38	
Appropriation	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$83 38

Expended	80 00
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By balance	\$3 38
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COMMON SCHOOLS

FUNDS

Appropriated	\$800 00	
Permanent school fund	45 00	
Common school fund	294 25	
Mill fund	274 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,414 10

EXPENDED

Teachers' wages	\$935 00	
Fuel	56 30	
Janitor's service	31 40	
Conveyance	34 00	
Overdrawn, 1917	351 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,408 45

By balance	\$5 65
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HIGH SCHOOL

FUNDS

By balance, 1917	\$267 00	
By appropriation	200 00	
From State of Maine	341 33	
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EXPENDED

Teachers' wages	\$488 00	
Janitor's service	16 30	
Fuel	16 75	
Tuition	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$621 05
By balance		<hr/> \$187 28

