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EIGHTY-SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Assessors, Selectmen, Auditor
Superintendent of Schools and
Road Commissioners

OF THE

Town of Searsport

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1

1927



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WARRANT

To *FRED A. SMALL*, a Constable of the town of *Searsport* in
the County of *Waldo*, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of *Searsport*, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town Monday, the seventh day of March 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the Report of the Selectmen and Assessors as printed.

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the Report of the Superintendent of Schools as printed.

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the Report of the Auditor of Town accounts as printed.

Art. 6. To choose three or more Selectmen.

Art. 7. To choose Assessors of Taxes.

Art. 8. To choose Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 9. To choose a Town Treasurer.

Art. 10. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts, and Budget Committee.

Art. 11. To choose Constables.

Art. 12. To choose Surveyors of Sawed Lumber.

Art. 13. To choose Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

- Art. 14. To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.
- Art. 15. To choose a Fire Ward.
- Art. 16. To choose Fence Viewers.
- Art. 17. To choose Sealers of Leather.
- Art. 18. To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
- Art. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Free High School.
- Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.
- Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise for the Superintendent of Schools.
- Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for School Supplies and Incidentals.
- Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for Text-books for Schools.
- Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for the repair of Schoolhouses.
- Art. 25. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve three years.
- Art. 26. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Carver Memorial Library.
- Art. 27. To see how much money the town will raise for General Government and incidentals.
- Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Poor.
- Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise for the purchase of Fire Hose.

Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise to paint the Engine House.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise to repair Union Hall.

Art. 32. To see how much money the town will raise for the repairs of Highways and Bridges, and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 33. To see if the town will raise \$500.00 for Patrol Maintainance.

Art. 34. To see how much money the town will raise for the special resolve road at North Searsport.

Art. 35. To see how much money the town will raise for the repair of Sidewalks.

Art. 36. To see how much money the town will raise to build Cement Sidewalks and where to build them.

Art. 37. To see how much money the town will raise for Winter Breaking and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 38. To see where the town wishes to locate the Third Class Road.

Art. 39. 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.

Art. 40. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$600.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of Ways, Highways and Bridges; The above being the maximum amount that the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Public laws of 1916, or how much.

Art. 41. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for a Memorial Service.

Art. 42. To see how much the town will raise for the use of Hydrants.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to maintain the present hose companies and if so, how much to allow per hour, or year, or both, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 44. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans for current expenses.

Art. 45. To see if the town will take of the Penobscot Bay Electric Co. the incandescent Electric Street Lights as located, at a cost not to exceed \$15.00 per light per year, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 46. To see how much money the town will raise to Gravel the Improved Town Roads.

Art. 47. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 48. To see if the town will allow discount for taxes and how much it will raise therefor, or charge interest and how much.

Art. 49. To choose a Tax Collector.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on Thursday the 3rd day of March, 1927, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters. Given under our hands at Searsport, A. D. 1927.

J. H. DUNCAN,
I. W. VEAZIE,
F. L. PERKINS,

Selectmen of Searsport.

Report of Assessors

Valuation, real estate, resident owners	\$353,250.00
Valuation, personal estate, resident owners	93,050.00
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Total valuation of resident owners	\$446,300.00
Valuation, real estate, non-resident owners	\$308,435.00
Valuation, personal estate, non-resident owners	50,800.00
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Total valuation of non-resident owners	\$359,235.00
Total valuation of the town April 1, 1925	\$766,950.00
Total valuation of the town April 1, 1926	805,535.00
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Increase in valuation since April 1, 1925	\$38,585.00
. Number of polls assessed, 292.	
Tax on each poll, \$3.00.	
Rate of taxation, \$42.00 per \$1,000.00.	

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED

Free High school	\$2,800.00
Common schools	5,800.00
Superintendent of schools	637.46

School supplies and incidentals	930.00	
Repairs on school houses	1,350.00	
Library	350.00	
General government	1,200.00	
Poor	2,000.00	
Highways and bridges	2,500.00	
Patrol maintenance	500.00	
Sidewalks and Cement walks	700.00	
Snow	1,000.00	
State-aid road	600.00	
Memorial services	50.00	
Hydrants	2,575.00	
Fire Company	300.00	
Lights	690.00	
Gravel roads 30-30 Improved	200.00	
Repairs on Cottage St.	500.00	
Repairs on Merrithew Lane sewer	1,000.00	
Foundations for Cannons	100.00	
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Total amount of appropriation for town use		\$25,782.46
Amount assessed to pay State tax	\$5,303.39	
Amount assessed to pay County tax	2,339.81	
Amount assessed to pay overlay	1,282.81	
Amount assessed as supplementary tax	214.07	
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		\$9,140.08
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Total tax assessed		\$34,922.54

ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS

Real estate valued at \$661,685	\$27,790.77	
Personal estate valued at \$143,850	6,041.70	
Polls	876.00	
Supplementary tax	214.07	
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		\$34,922.54

TAX DEEDS

W. D. Smart, tax collector \$467.45

ABATEMENTS

W. D. Smart, tax collector \$158.70

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUNCAN,
I. W. VEAZIE,
F. L. PERKINS,

Assessors of Searsport, Me.

Report of Selectmen

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Due from W. D. Smart, tax collector, taxes of 1926	\$1,317.11	
Tax deeds of 1926	467.45	
Tax deeds of 1922-1925	923.09	
Cash in Searsport Savings Bank to ap- ply on Water suit	760.82	
Due from Alice Carr's Guardian	302.50	
from Emery Frazier	53.75	
from State for State Pensions	30.00	
from State for Aid Dependent Moth- er's	210.00	
from Edmon Eno, pool room license	10.00	
from City of Rockland, for Jennie Staples	80.08	
	<hr/>	\$4,154.80
Searsport National Bank, bal. due on Note		621.87
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Balance in favor of town		\$3,532.93

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Rec'd from tax collector	\$34,530.49	
Licenses and permits	38.00	
	<hr/>	\$34,568.49

GRANTS AND GIFTS

State for school fund	\$3,506.65
State for Public Library	32.81

State for Third-class road	2,700.66	
State for 30-30 Improved road	71.70	
State for State-Aid road	1,234.23	
State for tax on Bank stock	783.72	
State for dog licenses refunded	50.93	
State for Mother's Aid	135.00	
State for burial of Soldiers	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,715.70

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

State for R. R. and Tel. tax	\$99.04	\$99.04
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INTEREST

Interest on treas. deposits	\$37.17	\$37.17
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UNION HALL

Rent	\$191.00	\$191.00
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Total, general and department income collected		<hr/>
		\$43,611.40

LESS

Expended for State tax	\$5,303.39	
Expended for County tax	2,339.81	
Expended for Library rec'd from State . .	32.81	
	<hr/>	\$7,676.01

EXPENDITURES

General government	\$3,060.39
Poor department	3,158.06
Education	15,083.91
Highways, bridges, sidewalks, sewers and snow	12,076.03

Fire department	322.70
Union hall	210.82
Street lights	744.50
Memorial services	57.65
Library	350.00
Water rent	2,575.00
Foundation for cannon	128.40
Mothers' Aid	345.00

Total expended for Municipal purposes for 1926	\$38,112.46
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SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's salary	\$500.00
Treasurer's salary	100.00
Clerk's salary	15.00
Tax collector's commission	698.75
Abatements	158.70
Police department	56.50
Vital statistics	43.50
Unclassified	1,020.49
Tax deeds	467.45

Total expended for General Government	\$3,060.39
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POOR DEPARTMENT

Total for poor	\$3,158.06	\$3,158.06
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Superintendent of schools	\$637.46
Common schools	8,629.35

High school	2,911.51
Text-books, supplies and incidentals	1,526.42
Repairs on schoolhouses	1,269.09
Truant officer	10.00
Lights	100.08
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Total expended for education department	\$15,083.91

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General roads	\$2,676.75
Maintenance patrol	390.00
State-aid road	1,856.33
30-30 Improved road	256.10
Third-class road	2,699.90
Snow	1,403.54
Sidewalks	654.69
Sewers	1,398.98
Road incidentals	233.73
Cottage Street	506.01
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Total for highways, sidewalks, etc	\$12,076.03
Fire department	\$322.70
Water	2,575.00
Street lights	744.50
Union Hall	210.82
Memorial services	57.65
Library	350.00
Foundation for cannons	128.40
Mothers' Aid	345.00
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Total orders drawn during municipal year, 1926	\$4,734.07
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	\$38,112.46

EXPENSE FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT

J. H. Duncan, selectman, assessor, etc . . .	\$200.00	
I. W. Veazie, selectman, assessor, etc . . .	150.00	
F. L. Perkins, selectman, assessor, etc . . .	150.00	
C. O. Sawyer, treasurer	100.00	
M. S. Dolliver, town clerk	15.00	
W. D. Smart, tax collector, 1925-26	698.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,313.75

ABATEMENTS

W. D. Smart, collector	\$158.70	\$158.70
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TAX DEEDS

W. D. Smart, collector	\$467.45	\$467.45
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VITAL STATISTICS

F. A. Small, health officer	\$25.00	
M. S. Dolliver, recording births and deaths	17.25	
C. Edward Britto, M. D.	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$43.50

CONSTABLE AND POLICE

C. Sumner Small, watching July 4th, 1925	\$3.00
Omar Cunningham, watching July 4th, 1926	6.00
R. W. Hall, watching July 4th, 1926 . . .	9.00
N. Webster, watching July 4th, 1926 . . .	6.00
Jack L. Miner, watching July 4th, 1926 . .	6.00
F. A. Lane, watching July 4th, 1926 . . .	6.00
F. A. Small, watching, July 4th, 1926 . . .	5.50

C. Sumner Small, watching July 4th, 1926	6.00	
L. W. Rich, watching July 4th, 1926	3.00	
A. S. Littlefield, watching July 4th, 1926	3.00	
Harry Clements, watching July 4th, 1926	3.00	
		\$56.50

INCIDENTALS

James Duncan, surveying Village Streets	\$10.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, order book	16.00
J. W. Curtis, election clerk	3.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	5.00
Marshall O. Knoulton, printing	27.48
Ira W. Veazie, wood for Selectmen's office	6.00
The Thomas W. Burr Printing Co., town reports	165.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, valuation book	11.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, check list books	8.40
The Thomas W. Burr Printing Co., town orders	21.50
B. F. Colcord, insurance	113.80
F. A. Small, care of tramps, 1925	11.50
F. A. Small, care of tramps, 1926	77.50
Buzzell & Thornton, legal advice	16.00
S. L. Ridley, sign for wharf	3.50
C. S. Small, labor	6.00
S. L. Ridley, painting signs	3.00
A. L. Mosman	11.61
C. O. Sawyer, treasurer, interest on tem- porary loans	176.25
F. A. Small, collecting dog taxes	14.96

C. U. Jackson, labor on voting booths . . .	3.75	
J. W. Curtis, ballot clerk	9.00	
J. H. Sullivan, election clerk	12.00	
Cen. Maine Power Co., lights for booth . .	4.15	
Elmer Webster, collecting dog taxes	16.00	
Village Cemetery Association, care of lots	5.00	
C. H. Irving, signs	1.50	
J. H. Duncan, expenses to Assessors convention	18.85	
J. H. Duncan, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense of surveying Town line	55.75	
G. M. Porter, rent of office	70.00	
F. A. Small, expense to Health officers meeting	11.20	
A. L. Small, painting signs	9.50	
E. J. Ames	5.00	
M. S. Hutchins, election clerk	12.00	
G. M. Porter, ballot clerk	12.00	
Harry Lord, moderator	5.00	
F. L. Perkins, supplies	18.12	
Fred Small, posting warrants	2.00	
M. S. Dolliver, exp. and postage	2.00	
M. F. Parker, supplies	12.24	
P. L. Gilkey, oil for office40	
J. H. Duncan, supplies	9.06	
Elmer Webster, posting warrants	2.00	
Charles Chamberlain, labor	9.00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co.	6.47	
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		\$1,020.49
Total expended for General Gov- ernment	\$3,060.39	
Appropriation	1,200.00	
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Amount overdrawn		\$1,860.39

POOR DEPARTMENT

F. L. Perkins, supplies for Sidney Moody	\$201.66
I. W. Veazie, wood for Sidney Moody . . .	8.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Sidney Moody .	4.75
L. D. Littlefield, wood for Sidney Moody	12.00
John Soffayer, supplies for Edwin Tozier, Newport.	40.96
F. L. Perkins, supplies for Edwin Tozier, Newport.	15.24
Mark C. Ward, supplies for Edwin Tozier, Newport.	30.00
H. J. Tozier, board of Edwin Tozier, Newport.	13.18
W. M. Parse, supplies for Edwin Tozier, Newport.	4.16
Mrs. Ruth Seekins, labor for Geo. Reed. .	13.16
Alonzo Seekins, board of Geo. Reed. . . .	73.85
Searsport Drug Co., supplies for Geo. Reed.	5.75
Lydia F. Andrews, board of Geo. Reed . .	300.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Geo. Reed. . . .	17.90
John Soffayer, supplies for Geo. Reed. . . .	35.00
G. A. Stevens, M. D., for Geo. Reed. . . .	17.50
F. L. Perkins, supplies for Geo. Reed. . . .	7.26
Waldo County Hospital, care of Jennie Staples, City of Rockland	80.08
R. N. Porter, burial of Soldiers Widows. .	200.00
Hattie E. Cunningham, board of Sarah Blake.	116.00
C. E. Britto, M. D. for Sarah Blake	24.50
R. F. Eager, M. D. for Sarah Blake. . . .	6.50
Clement & Adams, supplies for Sarah Blake.	12.43
O. S. Vickery, for Sarah Blake.	6.00
Emma Partridge, board of Sarah Blake. .	25.00

Maud Hammonds, board of Sarah Blake.	42.25
W. A. Partridge, supplies for Sarah Blake	6.61
F. P. Partridge, board of Sarah Blake. . . .	60.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Sarah Blake . . .	2.75
W. T. Hall, supplies for Will McKenzie	28.53
Elton E. Black, supplies for Will McKenzie	1.70
Searsport Drug Co., supplies for Will McKenzie	4.82
Lock Cremin, fuel for McKenzie	10.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Will McKenzie	31.15
E. F. Russell, supplies for Will McKenzie	153.00
M. A. Braley, supplies for Will McKenzie	3.00
John Soffayer, supplies for Will McKenzie	4.50
W. L. Watson, M. D. for Will McKenzie.	9.15
M. F. Parker, supplies and rent for Will McKenzie	201.00
Clement & Adams, supplies for Will McKenzie	17.00
M. F. Parker, wood for Will McKenzie . .	18.00
M. E. Moore, hauling wood for Will McKenzie	5.00
Penobscot Coal & Wharf Co., fuel for Percy Brown	25.00
J. H. Sullivan, repairing shoes for Percy Brown	1.00
E. F. Russell, supplies for Percy Brown . .	45.53
Searsport Drug Co., supplies for Percy Brown	4.75
Clarabel Mosman, rent for Percy Brown .	22.00
Clement & Adams, supplies for Percy Brown	3.75

O. C. Dean, for Percy Brown.	5.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Percy Brown 1925.	2.50
R. F. Eager, M. D. for Percy Brown . . .	20.00
Waldo County Hospital, care of Percy Brown.	106.90
L. D. Littlefield, fuel for Percy Brown . . .	16.00
P. L. Gilkey, supplies for Percy Brown . .	20.64
Penobscot Coal & Wharf Co., fuel for John Clements.	6.25
A. L. Merrithew, wood for Hamilton family.	24.00
P. O. Andrews, wood for Hamilton Family.	6.00
I. W. Veazie, wood for Hamilton Family .	20.00
Searsport Drug Co., supplies for Hamil- ton family.	3.55
Searsport Drug Co., fumigating Hamil- ton family.	7.65
R. M. Thompson, milk for Hamilton family.	16.00
W. M. Parse, supplies for Hamilton family.	4.50
F. L. Perkins, supplies for Hamilton family.	85.19
R. F. Eager, M. D. for Chas. Lenfest. . . .	12.00
Waldo County Hospital, care of Chas. Lenfest.	191.00
City of Bangor, supplies for Alvin Eng- strom.	25.75
R. F. Eager, M. D. for 1925.	35.00
Waldo County Hospital, care of Emery Frazier.	73.75
Bradbury Memorial Hospital, care of John Averill.	36.00

State treasurer, board of Moody Children	342.24	
R. N. Porter, for Alice Carr	10.00	
L. D. Littlefield, fuel for Chas. Merri- thew	21.00	
F. L. Perkins, supplies for Chas. Merri- thew	14.44	
J. H. Duncan, for Martin Towers	20.00	
W. M. Parse, supplies for Martin Tow- ers	5.95	
W. M. Parse, supplies for Sears Nicker- son	10.55	
F. L. Perkins, supplies for Sears Nicker- son	33.30	
H. H. Nickerson, supplies for Sears Nickerson	4.00	
J. H. Duncan, miscellaneous expense	3.88	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies	3.65	
	<hr/>	\$3,158.06
Amount expended	\$3,158.06	
Appropriation	2,000.00	
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Amount overdrawn		\$1,158.06

FIRE DEPARTMENT

J. O. Gamble, labor	\$1.62	
James Coffin, labor	2.25	
J. H. Duncan	1.20	
John Davis	3.50	
Central Maine Power Co., lights	13.00	
Henry F. Partridge, treas	297.60	
C. O. Sawyer & Co.	3.53	
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Appropriation	\$300.00	
Expended	322.70	
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Amount overdrawn		\$22.70

UNION HALL

J. O. Gamble, labor	\$4.93	
James Coffin, labor	41.50	
J. H. Duncan	7.20	
C. N. Swift, labor	5.00	
John Davis, janitor	9.75	
Miles Towers, janitor	4.00	
Central Maine Power Co.	105.89	
M. F. Parker	3.50	
G. M. Porter	5.16	
C. O. Sawyer & Co.	23.89	
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		\$210.82
Amount expended	\$210.82	
Amount received from janitor	191.00	
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Amount overdrawn		\$19.82

FOUNDATION FOR CANNONS

Cecil J. Card, labor	\$30.00	
O. C. Dean, labor	20.50	
S. J. Card, labor	40.00	
A. E. Trundy	13.33	
C. O. Sawyer & Co.	24.57	
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		\$128.40
Appropriation	\$100.00	
Amount expended	128.40	
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Amount overdrawn		\$28.40

MOTHERS' AID

Mrs. Mertie M. Hamilton	\$345.00	
Amount received from State	135.00	
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Amount overdrawn		\$210.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Arthur E. Stantial, flowers	\$13.00	
Alfred N. Staples, evergreen	2.00	
Elizabeth Sylvester, evergreen	4.00	
Searsport Drug Co., flags	11.00	
W. E. Hamilton, flowers	23.00	
James H. Howes, supplies	3.00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies	1.65	
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		\$57.65
Appropriation	\$50.00	
Expended	57.65	
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Amount overdrawn		\$7.65

USE OF HYDRANTS

Searsport Water Co.	\$2,575.00
Appropriation	2,575.00

STREET LIGHTS

Central Maine Power Co.	\$744.50	
Appropriation	690.00	
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Amount overdrawn		\$54.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUNCAN,
I. W. VEAZIE,
F. L. PERKINS,

Selectmen of Searsport, Me.

Report of Road Commissioners

DISTRICT NO. 1

W. S. Downes, labor	\$6. 00	
Edwin A. Colcord, labor	13. 50	
J. F. Eames, labor	2. 00	
A. P. Colcord, labor	47. 33	
		\$68. 83

DISTRICT NO. 2

J. S. Eaton, labor	\$26. 36	
F. Percy Partridge, labor	8. 33	
		\$34. 69

DISTRICT NO. 3

W. S. Downes, labor	\$61. 20	
Omar Cunningham, labor	24. 75	
Mark Porter, labor	7. 00	
Ralph Webster, labor	1. 50	
Fred A. Small, labor	3. 41	
C. T. Seekins, labor	3. 00	
Harold S. Reed, labor	1. 50	
F. A. Lane, labor	4. 00	
		\$106. 36

DISTRICT NO. 4

Sidney York, labor	\$2. 50	
Ellsworth Howard, labor	5. 17	
Omar Cunningham, labor	3. 00	

C. F. Hill, labor	51.00	
S. J. Card, labor	3.00	
Alton Small, labor	6.60	
Clifford Seekins, labor	6.00	
William Hawley, labor	18.33	
Northeast Metal Culvert Co., supplies . .	21.56	
Fred A. Small, labor	43.03	
C. U. Jackson, labor	3.00	
Edwin Brown, labor	3.00	
Alton Jackson, labor	2.00	
Miles Towers, labor	9.60	
Ralph Bradley, gravel	9.30	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material67	
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		\$187.76

DISTRICT NO. 7

Ralph Sargent, labor	\$5.33	
Omar Pease, labor	3.00	
Raymond Hall, labor	6.00	
Augustus Nickerson, labor	6.00	
John Innes, labor	26.86	
W. H. Ames, labor	9.00	
C. A. Eames, labor	111.76	
Raymond Wallace, labor	6.00	
Harold Nickerson, labor	6.00	
Ernest P. Murphy, labor	7.65	
E. H. Andrews, labor	3.00	
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		\$190.60

DISTRICT NO. 8

Edward F. Roberts, labor	\$50.70	
Libeus Ames, labor	12.00	
Lewis Nickerson, labor	16.50	
Tyler Page, labor	12.00	
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		\$91.20

DISTRICT NO. 9

Harold Nickerson, labor	\$8.17	
Augustus Nickerson, labor	11.83	
Perley Gray, labor	2.67	
Raymond Hall, labor	3.67	
Tyler Page, labor	2.00	
W. H. Ames, labor	111.60	
Allie Curtis, labor	9.00	
I. W. Veazie, labor	6.00	
Myron Curtis, labor	2.00	
Maurice Nickerson, labor	1.50	
E. J. Ames, labor	39.00	
E. S. Ames, labor	87.80	
Fred Curtis, labor	2.67	
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		\$287.91

DISTRICT NO. 10

Myron Curtis, labor	\$6.00	
Augustus Nickerson, labor	4.50	
Richard W. Grover, labor	30.00	
John C. Grover, labor	57.67	
Clifford Seekins, labor	3.33	
Perley Gray Jr., labor	3.66	
Allie Curtis, labor	6.00	
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		\$111.16

DISTRICT NO. 11

Archie Merrithew, labor	\$57.66
M. H. Scribner, labor	22.96
Perley Gray, labor	4.50
O. B. George, labor	9.00
Harold Nickerson, labor	5.05
P. L. Scribner, labor	18.59
Charles Nickerson, labor	28.33

J. H. Littlefield, labor	47.56	
Ira Veazie, labor	61.50	
Mary J. Nickerson, gravel	8.00	
E. J. Ames, labor	6.00	
C. L. Kimball, labor	1.50	
Fred H. Curtis, labor	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$275.15

DISTRICT NO. 12

Richard W. Grover, labor	\$29.50	
Otis Colson, labor	14.85	
Allie Curtis, labor	21.00	
C. O. Seekins, Jr., labor	15.00	
Clifford Seekins, labor	89.93	
Myron Curtis, labor	6.00	
Smith Clements, labor	12.00	
John C. Grover, labor	10.50	
C. L. Kimball, labor	14.35	
	<hr/>	\$213.13

DISTRICT NO. 13

O. B. George, labor	\$36.00	
James Nickels, labor	119.56	
Lemuel Dickey, labor	153.49	
Smith Clements, labor	3.00	
C. R. Nickerson, culvert plank	18.28	
G. E. Moody, labor	6.00	
William George, labor	28.00	
Stanley Dickey, labor	24.50	
Allie Dickey, labor	10.50	
J. S. Larrabee, labor	17.40	
	<hr/>	\$416.73

DISTRICT NO. 14

A. E. Wilson, labor	\$15.00	
F. O. Marden, labor	50.00	
I. W. Veazie, labor	15.00	
M. C. Ward, labor	38.67	
Maurice Rivers, labor	3.00	
Percy Seekins, labor	3.00	
G. H. Stevens, labor	28.36	
Harold Stone, labor	27.00	
W. L. Carter, labor	42.08	
H. S. Harriman, labor	3.33	
	<hr/>	\$225.44

DISTRICT NO. 15

C. O. Seekins, Jr., labor	\$64.50	
Orin Seekins, labor	3.00	
Smith Clements, labor	6.00	
Percy Seekins, labor	6.00	
Willis Baker, labor 1925	9.16	
E. E. Baker, labor 1925	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$93.16

DISTRICT NO. 16

E. A. Nickerson, labor	\$99.19	
O. R. Seekins, labor	5.64	
Frank Stairs, labor	6.00	
Benjamin Collins, labor	3.00	
Smith Clements, labor	15.00	
Otis W. Colson, labor	18.24	
Geo. R. Barnes, labor	15.27	
	<hr/>	\$162.34

DISTRICT NO. 17

C. R. Nickerson, labor	\$8.06
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Smith Clements, labor	41.66	
E. E. Clements, labor	17.66	
Oren Seekins, labor	11.50	
P. L. Seekins, labor	12.16	
Heber Kenney, labor	8.66	
G. A. Seekins, labor	18.70	
		\$118.40

DISTRICT NO. 19

Ellsworth Howard, labor	\$3.00	
W. S. Downes, labor	15.00	
Ralph Webster, labor	1.67	
John Miner, labor	2.34	
F. L. Gray, labor	18.50	
Leslie Young, labor	3.00	
Melvin Keene, labor	3.00	
Clifford Seekins, labor	9.00	
S. L. Ridley, labor	4.38	
F. I. Mortland, labor	25.50	
Forrest Closson, labor	3.00	
Leslie Closson, labor	5.50	
		\$93.89

Total expended by district road commissioners	\$2,676.75
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HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS

Chas. Chamberlain, labor 1924	\$11.15
Medora Wiswell, material 1924	6.70
Alonzo Seekins, labor	7.20
Lewis Nickerson, labor 1925	15.00
W. J. Koch, watering trough, 1925	5.00
Marshall O. Knoulton, printing road bills	6.50

W. L. Carter, labor 1925	3.67	
C. H. Lindsay, watering trough	5.00	
O. C. Nutting, material	5.00	
John R. Ladd, labor	40.75	
C. M. Conant Co., parts for road machine	25.00	
J. H. Duncan, express on parts for road machine	3.48	
L. C. Eaton, labor	26.36	
R. N. Porter	28.66	
A. E. Trundy, supplies	44.26	
		\$223.73
Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Total amount expended	2,910.48	
		\$410.48
Amount overdrawn		\$410.48

MAINTENANCE PATROL

Treas. State of Maine	\$390.00	
Appropriation	500.00	
		\$110.00
Amount Unexpended		\$110.00

SEWERS

Archie Merrithew, material for Warren St. sewer	90.00
Perley Frazier, labor	28.56
Clarence Rich, labor	34.56
Amos Colcord, labor	27.96
Vernon Nickerson, labor	39.95
Fred A. Small, labor	45.78
Willis Nickerson, labor	6.00
H. F. Partridge, labor	42.00
H. F. Partridge, labor Mosman St. sewer	10.32
Cecil Card, labor	11.90

S. J. Card, labor	12.50	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material	28.98	
Amos Lane, labor	16.81	
William Hawley, labor	1.00	
Geo. S. Sargent, labor	4.85	
D. E. Nickerson, labor	6.00	
L. D. Littlefield, material	191.25	
Ralph Webster, labor	3.53	
		\$601.95
No appropriation		
Amount overdrawn		\$601.95

MERRITHEW LANE SEWER

Amos Colcord, labor	\$18.30	
Perley Frazier, labor	18.83	
A. N. Carr, labor	13.50	
Walter Curtis, labor	16.64	
William Hawley, labor	8.48	
F. A. Lane, labor	54.50	
Clarence Rich, labor	16.10	
L. H. Rich, labor	10.95	
Frank Fish, labor	7.32	
H. F. Partridge, labor	18.00	
Searsport Drug Co., supplies60	
F. A. Small, labor	25.18	
Delbert Nickerson, labor	9.00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material	579.63	
		\$797.03
Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Amount expended	797.03	
		\$202.97

STATE-AID ROAD

Allie Curtis, labor	\$109.33
Elmer Webster, labor	11.50
John Miner, labor	75.50
Merritt Shields, labor	21.00
Ralph Webster, labor	64.68
Ellsworth Howard, labor	112.67
Sidney Moody, labor	100.67
C. F. Hill, labor	180.35
H. F. Partridge, labor	1.33
Clifford Seekins, labor	166.68
Amos Lane, labor	17.17
W. S. Downes, labor	195.35
F. I. Mortland, labor	211.56
Harold Reed, labor	24.67
J. F. Eames, labor	85.65
Bert McGray, foreman	17.49
Chas. Decrow, truck	54.16
Keith Weymouth, truck	47.50
State Highway Commission, truck	26.67
Harry Dole, driver	8.40
Bert Daggett, driver	1.00
Dwight Thomas, driver	1.00
Elwin Sheldon, driver	1.00
Bert. Hogan, truck	7.50
C. T. Seekins, labor	31.34
Ralph Bradley, gravel	84.30
Harold Moulton, labor	7.33
Leslie Closson, labor	52.00
Bangor Investment Co., gravel and rock	33.45
C. H. Lindsey, gravel	34.82
Eudavilla Foster, board of truck driver	6.19
Clifton Ward, labor	23.17
George Weymouth,	40.90
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	\$1,856.33

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Rec'd from State	1,234.23	
		\$1,834.23

Amount overdrawn. \$22.10

1260 ft. of road built.

THIRD-CLASS ROAD

Cooper & Co., culverts	\$84.00	
Harold Reed, labor	72.17	
Ralph Webster, labor	97.67	
Frank Curtis, labor	97.84	
Harold Moulton, labor	125.66	
John Grover, labor	30.00	
Ellsworth Howard, labor	110.40	
Delbert Nickerson, labor	79.50	
Richard Grover, labor	76.34	
Clifford Seekins, labor	235.34	
G. W. Larson, labor	102.00	
Clifton Ward, labor	111.17	
Harold Nickerson, labor	21.67	
C. F. Hill, labor	216.33	
Willis Nickerson, labor	100.67	
Leslie Closson, labor	108.67	
Walter Curtis, labor	21.00	
Frank Gray, labor	67.33	
Jacob Eames, labor	163.33	
Sidney Moody, labor	90.67	
Allie Curtis, labor	11.00	
W. S. Downes, labor	235.33	
F. I. Mortland, labor	244.06	
J. R. Davis, labor	21.00	
L. P. Closson, gravel	120.00	
Hall Hardware Co., material	18.75	
A. E. Trundy & Son, material	35.00	
		\$2,699.90

Expended.	\$2,699.90
Rec'd from State.	2,700.66

Amount unexpended.	\$.76
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2160 ft. of Road built.

30-30 IMPROVED ROAD

State Highway Commission, truck.	\$36.34	
Eudavilla Foster, board of driver.	3.33	
C. H. Lindsay, gravel.	30.80	
Bert McGray, foreman.	12.50	
Chas. Decrow, truck.	65.83	
Keith Weymouth, truck.	37.50	
Harry Dole, driver.	7.87	
Bert Hogan, truck.	7.50	
Geo. Weymouth, truck.	13.33	
Geo. Weymouth, loader for gravel.	41.10	
		\$256.10
Appropriation.	\$200.00	
Rec'd from State.	71.70	
		\$271.70
Amount unexpended.		\$15.60

COTTAGE STREET

Clarence Rich, labor.	\$1.67
Ralph Closson, labor.	2.67
Welden Nickerson, labor.	104.75
Welden Nickerson Jr., labor.	27.50
Norman Nickerson, labor.	58.00
J. R. Davis, labor.	137.50
J. H. Duncan,	12.70
W. S. Downes, labor.	15.00
P. L. Scribner, material.	30.00
Ralph Bradley, gravel.	4.20

L. D. Littlefield, material	10.00	
Delbert Nickerson, labor	28.50	
John Howard, labor	6.00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material	14.02	
Fred Parker, labor	24.00	
Kenneth Rich, labor	10.50	
Hall Hardware Co., material	16.16	
Roy Moody, labor	1.50	
Sidney York, labor	1.34	
		<u>\$506.01</u>
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Amount expended	506.01	
		<u>\$6.01</u>
Amount overdrawn		\$6.01

SNOW

Chas. Seekins, Jr., labor	\$21.53
Chas. Seekins, labor	30.57
E. Dunbar, labor	5.55
C. E. Lenfest, labor	12.99
O. B. George, labor	17.32
F. O. Marden, labor	22.28
Lemuel Dickey, labor	66.97
Oren Seekins, labor	20.91
Geo. Seekins, labor	34.96
Percy Seekins, labor	16.61
Eugene Seekins, labor	4.31
M. C. Ward, labor	23.33
A. L. Merrithew, labor	22.46
Edwin A. Colcord, labor	12.66
Harold Nickerson, labor	3.00
Myron Curtis, labor	21.25
Maurice Nickerson, labor	6.50
Richard W. Grover, labor	5.84

A. Nickerson, labor	5.66
Omar Pease, labor	3.00
E. A. Nickerson, labor	46.20
Alonzo Seekins, labor	4.32
Ellsworth Howard, labor	25.67
A. W. Nickerson, labor	3.00
Lawrence Kimball, labor	8.51
Otis Colson, labor	17.82
Minor Wilson, labor75
W. A. Smith, labor	1.50
Frank Stairs, labor	3.14
J. R. Davis, labor	6.00
Ira Veazie, labor	20.16
P. L. Scribner, labor	12.00
F. L. Gray, labor	15.00
E. L. Savory, labor	29.42
James Nickels, labor	41.63
G. H. Buck, labor	1.50
H. J. Tozier, labor	5.16
W. E. Bragdon, labor	3.00
Sidney York, labor	9.34
A. P. Colcord, labor	25.00
John Flinton, labor	12.30
Chas. M. Grant, labor	5.00
John Merry, labor	3.67
Elmer Nickerson, labor	12.00
Geo. B. Putnam, labor	8.10
Albert Wilson, labor	7.16
Geo. L. Closson, labor	4.50
C. L. Kimball, labor	14.18
W. J. Koch, labor	11.32
W. L. Carter, labor	31.02
John Innes, labor	8.17
Clarence Rich, labor50
H. S. Harriman, labor	13.48

Chas. Clements, labor	11.98
William George, labor	24.83
W. H. Ames, labor	14.49
Ralph Sargent, labor	6.50
Sumner Nickerson, labor 1925	18.00
C. F. Hill, labor	16.00
S. J. Card, labor	3.33
Roy Moody, labor	1.50
W. S. Downes, labor	22.70
Ivory Frazier, labor	3.00
S. L. Ridley, labor	17.50
Smith Clements, labor	41.31
E. E. Clements, labor	18.96
N. Webster, labor	14.13
Edward F. Roberts, labor	21.00
Harold Reed, labor	9.60
Clifford Seekins, labor	27.01
Chas. A. Nickerson, labor	13.66
Heber Kenney, labor	11.65
F. I. Mortland, labor	28.49
C. U. Jackson, labor	5.00
Chas. Eames, labor	20.82
Willis Nickerson, labor	1.50
F. Percy Partridge, labor	4.00
E. J. Ames, labor	14.00
L. C. Eaton, labor	5.33
R. N. Porter, labor	5.32
L. D. Littlefield, labor	214.00
A. O. Colman, labor	7.17
James E. Clark, labor	4.00
T. N. Whitcomb, labor	4.32
Fred Curtis, labor	2.25
M. F. Parker, labor	7.00
F. P. Parker, labor	4.50
Robert Colman, labor	4.47

E. H. Andrews, labor	3.00	
Warren Jackson, labor	3.00	
		\$1,403.54
Amount expended.	\$1,403.54	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
		\$403.54

SIDEWALKS

James Coffin, labor 1925	\$2.15	
Ralph Closson, labor	9.67	
F. A. Lane, labor	2.66	
F. A. Small, labor	25.08	
Omar Cunningham, gravel	27.50	
William Hawley, labor	4.50	
W. S. Downes, labor	12.00	
Clifton Ward, labor	6.00	
D. E. Nickerson, labor	4.43	
		\$93.99
Appropriation	\$200.00	
Amount expended.	93.99	
		\$106.01

CEMENT WALKS

Cecil Card, labor	\$83.01	
Omar Cunningham, gravel	45.00	
Charles Curtis, labor	38.12	
S. J. Card, labor	115.10	
O. C. Dean, labor	47.05	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material	188.09	
Elmer Dean, labor	35.33	
Bangor Investment Co., gravel	9.00	
		\$560.70

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Amount expended	560.70	
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Amount overdrawn	-	\$60.70

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUNCAN,
I. W. VEAZIE,
F. L. PERKINS,

Road Commissioners of Searsport.

Report of the Fire Ward

List of Fires in 1926

1926

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| May | 8 | J. C. Lombard's house, partial loss. |
| | 17 | O. C. Dean's Chimney, small loss. |
| | 21 | Grass fire, West Main Street. |
| | 29 | Amos Lane's chimney. No loss. |
| June | 3 | I. M. Frazier's chimney. No loss. |
| | 18 | J. P. Scully's chimney. No loss. |
| Sept. | 28 | Mrs. Merryman's barn. Total loss. |
| Dec. | 24 | F. Cleaves' chimney. No loss. |

1927

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| Jan. | 8 | John Soffayer's chimney. No loss. |
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We have on hand at the present time 1600 feet of good hose. This is not enough to fight a large fire. I would recommend the purchase of 1000 feet of 2½ inch hose.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. PARTRIDGE,

Fire Ward.

Searsport, Maine,
January 31, 1927.

Report of Tax Collector

Unpaid taxes of 1924	\$120.67	
Unpaid taxes of 1925	776.65	
Supplementary taxes	214.07	
Interest on taxes	27.74	
Amt. committed May 27, 1926	34,708.47	
Total commitments		\$35,847.60
Paid to Treasurer:		
For taxes 1924	\$120.67	
taxes 1925	714.72	
taxes 1926	33,695.10	
Total Amt. paid	\$34,530.49	
Amt. uncollected taxes, Feb. 8, 1927	1,317.11	
		\$35,847.60

LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1926

Mrs. Chester Bailey	\$39.90	
E. O. Baily	8.25	
J. H. Carr	29.67	
Maynard Carr	7.20	
James F. Coffin	17.70	
Jonathan Colcord heirs	12.60	
Harry Collins	7.20	
Sam Cunningham	11.82	
Leslie Grindle	7.20	
Geo. Getchell	13.50	
Ernest Grant	7.20	
I. M. Frazier	5.10	

William Hamilton	10.50
Agnes Holmes	63.00
Charles Irvin	3.00
W. J. Koch	21.69
Reed Lowell	3.00
Leon Moody	21.90
George Moody	5.10
Ernest Murphy	52.77
Osmon Nickerson	3.00
Elmer D. Nickerson	5.10
Harry Nason	3.00
C. E. Robertson	1.05
Cliff Randall	3.00
Alonzo Seekins	3.00
Jeremiah Sweetser Heirs	113.40
Robert Thompson	5.94
Mrs. Robert Thompson	33.60
Herbert Tozier	21.00

NON-RESIDENT

H. C. Buzzell	\$50.40
Wm. Huston Heirs	8.40
C. C. and Harriett Hamilton	21.00
Clyde Howard	8.40
Mrs. F. A. Nye	1.05
John Seekins	2.10
Thomas Nickerson	31.50
F. E. Peirce	4.20
Chester Trundy	2.10
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	\$669.55
Fractional parts	
Uncollected taxes	\$585.63
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Total Amt. uncollected 1926 . . .	\$1,255.18

UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1925

Leslie Grindle	\$1.44
Charles Hartley	10.60
Maynard Carr	6.05
Mrs. W. J. Koch	31.74
Hora Savery	10.00
Chester Trundy	2.10

Total Amt. uncollected taxes,
1925

\$61.93

\$1,317.11

Uncollected taxes of 1926	\$1,262.38
Uncollected taxes of 1925	61.93

Total Amt. uncollected 1926-
1925

\$1,317.11

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SMART,

Collector.

Searsport, Maine.

Feb. 8, 1927.

Report of Treasurer

C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer

Receipts

1926

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1926	\$1,431.61
Searsport National Bank, Temporary loans	7,500.00
Wm. D. Smart, Coll. taxes of 1924	120.67
Wm. D. Smart, Coll. taxes of 1925	714.72
Wm. D. Smart, Coll. taxes of 1926	33,695.10
State Treasurer, Burial of Soldiers	200.00
State Treasurer, Tax on Bank Stock	783.72
State Treasurer, Free Public Library	32.81
State Treasurer, State Aid—Dependent Mothers	135.00
State Treasurer, State Pensions 1926	336.00
State Treasurer, Highway Department 30-30 Road	71.70
State Treasurer, State Aid Roads	1,234.23
State Treasurer, Equalization Fund, (Schools)	336.00
State Treasurer, State School Fund	3,170.65
State Treasurer, Highway Department, 3rd Class Road	2,700.66
State Treasurer, Dog Licenses Refunded	50.93
State Treasurer, R. R. and Telegraph Tax	99.04
M. S. Dolliver, Clerk. Dog Tax 1926	139.00
I. M. Frazier, Amt. Tax Deed	24.00
Town of Newport, Supplies to Edwin Tozier	106.04
E. E. Roderick, Supt., supplies sold (supply acct)	5.55
Thomas Byrock, Entering Sewer	6.00
G. M. Porter, Entering Sewer	10.00
W. S. York, for building	10.00 -
M. F. Parker, Pool-room license	10.00

C. E. Greene, Picture License and Lights	12.00
Rent of Union Hall	191.00
Emery Frazier	20.00
Interests on Deposits	37.17
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	\$53,183.60
Note due Searsport National Bank to Bal.	621.87
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	\$53,805.47

Disbursements

Searsport National Bank, amt. of notes	\$7,500.00
State Pensions for 1926	366.00
J. H. Duncan, Treas. Library Asso., amt. rec'd	32.81
State Treasurer, State Tax 1926	5,303.39
County Treasurer, County Tax 1926	2,339.81
State Treasurer, Dog Licenses 1926	139.00
C. E. Greene, Lights for Union Hall	12.00
Town Orders of 1926	38,112.46
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	\$53,805.47

TRUST FUNDS

Balance from 1925	\$3.86
Rec'd from Henrietta T. Nickels Fund	70.00
Rec'd from Angie N. Gilmore Fund	50.00
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	\$123.86
Paid from above amount	\$102.17
Balance	21.69
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	\$123.86
Int. Cyrus True Library Fund	\$20.24
Int. Hannah T. Pendleton Library Fund	4.04
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	\$24.28
Paid J. H. Duncan, Treasurer, Library Asso.	\$24.28

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

As per lists, reports 1916-25		\$16,722.92
Amount added to Bowditch Fund	77.00	
Charlott Butman Ford Fund	100.00	
George A. Brown Fund	50.00	
James Carr Fund	50.00	
Alex H. and Matilda P. Nichols Fund	100.00	
Edward A. Gross Fund	75.00	
Theophilus Colson	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$552.00
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		\$17,274.92
Tax Deeds 1922-25, (less \$24.00 paid)		\$923.09

Tax Deeds of 1926

S. Caroline Koch	\$137.90	
E. C. Meservey	28.70	
Norman Whitcomb	32.90	
Howe Savery	26.60	
Charles Hartley	16.10	
Henry Pike Heirs	43.40	
Raymond Howard	11.90	
George Hustus	25.55	
Hannah P. Carver	70.70	
W. H. Goddard	5.60	
Dorothy Decrow Heirs	12.90	
S. S. Striar	46.50	
Fred Pulos Heirs	8.70	
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		\$1,390.54

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. SAWYER,

Treasurer. .

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. COLCORD,

Auditor of Town Accounts.

Report of Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association

To the Selectmen of the Town of Searsport, Maine:

Below is my report as Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association for the year ending January 31, 1927.

RECEIPTS

Balance Jan. 31, 1926	\$93.84
Interest from Cyrus True Fund	20.20
Interest from Hannah T. Pendleton Fund	4.04
Hay on Grounds	2.00
Town Appropriation	350.00
Annual dues from Association Members .	26.00
State allowance for Books	32.81

Total receipts	\$528.89
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EXPENDITURES

Central Maine Power Co., Lights	\$38.80	
Alexander Sweetser, Janitor	2.50	
John Davis, Janitor	117.50	
Elsie H. Gilkey, Assistant Librarian . . .	37.50	
Martha Duncan, Assistant Librarian . . .	17.20	
Mildred E. Shute, Librarian	86.00	
Searsport Coal Co., Coal	107.25	
A. E. Trundy & Son, Kindling	2.50	
Ralph Closson, Labor	2.60	
I. W. Veazie, Wood	11.00	
Clement & Adams, 30 Books	50.00	
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Total expenditures		\$472.85
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Balance in hand Jan. 31, 1927		\$56.04

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN,

Treasurer.

Searsport, Maine,
January 31, 1927.



ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
of the
TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE
Year Ending February 1, 1927



Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Searsport, Maine:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, my ninth annual report of the school system of Searsport. The work of the year shows a measure of progress all along the line, but would show greater improvement were we not laboring under a handicap. Our present system requires us to do nine years of work in eight years. As was pointed out in last year's report, our pupils are doing work a year ahead of their grade, all through our system. When we take the recent tests and measurements into consideration, we find that our children who have a "Mental Age" for fourth grade work are attempting to do fifth grade work. A large number of places have overcome the defect of the present eight grade system by raising the age of entering from five to six years; while other places are making up for this defect by establishing kindergartens or sub-primary work, this giving each child a year of training before beginning the first year's work.

This means, of course, an additional burden of expense to the school system. Not any more, in proportion, than what it used to be when we had the nine grade system; but, naturally more than the eight grade system. It means holding them a year longer in school, and, in as much as only a very small percentage of our students who graduate from high school ever go to college it would seem to me to be a very legitimate and much worth while advantage to give to our boys and girls.

The expense connected with the education of our children should never be our first consideration. They have a right to the very best we can possibly afford. It behooves us then to think this problem through that an error may not occur at the expense of the best interests of our young people.

UNION HALL SCHOOLS

The two rooms which were opened up in Union Hall have relieved the congestion in the Union school-building to some extent. These two rooms provide temporary relief, but should never be considered as permanent quarters. In fact, in order to make conditions as they should be, in the high school, we should have the room now used by the third and fourth grades for a laboratory and typewriting room. This combination could be made and would come nearer being proper conditions than the present arrangement.

Our typewriting room is now what used to be the coat-rooms on the mezzanine or first stair landing. This little room is about 10' x 12' x 7' and contains approximately 840 cu. ft. The Standard Building Code requires 240 cu. ft. of air-space for each child. We may as well face the facts as they are; we sometimes have ten pupils beside a teacher in this small space which does not have air-space enough for four people. Just imagine what the air can be in this room after three quarters of an hour. I protest against such conditions. I know that if you, the parents of these young people, and citizens realized the exact conditions we are forced to work under, you would not permit it to continue. You should be informed. I am telling you.

The State Department of Education has for the first time awarded the town from the State Equalization Fund the sum of \$336.00 for the specific purpose of increasing your teachers' salaries.

The Department realizes that our wage scale is much below what it should be. The Department wants to make sure that your children will continue to have a trained corps of teachers. It is willing to help us but we must help ourselves. After persistent effort, for several years, I have at last been successful in getting some recognition on this point from the State Education Department, what are we going to do about it?

HOME WORK

I can not think of anything which would be of more value and greater help to us than the cooperation of the home in the matter of home study. This improvement and the raising of our school standards are entirely within our reach, without additional expense.

An analysis of the failures in our school-work shows that more than 90% of these failures, on the part of the student, is lack of preparation of the work assigned. When a student is failing in his work, parents would help us a very great deal if they would insist that his or her child spend as much time in home-study as may be necessary to raise the grade of work from "failure" to at least "good" work.

The average student who does good work in school has to spend from one to three hours in home-study. The excuse that a student makes for not doing any home work—that he can do as well as the others in his class,—and, yet, brings home an unsatisfactory mark, is no excuse at all.

We earnestly solicit the assistance of all parents. Some do not need as much urging as others to prepare their work, but parents will know. This is a parental responsibility. There are some things the schools can do and there are other things they cannot do without your assistance and cooperation.

TOILETS

It is not necessary for me to repeat what was said in the last three or four reports relative to the State Law on the matter of school toilets. Suffice it to say, that we have until Sept. 1st of this present year to make the necessary changes. The North Searsport, Mt. Ephraim, Porter and Park school toilets will have to meet the requirements by Sept. 1st, otherwise, the law requires that the town be penalized. The money due the town from the State School Fund may be withheld until all requirements are met.

In closing this report I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the success of our school program. I want to especially thank the School Committee and teachers for their helpful cooperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. RODERICK,

Superintendent.

Searsport, Maine.

Feb. 28, 1927.

EDWARD E. RODERICK, Superintendent

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donald Vaughn, Chairman.....Term expires, 1927
 Frank I. Mortland.....Term expires, 1928
 Rev. Melvin S. Hutchins.....Term expires, 1929

CALENDAR 1926-1927

Fall Term, 15 Weeks

Fall Term began.....September 7, 1926
 Thanksgiving Day recess.....November 25, 1926
 Fall Term ended.....December 17, 1926

Winter Term, 12 Weeks

Winter Term began.....Jan. 3, 1927
 Washington's Birthday (holiday).....February 22, 1927
 Winter Term closes.....March 25, 1927

Spring Term, 9 Weeks

Spring Term begins.....April 4, 1927
 Spring Term ends.....June 3, 1927

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Year Ending July 1, 1926

1. Attendance and registration:
 - (a) Number of different pupils registered in Common schools from July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1926.
Girls—138; Boys—137; Total—275.
 - (b) Number of different pupils registered in High school from July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1926.
Girls—34; Boys—19; Total—53.
2. Number conveyed at expense of town: 22.
3. Number of weeks schools were maintained by terms:
Fall term—15; Winter—12; Spring—9; Total—36.
4. Number who completed the last year of the Elementary schools:
Girls—13; Boys—7; Total—20.
5. Grades in Elementary system: 8.
6. Aggregate attendance of all pupils in grades: 37,896 days.
7. Aggregate attendance of all pupils in High school: 8,215 days.
8. Average length in days of school year: 175.9 days.
9. Number graduating from Senior High school in June:
Boys—2; Girls—3; Total—5.
10. Enrollment by classes:
Freshmen—20; Sophomores—17; Juniors—11; Seniors—5.
11. Enrollment by Courses:
College Preparatory (Classical)
Girls—5; Boys—1; Total—6.
Commercial—Girls 29; Boys—18; Total—47.
12. Number of High and Elementary pupils given the Eye and Ear Tests: 172.
 - (a) Number found defective in sight: 20.
 - (b) Number found defective in hearing: 5.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

	School	Grade	Name of Teacher	Salary
1.	Park.....	Rural.....	Lillias Buck.....	\$18.00 per week
2.	Nichols.....	1-5.....	Eldora DeMerrit.....	17.00 per week
3.	Union Hall.....	5-6.....	Agnes Gilkey.....	21.00 per week
4.	Union School.....	3-4.....	Eva Dow.....	17.00 per week
5.	Junior High.....	7-8.....	Vernon Haslam.....	20.00 per week
6.	Primary.....	1-2.....	Faustina Harding.....	21.00 per week
7.	Porter.....	Rural.....	Evelyn Ryder.....	15.00 per week
8.	Mt. Ephraim.....	Rural.....	Beatrice Tarbell.....	17.00 per week
9.	North Searsport.....	Rural.....	Nellie Marden.....	15.00 per week
10.	High School.....	Principal.....	Lillian G. Runnells.....	33.33 per week
11.	High School.....	Assistant.....	Arthur Hillman.....	27.78 per week
12.	High School.....	Assistant.....	Henrietta McCaslin.....	20.00 per week

ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSE AND HIGH SCHOOL
ACCOUNTS

Teachers' Salaries

1. Lillian G. Runnells, Prin. High School.....	\$1,200.03
2. Victor Greene, Assistant in High School.....	263.60
3. Arthur Hillman, Assistant in High School.....	27.78
4. Henrietta McCaslin, Assistant in High School.....	720.00
5. Geo. Muzzey, Assistant in High School.....	263.90
6. Harold Crozier, Assistant in High School.....	436.20
7. Vernon Haslam, Prin. Jr. High.....	720.00
8. Agnes Gilkey, Grades 5 and 6.....	736.00
9. Faustina Harding, Grades 1 and 2.....	736.00
10. Lillian F. Buck, Park School.....	610.00
11. Eldora DeMerritt, Nichols School..	598.40
12. Viola Smith, Porter School.....	300.00
13. Evelyn Ryder, Porter School.....	240.00
14. Fannie Clement, Mt. Ephraim School.....	303.20
15. Ferne Crabtree, Mt. Ephraim School.....	228.00
16. Jennie Clement, Mt. Ephraim School.....	12.80
17. Beatrice H. Tarbell, Mt. Ephraim School.....	17.00
18. Nellie Marden, North Searsport...	540.00

19.	Eva Dow, Grades 3 and 4	17.00	
20.	Ida Duncan, Substituting	2.00	
21.	Laura B. Hutchins, Substituting . . .	47.60	
22.	Gertrude Lloyd, Grades 3 and 4 . . .	595.00	
23.	Laura MacFarland, Substituting . .	27.20	
			<hr/> \$8,642.51

Janitors

Horrace Bowdoin, janitor at Park School	\$51.00	
Aldora DeMerritt, janitor at Nichols School	47.10	
Oakes Gilmore, janitor at E. House School	22.50	
Charlotte Curtis, janitor at Porter School	34.50	
Ada Bailey, janitor at Mt. Ephraim School	51.00	
Orville Whitcomb, janitor at N. Searsport	28.50	
Edward Gilmore, janitor at E. House . .	6.00	
Eva Whitcomb, janitor at N. Searsport . .	21.00	
Norman Thistle, janitor at Union Hall . .	3.00	
Mildred Curtis, janitor at Porter School .	16.50	
Laura MacFarland, janitor at Nichols School	2.40	
Willis Nickerson, janitor at Union Hall School	64.00	
Vernon Haslam, janitor at Union Building	392.00	
		<hr/> \$739.50

Grade Tuition

Town of Stockton Springs, Me	\$24.00	
City of Belfast, Maine	16.50	
		<hr/> \$40.50

Fuel

Archie Merrithew, fuel	\$136.00	
O. C. Dean, trucking coal	37.50	
Penobscot Coal & Wharf Co., coal	405.50	
Richard Grover, fitting wood	9.00	
F. O. Marden, wood	104.50	
Herber Kenney, fitting fuel	1.50	
Walter Curtis, fitting fuel	15.00	
Ira Veazie, trucking fuel	3.00	
Ralph Closson, labor on fuel	15.00	
Thornton Curtis, labor on fuel	5.00	
C. F. Hill, trucking	11.50	
Edmund S. Ames, wood	48.00	
L. C. Eaton, wood	57.00	
Willis Nickerson, carting wood50	
Miles Towers, trucking fuel	1.50	
R. I. Mortland, wood	96.00	
Clifford Seekins, wood	7.50	
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		\$954.00

Transportation

Fred Thistle, Searsport Ave. Route	\$117.25	
Will George, Mt. Ephraim Route	360.00	
Mabel Hamilton, Porter Route	20.00	
Miles Towers, Back Road to Belfast	525.00	
Fred M. Ellis, Stockton Route	22.00	
D. F. Dunaver, Stockton Route	20.00	
Arthur Ridley, Conveying his own child	40.00	
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		\$1,104.25

Board of Pupils

Mrs. Mary Nichols, Boarding Arthur Ridley's child		\$60.00
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G. S. P. & High School. . Grand total . . .		\$11,540.76

TEXT BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

M. F. Parker, express	\$.85
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co., laboratory material	32.74
Berry Paper Co., paper	7.22
American Book Co., books for high and grades	97.75
Rand & MacNally Co., books	20.46
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	180.58
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	22.23
Silver Burdett & Co., books	11.90
Hinds, Hayden & Eldridge, Inc., books	11.40
The John C. Winston Co., books	17.52
Starkey & Toner, Inc., supplies	79.10
The MacMillan Co., books	42.41
E. E. Roderick, telephone, office expense, postage, express	17.71
L. C. Smith Typewriter Co., typewriter	70.00
F. H. Cleaves, express and trucking	2.25
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies	37.19
The A. N. Palmer Co., writing-books	13.59
Howard & Brown, diplomas	6.82
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies	31.48
Marshall Knowlton, printing	5.75
D. A. Scott, repairing and cleaning typewriters	2.00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., Chemical and laboratory sheets	42.27
South Western Publishing Co., books	1.56
Fred Perkins, paid for freight and express	2.08
Ginn & Co., books	173.57
Frank & Wagnalls Co., books	3.46
Fuller-Cobb-Davis, towels	9.70
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriter	70.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter	70.00

Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	70.00	
Laidlaw Bros., books	16.74	
D. C. Heath & Co., books	4.37	
The Gregg Publishing Co., books	13.71	
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books:	2.23	
Benjamin H. Sanborn Co., books	6.15	
World Book Co., books	34.83	
Wilbur D. Gilpatric, paper	5.40	
Geo. H. Robertson, printing	10.00	
Iriquois Publishing Co., books	7.45	
		\$1,254.47

UNION HALL, REPAIRS, INSURANCE AND LIGHT

J. L. Hammett & Co., material for repairs	\$21.25
Vernon Haslam, labor on school repairs . .	14.50
Miles Towers, trucking and cleaning chemical toilet	5.00
L. M. Glover & Co., oil for floors	5.61
City of Belfast, Me., slate black-boards . .	26.33
H. P. Griffin, plumbing and toilet fixtures	179.92
G. H. Hopkins, fire extinguisher	11.19
B. F. Colcord, insurance on school-buildings	271.95
Correct-Posture Seating Co., desks	320.00
A. L. Mosman, labor and material on repairs	9.82
Mathews Bros., windows, doors for repairs	24.75
Cooper & Co., windows and frames, weights and plasterboard	56.68
L. W. Rich, labor on Union Hall	30.00
C. W. Jackson, labor on Union Hall and other buildings	42.00
W. P. Rich, labor on Union Hall	85.35

Frank L. Gray, cleaning and minor repairs to school building	64.54	
Bert Billings, painting at Union Hall	9.00	
Clarence Rich, labor at Union Hall	9.00	
Central Maine Power Co., lights and repairs at Union Hall	142.44	
Miron Russell, labor on Union Hall	28.00	
A. D. Brewer, labor on Union Hall	13.12	
J. H. Perkins, trucking, freight paid, etc	6.00	
Clement & Adams, shades	5.20	
Milton Bradley Co., materials	14.21	
John Davis, painting at Union Hall	10.00	
C. N. Jackson, labor on Union Hall	6.00	
F. H. Parks, labor at Nichols School	4.00	
Geo. S. Sargent, trucking and setting slate boards	11.50	
F. O. Marden, banking N. Searsport School building	5.00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., hardware, Beaver board for Union Hall	177.56	
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber for Union Hall and other buildings	31.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,641.12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General School Purposes

Common Schools

Resources

Appropriation, March, 1926	\$5,800.00	
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1926	320.92	
From State School Fund	2,406.65	
	<hr/>	\$8,527.57

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	\$5,731.00	
Fuel	538.00	
Janitor's account	379.50	
Transportation	1,104.25	
Grade Tuition	40.50	
Pupil's board	60.00	
Bal. March 1, 1927	674.32	
	<hr/>	\$8,527.57

Free High School

Resources

Appropriation, March 1926	\$2,800.00	
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1926	133.88	
From State School Fund	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,733.88

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	\$2,911.51	
Fuel	416.00	
Janitor	360.00	
Balance, March 1, 1927	46.37	
	<hr/>	\$3,733.88

TEXT BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

Resources

Appropriation, March 1926	\$930.00
Credit Berry Paper Co., refund	7.22
James Duncan, paper15
Harold Whittum, duplicate diploma	1.00
Harold Crozier, sale of Experiment Sheets	4.40

Bal. March 1, 1926	88.67	
From State School Fund	300.00	
		\$1,331.44

Expenditures

For books, supplies and incidentals	\$1,254.47	
Balance March 1, 1927	76.97	
		\$1,331.44

REPAIRS, INSURANCE, UNION HALL AND LIGHTS

Resources

Appropriation, March, 1926	\$1,350.00	
Overdraft, March 1, 1927	291.12	
		\$1,641.12

Expenditures

Expended for Light, Insurance and Re- pairs		\$1,641.12
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Superintendency

Appropriation	\$637.46	
Expended	637.46	

Compulsory Education

No appropriation		
Expended		\$10.00

RECAPITULATION

	Balance	Overdraft	Bal. Over all
General School Purposes	\$674.32		
High School	46.37		
Free Text Books, Supplies and Incidentals	76.97		
Repairs, Insurance, Light and Union Hall		\$291.12	
Compulsory Education (no appropriation)		10.00	
	\$797.66	\$301.12	\$496.54

Report of the Principal of the High School

To Mr. Edward E. Roderick, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, and the Citizens of Searsport.

A report of the high school by its principal is customary at this time, but there is very little to state in addition to what has already been stated before concerning the school, as general conditions under which the teachers are obliged to conduct their classes, remain practically the same as heretofore. The removal of the grades to Union Hall provides no more rooms for high school use; that change simply provides one fair sized room to take the place of the very small one generally used for storage of text books, that had to be used last year as the type-writing room. We have just the same *number* of rooms to accommodate our classes as we had previously, no more, and our classes are larger.

The little room made from the section of the hallway formerly used for coat rooms is almost unendurable. It is insufficiently lighted and does not contain air space enough for more than four pupils, nor floor space for six and allow for proper supervision of work on the part of the teacher. Every day there are periods when eleven people are crowded into this room for *mental work*, and there is no way to ventilate it. When the temperature nears the zero mark, it cannot be heated sufficiently, and recitations have to be omitted.

The building leaks more and more each year, and in the third floor recitation room, the rain and melting snow on the roof dripping through in many places, and the lack of heat on cold days often make this room unfit for occupancy, and again classes must be discontinued.

Fifty-six pupils have been enrolled this year in the senior section, and forty-four in the junior. I am obliged to send grade

nine composed of eighteen pupils from room to room on three different floors, for study as well as recitation, wherever there may be available space for the class as a whole or in part.

All these conditions are so wrong that the work of the school is necessarily hindered in proportion.

Considering these handicaps, however, the work of the school is as satisfactory as can be expected.

Five members of the school are taking the college course and are doing excellent work in every respect. The commercial courses have proved decidedly popular, and very good work is being done on the part of many taking these branches. Mr. R. H. Angell has offered prizes to the boy and girl receiving the highest rank in commercial subjects. The prizes will be awarded the evening of graduation. We very much appreciate the public spirit shown by Mr. Angell in this offer.

The senior class has eight members, and I expect all to graduate in June; Miss Kneeland is preparing for college, Miss Littlefield for normal school, Misses Nickerson and Cunningham for hospital training, Messrs. Dean for pharmacy, Card and Thompson for further commercial work, and Tower for mechanical training at North Eastern University.

It is pleasing to note the greater interest on the part of seniors and juniors with regard to more and more determined effort for education beyond the high school.

The boys and girls of Searsport high school are generally to be congratulated upon their attitude toward school affairs and their attention to school work.

The parents of those pupils who are not standing well in rank could be more helpful. No child can make a rating that is sufficiently satisfactory who does not study at least two hours *at home every school day*. Parents should be more emphatic with their children in regard to this necessity, and assist them in every way possible. An F on a report card is not a very pleasing average.

Mr. Harold E. Crozier of Brownville assisted in French, history, and science until the Christmas vacation; his place was

taken by Mr. Arthur S. Hillman of Island Falls. The constant changing of teachers in this department is to be regretted. Salaries should be so adjusted that teaching positions may be attractive enough so teachers will remain at least a year. A salary schedule based on preparation and experience, with proper increases arranged with regard to successful work, would be most helpful. Teachers' salaries in Searsport do not compare favorably with the salaries in other places, and the constant changing of teachers in the rural schools, sometimes as often as three times a year, also in the grades in the center of town, not only influences unfortunately those particular schools, but later the high school as well. So long as the professional training of the teachers does not guarantee permanence of position and adequate remuneration, men and women with ability to really teach, will devote their energies elsewhere, and our town's most sacred trust, the education of its children, will too often be left to the inexperienced, and to those who are not able to meet that great responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN G. RUNNELLS,

Principal.