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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Municipal Officers

OF THE

# TOWN OF CARTHAGE

FOR THE

Year Ending February,

1921

1921 Advertiser Print Norway, Maine

# **Town Officers**

Clerk

E. R. BERRY

Sciectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

L. S. LIBBY

O. V. HUTCHINSON

L E. JUDKINS

Road Commissioner

HARRY RAND

Treasurer

R. C. SWETT

Constab!c

C. E. WHITE

Collector of Taxes

D. W. BERRY

Superintending School Committee

L. E. JUDKINS

A. L. COBURN

H. L. SMITH

Superintendent of Schools

H. W. COBURN

Board of Health

R. C. SWETT

# **Warrant For Town Meeting**

Franklin, ss

State of Maine

To C. E. White, a Constable in the town of Carthage in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Carthage qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said town on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1921 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 all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- Art. 3. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges.
- Art. 4. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for winter roads.
- Art. 5. 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 18 of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.
- Art. 6. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of three hundred dollars, or more, for the improvement of the section 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, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.
- Art. 7. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for text books and supplies.
- Art. 9. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse repairs.
- Art. 10. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse insurance.

- Art. 11. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for school office expense.
- Art. 12. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for superintending of schools.
  - Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to continue the Potter school.
- Art. 14. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse flags.
- Art. 15. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of poor.
- Art. 16. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for current expense.
- Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on all taxes, excepting poll taxes, for the year 1921 commitment, paid on or before August 20, 1921, and raise a sum of money for the same.
- Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes of the year 1921 commitment that remains unpaid November 15. 1921.
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay the town officers.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, at the shop of Lester S. Libby, Berry Mills, in said town, on March 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, between the hours of ten and eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon and at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Carthage this sixteenth day of February A. D. 1921.

LESTER S. LIBBY, O. V. HUTCHINSON, L. E. JUDKINS,

Selectmen of Carthage.

# Assessors' Report

Real estate resident		\$60.169	00	1	
Real estate non-resident					
Total real estate				. \$157,234	00
Personal estate resident		\$29,925	00		
Personal estate, non-resident					
Supplementary		825	00		
				\$38,750	00
Sum total				.\$195,984	00
Total value of land				.\$127,698	00
Total value of buildings				\$29,536	00
No. of polls taxed, 72.  No. of polls not taxed, 16.  Rate per poll, \$2.  Rate of taxation, .041.					
Rate for collecting taxes, .018.	1				
LIVE STOCK	VALUA	TION			
**		*			
	No.	Av. Val.		Total Va	lue
Horses		\$122 21		\$9,410	
Colts, 3 to 4 years old		118 75		475	00
Colts under 2 years		40 00		40	
Cows		33 26		5,022	
Oxen		90 00		540	
Three years old		38 65		1,701	
Two years old	70	25 60		1,792	00
EXEMPT LI	VE ST	OCK			
a de la companya de	No.	Av. Val.		Total Va	ılue
One year old	73	\$ 11 38		\$ 830	00
Sheep	207	8 22		1,702	
Swine	49	23 09		1,131	

#### OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

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## Respectfully submitted,

Overlay ...... 254 85

Supplementary tax .....

LESTER S. LIBBY, O. V. HUTCHINSON, L. E. JUDKINS,

Assessors of Carthage.

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# SUMMER ROADS

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Bills of 1920 and 1921 expende	60	ソクル
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Unexpended		
Town raised	\$300 00	
WIN	TER ROADS	
31/7 3.7/	TIME TO A INC.	
Overdrawn	\$2	5 39
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contract t	\$52	25 39
Expended		
Paid State		
	4510.00	00 00
By Harry Rand:	.0	3
	E ROAD AT S. CARTHAGE	
Overdrawn	\$	28 75
Expended		γ.
Appropriated by State	\$ 406.00	
By L. E. Judkins:		1
THIRD C.	LASS HIGHWAY	
	T 100 THOUSE	
		_ 50
Overdrawn	 \$ 36	32 35
Expended		33 70
	·	
Set apart for patrol		4
Available	\$1,259 17	
COMMENTE ACTIVITIES		
Overdrawn 1919		
Town raised	\$1.500 00	

# STATE AID ROAD

Town raised	48		
Expended		\$1,312 \$1,098	
Unexpended	• • • • •	\$214	48
DISCOUNT ON TAXES			
Town raised			
Available		\$112	02
Expended			
Overdrawn	* * * * *	\$ 52	73
¥1			
ROAD MACHINE			
Town raised	00		
Expended			
Expended 359	(7.)	-	
Unexpended	• • • • •	\$164	07
ABATEMENTS			
1918 Commitment			
C. R. Hall, ½ of tax abatement		\$ 7	55
1919 Commitment			
C. R. Hall, ½ of tax abatement		13	20
Bruce Kittridge, a soldier in France		3	00
Guy Chandler, unable to collect			91
1920 Commitment			
Discount on taxes		164	75
Webb River Grange Corp., customary			
C. H. Cushman, unable to collect			13
J. G. Coburn, 1-3 of tax on Oscia Coburn estate			77

#### PAUPER ACCOUNT

Paid town of Temple on acc't. of Willis Cushman's children. \$20 80 No appropriation.

#### STATE PAUPERS

Supplies and medical attendance to Dec. 31, 1920	70	00
Due from State	70	00

#### SILENT POLICEMAN

Town rais	ed.		 	\$ 10	00
Received f	for	damage	 	 15	00

Repairs and care of	,			 	 	_
	Kepairs a	nd care	QΤ <sub>1</sub>	 	 26 36	) _

## MEMORIAL DAY

Unexpended	balance		8	20
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#### LOAN

Unpaid at time of	settlement	\$500	00
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#### CEMETERY FUND

Accepted by vote of the town of Carthage and in the hands of the town treasurer, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from the estate of the late Will Putnam of Dixfield, Me., the interest on which sum shall be expended each year upon the lot of the late Charles Hutchinson in Newman Cemetery, by the selectmen of Carthage.

### CURRENT EXPENSES

Town raised		
Available	 \$501	87
Printing town reports, 1919 \$ 55 50		
Books and supplies 8 75		
Albert Tainter, watering trough		
Albert Tainter, housing snow scraper 1 50		
Town Clerk, record book 4 50		

James M. Sturtevant, birth certificates	1	25		
D. W. Berry, watering trough	3	00		
Stationery, postage and telephone	3	39		
E. E. Holt, services as selectman, 1919	2	90		
	วี()	00		
	24	85		
D. W. Berry, services as moderator	2	50		
D. W. Berry, in full for collecting taxes to				
	69	00		
L. E. Judkins, S. S. Com	7	50		
A. L. Coburn, S. S. Com.		50		
•		00		
21. 0. 21. 11.		00		
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J. 1. 12 accounts of the control of		00		
C. F. Eaton, as ballot clerk		00		
C. E. White, ballot clerk	6	00		
D. C. Brown, ballot clerk	3	00		
•		00		
			68	64
Overdraw			\$\\ 66	77
Resources				
*				
Due from D. W. Berry, com. 1918\$	27	08		
D. W. Berry, com. 1919 9	);;	12	-	
D. W. Berry, com. 1920 32	23	23		
State, Laura Boucher, to Dec. 31	18	00		
State, State pension 4	18	00		
Town office and fixtures 20	()	00		
T - 4 N - 0 : 441 - 3 541				
Lot No. 8 in 4th and 5th range 40		00		
S. W. corner lot No. 2 in 12th range	0			

# Liabilities

Outstanding orders\$ 13	00		
Cemetery fund, W. E. Putnam estate 200	00		
Loan on Rumford Falls Trust Co 500	00		
Bills outstanding, estimated 40	00.		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
		\$751	00
Balance in favor town		\$1,908	92

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. LIBBY,
O. V. HUTCHINSON,
L. E. JUDKINS,

Selectmen of Carthage.

# ROAD BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1920-21

\$	Տստո	ner	Win	ter
Philip Hutchinson	\$ 20	00		
Chester Brown		00		
A. D. Virgin	32	00		•
H. Cochran	52			
Philip Hutchinson	22	00		
R. C. Swett	52	()()	<b>\$ 64</b>	90
Harry Rand	100			
C. F. Eaton	7	00		
Harry Rand, for men and teams	100	00		
Carrol Maxwell	6	60	34	00
E. E. Adams	2	50		
A. D. Virgin	4	00		
Carrol Brown	4	00		
A. C. Brown	4	00		
Harry Rand, men and teams	168	75	116	00
Chester Brown	4	00		
Will Howard	10	00		
Ray Savage	20	00		
L. E. Judkins	25	50		
Ray Savage	20	00		
A. D. Virgin	4	00	1,1	60
L. E. Judkins	16	00		
Carrol Maxwell	7	00		
H. Cochran	4	• •	12	60
Lawton Hutchinson	_	00		
Erlon Berry		00	3	60
L. E. Judkins		00		40
Harry Smith		88	20	00
V. O. White		00		
L. E. Judkins	_	00		
O. V. Hutchinson		00		10
R. C. Swett		00		
Fred Hammond				55
Joe Locklin			7	00
Walter Whitney			7	00
N. E. Fish			12	66
C. F. Eaton			15 22	60 00
Geo. Stevens				
O. Dunning			9	60

Joe Fornier		4	00
John Hammond		30	20
Geo. Knowles		2	80
Ivan Bowie		12	80
D. Cox		2	80
Bruce Kittredge		.2	80
Victor Staples		7	10
Carl Rand		19	80
Will Hutchinson		29	50
W. H. Wilber		30	00
Laforest Hutchinson		66	33
W. Pettingill	9.5	12	60
E. E. Holt		13	00
Will Howard		11	20
G. C. Robbins	*	32	40
A. W. Tainter		1	50
W. O. Burgess		19	60
Stetson Hutchinson		2	20
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# HARRY RAND, Road Commissioner.

# MISCELLANEOUS BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1920

and the second s	
Harry Rand, plank\$116	44
E. E. Holt, plank	33
R. G. Noyes, plank	15
Elliott Brown, plank	00
Lester Libby, Smith bill	68
C. H. Towle, tools and supplies 57	<b>5</b> 0
R. G. Noyes, sawing plank 8	21
T. A. Schofield, dynamite 4	50
C. H. Towle, tools 7	80
R. C. Swett, plank	00
C. T. Smith, tools and spikes	14
H. W. Lowe, plank	72

# DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

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Charles Cushman\$1	0	81
F. S. Hutchinson	6	46
Westley Cushman	1	20

\$18 47

# 1919 Commitment:

Fred Hammond	. \$ 1	10
F. S. Hutchinson	. 20	57
S. F. Hammond	. 2	90
L. L. Hutchinson	. 42	46
W. F. Hammond	. 7	82
H. H. Schanz	. 8	50
R. J. Newton	3	00
Westley Cushman	. 1	36
Asa Brown	. 1	05
H. W. Cook	. 2	38

\$91 14

# 1920 Commitment:

W. O. Burgess \$ 40 4	7
J. F. Downs	6
Mrs. C. F. Eaton 15 3	12
Joe Founier 5 6	6
S. F. Hammond 2 0	15
Fred Hammond 9 4	13
J. L. Hammond 22 3	9
F. S. Hutchinson 28 9	1
L. L. Hutchinson 103 2	14:
W. F. Howard 14 3	1
H. H. Schanz 12 2	25
P. N. Noyes 4 1	0
George Stevens 10 1	7
R. J. Newton 2 0	0(

# Non-Resident:

Tama Lamb \$ 5	74
D. Barrett estate	35
Westley Cushman	64
C. W. Cook 2	
Asa Brown	87

\$ 26 65

Collected and in hand of Collector since settlement, \$21.91.

D. W. BERRY, Collector.

# COMMON SCHOOLS

Apprepriation	00		
·····	00		
	40		
State, Equalization fund for teachers' salaries 240			
State, school and mill fund			
State, common school fund			
Available		\$2,461	70
2) (4)		. (2,101	•
Overdraft, 1919-20 \$ 196	06		
Teaching			
1			
	00		
Transportation			
	00		
Tuition, town of Wilton	00		
		\$0.02A	50
		\$2,230	90
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Unexpended		. p 231	1 +
HIGH SCHOOL			
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Appropriation\$200	00		
Unexpended. 1919-20			
State	_		7
Tuition, Irvin Hutchinson, 11	(/(/		
Amilable		\$07.1	.18
Available		4014	40
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Teaching			
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Tuition, Wilton Academy 60	00		
		<b>\$</b> F0.4	0.0
		\$564	20

· Unexpended ......\$410 22

# BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

DOC	AND BUTTIME	
Appropriation	\$75 00	
Onexpended, 1919-20	19 98	
		* 94 98
Expended		72 10
Unexpended		\$ 22 88
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	REPAIRS	
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Appropriation	\$50 00	
Unexpended, 1919-20	97 89	
		4
Available		\$147 89
Repairs, Mills	\$148_83	
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Potter		10
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		\$251 95
Overdrawn		\$104 06
	It.	,201
	INSURANCE	
	\$25 00	
Unexpended, 1919-20		
Available		\$ 42 35
Policy on Mills	\$27 00	
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Stickney	8 44	
		\$ 35 44
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Unexpended .....

#### SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation       \$160 00         Unexpended, 1919-20       08         State, Equalization fund       50 00			
Available			
Overdrawn	\$ 13	25	
OFFICE EXPENSE			
Appropriation			
Available	\$ 28	90	
Holt Bros., blanks, etc			
	\$ 20	22	
Unexpended	\$ 8	68	
ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR			
Common schools			

200 00

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Repairs .....

Insurance .....

Superintendence ......

Office expense .....

Flags .....

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the citizens of the Town of Carthage:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

I can say without hesitation that your schools have been very successful, although the attendance has not been what it should. Still it has been better than last year.

The spring terms gave 40 pupils registered with an average attendance of 32.66 or 80.1%. The fall terms show 41 pupils with an average of 31.67 or 77.2%. I cannot give the figures for the winter term as the school at the Newman is not finished at this writing. We had to close this school for three weeks during the early winter on account of an epidemic of the measles and as a result, it is in session later than the others.

Miss Helen Kimball, who was teaching at the Ellis a year ago, resigned at the end of the winter term. Miss Hilda Bowie was engaged for the spring term and had a very successful school. This school has been maintained at the Potter school building for the fall and winter terms with the same teacher, who has kept up her good work. It will be necessary for the Town to vote to continue this school for the ensuing year, otherwise it will become discontinued by law, the average attendance having fallen below 8 for the past year.

The school at the Newman has been larger than last year. This school has been a pronounced success in every way and excellent improvement has been noted. The pupils are all up to grade and will furnish their elementary course well fitted to enter high school.

Mrs. White taught a very good term of school at the Mills last spring. The fall and winter terms have been under the instruction of Mrs. Lula Stevens of Strong. Mrs. Stevens is a teacher of experience and training and the school is enjoying a prosperous year.

The High School was discontinued at the end of the spring term, there being too few scholars to maintain it with profit. There is only one eighth grade scholar in town at present, so I can see no prospect of reopening this school for a few years.

Last spring the children in the Stickney district were transported to the Towle school in Dixfield, but since the beginning of the fall term they have been carried to the school at East Dixfield. There are five attending that school at a cost of \$6.00 per week for conveyance and \$3.00 per week for tuition.

The schools are well supplied with text books at present and no large appropriation will be necessary for next year. A very valuable reference encyclopedia, "The World Book" in ten volumes, has been purchased for the Newman and Mills schools, at the cost of \$48.50 and this amount has been included in the estimates. I would recomment that another set be purchased so that each of these schools could have them to use all the time. However, I don't know as the voters would wish to do this at this time.

Some very much needed repairs have been made at the Mills and Newman buildings during the year. A sanitary toilet has been built at the Mills with doors opening out of the school room. This is something that was badly needed and is a lasting improvement. The Newman building has been painted and papered inside, also the roof of the ell part has been shingled. One side, at least, of the roof of the main building ought to be shingled this year, and nearly enough shingles for that purpose are on hand to do the work. These improvements have caused an over-draft in the Repairs account but I don't believe there is a voter in town but is glad that we have had this work done.

The way things appear now, there will be no school at the Ellis for some time. I think we ought to begin to plan to expend some money for repairs at the Potter school after this year. This building is in bad shape and needs sheathing inside, new floor, new seats and a sanitary toilet, in fact, a general renovation.

During the year insurance policies have been renewed on the Mills and Stickney buildings. This year premiums fall due on the other three houses and an amount is included in the estimates to cover these.

School administration for the past year has been a great problem on account of the critical teacher situation. An amazing scarcity of teachers has been evident and as a result salaries have risen to a large extent, and these salaries have come to stay. For the first time in history the trained teacher is receiving a salary that is her due. I do not look for any general increase in salaries as was the case last year, but I do expect that the trained teachers will receive increases according to individual ability.

The \$240.00 received from the State Equalization Funds was given expressly for teachers' salaries and your Committee decided to hold this amount back till the end of the spring term and distribute it as a sort of bonus instead of including it in the weekly salaries, and the teachers were hired with that understanding. So in reality the balance of \$231.14 as shown in the common school account is an overdraft of \$8.86.

The estimates for common schools for next year is a problem. It is no use to try to get good teachers for less than we are paying now and the recommendations are based on practically that figure. It is interesting to note that the average salary per year paid your teachers at present, including the State Fund, is \$585.00, while the average for the entire state is \$703.00, and for Franklin County \$636.00. I wish that the voters of Carthage would decide to give their scholars more than 30 weeks schooling per year. The boy and girl in a 30 week town is at a disadvantage when compared with those in a town which maintains 36 weeks. It seems as though they ought to be given a 32 week year at least. I hope the voters will consider this matter, and if it is deemed advisable, add \$150.00 to the estimate as given, which is figured on a 30 week year basis. The school estimate as recommended is \$2,415.75 or \$235.75 more than was raised at the last annual meeting.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers and the members of the School Committee for their co-operation and assistance in the administration of all school matters.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, Superintendent.

# **Vital Statistics**

To the selectmen of the town of Carthage:

The following returns of births, marriages and deaths for the year ending Feb. 14, 1921, in the town of Carthage, have been made to this office:

#### BIRTHS

1920

April 7, to the wife of Antony Wrishenkis, a son, 4th child.

April 16, to the wife of Alvah D. Virgin, a daughter, 4th child.

May 13, to the wife of Mike Velush, a son, 7th child.

Oct. 9, to the wife of Chester Brown, a son, 2nd child.

Dec. 1, to the wife of A. Lawton Hutchinson, a son, 1st child.

Dec. 4, to the wife of Carl A. Witham, a daughter, 2nd child.

#### MARRIAGES

1920

April 21, at Carthage, Me., by Rev. H. H. Brown of Berry Mills, Me., Hazen Cochran and Tina A. McLain, both of Carthage.

June 13, at Temple, Me., by Archie L. Sargent of Temple, Justice of the Peace, A. Lawton Hutchinson and Mable G. Holman, both of Carthage.

1921

Jan. 15, at Dixfield, Me., by Rev. R. E. Gilkey of Dixfield, Me., Carroll C. Noyes of Carthage and Ethel Cora Hill of Dixfield, Me.

Jan. 21, at Berry Mills, Me., by Rev. H. H. Brown of Berry Mills, Me., Leo Ralph Houghton and Thelma Hutchinson, both of Carthage.

#### DEATHS

1920

May 29, Charlotte L. Perkins, age 88 years, 3 months, 29 days. Cause of death, fracture of hip, cerebral hemorrhage.

May 30, Oscar Barrett Priestly, age 68 years, 5 months, 2 days. Cause of death, acute indigestion.

Oct. 28, Wallace W. Coburn, age 68 years, 2 months, 1 day. Cause of death, acute Myphritis.

Dec. 11, Charlotte M. Pratt, age 84 years, 4 months, 6 days. Cause of death, general senility.

# Treasurer's Report

R. C. Swett in account with the Town of Carthage as Treasurer for the year ending February 15, 1921.

# Dr.

To cash in treasury at beginning of year \$393	33
Rec'd from D. W. Berry, collector, 1918	29
D. W. Berry, collector, 1919 323	30
D. W. Berry, collector, 1920	11
W. E. Putnam, estate 200	00
State Soldiers' pensions 48	00
Bounty on bobcats	00
Soldier's aid	00
Support of paupers	29
Support of paupers 52	00
E. R. Berry, dog licenses collected 38	00
Town of Weld, for tuition	00
L. S. Libby, for damage to silent police 5	00
Standard Accident Ins. Co	Ø0
State equalization fund	00
Equalization fund 215	00
Highway Department 400	10
Support of paupers	50
Support of paupers	00
Free high school 500	00
School and mill fund 203	30
Common school fund	00
R. R. and Tel. Tax	52
Support of paupers	57
D. W. Berry, interest on taxes 7	16
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan	00

# Cr.

Paid Carroll Noyes, bounty on bobeats	\$	10	00
Carroll Noyes, bounty on bobcats		10	00
Interest on loan		12	50
State treasurer, joint fund for special resolve		500	00
State treasurer, joint fund for State aid highway	3	300	00
Interest on loan		12	50
Merriam N. Mason, pension check		9	00
Merriam N. Mason, pension check		9	00
County tax to county treasurer	9	287	62
Dog licenses to State treasurer		38	00
Interest on loans		62	<b>5</b> 0
Merriam N. Mason, pension check		15	00
State tax to State treasurer	1,3	391	04
Merriam N. Mason, pension check		15	00
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan and interest	1,5	515	50
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan and interest	5	508	54
Orders cancelled	7,5	566	79
Cash in treasury		180	49

\$12,743 48

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. SWETT, Treasurer.