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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

STREET COMMISSIONER

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

Town of Hermon

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1923



BANGOR, MAINE

BANGOR CO-OPERATIVE PRINTING CO.

1923

TOWN OF HERMON

Incorporated 1814

Population 1210

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

R. T. Luce L. I. Leathers R. E. Littlefield

Town Clerk and Treasurer.....J. L. McCobb

Appointed May 10th, 1922, J. M. Taylor

Street Commisioner.....G. A. Homestead

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

C. H. Grant

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Linnis Smow C. B. Cox H. M. Bates

BOARD OF HEALTH

C. O. Hunt Alfred Overlock Olin Andrews

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

J. M. Taylor

COMMITTEE ON MOTHERS' AID

Mrs. M. J. Wallace

WARRANT

Penobscot ss.

State of Maine

To Alfred Overlock, a Constable of the town of Hermon, in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Hermon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town House on Monday the 12th day of March, A. D., 1923, 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.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the town report as printed.

Article 4. To elect three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Article 5. To elect one member of the S. S. Committee.

Article 6. To elect a town treasurer.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to have one or more road commissioners.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner.

Article 9. To elect a road commissioner.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of schools, the repair of roads and bridges, for support of poor, for contingent expenses, for school books, for repairs of school houses, and school incidentals.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for free high school purposes.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for care and improvements of cemeteries.

Article 13. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars, for care of soldiers monument and Memorial expenses.

Article 14. To fix compensation of Tax Collector, S. S. Committee, Town Treasurer and Road Commissioner.

Article 15. To elect a Tax Collector, S. S. Committee, Town Treasurer and all other necessary town officers.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more fire wardens, one of which will be designated as fire inspector and fix compensation for services.

Article 17. 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 18. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533. 00 for improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for care of ways, highways and bridges, the amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under provisions of section 18 of chapter 25, of the Public Laws of 1916.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum for maintenance of State Highway and State aid during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town under the provisions of 9 and 18, of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote and raise two hundred and fifty dollars a year for two years in case the State pays five hundred dollars to build the road on Sweet Hill.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, \$250.00 for Mothers' aid.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more special Constables.

Article 23. To elect one or more special Constables.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to build a High School Building.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to make a bond issue of eleven thousand dollars, \$11,000.00 to erect a high school building in the vicinity of Hermon Corner.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to erect a school building in District formerly known as No. 12, suitable for the requirements of said district, with sufficient land added for building spot and play grounds, at the same location as the one destroyed by fire, and raise money for the same.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise \$100.00 for the purpose of improving Mount Evergreen cemetery of Northern Maine Junction.

Article 28. To see what action the town will take in regard to maintaining street lights, and raise money for same.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to have all taxes printed in town reports.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise one thousand dollars to pay the notes of J. A. Snow and Sylvester Campbell, due April 1st, 1923.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to pay B. W. Guptil the sum of one hundred fifty dollars, \$150.00 for Right away for so called Smith Road at Hermon Pond.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make necessary changes of culvert near B. H. Lord's Store.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to accept and receive under provisions of sections 13 and 14, of chapter 20, R. S. from the estate of the late Bernice L. Kimball, one hundred dollars \$100.00 the income from the same to be used for perpetual care of B. A. Kimball lot in Snow's Corner Cemetery.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to accept and receive under provisions of sections 13 and 14 of chapter 20, R. S. from Lizzie H. Illsley, one hundred dollars \$100.00 the income from the same to be used for perpetual care of Sylvester Hewes' lot in Hermon Pond Cemetery.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town house, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Fail not to make due notice of this warrant and return your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D., 1923.

R. T. LUCE,
L. I. LEATHERS,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,

Selectmen of Hermon.

Report of Assessors

List of property in the town of Hermon as made to the State Assessors as required by law for the year 1922.

Number of Polls taxed 360. Number of Polls not taxed 20.
Rate of taxation .044.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Real estate, resident	\$277,540.00	
Real estate, non-resident	130,690.00	
Total real estate		\$408,230.00
Personal estate, resident	\$92,840.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	980.00	
Total personal estate		\$93,820.00
Grand total amount		\$502,050.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY, LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	315	\$79.30	\$24,960.00
Colts, 3 to 4	3	80.00	840.00
Colts, 2 to 3	6	40.00	240.00
Colts, under 2	9	34.44	310.00
Cows	594	31.24	18,560.00
Three year olds	105	30.57	3,210.00
Over 18 months	123	19.67	2,420.00
Sheep	15	4.00	60.00
Total amount of Taxable Live Stock			\$50,000.00

All other kinds of Property:

Bank stock	3 shares	\$300.00
Stock in trade		4,270.00
Motor boat	3	230.00
Lumber		200.00
Automobiles	134	30,960.00
Musical instruments	85	6,780.00
Tractor	1	240.00
Machinery not taxed as real estate		250.00
Gas engines	10	590.00
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Amount		\$43,820.00
Amount of live stock brought forward		50,000.00
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Total amount of personal prop- erty		\$93,820.00

Railroad Property	\$68,470.00
Eastman Heater Car Co.	5,300.00
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.	12,000.00
Property of Soldiers, and Soldiers Widows, exempt by law	10,100.00
Property exempt by assessors and not included in valuation	1,720.00
Town property, other than school buildings	2,000.00
Schoolhouses	5,000.00
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Amount of taxes assessed	\$23,148.00
Amount of town debt	2,470.00

APPROPRIATIONS

For schools	\$4,500.00
Roads and bridges	5,000.00
Support of poor	1,200.00
Contingent expenses	2,000.00

School books	300.00
Repairs of Schoolhouses	850.00
School incidentals	200.00
Free High School purpose	1,400.00
Improvement of Cemeteries	100.00
Soldiers Monument and Memorial expenses	25.00
Improvement of State Aid Road	533.00
Maintenance of State Highway and State Aid Road	900.00
For wire fence	50.00
Mothers' Aid	100.00
Street lights	82.29
To pay J. A. Snow and Sylvester Campbell notes . . .	1,000.00
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	\$18,240.29
State tax	3,260.74
County tax	787.17
Overlay	860.00
Supplementary	62.90
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Total amount assessed and committed to collector .	\$23,211.10

R. T. LUCE,
L. I. LEATHERS,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,

Assessors of Hermon.

Selectmen's Report

For the Year Ending March 1, 1923

COMMON SCHOOLS

Raised by the town.....	\$4,500.00	
Received from State.....	3,104.18	
Unexpended, 1921-22.....	338.23	
Received from town of Hampden, tuition	9.00	
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		\$7,951.41
Orders drawn on Treasurer.....		7,508.62
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Unexpended balance.....		\$442.79

SCHOOL BOOKS

Raised by town.....	\$300.00	
Orders drawn on Treasurer.....	299.45	
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Unexpended balance.....		\$.55

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Raised by town.....	\$200.00	
Orders drawn on Treasurer.....	199.56	
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Unexpended balance.....		\$.44

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Raised by town	\$850.00
Orders drawn on Treasurer	934.24
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Overdrawn	\$84.24

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$1,400.00	
Received from State	500.00	
Unexpended balance, 1921-1922	343.24	
	<hr/>	\$2,243.24
Orders drawn on Treasurer		1,956.54
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Unexpended		\$286.70

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Amount raised by town	\$3,750.00	
Orders drawn on Treasurer	4,226.61	
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Overdrawn		\$476.61

WINTER WORK

Raised by town	\$1,000.00	
Orders drawn on Treasurer	1,528.17	
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Overdrawn		\$528.17

SWETT HILL

Appropriated from Road fund	\$250.00	
Received from State	500.00	
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		\$750.00

Orders drawn by town	\$733.80	
Expended by State	15.55	
	<hr/>	\$749.35
Unexpended		\$.65

STATE AID ROAD

Received from State	\$445.18	
Received from town	533.00	
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Total		\$978.18
Expended by town,	\$956.36	
Expended by State,	7.50	
	<hr/>	963.86
Unexpended		\$14.32

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Received from State		\$845.99
Expended by State	7.35	
Expended by town	835.92	
	<hr/>	\$843.27
Unexpended		\$2.72

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD

Raised by town		\$900.00
Paid State Highway Commission		876.20
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Unexpended balance		\$23.80

MEMORIAL EXPENSES AND CARE OF MONUMENT

Raised by town		\$25.00
Paid Clarence Philbrook	\$1.25	
G. G. Esterbrooks, flags	14.00	
L. I. Leathers, paint and painting	5.70	
E. I. Snow, cleaning same	5.00	
A. Linnis Snow, for Memorial address	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$35.95
Overdrawn		\$10.95

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised by town		\$100.00
Paid C. M. Webber	\$13.00	
R. T. Luce	10.00	
R. E. Littlefield	10.00	
C. M. Webber, paint and painting	10.00	
H. C. Warren	10.00	
E. I. Snow	22.00	
H. A. Smith	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$84.00
Unexpended		\$16.00

FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Raised by town	\$82.29
Orders drawn on Treasurer	82.29

MOTHERS' AID

Raised by town	\$100.00
Received from State	20.00
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	\$120.00

Paid City of Bangor, for Annie Jewell . . .	\$55.00	
Paid Ethel Kimball	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$135.00
Overdrawn		\$15.00
Due from State		20.00

FOR WIRE FENCE

Raised by town	\$50.00	
Paid L. I. Leathers, 80 rds. fence and staples	27.00	
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Unexpended balance		\$23.00

TRUST FUNDS IN BANGOR SAVINGS BANK

M. J. Drew Fund \$100.00

Interest	\$4.26	
Paid E. I. Snow	4.00	
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Balance		\$.26

L. J. Overlock Fund \$200.00

Interest	\$8.88	
Paid E. I. Snow	8.00	
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Balance		\$.88

Crocker Fund \$100.00

Interest	\$16.19	
Paid R. T. Luce	5.00	
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Balance		\$11.19

Rober Swan Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$9.98
Paid R. T. Luce.....	5.00

Balance.....	\$4.98
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Benjamin Kimball Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$20.95
Paid R. T. Luce.....	4.00

Balance.....	\$16.95
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Wilcox Fund \$200.00

Interest.....	\$41.64
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	\$37.64
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Susan A. Nowell Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.22
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	\$.22
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H. M. Sargent Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.24
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	.24
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John Bryant Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.24
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	.24
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Agnes K. McCoy Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.20
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	.20
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Enoch Leathers Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.20
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	.20
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Annie M. Illey Fund \$200.00

Interest.....	\$8.87
Paid E. I. Snow.....	8.00

Balance.....	.87
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John Homes Fund \$100.00

Interest.....	\$4.08
Paid E. I. Snow.....	4.00

Balance.....	.08
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Robert Bryant Fund \$200.00

Interest.....	\$8.16
Paid E. I. Snow.....	8.00

Balance.....	.16
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Maria M. Nash Fund \$150.00

Interest.....	\$6.24
Paid C. M. Webber.....	6.00

Balance.....	.24
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Wm. Small Fund \$100.00	
Interest	\$4.22
Paid C. M. Webber	4.00
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Balance22
Orders drawn on Treasurer	\$80.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Raised by town	\$1,200.00
Paid Mrs. Ruel Phillips, board of Ed.	
Annis and wife	\$520.00
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, supplies to same .	4.15
L. I. Leathers, supplies to same	16.81
E. P. Bishop, supplies to same	1.71
Dr. Mitchell, 1 trip to same	4.00
Joe Bates, preparing wood for Mrs.	
Adams	3.50
E. I. Snow, delivering wood to same .	3.00
R. E. Littlefield, wood for same . . .	42.00
A. W. Hillman, wood for same	8.00
R. T. Luce, wood for same	2.00
S. M. Webber, wood for same	16.50
L. R. Drew, wood for F. A. Good-	
speed	7.00
R. T. Luce, wood for F. A. Good-	
speed	40.00
J. L. Annis, supplies and moving	
same	23.88
L. I. Leathers, supplies to same	55.72
Dr. Mitchell, six trips to same	18.00
M. B. Philbook, rent for same	9.00
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, board for C. E.	
Thompson, 18 weeks, at \$4.00 . .	72.00

L. I. Leathers, moving same from Jay to Hermon	22.00	
L. I. Leathers, supplies to same	11.94	
Mrs. Roscoe Overlock, same	3.43	
Town of Mt. Vernon, board for same	16.00	
Mrs. Ethel Kimball, board and care for Mrs. Marion McDevitt, 10 weeks, at \$12.00	120.00	
Care of tramps75	
Treasurer of State, supplies to Mar- guerite Goodspeed50	
	<hr/>	\$1,021.89
Unexpended		\$178.11

CONTINGENT

Raised by town	\$2,000.00	
Overlay	860.00	
Supplemental	59.90	
Trust Fund	147.00	
Received from State, damage to sheep by dogs	234.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,300.90
Paid Bangor Co-Operative Printing Co., printing town reports, 1922	114.25	
W. W. Palmer, Ins. on Town Hall . .	49.62	
J. A. Snow, int. on \$2,000. notes one year	100.00	
H. A. King, reporting one death25	
Newell White, 100 dog licence blanks	1.15	
Leon Philbrook, cleaning Town Hall, after Town meeting	1.00	

Sylvester Campbell, int. on \$2,000. notes, one year	100.00
C. H. Grant, int. on \$1,000. out- standing orders, for one year . . .	60.00
J. L. McCobb, same on \$200.	12.00
A. Linnis, same on 500.	30.00
C. H. Grant, Express, Freight, Tele- phone and Postage	14.48
E. W. Bowen, out-standing winter road order	3.30
Dillingham's, office supplies	27.80
Berry Smith, Flags for School Hous- es	13.70
J. L. McCobb, Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths	3.50
J. L. McCobb, services as Town Clerk and Office supplies	6.45
S. W. Kimball Heirs of, repairs on Town House Door50
C. M. Webber, labor on School House Flag Poles	6.00
Fred Bickford, same	6.00
R. T. Luce, trip to meet State Asses- sors, Bangor	3.00
C. N. Patten, abatement on Bank stock paid to State by Bank	13.20
A. Linnis Snow, services as Ballot Clerk, two days	6.00
N. W. Dodson, same	6.00
George Snow, same	6.00
Fred Wing, Ballot Clerk, one day . . .	3.00
Harold Andrews, same	3.00
B. F. Bickford, work on flag poles . . .	3.00
C. W. Uetz, 600 loads of gravel, Sweet Hill	90.00

Harold Harvey, Funeral expenses of Mrs. Thankful Garland	100.00
J. M. Taylor, Rec. Marriages, Births and Deaths	9.75
J. M. Taylor, services as Health Officer	7.50
J. M. Taylor, Recording, Postage and Express	16.38
J. M. Taylor, services as Treasurer, from May 10th, to Jan. 16th . . .	100.00
J. M. Taylor, Traveling expenses, as Town Treasurer	3.00
P. O. Bryant, damage done by dogs to 40 sheep	234.00
Clara Nowell, abatement over valua- tion, 1922	13.20
Winfield Annis, abatement paid in Bangor	3.00
John E. Ellis, same	3.00
J. B. Henderson, same	3.00
H. M. Bates, services as S. S. Com- mittee	10.00
Mrs. C. P. Brackett, Public Water- ing Tub	3.00
Harold Sawyer, abatement, under age	3.00
L. P. Patten, abatement, 1921	20.85
R. T. Luce, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseers of the poor	250.00
Alfred Overlock, Posting notices . . .	3.00
Alfred Overlock, Services as dog Constable	15.00
C. B. Cox, Services as Moderator . . .	3.00
C. B. Cox, Services as S. S. Com- mittee	10.00

George Snow, Services as Attendance Officer	20.00	
S. P. Warren, Out-Standing Winter Road order	6.90	
S. W. Kimball, Abatement pole, Deceased	3.00	
L. M. Swan, same	3.00	
L. I. Leathers, Services as Selectman Assessor and Overseer of poor . .	150.00	
E. E. Littlefield, same	100.00	
Geo. Homestead, Services as Road Commissioner	336.00	
C. H. Grant, Services as Supt. of Schools	400.00	
A. L. Snow, Services, as S. S. Committee	10.00	
A. L. Snow, Trip to Hampden and Bog Road with Committee	5.00	
E. I. Snow, services as Dept. Treasurer from Jan. 16th, to Mar. 1st	25.00	
E. I. Snow, Postage	2.50	
A. L. Snow, Recording Births and Deaths	2.00	
R. C. Wilson, abatement, pole paid in Brewer	3.00	
Maud Philbrook, Public Water Tub	3.00	
L. P. Patten, Premium in balance collection, 1921	14.12	
R. T. Luce, wood for office	3.50	
R. T. Luce, office supplies	8.23	
L. P. Patten, Premium on 1922 Collection, \$22,000 at 2 per cent . . .	440.00	
William Miller, Abatement, 1922 . .	16.28	
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		\$3,042.71
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Unexpended		\$258.19

RESOURCES

George McCarty, tax deed and bill	\$109.72
Walter Leonard, tax deed and bill	21.27
Due from L. P. Patten, amount due on 1922 commitment	853.78
Due from State, Funeral Expenses of Mrs. Thankful Garland	100.00
Due from town of Jay, for care of C. E. Thompson	87.37
Due from E. P. Whitaker estate, for Commitemnt of Fred Whitaker to hospital	24.00
Due from town of Glenburn, Tuition	30.00
Due from State, Mothers' Aid	20.00
Cash in Treasury	2,660.05
Due from town of Newburg, Tuition	15.00
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	\$3,921.19

LIABILITIES

Outstanding order	\$9.75
Outstanding orders, bearing interest	2,700.00
Due Common School account	442.79
Due High School Account	286.70
Due Town of Jay, for support of C. E. Thompson	114.05
Due City of Bangor, Mothers' Aid	5.00
Due J. A. Snow, on notes	1,500.00
Due Sylvester Campbell, on notes	1,500.00
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Total	\$6,558.29
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Liabilities above resources	\$2,637.10

R. T. LUCE,
L. I. LEATHERS,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,
Selectmen of Hermon.

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

Truman W. Annis.....	\$49.68
John A. Brown.....	26.04
H. M. Booker.....	36.00
Norman S. Clements.....	9.16
C. H. Carrow.....	20.16
William Conners.....	3.00
S. R. Durant.....	7.40
James Dunn.....	7.84
L. W. Dow.....	3.08
George A. Emerson.....	6.08
A. K. Emerson.....	62.04
A. W. Folley.....	15.64
Mrs. Newton Gordon.....	5.00
James Gorden.....	3.00
Jerry Gorden.....	3.00
C. S. Hammond.....	24.84
Preston Hammond.....	39.16
Thomas Higgins.....	26.31
Winn Kelley.....	3.00
Ernest Light.....	17.60
Walter Leonard.....	21.82
W. A. Larkin.....	36.88
Gilbert Maloon.....	13.20
James McLean.....	3.00
Granville Nowell.....	12.60
Edwin Nowell.....	15.40
Robert Nowell.....	3.00
R. H. Patten.....	84.40
Edwin Pomroy.....	17.52
Clarrell Robinson.....	5.20
Harry Smitberg.....	22.00
Frank Stewart.....	15.62
Ernest F. Small.....	17.70

W. H. Tapley Heirs of	33.00
Ray Tapley	1.02
Chas. V. Wentworth	9.16
D. P. Edminster	13.95
L. W. Taylor	18.16
N. B. Tikiliff	22.00
Robert Hunt, Heir of	11.00
C. E. Hewes	74.80
John E. Henry, Heirs of	11.00
W. A. Bean	4.40
E. J. Nickerson	12.32
D. F. Meservey	6.60

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Common schools	\$7,408.62
School books	299.45
School incidentals	199.56
Repairs on schoolhouses	934.24
Free High School	1,956.54
Roads, summer work	4,226.61
Roads, winter work	1,528.17
Sweet Hill Road	733.80
State Aid Road	956.36
Third Class Highway	835.92
Maintenance of State road	876.20
Care cemeteries	84.00
Memorial Expenses	35.95
Wire Fence	27.00
Mothers' Aid	135.00
Notes	1,000.00
Street Lights	82.29
Trust Fund	80.00
Support of Poor	1,021.89
Contingent	3,042.71

Total orders drawn, 1922-23	\$25,564.41
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Treasurer's Report

Dr.

For the Municipal Year, Ending March 1, 1923

March	18	To perpetual care of burial lots, trust funds.....	\$2,050.00
		To cash in Treasury.....	2,829.33
		To Int. on deposit.....	4.70
		To Int. on Trust fund ...	67.00
		To Int. on deposit.....	2.46
			\$4,953.49

By J. L. McCobb, Treasurer

May	10	To cash in Treasury.....	\$77.00
		To Bal. due from L. P. Patten, Coll.....	459.97
	10	To interest on deposit...	4.32
July	17	Amount received of Town Clerk for dog licenses	139.00
	17	To amount received of Parmenas D. Fuller, for care of Cemetery lot.....	100.00
	17	To State Tax.....	3,260.74
		To County tax.....	787.17
		To Town tax.....	18,240.29
		To overlay.....	860.00
Sept.	20	From State Treas., re- imbursement, State Pensions paid.....	102.00
	26	To amount received of W. F. Harding estate	150.00

Sept.		To Treas. of State on account of State Aid road.....	397.40
Nov.		To Treas. of State, on account of Third Class road.....	835.92
		To State School fund....	3,292.18
Nov.	25	To Railroad and Telegraph Tax.....	.10
Dec.	14	To Treas. of State, Equalization Fund.....	312.00
	14	To Treas. of State, Sweet Hill.....	484.45
Jan.	27	To Treas. of State, Mothers' Aid.....	20.00
	27	To Treas. of State, Damage to Domestic animals.....	234.00
Mar.	24	To Treas. of State, State pensions paid.....	102.00
	2	To Int. on Trust funds, 1922.....	80.00
	2	From Eddie Pomroy, hay on Town farm.....	10.00
		To Supplementa Tax....	62.90
Mar.	1	To George McCarty, tax deed and bill, 1921-21.....	70.12
			<hr/> \$30,081.56

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Mar.	18	By the perpetual care of burial lot, trust fund	\$2,050.00
May	10	37 Town orders paid and returned.....	2,775.49

	10	4 Receipts for State pen- sions	51.00	
		By Balance in Merchants Bank	77.00	
		By J. L. McCobb, Treas.		\$4,953.49
Sept.	9	By dog licenses paid to State Treas.	139.00	
	11	4 Receipts for State Pen- sions returned to State	51.00	
	9	By Parmenas D. Fuller, Trust fund	100.00	
	11	By W. F. Harding, trust fund	150.00	
Nov.	11	By State Tax Paid	3,260.74	
		By County Tax Paid	787.17	
		By 8 Receipts for State Pensions	102.00	
Feb.	20	By 564 Town orders paid ' and returned	21,846.83	
Mar.	1	Due from L. P. Patten, collector, 1922	853.78	
Mar.	1	Cash on hand	2,660.05	
	1	George McCarty, Tax deed and bill of 1920- 1921	70.12	
		Walter Leonard, Tax deed and bill, 1922	21.27	
		George McCarty, Tax deed, 1922	39.60	
				<hr/> \$30,081.56

J. M. TAYLOR, Treas.

E. I. SNOW, Deputy Treas.

Report of Road Commissioner

To the Selectmen and tax-payers of Hermon:

I respectfully submit the following, as showing a true statement of the highway expenditures for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1923.

Amount raised by town, for summer work.....	\$4,000.00
Less appropriation as voted for Swett Hill job.....	250.00
Total amount for summer work	<hr/> \$3,750.00
Paid L. I. Leathers, machine knife.....	\$17.00
Willard Richardson.....	15.76
C. M. Conant, repairs for Road machine.....	1.95
A. T. Booker.....	38.50
A. H. Andrews.....	29.75
A. H. Andrews, dynamite.....	29.00
Ernest Miller.....	27.50
Otis Homsted.....	41.25
Arthur Robinson.....	28.75
Isaac Heughen.....	51.75
Ernest Nowell.....	33.00
Geo. Homsted, repairs on Road machine.....	.75
Allie Pinkham.....	2.40
L. O. Tyler.....	5.00
Bert Promroy.....	11.00
E. A. Cook.....	5.50

G. R. Patten.....	5.00
Geo. Davis.....	5.00
A. T. Booker.....	56.37
Whitten & Friend, plank, 1778 feet, at \$35.00 per M, for Black Stream.....	62.23
Otis Homsted.....	38.50
Ernest Nowell.....	38.50
E. W. Bowen.....	76.00
Grand Nowell.....	10.00
E. Wentworth.....	46.25
Ernest Nowell.....	37.40
O. L. Jellerson.....	21.25
Irving Nowell.....	1.25
Mel Tourtlott.....	16.55
T. T. Dunn.....	22.00
Roy Overlock.....	82.50
Millard Spencer.....	77.00
William Miller.....	45.00
Laurance Smart.....	35.00
Alton Nowell.....	10.50
Arlo Moore.....	15.50
Alonzo Casey.....	26.25
Willard Richardson.....	40.34
O. L. Jellerson.....	7.50
Clarence Homsted.....	68.00
Walter Witherley.....	2.75
E. W. Bowen.....	85.25
E. W. Clark.....	104.50
Ernest Miller.....	71.50
Ernest Nowell.....	63.25
A. T. Booker.....	38.50
Otis Homsted.....	37.00
Win Butler.....	35.00
Grand Nowell.....	12.50
E. Wentworth.....	35.00

Walter Edminster	27.10
Rex Patten	5.00
M. C. R. R., 30 Ties, at 11c. a piece .	3.30
C. M. Conant & Co., culverts	50.94
Alton Nowell	30.00
Earl Wing	7.50
E. W. Clark	46.75
Maurice Grant	22.00
Frank Hammond	11.00
Bishop Derry	8.25
A. H. Andrews	13.75
George Kimball	15.00
Ernest Miller	38.50
Jed Applebee	51.25
Win Butler	17.50
O. L. Jellerson	16.25
Walter Pendleton	28.75
C. C. Wing	25.60
C. N. Patten	4.50
Ernest Nowell	60.50
A. T. Booker	35.75
E. W. Bowen	71.00
Clarence Homsted	68.75
Otis Homsted	68.75
Geo. Allen	13.55
A. H. Andrews	20.32
E. W. Kimball	4.00
Laurance Smart	13.75
Harold Bates	31.55
Orin Littlefield	2.50
A. T. Booker	16.50
Clarence Homsted	33.00
E. W. Bowen	33.00
Ernest Nowell	33.00
Arthur Robinson	16.50
Will Uetz, gravel	46.20

Geo. Kimball	6.25
H. Tucker	6.25
Chester Goodspeed	55.00
Chester Goodspeed	68.75
Arlo Moore	28.13
E. Wentworth	50.00
Jim McLoud, repair work	3.50
Eddie Promroy	15.00
Clarence Philbrick, repair work	16.15
Albra Warren	3.75
Geo. Kimball	27.50
Maurice Grant	11.00
Arthur Robinson	37.25
Isaac Heughen	6.88
A. H. Andrews	5.50
A. T. Booker	24.75
Ernest Nowel	38.50
Elmer Grant	28.75
Clarence Homsted	49.50
Eddie Pomroy	2.50
E. W. Bowen	30.00
Howard Bowen	13.75
Otis Homsted	55.00
Jed Applebee	38.50
B. & A. Railroad, gravel	16.65
John Heughen, gravel	29.40
Edwin Smart, gravel	7.50
L. L. Tibbits, gravel	20.00
Fred Webber, gravel	10.50
Frank Stuart	7.50
Sumner Promroy	4.12
J. B. Derry	8.25
L. I. Leathers, dynamite	19.50
C. U. Hewes, spikes	2.06
Eddie Promroy	5.00
Elmer Grant	6.25

Arlo Moore.....	5.00
Howard Bowen.....	5.00
Ernest Miller.....	31.00
E. W. Bowen.....	11.00
Ernest Nowell.....	11.00
Otis Homsted.....	24.50
A. H. Andrews.....	11.00
Chester Goodspeed.....	11.00
A. T. Booker.....	5.50
Alton Nowell.....	5.00
George Kimball.....	6.25
Frank Garland, gravel.....	19.10
Waldo Nowell.....	34.35
Ernest Miller.....	22.00
Chester Goodspeed.....	5.50
Irving Nowell.....	5.00
Al Overlock.....	6.72
Geo. Allen.....	25.25
Willard Richardson.....	4.60
C. M. Conant & Co., culverts.....	23.00
Ernest Miller.....	100.00
Mel Tourtlett.....	7.50
Sherman Staples.....	36.45
R. S. Jackson.....	17.95
Seavey Hammond, gravel.....	9.75
Jed Applebee.....	11.00
Ernest Miller.....	13.75
Herbert Miller.....	6.25
Mel Tourtlott.....	13.75
Win Butler.....	6.25
Geo. Laurance.....	16.50
Geo. Allen.....	14.80
Ernest Overlock.....	11.00
E. W. Bowen.....	16.50
Clarence Homsted.....	13.75
A. T. Booker.....	5.50

Eddie Promroy.....	5.40
Otis Homsted.....	10.50
Harry Strong.....	5.00
Will Uetz, gravel.....	9.00
Chester Goodspeed.....	8.25
Will Patten, gravel.....	3.75
A. J. Hatch.....	14.00
Morse & Co., plank.....	5.89
Town of Levant,, use of Road scraper.....	14.00
T. T. Dunn.....	24.30
C. M. Conant Co., culvert.....	17.60
R. T. Luce, labor.....	23.00
Ernest Miller.....	96.50
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Total cost of Summer work....	\$4,226.61
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Overdrawn.....	\$476.61

For an explanation of this overdraw, just call on Mr. Luce, Chairman, and he will gladly give you any information you wish.

WINTER WORK

Raised by the town.....	\$1,000.00
Paid Ernest Small.....	\$3.60
Frank Philbrick.....	4.05
Ray Papley.....	5.50
M. C. Hunt.....	50.30
Charles Hannaford.....	28.20
Waldo Nowell and crew.....	91.05
H. Banks.....	5.70
Albra Warren.....	9.60
Charles Davis.....	12.90
A. T. Booker.....	20.10
Dan McPheters.....	.90
Will Bates.....	10.05
Harold Bates.....	9.60
L. W. Tiler.....	9.90
L. M. Annis.....	21.60
H. B. Leathers.....	19.20
Ben Bickford and crew.....	32.10
Sherman Staples.....	15.92
Olin Andrews and crew.....	17.40
L. I. Leathers and crew.....	14.40
Bert Bates.....	19.20
Frank Gerald.....	7.80
William Crocker.....	19.95
Orrin Booker.....	17.55
E. F. Pinkham and crew.....	40.50
George Laurance.....	6.90
Maurice Grant.....	13.20
Frank Hammond and crew.....	66.00
Fred Libby.....	22.00
Phlander Crosby.....	7.20
J. B. Derry.....	9.70
C. N. Patten.....	15.60

C. C. Wing.....	13.20
Millard Leathers and crew.....	22.20
W. D. Richardson and crew.....	55.40
A. H. Andrews and crew.....	32.10
Albert Wing and crew.....	97.20
Ernest Overlock and crew.....	78.90
Arthur Hillman and crew.....	45.00
Fred Klatt.....	4.80
L. E. Glidden.....	30.60
Frank Garland and crew.....	74.70
Lafe Nowell.....	19.80
T. T. Dunn and crew.....	30.40
Otis Homsted and crew.....	42.60
S. P. Warren.....	23.70
Hiram Warren.....	17.10
Alvin Overlock and crew.....	47.10
E. W. Bowen and crew.....	30.00
C. O. Hunt.....	10.80
John R. Read.....	20.70
R. T. Luce and crew.....	28.10
Al Smart.....	7.50
Webber boys.....	5.40
Emery Prescott.....	10.80
Nick Fotis.....	11.40
R. E. Littlefield.....	40.20
Chester Goodspeed.....	22.05
H. J. Applebee.....	26.05
Ralph Robinson.....	37.60
Ed. Clark.....	15.00
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Total.....	\$1,528.17
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Overdrawn.....	528.17

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. A. HOMSTED,
Road Commissioner.

SWETT HILL

Received from State	\$500.00
Appropriated from road fund	250.00

Total fund	\$750.00
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Paid A. H. Andrews	\$52.25
Harry Strong	35.75
Will Sherwood	5.00
Elmo Hunt	16.25
George Laurance	57.75
Geo. Kimball	32.50
Otis Homsted	77.00
Chester Goodspeed	57.75
Elmer Grant	35.00
E. W. Bowen	79.75
Clarence Homsted	77.00
Ernest Nowell	71.50
Geo. Homsted	63.00
A. T. Booker	38.50
Eddie Pomroy	20.00
A. H. Andrews, dynamite	4.80
Expended by State	15.55

Total	\$749.35
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Unexpended Balance	\$.65
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Length of road built, 1385 feet.
 Number loads of gravel, 600.

THIRD CLASS STATE AID ROAD

Received from State	\$845.99
Paid Arlo Moore	\$25.00
Howard Bowen	10.00

Elmer Grant	32.50	
Eddie Pomroy	27.50	
A. H. Andrews	35.75	
Millard Spencer	66.00	
Alonzo Casey	30.00	
Alton Nowell	27.50	
Ed. Clark	33.00	
Willard Richardson	35.50	
Waldo Nowell	35.75	
Jed Applebee	23.38	
Roy Overlock	33.00	
Newton Gordon	19.25	
Maurice Grant	5.50	
George Kimball	2.50	
L. L. Tibbits, gravel	97.20	
Morse & Co., lumber	6.84	
George Homsted	56.00	
E. W. Bowen	79.75	
A. T. Booker	41.25	
Ernest Nowell	68.75	
Otis Homsted	44.00	
Expended by State	7.35	
Total		\$843.27
Unexpended Balance		\$2.72
Length of road built, 1050 feet.		
Number loads gravel, used 486.		

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$533.00
Received from the State	445.18
Total Fund	\$978.18

Paid E. Wentworth	\$10.00	
George Kimball	37.50	
Elmer Grant	45.00	
Eddie Pomroy	41.25	
Elmo Hunt	12.50	
Nelson Overlock	27.09	
Rosco Overlock	88.00	
Roy Overlock	77.00	
William Miller	33.75	
Alonzo Casey	40.00	
Millard Spencer	33.00	
Alton Nowell	31.25	
Arlo Moore	25.00	
Newton Gordon	42.17	
Willard Richardson	8.00	
George Homsted	72.50	
A. T. Booker	55.00	
George Homsted, team	51.00	
E. W. Bowen	101.75	
Ernest Nowell	88.00	
C. M. Conant Co., culvert and ce- ment	36.60	
Expended by State	7.50	
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Total		\$963.86
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Unexpended Balance		\$14.32
Length of road built, 1400 feet.		

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the S. S. Committee and Citizens of Hermon:

I hereby submit the following report of your School Department for the past municipal year.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

TEACHERS' PAY ROLL

Name	No. of Weeks	Amount
Sara Moriarty.....	5.....	\$65.00
Lora Gould.....	13.....	234.00
Inez Kimball.....	10.....	140.00
Rita Nason.....	10.....	180.00
Audrey Clark.....	10.....	120.00
Della Gray.....	1.....	14.00
Amy Grindle.....	1.....	15.00
Bertha Goodspeed.....	4.....	72.00
Emery Leathers.....	35.....	630.00
Vivian Philbrick.....	31.....	434.00
Wilma Pike.....	31.....	476.00
Helen Smith.....	31.....	393.00
Wilma Lord.....	10.....	140.00
Mildred Coombs.....	3 3-5.....	64.80
Zenas Michaud.....	6 2-5.....	115.20
Elise Miller.....	31.....	538.00
Etta Emery.....	5.....	75.00
Alice Goodell.....	21.....	273.00
Eldora DeMerritt.....	21.....	357.00
Edith Rogers.....	21.....	336.00
Lois Beatty.....	21.....	252.00
Grace Willey.....	16.....	240.00

Mary O'Connell	4 4-5	72.00
Dorothy Robinson	21	252.00
Frances Patterson	14	252.00
Hester McGown	21	378.00
Thelma Burns	7	126.00

Total for Teachers' Salaries \$6,244.00

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

American Book Company	\$23.18
Ginn & Company	17.54
Silver, Burdett & Co.	73.27
E. E. Babb & Company	26.13

Total from Common School fund \$140.12

JANITOR'S PAY ROLL

Name	Number of Weeks	Amount
Merton Patten	26	\$13.00
Sara Moriarty	5	2.50
Wilma Pike	10	5.00
Robert Kelley	10	5.00
Vivian Swan	10	5.00
Audrey Clark	10	5.00
Junction School	10	5.00
Clarence Brace	10	5.00
Albion Patten	31	15.50
Maurice Jones	10	5.00
Helen Smith	31	15.50
Milton Snow	31	15.50
Jasper Porter	10	5.00
Boston Road School	10	5.00
Mildred Nowell	14	7.00
Leslie Salisbury	21	10.50

Vivian Philbrick.....	21.....	10.50
Ogilvie Judkins.....	14.....	7.00
Elsie Miller.....	7.....	3.50
Eldora DeMeritt.....	7.....	3.50
George Light.....	21.....	10.50
Lois Beatty.....	21.....	10.50
Lloyd Frost.....	21.....	10.50
Frances Patterson.....	14.....	7.00
Freddie Sawtelle.....	14.....	7.00
Lloyd Sweetser.....	7.....	3.50
Walter Warren.....	2.....	1.00
Frank Burke.....	5.....	2.50
Total for Janitor's Salaries.....		\$201.50

FUEL ACCOUNT

Norman Overlock	\$31.75
Ernest Overlock	38.00
Albion Patten	9.00
Milton Snow	2.00
Thomas Dunn	46.00
Robert Kelley	7.50
Linnis Snow	1.00
J. M. Taylor	183.00
Maurice Prescott	6.00
P. O. Bryant	47.00
Isaac Heughan	94.00
James Grant	6.00
Thurston Hunt	40.00
C. W. Smith	10.00
Charles Veazie	10.00
S. M. Webber	46.00
Everett McDonald	2.75
George Homsted	87.00
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Total for fuel	\$667.00

CONVEYANCE

Paid L. W. Tyler.....	\$168.00
Arthur Robinson.....	54.00
Mina Nowell.....	24.00
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Total cost of Conveying.....	\$246.00

COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Bangor, for tuition of Leon Hatch.....	\$10.00
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SUMMARY FOR COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Amount raised by town.....	\$4,500.00
Tuition from town of Hampden.....	9.00
Equalization Fund from State.....	312.00
State School Fund.....	2,792.18
Unexpended from 1921-22.....	338.23
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Total Resources.....	\$7,951.41

EXPENDITURES

Paid Teachers' Salaries.....	\$6,244.00
Janitors' Salaries.....	201.50
For Fuel.....	667.00
For Conveyance.....	246.00
For Textbooks and Supplies.....	140.12
For Tuition.....	10.00
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Total Expenditures.....	\$7,508.62
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Balance Unexpended.....	\$442.79

TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Special Appropriation by Town.....		\$300.00
Paid American Book Company.....	\$58.18	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.....	75.72	
J. L. Hammett & Co.....	12.64	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.....	7.56	
Ginn & Company.....	61.46	
Henry Holt & Co.....	5.19	
Silver Burdett & Co.....	10.53	
Newell White.....	3.00	
Laidlaw Brothers.....	16.74	
Dowling School Supply Co.....	28.27	
Arlo Publishing Co.....	20.16	
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Total Expenditures.....		\$299.45
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Balance Unexpended.....		\$.55

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town.....		\$850.00
Paid L. I. Leathers.....	\$44.08	
Fred Gray.....	1.50	
Albion Patten.....	.75	
Harvey Hardware Co.....	6.00	
C. B. Cox.....	20.00	
Milton Snow.....	3.00	
Emery Prescott.....	1.56	
Theodor Kuntz Co.....	240.00	
Fred Bickford.....	100.75	
Charles Webber.....	111.29	
Dunham-Hanson Co.....	100.93	
John Cassidy & Sons.....	69.00	
Morse & Co.....	92.57	
Charles Veazie.....	70.62	

F. F. Emerson	31.68
C. H. Grant	5.10
E. R. Overlock	3.50
W. S. Barrows	21.20
Alvin Overlock	3.00
E. P. Bishop	7.71

Total Expenditures	<u>\$934.24</u>
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Overdrawn	<u>\$84.24</u>
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SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Amount Raised by Town	\$200.00
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Paid Maude Philbrick	\$3.00
Bangor Window Shade Co.	2.25
Dan T. Sullivan	3.15
R. N. Grant & Co.	7.00
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	15.67
Alvin Overlock	72.00
Wood & Bishop Co.	26.84
Rice & Miller Co.	8.40
J. W. Hamlin	11.00
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	4.90
Wood & Bishop Co.	2.05
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	4.50
C. U. Hewes	7.30
Volney Hawes	4.00
Hester McGown50
Wilma Pike50
Eastern Furniture Co.	12.00
E. I. Snow	3.50
C. H. Grant	7.00
Bernice Brace	4.00

Total Expenditures	<u>\$199.56</u>
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Balance Unexpended	<u>\$.44</u>
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HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Amount raised by Town	\$1,400.00	
Amount Received from State School Fund	500.00	
Balance Unexpended from 1921-22	343.24	
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Total Amount Available		\$2,243.24

EXPENDITURES

Paid Emma Weeks, Teaching	\$1,192.34	
Ernest Overlock, Wood	48.00	
Thurston Hunt, Wood	5.00	
Leon Philbrook, Preparing Wood . .	9.00	
Leon Philbrook, Janitoring	27.00	
Alvin Overlock, Cleaning	6.00	
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	2.78	
Standard Scientific Co., Laboratory Sup.	5.61	
Black Stream Electric Co., Lights . .	11.18	
City of Bangor, Tuition	220.00	
Higgins Classical Institute	80.00	
Town of Carmel, Tuition	80.00	
Hampden Academy, Tuition	40.00	
Town of Hampden, Reference Books	30.00	
Gregg Publishing Co., Books	2.36	
Allyn & Bacon, Books	31.63	
American Book Company	37.01	
Wood & Bishop Company, Stove . .	25.46	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., Supplies	7.66	
Ginn & Co., Books	55.51	
Eastern Furniture Company, Desk .	40.00	
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Total Expenditures		\$1,956.54
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Balance Unexpended		\$286.70

Due from the Town of Glenburn. . . .	30.00
Due from the Town of Newburgh. . .	15.00

The following recommendations are made for the coming year:

Common Schools.	\$4,500.00
Textbooks.	300.00
School Incidentals.	200.00
Repairs.	850.00
Free High School Purposes.	2,000.00

SCHOOLS

Thirteen schools were maintained in town throughout the year. The spring term was ten weeks in length; the fall, fourteen; and the winter term, seven. Obviously, there were thirty-one weeks in the year, during which schools were in session, one week less than in the two previous years. It has been insinuated that the common schools were shortened a week on account of undue extravagance in the high school department. This is a falsehood and is ridiculous on the face of it. The well-informed understand that money raised for common schools and that raised for high school are two separate funds and have always been treated accordingly. If you will refer to the financial report, you will see that we have substantial balances in both accounts. Your children will not lose a week of school; in the spring, instead of the usual ten-week term we shall have eleven weeks. It is my opinion that the winter term should be short because of storms, bad roads, and a large amount of sickness.

The school in the Garland Hill District and the one in the Prescott District are very small. I doubt if they will be able to maintain their general average of eight pupils for the current school year. If they do not they will be suspended by law at the end of the spring term. Very satisfactory work is being done in both schools. However, I believe better results would

be possible in larger schools where there would be keener interest and more competition.

TEACHERS

We seem to have been especially fortunate this year in our selection of teachers. Our teaching corps is exceptionally strong and because of this fact, splendid progress has been made. Of the regular teachers, only two were without previous experience when school opened in the fall. Both of these are doing excellent work and are to be congratulated on their success. All teachers, without exception, are well qualified for the places they fill. They have the interest of their schools at heart and are working diligently for the children who come to them. We believe that with these conscientious teachers, our schools will make the advancement expected of them if the children and parents do their part.

In addition to the regular work of the schoolroom, some of the teachers, with the help of their pupils, have been active in earning money with which to improve the equipment of their buildings. A dish cupboard, a necessity where hot lunches are served, was installed in the schoolhouse at Leather's Corner. Victrolas and Victor Health Records have been added to the equipment of the schools at North Hermon and Northern Maine Junction. The Snow Corner School has earned money which will probably be used for a Victrola.

ATTENDANCE

Altho the attendance has been somewhat better than it was last year, there is still much to be desired in the way of improvement. The attendance has been seriously reduced on account of the severity of the winter and much sickness. However, there are numerous absences and instances of tardiness that would seem to be avoidable. Parents should make an effort to get their children to school every day when possible and get them there on time. If every parent were sufficiently interested

in the education of his child, there would be little or no need for compulsory education laws and attendance officers. However, according to the School Laws of the State of Maine, "every child between the seventh and fifteenth anniversaries of his birth and every child between the fifteenth and seventeenth anniversaries of his birth who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language and every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth anniversaries of his birth who has not completed the sixth grade in the elementary schools, shall attend some public day school during the time such school is in session, and an absence of one-half day shall be deemed a violation of this requirement * * *". Of course, there are exceptions regarding those who are mentally or physically incapacitated, or those who are receiving equivalent instruction elsewhere. However, the completion of the ninth grade work or staying at home to work or run errands are not legitimate excuses. In order to realize the best results, a child must be in school every day. Aside from the individual advantage to the child, there will be a financial advantage to the town as a whole. A part of the State School Fund is now distributed according to the aggregate attendance of all the schools in town for the year. This means that the town is paid a certain amount per day for each child when he is in school. When a child is absent the town loses. Last year the child who had a perfect record of attendance earned approximately \$2.50 for the town. It is quite evident that towns that have the best aggregate attendance profit most by this new plan.

BUILDING ON THE COLEBROOK ROAD

The building on the Colebrook Road burned Friday, January 12, the fire originating somewhere in the attic around the chimney. Heroic work was done by the people in the district and as a result all the desks, seats, textbooks, and most of the other equipment were saved. There was no insurance and so the building itself was a total loss. However, it was not a suitable

building for our present needs, and it is hoped that a good modern building for housing the children will be erected.

Since the fire, the school has been housed in the Colebrook schoolhouse in Hampden which is located a mile and a half or two miles from the old site. The children are transported and the arrangement is fairly satisfactory under the circumstances. There is, of course, an extra expense for conveyance. It is probable that we shall have to continue the present arrangements for the rest of the school year or during the spring term.

TEXTBOOKS

Our schools are all well equipped with textbooks. Of course, some of the books are not in first class condition. However, we have to wear them out as we cannot afford to lay aside a book that is usable and put a new one in its place. It is necessary to spend every dollar as economically as possible. No complete change has been made in any series of textbooks. In the fall, a few copies of the Frye-Atwood geographies were purchased. As this series is proving eminently satisfactory, we are planning to work it in gradually to take the place of the Tarr and McMurray's and Brigham and McFarlane's which have been in the schools for some years. Within the past two or three years, the arithmetics have been changed from the Silver-Burdett books to the Hamilton's Standard Arithmetics. Beginning with September next, there will be no Silver-Burdett arithmetics in the schools, used as regular texts. We could use to good advantage in reading a large amount of supplementary material. Money spent for supplementary reading is always a good investment. Composition paper, practice paper and arithmetic paper has been furnished to the schools at the expense of the town but not in unlimited quantities. Most of the schools, if not all of them, are now furnished with globes. There are still three of four schools in need of maps. Maps are almost necessities and all well-equipped schools should have a set.

REPAIRS

We make no apology for overexpending our repairs appropriation. The amount raised for the purpose was insufficient; in fact, we could have spent to good advantage, much more than we did. All the work attempted was necessarily expensive and required more money than we had, at first, anticipated. However, we did only what was absolutely necessary.

The building at Snow Corner was shingled and given two coats of paint. Now, with the exception of the outbuildings, it is in very good condition.

New sanitary privies of the approved type have been built at Leather's Corner, Hermon Corner and on the Boston Road. Much needed repairs were made in the entries at Hermon Corner and Leather's Corner.

New seats and desks were installed in the schoolhouse on the Colebrook Road and minor repairs were made elsewhere.

Much needs to be done to put our buildings in first-class condition. If we are to continue to use our one-room buildings, they should be remodeled, one each year, perhaps, and modernized. We should provide for adequate light by placing all the windows at the left or rear of the pupils.

HIGH SCHOOL

It was hoped that we might add the third year to our high school in September but after giving the housing conditions careful consideration, we decided that it would perhaps be better to continue for a while longer as a B-Class school unless a proper building could be provided. There are enough children of high school age and qualifications in town to make up an A-Class School if the housing problem could be solved. During the past year, we have had an enrollment of 29 pupils. These are, of course, in the first and second years only. I have looked over the directory of secondary schools for 1922-23 which was sent out by the State Department of Education and find that no other B-Class school in the State has an enrollment equal to

ours. In fact, many of the A-Class type have fewer pupils. If other towns can furnish a four-year high school to their boys and girls, I think we should make a strenuous effort to do the same.

The work of the present high school for the past year has been of a superior quality. Miss Emma Weeks, the principal, has worked early and late for the best interest and advancement of all. She is willing and anxious to cooperate in every possible way for the improvement of the school. Parents are urged to visit the school and observe the work and progress of their children.

There has been little cooperation on the part of parents. Very few can think of anything they have done to help the high school; on the other hand, I believe many will remember much they have said to injure it. The school is all right. In view of the fact that it was established less than two years ago, the equipment is excellent. Miss Weeks holds a secondary certificate that entitles her to teach not only in the Hermon High School, but also in any other high school in the state. The discipline has been as good as that of any other school in town. We have a certificate of approval from the State Department of Education.

Last fall Beatrice Ellingwood went from this high school into Bangor High School and entered as a junior. George Bates went from here to Hampden Academy. Both, as juniors, are doing excellent work. It will be conceded that Bangor High School and Hampden Academy are two of the best preparatory schools in this part of the state. If the boys and girls from our school are accepted in these two secondary schools, there is no reason why they would not be accepted elsewhere. Moreover, if Miss Ellingwood and Mr. Bates can do good work in these schools, there would seem to be no reason why other students of equal ability could not do the same.

LACK OF COOPERATION

It becomes my unpleasant duty at this time to say a few words regarding the relationship existing between the parents and the schools in some sections of the town. Where there should be perfect harmony, there is nothing but discord. In the homes, children should be taught a wholesome respect for their teachers and schools. However, we find that this is not always being done. Children are urged, on the other hand, to tell everything that happens in the schools, especially those things that reflect on the teachers. Of course, these things may have been distorted but just the same they are accepted and freely discussed. As a result, the schools are criticised and perhaps condemned. In some instances, I am afraid these matters are talked over in public gatherings where ordinarily gossip would be prohibited. In this way, the children are encouraged in tattling, a thing the world has little use for. Parents who have not visited the schools have no way of knowing what things are being done there except what the children tell them and unfortunately this source of information is not always reliable. It is impossible for them to talk intelligently about such matters. The best educators are agreed that the chief aim of education is training for citizenship and that all other aims are subordinate to it. How can the school take all the responsibility of training your children for citizenship with no help from the home? I feel that a closer cooperation on the part of the parents would help materially to bring about better results in our work.

CONCLUSION

It is my honest opinion that the past year has been one of progress in the school department. In spite of this fact, much still remains to be done. Much can be done if each is willing to contribute his share for the good of the schools. During the coming year let's all work together to make our schools the best in this part of the state, to make them 100% efficient. We may

not be able to accomplish all we wish, but surely our schools will be all the better for our having made the attempt.

In closing this report, I wish to thank the members of the S. S. Committee for the kindness and courtesy they have shown me. I wish to thank them also for their valuable help and advice. I feel that the success and progress of our schools are due, in no small measure, to their earnest and conscientious efforts and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

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