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Municipal Officers

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Town of Columbia Falls

—FOR THE—

Municipal Year

1929 - 1930



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SELECTMEN

Seth H. Allen

Geo. W. Bucknam

Joseph W. Drisko

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Frank H. Tabbut

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Seth H. Allen

Geo. W. Bucknam

Joseph W. Drisko

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Seth H. Allen

Graydon Hartford

Leeman J. Grant

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph W. Drisko

Josephine D. Allen

Jared Rockwell

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Lester S. Look

AUDITOR

Charles F. Wilson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Benj. H. Varney

HEALTH OFFICER

Frank H. Tabbut

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

R. A. Norton

TAX COLLECTOR

George H. Higgins

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

FIRE WARD

Charles G. Tibbetts

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Frank H. Tabbut

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the Town of Columbia Falls for the year

March 19, 1929 to March 18, 1930

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1929-1930

Schools	\$3,650.00
Textbooks	250.00
Supplies and incidentals	200.00
Repairs on school buildings	200.00
Insurance on school buildings	225.00
High school library	75.00
Fuel and Janitor for High School	200.00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks	1,500.00
Officers Fees	1,000.00
Support of poor	1,000.00
Snow breaking	50.00
Abatements	50.00
Interest on Town debt	450.00
Town debt	500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Interest on school fund	30.00
State Aid road	1,100.00
Lighting streets	400.00
Advertising natural resources of Maine	25.00
Printing Town Reports	50.00
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Total	\$11,455.00
State Tax	2,020.67
County Tax	829.11
Overlay	26.24
Supplementary taxes	12.75
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Total tax	\$13,858.77 \$14,343.77

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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Value of Real Estate	\$198,836.00
Value of Personal Estate	57,555.00
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Total	\$256,391.00
Number of Polls taxed	162
Number of Polls not taxed	1
Rate of taxation	.054

OFFICERS' FEES

Appropriations \$1000.00

Expenditures

Paid Seth Higgins	\$ 5.00
Willis Allen	5.00
Josephine D. Allen, (2 years)	10.00
Gradon Hartford	34.50
Leeman Grant	34.50
J. D. Hathaway	50.00
J. Drisko Allen	3.00
Abbie F. Allen	3.00
Geo. W. Bucknam	20.00
R. A. Norton	6.50
Joseph W. Drisko	15.00
Frank H. Tabbut	158.68
E. A. White	4.75
L. G. Burritt	.25
Jennie Tucker	.25
S. H. Allen	163.50
<i>Lutie S. Look</i>	<i>264.47</i>
<i>Bing. H. Varny</i>	<i>281.96</i>
Total	<hr/> \$1064.38 <hr/>
Overdrawn	64.38

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Received for rent of Hall:

Athletic Association	\$ 44.00
High School Association	50.70
Ladies' Aid Society	6.00
Clayton Small	120.00
Grammar School	4.00
Harrington Dramatic Co.	5.00

Total		229.70
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Expenditures

Paid J. E. Emerson	\$109.75
Walter Beedy	5.00
Harold Tyler	.75
Erwin Bucknam	.25
George C. Drisko	15.00
D. D. Kelley	5.00
J. E. Polley	3.00
Geo. W. Bucknam	2.00
Bangor Hydro Electric Co.	34.08
Eastern Tel. & Tel. Co.	.45
Frank Pineo	2.15
American Express Co.	.65
Portland Foundry Co.	2.14
Roy McKenzie	3.00
J. W. Drisko	9.00
Fred Champion	3.50
Allen & Co.	1.24
R. A. Norton	4.47
John French	.64
M. R. Chandler	1.70

G. G. Freeman	24.00	
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Total		\$227.77
Unexpended		1.93
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		\$229.70

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation		\$50.00
Abated:		
Joseph Grant Heirs of	\$29.70	
Seth Higgins	3.00	
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Total		\$32.70
Unexpended		17.30
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		\$50.00

TOWN DEBT

Appropriate for principal	\$ 500.00	
Appropriate for interest	450.00	
Appropriate for interest on school fund	30.00	
Received, Temporary loans	5000.00	
Balance now outstanding	6150.00	
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Total		\$12,130.00

Expenditures

Balance outstanding March 19, 1929	\$6650.00	
Temporary loans	5000.00	
Interest Union Trust Co.	418.93	
Interest School Fund	30.00	
Interest Florence Plant Fund	2.00	
Balance to surplus and deficiencies acct.	29.07	
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Total		\$12,130.00

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$1000.00	
S. H. Allen	40.00	
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Total		\$1040.00
Expenditures		
Paid Emma Higgins	\$540.00	
M. R. Chandler	1.95	
Allen & Co.	24.70	
R. A. Norton	31.38	
W. E. Bailey	22.00	
W. W. Ramsdell	6.40	
S. H. Allen	22.85	
John Connors	5.25	
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Total		\$654.53
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Unexpended		\$385.47

STATE & COUNTY TAXES

Appropriation, State Tax	\$2020.67	
Appropriation, County Tax	829.11	
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Total		\$2849.78
Expenditures		
Paid Treasurer of State	\$2020.67	
County Treasurer	829.11	
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Total		\$2849.78

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	\$400.00
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Expenditures

Paid Bangor Hydro Electric Co.	\$456.24
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Overdrawn	\$56.24

ADVERTISING NATURAL RESOURCES OF MAINE

Appropriated	\$25.00
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Expenditures	
Paid Maine Publicity Bureau	\$25.00

FLORENCE PLANT TRUST FUND

Principal	\$100.00
Interest	2.00
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Total	\$102.00
Paid S. V. Ingersoll	2.00
Balance	100.00
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	\$102.00

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriated	\$50.00
Balance unexpended	\$50.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$500.00
Interest on bank account	18.14
Tax on bank stock	13.91
R. R. & Tel. tax	14.70
R. A. Norton	5.00

F. F. Crandon	9.00	
Overlay on taxes	26.24	
Total		\$586.99
Expenditures		
Loring, Short & Harmon	\$ 5.90	
J. E. Emerson	5.00	
Nat. Used Car Market Report, Inc.	6.00	
Ladies' Aid Society	5.00	
Frank H. Tabbut	8.51	
Harry Brown	10.75	
F. F. Crandon	9.00	
R. A. Norton	2.00	
State of Maine	99.00	
S. H. Allen	42.97	
Total		\$194.13
Balance unexpended		\$392.86

SURPLUS & DEFICIENCIES ACCOUNT

By balance from Town Hall Account	\$ 1.93	
Poor Account	385.47	
Snow Account	5.81	
Abatement Account	17.30	
Miscellaneous Account	392.86	
Interest Account	29.07	
Total		\$832.44
Expenditures		
To Balance 1928	\$170.79	
Balance to Officers' Fees account	64.38	
Balance to Street Lights	56.24	
Balance to Highway account	292.12	

Balance carried to 1930 account	248.91	

Total		\$832.44

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen with the town of Columbia Falls for the past municipal year, and have found vouchers for all orders drawn, and the accounts correct.

CHAS. F. WILSON, Auditor

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

Highways

Town appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Received from State	14.10	

		\$1,514.10

Expenditures

Paid Merrill Higgins	5.25
George Higgins	18.00
Dan Look	12.00
F. M. Allen	55.50
L. S. Look	209.25
Ernest Ramsdell	14.75
E. S. Rockwell	61.50
Elmer Grant	128.25
Wellington Rockwell	67.50
F. B. Pineo	183.38
W. J. Grant	18.00
Wilber Grant	30.00
H. A. Barton	151.00
Hanford Grant	3.00
H. J. Young	6.00
Joe Drisko	24.50
J. N. Ayers	97.50
Forester Grant	1.50

E. M. Rockwell	57.00	
H. E. Grant	12.75	
Horace Look	12.00	
Rexford Grant	19.50	
Glen Myers	6.00	
S. H. Higgins	4.50	
Clarence Grant	28.50	
H. A. Dorr	24.50	
P. A. Worcester	20.00	
F. H. Morris	2.00	
A. D. Richards	28.50	
C. M. Conant Co.	10.00	
Rice & Miller Co.	1.24	
A. W. Tabbutt heirs	22.35	
S. H. Allen	4.85	
Erie Drisko	26.70	
W. H. Allen	4.95	
M. J. Barton	6.20	
E. M. Dorr	11.65	
R. A. Norton	8.85	
Charles Drisko	5.75	
State Treasury, Expense of patrol	390.50	
Amount Expended		\$1,805.17
Overdrawn		\$291.07

SNOW ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$50.00
Paid W. H. Cox	\$ 2.00	
Elma Grant	3.00	
Richard Worcester	2.17	
E. S. Rockwell	3.00	
Millard Rockwell	1.50	
Jared Rockwell	3.00	

E. M. Rockwell	3.00	
Rexford Grant	4.50	
F. H. Morris	3.00	
George Dorr	1.67	
Joe Drisko	2.00	
S. V. Ingersoll	3.00	
Harold Tyler	2.00	
Harry Tabbutt	2.67	
Enos Tabbutt	1.17	
Hubert Tabbutt	1.17	
Austin Worcester	2.67	
F. M. Allen	.67	
Fred Archer	1.00	
H. F. Allen	1.00	
Wellington Rockwell	3.00	
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Total		\$47.19
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Unexpended balance		\$2.81

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated	\$1,100.00	
Received from State	2,469.15	
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		\$3,569.15

Expenditures

Rice & Miller Co.	21.59
Penn Metal Co.	149.55
Glen Myers	142.00
W. H. Allen	58.25
Erie Drisko	209.70
F. B. Pineo	6.32
E. M. Dorr	8.50
Irving Worcester	2.80
R. A. Norton	1.49

Percy Ingersoll	97.50
Jared Rockwell	144.00
F. M. Allen	76.50
Elmer Grant	76.50
L. S. Look	358.50
Merrill Higgins	32.25
R. B. Tibbetts	138.00
Lorie Grant	73.50
H. A. Barton	288.00
Joe Drisko	114.75
Bion Nickels	15.00
S. H. Higgins	129.75
Wellington Rockwell	76.50
E. S. Rockwell	73.50
Allen Bros.	126.00
E. M. Rockwell	123.00
A. D. Richards	22.50
H. A. Dorr	99.00
F. H. Morris	49.50
B. N. Ingersoll	111.75
Clarence Grant	67.50
J. N. Ayers	246.00
Hazen Grant	49.50
Donald Higgins	6.00
Rexford Grant	37.50
Howard Allen	18.00
Munero Ayers	71.25
Harry Tibbetts	130.50
Frank Fish	49.50
E. B. Allen	76.50

 \$3569.15

THIRD CLASS ROAD

 Amount received from State

\$439.91

Expenditures

R. B. Tibbetts	16.50
Rexford Grant	16.50
L. S. Look	39.50
Jared Rockwell	15.00
Percie Ingersoll	7.50
H. A. Barton	6.00
E. M. Rockwell	33.30
Harry Tibbetts	49.50
Glen Myers	19.50
S. H. Higgins	18.00
Clarence Grant	19.50
H. A. Dorr	19.50
Frank Fisk.	27.00
Joe Drisko	49.50
E. B. Allen	47.25
Penn Metal Co.	33.81
A. D. Richards	22.05

Amount expended

\$439.91

**REPORT OF FRANK H. TABBUTT, TREASURER FOR THE
TOWN OF COLUMBIA FALLS FOR THE YEAR
MARCH 19, 1929 TO MARCH 18, 1930**

Receipts

Cash on hand March 19, 1929	\$ 1,539.87
Union Trust Co. bal H. E. Grant 1928 tax	22.16
A. H. Nash, heirs of, on acct. 1928 tax	3.00
E. A. White, Adm. J. E. Schencks Est. 1928 tax	236.23
George H. Higgins, Tax Col. 1929 taxes	12,462.35
John C. Tibbetts, balance 1929 tax	68.41
Sadie Tibbetts, Heirs of, 1929 tax	32.40
Milford P. Higgins, balance 1929 tax	2.00
Newell H. Grant's 1929 tax	49.44
Ellery Worcester's 1929 tax	20.14
Guy E. Bailey, 1929 tax	183.36

Maurice Oliver, 1929 tax	5.70	
Treasurer of State:		
Porcupine Bounties, receipts sent Dec. 20, 1928	427.50	
On account Porcupine Bounties, receipts sent to Treas. of State Dec. 19, 1929	7.75	
Tax on Bank Stock	13.91	
State Aid Roads	2,469.15	
Account Highway Department	14.10	
School Fund	1,514.50	
R. R. & Telegraph Tax	14.70	
Equilization Fund	350.00	
Third Class Road Fund	439.91	
Solders Pensions	84.00	
Town Clerk, Dog License fees	58.00	
Town of Columbia, tuition to July 1, 1929	533.33	
Town of Centerville, balance tuition for Ruby Tenney	220.00	
Union Trust Co., Int. on Check Acc't	18.14	
Union Trust Co., Temporary Loans	5,000.00	
Silver Burdett & Co., refund 1927 Acc't.	1.00	
S. H. Allen, sale Sam Pinkham property	40.00	
R. A. Norton, Joseph Jubie fine	5.00	
F. F. Crandon, refund payment for sheep	9.00	
H. A. Barton, refund road account	9.00	
George W. Bucknam, rent for Town Hall	229.70	
Trustees School Fund	30.00	
Trustees Florence Plant Trust Fund	2.00	
Total Receipts for the year 1929		\$26,115.75
Rec'd from George H. Higgins, Tax Collector		
Automobile excise taxes for year 1930	\$ 36.41	
Automobile Excise Taxes pd. direct to Treas.	319.94	
Total 1930 Excise taxes		356.35
Total of all moneys received		\$26,472.10

Disbursements

Selectmen's orders paid	\$24,481.19
State Pensions	84.00
Treasurer of State, Dog License fees	58.00
Porcupine Bounties paid, receipts sent to Treasurer of State Dec. 19, 1929	180.75
Balance on hand March 5, 1930, (includ- ing porcupine bounties—paid since Dec. 19, 1929	1,668.16
Total	\$26,472.10

Financial Standing

Resources

Balance on hand	\$1,668.16
Nash, A. H. Heirs of, balance 1928 tax	2.85
Nash, A. H. Heirs of balance 1929 tax	8.50
Cummings, Geo. F., Heirs of 1929 tax	24.30
Ingersoll, Robert 1929 tax	21.90
Jubie, Joe 1929 tax	11.10
Jubie, Floyd 1929 tax	12.45
Wiley, M. K. balance 1929 tax	4.05
Drisko, Clarence & Bros. 1929 tax	37.80
Dalot, Julia 1929 tax	1.62
Guptill, Lewis balance 1929 tax	4.05
Grant, Horace 1929 tax	2.70
George H. Higgins, Tax Collector, 1929 taxes collected and not paid to treasurer	304.50
Treasurer of State balance due on porcupine bounties paid, receipts sent Dec. 19, 1929	173.00

*later found to be
\$490.00 more
Total 1,394.50*

Liabilities exceed resources	\$2,272.02
	<i>1,394.50</i>
Total	\$6,150.00

Liabilities

Note to Trustees of School Fund	\$1,000.00
Florence Plant Trust Fund	100.00
Note to Union Trust Co. due Feb. 8, 1931	5,050.00

Total Liabilities \$6,150.00

Also compensation of George H. Higgins, Tax Collector exact amount not yet determined.

The separate fund for scenery for Town Hall, \$64.44 plus the accrued interest, is deposited in the Machias Branch of the Merrill Trust Co., on savings account, and is held subject to orders of the Selectmen.

FRANK H. TABBUTT, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the account of the Treasurer with the town of Columbia Falls, for the past municipal year and find vouchers for all money paid by him and certify the accounts correct.

CHAS. F. WILSON, Auditor

ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
—OF THE—
Town of Columbia Falls

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph Drisko	Term expires 1930
Mrs. Josephine Allen	Term expires 1931
Jared Rockwell	Term expires 1932
Mrs. Josephine Allen	Chairman
Benjamin H. Varney	Secretary, Ex-officio
Ralph A. Norton	Attendance Officer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Benjamin H. Varney

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Columbia Falls:

I herewith submit for your consideration my eighth annual report of the schools of Columbia Falls.

Resources

Annual Appropriation High and Common Schools	\$3,650.00
Annual Appropriation High School Janitor and Fuel	200.00
Interest on Permanent School Fund	30.00
State School Fund	1,514.50
Equilization Fund	350.00
Town of Columbia, Tuition	533.33
Town of Centerville, Tuition	220.00
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	\$6,497.83

Common School Disbursement
Teachers' Salaries

Everett Turner	\$ 250.00
Mildred Worcester	600.00
Helen Allen	560.00
Amy Whitney	170.00
Helen Roberts	160.00
Bertha Look	450.00
Beatrice Thibeau	104.40
Eunice Harrington	180.00
Dorothy Mawhinney	360.00
Celia Wormwell	232.00
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	\$3,066.40

Fuel

Clayton Foss	22.50
Ralph Norton	4.90
Geo. C. Drisko	197.81
Ralph Leighton	6.32

Otis Tibbetts	4.00
Frank Allen	2.50
Geraldine Ramsdell	6.00
Wesley Worcester	3.00
Haley Foss	2.00
Fred Pineo	43.90

\$292.93

Janitors

Maurice Pineo	45.50
Lester Tibbetts	54.10
Helen Roberts	12.50
Maurice Grant	22.00
Edwin Floyd	29.50
Dorothy Mawhinney	15.00
Wesley Worcester	10.00

\$188.60

Overdrawn 1928—1929 \$124.74

Total Common School Disbursements \$3,672.67

High School Disbursements

Teachers' Salaries

Robert Ingersoll	\$ 583.30
Marion Ingersoll	91.66
Allston Smith	855.73
Ethel Page	611.10
Olive Seavey	305.56

\$2,447.35

Janitors

Lester Tibbetts	\$52.00
Edwin Floyd	22.00

\$74.00

Fuel	
George C. Drisko	\$67.50
Clayton Foss	9.00
Fred Pineo	13.50
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	\$90.00
Total High School Disbursements	\$2,611.35
Total Common and High School Disbursements	6,284.02
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Balance Unexpended	\$213.81

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Resources	
Unexpended 1928—29	\$82.25
Appropriation	450.00
Rec'd from Silver Burdett & Co.	1.00
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Total Resources	\$533.25
Disbursements	
Charles Scribner's Sons	\$ 15.30
Charles E. Merrill Co.	22.40
World Book Co.	22.58
Allyn & Bacon	24.74
American Book Co.	23.99
Little Brown & Co.	2.98
Silver Burdett & Co.	100.53
D. C. Heath & Co.	17.49
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	2.87
Rand McNally & Co.	6.00
Ginn & Co.	96.94
D. W. Hartford	2.00
Hovey Wiswell	5.00
Mary Chandler	28.16
Benj. H. Varney	10.55

Masury Young	26.58	
Burr Printing Co.	11.20	
Milton Bradley & Co.	10.94	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	71.25	
R. Norton	4.75	
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		\$506.25
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Unexpended		\$27.00

REPAIRS

Unexpended 1928—29	\$ 29.21	
Appropriation	200.00	
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Total		\$229.21

Expenditures

Hattie Foss, cleaning	\$ 6.00	
Ida Tibbetts, cleaning	6.00	
Jared Rockwell	5.00	
Lester Tibbetts	4.95	
Clara Richards	15.00	
Jennie Tucker	15.00	
F. Champion	52.75	
Frank Fish	5.00	
Allen & Co.	6.18	
F. W. Burnham Co.	19.31	
R. A. Norton	28.29	
Edwin Floyd	1.00	
Eddie Emerson	1.50	
Frank Allen	1.00	
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		\$166.98
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Unexpended		\$62.23

INSURANCE

	Resources	
Appropriation		\$225.00
	Expenditures	
Geo. G. Freeman		235.75
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Overdrawn		\$10.75

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

	Resources	
Appropriation		\$75.00
	Expenditures	
W. F. Quarrie	\$57.50	
Desmond Publishing Co.	29.50	
Overdrawn		\$12.00

BUDGET 1930—1931

Estimated Expenditures
Common Schools

Teachers' Salaries \$111.00 per wk. for 32 wks.	\$3,552.00	
Fuel	325.00	
Janitors, \$6.50 per week for 32 wks.	208.00	
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Total Common School Expense		\$4,085.00

High School

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,500.00	
Janitors \$2.00 per wk. for 36 wks.	72.00	
Fuel	100.00	
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Total estimated expense		\$2,582.00
Total estimated expense		\$6,667.00

Estimated Resources	
Unexpended	\$ 213.81
State School Fund	1,500.00
Equilization Fund	350.00
Tuition	400.00
Interest	30.00

Total Estimated Resources	\$2,493.81

Necessary Appropriation	\$4,173.19
Recommended Appropriation	\$4,175.00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Recommended Appropriation	\$450.00
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REPAIRS

Recommended Appropriation	\$250.00
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INSURANCE

Recommended Appropriation	\$250.00
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HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Recommended Appropriation	\$75.00
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A special appropriation for the repair and painting of the Hamlin school building is recommended.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

During the school year which closed June 30th 1929 there were one hundred thirty-eight pupils enrolled in the various schools in town, with an average daily attendance of 112.5. The per cent of attendance was 88.6. The highest per cent of attendance recorded was in the Tabbutt School, with

an attendance of 94.4. Of the total number of pupils enrolled nine were credited with perfect attendance. Their names are: Eleanor Grant, Delmont Rockwell, Hughine Drisko, Wesley Worcester, Hubert Worcester, Philip Sinclair, Avis Worcester, Joseph Drisko and Minnie Oliver. Six of the pupils whose names are mentioned were enrolled in the Tabbutt School, two in the Longfellow Grammar and one in the Hamlin Intermediate. These pupils all have just cause to be proud of their records.

The epidemic of colds, which invades our schools nearly every winter, coupled with the disinterested atmosphere fostered in many of the homes tends to keep the attendance down to an unsatisfactory mark, a condition which hampers the work of the schools.

The following table shows the enrollment by grades in the various schools:

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals
Longfellow Gr.							11	17	11	39
Hamlin Inter.				5	11	7				23
Hamlin Primary	12	9	11							32
Central	2	2	5	6	2	3	3			23
Tabbutt	5	4	3	1	4	2	0	1	1	21
Totals	19	15	19	12	17	12	14	18	12	138

The school census of April 1st, 1929 gave the number of persons between the ages of five and twenty-one as two hundred and thirteen, an increase of seven over the previous year.

TEACHERS

The general success and efficiency of a school system is in a very large measure dependent upon the personnel of its teaching staff. Professional fitness through training in our normal schools or colleges coupled with successful teaching experience make up an essential foundation. Unless there is

at least some degree of permanency in the teaching staff the maximum of efficiency can not be obtained. In the selection of teachers your superintending school committee and superintendent have recognized and applied these principals as far as conditions made it possible to do so.

Of the six teachers employed in the grades four are normal graduates, three having had several years successful experience. Because of the increased enrollment and the addition of an extra grade in the Central school your superintending school committee found it advisable to put an extra teacher in this school. At the opening of schools in Sept. this school had an enrollment of twenty eight with eight grades.

From the standpoint of training and experience our teaching force is composed of a very efficient group.

Following is a list of the salaries paid in the different schools:

Grammar School	\$22.50 per week
Hamlin Intermediate	20.00 per week
Hamlin Primary	20.00 per week
Central School, Prin.	16.00 per week
Central School, Asst.	10.00 per week
Tabbutt School	18.00 per week
High School, Prin.	\$1400.00 per year
High School asst.	\$1000.00 per year

In order to encourage the reading habit each school has been provided with a small library containing selected books from authors of some of the best children's books. It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of the development of the reading habit when properly supervised, as an aid to a better comprehension of what the pupils may study in their texts at school. The grammar school has recently purchased a set of reference books from funds raised by the school. The intermediate school has purchased from its own funds a new sectional book case and has added a number of new books to the library. New primary chairs and a

reading table have been provided for the primary school and a number of new books are now ready for distribution among other schools.

Stamford Achievement Tests were given the pupils of the grammar school during the fall term and will be followed with a similiar test during the spring term. This test takes into account and covers all the subjects offered in the elementary schools. The result of this survey of the pupils of the grammar school was very satisfactory as it enabled us to make a check upon the weaknesses of the pupils in the different subjects studied, as well as to draw comparisons of the work done in the schools of this town and other towns where these tests have been used.

HIGH SCHOOL

During the past year there were twenty-four resident and eleven non resident students enrolled. Of this number six were graduated. The fall term opened Sept. 16th with Mr. Allston Smith, Principal and Mrs Ethel Page, Assistant. Mr. Smith came to us with both normal and college training as well as several years successful experience as teacher of English in the Machias High school. In addition to her college training, Mrs. Page has had a wide range of experience in other high schools of the State.

From the standpoint of professional fitness by means of normal and college training together with successful teaching experience our teachers rank high. We have been able by co-operating with the Normal School at Machias to secure the services of four training students of their third year junior high school course, with no expense to the town, each of the four students teaching nine weeks. This plan has worked out admirably as it has relieved much of the pressure of our limited teaching force, especially the principal, and made it possible for him to give real supervision in his school. We feel honored by having this high school

selected as one of the schools in which these students are to receive their training, as in choosing the school the general standard of the school and the efficiency of the principal were the chief principles considered.

There are at present thirty-one resident and eight non-resident students enrolled. Of the eight non-resident students, seven are from Columbia and one from Centerville. The enrollment by classes is as follows: Seniors 8, Juniors 11, Sophomores 9 and Freshmen 11.

Our school still enjoys the Certificate Privilege: i. e., the privilege of placing graduates without examination in certain New England colleges. This privilege is based upon the records of students previously made and will be continued only so long as students from this school continue with satisfactory records.

Three sets of reference books have been added to the school library and the library classified according to the Dewey Decimal System of classification and a student librarian kept in charge at all times.

Mr. Smith the principal, has rendered a very comprehensive and interesting report of the work of the school since the beginning of the year in September, but for want of space printing is with-held. One of the things stressed by him in his report is the need of closer co-operation of the home in promoting more efficient and effective home study, the primary essential to satisfactory work. It goes without saying, that no high school can alone fit for college, normal school or any other immediate worthy occupation. High school preparation for these fields of the pupil's future is a threefold undertaking, involving the closest kind of hearty co-operation of pupil, home and teacher. Parental jurisdiction commanding at least two hours of home study before a school day is much to be desired, and essential to the success of the student.

For want of space it is impossible to give a detailed account of all the work which the school is doing.

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

But little repairing or painting has been done during the past year. The chief items of expense in the repairs account were for painting the Central School building. The grammar and high school rooms need painting. The exterior of this building has reached a stage where it will deteriorate very rapidly if it is not painted and some other necessary repairs made. The building in the Tabbutt district needs painting throughout. For your citizens to think of saving money by postponing making provisions for repairing and painting your school buildings is but false economy, as such a policy is bound to lead to some very expensive outlays in the end.

It was thought advisable by your superintending committee to seek a special appropriation for repairing the Hamlin building. As the condition of this building has been under discussion by the citizens for some years and as the matter has been presented to the citizens in previous reports it will not be necessary to enter into a detailed discussion of it at this time.

Plans are under way to have the Longfellow building lighted throughout with electric lights. Work has already been started and will be completed as soon as the fixtures arrive. This work was authorized by the superintending school committee in accordance with the recommendation made by Mr. Lyceth the state agent for secondary school education. The cost of installing and maintaining the lights will be borne by the two schools, they having raised the funds through entertainments.

FINANCES

Though the common school and high school account shows a substantial balance unexpended, the recommended appropriation for 1930—31 is in excess of that of last year. This increase is occasioned by the necessity of financing two

weeks more of school in the elementary schools during the approaching year than last, to a falling off in tuition and because an extra teacher has been added to the teaching force.

The repairs account shows a balance which might have been expended, but it was felt that much of the work to be done called for such extensive outlay it was best to wait until sufficient funds are available to make it possible to do the work thoroughly.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this brief report I wish to say that my work with you has been exceedingly pleasant during the past year, made so by your help and co-operation for which I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation. I desire, also to thank the teachers and pupils for their many courtesies and assistance..

Respectfully submitted,

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