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## STATE OF MAINE

## DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta, Maine,
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## To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Eighty-seventh Legislature:

In accordance with the statute the Department of Audit herewith presents its annual report. By the terms of the Administrative Code, adopted in 1931, and effective January 1, 1932, the State Controller is now required to publish the detailed report of the financial operations of the State. The State Auditor is required to report only on his audits, "setting forth the essential facts of such audits in summary form."

## PRESENT LINES OF AUDITING

As stated in my previous report the Department of Audit, through a reduction of its force by about forty per cent, has had a staff sufficient to carry on but a small part of the duties imposed upon it by statute. The law provides: "The department of audit shall be organized in the manner the state auditor may deem best suited to the accomplishment of its functions. It shall have such auditors, assistants, and employees as the state auditor may require." The appropriation for the department, however, is much less than will permit undertaking all the duties imposed on it by statute.

The department now audits:
(1). Cities and towns when the municipal officers request an audit, or where the inhabitants thereof vote for one;
(2). The receipts of the various departments, such as Insurance Commissioner, Forest Commissioner, Commsioner of Agriculture, Inland Fish and Game Commissioner, etc.;
(3). The academies of the State, as provided by Chapter 132, Public Laws 1931.
(4). The courts imposing fines, which by statute, are, in whole or in part, payable to the Treasurer of State, being those imposed for violations of the motor vehicle law, fish and game and sea and shore fisheries laws;
(5). Distributors of internal combustion engine fuel, when requested by the State Tax Commissioner;
(6). State Purchasing Agent, departmental supplies account;
(7). Secretary of State, new corporations and corporation changes, itinerant vendors and circus licenses;
(8). Examining boards;
and a number of smaller agencies.

The force engaged in this work is the auditor, one office auditor, one-half of whose time is devoted to some two hundred loans on farm lands, one stenographer and clerk, and two field auditors; a total of five.

A number of other important lines of auditing await an increase in the appropriation of the department. These include:
(1). Any city, town or county in the State, though its officials may not have applied as in (1) above;
(2). The probate courts relative to inheritance taxes due and payable to the State;
(3). The six normal schools, only one-half of whose expenditures is now subject to audit, by reason of a special statute authorizing them to collect and expend their income without depositing it in the state treasury;
(4). State Tax Commissioner, store licenses;
(5) Department of Health and Welfare, licenses to roadside camps and eating and lodging houses.

While the Administrative Code provides that the State Auditor "shall conduct a continuous postaudit of the accounts, books, records and other evidences of financial transactions kept in the department of finance, or in the other departments and agencies of the state government," this can only be done in a very general way, due to the small force in the office. One of the important agencies which to audit in detail would probably require in that branch alone two or three examiners is the Automobile Registration Bureau in the office of the Secretary of State. However, through the untiring efforts of the State Controller a system is now being developed that will in time be able to accomplish this. At this time it has developed to the point that municipal officers are being advised of the aftount of excise taxes collected on automobiles in their several towns. This is of enormous value to mayors and selectmen, not only through the knowledge that is thus imparted, but it acts as a spur to collectors to install and maintain a better system of collection. In this connection this office has devised a blank form for tax collectors, designed to be used with the state uniform system that we have now installed in about one hundred of the cities and towns of the State. This form has brought out much favorable comment from city and town officials. That a system is sadly needed there can be no question. In one city in which was registered some 5,000 cars in 1930, there were nearly 1,000 duplicate tax receipt numbers. In another city of 11,000 population, there were some 1,800 excise tax receipts numbered, but over 400 which carried no number at all. It is essential for a proper audit of tax collectors that all receipts be numbered in triplicate, be charged to the collector and to be all accounted for by him.

In view of the confused and poorly kept records in many of our municipalities, which recently have come under observation, the urgent need of improved accounting methods in such municipalities is again brought to the attention of both this department and that of the Controller, the latter now being charged by law with the duty of reporting excise tax collections to the municipal officers. It is the belief of both that official and the Auditor that there can be little or no improvement in town accounting methods until an amendment of the uniform accounting law, now optional, makes the act apply to all municipalities. It is obviously impossible at this time for a department of the State to supervise the accounting in all the municipalities of the State. However, if Chapter 5, Sections 97-106, Revised Statutes, should be amended to require all municipalities of the State to have an annual audit by certified public accountants, or public accountants, or by the State, a vast improvement would immediately be effected. If one of the requirements of such an amendment should be that each city or town file with the State a copy of such audit the State would then be able to publish comparable statistics of all the cities and towns. Maine is the only New England state where such statistics are not now gathered and published. In November, 1932, a special agent of the Bureau of the Census came to Augusta and was detained here over three months in tabulating the decennial tables of wealth, debt and taxation. He reported that it was more difficult and consumed more time to tabulate the figures for Maine than for the three states of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire combined. Hundreds of town reports had to be examined and a voluminous correspondence opened with town officers, over missing figures and incorrect tabulations. Through the courtesy of the Census Bureau these tabulations, heretofore unpublished except as to totals, are printed in another part of this report.

If the Legislature should decide to require additional auditing in the field not now covered or only partially covered, an increased appropriation and an expansion in the personnel of the Department of Audit will become necessary.

## LEGISLATION OF 1933

The Flexibility Act, so-called, passed at the last session of the Legislature, (Chapter 77, Private and Special Laws 1933), aroused some apprehension, particularly among those who believed that a diversion of gasoline taxes and automobile fees to other purposes than highways was about to take place. As we view it, this fear is without foundation. The Controller and the Governor and Council, apprehensive as to the depressed business conditions that have driven into bankruptcy in the United States some two thousand governmental units, sought from the

Legislature and were granted authority to divert gasoline taxes and automobile fees, if the same became necessary. The State came through that year and the following year with a balanced budget. All these taxes and fees have continued to be credited to the general highway fund, so that if the State continues to balance its budget there will have been no diversion of these taxes and fees to other than the purposes that the original statute contemplated.

Many times the question of the use by the State of certain taxes or fees allocated by special statute to definite purposes has arisen. The argument is often advanced that gasoline taxes, for example, cannot be used for any but the definite purposes set forth in the statute. In other words, this would mean, if expenditures of the State departments and institutions were unusually heavy and the balance in the general fund of the State was small, that no part of the gasoline taxes could be used, even temporarily, to pay such bills ordinarily charged to the general fund. This would place the State in the anomalous position of being forced to borrow to pay bills of the departments and institutions, while it had, perhaps, a large balance in the general highway fund. Fortunately the courts have definitely settled this question. In McCauley v. Brooks, 16 California, 11, Mr. Justice Field for the court said: "In an appropriation, within the meaning of the Constitution, nothing more is requisite than a designation of the amount, and the fund out of which it shall be paid. It is not essential to its validity that funds to meet the same should be at the time in the treasury. As a matter of fact, there have seldom been in the treasury the necessary funds to meet the several amounts appropriated under the general appropriation acts of each year. The appropriation is made in anticipation of the receipt of the yearly revenues. It constitutes, indeed, the authority of the controller to draw his warrants, and of the treasurer, when in funds, to pay the same and that is all."

Clyde R. Chapman, Attorney General of Maine, in a ruling on this question, states: "It seems to me clear that it would be impossible to carry on the government of the State on any reasonable basis unless it should be permitted to draw from the State Treasury for general purposes of government from time to time funds collected and earmarked for specific purposes. The general income of the State is largely payable on certain dates-for example, the taxes of cities and towns payable on December 1; the railroad taxes and bank taxes come in semiannually. This is also true of other public utilities. It is obvious that a great deal of money must be expended before these various taxes are received. In the meantime, funds are collected which are finally applicable only to special purposes and until those purposes are fulfilled the money lies idle in the public treasury. The State is then faced with
the problem of either making temporary use of this money without hampering the activities to which it is applicable, and returning it to its proper position as the regular income of the State comes in, or borrowing. . . . . . . . It being apparent that many expenditures must be made before taxes are received, and it being a fact that there is no present need of all the money in the treasury for the specific purposes for which it was appropriated, the only sound and sensible business method to be employed is to use the necessary portion of the money on hand to pay current bills in anticipation of later tax receipts."

Prior to 1921 the calendar year constituted the State fiscal year. Until 1915 State taxes were due and payable January first. The Legislature in 1915 set this date ahead to December first, where it has since remained. When the fiscal year began with January first and State taxes were also due on that date a steady flow of receipts, applicable to the expenses of that year, was assured. After the change of the fiscal year to July first-June thirtieth it became apparent that in view of the fact that the appropriations became available July 1 and the State taxes did not become due until December 1, that five-twelfths of the fiscal year must elapse before the principal item of receipts should become due unless a large reserve should be available, and it never has been, therefore it would be necessary to pay for several months from other funds in the treasury. True, an effort was made to set ahead the due date of certain taxes, notably the railroad taxes. The latter, however, have fallen off in recent years to less than a million dollars, when a few years ago they amounted to more than two million. Automobile fees flow in freely from January to June, but this flow is greatly decreased after July while highway expenditures are the greatest from July to December. These various factors have in recent years, operated to dislocate State finances to a considerable degree. The recent affirmative vote on the constitutional amendment, authorizing an increase in the State's borrowing power on temporary loan from $\$ 800,000.00$ to $\$ 2,-$ $000,000.00$, will greatly assist in bridging the period from July 1 to December 1, but legislation in 1935 should be further directed to curing this defect in our financial structure by concentrated efforts to procure revenue that would equally offset expenditures throughout the different months of the year.

## EMERGENCY MUNICIPAL FINANCE BOARD

An act designed to meet conditions presented by the depression was that creating the Emergency Municipal Finance Board, composed of the State Tax Commissioner, the State Auditor and the State Treasurer. This board was authorized to inquire into the fiscal affairs of those cities and towns which had failed to pay their State taxes or had defaulted
on their maturing bonds, or interest on same, or had failed to pay their town officers or school teachers. The board as a body or individually has visited Old Town, Eastport and Kingman, these being among the communities most severely affected by the depression. The board has been able to arrange for payments on the delinquent taxes of Old Town and has endeavored to advise and assist the other communities named. That the law has had a good effect in hastening the payment of State taxes is generally conceded. While empowered by the act to take over the government of any city or town, if its condition warrants it, no State appropriation has made funds available to carry out such an undertaking. The provision of the law that the city or town so taken over shall pay the expense of its administration by the board is therefore of little force, for it is self-evident that if the municipality is so far in arrears that it cannot pay its own officers, it will likewise be unable to pay an agent appointed by the State board. If the act is to become useful to the municipalities of the State, it is my opinion that it receive attention at the session of the Legislature to convene in January, so that the law may be supported by an appropriation, to be used to assist some of the towns most severely affected. It should be borne in mind, however, that if annual audit reports are to be returned from all cities and towns as heretofore mentioned the financial condition of the municipalities will be correctly disclosed with a lessening of the necessity to proceed under the terms of this law.

## REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES AND CREDIT OF THE STATE

When it is considered that in these times of stress the State of Maine has paid every bond promptly on maturity; that it has met the interest on all outstanding bonds, and in addition has promptly paid all its current obligations, it is indeed cause for commendation that it has fiscal officers who have so faithfully and efficiently managed its affairs. The Governor and his Council, the Commissioner of Finance ably assisted by Bureau Heads, the State Controller, Budget Officer and State Tax Assessor have worked as a unit to reduce appropriations and expenditures. In their endeavors they have had the cooperation of practically all of the departments. As a result the expenditures of the State have been reduced some $\$ 9,000,000.00$ in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1934, as compared to the year 1931-1932. The Administrative Code, adopted in 1931, notably contributed to this result. The credit of the State is excellent. One $5 \%$ bond issue, that of August 1, 1921, of which $\$ 875,-$ 000.00 is still outstanding, was recently quoted at 127.

An item in the State's balance sheet, prepared by the State Controller and which will be published by him in his forthcoming report, shows accounts receivable June 30,1934 , of $\$ 2,489,000.00$. These accounts are made up approximately as follows:


It is believed that a considerable part of these will be collected. That part remaining uncollected must await the proper time and authority to be charged off. Other questionable assets which at some time in the future may and probably will involve a loss to the State will be an adjustment of the impounded bank balances, a complete statement of which will be printed by the State Treasurer in his forthcoming report. To make these losses good it is recommended that the Legislature consider a restoration of these amounts from amounts received from collateral inheritance taxes in excess of one million dollars in any one year, to be credited to an account to be known as "Reserve Account for Bank Losses." These taxes served to restore the depleted trust funds in 193031 and it is the belief that they can again be made to solve the problem of the State's impounded bank deposits.

## STATE PRISON

Affairs at the State Prison and its management have again recently come up for discussion. A comparative tabulation over a six year period is included in this report.

## AUDIT OF ACADEMIES AND INSTITUTES

Since the enactment of the law requiring an annual audit of the academies of the State by accountants or by the State, the condition of the accounts in at least four of these institutions which previously were not in good order, has perceptibly improved. Corinna Union Academy, where the accounts were in confusion and the treasurer was short in his accounts, has been placed on a good accounting basis. The treasurer has made good to the Academy, a new treasurer has been appointed and an adequate system of accounting has been installed. This department continues to audit some twenty-six each year, while the remainder, some sixteen in number, produce satisfactory proof that their books, accounts and financial documents have been audited by others. A tabulation of the receipts and expenditures of the various academies, with the amount of their trust funds, appears on another page of this report.

## COURTS

Considerable time has been given the past two years to the auditing of courts. These include sixteen superior courts, forty-five municipal courts and ninety-five trial justices, also sheriffs' dockets in each of the sixteen counties. The auditing of these courts has involved cases in which some part or all of the fines, costs of State officers, etc., that have been collected by the courts for violations of criminal laws accrue to the State. It has not been the practice, however, to make a complete audit of all moneys collected by these courts as auditing of funds accruing to the counties have generally been handled by county officers. The cases in which the State has interest are those where arrests are made by approximately seventy State Highway police officers and one hundred and twenty-five Inland Fish and Game and Sea and Shore Fisheries wardens. The law states how and when these fines and costs collected by these courts shall be transmitted to the State, either the Treasurer, Inland Fisheries and Game Commissioner or some other designated department. The major portion of these court collections, however, accrue to the respective counties in which these cases are tried and it is estimated that some quarter of a million dollars is involved annually; of this amount approximately twenty-five thousand dollars is payable to the State. The amount of money which these courts collect originates from all types of criminal violations, also from civil actions which develop within the counties. It is quite apparent that considerable divided responsibility must result as county officials must develop some methods of auditing as well as the State in order to determine if all funds collected have been properly disposed of by the court. This is more or less duplication of work by State and County officials and tends to be of little value to the taxpayer or the governmental units. It would be of decided advantage to all if the State was charged with the responsibility of conducting complete audits rather than to analyze only those cases in which the State is financially interested. There are several reasons why this should be so. First, the laws have presented wide differences of opinion as to whom this money should be paid. Many interpretations have been forthcoming and those pertaining to motor vehicle laws especially have created considerable difficulty. With sixteen counties, and county commissioners in many of them checking the docket before actual payment has been made by the court to the proper party, many different distributions of the funds have been made, consequently resulting in more or less confusion. This does not necessarily reflect upon the county commissioners as many of the judges and recorders give different interpretations of the law. Rulings concerning these problems may have been given by the Attorney General to county officials in one section of the State but have had little bearing with counties in different sections.

The advantage of State auditing in these cases would be to have some centralized control of the courts regarding all moneys collected so that uniformity could be established both in disposition of funds and system of accounts. It is my opinion that if the county and court officials would work with the State Controller in establishing some uniform system of accounts, that necessary records would be had and the desired end forthcoming. Secondly, not only have there been errors of considerable amounts in the disposition of fines and costs collected but in many instances moneys received have not been paid to any governmental agency, State, county or city, but have been retained in personal accounts and not discovered until proper audits have been made. Several thousands of dollars have accrued to the benefit of the State and counties by audits conducted in different courts. There is a provision of law stating that periodical audits shall be made by the county commissioners of courts in their respective counties and in many instances a thorough and complete job is accomplished but these men as a whole are not trained to compete with irregularities and inconsistencies that the auditor must contend with daily and for this reason it would seem more beneficial to all concerned that some trained body of men be responsible for the auditing of all courts throughout the State. The above explanation is not made to reflect inefficiency or inability of the county commissioners but merely to illustrate conditions actually found. A great deal of extra work is involved in straightening out problems of this nature.

To cite one case where disposition of moneys was erroneously made reference is made to Hancock County where about $\$ 5,000.00$ of State money has been paid into the County Treasury. To this date we have been unable to arrive at a settlement with the county. It is such cases as these that require a uniform construction of the law in order to deal with these questions in the future. The Bar Harbor Municipal Court owed the State $\$ 242.63$. Repeated requests for same were made. So far we have failed to effect a full settlement. This case has been referred to the Governor and Attorney General. It is generally agreed, I believe, that there is confusion in the interpretation of the present law, especially concerning motor vehicle violations and a test case before the Supreme Court would be the only means of arriving at some definite answer. Of course, the rulings made by the Attorney General's department have been followed in so far as the State Auditing Department can proceed but in one case the County Commissioners of Cumberland have refused to abide by these rulings until such time as these questionable cases can be settled by a law court decision. At the present time, however, no action has been taken by the Attorney General's Department but on July 12, 1933, a letter was directed to the Attorney General listing ten cases, each of a different nature. The questions so arising,
it is hoped, will be determined by a suit. A copy of this letter is herein included so that some idea may be had of the general confusion now in existence.
"Following your rulings, as stated in your letter of July 7th regards collections of costs for State Highway Policemen, we submit to you for collection the following cases. These cases were all prosecuted within the County of Cumberland and upon presentation of these costs to the County Commissioners for payment, exceptions were taken by them, as to the justification of this claim. (Citation of laws pertaining to following cases are given at close of letter.)

## MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS-State Highway Police

## Case No. 1

Respondent arrested, Bridgton Court, date December 2, 1932, State Highway Policeman arresting officer, Wibe, offense, drunken driving; fine $\$ 100.00$; officer's costs $\$ 9.50$; paid State $\$ 54.75$, paid County $\$ 54.75$, due State from County $\$ 4.75$.

Question raised:-Motor Vehicle Violation; one-half of officer's costs paid to County by Municipal Court Judge. This amount as per your ruling is due the State Treasurer. County Commissioners taking exceptions through Motor Vehicle law in disposing of costs.

Case No. 2
Respondent arrested, Westbrook Municipal Court, date August 6, 1932, State Highway Policeman arresting officer, Anderson; offense, drunken driving; jail sentence and officer's costs, $\$ 13.30$. No money paid by respondent. Due State from County $\$ 13.30$.

Question raised:-Motor Vehicle violation, whether costs are due from County when no money was received from respondent. County Commissioners take exception to this payment when no money was received.

Case No. 3
Respondent arrested, South Portland Municipal Court, date August 8, 1931, State Highway Policeman witness, officer Graves; offense, drunken driving; witness fee taxed by Court for Graves $\$ 3.32$, paid County by respondent, due State from County $\$ 3.32$.

Question raised:-State Highway Policeman appears as witness in Motor Vehicle Violation. County Commissioners take exception to paying State full amount of fee through Motor Vehicle law in disposing of costs. County claims only one-half of fee is due State.

Case No. 4
Respondent arrested, South Portland Municipal Court, date August 10, 1931, State Highway Policeman Ellis witness, officer Ellis; offense, drunken driving; witness fee taxed by Court for Ellis $\$ 2.20$, respondent committed to jail, no fees paid by respondent. Due from County $\$ 2.20$.

Question raised:-State Highway Policeman appears as witness in a motor vehicle violation. County Commissioners take exception to paying State as no money was received from respondent.

## OTHER CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS—State Highway Police

Case No. 5
Respondent arrested, Brunswick Court, date August 18, 1932, State Highway Policeman arresting officer, officer Marks; offense, worthless checks, costs taxed for officer $\$ 32.20$; respondent paid County $\$ 32.20$. Due from County $\$ 32.20$.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to paying full amount of costs to State. They believe only one-half due as in Motor Vehicle Law.

Case No. 6
Respondent arrested, Cumberland Superior Court, date Sept. 26, 1932, State Highway Policeman arresting officer, officer Sullivan; offense, nonsupport; costs taxed for officer $\$ 37.60$; case probated and no costs paid by respondent. Due from County $\$ 37.60$.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to paying State as no money was received from respondent.
Case No. 7
Respondent arrested, Portland Municipal Court, date January 25, 1933, State Highway Policeman as witness, officer Ellis; offense, illegal transportation; witness fee taxed by Court for witness $\$ 4.69$; respondent paid County the costs after being committed to jail. Due State $\$ 4.69$.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to payment of fee to State for full amount. They follow the motor vehicle law of 1931, that only one-half is due.

Case No. 8
Respondent arrested, South Portland Municipal Court, date November 7, 1932, State Highway Policeman as witness, officer Ellis; offense, breaking, entering and larceny; witness fee taxed by Court $\$ 2.12$; respondent did not pay costs as this case was continued. Due State from County $\$ 2.12$.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to paying State witness fee as no fee was paid by respondent.

## FISH AND GAME LAW VIOLATIONS-Game Wardens

## Case No. 9

Respondent arrested, Bridgton Municipal Court, date March 5, 1933, arresting warden, Walker; offense, illegal fishing, costs taxed for warden $\$ 8.30$. No payment made Court by respondent and case still pending in Superior Court. Due Inland Fish and Game Department from County $\$ 8.30$.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to paying Inland Fisheries and Game Department or warden costs as no money was collected from respondent.

Case No. 10
Respondent arrested, Bridgton Municipal Court, date March 5, 1933, game warden as witness; offense, illegal fishing; witness fee taxed by Court for warden $\$ 4.04$. No payment made Court by respondent. Case still pending in Superior Court. Due Inland Fish and Game Department from County $\$ 4.04$. Warden French.

Question raised:-County Commissioners take exception to paying Inland Fisheries and Game Department or warden witness fee as no money was collected from respondent.

# LAWS RELATIVE TO STATE OFFICERS COSTS 

## Revised Statutes-Amendments by 1931-1933 Public Laws

Chapter 29, Sec. 118, R. S. Amended by Chapter 189, P. L. 1931

"Municipal and police courts and trial justices in their respective counties shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court over all prosecutions for all violations of the provisions of this chapter. All fines and forfeitures collected under this chapter, when the arrest is made by a member of the state highway police, or inspector, together with any part of the costs taxed by the court for such member or inspector, shall be paid one-half forthwith to the treasurer of state and applied as provided in section one hundred seventeen and one-half into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted. When the arrest is made by any other officer, all fines and forfeitures, and in either case, except as above stated, all costs shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted."

## Chapter 29, Sec. 126, R. S. Amended by Chapter 252, P. L. 1931

"The governor and council shall determine the salary of the chief and the compensation of the other members of the state highway police. Before entering upon the duties of their office they shall be sworn and shall give bond to the treasurer of state with surety, or sureties approved by the treasurer of state conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their office, as follows: the chief shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars and each of the other members in the sum of two thousand dollars. No inspector or member of the state highway police shall receive any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest or for attendance at court, but shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual costs of arrest and actual expenses of travel and attendance. Whenever any fines or penalties are imposed by any court in any proceeding in which a member of the state highway police is a complainant or a witness, said court may tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual manner. All fines, penalties or costs imposed or taxed by the court under the provisions of this section, except those payable by law to the county, shall be paid forthwith to the treasurer of state, who shall issue his receipt therefor."

Chapter 38, Sec. 12, R. S. Amended by Chapter 237, P. L. 1931,—Chapter 142, P. L. 1933
"The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, upon recommendation of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, may appoint suitable persons as inland fish and game wardens, in accordance with the provisions of section $13-\mathrm{A}$ to $13-\mathrm{H}$, inclusive, and who shall hold office under the conditions set forth in said sections, who shall enforce all laws relating to inland fisheries and game, and all rules and regulations in relation thereto, arrest all violators thereof, and prosecute all offenses against the same; said inland fish and game wardens shall have the same power to serve criminal processes against such offenders, and to arrest and prosecute camp trespassers, or those suspected of larceny from any cottage, camp, or other building, and shall be allowed the same fees as sheriffs and their deputies, for like services; (all such fees being paid to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game) and they shall have the same right as sheriffs to require aid in executing the duties of their office. All wardens and state paid deputy wardens shall, before being qualified to discharge the duties required by this chapter give bond to
the treasurer of state, in the sum of $\$ 2000$, with two sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, approved by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their office. Inland fish and game wardens may serve all processes pertaining to the collection of penalties for violation of the inland fish and game laws."

Chapter 126, Sec. 4, R. S.
". . . . . . For each aid, necessarily employed in criminal cases, including expenses, two dollars a day, and in that proportion for a longer or shorter time, and ten cents a mile for travel in going out and returning home. . . ."

Chapter 126, Sec. 7, R. S.
"Witnesses in the supreme judicial court or the superior court or in the probate courts and before a trial justice or a municipal court, shall receive two dollars, and before referees, auditors, or commissioners specially appointed to take testimony, or special commissioners on disputed claims appointed by probate courts, one dollar and fifty cents, or before the county commissioners one dollar, for each day's attendance and six cents a mile for each mile's travel going and returning home; but the court in its discretion, may allow at the trial of any cause, civil or criminal, in said supreme judicial court or the superior court, a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars per day for the attendance of any expert witness or witnesses at said trial, in taxing the costs of the prevailing party; but such party or his attorney of record, shall first file an affidavit, during the term at which such trial is held, and before the cause is settled, stating the name, residence, number of days in attendance, and the actual amount paid or to be paid each expert witness, in attendance at such trial. And no more than two dollars per day shall be allowed or taxed by the clerk of courts, in the costs of any suit, for the per diem attendance of a witness, unless the affidavit herein provided, is filed, and the per diem is determined and allowed by the presiding justice."

Chapter 144, Sec. 11, R. S.
"Any judge or justice named in section three, when a warrant is issued by him, may cause such witnesses only as he is satisfied can testify to material facts to be summoned to attend the trial, by inserting their names in the warrant or otherwise; and when the case is appealed or the person is required to appear before a higher tribunal, he may order such witnesses only to recognize for their appearance where the case is to be tried or examined. He may issue summonses for witnesses in criminal cases to appear before any judicial tribunal, at the request of the attorney general, a county attorney or the party accused, and he shall express in the summons at whose request they are summoned; and when summoned for the accused, the witnesses are not required to attend without payment or tender of their legal fees."

## Chapter 144, Sec. 23, R. S.

"When the costs in a criminal case are paid to the magistrate as a part of the sentence, he may retain his fees, and pay over the other fees to the persons entitled thereto; but if such other fees are not called for in one year, they shall be forfeited to the state, and paid over to the county treasurer within the time, and under the penalty, provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and forty-eight."

Chapter 144, Sec. 24, R. S.
"When a party accused is acquitted by the magistrate, is not sentenced to pay costs, or does not pay them when so sentenced, and on all legal search warrants, the commissioners of the same county shall examine and correct the bills of costs, including the fees of officers, witnesses and others, and order the same to be paid out of the county treasury to the persons entitled thereto; but when such magistrate or other person interested in such bill of costs, is one of the commissioners for such county, the superior court shall have the same powers as the commissioners in other cases."

Chapter 148, Sec. 1, R. S.
"All fines, forfeitures, and costs in criminal cases shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted, for the use of such county, and all the costs and expenses attending the administration of criminal justice therein, shall be paid by said county, unless otherwise specially provided. The superior court shall allow bills of costs accruing therein, but all other costs and expenses in criminal cases shall be audited by the commissioners of the county where they accrued, including actual expenses incurred by county attorneys in the performance of their official duties, payment of which is hereby expressly provided. Clerks of court shall attest duplicate copies of all bills of costs allowed therein, and certificates of all fines and forfeitures imposed and accruing to the county, before the rising of the court, or immediately after, and deliver one of said copies and certificates to the county treasurer, and retain one for the use of the county commissioners."

From this letter above quoted it is plainly evident that some means of establishing a clear concise law is necessary so that it could be interpreted by all alike and such a law should be enacted by the incoming Legislature. This would be the means of following more closely the final results of many cases in which the State and counties are mutually interested. As heretofore mentioned much confusion has existed. It has been practically impossible for all courts to be fully audited and whereas the State has only been interested in State cases it has been deemed unwise to spend much time or money in the complete auditing of these dockets.

## STATE CONTINGENT FUND AND SINKING FUND RESERVE

The many requests relative to information about the State Contingent Fund and the Sinking Fund Reserve lead to the belief that a statement as to the origin and history of these funds will be of general interest.

The State Contingent Fund was created by an act of the Legislature in 1915. It provided that unexpended balances of appropriations be credited to the fund, also that there should be credited to it "the amount by which the actual income of the state of the preceding year exceeds the current expenses of said year." Expenditures from it were permitted by order of the Governor and Council in those cases where the Legis-
lature had "failed to make sufficient provision," or (and this was a much broader grant of power) "for such other expenses as it may be necessary to incur under the requirement of law or for the maintenance of government, which the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall authorize." In some years large sums were paid from this fund. For instance, in 1923 the State Prison at Thomaston was burned and the Governor and Council ordered its reconstruction. This was an emergency, if ever one existed in the State. The cost of the new State Prison charged to the State Contingent Fund in the next two fiscal periods was over $\$ 400,000.00$. This large expenditure is plainly reflected in the balance shown in the appended tabulation for 1924-1925.

Some.criticism having arisen by reason of large sums so charged to the State Contingent Fund the act creating it was amended in 1925. This amendment provided that the Governor and Council were authorized to use $\$ 300,000.00$ from this fund in any year and no more. The amendment also provided that the book amount of the State's surplus above $\$ 300,000.00$ should be credited to an account to be known as the Sinking Fund Reserve. The following tabulation shows the amount of the balance of the Sinking Fund Reserve, after deduction each June 30th of the $\$ 300,000.00$ set up as a State Contingent Fund for the succeeding year. The new part of the fund thus created (the Sinking Fund Reserve) could be applied "to the payment of outstanding obligations of the State, and to the purchase of outstanding, unmatured bonds of the State." It has never been used for the latter purpose, but an early application awaited it for the first named purpose.

In 1927 great pressure was brought upon the State Highway Commission and the Governor and Council to reconstruct Route No. 1, from Portland to Kittery. This road was in a dangerous condition, almost impassable in places at certain seasons of the year. Constitutional authority to issue further bonds was lacking, so the Governor and Council ordered that certain highway bonds maturing in 1927-28 and 1928-29, and interest on highway bonds, be paid from the Sinking Fund Reserve, thus releasing approximately $\$ 2,000,000.00$ of certain highway receipts, otherwise required by law to be held to meet such bonds and interest, to be used under the terms of Chapter 251, Public Laws of 1927,* to "reconstruct" said highway. This deduction is likewise plainly reflected in the balance of the Sinking Fund Reserve for 1927-28 and 1928-29. The validity of this action being questioned by the State Auditor, the Attorney General ruled that the contemplated use of the fund was legal.

[^0]Since 1928-29 no charges of the nature cited have been made to the Sinking Fund Reserve. The low point it reached in 1933 was due to the greatly decreased receipts in the State Treasury by reason of depressed business conditions in that year. The high point in 1930-31 of $\$ 2,353,-$ 125.34 was principally due to unusually large receipts from collateral inheritance taxes. In that year the receipts from that source reached $\$ 2,600,000.00$, more than twice the average for the six previous years.

## Balance in Sinking Fund Reserve 1925-1934

| June 30, 1925 | $\$ 312,796.33$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| June 30, 1926 | $\$ 1,121,395.20$ |
| June 30, 1927 | $\$ 1,162,533.82$ |
| June 30, 1928 | $\$ 165,570.16$ |
| June 30, 1929 | $\$ 95,879.93$ |
| June 30, 1930 | $\$ 433,034.56$ |
| June 30, 1931 | $\$ 2,353,125.34$ |
| June 30, 1932 | $\$ 1,121,653.45$ |
| June 30, 1933 | $\$ 222,676.17$ |
| June 30, 1934 | $\$ 881,825.29$ |

## MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING DIVISION

In the fiscal year July 1, 1933-June 30, 1934, the uniform State system of accounts has been installed in the following towns: Brooks, Liberty, South Berwick, Troy, Winslow, Windsor and Woolwich. The town books were closed and balanced in the following towns where State audits have been conducted in previous years: Belgrade, Carmel, Durham, Farmingdale, Jay, Livermore Falls, Newport, New Sharon, Owl's Head, Pittsfield and Turner. Detailed audits were conducted in the city of Brewer, and the towns of Canton, Dexter, Dresden, Randolph, Topsham and Woolwich. Since the Department of Audit has been engaged in auditing cities and towns of the State, our auditors have reported shortages in the following municipalities: Allagash Plantation, Anson, Avon, Bangor, Biddeford, Carmel, Chesuncook Plantation, Denmark, Dresden, Fairfield, Franklin, Glenburn, Greenbush, Harpswell, Lyman, Moose River Plantation, Randolph, St. George, Stonington, Topsham, Van Buren, Wellington and Woolwich. This is approximately a shortage in one in every four municipalities so audited.

Some of the salient points that developed in the detailed audits heretofore referred to are:

Benton. Audit of the treasurer and collector for 1932 and 1933. Due to an error the treasurer and collector had twice charged to himself
tax deeds amounting to $\$ 733.07$. The uncollected taxes and tax deeds were verified. Except for error noted, accounts generally in good order.

Brewer. Audit of the city's accounts for 1933. During the year the indebtedness of the city was decreased $\$ 5,500.00$, of which $\$ 5,000.00$ was maturing bonds paid and $\$ 500.00$ paid on gravel bank note. The sinking fund to meet bonds maturing in 1937 was increased by $\$ 2,000.00$ in the year. The trust funds of the city are in good order, being represented by cash in savings accounts in banks, the pass books of which were examined and verified.

Canton. Audit of the books of the selectmen, treasurer and tax collector. The cemetery trust funds were found in good order, these being represented by bank deposits, amounting to $\$ 2,621.53$.

Dexter. In the course of this audit two interesting legal questions were raised:

1. May the selectmen appoint the town manager as tax collector? The question was referred to the Attorney General and he ruled that in so appointing the town manager, tax collector, they were within their rights and that such action was legal.
2. Under the new tax lien law enacted in 1933, after the lien is recorded and comes into the custody of the town treasurer, awaiting the running of the eighteen months when the lien gives title, will the acceptance by the treasurer of a payment on account of said tax invalidate the lien? This question has been referred to the Attorney General, but he has not yet ruled on same.

The recommendation made last year was renewed relative to changing the system of accounting from the cash to the accrual basis. A daily cash system was installed in the town manager's office.

Dresden. An audit of the accounts of the treasurer and collector for 1933 was made. The amount found due to the town was $\$ 1,092.29$, of which $\$ 229.53$ was in his bank account. In many small communities where banking facilities are limited town treasurers accommodate people by drawing town checks for cash. It is not good practice and the selectmen were instructed not to permit it in this town, where it had become a common practice of the treasurer. The total commitment was $\$ 13,-$ 516.34 , of which all was collected but $\$ 468.79$. Tax deeds, including personal and poll taxes, total $\$ 1,063.57$. Total town orders paid were $\$ 13,235.48$.

Randolph. In spite of overdraft of $\$ 1,200$ in the poor department, necessary by reason of the severe economic conditions, the town came
through the year 1933-34 in good condition, and was able to reduce its net debt by a small amount. The accounts of both the tax collector and the treasurer were in good order. In addition to its overlay the town has been making an appropriation of $\$ 1,000$ a year to care for possible overdrafts. This has proved to be a wise precaution.

Topsham. An audit of the tax collector and treasurer, one and the same person, for a three year period was completed. An audit was begun by the town before this office was called in. The treasurer paid the town $\$ 1,800.00$ by check at that time. Later the Department of Audit was asked to conduct an audit for said period. Our audit revealed that the treasurer should have in cash $\$ 657.37$, but he had in fact $\$ 442.70$, a net shortage as of April 25, 1934, of $\$ 214.67$ which was promptly paid over. The check previously deposited by the treasurer offset the apparent shortage noted by the auditors previously engaged. The work was complicated by the fact that the collector had not kept his taxes separated by years, it being necessary to check the three years as a whole. It was also noted that though interest was evidently due on many of the tax payments, interest was not collected. The amount so lost could not be ascertained, as the collector did not in many instances note the dates of payment. A number of specific recommendations were made which it is believed that if followed the accounts will be in good order another year. The books of the selectmen were well kept, trial balances having been taken at intervals throughout the town year.

Woolwich. A six year audit (1928-1933 inclusive) was conducted of the accounts of this town. At the time of closing the books of the town in 1931 the treasurer took credit for paying $\$ 2,000$ on notes that were not paid until the first of the municipal year 1932. The treasurer also reported the State tax as paid for 1932, whereas he had paid but $\$ 1,993.37$, leaving a balance unpaid of $\$ 914.39$, which was not settled until August, 1933. The total amount found to be due from the treasurer was $\$ 7,020.68$. The State uniform system of accounts has been installed and it is believed that the true financial condition of the town will be shown at the end of the current municipal year.

Complaints have been made by various people as to the condition of the accounts of certain towns, but as no State appropriation is available, an audit cannot be undertaken unless proper petition has been made by the town. As an instance, in one town of about 450 population it was reported here that the tax collector was short in his accounts for 1932 by about $\$ 1,000.00$. No settlement has yet been made in this case. In another a complaint was received that the town treasurer was paying his help, employed in pulpwood operations, with town checks. It is
such cases as these that have induced me, in another part of this report, to recommend that the Legislature enact legislation requiring all municipalities to have an annual audit by certified public accountants, by public accountants or by the State.

## MAINE STATE PIER

Herewith appears a statement of the audit of the accounts of the Pier for the year 1933-34 and a comparison of with the previous year:

| ASSETS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1932-1933 | 1933-1934 |
| Cash | \$3,115.10 | \$30,096.12 |
| Cash impounded. | 49,406.35 | 27,401.92 |
| Accounts Receivable. | 2,799.82 | 2,450.43 |
| Inventory of Supplies and Equipment | 18,051.32 | 15,751.55 |
| Wharf Structure and Buildings | \$1,692,057.57 | 1,691,950.34 |
| State of Maine. | 5,020.00 |  |
|  | \$1,770,450.16 | \$1,767,650.36 |
| LIABILITIES | SURPLUS |  |
| Accounts Payable. | \$ 285.73 | \$ 276.87 |
| App. Accrued Interest | 5,020.00 |  |
| Plant Investment. | 1,710,108.89 | 1,707,701.89 |
| Surplus. | 55,035.54 | 59,671.60 |
|  | \$1,770,450.16 | \$1,767,650.36 |

INCOME


## EXPENSE

|  | 1932-1933 | 1933-1934 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Personal Services. | \$31,586.58 | \$30,162.38 |
| Offices. | \$2,464.27 | \$2,500.00 |
| Manager and Clerks. | 6,268.94 | 5,414.98 |
| Supt. and Regular Men. | 10,770.74 | 10,064.18 |
| Repair Men | 7,383.10 | 5,747.77 |
| Freight Handlers. | 4,689.03 | 6,360.45 |
| Unclassified | 10.50 | 75.00 |
| General Office. | 7,935.06 | 6,298.41 |
| Advertising. | 960.50 | 215.42 |
| Office Supplies. | 312.45 | 205.04 |
| Communication. | 687.41 | 628.69 |
| Travel-Representatives | 358.04 | 305.38 |
| Travel-Directors. | 65.98 | 46.56 |
| Insurance, etc. | 5,413.35 | 4,728.48 |
| Unclassified. | 134.86 | 120.75 |
| Equipment . | 2.47 | 27.14 |
| Decrease in Inventory. |  | 20.95 |
| Operating. | 3,575.32 | 4,260.30 |
| Heating | 1,043.78 | 1,527.24 |
| Water. | 683.56 | 797.06 |
| Light and Power. | 1,847.98 | 1,853.48 |
| Gasoline and Oil. |  | 82.52 |
| Repairs and Equipment. | 3,973.89 | 5,430.88 |
| Repairs to Property. | 1,934.28 | 2,769.48 |
| Engineer. | 656.80 | 257.00 |
| Janitor. | 15.63 | 9.40 |
| Carpenter. | 4.50 | 1.45 |
| Trackman. | 1.10 | 18.07 |
| Painter. | . 20 | 45.63 |
| Unclassified |  | 2.50 |
| Equipment. | 270.45 | 48.53 |
| Decrease in Inventory | 1,090.93 | 2,278.82 |
| General Expense. | 7,387.26 | 11,626.38 |
| Handling Freight. | 7,299.55 | 11,325.60 |
| Unclassified. | 87.71 | 300.78 |
| Plant Additions. | 3,869.39 |  |
| Additions. | 3,869.39 |  |
| Specials. | 35.62 | 101.83 |
| Refunds | 26.55 |  |
| Claims. | 9.07 |  |
| Unclassified |  | 101.83 |
|  | \$58,363.12 | \$57,880.18 |
| Interest on Bonds. | 47,380.00 |  |
| Increase Plant Investment. | 2,778.46 |  |
| Increase Surplus. |  | 4,636.06 |
| Decrease Plant. |  | 200.00 |
|  | \$108,521.58 | \$62,716.24 |

## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

The Trustees of the University of Maine have had an audit of the books of account and record of the University by Millett, Fish and Dresser, public accountants and auditors, of Portland. This report shows that the audit consisted of the verification of the financial condition of the institution as at June 30, 1934, a general review of the operations for the year, an ascertainment that all income from investments of trust and reserve funds had been properly accounted for and the income distributed in accordance with the provisions of the various funds, test checks of the income from other sources, also test checks of vouchers and disbursements. Appended hereto is the comparative balance sheets as of June 30, 1933, and June 30, 1934.

The principal changes which have taken place in the financial condition during the past year consist of a decrease in Reserves of $\$ 28,422.53$, a decrease in Surplus of $\$ 62,738.83$ or a net decrease in Current Funds of $\$ 91,161.36$. Plant assets have increased by the sum of $\$ 207,324.50$. Trust funds have increased by the sum of $\$ 9,625.14$.

The following reserves have been set aside for new projects: for construction of projects now in process, $\$ 125,000.00$; for replacement of Mt. Vernon house, $\$ 25,000.00$; total, $\$ 150,000.00$.

Total student loans made in the year were $\$ 10,415.42$, and payments on loans totaled $\$ 2,015.7$.

Total plant account June 30, 1934 was $\$ 2,799,268.76$, a net gain of $\$ 207,324.50$ over the year ended June $30,1933$.

A refund of $\$ 50,000.00$ was made to the State in the fiscal year 1933, this being the University's contribution to assist in balancing the budget of the State. Grateful acknowledgment is made of this action on the part of the trustees.

MAINE STATE PRISON


## MAINE STATE PRISON




|  | Received from State | Received from Other Sources | Total Receipts | Total Expenditures | Trust Funds (Par Value) | Interest on Trust Funds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anson Academy | \$3,906.95 | \$10,874.06 | \$14,781.01 | \$14,293.58 | \$5,298.46 | \$152.95 |
| Aroostook Central Institute | 1,850.00 | 5,775.60 | 7,625.60 | 7,376.71 |  |  |
| Berwick Academy. | 1,565.00 | 11,770.62 | 13,335.62 | 12,349.24 | 68,048.66* | 1,940.11 |
| Bluehill-George Stevens Academy. | 1,352.00 | $3,735.55$ $1,008.08$ | $5,087.55$ $2,286.08$ | $6,044.36$ $3,901.02$ |  |  |
| Bridgton Academy . . . . . . . | 2,256.00 | 18,835.95 | 21,091.95 | 24,433.23 | 39,228.44* | 1,755.47 |
| Calais Academy. | 1,400.00 | 447.93 | 1,847.93 | 1,471.88 | 3,200.00 | , 113.75 |
| Cherryfield Academy | 1,532.00 | 7,572.50 | 9,104.50 | 5,008.72 | 9,000.00 | 279.50 |
| Coburn Classical Institute | 500.00 | 17,916.17 | $\bullet 18,416.17$ | 18,407.54 | 37,838.72 | 1,433.82 |
| Corinna Union Academy . |  | 3,724.25 | 3,724.25 | 4,035.68 | 7,200.00 | 442.08 |
| East Corinth Academy. | 1,997.50 | 8,469.36 | 10,466.86 | 11,999.89 | 12,000.00 | 575.75 |
| Eastern Maine Institute | 1,573.00 | 3,371.39 | 4,944.39 | 4,826.92 |  |  |
| Erskine Academy. | 2,760.00 | 3,104.37 | 5,864.37 | 5,532.40 | 17,851.46 | $2.12 \ddagger$ |
| Foxcroft Academy | 1,619.55 | 16,810.42 | 18,429.97 | 19,001.14 | 50,400.00 | 2,356.95 |
| Freedom Academy | 2,160.00 | 3,814.10 | 5,974.10 | 5,695.07 |  | - 82.50 |
| Fryeburg Academy | 2,360.00 | 28,230.02 | 30,590.02 | 30,973.34 | 5,268.05 | 82.50 |
| Gould Academy. . | 2,675.00 | 21,955.70 | 22,630.70 | 27,095.04 | 60,371.31 | 5,608.40 |
| Greely Institute | 1,803.08 | 6,901.15 | 8,704.23 | 7,407.58 | 26,185.00 | 1,733.11 |
| Hampden Academy | 2,648.85 | 6,319.88 | 8,968.73 | 9,241.27 | 11,682.99** | 512.88 |
| Hartland Academy. | 1,728.00 | 5,827.14 | 7,555 14 | 7,619.45 | 7,000.00 | 315.13 |
| Higgins Classical Institute | 2,935.00 | 25,704.44 | 28,639.44 | 28,233.99 | 20.500 .00 | 769.71 |
| Leavitt Institute. . . . . . . | 2,541.25 | 22,626.88 | 25,168.13 | 24,996.94 | 80,763.09 $\dagger$ | 3.328.29 |
| Lebanon Academy . | 750.00 | 2,620.64 | 3,370 64 | 3,064.48 | 3,100.00 | 131.75 |
| Lee Academy . | 4,560.33 | 15,340.37 | 19,900.70 | 19,746.69 | 12,502.50 |  |
| Limington Academy . | 2,160.00 | 20,816.65 | 22,976.65 | 22,790.39 | 23,796.86 | 714.17 |
| Litchfield Academy | 1,120.00 | 1,959.36 | 2,079.36 | 2,856.84 | 7,614.95 | 309.37 |
| Maine Central Institute | 4,175.00 | 26,422.00 | 30,597.00 | 28,223.79 | 48,316.63 | 1,677.21 |
| Monmouth Academy | 2,477.41 | 6,917.87 | 9,395.28 | 9,427.74 | 6,119.06 | 298.87 |
| Monson Academy . | 1,108.00 | 3,409.86 | 4,517.86 | 4,669.75 | 9,925.00 | 457.00 |
| Nasson Institute. | 3,940.00 | 11,730.36 | 15,670.36 | 17,027.86 | 19,534.83 | 288.36 |
| Oak Grove Seminary $\ddagger \ddagger$ | 3,700.00 | 66,386.31 | 70,086.31 | 57,107.06 |  |  |
| Parsonsfield Seminary $\ddagger \ddagger$ | 400.00 | 6,180.78 | 6,580.78 | 7,911.99 |  |  |
| Patten Academy. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pennell Institute. | 1,764.13 | 4,140.85 | 5,904.98 | 6,555.00 | 32,075.00†t | 1,624.01 |
| Ricker Classical Institute. | 2,653.00 | 31,626.66 | 34,279.66 | 31,856.25 | 44,526.61 | 1,312.88 |
| Robert W, Traip Academy | 1,245.00 | 13,943.13 | 15,188.13 | 13,912.82 | 36,170.00* | 1,743.13 |
| St. Joseph's Academy . | 1,772.00 | 12,414.84 | 14,186.84 | 14,244.76 |  |  |
| Somerset Academy . . | 1,610.00 | 2,643.15 | 4,253.15 | 3,331.08 | 20,128.44 | 740.46 |
| Washington Academy | 2,336.00 | 10,205.50 | 12,541.50 | 13,251.94 | 46.909.79 | 1,704.00 |
| Westbrook Academy | $2,370.00$ $2,641.87$ | $33,993.03$ $14,424.78$ | 36,363.03 $\mathbf{1 7 , 0 6 6 . 6 5}$ | 36.281 .70 $16,757.22$ | 26,522.50* | 1,153.06 |
| Wiscasset Academy | 1,548.00 | 1,685.00 | 3,233.00 | 4,346.17 |  |  |
|  | \$82,771.92 | \$521,656.70 | \$604.428.62 | \$593,308 52 | \$824,453.35 | \$34,751.14 |

**Also 2 Shares Massachusetts Utilities Associates no par value stock
$\dagger$ Also 100 Shares Massachusetts Investors Trust no par value stock
$\dagger \dagger$ Also 26 Shares First National Bank of Portland no par value stock

## $\ddagger$ No Trust Funds Statement filed

No report received from Limington Academy and Patten Academy

## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ASSETS

June 30, 1934
June 30, 1933

| Current Funds: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | \$157,665.52 | \$99,558.12 |
| Notes Receivable . | 23,700.00 | 24,500.00 |
| Accounts Receivable. | 14,269.02 | 29,381.42 |
| Materials and Supplies . | 39,304.27 | 23,262.83 |
| Deferred Charges. | 9,628.97 | 20,332.18 |
| Reserve Investments | 34,743.67 | 186,373.77 |
|  | \$279,311.45 | \$383,408.32 |
| Trust Fund Investments. | 918,050.55 | 908,425.41 |
| Grounds, Buildings and Equipment | 2,799,268.76 | 2,591,944.26 |
|  | \$3,996,630.76 | \$3,883,777.99 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Current Funds: |  |  |
| Accounts Payable. | \$65,084.92 | \$78,277.28 |
| Deferred Credits. | 914.40 | 657.55 |
| Reserve Funds. | 42,297.50 | 37,365.44 |
| Reserve for Construction. | 150,000.00 - | 183,354.59 |
| Surplus. | 21,014.63 | 83,753.46 |
|  | \$279,311.45 | \$383,408.32 |
| Trust Funds. | 918,050.55 | 908,425.41 |
| Plant Funds | 2,799,268.76 | 2,591,944.26 |
|  | \$3,996,630.76 | \$3,883,777.99 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARM LANDS LOAN
FUND AS OF JUNE 30, 1934
Number of Current Loans ..... 186
Number of Foreclosures (Title Perfected) ..... 15
Number of Foreclosures (Title not Perfected) ..... 11Principal Amount of Current Loans.\$389,103.17
Principal Amount of Foreclosures (Title Perfected) ..... 40,789.59
Principal Amount of Foreclosures (Title not Perfected) ..... 14,275.00
\$444,167.76Past Due Interest on Current Loans
\$8,739.95Past Due Interest on Foreclosed Loans (Title Perfected)
Past Due Interest on Foreclosed Loans (Title not Perfected) ..... 1,425.64
Taxes, Insurance, etc., advanced on Current Loans
\$15,270.50
Taxes, Insurance, etc., advanced on Foreclosed Loans (Title Perfected) ..... 4,755.79
Taxes, Insurance, etc., advanced on Foreclosed Loans (Title not Per- fected) ..... 1,039.71

STATEMENT OF FORECLOSURES
(Title Perfected)

| Loan No. | Amount | Interest | Taxes, etc. |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 21 | $\$ 2,175.00$ | $\$ 276.25$ | $\$ 315.59$ |
| 77 | $6,000.00$ | $1,010.00$ | 569.81 |
| 87 | $3,500.00$ | 525.00 | 314.05 |
| 88 | 900.00 | 225.00 | 152.78 |
| 94 | $4,500.00$ | $1,012.50$ | 25.60 |
| 95 | $2,750.00$ | 275.00 | 89.06 |
| 122 | $2,434.59$ | 176.78 | -435.00 |
| 136 | $2,680.00$ | 285.00 | 416.12 |
| 143 | $2,850.00$ | 300.00 | 132.48 |
| 150 | $4,000.00$ | 170.00 | $1,610.73$ |
| 158 | $1,600.00$ | 150.00 | 220.07 |
| 167 | $1,400.00$ | 112.50 | 238.39 |
| 176 | $3,000.00$ | 46.88 | 430.36 |
| 262 | $1,500.00$ | $\$ 5,104.91$ | 62.58 |
| 283 | $1,500.00$ |  | $\$ 4,755.79$ |

(Title not Perfected)

| 63 | $\$ 800.00$ | $\$ 95.00$ | $\$ 67.58$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 76 | $1,500.00$ | 187.50 | 4.45 |
| 117 | $1,000.00$ | 100.00 | 135.55 |
| 141 | $2,000.00$ | 185.00 | 158.18 |
| 157 | $1,200.00$ | 120.00 | 3.40 |
| 160 | $1,500.00$ | 152.50 | 104.02 |
| 163 | $2,075.00$ | 175.64 | 272.79 |
| 171 | 500.00 | 62.50 | 20.05 |
| 181 | $1,600.00$ | 190.00 | 133.98 |
| 184 | $1,200.00$ | 90.00 | 47.83 |
| 215 | 900.00 | 67.50 | 91.88 |
|  | $\$ 14,275.00$ | $\$ 1,425.64$ | $\$ 1,039.71$ |

The Reserved Land Fund, from which farm loans were made for a period of fourteen years, became invested in June, 1932, since which time no loans have been made. There still remain 186 active loans as shown in the foregoing financial statement.

DEBT CLASSIFIED BY CHARACTER AND GROSS DEBT LESS SINKING FUND ASSETS OF TOWNS AND PLANTATIONS OF MAINE BY COUNTIES-1932 Compiled by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and Published by Special Permission

| Towns and Plantations by Counties | Gross Debt |  |  | Gross Debt Less Sinking Fund Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Androscogein County | \$431,079 | \$341,166 | \$89.913 | \$400,862 |
| Durham. | 11,400 | 5,900 | 5,500 | 11,400 |
| Greene. . | 1,368 12,400 | 8,368 | $\overline{12,400}$ | 11,368 |
| Liseds... | 127,500 | $\widetilde{100,000}$ | 12,400 27,500 | 127,400 |
| Livermore. | 14,500 | 9,500 | 5,000 | 14,500 |
| Livermore Falls | 81,232 | 81,232 |  | 66,906 |
| Mechanic Falls. | 67,013 | 67,000 | 17.13 | 51,611 |
| Minot. | 17,000 24,000 | $\overline{15,000}$ | 17,000 9,000 | 17,000 24,000 |
| Turner | 62,966 | 50,966 | 12,000 | 62,966 |
| Wales. | 1,500 |  | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Webster | 3,200 | 3,200 |  | 3,200 |
| Aroostook County . . . . . . | \$2,425,802 | \$1,468,612 | \$957,190 | \$2,395,188 |
| Caribou. | 355,000 | 158,000 | 197,000 | 355,000 |
| Fort Fairfield | 274,737 | 224,737 | 50,000 | 274,737 |
| Fort Kent. | 115,391 | 97,800 | 17.591 | 115,391 |
| Houlton. | 197,000 | 162.000 | 35,000 | 197,000 |
| Madawaska Presque Isle | 77,800 270,034 | 75,000 160,000 | 2,800 110,034 | 77,800 239,626 |
| Van Buren. | 171,540 | 160,540 | 11,000 | 171,540 |
| Amity. | 6,225 | 3,035 | 3,190 | 6,225 |
| Ashland | 50,612 | 36,000 | 14,612 | 50,612 |
| Bancroft. | 2,088 | 2,088 | 5,290 | 2,088 |
| Benedicta Blaine. . | 5,290 13,276 | 12,826 | 5,290 | 13,276 |
| Bridgewater | 42,262 | 40,550 | 1,712 | 42,262 |
| Castle Hill. | 15,850 |  | 15,850 | 15,850 |
| Caswell Plantation | 36,099 | 28,300 | 7,799 | 36,099 |
| Chapman. | 15,373 | 13,218 | 2,155 | 15,373 |
| Connor. | 13,000 | 13,000 |  | 13,000 |
| Crystal. ${ }_{\text {Cyr Platatio }}$ | 9,500 4,500 | , | 9,500 4,500 | 9,500 4,500 |
| Dyer Brook. | 10,367 | - | 10,367 | 10,367 |
| E Plantation | , 171 |  | 171 | 171 |
| Eagle Lake. | 15,746 | 6,500 | 9,246 | 15,746 |
| Frenchville | 39,667 7,000 | 27,170 | 12,497 | 159,667 7,000 |
| Garfield Plantation | 1,600 | - | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Glenwood Plantation. | 3,500 | - | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Grand Isle. | 15,184 | - - | 15,184 | 15,184 |
| Hamlin Plantation | 5,648 |  | 5,648 | 5,648 |
| Haynesville. . . | 2,414 | 950 1,000 | 1,464 | 2,414 |
| Hodgdon | 21,074 | 7,500 | 13,574 | 21,074 |
| Island Falls | 25,417 | 10,500 | 14,917 | 25,417 |
| Limestone. | 74,568 | 30,951 | 43,617 | 74,568 |
| Linneus. | 10,565 | 5,565 | 5,000 | 10,565 |
| Littleton. | -9,834 |  | 9,834 |  |
| Ludlow.. | 6,000 23,826 | 6,000 19000 | $\frac{8}{4826}$ | 6,000 |
| Mapleton. Mars Hill | 23,826 60,557 | 19,000 | $\begin{array}{r}4,826 \\ 33,557 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 23,826 60,557 |
| Masardis. | 8,441 | 8,441 | 33,557 | 8,441 |
| Merrill. | 63,181 | 29,497 | 33,684 | 63,181 |
| Monticello | 42,645 | 21,425 | 21,220 | 42,645 |
| Moro Plantation. | 5 458 |  | 5 458 | 458 |
| New Limerick. . . . . . | 5,710 | - | 5,710 | 5,710 |
| New Sweden. | 9,046 |  | 9,046 | 9,046 |
| Oakfield. . | 21,560 | 12,948 | 8,612 | 21,560 |
| Orient. | 5,623 | 1,120 | 4,503 | 5,623 |
| Perham. | 7,048 | - | 7,048 | 7,048 |
| Portage Lake. | 2,439 8,000 |  | 2,439 8,000 | 2,439 |
| St. Agatha. | 23,306 |  | 23,306 | 23,306 |
| St. Francis Plantation | 25,572 | 20,000 | 5,572 | 25,572 |
|  | 33,483 | 13,483 | 20,000 | 33,483 |
| Silver Ridge Plantation. | 3,253 11,900 |  | 3,253 11,900 | 3,253 11,900 |
| Stockholm | 6,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Wade. | 10,763 |  | 10,763 | 10,763 |
| Wallagrass Plantation. | 12,302 | 1,311 | 10,991 | 12,302 |
| Washburn. | 67,370 | 21,000 | 46,370 | 67,370 |
| Westfield. | 19,433 5,930 | 10,157 | $\mathbf{9 , 2 7 6}$ 5,930 | 19,433 5 5 |
| Winterville Plantation | 5,500 | - | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| Woodland.............. . | 10.000 |  | 10,000 | 9,794 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Cumberland County | \$732,541 | \$602,830 | \$129,711 | \$705,420 |
| Bridgton | 26,578 | 16,578 | 10,000 | 26,578 |
| Brunswick | 186,200 | 161,200 | 25,000 | 186,200 |
| Gorham. | 43,990 | 28,000 | 15,990 | 43.990 |
| Baldwin | 4,500 | 4,500 |  | 4,500 |
| Cape Elizabeth | 98,000 | 83,000 | 15,000 | 82,233 |
| Cumberland | 20,100 90,800 | 18,100 84,000 | 2,000 6,800 | 20,100 90,800 |
| Freeport | 71,600 | 71,600 | 6,800 | 60,246 |
| Gray. | 1,500 | 1,000 | 500 | 1,500 |
| Harpswell | 37,736 | 32,736 | 5,000 | 37,736 |
| Harrison. | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Naples Gioucester | 10,400 | 9,400 | 1,000 | 10,400 |
| North Yarmouth | 4,300 | 2,300 | 2,000 | 4,300 |
| Otisfield. | 8,935 | 5,700 | 3,235 | 8,935 |
| Pownal. | 6,416 | 4,416 | 2,000 | 6,416 |
| Scarborough | 62,000 | 50,000 | 12,000 | 62,000 |
| Sebago ${ }_{\text {Standish }}$ | 3,500 22,472 | 19,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Windham. | 15,489 | 19,000 | 15,489 | 15,489 |
| Yarmouth | 16,300 | 11,300 | 5,000 | 16,300 |
| Franklin County. | \$352,441 | \$255,596 | \$96,845 | \$352,441 |
| Farmington | 116,000 | 116,000 |  | 116,000 |
| Jay.. | 29,408 | 10,158 | 19,250 | 29,408 |
| Wilton | 18,000 | 18,000 | 7000 | 18,000 |
| Carthage | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Chesterville | 400 |  | 400 | 400 |
| Coplin Plantation | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Eustis. | 34,225 | 15,225 | 19,000 | 34,225 |
| Freeman. | 1,700 | 900 | 800 | 1,700 |
| Industry | 6,650 |  | 6,650 | 6,650 |
| Kingfield. | 15,740 | - | $\begin{array}{r}15,740 \\ \hline 194\end{array}$ | 15,740 |
| Lang Plantation | 494 1,800 |  | 494 1,800 | 1,804 |
| New Sharon. | 24,687 | 19,687 | 5,000 | 24,687 |
| New Vineyard | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Phillips. | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Rangeley | 70,640 | 70,640 | 1700 | 70,640 |
| Strong. | 5.551 | 1,000 | 4,551 | 5,551 |
| Temple | 7,380 |  | 7,380 | 7,380 |
|  | 4,066 | 3,986 | 80 | 4,066 |
| Hancock County. . | \$604,756 | \$412,934 | \$191,822 | \$604,756 |
| Bar Harbor. | 182,260 | 148,160 | 34,100 | 182,260 |
| Amherst | 1,189 | 1,189 |  | 1,189 |
| Aurora | 500 | 6.150 | 500 | 10500 |
| Brooklin. | 18,044 | 15,000 | 3,044 | 18,044 |
| Brooksville | 2,169 | 369 | 1,800 | 2,169 |
| Bucksport. | 72,806 | 59,806 | 13,000 | 72,806 |
| Castine. | 500 |  | 500 | 500 |
| Cranberry Isle. | 3,500 | - | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Dedham. | 1,676 | - | 1,676 | 1,676 |
| Eastbrook | 3,060 |  | 3,060 | 3,060 |
| Franklin. | 11,295 | 2,975 | 8,320 | 11,295 |
| Gouldsboro | 25,000 | 20,500 | 4,500 | 25,000 |
| Hancock. | 9,000 | 9,000 |  | 9,000 |
| Lamoine | 2,200 |  | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Mariaville... | 2,494 |  | 77,494 | -2,494 |
| Mount Desert | 164,825 | 87,000 14.700 | 77,825 | 164,825 |
| Orland. Osborn Plantation | 14,753 | 14,700 | 715 | 14,753 |
| Osborn Plantation. | 1,470 550 | 755 | 715 850 | 1,470 |
| Penobscot | 5,149 | 900 | 4,249 | 5,149 |
| Plantation No. 33 | 1200 |  | 200 | , 200 |
| Sedgwick | 1,103 | 1,103 | 3,500 | 1,103 |
| Southwest Harbor | 24,770 | 24,770 |  | 24,770 |
| Sullivan...... . . | 5,258 | 4,371 | 887 | 5,258 |
| Surry . | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Trans island | 22,834 | 13,186 | 2,819 9,648 | 1,819 22,834 |
| Verona. | 6,250 |  | 6,250 | 6,250 |
| Winter Harbor. | 4.132 | 3.000 | 1,132 | 4,132 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Kennebec County . . . . . . | \$482,870 | \$379,280 | \$103,590 | 482,870 |
| Oakland . | 73,000 | 57,000 | 16,000 | 73,000 |
| Winslow | 142,000 | 130,000 | 12,000 | 142,000 |
| Albion. | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 14,000 |
| Belgrade. | 14,600 | 14,600 |  | 14,600 |
| Benton. Chelsea | 14,550 1,300 | 21,550 | 2,000 1,300 | 23,550 1,300 |
| China. | 4,230 | 4,230 |  | 4,230 |
| Clinton | 7,000 | 7,000 |  | 7,000 |
| Farmingdale | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Fayette.. | 8,900 10.000 | 7,000 10,000 | 1,900 | 8,900 10,000 |
| Monmouth | 10,000 |  | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Mount Vernon | 9,410 |  | 9,410 | 9,410 |
| Pittston. | 3,800 | 2.800 | 1,000 | 3,800 |
| Randolph | 8,000 | 6,000 | 2,000 | 8,000 |
| Readfield | 1,515 |  | 1,515 3,840 | 1,515 3,840 |
| Sidney | 16,400 | 13,400 | 3,000 | 16,400 |
| Unity Plantation | 300 |  | 300 | , 300 |
| Vassalborough. | 39,700 | 29,700 | 10,000 | 39,700 |
| Vienna. | 4,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 4,000 |
| Wayne. | 16,500 | 13,500 | 3,000 | 16,500 |
| West Gardiner | 4,800 3 |  | 4,800 3,500 | 4.800 |
| Windsor. . . | 3,500 72,525 | 59,500 | 3,500 $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{5 0 2 5}$ | 3,500 72,525 |
| Knox County . . | 326,601 | 302,008 | 24,593 | 326,601 |
| Camden. | 187,113 | 187,113 | - | 187,113 |
| Appleton | 3,300 | 3,300 |  | 3,300 |
| Criendship | 1,220 | 2,000 | 1,220 | 1,220 $\mathbf{2 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Hope. . | 3,102 | 3,000 | 102 | 3,102 |
| North Haven | 28,516 | 25,416 | 3,100 | 28,516 |
| Owls Head. | 1,300 |  | 1,300 | 1.300 |
| Rockport. | 15,774 | 13,500 | 2,274 | 15,774 |
| St. George. . . . . | 18,214 5,500 | 9,096 4,000 | 9,118 | 18,214 |
| South Thomaston | 5,500 | 4,000 | 1,500 | 5,500 |
| Thomaston. | 45,523 7,000 | 45,000 7,000 | 523 | 45,523 7,000 |
| Washington | 8,039 | 2,583 | $\overline{5,456}$ | 8,039 |
| Lincoln County.. | \$332,898 | \$254,097 | \$78,801 | \$332,020 |
| Alna | 1,500 |  | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Boothbay . . . . | 45,700 99800 | 32,200 | 13,500 | 45,700 |
| Boothbay Harbor Bremen. . . . . | 99,800 7,400 | 56,500 7,400 | 43,300 | 99,800 |
| Bristol | 3,702 | 3,170 | 532 | 3,702 |
| Damariscotta | 21,477 | 21,477 |  | 21,477 |
| Dresden. | 14,132 | 5,800 | 8,332 | 14,132 |
| Jefferson............. | 7,137 | 5,000 | 2,137 | 7,137 |
| Monhegan Plantation | 1,250 | 1,250 | 2,137 | 1,250 |
| Newcastle. | 10,500 | 9,500 | 1,000 | 10,500 |
| Nobleboro. | 13,500 | 8,000 | 5,500 | 13,500 |
| South Brist | 24,000 41,800 | 38,800 | $\overline{3,000}$ | 24,000 |
| Waldoboro | 31,500 | 31,500 |  | 31,500 |
| Whitefield | 4,000 | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| Wiscasset | 5,500 | 5,500 |  | 5,500 |
| Oxford County . . . . . . . . . | \$885,828 | \$800,811 | \$85,017 | \$871,628 |
| Mexico. | 165,000 | 165,000 |  | 165,000 |
| Norway. | 85,000 | 84,000 | 1,000 | 85,000 |
| Paris... | 109,661 | 103,406 | 6,255 | 95,461 |
| Rumford. | 267,242 | 267,242 |  | 267,242 |
| Albany. | 6.267 | 5,767 | 10.731 | 6,267 |
| Andover | 12,181 | 1,450 | 10,731 7,000 | 12,181 |
| Brownfield | 6,712 | 4,712 | 2,000 | 6,712 |
| Buckfield. | 11,104 | 11,104 |  | 11,104 |
| Canton. | 37,091 | 33,391 | 3,700 | 37,091 |
| Denmark. | 6,000 | 6,000 $\mathbf{2 3} 758$ |  | 6,000 |
| Dixfield.. | 29,458 8,600 | 23,758 6,000 | 5,700 2,600 | 29,458 8,600 |
| Frilead. . | 9,695 | 9,695 | 2,600 | 8,695 |
| Greenwood. | 6,605 | 1,105 | 5,500 | 6,605 |
| Hartford. | 1,000 | 1,000 $\mathbf{2 , 0 0 0}$ |  | 1,000 |
| Hiram. | 18,806 | 5,903 | 12,903 | 18,806 |
| Lovell. . . . . ${ }^{\text {Plantation. }}$ | 4,000 2000 |  | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Magalloway Plantation. Mason.............. | 2,000 125 | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |


| Towns and Plantations by Counties | Gross Debt |  |  | Gross Debt Less Sinking Fund Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Milton Plantation. | 428 |  | 428 | 428 |
| Newry | 2,389 | 2,329 | $\overline{1500}$ | 2,329 |
| Oxford | 22,800 10,050 | 21,300 10,050 | 1,500 | 22,800 |
| Porter | 10,050 | 10,050 | 13,700 | 10,050 13,700 |
| Roxbury | 10,000 | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| Stoneham | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Stow.. | 3,700 9 | 3,700 |  | 3,700 |
| Sumeden | $\mathbf{9}, 500$ 2,000 | 2,500 2,000 | 7,000 | 9,500 2,000 |
| Waterford. | 4,500 | 4,500 |  | 4.500 |
| Woodstock | 2,500 | 2,000 | 500 | 2,500 |
| Penobscot County. | \$942,526 | \$811,321 | \$131.205 | \$919.749 |
| Dexter. | 137,700 | 130,000 | 7,700 | 133,700 |
| Lincoln. | 48,174 | 40,700 | 7,474 | 48,174 |
| Millinocket | 172,500 | 166,000 | 6,500 | 172,500 |
| Orono. | 88,500 | 88,500 | 27 | 71,813 |
| Argyle. | 6,000 | 6,000 |  | 6,000 |
| Bradford | 4,102 |  | 4,102 | 4,102 |
| Bradley | 9,000 | 9,000 |  | 9,000 |
| Carmel | 1,500 7,500 | 1,500 |  | 1,500 |
| Charleston. | 5,984 | 2,984 | 3,000 | 5,984 |
| Chester. | 5,447 |  | 5,447 | 5,447 |
| Clifton. | 750 | 750 |  | 750 |
| Corinna | 71,600 | 71,600 |  | 69,510 |
| Corinth | 14,921 | 8,621 | 6,300 | 14,921 |
| Dixmont | 11,315 | 6,000 | 5,315 | 11,315 |
| East Milinocket | 83,500 | 77,500 | 6,000 | 83,500 |
| Edinburg. . . | 700 |  | 700 | 700 |
| Enfield. | 8,000 | 8,000 |  | 8,000 |
| Etna. | 2,501 | 1,484 | 1,017 | 2,501 |
| Gxeter | 3,500 | 1,000 | 2,500 | 3,500 9,109 |
| Glenburn | $\mathbf{9 , 1 0 9}$ $\mathbf{2 , 8 8 2}$ | 1,500 | 1,382 | 2,882 |
| Greenbush | 1,700 |  | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Hampden. | 15,925 | 15,925 |  | 15,925 |
| Hermon. | 2,719 | 2,000 | 719 | 2,719 |
| Holden. | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Howland | 48,000 | 48,000 | - | 48,000 |
| Hendus ${ }^{\text {Heage }}$ | 5,500 1,150 | 5,500 | 1,150 | 5,500 1,150 |
| Kingman. . | 28,602 | 10,274 | 18,328 | 28,602 |
| Lagrange | 4,132 | , 300 | 3,832 | 4,132 |
| Lee. | 14,409 | 6,400 | 8,009 | 14,409 |
| Levant. | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Maxfield | 1,181 | 1,181 | $\overline{2,200}$ | $\underline{1,181}$ |
| Milford. | 8,586 | 7,000 | 1,586 | 8,586 |
| Mount Chase | 6,000 | 6,000 |  | 6,000 |
| Newburgh. | 2,335 | 2,335 |  | 2,335 |
| Newport | 49,250 | 42,850 | 6,400 | 49,250 |
| Orrington | 17,900 | 10,700 | 7,200 | 17,900 |
| Patten. | 13,608 | 13,608 |  | 13,608 |
| Plymouth | 1,200 |  | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Prentiss... | 5,700 |  | 5,700 1 | 5,700 |
| Springfield ${ }_{\text {Staceyville Plantation }}$ | 7,310 2,000 | 6,000 | 1,310 2,000 | 7,310 2,000 |
| Stetson.... . . . . . . . . | 1,547 |  | 1,547 | 1,547 |
| Winn. | 3,360 | 3,000 | 360 | 3,360 |
| Piscataquis County. . . . . | \$227,116 | \$204,119 | \$22,997 | \$227,116 |
| Dover-Foxcroft. | 12,920 | 12,920 | - | 12,920 |
| Milo. | 87,920 | 87,920 | - | 87,920 |
| Abbot... | 1,600 | 1,600 | - | 1,600 |
| Atkinson Plarnard Plantation | 3,600 500 | 3,600 | 500 | 3,600 500 |
| Blanchard......... | 2.080 | 1,800 | 280 | 2,080 |
| Bowerbank | 1,878 |  | 1,878 | 1,878 |
| Brownville . . . . . ${ }_{\text {Che }}$ | 30,994 | 23,494 | 7,500 | 30,994 |
| Chesuncook Plantation | 6,698 4,000 | 4,000 | $\underline{6,698}$ | 6,698 |
| Guilford. | 18,000 | 15,500 | 2,500 | 18,000 |
| Medford | 2,800 | 2,800 |  | 2,800 |
| Monson. | 9,979 | 9,979 | - | 9.979 |
| Orneville. | 2,500 | 2,000 | 500 | 2,500 |
| Parkman ${ }^{\text {Sangervilie }}$ | 6,764 19,500 | 6,764 17,500 | 2,000 | 6,764 19,500 |
| Sebec. . | 7,400 | 7,400 |  | 7,400 |
| Wellington. | 6,424 | 6,054 | 370 | 6,424 |
| Willimantic. . . . . . . . . . . | 1,559 | 788 | 771 | 1,559 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Sagadahoc County. . . . | \$122,899 | \$103,219 | \$19,680 | \$122,899 |
| Bowdoinham | 4,900 |  | 4,900 | 4.900 |
| Georgetown. | 17,500 | 16,700 | 800 | 17,500 |
| Phippsburg. | 22,375 | 22,375 |  | 22,375 |
| Richmond. | 61,000 5 | 54,000 | 7,000 | 61,000 |
| West Bath | 5,730 950 |  | 5,730 950 | 5,730 950 |
| Woolwich. | 10,444 | 10,144 | 300 | 10,444 |
| Somerset County . . . . . | \$939,662 | \$753,379 | \$186,283 | \$907,858 |
| Fairfield. | 61,207 | 47,000 | 14,207 | 61,207 |
| Madison | 139,000 | 105,000 | 34,000 | 139,000 |
| Pittsfield. | 95,500 | 88,500 | 7,000 | 85,500 |
| Skowhegan | 232,252 | 231,252 | 1,000 | 232,252 |
| Anson. | 85,134 | 80,539 | 4,595 | 85,134 |
| Athens. ${ }^{\text {Bigelow }}$ Plantion | 2,900 | 2,900 |  | 2,900 |
| Bigelow Plantation Bingham........ | 1,500 41,842 | 1,500 18,442 | 23,400 | 1,500 41,842 |
| Cambridge | 7,400 | 7.400 | 23,400 | 7,400 |
| Canaan.. | 12.362 | 12,362 |  | 12,362 |
| Caratunk Plantation | 6,000 |  | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Concord. | 3,010 12,500 | 3,010 12,500 |  | 3,010 12,500 |
| Detroit. | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Flagstaff Plantation | 15,750 | 15,750 |  | 15,750 |
| Harmony. | 22,117 | 1,817 | 20,300 | 22,117 |
| Highland Plantation | 50,925 1,000 | 50,925 1,000 |  | 37,131 1,000 |
| Jackman Plantation. | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Lexington Plantation | 1,200 |  | 1,200 | 1.200 |
| Mercer. | 5,228 | 3,228 | 2,000 | 5.228 |
| Moose River Plantation | 2,085 | 2,085 |  | 2,085 |
| Moscow. | 22,125 | 14,125 | 8,000 | 22,125 |
| New Portland. | 10,000 | 28.685 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Palmyra..... | 17,678 | 28,685 3,053 | 14,625 | 4,9,668 |
| Ripley | 4,800 | 4,800 |  | 4,800 |
| St. Albans | 6,300 | 3,000 | 3,300 | 6,300 |
| Smithfield | 6,156 |  | 6,156 | 6,156 |
| Solon. | 19,940 | 6,440 | 13,500 | 19,940 |
| Starks | 6,066 | 6,066 |  | 6,066 |
| Waldo County. | \$176,109 | \$111,729 | \$64,380 | \$176,109 |
| Brooks. | 19,209 | 18,809 | 400 | 19,209 |
| Burnham. | 1,500 |  | 3,500 | 19,500 |
| Frankfort | 10,475 | 9,167 | 1,308 | 10,475 |
| Islesboro. | 15,000 | r 15.0000 |  | r 15,0000 |
| Jackson. | 4,600 | 2,100 | 2,500 | 4,600 |
| Knox. | 8,158 | 6,605 | 1,553 | 8,158 |
| Liberty. | 7,258 | 1,758 | 5,500 | 7,258 |
| Lincolnv | 12,235 | 3,235 | 9,000 | 12,235 |
| Montville | 11,000 4,000 |  | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Northport | 1,280 | $\overline{1,280}$ | 4,000 | 1,280 |
| Palermo. | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Searsmont | 6,084 | 4,084 | 2,000 | 6.084 |
| Searsport. | 19,500 | 19,000 | 500 | 19,500 |
| Swansville. | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Thorndike | 3,600 | - | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Troy. | 3,000 | - - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Whity. | 2,400 1,600 | 600 | 2.400 1,000 | 2,400 $\mathbf{1 , 6 0 0}$ |
| Winterport | 31,210 | 21,091 | 10,119 | 31,210 |
| Washington County. | \$295,342 | \$221,931 | \$73,411 | \$295,342 |
| Lubec. . | 34,300 | 34,300 |  | 34,300 |
| Addison. | 13,632 | 10,132 | 3,500 | 13.632 |
| Alexander. | 5,501 | 5,350 | 2001 | 5,501 |
| Baileyville | 60,500 | 40,500 | 20,000 | 60,500 |
| Ceals. . ${ }_{\text {Cilile }}$ | 5,400 | - | 5,400 | 5,400 |
| Charlotte. | 2,500 | 二- | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Cherryfield | 500 | 500 |  | 500 |
| Columbia Falls | 5,150 | 1,000 | 4,150 | 5,150 |
| Danforth ${ }^{\text {Dennysville }}$ | 16,000 2,770 | 16,000 1,500 | 1,270 | 16,000 2,770 |
| East Machias. | 8,728 | 4,000 | 4,728 | 8,728 |
| Edmunds.... | 800 13.500 |  | 800 1.500 | 800 |
| Harrington. | 13,500 <br> 889 | 12,000 489 | 1,500 | 13,500 489 |
| Jonesport..... | 34,680 | 19,138 | 15,542 | 34,680 |


| Towns and Plantations by Counties | Gross Debt |  |  | Gross Debt Less Sinking Fund Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Machias. | 11,000 | 11,000 3 | - | 11,000 |
| Marion... | 3,802 2,200 |  | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Milbridge | 8,470 | 8.470 |  | 8,470 |
| Pembroke | 6,200 | 6,200 | - | 6,200 |
| Perry Princeton | 1,900 18100 | 1,900 12100 |  | 1,900 |
| Robbinston | 18,200 | 12,100 5,200 | 6,000 | 18,100 5,200 |
| Roque Bluffs | , 349 |  | 349 | 349 |
| Steuben. | 9,675 | 6,000 | 3,675 | 9,675 |
| Tressfield | 4,300 2,700 | 4,300 2,700 | , | 4,300 2,700 |
| Vanceboro | 12,000 | 12,000 | - | 12,000 |
| Waite.. | , 350 | , 350 |  | , 350 |
| Wesley | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Whiting. | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | 1.000 1.380 |
| Whitneyville | 1,380 |  | 1,380 | 1.380 |
| York County . | \$1,322,634 | \$1,016,188 | \$306,446 | \$1,316,434 |
| Kennebunk | 26,500 | 5,000 | 21,500 | 26,500 |
| Sanford. | 518,732 | 342,000 | 176,732 | 518,732 |
| South Berwick | 64,037 | 60,057 | 3,980 | 64,037 |
| York.. | 121,881 | 109,500 | 12,381 | 121,881 |
| Kittery | 52,000 | 52,000 25,700 | 2,000 | 52,000 27 |
| Alfredick | 27,700 35700 | 25,700 35,700 | 2,000 | 27,700 3500 |
| Buxton | 23,774 | 18,574 | 5,200 | 17,574 |
| Cornish | 9,132 | 7,000 | 2,132 | 9,132 |
| Eliot. | 13,000 | 13,000 |  | 13,000 |
| Kennebunkport | 63,000 | 63,000 | - | 63,000 |
| Lebanon | 3,700 16500 | 3,700 | - | 3,700 16500 |
| Limington | 16,500 3,400 | 16,500 3,400 | - | 16,500 3,400 |
| Lyman | 3,570 | 3,570 | - | 3,570 |
| Newfield | 7,100 | 7,100 |  | 7,100 |
| North Berwick. . . . | 35,400 | 35,400 |  | 35,400 |
| North Kennebunkport | 7,800 | 1,000 | 6,800 | 7,800 |
| Old Orchard Beach | 137,500 | 95,000 | 42,500 | 137,500 |
| Parsonsfield | 9,900 | 7,500 | 2,400 | 9,900 |
| Shapleigh. | 2,700 41,637 | 1,400 34,900 | 1,300 | 2,700 41,637 |
| Wells.... | 97,971 | 75,187 | 22,784 | 97,971 |
| Other Civil Divisions by . Counties. | \$8,428,700 | \$8,416,700 | \$12,000 | \$7,932,289 |
| State Pier Site | 283,000 | 283,000 |  | 173,000 |
| Bridge district. | 160,000 | 160,000 |  | 160,000 |
| Sewer districts. Water districts | 784,000 $7,201,700$ | 772,000 $7,201,700$ | 12,000 | $\begin{array}{r}664,285 \\ 6,935,004 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Androscosgin County | \$558,700 | \$558,700 | - | \$411,175 |
| Sewer district. | 207,000 | 207,000 | - | 128,000 |
| Auburn. | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | 121,000 |
| Livermore Falls | 75,000 | 7,000 |  | 7,000 |
| Water district. Auburn. | 351,700 351,700 | 351,700 351,700 | - | 283,175 $\mathbf{2 8 3 , 1 7 5}$ |
| Cumberland County | \$7,870,000 | \$7,858,000 | \$12,000 | \$7,521,114 |
| State Pier Site | 283,000 | 283,000 | - | 173,000 |
| Water district | 6,850,000 | 6,850,000 |  | 6,651,829 |
| Portland... | 6,850,000 | 6,850,000 |  | 6,651,829 |
| Bridge district. . So. Portland and Portiland. | 160,000 160,000 | 160,000 160,000 |  | 160,000 160,000 |
|  | 160,000 577,000 | 160,000 565,000 | 12,000 | 536,285 |
| South Portland......... | 577,000 | 565,000 | 12,000 | 536,285 |


| Towns and Plantations by Counties | Gross Debt |  |  | Gross Debt <br> Less Sinking <br> Fund Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Funded or Fixed | All Other |  |
| Cities and villages having less than 2,500 population, by counties <br> Grand Total. | \$326,418 | \$298,415 | \$28,003 | \$326,418 |
| Aroostook Fort Kent. | 9,000 | 9,000 | - | 9,000 |
| Cumberland Bridgton Centre Gorham | $\square$ | - | - | - |
| Franklin Farmington Phillips | 80,000 | 80,000 | - | 80,000 |
| Oxford Bethel. |  |  |  |  |
| Buckfield. Fryeburg. | 40,500 | 40,000 | 500 | 40,500 |
|  | 3,000 | 3,000 | $\square$ | 3,000 |
| Oxford. ${ }^{\text {Nor }}$. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  | - |  |
| South Paris West Paris. | 23,565 | 23,565 | - | 23,565 |
| Penobscot Lincoln. | 60,885 | 45,700 | 15,185 | 60,885 |
| Waldo Northport. | 2,250 | 2,250 | - | 2.250 |
| York |  |  |  |  |
| Ogunquit. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 78,000 10,500 | 68,000 8,500 | 10,000 2,000 | 78,000 10,500 |
| York Harbor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 18,718 | 18,400 | , 318 | 18,718 |

Note. No returns from the following towns: Raymond, in Cumberland County; Deer Isle, Stonington, Trenton and Waltham, in Hancock County; Manchester, in Kennebec County; Isle au Haut, Union and Vinalhaven, in Knox County; Edgecomb, Somerville and Westport, in Lincoln County; Byron, Hanover and Upton, in Oxford County; Carroll, Eddington, Greenfield, Lowell, Mattawamkeag, Passadumkeag, Veazie and Woodville, in Penobscot County; Shirley and Williamsburg, in Piscataquis County; Arrowsic and Bowdoin, in Sagadahoc County; Embden and Mayfield, in Somerset County; Belmont, Morrill, Prospect and Stockton Springs, in Waldo County; Baring, Beddington, Brookton, Columbia, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Deblois, Marshfield, Meddybemps, Northfield and Talmadge, in Washington County, and Acton, Dayton and Hollis, in York County.

No returns from the plantations of Allagash, Cary, Hammond, Macwahoc, Nashville, Oxbow, St. John and Westmanland, in Aroostook County; Dallas, Rangeley and Sandy River, in Franklin County; Long Island, in Hancock County; Matinicus Isle, in Knox County; Lincoln, in Oxford County; Grand Falls, Lakeville, Seboeis and Webster, in Penobscot County; Elliottsville, Kingsbury and Lakeview, in Piscataquis

County; Brighton, Carrying Place, Dead River, Dennistown, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks and West Forks, in Somerset County; Codyville, Grand Lake Stream, Plantation No. 21, in Washington County.

According to the tabulations of the Census Bureau, Belfast has the greatest per capita indebtedness of any city, $\$ 111.16$. This city many years ago backed with its credit the construction of a railroad to Burnham Junction, so that it had a debt of more than $5 \%$ of its valuation when the constitutional limitation was adopted in 1877. Old Town is next with $\$ 98.40$ and then follow Portland, $\$ 74.80$; Waterville, $\$ 62.53$; Gardiner, $\$ 55.45$, and South Portland, $\$ 52.05$.

Comparing the valuation against the debt it is found that in the State some fifty-two municipalities, or ten per cent of the total in Maine, are over their debt limit. By counties these are:
Androscoggin County ..... 2
Aroostook County ..... 28
Cumberland County ..... 0
Franklin County ..... 2
Hancock County ..... 1
Kennebec County ..... 0
Knox County ..... 0
Lincoln County ..... 0
Oxford County ..... 1
Penobscot County ..... 5
Piscataquis County ..... 0
Sagadahoc County ..... 1
Somerset County ..... 6
Waldo County ..... 2
Washington County ..... 2
York County ..... 2

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[^0]:    *The original act levying a tax on gasoline (1923) devoted fifty per cent of the proceeds to maintenance of state and state aid highways, the balance to be credited to the fund for the building of third class highways. An amendment in 1925 first applied one-third of the gasoline tax to construction of state highways, while an amendment of 1927 applied $43 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the tax to construction and reconstruction of state highways.

