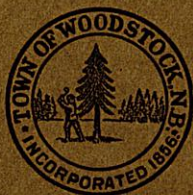


WOODSTOCK

NEW BRUNSWICK



REPORT — OF — TOWN MANAGER

1926

GENERAL STATEMENT

In looking over the results of last year's work it is thought that a short summary would be of interest to the general public.

In the Street Department the policy followed was to devote the money this year to putting on a top wearing surface on those streets not already coated with tarvia. The following were the results:

Streets (top surfacing)	17,400 lineal feet
Streets (tarvia B.)	2,100 lineal feet
Sidewalks (gravel)	1,300 lineal feet

A section on Broadway and King Street was given two applications of Calcium Flake as a dust preventative, in order to study whether this method would be economically superior to water sprinkling. The regular work of snowplowing, sanding, ditching and cleaning was carried on as usual.

The Fire Department continued its policy of adding new hose equipment. There is now on hand 4,150 feet. Regarding the personnel a considerable number of new men have replaced old members recently, and to develop team work, increase efficiency and to instruct the public it is suggested that annual tests of some sort be instituted. During the year we had:

Alarms answered	57
Hose wet	14
Total loss	\$49,557
Insurance paid	\$31,089

The volunteer fire department deserves great credit and the thanks of the citizens for their public spirited work.

The Police Department handled traffic, and the following court cases during the year:

Drunk	68
Disturbances	16
Violations motor law	11
Vagrancy	5
Police interference	1

Three new Street Lights were installed during the year.

WOODSTOCK

THE HOME TOWN

Settled by Loyalists in 1785.

One of the most beautiful Towns in the Province.

Area 2,560 Acres. Filtered Water.

Over 13 miles of Streets. Electric Power.

Located on C. P. R. and C. N. R.

Gateway Maine via Houlton Road.

Finest Park and Horse Racing in the Province.

Modern Residence Town---Golf Club.

Churches, Schools, Library, Hospital.

POPULATION 3,300

1926 Tax Warrant	80,000
1926 Tax Rate	3.00
1926 Valuation	\$2,651,100
Real Estate	1,617,940
Personal Property	674,860
Income	358,300
Poll Tax	5,437

INCORPORATED 1856

The Centre of a Rich Farming District

The Finance and Water Departments did excellent work this year. The 1926 tax warrant was \$80,000. Of this amount \$77,120 was collected. The 1926 water and sewer rates were \$17,020. Of this amount \$16,330 was collected. Such an excellent showing will be very useful in our refunding of \$44,000 debentures due in 1928.

The Town was represented by Mayor Belyea and the Manager at the convention of the Union of N. B. Municipalities. His Worship had the honor of replying for the delegates, to the speech of welcome by Mayor White of Saint John. The Manager presented a paper on the "Council-Manager form of Government for N. B. Municipalities."

We had as distinguished guests during the year the Prime Minister W. L. McKenzie King; also E. W. Beatty, K. C., President of C. P. R. and party.

Dominion elections were held this year. Also a Town Plebiscite: "Are you in favor of the present Council-Manager plan of town government?" The vote of the citizens was overwhelmingly in favor of it.

Property "Yes" \$707,500	Ratepayers "Yes" 200
Property "No" \$ 89,400	Ratepayers "No" 43

The Town was represented before the N. B. Board of Public Utilities at 3 meetings in an effort to secure lower rates for light and power for the citizens.

TOWN HOUSING

A report of the Town Housing Board is incorporated in this report; as the details have been administered from the Town Office.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

A report of the Agricultural Society is incorporated in this report, as the Town has guaranteed their bonds, and the books are kept in the Town Office.

GENERAL

It is felt that these statements are of necessity very brief but any citizens desiring details will be gladly furnished with them at the Town Office.

TOWN MANAGER.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31st, 1926

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Taxes Receivable, 1926	\$ 7,023.67 ✓
Tax Arrears	3,372.80 ✓
Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes	\$ 10,396.47 ✓
	7,500.00 ✓
Sewer Rates Receivable, 1926	50.00 ✓
Water Rates Receivable, 1926	636.59 ✓
Water Arrears	206.13 ✓
Cash (Royal Bank of Canada)	21,150.63 ✓
Cash on hand	1,037.13 ✓
Supplies of Stock on hand	\$ 22,187.76 ✓
	1,719.71 ✓
Total Assets	\$ 27,696.63 ✓

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable (December invoices)	\$ 2,718.05 ✓
Debentures matured December 31 (not presented) ..	2,000.00 ✓
Accrued Interest on Debentures	3,006.70 ✓
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,724.75
Surplus January 1st, 1926	\$ 8,813.00
Transferred from Capital Fund ..	181.41
Surplus for year 1926 (see statement Revenue and Expenditures	10,977.50
	\$ 19,971.91 ✓
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$ 27,696.66

Certified Correct.

P. F. BLANCHET, C. A.

Per Randolph E. Cox, C. A. Auditor.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31st, 1926

CAPITAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash (Royal Bank of Canada)	\$ 446.43
Frontage Taxes Receivable	3,292.97
Land, buildings, streets, water mains, etc.	383,703.67
(See Exhibit A, page 19)	
Total Assets	<u>\$387,443.07</u>

LIABILITIES

Debentures outstanding January 1st, 1926	\$244,000.00
Redeemed during year	6,000.00
	<u>\$238,000.00</u>
Less Sinking Fund (see page 9)	8,391.26
Net Debentures debt.	<u>\$229,608.74</u>
Surplus January 1st, 1926	\$154,113.53
Add:	
Bonds redeemed	6,000.00
Less redeemed out of Sinking Fund 1,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on Frontage Tax, etc.	324.16
	<u>\$159,437.69</u>

Deduct:

Sinking Fund Decrease (Board of School Trustees)	\$1,069.35
Discount on bonds sold	352.60
Transferred to General Fund	181.41
	<u>1,603.36</u>
	<u>\$157,834.33</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$387,443.07</u>

NOTE!—The Town has guaranteed the total bonds of the Agricultural Society amounting to \$35,000.

Certified Correct,
P. F. BLANCHET, C. A.
Per Randolph E. Cox, C. A. Auditor.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31st, 1926

SPECIAL AND TRUST FUND

ASSETS

Town Housing Fund:—	
Cash (Royal Bank of Canada)	\$ 907.67
Investment Town of Woodstock Bond	1,000.00
Customers Loans and Accrued Interest	34,722.84
(Secured by first mortgage)	
	<u>\$ 36,630.51</u>
M. J. Hall Fund:—	
Cash Royal Bank of Canada	241.10
E. A. Appleby Fund:—	
Cash Royal Bank of Canada	74.28
Total Assets	<u>\$ 36,945.89</u>

LIABILITIES

Town Housing Trust:—	
Loan Provincial Government	\$ 41,300.00
Less Repaid	6,357.64
	<u>\$ 34,942.36</u>
Reserve for Interest and Expense	1,688.15
M. J. Hall Trust	241.10
E. A. Appleby Trust	74.28
Total Liabilities and Reserve	<u>\$ 36,945.89</u>

Certified Correct,
P. F. BLANCHET, C. A.
Per Randolph E. Cox, C. A. Auditor.

SINKING FUND ASSETS

School Board, Sinking Fund	\$ 5,900.00
Town, Sinking Fund, Investments	2,000.00
Cash Royal Bank of Canada	491.26
Total Assets Sinking Fund	<u>\$ 8,391.26</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

December 31st, 1926

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE

General Assessment, 1926	\$ 84,970.00
Less abatements (assessors)	828.05
	<u>\$ 84,141.95</u>
Water Rates	14,998.39
Sewer Rates	2,022.03
Licenses, Fines, etc.,	952.06
Interest from Bank	561.47
Sundry Revenue	421.86

Total \$103,097.76

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 4,970.74
Grants	7,601.50
Finance	37,983.32
Fire	5,227.15
Police	2,789.22
Streets	5,773.74
Street Lights	1,593.30
Sewers	704.81
Poor	2,749.74
Water	22,726.74

Total \$ 92,120.26

SURPLUS FOR YEAR, 1926 10,977.50

Total expenditures and surplus \$103,097.76

Certified Correct,
P. F. BLANCHET, C. A.
Per Randolph E. Cox, C. A. Auditor.

NOTE!—The details of expenditures under the above general headings are given in the following pages.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

Salary (part Town Manager)	\$ 2,096.20
Legal	270.45
Insurance	231.31

Town Hall

Janitor	130.00
Fuel	83.16
Lighting	29.50
Cleaning	37.55
Repairs	33.75

Town Manager's Office

Wages	627.25
Supplies	240.55
Postage	154.79
Town Report	41.25
Telephone	14.05
Flooring	13.00
Miscellaneous	3.13

Sundry

Elections	106.40
Assessors	555.48
Revisors	40.00
Auditor	160.00
Express	25.85
Advertising	43.55
General	33.52

\$ 4,970.74

GRANTS:

Vocational School	\$ 2,750.00
Agricultural Society No. 41	2,100.00
County Hospital	1,300.00
Library	1,200.00
Old Home Week	125.00
Board of Trade Booklet	100.00
Sundry	26.50

\$ 7,601.50

FINANCE:

School Board	\$ 21,000.00
County Tax	4,142.85
Provincial Hospital	598.00
Bonds Redeemed	\$6,000.00
By School Board	2,000.00
By Sinking Fund	1,000.00
Bond Issue Cost	3,000.00
Interest (Coupons)	158.70
Exchange, Interest, War Tax, etc.	3,271.65
Collection costs	116.98
Tax Discount	703.86
Reserve for Unpaid Taxes	3,101.73
	1,889.55
	<u>\$ 37,983.32</u>

FIRE:

Salaries (Volunteer Firemen)	\$ 1,500.00
Wages Regulars (2 Drivers)	1,743.06
Horses Feed (2)	303.24
Horses—Expenses (2)	105.83
Fuel	456.51
Electric Light	36.50
Alarm System (Town Hall)	268.89
Alarm System (Pole Line)	48.99
Equipment (new)	482.89
Equipment (repairs)	210.80
Sundry	70.44
	<u>\$ 5,227.15</u>

POLICE:

Wages (regular)	\$ 2,338.25
Wages (specials)	301.40
Telephone	21.59
Cleaning, bell, fares, meals	30.38
Livery	19.05
Traffic Signs	23.55
Uniform	55.00
	<u>\$ 2,789.22</u>

STREET LIGHTS:

Electricity (5½ per k.w. hour)	\$ 1,216.25
Lamps	207.92
Repairs	43.13
New Lights (3)	126.00
	<u>\$ 1,593.30</u>

STREETS:

Construction	\$ 2,957.12
Tarvia B	318.60
Sidewalks, gravel	352.24
Maintenance	
Cleaning	417.39
Drugging	106.81
Ditching	260.18
Sprinkling	372.46
Calcium Chloride and Oil	234.95
Snow plow	180.78
Sanding	30.01
Equipment, repairs and new	170.55
Horse—Expense (1)	146.96
Sundry (details at office)	225.69
	<u>\$ 5,773.74</u>

(The amount spent on each Street can be obtained at Town Office)

SEWERS:

Catch Basins	
Cleaning	\$ 226.35
Thawing	17.95
New	270.03
Mains	43.43
Horse—Expense (½)	73.75
New Equipment	51.75
Sundry	22.45
	<u>\$ 704.81</u>

POOR:

County Poor Farm	\$ 1,006.17
Local Cases	1,743.57
	<u>\$ 2,749.74</u>

NOTE!—Details can be obtained at the Town Office.

WATER UTILITY

ADMINISTRATION:

Salary (part Town Manager)	\$ 822.50
Postage, Supplies, etc.	230.35
Reading meters	24.62
Workmen's Compensation	72.00
Freight Charges	30.67
General	25.29
	<u>\$ 1,206.18</u>

FINANCE:

Interest on bonds	\$ 8,203.71
Discounts	479.62

Collections

Shutting off water	67.41
Newspaper notices	11.47
	<u>\$ 8,762.21</u>

PLANT:

Wages	\$ 2,385.99
Equipment	78.75
Repairs to Plant	184.44
	<u>\$ 2,649.18</u>

PRODUCTION:

Electricity (3½c per k.w. hour)	\$ 6,999.00
Coal	435.28
Wood	92.98
Gasoline	50.00
Oil	50.78
Equipment New	77.53
Equipment Repairs	170.10
Starter Repairs	60.48
	<u>\$ 7,936.15</u>

FILTRATION:

Chlorine	\$ 180.26
Sulphate of Alumina ..	696.27
Tests	28.41
Equipment and Repairs	26.22
	<u>\$ 931.76</u>

DISTRIBUTION:

Mains	\$ 280.91
Valves	76.29
Equipment	29.61
Hydrants (Testing)	224.36
Hydrants Repairs	60.49
Meter testing	19.27

Services

New	49.81
Repairs	195.15
Thawing	20.50
Gate Boxes	29.38
	<u>\$ 985.77</u>

MISCELLANEOUS:

Horse—Expense (½)	\$ 73.45
Rate Hearings	139.60
Sundry (details at office)	42.44
	<u>\$ 255.49</u>

Total Water Expenditures \$ 22,736.74

REMARKS

During 1926 the number of invoices received, and checks issued was 538. Each invoice is properly distributed, attached to a voucher containing the Council's authority to pay it, and the cancelled check showing it was paid. These are filed and any citizen desiring further details can obtain them quickly at the Town Office.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NO. 41

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

November 1st, 1926

ASSETS

Cash, Bank of Montreal	\$ 533.57
Insurance Unexpired	463.00
Capital Account	\$ 91,251.98
Less Depreciation	25,550.00
	<u>\$ 65,701.98</u>

Total Assets

\$ 66,698.85

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (1920-1921)	\$ 120.80
Accounts Payable (1925)	300.81
Accounts Payable (1926)	1,820.20
Notes Payable (1920-1921)	3,648.55
Notes Payable (1926)	2,500.00
Notes Accrued Interest	91.00
Debentures due 1930	35,000.00
Sinking Fund due Town of Woodstock	12,000.00
	11,217.49
SURPLUS	\$ 66,698.85

Total Liabilities and Surplus

WOODSTOCK HOUSING BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Balance January 1st, 1926Cr. \$ 904.85

RECEIPTS

Customers' payments	\$ 3,450.74
Interest (Bank)	28.47
Interest (Coupon)	55.00
	<u>\$ 3,534.21</u>

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EXPENDITURES

Provincial Government payments	\$ 3,314.03
Expenses	217.36
	<u>\$ 3,531.39</u>

Current Bank Balance, December 31, 1926 \$ 907.67

NOTE!—For Statement of Assets and Liabilities see page 9.

WOODSTOCK, NEW BRUNSWICK DEBENTURE DEBT

GENERAL

Title of Bond	Rate Int.	Date Issued	Date Due	Amount Due	Date Int	Amount Int
Ordinary	4 %	1907	1927	\$ 2,000	O & A	\$ 80
	4 %	1908	1928	1,000	J & D	40
	4½ %	1913	1933	1,000	J & D	45
Improvement	4 %	1906	1926	1,000	J & D	40
	4 %	1906	1927	1,000	J & D	40
Streets	4 %	1911	1931	7,000	M & S	280
	4 %	1913	1933	3,000	J & D	120
Semi-Perm. Streets ..	6 %	1921	1936	20,000	N & M	1,200
Sidewalks						
(\$2,000 annually) 6 %		1920	27-29	6,000	J & J	360
Sidewalks 6 %		1920	1930	1,000	J & J	60
Consolidated						
(\$1,000 annually) 5 %		1926	27-43	17,000	D & J	\$50
				<u>\$ 60,000</u>		<u>\$ 3,215</u>

WATER UTILITY

Consolidated						
(\$1,000 annually) 5 %	1926	27-43		17,000	D & J	\$50
(\$2,000 annually) 5 %	1926	43-66		46,000	D & J	2,200
Consolidated 5 %	1926	1966		2,000	D & J	100
New Pump 5½ %	1924	1934		2,000	J & J	110
Stand Pipe 6 %	1920	1930		4,000	D & J	240
Pure Water 6 %	1918	1928		30,000	F & A	1,800
	1918	1937		50,000	A & O	2,750
				<u>\$151,000</u>		<u>\$ 8,150</u>

SCHOOL BOARD

Schools ..		4 %	1908	1928	10,000	J & D	400
		4 %	1909	1929	15,000	J & J	600
		4 %	1912	1932	2,000	N & M	80

Total Bonds Due and Interest

\$238,000

\$12,345

NOTE. The Town has also guaranteed the bonds of the Carleton County Agricultural Society No. 41 for \$35,000.00.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TAX EXEMPTION

CHURCH PROPERTY

Methodist Church	\$ 35,000
Church of England	35,000
Roman Catholic Church	35,000
United Baptist Church	35,000
Presbyterian Church	10,000
Advent Church	5,000
	<u>\$ 155,000</u>

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

County Court House	\$ 50,000
Post Office	50,000
Armory	50,000
	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

GENERAL

Canadian Pacific Railway	\$150,000
Canadian Government Railway	50,000
Agricultural Society	75,000
Library	50,000
Hospital and Nurses' Home	50,000
Vocational School	55,000
	<u>\$ 430,000</u>

TOWN PROPERTY

See Assets, Exhibit "A" marked *

Total

\$ 174,000

\$ 929,000

ASSETS IN TRUST

(J. W. Connell Estate)

Connell Park (Estimated)	\$ 10,000.00
Golf Links (Estimated)	10,000.00
Lots on Main Street (Estimated)	2,000.00
Cash	207.00
Victory Bonds	200.00
	<u>\$ 22,407.00</u>

Total Assets

\$ 22,407.00

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

EXHIBIT "A"

TOWN PROPERTY

ADMINISTRATION

* No. 2 Engine House and Sundry Lots.. \$ 2,360.00 \$ 2,360.00

FINANCE

* Fisher School (In Trust) 90,000.00

* Broadway School (In Trust) 54,000.00

\$144,000.00

FIRE

* Town Hall Fire Station 7,000.00

Fire Equipment and Alarm System.... 7,000.00

Horses and Equipment 1,500.00

\$ 15,500.00

STREETS

Streets 14,336.86

Permanent Sidewalks 17,911.65

Sidewalk Equipment (Mixer, etc.) 600.00

Rock Crushing Plant 2,000.00

Road Machines, Plows, etc. 500.00

Steam Roller and Scarifier 2,000.00

\$ 37,348.51

STREET LIGHTS

Series Circuit 5.5 amps. 3,000.00 \$ 3,000.00

(Pole line ownership in dispute)

SEWERS

Mains 2,500.00 \$ 2,500.00

POOR

Interest in County Home 1,400.00 \$ 1,400.00

WATER

* Pumping Station 20,000.00

Pumping Station Equipment 66,095.16

Mains 60,000.00

* Engineer's House 1,000.00

Stand Pipe 8,000.00

\$155,995.16

Total \$383,703.67

\$383,703.67

1926 TAX ANALYSIS

Item	Valuation	Revenue	%
REAL ESTATE	..	..	57.0
Business	\$ 131,550	\$ 3,946.50	
Domestic	1,486,390	44,591.70	
PERSONAL	..	..	24.0
Domestic	\$489,210	\$14,676.30	
Business	185,650	5,569.50	
INCOME	..	..	12.5
Domestic	\$326,400	\$ 9,792.00	
Business	8,000	240.00	
Insurance:			
Fire	15,500	465.00	
Life	8,400	252.00	
POLLS	..	..	6.5
856		\$5,437.00	
TOTALS	\$2,651,100	\$84,970.00	100.0%

DOMESTIC	
Property Holders	700
Non Property Holders	533
BUSINESS	
Property Holders	23
Non Property Holders	36

TAX RATE 3.00

MAYORS FOR THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

LEWIS P. FISHER	..	1856-1880
FRED T. BRIDGES	..	1880
RANDOLPH K. JONES	..	1880-1884
HENRY A. CONNELL	..	1885-1890
J. T. A. DIBBLEE	..	1890-1891
W. T. DRYSDALE	..	1892-1893
U. R. HANSON	..	1894
W. S. SAUNDERS	..	1895-1896
W. W. HAY	..	1897-1898
J. R. MURPHY	..	1899-1900
W. B. BELYEA	..	1901-1903
J. A. LINDSAY	..	1904
A. E. JONES	..	1905
DONALD MUNRO	..	1906-1907
GEORGE E. BALMAIN	..	1908
N. FOSTER THORNE	..	1909
A. E. JONES	..	1909-1910
T. C. L. KETCHUM	..	1911-1912
WENDELL P. JONES	..	1913-1914
W. S. SUTTON	..	1915-1916
H. E. BURTT	..	1917-1918
* THOMAS NODDIN	..	1919-1920
EDGAR W. MAIR	..	1921-1922
J. RANKIN BROWN	..	1923-1924
W. B. BELYEA	..	1925-1926

* Council-Manager System started in 1919

STATISTICS 1926

Tax Warrant 1926	\$80,000.00	
Amount collected	77,118.28	93.5%
Water and Sewer 1926	17,020.42	
Amount collected	16,333.83	93 %
Tax Arrears Jan. 1, 1926	16,185.03	
Amount collected	12,812.33	79.1%
Water & Sewer Arrears Jan. 1	1,673.58	
Amount collected (1926)	1,467.45	87.7%

Comparison of Budget under Main Headings

Departments	Estimate	Expenditures
1. Administration	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,970
2. Grants	7,850	7,600
3. Finance	44,800	37,980
4. Fire	5,300	5,230
5. Police	2,750	2,790
6. Streets	6,300	5,770
7. Street Lights	1,750	1,590
8. Sewer	750	710
9. Poor	2,700	2,750
10. Water	24,300	22,730

Totals	\$102,000	<u>\$81,120</u>
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Woodstock, N. B., January 8th, 1927

To His Worship Mayor Belyea & the Councillors,
Woodstock, N. B.

Gentlemen:

I have audited the books and accounts of the Town of Woodstock, N. B., for the year ending December 31, 1926 and submit the following financial statements:

Balance sheets of General fund, Capital fund, Special and Trust fund, and General fund, Revenue and Expenditure Account.

GENERAL FUND

TAXES RECEIVABLE: These amount to \$10,396.47 as against \$16,185.03 at December 31, 1925, an improvement of \$5,800.

RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES: During the year tax arrears of \$2,889.55 were abated and charged against this reserve. To the balance was added \$1,889.55 being provision for 1926 taxes uncollectible, leaving total reserve of \$7,500 at December 31, 1926.

LIABILITIES: These total \$7,724.75. Of this amount \$2000. is for debentures matured December 31, 1926 and not presented for payment at date of closing.

SURPLUS: This is now \$19,971.91 in a very current form and makes possible a substantial reduction in assessment of 1927.

CAPITAL FUND

DEBENTURES OUTSTANDING: \$82,000 new debentures were sold during the year and the proceeds used to retire the same amount maturing. In addition \$6,000 debentures were redeemed, \$1000 out of Sinking Fund, \$2000 by Board of School Trustees and \$3000 out of current assessment.

I certify that in my opinion the attached statements are properly drawn up so as to correctly present the financial condition of the Town, and its operations for the year, and are as shown by the books of the Town.

I have also audited the books of the Agricultural Society and certify to the correctness of the balance sheet of October 31, 1926.

Respectfully submitted, P. F. BLANCHET, C. A.
Per Randolph E. Cox, C. A. Auditor.

