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AND  
School Committee  
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Farmington, Maine  
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# Plantation Officers

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*Moderator*

ELMER BLACKWELL

*Clerk*

DONELLA DYER

*Treasurer*

ODELL DYER

*Assessors*

ETHEL BACHELDER                      JAMES BACHELDER  
KIRK PAINE

*Tax Collector and Constable*

EARL BACHELDER

*School Committee*

ETHEL BACHELDER                      EARL BACHELDER  
DONELLA DYER

*Superintendent of Schools*

JULIAN THOMPSON

*Superintendent's Secretary*

LILA BARTER

*Plantation Road Money*

To be worked out under supervision of Assessors

*Health Officer*

DONELLA DYER

*Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber*

ELMER BLACKWELL                      ODELL DYER



# Report of Assessors

The following is the same as submitted to State Assessors.

No. of Polls taxed	16
No. of Polls not taxed	1
Rate of Poll tax	\$3.00
Rate of taxation	.053

## VALUATION FOR 1949

Real Estate, Resident	\$ 9,802 00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	62,180 00	
Total Real Estate		\$71,982 00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$2,520 00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	1,080 00	
Total Personal Estate		\$3,600 00
Grand Total Amount		\$75,582 00
Total Value of Land	\$60,332 00	
Total Value of Buildings	11,650 00	
Total Value of Land and Buildings		\$71,982 00

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	19	\$65 78	\$1,250 00
Bulls	3	20 00	60 00
Cows	81	20 00	1,620 00
Heifers, over 2 years old	1	15 00	15 00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.	11	10 00	110 00
Poultry, over 50 in no.	74	50	37 00
Total amount			\$3,092 00



## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Cattle, 18 mos. and younger	31	\$ 5 00	\$155 00
Horses, under 6 mos.	1	10 00	10 00
Sheep, to no. of 35	26	10 00	260 00
Swine, to no. of 10	6	10 00	60 00
Domestic Fowl, to no. of 50	50	25 00	25 00
Total of Exempt Livestock			\$510 00

## OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Radios	11	\$ 10 00	\$110 00
Tractors	3	50 00	150 00
Portable Mill	1	250 00	250 00
Total amount			\$510 00

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1949

Elementary School Tuition	\$ 20 00
High School Tuition	15 00
Total for School	\$ 35 00
Plantation Officers' Bills	460 00
Public Health Nurse	20 00
Plantation Roads in Summer	400 00
Cutting Bushes	30 00
Plantation Roads in Winter and Snow Fence	400 00
Maintenance of State Highway in Winter	242 00
State Road Construction	600 00
Discount on Taxes	60 00
Third Class Road Maintenance	34 00
Officers' Bonds	32 50
	\$2,313 50



State Tax	\$667 11	
District Tax	736 00	
County Tax	251 16	
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	\$3,967 77	
Overlay	86 12	
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		\$4,053 89
16 Polls		48 00

## PLANTATION OFFICERS' BILLS

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$460 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Julian Thompson, Supt. of Schools	\$ 84 00	
Elmer Blackwell, Moderator	5 00	
Donella Dyer, Clerk	40 00	
Odell Dyer, Treasurer	52 00	
Earl Bachelder, Tax Collector and Constable	75 00	
Ethel Bachelder, 1st Assessor	100 00	
James Bachelder, 2nd Assessor	25 00	
Kirk Paine, 3rd Assessor	20 00	
Ethel Bachelder, School Committee	20 00	
Earl Bachelder, School Committee	20 00	
Donella Dyer, School Committee	20 00	
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		\$461 00
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Overdraft		\$1 00

## PLANTATION OFFICERS' BONDS

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$32 50
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## EXPENDITURES

H. A. Furbish Co., Bonds	\$32 50
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## SCHOOL ACCOUNT

## RESOURCES

1948 Balance	\$1,988 06
1949 Appropriation	35 00
Interest on Reserve Land	1,302 94
State School Fund	361 21
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	\$3,687 21

## EXPENDITURES

Town of Eustis, Elementary Tuition	\$ 720 78
Town of Eustis, High School Tuition	419 15
State of Maine Treasurer, for Conveyance	1,056 00
Superintendent's Secretary	30 00
Supplies	1 21
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Total Expenditures	\$2,227 14
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December 31, 1949 Balance	\$1,460 07

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS UNEXPENDED

Repair of Schoolhouse	\$157 88
School yard fence	25 00
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	\$182 88
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Total for School	\$1,642 95

## ADDING MACHINE ACCOUNT

We have an Unexpended Balance of	\$49 00
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## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$20 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Treasurer State of Maine	\$20 00
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## PLANTATION ROADS IN SUMMER

RESOURCES	
Appropriation	\$400 00
Unexpended 1948	135 33
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Total Available	\$535 33

EXPENDITURES	
Earl Bachelder	\$ 29 72
Kirk Paine	6 80
James Bachelder and truck	167 12
Lawrence Wold	27 75
Just Wold	27 75
Morris Fitzpatrick	27 75
Lloyd Nile	2 55
Lloyd Nile, gravel	18 40
New England Metal Culvert Co.	55 05
Lloyd Nile, gravel used on Imp. Road	27 60
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	\$390 49
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	\$144 88

## THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

RESOURCES	
Appropriation	\$34 00
EXPENDITURES	
James Bachelder, truck and man	\$6 50
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Unexpended	\$27 50

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

RESOURCES	
Apportioned by State 1949	\$283 25
Unexpended Balance 1948	25 65
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Total Available	\$308 90



## EXPENDITURES

Earl Bachelder	\$ 53 00	
Vance Bachelder and truck	96 00	
Merton Harris	24 00	
Delmont Bachelder	24 00	
James Bachelder and truck	112 00	
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Total for Labor		\$309 00
Lloyd Nile, gravel	\$27 60	

## CUTTING BUSHES

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$30 00
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## EXPENDITURES

James Bachelder and machine	\$16 90	
Kirk Paine	1 70	
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		\$18 60
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Unexpended		\$11 40

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOW FENCE

## RESOURCES

Appropriation 1949	\$400 00	
Unexpended Balance 1948	384 83	
Credit from State, Snow Removal	204 51	
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Total Available		\$953 34

## EXPENDITURES

Vance Bachelder snow removal, town ways	\$105 50	
Vance Bachelder, snow removal	50 36	
Roland Fotter, snow removal, State Aid	134 49	
Roland Fotter, snow removal	30 00	
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		\$320 35



## SNOW FENCE, STATE AID ROAD

Dana Fotter, snow fence	\$4 65
Carl Bachelder, snow fence	2 25

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\$6 90

## SNOW FENCE, PLANTATION ROAD

Henry Pratt, spring	\$ 3 40
Earl Bachelder, spring	3 40
Kirk Paine, spring	1 70
James Bachelder and truck	13 60
Just Wold, snow fence, fall	12 00
Laurence Wold, snow fence, fall	12 00
Morris Fitzpatrick, snow fence, fall	12 00
James Bachelder and truck, snow fence, fall	23 80

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\$81 90

Total for snow fence

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\$ 88 80

Total for snow removal and snow fence

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\$409 15

Unexpended 1949

\$544 19

## MAINTENANCE STATE HIGHWAY IN WINTER

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$242 00
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## EXPENDITURES

State Highway Commission	\$242 00
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## STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$600 00
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## EXPENDITURES

State Highway Commission	\$600 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

## RESOURCES

Received Excise Tax 1949	\$191 65
Bank Stock Tax	8 10
Dog license refund	1 44
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\$201 19

## EXPENDITURES

Loring, Short & Harmon, Plt. books	\$13 57
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., annual reports and postage	56 23
Maine Municipal Asso., annual service fee	20 00
State of Maine, Dept. of Audit	43 15
Odell Dyer, service of Justice of Peace	50
Rangeley Trust Co., check book	5 35
Town of Rangeley, rent of office for Supt.	15 00
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\$153 80

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\$47 39



County Tax	\$ 251 16
State Tax	667 11
District tax	736 00
Schools	2,281 19
Miscellaneous	186 30
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	\$6,639 30

Bounty on bears	<hr/>
	\$30 00
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	\$30 00
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1950	\$2,171 30

Respectfully submitted,

ODELL L. DYER, Treasurer.

8840.60  
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# Coplin Plantation School Report

FISCAL YEAR 1949

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## Report of Superintendent of Schools

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### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ETHEL BACHELDER	Term expires 1950
EARL BACHELDER	Term expires 1951
DONELLA DYER	Term expires 1952

*To the Members of the School Board, Parents, and Citizens of Coplin:*

The perplexing problem confronting all school officials is how to provide an adequate education for the youth of today in order that they may successfully solve their future problems in this ever changing world. No master plan can be devised which will assure us of good citizens in our democracy, but we recognize the need for developing each child to the limit of his abilities, and that this development should be social, emotional, and physical as well as intellectual. Many see this need but fail to recognize that in providing for it it is impossible to use the tools of twenty years ago for producing a product to successfully compete in the world of tomorrow.

There has been no appreciable increase in the income from Coplin's Reserved Land Fund during the past ten years. The appropriation for schools has remained the same for the past seven years while the costs of education have more than doubled during this period. Let us examine the financial records. In December 1947 we had an over-all balance of \$2,115.55; in December 1948, it was \$1,988.96; this year it is \$1,460.97. Next year it will be still less. These facts are not surprising when we consider the proportional increased costs in other fields along with the increasing number of children.

The State will not allow payment for hot lunches taken from the regular school account. Money should be raised to cover this deficit,



and if you wish to continue providing lunches, more money should be raised.

The schoolhouse needs painting very badly and I urge that the balance in the school repair account be used for this purpose. If more money is needed to put this building in good repair, it should be raised. This little building is the only semblance of a municipal organization which you have. Why not keep it in good repair and use it for community functions? A farm bureau could hold meetings there: A baked bean supper with an entertainment would be another idea.

The children from Coplin who have been attending school in Stratton this year are as follows:

Marcelle Libby	Senior
Phyllis Searles	Senior
Harriet Bachelder	Junior
Ray Searles	Grade 8
Roberta Bachelder	Grade 8
David Jovin	Grade 4
Sharon Dyer	Grade 2
Vivian Brackett	Grade 1
Peter Brackett	Grade 1
Carl Searles	Grade 1

Educating your children is the best investment you can make in the future of America. They are your most precious possessions and deserve the best you can give them.

I have enjoyed working with the people in Coplin this past year and wish to thank all for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN P. THOMPSON,

*Superintendent of Schools.*



# Financial Statement

COPLIN PLANTATION — DECEMBER 31, 1949

## STATE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

### RESOURCES

Balance forward	\$1,988 96
Appropriation	35 00
Interest on Reserved Lands	1,302 94
State School Fund Account	361 21
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	\$3,688 11

### EXPENDITURES

Instruction — Superintendent's Secretary	\$ 30 00
Conveyance	1,056 00
Tuition — Elementary	720 78
Tuition — High School	419 15
Supplies	1 21
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	\$2,227 14

Balance December 31, 1949	<hr/>	\$1,460 97
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## REPAIR ACCOUNT

Balance forward	\$157 08
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## HOT LUNCH ACCOUNT

Expenditures	\$67 78
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Fred M. Berry  
State Auditor  
Chester A. Douglas  
Deputy Auditor



Maurice G. Pressey  
Departmental Auditor  
John T. Singer  
Municipal Auditor

STATE OF MAINE  
**State Department of Audit**  
**Augusta**

September 12, 1949

Municipal Officers  
Coplin Plantation  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of Coplin Plantation have been audited by Auditor R. M. Parsons for the period January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Plantation appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Plantation for the period designated. Comments are also included which may prove of interest to you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

*State Auditor.*



## C O M M E N T S

## COPLIN PLANTATION

January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

An examination has been completed of the books and records of Coplin Plantation for the year ended December 31, 1948. This examination was conducted in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards and included a check of all cash transactions, and such test checks of other operations as seemed advisable.

## ASSETS

The cash balance of \$2,838.97 as reflected by the records of the Treasurer were reconciled with the December 29, 1948 bank statement furnished by the Rangeley Trust Company, and found to be correctly stated.

An analysis of receipts and deposits for the year indicated that all monies, for which receipts had been written, had been promptly deposited.

All expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

Accounts receivable totaled \$14.83. This amount represented differences in prior years' tax accounts and was due from the Tax Collector.

The 1948 tax commitment book was added, checked and found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. Approximately 60% of the current commitment was collected. Taxes outstanding in the amount of \$1,482.63 were checked and listed.

Transactions affecting prior years' taxes were examined and found to have been properly handled.

## RESERVE AND SURPLUS

The reserve for authorized expenditures totaling \$2,835.30 represents the balances of certain appropriation accounts which have been carried forward to the ensuing year. The detail is presented on Exhibit B.

Unappropriated surplus at the beginning of the year of \$1,216.06 was increased by \$351.54 as a result of current operations and \$14.80 appreciation on investments.



## GENERAL

The Treasurer and Tax Collector furnished corporate surety bonds.

The following excise tax receipts were examined:

1948 Receipts — No. 1 to 18	\$93 18
1949 Receipt — No. 26	5 00

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	\$98 18
Due Franklin County	10 53

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Total	\$87 65
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Vouchers and pay rolls were found on file in the Assessors' office. Those examined appeared to represent proper charges and were correctly recorded.



## EXHIBIT A

COPLIN PLANTATION  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
	December 31, 1948	December 31, 1947
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$2,838 97	\$3,736 89
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	14 83	14 83
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2)	1,485 63	205 82
Investments (Sch. A-3)	88 80	74 00
TOTAL — ASSETS	<u>\$4,428 23</u>	<u>\$4,031 54</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-4)	\$ 10 53	\$ 2 59
RESERVE		
Reserve for Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	2,835 30	2,812 89
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated (Ex. C)	1,582 40	1,216 06
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND SURPLUS	<u>\$4,428 23</u>	<u>\$4,031 54</u>



## EXHIBIT B

COPLIN PLANTATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948

## REVENUE:

Tax Commitment	\$3,585 36
Excise Taxes	87 65
State of Maine	2,271 58
Miscellaneous	78 59

TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,023 18
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## DEDUCT:

Revenue Applicable to Appropriation	
Carrying Balances	22 41

TOTAL	\$6,000 77
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## EXPENDITURES:

General Government	\$ 799 10
Health	20 00
Highways and Bridges	1,864 59
Education	1,680 93
Special Assessments	1,101 24
Unclassified	183 37

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,649 23
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NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS	\$351 54
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# Plantation Warrant

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STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

To Earl Bachelder, a Constable in the Plantation of Coplin in said  
Franklin County: Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Coplin Plantation, qualified to vote in Plantation affairs, to assemble at the Schoolhouse in said Plantation, on the sixth day of March, 1950, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if Plantation will vote to accept the reports of Municipal Officers as printed.

Art. 4. To elect all necessary Plantation Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to pay Plantation Officers' bills for the ensuing year. Estimate \$465.00.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Elementary School tuition for the ensuing year. Estimate \$100.00.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for High School tuition for the ensuing year. Estimate \$100.00.



Art. 8. To see if Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the \$20.00 asked for Public Health Nursing, said sum to be expended for local service.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Plantation roads in summer, for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on Plantation roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for care of Plantation roads in winter and Snow Fence.

Art. 12. To see if Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242.00 for maintenance of State Highway in winter for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Third Class Roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Discount on Taxes for the ensuing year. Estimate \$60.00.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to buy Officers' Bonds for the ensuing year. Estimate \$32.50.

Art. 17. What are we to do about our Snow Fence Shed? It is falling down.



Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Hot Lunches for Coplin pupils at Stratton School.

Art. 19. To see whether or not the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provision of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 20 Will the Plantation vote to pay any unpaid bills to legally come before said meeting?

The Assessors give notice that they will be in session at the School-house for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at 12.30 in the afternoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Coplin this 11th day of February, 1950.

ETHEL BACHELDER,  
JAMES BACHELDER,  
J. K. PAINE,

Assessors of Coplin Plantation.