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ANNUAL REPORT

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OFFICERS

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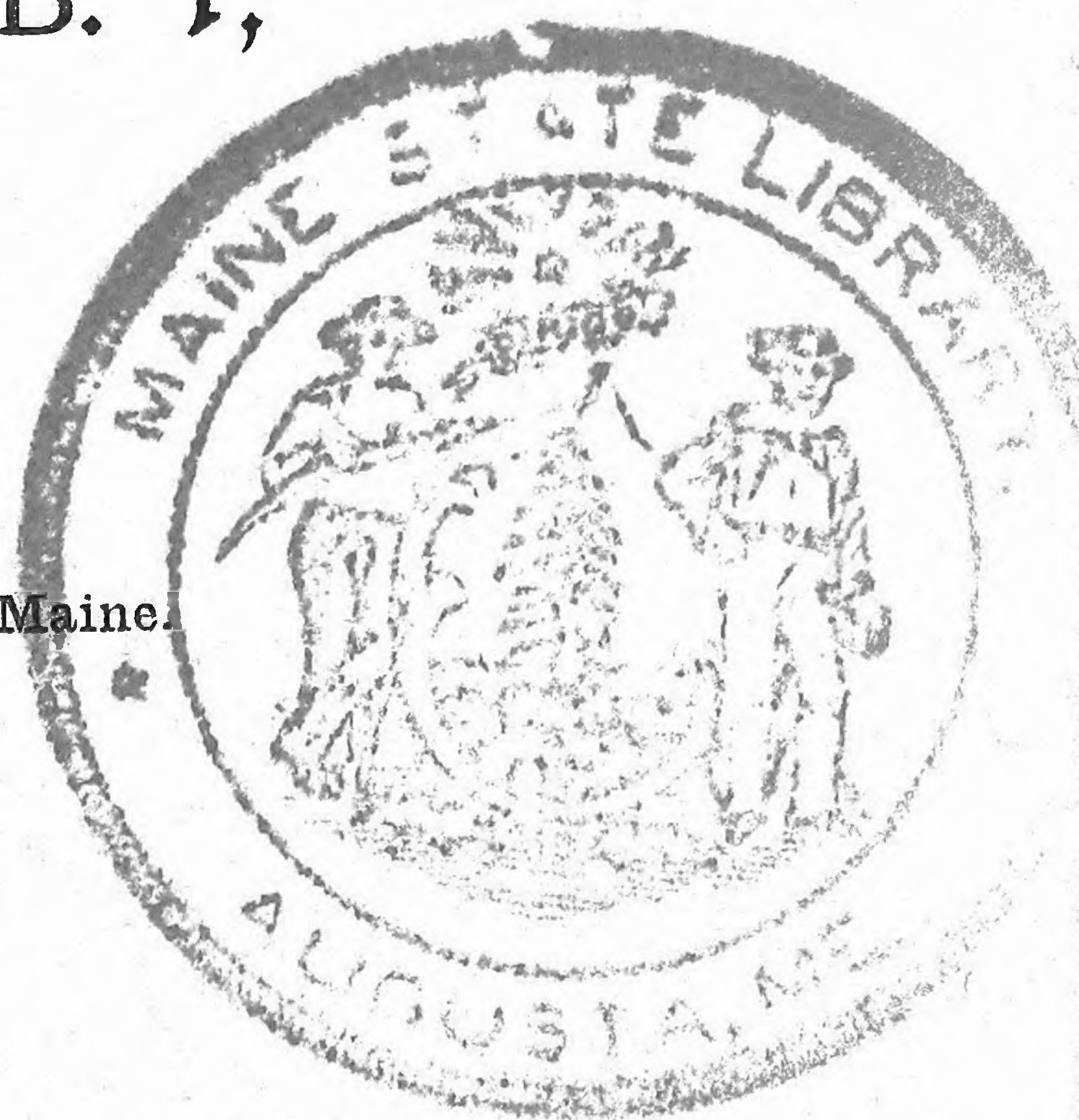
TOWN OF BETHEL

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING FEB. 1,

1916.

FRED B. MERRILL, Printer, Bethel, Maine.



TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
FRANK A. BROWN, N. E. RICHARDSON, F. B. HOWE.

CLERK,
D. G. LOVEJOY.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,
N. F. BROWN.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,
FRANK A. BROWN, N. E. RICHARDSON, F. B. HOWE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
SUSIE B. TWITCHELL, N. R. SPRINGER,
H. H. HASTINGS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
F. H. BYRAM.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
I. H. WIGHT, M. D., Chairman, C. M. KIMBALL,
E. C. PARK, Secretary.

AUDITOR,
W. W. HASTINGS.

TOWN AGENT,
HON. A. E. HERRICK.

FIRE WARD,
W. C. GAREY.

CONSTABLES,
C. L. DAVIS, GUY BARTLETT, G. D. MORRILL.

Annual Report, 1915

To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:

The annual report of your town officers is hereby respectfully submitted.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken on April 1, 1915.

Value of real estate, resident owners,	\$731,230	
Value of real estate, non-resident owners,	69,110	
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Total valuation of real estate,		\$800,340
Value of personal estate, resident owners,	\$217,625	
Value of personal estate, non-resident owners,	2,400	
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Total personal estate,		\$220,025
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Grand total of property,		\$1,020,365

Rate of taxation, \$17.00 per thousand dollars.

Poll tax rate, \$2.00.

Number of polls taxed, 537.

Number of polls not taxed, 73.

Percentage paid tax collector, .01 on the dollar.

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ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$5,243 01
County tax,	1,152 31
Support of schools,	2,300 00
To purchase text-books,	300 00
Repair schoolhouses,	300 00
Tuition in secondary schools,	900 00
Highways and bridges,	4,000 00
Permanent improvement of highway,	666 00
Support of poor,	600 00
Town officers' salaries,	1,200 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00
To pay town debt and interest,	320 00
Memorial day observance,	25 00
For collector's bond,	12 50
To Bethel Library for free use of books,	300 00
For State aid highway maintenance,	100 00
Overlay in assessing,	501 39
Supplementary tax,	82 18
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	\$18,502 39

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1915.

M. L. Thurston, error in valuation,	\$68 00
W. J. Upson, error in valuation,	27 20
Albert I. Burke, error in valuation,	1 28
Charles Small, not of age,	2 00
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	\$98 48

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1914.

William Thurston, paid in Newry,	\$2 00
Harvey Bennett, unable to pay,	2 00
Harry Kittridge, paid in Carthage,	2 00
D. M. Kimball, unable to pay,	2 00
H. P. Dennison, error in valuation,	3 30
Alfred Hobbs, error in valuation,	1 95
E. J. Bell, paid in Paris,	2 00
Robert L. Chase, paid in New Hampshire,	2 00
John Currier, unable to collect,	3 65
A. Gaudet, gone to Canada,	2 00
John Gallant, not found,	2 00
Ralph King, paid in Rumford,	2 00
Charles Smith, not found,	2 00
Percy Taylor,	2 00
R. F. Littlehale, unable to collect,	2 55
J. W. Lapham, paid in Albany,	2 00
Glen Mason, paid in Portland,	2 00
Alden Mason, past 70,	2 00
Edward Murray, paid in Gilead,	2 00
Maurice Mossman, paid in Manchester,	2 00
Ernest Maddix, error,	2 00
Henry Perkins, paid in Gilead,	2 00
Paul Perry, unable to find,	2 00
Geo. M. Richardson, unable to collect,	3 10
C. L. Swan, paid in Greenwood,	2 00
Joseph Spofford, worthless,	2 00
George E. Spinney, paid in Jefferson, N. H.,	2 00
C. E. Stevens, unable to collect,	3 10
C. Vetquosky, paid in Greenwood,	2 00
Wesley Wheeler, error in valuation,	2 20
Harris White, in Massachusetts,	2 00
C. Waterhouse, paid in Gilead,	2 00
Frank Young, unable to collect,	2 00

 \$71 85

**EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT TO BOARD OF
STATE ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1915.**

LIVE STOCK.

	No.	Average Value.
Horses,	522	\$103 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	20	92 50
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	23	73 91
Colts, under 2 years old,	17	47 05
Cows,	609	30 60
Oxen,	32	71 09
Three-year-olds,	177	20 28
Two-year-olds,	201	18 31
One-year-olds,	204	10 00
Sheep,	443	3 23
Swine,	151	10 31

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Bank Stock, 261 shares,	\$26,100 00
Trust Company's Stock, 10 shares,	1,000 00
Stock in trade,	43,050 00
Logs and lumber,	14,100 00
Wood and bark,	390 00
Carriages,	500 00
Automobiles,	24,800 00
Musical instruments,	10,710 00
Finished products in mills,	600 00
Machinery,	4,400 00
Furniture,	3,200 00

Report of Overseers of Poor

Appraisal of Town Farm and Property, Feb. 1, 1915,	\$2,957 85
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TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Appraisal, Feb. 1, 1916,	\$3,002 85
Due from C. E. Burgess,	76 20
Due from C. E. Burgess, rent for 1915,	50 00
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Balance in favor of town,	\$171 20

DR.

Bought of C. E. Burgess, one 3-year-old heifer,	\$45 00
Paid C. E. Burgess, shingling shed,	5 00
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	\$50 00
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	\$121 20

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

No.		
30	Paid I. W. Andrews, burial expenses of John Glidden, Milton,	\$35 00
	Rec'd from State,	\$35 00

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EUGENE TAYLOR.

No.

52 Paid C. E. Stowell, groceries, \$5 00
 80 Paid Dr. R. R. Tibbetts, med. attend., 4 00

 \$9 00

Rec'd from Town of Andover,

\$9 00

MRS. CHARLES E. STEVENS.

71 Paid C. Rowe and Son, supplies, \$5 00
 Rec'd from Town of Livermore,

\$5 00

ALFRED TRIPP.

132 Paid Vear Bean, attendance to
 hospital, \$11 10
 133 Paid Dr. R. R. Tibbetts, med. attend., 2 00

 \$13 10

Rec'd from Town of Gray,

\$13 10

POOR NOT ON FARM.**PHOEBE CORSON.**

108 Paid F. J. Tibbetts, burial expense, \$36 00
 Rec'd from State, 12 00

 \$24 00
E. R. BRIGGS.

98 Paid H. N. Head, groceries, \$2 70
 110 Paid Dr. I. H. Wight, med. attend., 7 75

 \$10 45

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J. F. BALLARD.

167 Paid Dr. I. H. Wight, med. attendance, \$54 00

GERRY MORGAN.

168 Paid F. J. Tibbetts, burial expenses of son, \$20 00

WM. CAPEN.

57	Paid E. A. Trask, board,	\$48 86	
154	Paid E. M. Carter, board,	24 00	
160	Paid C. K. Fox, clothing,	12 50	
122	Paid W. E. Bosserman, medicine,	6 06	
181	Paid E. M. Carter, board to Feb. 1, 1916,	25 50	
			\$116 92

MRS. EVA KILGORE.

101 Expenses to Portland for employment, \$2 00

CATHERINE AND KATHELINE GROVER.

86	Paid Fred Kilgore, wood,	\$15 00	
89	Paid W. W. Hastings, rent,	52 02	
114	Paid T. B. Goodwin, wood,	6 00	
129	C. L. Davis, sawing wood,	3 75	
130	Wm. R. Chapman, wood,	25 00	
134	Paid Frank Ramey, splitting wood,	6 00	
142	Paid Lyman Wheeler, wood,	3 00	
172	Paid W. W. Hastings, rent,	52 02	
			\$162 79

AMOS BUCK.

49 Paid Treasurer of Paris, hospital expenses, \$52 30

MARY A. NEEDHAM, Soldier's Widow.

43	Part of Mrs. H. Swan, care of,	\$2 50
46	Paid Nancy Carver, care of,	12 00
	Paid Evelyn Coburn, care of,	63 00
	Paid Adda Connor, care of,	54 00
113-161	Paid Frank Flint, labor on wood,	5 00
74	Part of N. E. Richardson, supplies,	1 25
97-125	Paid F. E. Gordon, wood,	3 50
150	Paid C. K. Fox, groceries,	2 67
153	Paid T. B. Burke, wood,	3 00
117	Paid Fred Kilgore, wood,	6 50
178	Paid W. R. Chapman, wood,	15 00
46	Part of Fred Douglass, sawing wood,	3 00
182	Paid Frank Flint, housing wood,	1 25

\$172 67

PHILIP WHEELER.

66	Paid F. L. Howe, board,	\$36 00
93	Paid F. L. Howe, board,	30 00
112	Paid F. L. Howe, board,	36 00
166	Paid F. L. Howe, board,	36 00
	Paid F. L. Howe, board to Feb. 1, 1916,	18 00

\$156 00

LOCKUP ACCOUNT

No.

55	Paid C. L. Davis, care of tramps, to April 18,	\$27 50
102	Paid G. D. Morrill, care of tramps, O. K. Barker,	6 00
136	Part of C. L. Davis, care of tramps to Oct. 30,	16 25

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136	Part of C. L. Davis, wood and saw- ing same,	5 75	
180	Part of C. L. Davis, care of tramps to Feb. 1, 1916,	15 60	
180	Part of C. L. Davis, wood and fit- ting same,	8 50	
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	Carried to Poor Account,		\$79 60

TOTAL EXPENSES OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Unexpended, 1914,	67 07	
Balance from Town Farm,	76 20	
	<hr/>	\$743 27
Paid for poor not on farm,	\$771 13	
Paid for lockup account,	79 60	
	<hr/>	\$850 73
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Overdrawn,		\$107 46

Report of Selectmen

SEWER SYSTEM.

No.			
72	Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies,	\$ 65	
124	Paid Bethel Inn, clearing sewer,	6 00	
148	Paid T. H. Durell, labor,	1 75	
37	Paid Arthur Douglass, labor,	1 75	
			\$10 15

G. A. R. POST.

Appropriation,		\$25 00
No.		
73	Paid A. S. Chapman,	\$25 00

COLLECTOR'S BOND.

Appropriation,		\$12 50
Paid H. H. Hastings,		\$12 50

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$320 00	
Paid coupons,	280 00	
Unexpended,		\$40 00

BETHEL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Due from State,	30 00	
		\$330 00
No.		
77 Paid Mrs. Agnes Straw,	\$150 00	
Paid by State,	30 00	
131 Paid Mrs. Agnes Straw,	150 00	
		\$330 00

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS OR BEARS.

No.		
144 Paid Geo. W. Mason,	\$40 00	
Rec'd from State,	\$40 00	

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN, W. C. GAREY.

Reporting fires,	\$ 4 50
8 days labor,	24 00
	\$28 50

Number of fires reported, 9.
Number of buildings inspected, 252.
Number of chimneys condemned, 3.

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND.

The treasurer of the Ministerial and School Fund publish the following report:

There are in my hands notes secured	
by mortgages on real estate,	\$1,150 00
Deposit in Bethel Savings Bank,	794 14
	\$1,944 14

Amounts paid as follows:

Town of Bethel,	\$30 00
M. E. Society,	16 00
Universalist,	16 00
Congregationalist,	16 00
Baptist,	10 00
Union,	10 00

\$98 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. U. PURINGTON, Treasurer.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Salary of sealer for Bethel,	\$50 00
Paid by Town of Hanover, for sealer and use of standards,	15 00
Paid by Town of Gilead, for sealer and use of standards,	10 00
Paid by Town of Newry, for sealer and use of standards,	15 00

\$90 00

Town of Bethel, share for use of standards, \$5 each, \$15 00

\$75 00

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Rec'd from Town of Hanover, for sealing weights and measures,	\$ 9 83
Rec'd from Town of Newry,	10 00
Rec'd from Town of Gilead,	5 00
Rec'd from sealing weights and meas- ures in Town of Bethel,	32 18

\$57 01

Balance due sealer of weights and measures, \$17 99

I submit herewith my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Bethel, from February 1, 1915 to January 31, 1916.

Number of Scales Tested and Sealed,	63
Number of Scales Tested and Condemned,	7
Number of Weights Tested and Sealed,	90
Number of Weights Tested and Condemned,	1
Number of Measures Tested and Sealed,	13
Number of Measures Tested and Condemned,	1
Number of Measuring Pumps Tested and Sealed,	11
Number of Measuring Pumps Tested and Condemned,	1
Number of Milk Bottles Tested and Sealed,	752
Number of Milk Bottles Tested and Condemned,	74

A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Bethel.

RENT OF ICE HOUSE.

Rec'd of P. M. Barker, \$5 00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Unexpended, 1914,	282 23

Available, 1915,

\$782 23

No.		
28	Rev. T. C. Chapman, reporting vital statistics,	\$ 2 50
29	Part of F. F. Bean, expenses to Augusta,	4 31
29	F. F. Bean, postage and reports,	1 14
32	Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	18 75
34	C. F. Shaw, water tub service,	2 00
42	F. B. Merrill, printing town reports and post cards,	82 45
67	Bethel Savings Bank, rent of room,	70 00
11	I. H. Wight, reporting statistics, 1914,	24 50

10	J. H. Little, reporting statistics, 1914,	3 75
83	H. E. Bartlett, water service, 1915,	5 00
87	F. B. Merrill, printing and post- ing notice,	9 75
88	G. K. Hastings, water tub service,	5 00
90	W. J. Wheeler, school building ins.,	89 60
92	W. P. Morton, speed limit signs,	6 00
94	Loring, Short & Harmon, town clerk's blanks,	2 60
95	Bethel Water Co., water to Jan. 1916,	75 00
9	Eli Cushman, damage to land,	5 00
99	Frank Brown, postage and supplies,	6 04
19	Part of Harrie C. Brown, clean- ing office,	1 00
127	W. & L. E. Gourley, supplies for weights and measures,	2 76
128	Part of Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books,	1 60
121	C. M. Bennett, auto hire to E. Bethel,	3 50
139	G. L. Thurston & Son, wire for fencing W. B. cemetery,	12 60
32	Part of G. N. Sanborn, 54 posts,	5 94
35	Part of Frank A. Brown, stamps and expenses to Augusta,	3 40
143	G. L. Thurston, post cards for notices,	3 00
147	Part of F. L. Edwards, shingles for town farm,	14 00
149	A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge,	18 25
150	F. B. Merrill, printing envelopes, etc.,	3 45
154	Part of E. M. Carter, water tub service,	3 00
158	Hastings Bros., rep. water tub,	1 00
163	Dr. R. R. Tibbetts, reporting vital statistics,	24 75
164	Bethel Water Co., to July 1, 1916,	75 00
165	Merrill, Springer Co., electric lights, lockup,	5 10

51	Part of G. W. Mason, water tub service,	5 00	
52	Part of E. J. Stearns, water tub service,	5 00	
173	Part of N. F. Brown, nails, etc., town farm,	1 27	
	Account of sewers,	10 15	
56	Part of Frank Brown, postage,	1 00	
179	F. H. Byram, postage, stationery, &c.,	10 22	
79	J. N. Swan, shingling lockup,	11 66	
147	Part of F. L. Edwards, shingles and lumber for lockup,	28 48	
173	Part of N. F. Brown, nails, lock, etc., lockup,	1 50	
			\$666 02
	Unexpended,		\$116 21

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, PAID 1914 & 1915.

Appropriation,		\$1,200 00
Overdrawn, 1914,	\$756 87	
311 Paid N. F. Brown, Coll.,	190 84	
312 Paid F. B. Howe, Coll.,	4 00	
Above orders drawn by F. F. Bean.		
		\$951 71
Available for 1915,		\$248 29

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID, 1914.

1	F. F. Bean, Selectman,	\$199 00
2	M. L. Thurston, Selectman,	112 00
3	C. E. Barker, Selectman,	79 00
33	C. E. Barker,	4 00
4	N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00
5	D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk,	35 00

6	H. M. Farwell, Road Com.,	4 50
7	W. W. Hastings, Auditor,	6 00
8	A. E. Herrick, Agent,	15 00
9	I. H. Wight, Board of Health,	10 00
10	E. C. Park, Board of Health,	5 00
11	C. M. Kimball, Board of Health,	3 00
12	J. U. Purington, Treas. M. & S. Fund,	6 00

\$528 50

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID, 1915.

N. E. Richardson, Road Com.,	\$205 50
F. B. Howe, Road Com.,	163 00
Frank A. Brown, Road Com.,	174 50
F. H. Byram, Supt. of Schools,	116 67
N. F. Brown, Collector,	182 91

\$1,371 08

Overdrawn,

\$1,122 79

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS DUE.

Frank A. Brown, Selectman,	\$201 62
N. E. Richardson, Selectman,	84 00
F. B. Howe, Selectman,	99 75
N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00
D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk,	35 00
W. W. Hastings, Auditor,	6 00
A. E. Herrick, Agent,	15 00
I. H. Wight, Board of Health,	10 00
E. C. Park, Board of Health,	5 00
C. M. Kimball, Board of Health,	3 00
J. U. Purington, Treas. M. & S. Fund,	6 00
W. C. Garey, Fire Ward,	28 50
A. Van Den Kerckhoven,	17 99

\$561 86

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN.**ASSETS.**

Cash in treasurer's hands, Feb. 1, 1916,	\$3,791	81
Tax deeds owned by town,	117	17
Due from N. F. Brown, Coll., 1915,	489	67
Due from N. F. Brown, Coll., 1914,	123	43
Due from C. E. Burgess, rent,	76	20
Value of town farm and property,	3,002	85
Investment in corn shop,	2,500	00
Investment in pest house,	300	00
Investment in lockup,	500	00
Road machine and tools,	200	00
Ferry house at West Bethel,	300	00
12 inch culvert pipe on hand,	43	20
Due from sewer connections,	20	00
Due from sidewalk abutters,	11	55
Due from Milton, tuition,	200	00
Due from Gilead, tuition,	49	00

\$11,724 88

LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest @ 4 per cent,	\$8,000	00
Interest to Feb. 1, 1916,	26	67
Town officers' bills due,	561	86
Outstanding bills,		00
Abatements,	170	33
Outstanding orders,	46	00

\$8,804 86

The Board of Selectmen would advise the Town to buy a road roller. At present, although we build a good road with the road machine, we are unable, for lack of a roller, to complete our work. Consequently, the first automobile that passes, makes a rut; the next is sure to follow in the same track; and in the course of a few days the road is again in bad condition. A roller to follow the road machine would leave the surface of the road hard and compact, thus ensuring better roads. The price of a roller is about \$100 per ton, with discount.

The Board of Selectmen also wishes to bring to your attention the matter of raising sufficient money to meet the needs of the various town departments. The amount necessary for a given year can easily be estimated beforehand, since about so much money is required each year to sail our Ship of Town affairs. If to this estimate a small sum were added to meet the emergency which cannot be foreseen, we could open our Town Reports in February and find a little balance ahead in several departments, rather than a big balance overdrawn. A careful reading of this year's Town Report will show, we hope, the advisability of making prompt and adequate provision for the needs of each town department.

We take this opportunity to thank, in behalf of our Town, several of our Townsmen for the interest they have shown in road work the past year, and for the financial help they have given us. Especial thanks are due Mr. W. J. Upson, the leading spirit in the enterprise. In addition to a gift of \$200 to our Road Commissioner, Mr. Richardson, for gravel used on Main street, they have expended over \$100 for gravel used on Broad street. We are truly grateful for this generosity.

Good Roads Day last summer was a success, for some first-rate work was done in all parts of the town. This year we should make an effort to surpass last year's record. Let every one help. He who hasn't muscle for the shovel can use the rake!

By a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen this year, it was decided that the State Aid road should be built the coming summer below Mr. Jacob Thurston's residence, in the direction of Newry. This is a bad stretch of road, as you all know, and the traffic over it is heavy.

It is generally understood that the State intends to build the road from Locke's Mills this year, and connect with our State road at Alder River Bridge.

In conclusion: We heartily thank you all for the loyal support which you have so cheerfully given us during the past year.

FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

Report of Treasurer

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1915,	\$5,329 70
from F. B. Howe, Coll.,	56 78
from J. P. Skillings, culvert pipe,	20 80
from C. C. Bryant, sidewalk,	25 00
from Julia Coolidge, acct. tax deed,	5 00
from N. E. Richardson, Coll.,	151 67
from F. B. Howe, Coll.,	115 35
from State Treasurer, acct. State road,	38 40
from State Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	84 86
from State Treasurer, soldier's burial,	35 00
from State Treasurer, damage to sheep, 1914,	18 00
from N. E. Richardson, circus license,	10 00
from State Treasurer, for Public Library,	30 00
from W. R. Chapman, for road work done,	22 75
from Town of Andover, pauper acct.,	9 00
from Mrs. W. F. Clark, license,	1 00
from Town of Livermore, pauper acct.,	5 00
from Standard Oil Co., road work done,	63 10
from D. G. Lovejoy, dog tax, 1915,	114 00
from H. N. Bragdon, moving picture license,	5 00
from error on check No. 6011,	11 25
from W. J. Upson, donation to roads,	200 00
from E. H. Young, sidewalk,	8 19
from Town of Hanover, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	10 17
from State Treasurer, common school fund,	1,622 63
from State Treasurer, school and mill fund,	1,488 93

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from railroad and telegraph tax,	64 57
from Julia Coolidge, tax deed,	2 60
from State Treasurer, damage to sheep, 1915,	40 00
from Town of Newry, acct. Sealer of Weights and Measures,	5 00
from State Treasurer, acct. State aid road,	543 02
from State Treasurer, free high school,	500 00
from State Treasurer, road maintenance,	194 23
from Town of Gray, pauper acct.,	13 10
from Town of Gilead, tuition,	35 00
from L. W. Lavgogna, license,	10 00
from State Treasurer, pensions,	234 00
from connections with town sewer,	90 00
from interest to Feb. 1, 1916,	53 31
from N. F. Brown, Coll., taxes of 1914,	266 04
from N. F. Brown, Coll., taxes of 1915,	17,993 41
from Bethel National Bank, loans,	3,500 00
from J. C. Richardson, tax deeds,	5 39
from J. U. Purington, ministerial and school fund,	30 00
from F. A. Brown, cash,	51 00
from Town of Mason, tuition,	9 20
from F. H. Byram, books sold,	2 44
	\$33,123 89

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Paid cancelled orders,	\$2,343 32
stamps for note, Bethel Bank,	20
tax in Newry,	4 42
to cover error on check No. 6011,	11 25
stamps for notes,	40
County tax,	1,152 31
State Treasurer, dog tax, 1915,	114 00
cancelled orders,	8,896 02
Agnes Straw, State amount for Library,	30 00
State tax,	5,243 01

National Bank loans,	3,500 00
interest on loans,	47 80
cancelled orders,	5,063 59
stamps and postage,	5 00
State pensions,	222 00
coupons,	280 00
cancelled orders,	2,418 76
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1916,	3,791 81
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	\$33,123 89

February 1, 1916.

N. F. BROWN, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we, the undersigned, have carefully examined the above account and find it correct, and there is in the Treasurer's hands three thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars and eighty-one cents, \$3,791.81.

FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

Accounts examined and found correct.

W. W. HASTINGS, Auditor.

Report of Collector

UNPAID TAXES, 1914.

Philip Arsenault,	\$2 00
Nelson M. Bartlett,	2 00
C. E. Tenney,	3 10
Allister Lowe,	3 65
John McLain,	2 00
Thomas Vashaw,	81 73
John Vashaw,	2 00
W. E. Walker,	2 00
L. U. Bartlett,	24 95

\$123 43

UNPAID TAXES, 1915.

Andrew Allen,	\$2 00
Joseph Arsenault,	2 00
John Arsenault,	2 00
Anthony Arsenault,	2 00
L. U. Bartlett,	8 46
Gardner Bartlett,	2 00
Nathan Bean,	2 34
John X. Bennett,	2 00
Frank Billings,	2 00
Walter Blake,	9 31
Edgar R. Briggs,	2 00
Edwin R. Briggs,	5 95
Geo. Brooks,	3 28
Samuel Burhoe,	2 00
Wm. H. Burhoe,	2 51

C. E. Burgess,	5 71
James Burhoe,	4 85
James Boyce,	2 00
George Bowley,	2 00
George Bellouin,	2 00
Jesse Bennett,	2 00
George Boler,	2 00
I. M. Coburn,	2 00
Hollis Coolidge,	2 51
A. G. Cushman,	23 42
E. E. Cross,	2 00
C. P. Day,	17 05
Clifford Downs,	2 00
Norman Dudley,	2 00
John E. Dwinall,	2 00
Daniel C. Estes,	2 62
John C. Eagle,	2 00
Warren Emery,	130 90
Percy Gaudet,	2 00
John Gaudet,	2 00
Charles Glidden,	2 00
Freeman Gaudet,	2 00
Frank L. Heath,	2 00
W. G. Holt,	12 68
John L. Holt,	5 06
Wm. Hurlbert,	2 00
Norman Jodrey,	2 00
O. M. Jones,	6 80
W. L. Johnson,	2 00
L. J. Johnson,	2 00
J. Jerel,	2 00
Joseph LeClair,	3 36
A. J. Lowe,	2 51
George Luxton,	2 00
Dean Martin,	2 00
Geo. C. Mason,	2 00
John Matherson,	2 00
Everett McKeen,	2 00
John McLain,	2 00

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J. McKeene,	2 00
Joel Merrill,	2 34
Gerry Morgan,	2 00
John E. Noyes,	2 00
Michel O'Reilly, (East Bethel),	2 00
Harry Packard,	2 00
Maynard Pierce,	2 00
Charles H. Reed,	11 18
Charles F. Reed,	2 00
Harold Rich,	2 00
George M. Rolfe,	2 00
Harold B. Rollins,	2 00
Theodore Rix,	2 00
Artemus Smith,	2 00
Guy Smith,	2 00
Dinsmore Smith,	2 00
Wm. Spinney,	2 00
Joseph Spofford,	2 00
Viola Stone,	51
George H. Swan,	8 46
Ernest Swicker,	6 03
R. B. Thurston,	38 92
R. B. Thurston, Jr.,	2 00
Alfred Tripp,	2 00
James Uhlman,	2 95
Thomas Vashaw,	11 11
Joseph Vashaw,	2 00
John Vashaw,	2 00
Fred C. Verrill,	2 63
Harris White,	2 00
Guy Willey,	2 00
Edgar Weymouth,	2 00
Ray S. York,	3 00
Edwin H. York,	7 10
Arthur Garber,	2 00
Clement Bosworth,	8 50
Michel Lellier,	2 00

Report of Road Commissioners

Appropriation for 1915,		\$4,000. 00
Overdrawn, 1914,	\$73 05	
Orders drawn by G. L. Thurston,	11 40	
Orders drawn by H. M. Farwell,	111 49	
Orders drawn by G. H. Swan,	152 57	
Orders drawn by W. D. Mills,	93 32	
	<hr/>	\$441 83
Available for 1915		<hr/> \$3,558 17
Expended by		
Frank A. Brown,	\$1,150 88	
N. E. Richardson,	1,262 91	
F. B. Howe,	1,619 69	
	<hr/>	\$4,033 48
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$475 31

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY G. L. THURSTON, 1913.

No.		
60 J. H. Swan,	\$ 40	
Part of 6 T. B. Burke,	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 40

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY W. D. MILLS, 1914.

No.

14	Fred L. Chapman,	\$ 5 00
15	Clyde Whitman,	12 87
16	Evander Whitman,	3 00
17	True Brown,	16 00
19	Evander Whitman,	1 00
20	W. D. Mills,	16 80
21	Ingalls McAllister,	1 00
22	N. A. Stearns,	4 60
23	M. F. Tyler,	3 00
24	True Brown,	2 00
25	Fred Tyler,	12 35
26	Geo. Luxton,	7 85
27	Joseph Mather,	7 85

 \$93 32
HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY GEO. H. SWAN, 1914.

No.

13	Fred L. Edwards,	\$26 40
18	Sam MayConnell,	11 50
31	A. W. Bean,	5 80
35	H. O. Blake,	4 00
36	G. H. Swan,	5 65
37	C. H. Reed,	1 50
38	W. C. Blake,	4 00
39	G. K. Hastings,	2 25
40	C. M. Kimball,	1 50
58	C. L. Abbott,	3 60
61	J. H. Swan,	3 92
2	C. L. Abbott,	8 40
8	Walter Brinck,	3 00
9	F. Vetquosky,	33 00
81	Z. W. Bartlett,	13 50
82	O. A. Buck,	4 40

83	E. S. Buck,	3 35
84	Geo. S. Magill,	10 00
138	Dan C. Estes,	5 00
171	E. I. Estes,	1 80

\$152 57

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY H. M. FARWELL, 1914.

No.		
44	T. A. Eames,	\$3 60
45	H. M. Farwell,	6 75
48	F. J. Tyler,	3 00
50	W. F. Clark,	2 00
Part of 72	G. L. Thurston & Son,	98
6	T. B. Burke,	3 70
4	E. M. Carter,	20 00
3	W. Clark,	3 00
296	Dana Harrington,	3 00
9	W. A. Bragg,	1 76
306	M. A. Thurston,	2 25
100	P. M. Barker,	7 50
121	Chas. Eames,	4 00
105	H. L. Powers,	2 20
111	C. L. Davis,	37 50
Part of 157	W. L. Farwell,	6 50
	Geo. J. Hapgood,	3 75

\$111 49

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY FRANK A BROWN.**NEW BRIDGE NEAR STEAM MILL.**

No.			
Part of 53	Arthur Douglass, labor,	\$14	00
Part of 67	Fred Douglass,	16	41
Part of 71	J. U. Purington, cement and nails,	21	84
Part of 135	Burger Mfg. Co., metal cul- vert, 5 ft. by 22,	132	00
Part of 66	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	6	40
1	E. A. Barker, labor,	18	00
13	B. C. Burbank, labor,	4	00
Part of 23	Harry Vashaw, labor,	10	00
Part of 145	F. J. Tyler, steel for rods,	1	80
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards, lumber,	5	00

\$229 45

HIGHWAY.

54	Evander Whitman, labor,	\$1	00
68	E. Libby & Sons, lumber,	9	43
69	W. J. Douglass, oars for ferry,	2	00
70	Hubert York, labor,	5	25
Part of 72	G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies,	4	30
75	Fred Tyler, labor,	4	50
1	Seth L. Mason, labor,	6	00
2	G. N. Sanborn, labor,	30	00
3	Thomas Burris, labor,	10	00
4	Frank A. Gibson, labor,	19	45
5	Moses Grover, labor,	3	50
6	H. B. Lowell, labor,	57	75
8	Curtis Hutchinson, labor,	18	37
9	Guy Bemis, labor,	10	50
7	Dean Martin, labor,	16	62
10	Moses Grover, labor,	5	25
11	Thomas Logan, labor,	1	75

12	G. N. Sanborn, labor,	30 75
13	A. R. Brown, labor,	7 00
14	Lester Mason, labor,	8 32
15	Fred Kilgore, labor,	10 00
16	Henry Bennett, labor,	12 00
17	Thomas Burris, labor,	13 62
18	G. N. Sanborn, labor,	8 00
19	H. B. Lowell, labor,	8 00
20	Harvey Bennett, labor,	5 25
22	Martin Lydon, plank,	15 00
22	Curtis Hutchinson, labor,	1 75
23	Dean Martin, labor,	2 62
Part of 41	Jos. Vashaw, labor,	1 75
43	Ray Cummings, labor,	1 75
46	W. E. Littlehale, labor,	1 75
65	Dennis Vashaw, labor,	3 50
Part of 66	Harry Vashaw, labor,	8 62
Part of 66	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	18 80
29	Asa Howard, cutting bushes,	5 63
Part of 135	Burger Mfg. Co., 72 feet 12 inch culvert,	57 60
3	True Brown, labor,	8 62
4	Clyde Whitman, labor,	5 25
5	M. F. Tyler, labor,	8 75
6	Seth L. Mason, labor,	2 62
7	A. L. Whitman, labor,	7 00
8	Evander Whitman, cutting bushes,	4 35
10	Alton C. Hutchinson, labor,	9 62
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards, plank,	-10 02
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards, plank,	6 30
11	Moses Grover labor,	3 50
14	Almon E. Tyler, labor,	24 87
15	John Carlton, labor and repairs and ferrying,	8 79
16	Fred Kilgore, labor,	5 00
17	G. D. Morrill, labor,	4 62
Part of 19	Harrie C. Brown, labor,	14 50
20	Philip F. Brown, labor,	3 50

22	H. P. Merrill, labor,	5	25
Part of 23	Harry Vashaw, labor,	11	25
Part of 23	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	2	30
107	G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies, dynamite, etc.,	3	65
27	A. B. Grover, labor,	21	49
28	W. J. Douglass, spikes, etc.,	1	55
Part of 30	Guy Bemis, tending ferry,	6	00
Part of 30	Guy Bemis, labor,	1	75
29	I. E. McAllister,	11	37
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards, plank,	19	56
31	W. H. Hutchinson, labor and string- ers for bridge,	16	59
Part of 32	G. N. Sanborn,	8	00
140	John E. Carlton, tending ferry,	12	41
33	H. B. Lowell, labor,	7	00
34	Lloyd Luxton, labor,	3	07
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards, plank,	4	68
36	N. A. Stearns, labor,	5	65
37	Thomas Burriss and E. Swicker, labor,	6	12
Part of 145	F. J. Tyler, repairing road machine,		75
38	I. E. McAllister, labor,	3	50
39	Maurice F. Tyler, labor,	10	00
40	John E. Carlton, bal. on tending ferry,	47	14
41	G. B. Mills, plank and labor,	12	00
42	True Brown, plank and labor,	6	70
44	D. W. Mills, rollers for ferry boat, 1916,	4	75
46	Ray York, labor,	3	00
47	L. A. Sumner, labor,	2	63
49	H. E. Walker, labor,	3	50
50	Seth L. Mason, labor,	2	00
Part of 51	G. W. Mason, labor,	8	25
Part of 52	E. J. Stearns, labor and posts,	4	50
53	Guy Bemis, labor,	1	00
Part of 173	N. F. Brown, spikes and		

	supplies,	6 84
55	Rachel Mayberry,	2 62
Part of 56	Frank A. Brown, stringers for bridge,	1 00
Part of 56	Harrie C. Brown, labor,	1 75

\$824 31

SNOW BILLS.

48	Paid Fred W. Tyler, breaking roads,	\$11 25
54	Paid Maurice F. Tyler, breaking roads,	10 00
58	Paid Fred W. Tyler, breaking roads,	11 25
59	Paid Joseph P. Mather, breaking roads,	20 25
60	Paid G. D. Morrill,	11 25
61	Paid W. D. Mills, labor and machine,	14 50
62	Paid Clyde Whitman,	14 62
63	Paid Maurice F. Tyler,	4 00

\$97 12

Total amount for bridge,	\$229 45
Total amount for roads,	824 31
Total amount for breaking to Feb. 1,	97 12

\$1,150 88

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY N. E. RICHARDSON, 1915.

No.		\$	
43	Herbert Swan,	1	00
47	Herbert Swan,	3	00
1	Walter Blake,	30	00
2	Chester Cummings,	11	28
3	Harry King,	50	00
4	H. P. Merrill,	42	00
5	M. Chapin,	26	66
Part of 6	Clifford Rand,	2	23
7	Chester Cummings,	4	85
8	Chas. Coburn,	35	00
9	L. Littlehale,	29	75
10	R. B. Thurston,	5	25
11	Arthur Douglass,	34	00
12	H. H. King,	20	00
13	R. Annis,	1	75
14	Ellis Annis,	20	63
15	Joseph Vashaw,	13	60
16	W. G. Blake,	94	38
49	C. Coburn,	5	25
53	Arthur Douglass,	11	37
60	E. Peterkin,	14	00
64	Lyman Wheeler,	22	00
66	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	53	10
67	Fred Douglass,	110	76
21	Jos. Vashaw,	3	50
Part of 41	Jos. Vashaw,	1	75
18	R. B. Thurston,	56	00
19	Howard Thurston,	30	00
24	G. W. Swicker,	15	00
12	Seth L. Mason,	3	50
21	L. U. Bartlett,	9	00
Part of 22	C. H. Heath,	6	13
Part of 22	H. P. Swan,	8	75
23	Ernest Cross,	1	56
Part of 24	C. Cummings,	3	50

Part of 24	L. Cummings,	3 50
25	E. York,	4 00
26	Arthur Douglass,	19 25
27	Elliott Rich,	2 00
29	Arthur Douglass,	16 53
30	Fred Douglass,	80 00
31	E. Peterkin,	22 75
21	Chas. Heath,	4 81
Part of 23	Harry Vashaw,	11 50
Part of 23	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	1 80
107	G. L. Thurston & Son, drain tile,	17 01
Part of 26	Arthur Douglass,	5 25
25	E. Smith,	7 75
24	Arthur Douglass,	14 87
32	L. Littlehale,	3 50
33	Arthur Douglass,	8 47
Part of 34	Fred Douglass,	50 00
35	Lyman Wheeler,	44 11
Part of 145	F. J. Tyler,	5 40
Part of 147	F. L. Edwards,	147 38
37	Arthur Douglass,	1 75
38	Geo. J. Hapgood,	21 63
43	I. S. Morrill & Son,	21 48
45	T. B. Burke,	7 66
Part of 135	3 culverts, 12 inch,	43 20
Part of 157	W. L. Farwell,	2 80
Part of 173	N. F. Brown,	13 57
39	H. H. King,	4 00
40	A. F. Copeland, plank,	5 32
41	Robert Clough,	1 75
Part of 42	N. E. Richardson, cash paid,	3 00
43	E. M. Carter,	8 50
Part of 44	P. M. Barker, snowing bridge and sand,	26 12
45	True Eames,	9 20
Part of 180	C. L. Davis,	26 00

Part of 46 F. L. Douglass,

26 50

\$1,472 91

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Cash paid for gravel by W. J. Upson, for Main St., \$200 00

\$1,272 91**HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY F. B. HOWE.**

No.

51	A. M. Brown,	\$ 1 50
62	J. H. Swan,	11 89
63	E. S. Mitchell,	7 41
64	John Howe,	12 50
76	F. B. Howe, plank,	4 00
1	C. H. Reed,	16 00
2	Dana Harrington,	7 00
3	Z. W. Bartlett,	75 15
5	John H. Howe,	12 00
6	Freeborn Bean,	3 50
7	Russell Swan,	5 25
8	E. S. Mitchell,	8 00
9	J. H. Howe,	10 25
10	F. Bean,	12 25
11	E. S. Buck,	7 87
12	C. H. Reed,	16 00
13	Dana Harrington,	3 50
14	W. G. Holt,	11 50
15	Robert Hastings,	5 25
16	Wm. Hastings,	5 25
17	G. K. Hastings,	12 00
18	Ceylon Kimball,	24 00
19	J. H. Howe,	1 75
20	G. H. Swan,	8 00
21	Joseph Merrill,	1 31
22	C. M. Kimball,	1 75
23	F. O. Bean,	1 75
24	J. H. Swan,	9 94

25	F. O. Bean,	6 12
26	Guy Bartlett,	3 60
27	W. C. Blake,	9 62
28	H. O. Blake,	7 31
29	W. B. Bartlett,	5 00
30	E. E. Mitchell,	1 75
31	Porter Farwell,	14 62
32	W. G. Holt,	6 87
33	John L. Holt,	8 62
34	H. E. Bartlett,	7 00
36	Edgar Coolidge,	11 50
34	C. H. Reed,	26 00
38	John H. Howe,	5 25
Part of 107 G. L. Thurston & Son, picks and dynamite,		9 40
39	Albert Smith,	5 25
40	Ceylon Kimball,	7 75
41	Geo. H. Swan,	12 00
42	Jos. Merrill,	5 25
43	Charles Day,	15 50
44	H. L. Hutchins,	28 31
45	J. F. Merrill,	7 87
46	D. C. Estes,	29 24
47	Joel Merrill,	1 32
48	D. C. Estes,	60 00
49	E. I. Estes,	14 00
50 & 51	E. E. Chase,	4 80
52	W. G. Holt,	30 00
53	J. H. Howe,	12 75
55	A. F. Copeland, plank,	33 56
56	H. O. Blake,	32 13
57	W. C. Blake,	26 00
58	Guy Bartlett,	6 38
59	J. H. Holt,	13 50
60	L. E. Cole, plank,	3 84
61	G. S. Magill, plank and labor,	27 13
62	J. F. Bartlett,	16 10
63	J. H. Swan,	8 70
64	W. E. Coolidge,	23 73

65	Jos. Merrill,	3 50
66	Robert Hastings,	3 50
67	Wm. Hastings,	3 50
68	G. K. Hastings,	14 00
69	C. H. Reed,	21 75
70	Geo. H. Swan,	34 00
71	Harold Mason,	4 38
72	Dana Harrington,	14 53
73	Fred C. Bean,	4 38
74	F. B. Bean,	3 50
75	E. S. Mitchell,	4 30
76	F. Brinck,	7 50
77	Leslie Thompson,	7 50
78	W. W. Brinck,	15 13
79	N. M. Bartlett,	4 27
80	W. G. Holt,	6 00
81	Geo. L. Haines,	22 75
82	Vear Bean,	39 88
83	H. L. Hutchins,	1 75
84	H. E. Bartlett,	6 13
85	E. E. Chase,	17 00
86	C. P. Day,	8 87
87	E. W. Dutton,	1 57
88	E. S. Buck,	8 50
89	Sam MayConnell,	25 25
90	C. P. Day,	13 12
91	Ernest Day,	7 00
92	Dana Harrington,	8 75
93	E. Farrar,	7 00
94	J. H. Howe,	8 50
95	Eli Cushman,	4 86
96	Walter Brinck,	14 87
97	J. H. Swan, plank,	12 00
98	G. L. Haines,	22 51
99	Fred C. Verrill,	41 75
100	E. I. Estes,	27 29
101	D. C. Estes,	13 25
102	Wesley Bean,	2 63
103	D. C. Foster,	6 03

104	Z. W. Bartlett,	4	87
105	Otis Estes,	7	12
106	W. E. Coolidge,	31	87
107	F. E. Stevens,	2	34
108	H. L. Hutchins,	18	25
Part of 109	F. B. Howe, posts and rails,	5	80
110	F. Vetquosky,	82	00
111	E. Mitchell,		60
112	H. F. Maxim,	45	00
113	W. B. Bartlett,	1	50
114	J. H. Howe,	3	50
115	A. R. Merrill,	21	50
116	A. F. Copeland, plank,	12	24
Part of 173	N. F. Brown, shovel,		75
117	Vear Bean,	4	00
118	O. P. Brown,	2	23
119	Vear Bean,	25	46
120	G. K. Hastings,	2	00
121	C. M. Kimball,	2	00
122	J. H. Swan,	3	68
123	Porter Farwell,	4	40
124	J. H. Howe,	1	24
126	H. O. Blake,	6	00
125	F. B. Howe, plank,	14	00

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STANDARD OIL COMPANY, FILLING ROAD.

Paid 48 loads filling,	\$9 60	
Paid Harry King, labor,	4 00	
Paid E. Annis, labor,	4 00	
Paid Arthur Douglass,	4 00	
Paid R. Annis,	1 75	
Paid W. Kneeland,	1 75	
Paid W. Rand,	1 75	
Paid R. Cummings,	1 75	
Paid hauling 35 yds. gravel @ 90c,	31 50	
Paid F. A. Brown, overseer of work,	3 00	
		\$63 10
	CR.	
Rec'd from Standard Oil Co.,		\$63 10

STATE AID ROADS.

Appropriation by town,	\$666 00	
Appropriation by State,	612 72	
Unexpended, 1914,	39 84	
		\$1,318 56
Available, 1915,		
No.		
25 Walter Blake, labor,	\$9 33	
26 Charles Kimball, labor,	3 50	
27 Milan Chapin,	22 82	
28 L. U. Bartlett,	28 38	
30 H. B. Lowell,	26 33	
31 Clarence Tyler,	20 90	
32 J. A. Twaddle,	25 40	
33 Fred Tyler,	18 00	
34 Merton Farwell,	24 22	
35 Edgar Coolidge,	12 22	
36 Tom Logan,	1 75	
37 R. Annis,	16 62	
38 John Coolidge,	12 25	

39	Martin Lydon,	14	87
40	S. O. Keddy,	8	75
41	Levi Brown,	5	25
41	Joseph Vashaw,	16	62
42	H. P. Merrill,	19	25
43	Ray Cummings,	14	87
44	L. Littlehale,	12	25
45	L. Cummings,	10	50
46	W. E. Littlehale,	14	00
47	W. Kneeland,	15	75
48	C. Cummings,	18	37
48	C. Cummings, over time,	1	00
49	C. Coburn,	13	12
49	C. Coburn, over time,	1	00
50	Fred Kilgore,	38	67
Part of 51	Ellis Annis,	28	25
Part of 51	Ellis Annis,	10	56
52	Lyman Wheeler,	30	33
53	Arthur Douglass,	5	25
Part of 54	Harry King,	26	00
Part of 54	Harry King,	12	00
55	Walter Emery,	15	88
56	James Bartlett,	22	66
57	L. U. Bartlett,	12	67
58	G. D. Morrill,	18	32
59	Milan Chapin,	16	67
60	E. Peterkin,	54	53
61	Wade Thurston,	38	34
62	N. E. Richardson,	33	00
63	F. A. Brown,	33	00
65	Dennis Vashaw,	3	50
66	Harry Vashaw, labor and gravel,	136	12
67	Fred Douglass,	36	00
68	Lewis Spinney,	30	00
69	Bert Brown,	36	00
70	B. C. Burbank,	34	33

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71	Woodbury & Purington, cement and nails,	5	11
72	R. B. Thurston,	35	33
73	Howard F. Thurston,	29	33
74	E. H. York,	37	66
75	E. R. Bartlett,	31	66
	34 feet 12 inch culvert,	27	20
	Part of 147 Lumber for forms,	2	08
	Carting and pipe,		50
17	Clifford Rand,	5	25
	Part of 34 Fred Douglass,	4	00
	Part of 35 F. A. Brown,	1	50
	Part of 36 N. E. Richardson,	1	50

\$1,240 52

	Amount paid by Standard Oil Co., for 35 yds. gravel @ 90c,	31	50
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Unexpended, available for 1916, \$109 54

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE.

	Appropriation by Town,	\$100	00
	Appropriation by State,	164	26
	Unexpended, 1914,	91	34

Available, 1915, \$355 60

No.			
	Part of 6 Clifford Rand,	\$5	25
7	C. Cummings,	5	25
8	C. Coburn,	3	50
9	L. Littlehale,	1	75
10	R. B. Thurston,	1	75
11	A. Douglass,	7	00

12	H. King,	36 00
13	R. Annis,	5 25
14	E. G. Annis,	12 00
15	Jos. Vashaw,	5 25
16	W. G. Blake,	34 50
17	Lyman Wheeler,	12 00
66	Harry Vashaw, gravel,	26 60
67	Fred Douglass,	29 00
19	Howard Thurston,	12 00
18	R. B. Thurston,	22 00
Part of 14	W. Kneeland,	2 63
22	N. E. Richardson, labor and cash paid,	23 62
4	H. P. Merrill,	5 25
Part of 25	E. York,	5 75
18	E. Peterkin,	13 50
Part of 26	A. Douglass,	1 75
Part of 24	A. Douglass,	1 75
34	Fred Douglass,	19 50
Part of 35	F. A. Brown, labor,	12 00
36	N. E. Richardson,	18 00

\$322 85

Available for 1916,

\$32 75

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Bethel:

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools. Because of the fact that my work here did not begin until July 1, 1915, and because few records are available, I shall deal chiefly with the work of the last two terms and our present needs.

At the close of the spring term it was apparent to the school board that a considerable deficit would have to be faced at the end of the fiscal year. As a measure toward retrenchment teachers' wages for most schools were considerably reduced. Nine of the thirteen teachers employed last spring resigned because of reduced wages, ill health, or desire to change. Of the new teaching force four are normal school graduates, five have three or more years experience, and three are inexperienced. All have remained through the winter term.

The work being done in the different schools ranges from excellent to fair; in none is it poor. The government of the schools has been excellent in some cases, in most good. Every teacher appears to be working industriously and conscientiously for the good of her pupils. That some of them are handicapped by insufficient training and lack of equipment is a fact not to be denied. It is in dealing with the naturally dull and unambitious pupils, those who need the best of teaching, that this is most evident. Several teachers are taking an educational magazine and most have one or more practical books on education. The beneficial results of this reading become manifest to a certain extent in the schoolroom.

Remarkably few complaints about the teachers and the

schools in general have been received. A few parents have complained of lack of conveyance. This has been furnished in every case where authorized by the school board. We are paying a large sum for conveyance. Every boy and girl should be made to realize that a good education is a precious acquisition and that they should do their part toward acquiring it. This statement holds true both as to the method of getting to school and to their attitude and conduct in school.

The eight grade system instituted last year has been continued; the same method of writing and reading has been followed; and the same kinds of text-books have been used. The State of Maine course of study was adopted beginning with the fall term and has been followed except where local needs seem to demand certain changes. In order that scholars might have more knowledge of their own town, its neighbors, and the State in general, U. S. Geological Survey maps and a Maine Register have been placed in every school. The "Registers" have been donated by citizens and the maps cost but six cents each making the total cost per school twelve cents. New desks for the teacher at West Bethel and South Bethel, a bookcase at the Milton school, and a flag pole at the Flat school have been provided through the efforts of the teachers and pupils.

Bethel schools are so widely scattered that it is difficult for teachers to convene often. One meeting of all the teachers was held at the village schoolhouse. A valuable interchange of ideas and opinions resulted. A parent-teacher association has been organized. Article II of the constitution states, "Its object shall be to bring into closer relations the home and the school, that parent and teacher may cooperate intelligently in the education of the child." All who are interested in the welfare of children are eligible for membership. Steps have been taken by the teacher at South Bethel to extend the good work there. We hope to begin similar work in other parts of the town.

We need more weeks in our school year. State Superintendent Payson Smith in his last annual report for the

year ending June 30, 1914 writes, "Among the means of measuring the efficiency of a school system the length of the school year, or the number of days schools are in session, must be regarded as having great value. One hundred and thirty-nine towns and cities maintained their schools not less than 180 days. This represents an ideal to which all the schools should be brought as rapidly as possible." The length of Bethel's school year was below the average for the State then and it still remains there. Do the fathers and mothers of Bethel want their boys and girls to have less educational opportunity than that which most of the State enjoys?

Bethel should offer better wages for teaching service and get more trained teachers. "There continues to be improvement in the salaries paid teachers," writes our State Superintendent. "The position held by the State on this point has been a most unenviable one and there must be no relaxation of effort for improvement until the schools can hold well qualified teachers in competition with neighboring states. It should be understood that the real test of the result of teachers' wages is not to be made by an application of an average figure. The weakness is apparent when in any school the wage of the teacher is so low as to make it impossible or extremely difficult to insure a well sustained quality of teaching service through a period of years." State of New York Commissioner of Education John H. Finley says, "The problem of better schools is better teaching and the primary business of schools is teaching and not examining." In order to be able to teach and not merely examine there must be adequate training for teaching.

Referring to table XXX in his report Payson Smith states, "The figures there given showing that last year 1,119 teachers were paid annual salaries of \$250 or less, show conclusively the number of schools for which there could be no reasonable expectation of a high grade of teaching service sustained year after year. Added to these there were 1,150 teachers whose annual salaries did not pass beyond \$300. The question raised by these figures is not so

much one of justice to the teachers as it is one of assuring to children, a reasonable efficiency of instruction and to the State a proper safeguarding of the education of its future citizens." Bethel has today two teachers receiving annual salaries less than \$250, six others receiving less than \$300, and only one receiving more than the average for the State, \$356.52.

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Since our fund for repairs was already overdrawn before the summer vacation only those repairs were made where the need was most pressing. All the schoolhouses were cleaned and those at North, North West, and West Bethel, were whitewashed. At North West Bethel the underpinning was put in order, the shed of the Milton school was shingled and otherwise repaired and minor repairs were made on several others. The Milton school needs a new floor, North West Bethel a stove and the lighting of several schools is faulty. Some of the schools are very poorly supplied with maps and blackboards. Every rural school uses a water pail open to dirt, dust and flies. Covered jars with faucets can be furnished for less than \$2.00 each. Says Payson Smith, "There is small advantage in an educational program that considers solely intellectual or mental training and leaves out of account the right of the child to sound physical health. Schoolhouses that are so faulty in lighting, ventilation, or sanitation as to endanger the physical welfare of the children who attend them should be speedily improved or replaced." We hope that by 1917 funds will be available to make the alterations and repairs needed.

FINANCIAL.

All bills received prior to January 31, 1916, have been paid with the exception of a small fuel bill and a small tuition bill which are in dispute. Teachers, janitors and those conveying pupils are paid in full to that date. The estimated amount due on bills aside from the two mentioned above is \$15.00, three-fifths of which will be balanced by

additional tuition money due from Gilead. Those bills contracted before July 1, 1915, have been separated from those subsequently contracted as requested by the schoolboard and the selectmen.

The Superintending School Committee at its last meeting voted to recommend that the town raise a sum equal to the net amount overdrawn for school purposes on Feb. 1, 1916, or \$1,288.49, of which sum \$971.50 was for common schools, \$248.29 for repairs and supplies and \$84.75 for secondary school tuition, less \$16.05, the balance of the book account. In addition it recommended that the town raise for the support of common schools \$2,600.00. I recommend that the town raise not less than this and also not less than the following amounts:

for text-books,	\$300
for supplies and repairs,	\$350
for secondary school tuition,	\$1,150

The school accounts are open at all times to any citizen of Bethel. Any suggestions looking to the betterment of our schools or their more economical maintenance will be gladly received. In conclusion I wish to thank all who have contributed in any way toward providing better educational opportunities for Bethel boys and girls and to especially thank the members of the Superintending School Committee for the aid they have rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. BYRAM, Supt. of Schools.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Term	No. Weeks	No. Pupils	Average Number	Not Absent ½ Day	Weekly Wages	Visits by Citizens
VILLAGE GRAMMAR.							
Ella A. Starrett	W	6	35	33.5	22	18.00	8
Ella A. Starrett	S	12	35	32.5	8	18.00	38
Alice M. Lane	F	11	39	35.5	12	13.50	29
GRADES V AND VI.							
Florence Springer	W	6	24	19.6	6	12.00	10
Edna Willby	S	12	24	21.2	7	10.00	13
Florence Springer	F	11	21	18.9	2	10.00	8
GRADES III AND IV.							
Blanche M. Richardson	W	6	26	15	3	12.00	8
Blanche M. Richardson	S	12	27	19.5	2	12.00	5
Alta W. Smith	F	11	33	29.3	7	10.00	12
GRADES I AND II.							
Helen E. Brooks	W	6	25	21	2	16.00	14
Helen E. Brooks	S	12	45	34	3	16.00	35
Iona E. Tibbetts	F	11	44	38.8	3	10.00	25
WEST BETHEL FLAT.							
Minnie I. Wilson	W	9	18	15	0	8.50	6
Maud M. O'Reilley	S	12	16	14	2	8.50	18
Maud M. O'Reilley	F	11	16	14	5	8.50	8
WEST BETHEL.							
Emily M. Burke	W	6	31	23.6	9	9.00	7
Emily M. Burke	S	12	42	29.5	6	10.00	12
Mildred Chapman	F	11	36	29.6	11	9.00	14

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Mildred A. Brown	W	6	15	11	3	9.00	2
Mildred A. Brown	S	12	16	14	8	9.00	0
Minnie I. Wilson	F	11	15	13	1	8.50	22

NORTH BETHEL.

Alta W. Smith	W	6	12	10.8	4	9.00	1
Alta W. Smith	S	12	12	11	2	9.00	4
Marion H. Frost	F	11	9	8.4	5	7.50	17

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Iona E. Tibbetts	S	9	9	8	4	8.00	15
Lucretia M. Sargent	F	10	6	5.5	2	7.50	5

EAST BETHEL GRAMMAR.

Mary F. Dresser	W	6	20	18	5	13.00	6
Mary F. Dresser	S	12	18	15	2	13.00	35
Edna M. Bartlett	F	11	15	13.25	4	10.00	7

EAST BETHEL PRIMARY.

Marjorie Dobson	W	6	16	13	5	12.50	5
Marjorie Dobson	S	12	19	16	0	12.50	18
Ethel M. Cole	F	11	20	18.13	6	7.50	7

SOUTH BETHEL.

Florence M. Cross	W	6	20	17	2	8.50	5
Florence M. Cross	S	12	21	14	0	8.50	5
Florence M. Cross	F	11	20	18.1	4	8.50	6

MILTON.

Amy T. Forbes	W	6	17	16	2	8.50	12
Clara T. Jackson	S	11	20	17	8	8.00	1
Viola G. Bartlett	F	11	16	15.2	8	8.50	14

COMMON SCHOOLS.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town,	\$2,300 00	
To school and mill tax,	1,488 93	
To common school fund,	1,622 63	
To ministerial and school fund,	30 00	
To tuition, Town of Gilead,	35 00	
To tuition, Town of Mason,	9 20	
To tuition due from Milton,	200 00	
To tuition due from Gilead,	49 00	
		\$5,734 76
Overdrawn, 1914,		\$121 19
		\$5,613 57
Available, 1915,		

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By paid teachers:

1 H. E. Brooks,	\$60 00
2 F. E. Springer,	48 00
3 Blanche Richardson,	48 00
4 Alta Smith,	27 00
5 Mildred Brown,	27 00
6 Florence Cross,	25 50
9 E. A. Starrett,	72 00
10 Amy T. Forbes,	25 50
11 Emily Burke,	27 00
12 Mary F. Dresser,	39 00
13 Marjory Dobson,	37 50
23 Minnie Wilson,	36 00
42 Marjory Dobson,	50 00
43 Mary F. Dresser,	52 00
50 Edna Willby,	40 00
52 Florence Cross,	34 00
53 Emily Burke,	36 00
63 Alta Smith,	27 00
64 Marjory Dobson,	50 00
65 Mary F. Dresser,	52 00

73	Blanche Richardson,	96 00
74	Helen Brooks,	120 00
75	Ella A. Starrett,	144 00
76	Marjory Dobson,	50 00
77	Edna Willby,	40 00
78	Edna Willby,	40 00
80	Mary F. Dresser,	52 00
83	Mildred Brown,	108 00
84	Florence Cross,	68 00
85	Ella A. Starrett,	72 00
86	H. E. Brooks,	60 00
87	Blanche Richardson,	48 00
91	Alta Smith,	81 00
94	Maud M. O'Reilley,	102 00
95	Emily Burke,	84 00
98	Clara Jackson,	88 00
104	Iona Tibbetts,	81 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915,

\$2,147 50

130	Iona Tibbetts,	\$40 00
131	Alta Smith,	40 00
132	Florence Springer,	40 00
133	Alice M. Lane,	54 00
134	Maud M. O'Reilley,	34 00
135	Mildred Chapman,	36 00
136	Minnie Wilson,	34 00
137	Marion Frost,	30 00
138	Edna Bartlett,	40 00
139	Ethel Cole,	30 00
140	Lucretia M. Sargent,	22 50
141	Viola Bartlett,	34 00
142	Florence Cross,	34 00
159	Alice M. Lane,	54 00
160	Florence Springer,	40 00
161	Alta Smith,	40 00
162	Iona Tibbetts,	40 00
163	Maud M. O'Reilley,	34 00
164	Mildred Chapman,	36 00

165	Minnie Wilson,	34 00
166	Marion Frost,	30 00
167	Edna Bartlett,	40 00
168	Ethel Cole,	30 00
169	Lucretia M. Sargent,	30 00
170	Viola Bartlett,	34 00
171	Florence Cross,	34 00
178	Alice M. Lane,	40 50
179	Florence Springer,	30 00
180	Alta Smith,	30 00
181	Iona Tibbetts,	30 00
182	Maud M. O'Reilley,	25 50
183	Mildred Chapman,	27 00
184	Minnie Wilson,	25 50
185	Marion Frost,	22 50
186	Edna Bartlett,	30 00
187	Ethel M. Cole,	22 50
188	Lucretia M. Sargent,	22 50
189	Viola Bartlett,	25 50
190	Florence Cross,	25 50
217	Alice M. Lane,	54 00
218	Florence Springer,	40 00
219	Alta W. Smith,	40 00
220	Iona Tibbetts,	40 00
221	Maud M. O'Reilley,	34 00
222	Mildred Chapman,	36 00
223	Minnie Wilson,	34 00
224	Marion H. Frost,	32 00
225	Edna Bartlett,	40 00
226	Ethel Cole,	30 00
227	Lucretia Sargent,	37 50
228	Viola Bartlett,	34 00
229	Florence Cross,	34 00
234	Alice M. Lane,	54 00
235	Florence Springer,	40 00
236	Alta Smith,	40 00
237	Iona Tibbetts,	40 00
238	Maud O'Reilley,	34 00
239	Mildred Chapman,	36 00

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240	Minnie Wilson,	34 00
241	Marion Frost,	32 00
242	Edna Bartlett,	40 00
243	Ethel Cole,	30 00
244	Lucretia Sargent,	30 00
245	Viola Bartlett,	34 00
246	Florence Cross,	34 00

Contracted since July 1, 1915, \$2,265 00

By paid for fuel:

7	T. B. Burke,	\$141 75
21	Herschell Walker,	2 00
25	Philip Brown,	2 50
27	P. Gaudet,	2 00
28	G. N. Sanborn,	2 00
29	F. C. Verrill,	11 00
38	Annie Mason,	60
44	F. R. Flint,	15 75
46	C. L. Davis,	19 20
54	Wesley Bean,	2 00
58	Merrill, Springer Co.,	3 80
62	J. A. Thurston Co.,	4 75
82	F. R. Flint,	4 00
106	E. L. Tebbets Spool Co.,	1 25
254	H. H. Hastings,	5 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915, \$217 60

147	D. M. Cushing,	\$25 50
148	Abner H. Mann,	8 25
207	Othie Reed,	2 00
215	Guy Bemis,	1 25
216	Fred Chapman,	5 31
252	Everett Luxton,	1 50
253	Earl G. Reid,	3 00
278	Merrill, Springer Co.,	10 50
279	E. L. Tebbets Spool Co.,	1 25

280	C. N. Kimball,	10 00
283	H. H. Hastings,	4 50
264	F. R. Flint,	8 00
285	Edna M. Bartlett,	2 00

Contracted since July 1, 1915, \$83 06

By paid for tuition:

286	Town of Woodstock,	\$16 00
251a	Town of Greenwood,	40 00
110	Town of Hanover,	10 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915, \$66 00

251b	Town of Greenwood,	\$71 60
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Contracted since July 1, 1915, \$71 60

By paid for janitors:

20	Herschell Walker,	\$ 5 00
22	F. R. Flint,	36 00
24	Philip Brown,	1 50
26	O. M. Jones,	6 00
27	P. Gaudet,	5 00
30	F. C. Verrill,	3 00
38	Annie Mason,	3 00
41	Emily Burke,	3 00
44	F. R. Flint,	30 00
81	Mary F. Dresser,	6 00
82	F. R. Flint,	42 00
96	Earl Reid,	6 00
103	Herschell Walker,	3 30
114	Raymond Haines	3 00
115	Philip Brown,	3 00
116	Annie Mason,	3 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915, \$158 80

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149	F. R. Flint,	\$30 10
197	F. R. Flint,	24 90
207	Othie Reed,	5 50
221	Maud O'Reilley,	1 00
222	Mildred Chapman,	2 00
223	Minnie Wilson,	1 00
224	Marion Frost,	1 00
225	Edna Bartlett,	2 00
227	Lucretia Sargent,	1 25
228	Viola Bartlett,	1 00
229	Florence Cross,	1 00
230	F. R. Flint,	24 00
238	Maud O'Reilley,	1 00
239	Mildred Chapman,	2 00
240	Minnie Wilson,	1 00
241	Marion Frost,	1 00
242	Edna Bartlett,	2 00
244	Lucretia Sargent,	1 00
245	Viola Bartlett,	1 00
246	Florence Cross,	1 00
247	F. R. Flint,	24 00
253	Earl G. Reid,	5 50

 Contracted since July 1, 1915,

\$134 25

By paid for transportation:

8	C. P. Day,	\$16 00
14	George Knight,	30 00
15	A. Tyler,	54 00
16	C. A. Capen,	48 00
17	F. Vetquosky,	24 00
18	George L. Haines,	30 00
19	Adrian Grover,	22 56
20	Vear Bean,	24 00
32	S. L. Mason,	30 00
33	A. H. Hutchinson,	18 00
39	A. L. Whitman,	44 00
47	G. L. Bartlett,	20 00

71	True Eames,	30 00
72	H. S. Hutchins,	44 00
79	C. P. Day,	20 00
90	George Knight,	60 00
92	Guy Bartlett,	40 00
93	Mrs. Fred Tyler,	24 00
97	Mary E. Brown,	48 00
122	F. Vetquosky,	44 00
174	E. E. Bennett,	11 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915,

\$681 56

145	Mrs. Robert Clough,	\$16 00
146	Elliott Rich,	15 00
149	F. R. Flint,	21 00
191	Elliott Rich,	18 00
192	Harry Hutchins,	44 00
193	Frank Vetquosky,	28 00
194	Fred W. Tyler,	22 00
195	Mrs. Robert Clough,	28 00
196	E. A. Trask,	2 40
197	F. R. Flint,	17 50
198	E. E. Bennett,	23 50
199	George Knight,	55 00
200	Charles Abbott,	20 00
201	Mrs. L. E. Cole,	29 60
202	Charles P. Day,	20 00
204	Clara E. Rayford,	12 00
231	Elliott Rich,	12 00
232	Mrs. Robert Clough,	16 00
233	Frank Vetquosky,	14 00
248	Elliott Rich,	3 00
249	Frank Vetquosky,	6 50
250	Mrs. Robert Clough,	16 00
265	Harry Hutchins,	32 00
266	Fred W. Tyler,	16 00
267	E. E. Bennett,	19 00
268	George Knight,	40 00
269	Charles Abbott,	16 00

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270	L. E. Cole,	32 00
271	Mrs. Fred Mundt,	17 00
272	A. R. Merrill,	19 20
273	Guy Bartlett,	32 00
274	C. A. Capen,	36 00
275	Fred J. Tibbetts,	34 00
276	Isaiah Coburn,	9 00
277	Charles P. Day,	18 00

Contracted since July 1, 1915,	\$759 70
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Overdrawn,	\$971 50
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TEXT-BOOKS.**DR.**

To balance on hand,	\$ 6 25
To amt. appropriated by town,	300 00
To F. H. Byram, books sold,	40

	\$306 65
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By paid

66	B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	\$10 18
67	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	61 71
68	D. C. Heath & Co.,	51 25
69	E. E. Babb & Co.,	14 45
101	E. E. Babb & Co.,	2 78
107	C. F. Partridge,	3 00
113	American Book Co.,	11 68

Contracted before July 1, 1915,	\$155 05
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150	Ginn & Company,	\$31 36
151	B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	21 67
152	Loring, Short & Harmon,	1 30
153	E. E. Babb & Co.,	10 00
154	The Macmillan Co.,	7 41
155	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 11

157	J. L. Hammett Co.,	22 99	
177	Milton, Bradley Co.,	4 79	
210	Ginn & Company,	9 60	
211	American Book Co.,	20 40	
281	Frank H. Byram,	4 92	
	Contracted since July 1, 1915,		\$135 55
	Balance,		\$16 05

REPAIRS, CLEANING AND SUPPLIES.

DR.

To amt. appropriated by town,	\$300 00	
To ashes sold,	4 00	
To supplies sold,	1 79	
To received for glass broken,	25	
		\$306 04
Overdrawn 1914,		164 13
		\$141 91
Available for 1915,		

CR.

By paid for labor, materials and freight, No.		
5	M. M. O'Reilley,	\$ 70
31	F. B. Howe,	2 80
34	H. H. King,	44
35	Woodbury & Purington,	60
40	Emily Burke,	1 33
44	F. R. Flint,	1 25
45	J. H. Swan,	1 69
46	C. L. Davis,	4 39
56	F. B. Merrill,	2 25
57	Edward King,	1 48
59	Merrill, Springer Co.,	11 76
60	Ceylon Rowe,	3 90
61	E. A. Smith,	10 75
70	J. L. Hammett Co.,	6 00

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89	W. B. Rand,	35
99	West Disinfecting Co.,	35 00
100	Milton, Bradley Co.,	57 06
105	E. F. Callahan,	1 47
112	Edward King,	2 00
116	Annie Mason,	55
126	Milton, Bradley Co.,	96
127	G. L. Thurston & Son,	11 18
175a	Merrill, Springer Co.,	4 95
176	West Disinfecting Co.,	49 50
212a	W. D. Mills,	2 00

Contracted before July 1, 1915,

\$214 36

108	E. H. Smith,	\$5 00
109	Fred I. Clark,	4 40
117	Mrs. Frank C. Billings,	16 20
118	James Boyce,	23 15
119	Mrs. J. D. Uhlman,	10 00
121	Eliza Chase,	3 00
123	Mrs. R. E. Day,	3 00
124	Mrs. John Brown,	4 00
125	E. F. Haines,	13 69
128	Alice A. Brown,	3 00
129	Mrs. Jas. Burhoe,	6 00
144	F. R. Flint,	11 15
156	Fred I. Clark,	3 75
158	H. H. Hay Sons,	2 75
175b	Merrill, Springer Co.,	1 45
205	James Boyce,	12 25
206	Mrs. Wm. L. Farwell,	3 00
208	O. G. Whitman,	1 25
212b	W. D. Mills,	2 00
213	Auburn Brush Co.,	12 59
214	Bradbury & Marcotte,	1 87
256	C. K. Fox,	1 00
257	W. J. Douglass,	65
258	N. F. Brown,	14 13
259	W. B. Rand,	50

260	Jennie E. Mitchell,	1 89	
261	J. S. Allen Estate,	1 28	
262	Frank H. Byram,	4 16	
263	G. L. Thurston & Son,	5 48	
264	F. R. Flint,	2 25	
284	Abner H. Mann,	1 00	
	Contracted since July 1, 1915,		\$175 84
	Overdrawn,		\$248 29

SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION.

DR.

To balance in 1915,	\$100 25	
To amt. appropriated by town,	900 00	
To amt. received from State,	500 00	
		\$1,500 25

CR.

No.			
37	By paid H. F. Maxim,	\$25 00	
102	By paid Bridgton Academy,	20 00	
55	By paid City of Auburn,	10 00	
	By paid F. E. Hanscom,	480 00	
	Total contracted before July 1, 1915,		\$535 00
173	By paid Gould's Academy,	\$410 00	
203	By paid Bridgton Academy,	10 00	
209	By paid Gould's Academy,	110 00	
255	By paid Bridgton Academy,	10 00	
282	By paid Gould's Academy,	510 00	
	Total contracted since July 1, 1915,		\$1,050 00
	Overdrawn,		\$84 75

Rural School Betterment.

No man should find it necessary to remove from his farm home to educate his children. A good system of rural schools is Maine's best aid to the development of Maine agriculture.

A Program of Improvement.

- The teacher:—** A properly qualified teacher—with adequate pay—for every country child.
- The building:—** A comfortable and attractive building, with proper heating, ventilation and lighting. Sanitary out-buildings kept clean and decent through daily inspection.
- The grounds:—** Ample school grounds with plenty of space for play and some provision for school gardens.
- The equipment:—** A full supply of good textbooks in clean and wholesome condition. A few up-to-date maps, a globe, necessary reference books including dictionaries, a school library with books both for the school and the community, and a few good pictures.
- The course of study:—** A reasonably, but not rigidly, classified or graded course of study, with adequate attention to the fundamentals, with large opportunity for hand work and with every possible connection between the experiences of the school and the actualities of life.
- Supervision:—** Expert supervision—made possible to all towns through the system of unions of towns with state aid.
- Community support and interest:—** The school building a social center, used under the leadership of teacher and superintendent to promote all the educational interests of the community.

The foregoing program is not radical. It involves only the fundamental points of a good school system. There is no reason why all these factors may not soon be realized by all communities as they are already realized by some. To accomplish them is the work of superintendents, teachers and public spirited citizens. Will You Help?

PAYSON SMITH,
State Superintendent of Public Schools.

Warrant for Town Meeting

To Fred B. Merrill, a citizen of the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING:—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Odeon Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 6th, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.

Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To establish the number of Road Commissioners to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioners shall receive for their services.

Art. 11. To choose one member of the School Committee.

Art. 12. To choose a Fire Ward for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To establish the price per day that the Fire Ward shall receive for his services.

Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money equal to the amount overdrawn for school purposes on Feb. 1st, 1916.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purchase of text-books for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuitions in secondary schools.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$25.00 for the purchase of flags for schoolhouses, as required by law.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to appoint a school physician.

Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to maintain a school at North West Bethel, North Bethel, Middle Intervale or Swan Hill.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the breaking out of winter roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to buy a road roller and appropriate money to pay for the same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept the road at West Bethel, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from the main highway to estates owned by Henry Cross and H. H. Hastings, and raise money to pay the land damage as awarded by the Selectmen, namely:

For land taken from Mrs. L. E. Bean, \$50.00

For land taken from Henry Cross, \$10.00

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$25.00 in payment for land damage to D. C. Estes for land taken for a new road, leading from the Elliott Estes place, made necessary by a bad washout.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 29. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$666.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to comply with Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1915 with respect to the employment of a road patrolman for this coming season.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the sewer system.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of cutting bushes in the limits of highways, as required by law.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Post, G. A. R.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to pay for the Collector's bond for 1916.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300.00 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of its books during the ensuing year, for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to hold a Good Roads Day this coming summer.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$50.00, the amount awarded by the Selectmen, to pay damage done to the estate of Miss Ann M. Robertson by the raising of the sidewalk in front of her residence.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain electric lights on the Androscoggin River Bridge.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to accept in trust, from the estate of the late Eli L. Bartlett, five hundred dollars for the perpetual care of three several lots in the yard of the Riverside Cemetery Association, viz: the Spencer T. Bartlett lot, the Curatio T. Bartlett lot, and the E. Wallace Bartlett lot, the income thereof to be paid over to and expended by said association and its successors in the care of said lots and relettering and keeping up the monuments.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to reimburse N. E. Richardson for taxes paid by him in settlement with the town prior to his qualifying as Selectman in March, 1915, which taxes he was unable to collect, viz: For the year 1911, Joel Estes, \$2.00; John Hodgkins, \$3.50; James Hall, \$1.50; Thomas Poole, \$3.06; Clarence Thurlow, \$2.00; and Fred Taylor, \$2.00. For the year 1912, Everett Billings, \$2.00; Harvey Bennett, \$2.00; Ernest Brooks, \$2.00; Edgar Cummings, \$2.00; Geo. W. Carrier, \$5.62; Chas. R. Cross, \$16.25; Geo. E. King, Jr., \$2.00; J. W. Lapham, \$2.00; H. M. Osgood, \$3.43; B. A. Putnam, \$2.00; Guy Smith, \$5.33; Jos. I. Spofford, \$2.00; Fred Taylor, \$6.75; Alfred Tripp, \$2.00, and Dennis Vashaw, \$2.00.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to reimburse F. B. Howe for taxes paid by him in settlement with the town prior to his qualifying as Selectman in March, 1915, which taxes he was unable to collect, viz: For the year 1913, John Armond, \$2.00; Philip Arsenault, \$2.00; Jos. Arsenault, \$2.00; Geo. M. Bennett, \$2.00; Clarence H. Berry, \$2.00; Sherman Cummings, \$2.00; Leslie Cummings, \$2.00; Lind-

sey Dorey, \$2.00; E. S. French, \$2.00; Geo. Harrington, \$2.00; Frank C. King, \$2.00; Harry Kittredge, \$2.00; Edw. Lapham, \$2.00; J. W. Lapham, \$2.00; C. E. Murray, \$2.95; John Matherson, \$2.00; W. C. Newhall, \$2.00; Luther Perkins, \$2.00; G. M. Rolfe, \$2.00; Chas. F. Reed, \$2.00; Leon Ramey, \$2.00; C. E. Ramey, \$2.00; Geo. Spinney, \$2.00; Jos. Spofford, \$2.00; Percy Taylor, \$2.00; C. E. Vail, \$2.00; W. E. Walker, \$2.00; Harris White, \$2.00.

And any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D. 1916.

FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

The Selectmen will be in their office Saturday, the 4th day of March, 1916, for the purpose of correcting the list of town voters, and hearing and deciding cases of applicants claiming the right to have their names on the voting list.

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