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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

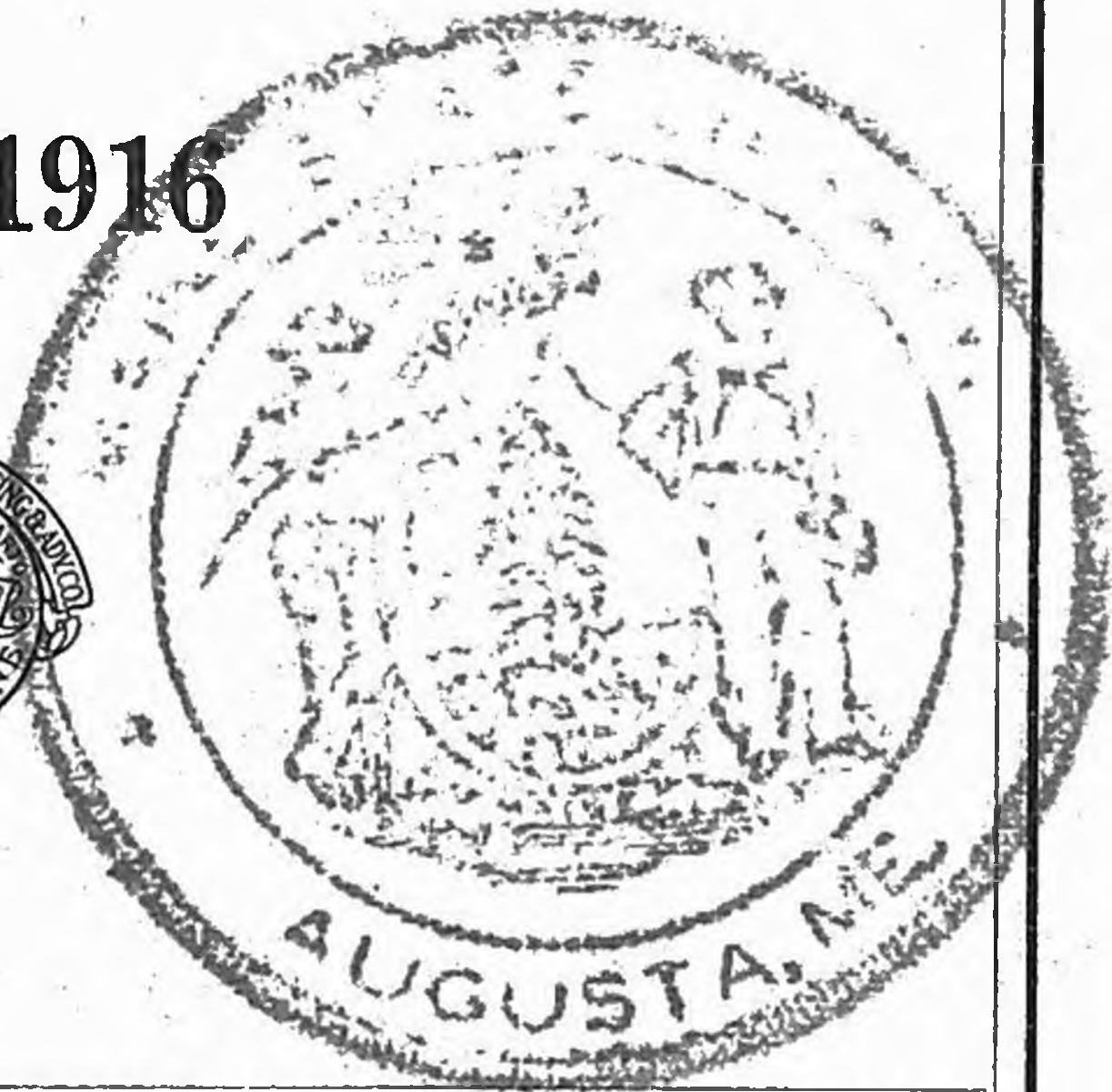
Town of Howland

FOR THE YEAR

1915 - 1916



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Warrant

Penobscot ss.

State of Maine.

To *V. R. Nason*, Constable in the town of Howland, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Howland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Foresters' Hall in said town, on Monday the thirteenth day of March, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To elect a fire inspector and fix his compensation.

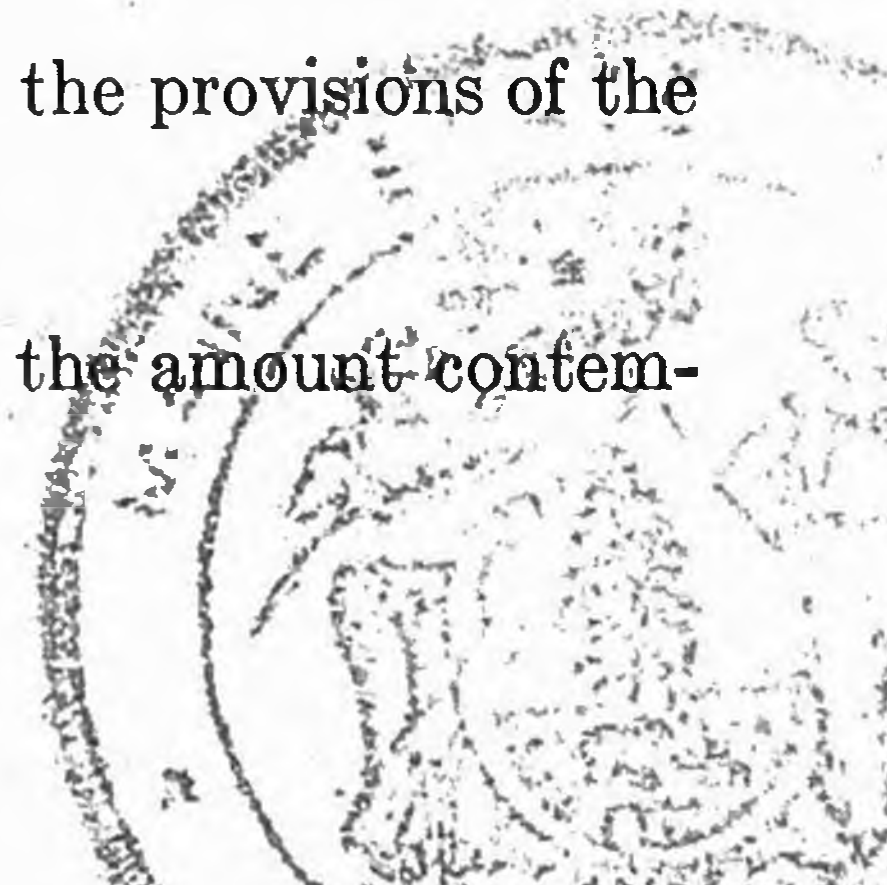
Art. 4. To elect a tax collector and fix his commission.

Art. 5. To see if the town will allow a discount of five per cent on all taxes assessed in the year 1916, which are paid on or before July first of that year, and see if the town will vote to have all taxes assessed in the year 1916 collected and paid into the town treasurer at least two weeks before the next annual town meeting.

Art. 6. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, support of poor, repairs of roads and bridges, breaking winter road, and defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the State aid law of 1913.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount contemplated by that law, for the year 1916.



Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to set apart four hundred dollars from the account of "Highways and Bridges" for the construction of "Special Highways", and designate the road on which it shall be expended.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to have all turnpiking done on all roads not later than July 15, 1916.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to abate the claim for taxes which it holds against the property of Mrs. Maud Pillsbury for the year 1915.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to join with a union of towns in the employment of a Union Superintendent, and instruct the S. S. Committee to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

Art. 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Foresters' Hall on the day of said meeting at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hands at Howland this tenth day of February, A. D. 1916.

H. C. SCOTT,	}	Selectmen
J. W. DAVIS,		of
H. H. LANCASTER,		Howland.

Howland, Maine, February 14, 1916.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at Post Office in said town, being a public and conspicuous place in said town, on the fourteenth day of February, being seven days before said meeting.

V. R. NASON,

Constable of Howland.

LIST OF VOTERS

Alphabetical list of voters, as made out by the selectmen, February 8, 1916.

Applebee, Ivan
Ayers, Bert

Boynton, Guy
Boober, A. H.
Boober, Walter
Boober, Will
Boober, Richard
Boober, George
Blanchard, David
Butters, William
Blake, Harold

Colbath, Chas.
Clements, John D.
Colbath, Alonzo
Colbath, Wesley G.
Chamberlain, Foster
Carver, L. P.
Chamberlain, Ralph
Chamberlain, Allie
Colbath, Lee

Davis, J. W.
Davis, Frank H.
Davis, G. L.
Duncan, Will
Dekin, Earl

Emery, Ralph
Eldridge, A. A.

Fogg, Edwin
Ferguson, John
Faloon, D. G.
Faloon, R. A.
Faloon, L. A.
French, George

Gemme, Paul

Hughes, Wm., Jr.
Hughes, Aaron L.
Hughes, W. L.
Hooper, H. B.
Hooper, W. C.
Hooper, H. A.
Hopkins, George
Hammond, Lewis

Jones, Ernest

Kinney, C. A.
Kinney, Raymond

Lowell, Chas.
Leavitt, Chas.
Lancaster, H. H.
Lancaster, R. Q.
Lancaster, Frank

McKay, Gordon
McKay, Will

McKinnon, William
 McKinnon, Fred
 McCluskey, John
 McCluskey, Will
 McLaughlin, John
 McCluskey, James
 McCluskey, Ernest
 Moran, B. F.
 Moulton, Chas.

Nason, John H.
 Nason, Wm.
 Nason, Frank
 Nason, V. R.
 Nason, Eugene
 Nadeau, Alex, Jr.
 Nadeau, Mike
 Nadeau, Fred
 Nadeau, Andrew

Oakes, Ed.

Pettingill, Josiah
 Pettingill, Frank
 Palmer, Leonard

Robinson, Dan
 Reed, Alex
 Runnells, Fred
 Robinson, John

Robinson, Harry
 Robinson, Clinton
 Runnells, Ben
 Robbins, S. G.
 Robbins, Frank
 Ripley, W. G.

Sherburne, Wil
 Smart, M. G.
 Sweat, H. G.
 Scott, H. C.
 Smart, W. H.
 Sweat, O. C.
 Simmonds, C. W., Jr.
 Simmonds, Joseph
 Simmonds, Chas.
 Sweat, Will

Thomas, Vernon
 Turner, Chas.
 Twombly, M. N.

Witham, Percy
 Welsh, Ernest
 Weymouth, F. M.
 Waters, Vernon

York, Arthur
 York, O. A.
 York, Fred

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, 1915-1916

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

H. C. SCOTT

J. W. DAVIS

H. H. LANCASTER

Clerk

H. C. SCOTT

Collector and Constable

O. C. SWEAT

School Committee

H. C. SCOTT

H. H. LANCASTER

GEORGE HOPKINS

Superintendent of Schools

MRS. ALICE M. HOPKINS

Road Commissioners

F. H. DAVIS

O. A. YORK

Town Agent

H. C. SCOTT

Treasurer

FRED M. WEYMOUTH

Constables

V. R. NASON

CHAS. LOWELL

WILL McKAY

O. C. SWEAT

R. A. FALON

Truant Officers

WALTER BOOBER

WILL McKAY

R. A. FALOON

Surveyors of wood, bark and lumber

H. G. SWEAT

FRED C. YORK

GEORGE HOPKINS

FRED M. WEYMOUTH

V. R. NASON

Fire Inspector

R. Q. LANCASTER

Board of Health

O. C. SWEAT

CHAS. E. THOMAS

R. Q. LANCASTER

Sexton

WILL NASON

Scaler of Weights and Measures

GEORGE HOPKINS

ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

for the year 1915-16

To the Inhabitants of the town of Howland:

In compliance with the laws of the State of Maine, we herewith present our annual report for your consideration. We intend to discuss briefly the things of the past year; and, present an outline of what the town is expected to do at the meeting this year; to follow out that progressive principal which has been in the past typical of Howland; or in accord with that high ideal which it has been her aim to typify; in her schools, and highways.

The schools for the past year have been improving, as they have for the past period of years; and we would refer you to the report of the Superintendent of Schools for this matter, as it is fully discussed therein.

The highways for the past year were, considering the weather conditions, in excellent condition most of the time. Yet we have two pieces of road which must have a thorough overhauling this year, viz: the Mattamiscontis road; and the Sebois road.

The Mattamiscontis road was in bad condition during the past summer; owing in part to the wet summer, and partly on account of the bushes, especially from the Clements place to the Davis field, (so-called). It was in such condition that we feel justified in copying, and incorporating herein this letter in full as follows:

Mr. H. C. Scott, Chairman of Selectmen, Howland, Me.

Dear Sir:—

On several occasions our attention has been called to the almost impassable condition of the highway in your town, leading to Mattamiscontis and during the last session of the Grand jury in this county papers were drawn for an indictment against your town, but on our advice the matter was not presented, but later, some of our members had occasion to pass over this section of road and found it in

such a disgraceful condition, that we think it our duty to the public and also to your town, to call your attention to the matter, so that you may be able to make some improvements thus avoiding damages that may occur from injury to some one, and also an indictment in the future, which we would not try to prevent if the road was not put in passable condition at once.

Very truly yours,

P. L. OAKES, F. S. FARRAR, C. W. STEPHENS,

County Commissioners of Penobscot County.

The short section of this road which was "in such a disgraceful condition" was at the swamp at the town line, and several holes toward Howland to the Davis field, with a few little holes from the Davis field down to the Clements place thrown in for good measure.

This is not one of our important highways, but from the above you can readily see that it will be necessary to make some provision for the repair of this road.

The Sebois road. This road never was built, it just *happened* to lie along the horseback, and as near as one could judge, it was a spotted line, cut out a little to admit the passing of a wagon, and has gradually worn into the earth so that most of the way it is something like a ditch in the wheel track, with no place for the water to get out readily after a rain; and with the heavy motor traffic it is impossible to do much to it, unless you appropriate quite a sum of money to cut the bushes, and blow the stumps, so that you can work a road machine and knock the sides off from the road (shoulders) so as to allow the water to drain as it should. Last year Mr. Sawyer intended to have this road indicted, but, on promise to do something this year he gave it up for the time. Yet, it is hard to tell just how he would feel about it, should we leave it as it is during the coming year. If the traffic was the same now as it was a few years since, the road would be considered in good condition; but, we are living in the age of automobiles; and their rights and complaints, must be taken into consideration; or, we have trouble.

Now we would suggest that the "Special Highway" money, as it existed last year, be taken from the south side of the Piscataquis river for a year or so, and expended on the Sebois road as per above.

This would avoid raising any extra money on account of the Sebois road; and would not be working any hardship on the people on the south side of the river; as that road last summer was about as good as any in town. We do not mean to leave this piece of road for good and all, but we can get by for a year or so, and nobody will be the worse for it, (on account of road on that side) and the town will be better off, than to raise a lot of extra money. However, this matter is up to the voters, and they will suit their own pleasure. Yet we want you to think this matter over good and hard.

Our highway account is a little "strained" but the Mattamiscontis road, and the Lagrange end of the Meadow brook road during the late fall months did most of the "straining".

The pauper bill has been larger than for years past, but part of this we will recover later from those to whom it belongs.

The appropriations made at the last annual meeting amounted to \$5,208 to which the State and County tax should be added, State tax, \$1,488.47, County tax, \$386.67, Overlay, \$116.52, making a total assessment of \$7,199.66. We found 148 polls which we assessed at \$3.00 each making a total of \$444, which we deducted from the above named assessment, leaving us with a total assessment on property of \$6,755.66 which requires a rate of 24 mills.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE APPROPRIATIONS, 1915

Support of schools.....	\$1,350 00
Text-books	100 00
Repairs and supplies.....	75 00
Free high school.....	100 00
Support of poor.....	300 00
Highway and bridges	1,200 00
Breaking winter roads.....	50 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
State aid road	533 00
Special highway (extra)....	100 00
Maintenance State aid road	75 00
Painting school house.....	175 00
Planking Sebois bridge.....	100 00
Care of cemetery.....	50 00
	<hr/>
	\$5,208 00

State tax	\$1,488 47	
County tax.....	386 67	
Overlay.....	116 52	
	<hr/>	1,991 66
		<hr/>
		\$7,199 66
148 polls at \$3.00.. ..		444 00
		<hr/>
Amount raised on property.....		\$6,755 66

We will say in closing this part of the report, that things have gone on very smoothly for the past year, and we trust quite satisfactorily to the majority. We always have some "kickers" and they are a blessing to a community in a sense: for they keep the "ship" sailing a straighter course, perhaps than would be the case, should they cease to exist. But to say the least, at times they are annoying, especially when they "kick" about something which has no foundation.

Thanking you all for your support, and trusting that the incoming board will enjoy the same.

We are very respectfully yours,

H. C. SCOTT,	}	Selectmen
J. W. DAVIS,		of
H. H. LANCASTER,		Howland.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation		\$1,000 00
Feb.	29	To paid town of Dover.....	\$ 4 00	
Mar.	8	Chas. Lowell, moderator..	5 00	
		A. A. Eldridge, constable..	4 00	
		R. Q. Lancaster, truant officer	6 00	
		H. C. Scott, services 1st. selectman and expense..	105 78	
		H. C. Scott, services town clerk, postage.....	26 00	
		J. W. Davis, services 2nd. selectman.....	50 00	
		H. H. Lancaster, services 3rd selectman	35 00	
		Fred M. Weymouth, treas.	50 00	
		Mrs. Alice Hopkins, supt. of schools	47 10	
		R. Q. Lancaster, services board of health....	5 00	
May	25	F. M. Weymouth, labor paid on slips	10 10	
	26	M. W. Gillis, labor self and Eugene Nason	1 40	
June	8	A. A. Adams, bush cutters	4 65	
		The T. W. Burr Ptg. Co., town reports	35 10	
		E. F. Dillingham, books, blanks, etc.	17 33	
July	14	Fred M. Weymouth, int. on loan.....	10 33	
	22	Ryder & Simpson, legal advice.....	5 00	

July	23	To paid A. H. W. Co., supplies	7 05	
	30	Chas. Sanborn, ax handle..	25	
Nov.	8	W. J. Hammond, exam. Mrs. Annie Rust.....	5 00	
	9	V. R. Nason, committing Mrs. Annie Rust.....	12 79	
		Mrs. Alice Mogan, to Bangor Mrs. Annie Rust.....	2 00	
	18	S. N. Marsh, examination Mrs. Annie Rust.....	5 00	
Dec.	4	R. Q. Lancaster, fire inspector.....	25 00	
		1916		
Feb.	3	Ryder & Simpson, legal advice.....	6 00	
		1915		
Sept.	28	By interest at bank.....		4 99
April	24	rebate on dog license.....		17 09
		1916		
Feb.	16	To paid Chas. E. Young, reporting marriages.....	4 75	
	22	O. C. Sweat, discount, abatement and com.	435 05	
	24	S. N. Marsh, reporting birth and deaths.....	3 75	
		L. M. Preble, reporting births and deaths.....	75	
		W. J. Hammond, report- ing births and deaths . . .	2 00	
		W. J. Riply, reporting marriages.....	50	
		A. A. Eldridge, supplies and labor.....	4 25	
Jan.	24	By int. on tax deed, Northern Mfg. Co.....		23 29
		Unexpended.....	109 94	
			<hr/>	
			\$1,045 37	\$1,045 37

SUPPORT OF POOR

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation.. .. .		\$300 00
Feb.	27	To paid B. F. Moran, tramp.....	\$ 2 00	
Mar.	1	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Feb.....	20 00	
April	1	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, March.....	22 14	
Mar.	12	B. F. Moran, tramp	1 40	
	23	B. F. Moran, tramp	1 00	
May	7	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, April.....	21 42	
June	1	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, May.....	22 14	
	22	S. N. Marsh, board Mrs. C. Davis	2 00	
June	30	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, June.....	21 42	
July	23	A. H. Weymouth, supplies Mrs. C. Davis.....	6 10	
	31	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, July.....	22 14	
Sept.	6	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Aug.....	22 14	
Oct.	4	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Sept.....	21 42	
	27	L. W. Fogg, supplies	7 05	
Nov.	1	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Oct.	22 14	
Dec.	1	B. F. Moran, tramp.....	1 00	
	2	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Nov.....	21 42	
	13	L. M. Preble, attending Mrs. C. Davis.....	25 00	

1916

Jan.	1	To paid John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Dec.	22	14	
	6	A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies Mrs C. Davis	8	60	
	14	B. F. Moran, tramp	1	00	
	31	H. H. Lancaster, hauling wood Dr. Prescott		50	
Feb.	1	John Swett, board Mrs. C. Davis, Jan.	22	14	
	3	Mrs. Maud Perry, nursing Dr. Prescott	15	25	
	4	A. H. W. Co., supplies, Owen Lee.....	2	64	
		A. H. W. Co., supplies Dr. Prescott	7	20	
Jan.	3	By check, State Beneficiaries.....			24 79
Feb.	15	To paid Marshall Lancaster, milk for Dr. Prescott ..	1	50	
	19	S. N. Marsh, medical attendance Dr. Prescott ..	48	00	
	21	Geo. A. Fall, house rent, Dr. Prescott	4	53	
	28	E. S. Jones, sawing wood Dr. Prescott.....		75	
		Overdrawn.....			71 39
			<hr/>	<hr/>	
			\$396	18	\$396 18

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

1915-16			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation		\$1,200 00
		To amt. set apart for "special highways"	\$400 00	
May	10	To paid Frank McLeod, labor	15 50	
		Alex Nadeau, Jr. "	18 50	
	17	O. A. York, team and "	36 88	
		O. A. York, com. "	41 87	
		Dan Cameron, "	31 50	
		Albert Sager, "	2 00	
	19	R. A. Faloon, man and team, labor	38 50	
	24	Frank McLeod, labor	23 00	
		Alex Nadeau, "	23 00	
	23	R. A. Faloon, man and team, labor	27 00	
	31	O. A. York, team, \$31.25 com. \$31.25	62 50	
		Arthur York, labor	4 00	
		Dan Cameron, "	25 00	
		Harry Lancaster, "	1 00	
Jan.	1	Andrew Nadeau, "	11 00	
		Alex Nadeau, Jr., "	15 00	
	7	Frank McLeod, "	23 10	
	14	Dán Cameron, "	18 00	
	15	Lawrence Pettingill.....	2 25	
	16	Howland Pulp & Paper Co. man and team, labor.....	22 50	
		John Nevins, man and team, labor	4 50	
		Guy Weatherbee Co., dyna- mite	12 83	
	21	Andrew Nadeau, labor	13 00	
		Frank McLeod, "	8 00	
		John McClusky, "	3 00	
		Alex Nadeau, Jr., "	4 00	
		O. A. York, com. and team, labor	20 00	

Jan.	30	To paid John McClusky,	labor	2 00
		Alex Nadeau,	"	8 00
July	2	Joe Nadeau,	"	6 00
		Alex Nadeau,	"	7 00
		Ralph Emery, man and team, labor.....		4 50
		Frank McLeod,	labor	5 00
	6	Fred Runnells,	"	4 00
	12	Joe Nadeau,	"	4 00
		Enos Sawyer, Jr., team and labor.....		24 00
		O. A. York, self and team, labor.....		31 25
		Dan Cameron,	labor	10 50
	19	Alex Nadeau,	"	7 00
	26	Fred Runnells,	"	10 50
		Frank McLeod,	"	11 00
		John McClusky,	"	11 00
	29	O. A. York, com. \$13.75, team \$13.75.....		27 50
		Dan Cameron, labor.....		15 00
		Leon Carver, team, labor		9 00
		A. A. Eldridge,	"	10 00
		A. H. W. Co., supplies.....		39 66
	31	Alex Nadeau, labor.....		8 00
Aug.	9	Frank McLeod.....		2 00
	14	Fred Runnells,	labor	11 00
	16	Alex Nadeau,	"	13 50
	24	Alex Nadeau,	"	3 00
Sept.	10	Dan Cameron,	"	26 50
		Joe Simmonds,	"	8 00
		Leon P. Carver, man and team, labor.....		20 00
		Alex Nadeau,	labor	8 00

Sept.	10	To paid Alex Nadeau, Jr.	labor	10 00	
	11	O. A. York, self and team, labor.....		66 24	
Oct.	2	Fred Runnells,	labor	8 00	
	5	H. H. Lancaster,	"	1 25	
Nov.	8	Arthur York,	"	20 00	
		Dan Cameron,	"	20 00	
		O. A. York, self and team, labor		50 00	
1916					
Jan.	6	A. H. W. Co., stumpage....		3 90	
		overlay.....			116 52
		overdrawn			117 11
				<hr/>	<hr/>
				\$1,433 63	\$1,433 63

SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

1915					
Mar.	8	By amt. set apart "Highways and Bridges".....			\$400 00
		By special appropriation.....			100 00
June	21	To paid Andrew Nadeau,	labor	\$ 4 00	
		Frank McLeod,	"	13 00	
		John McClusky,	"	13 00	
		Dan Cameron,	"	12 00	
		Alex Nadeau, Jr.	"	13 00	
		O. A. York, com. and team, labor.....		32 50	
	30	John McClusky,	labor	14 00	
July	2	Joe Nadeau,	"	2 00	
		Alex Nadeau,	"	14 00	
		Ralph Emery, man and team, labor.....		22 50	
		Frank McLeod,	labor	14 00	

July	6	To paid Fred Runnells,	labor	11	00	
	12	Enos Sawyer, Jr.,	team,			
		labor.....		14	00	
		Andrew Nadeau,	"	2	00	
		O. A. York, self and team,				
		labor.....		35	00	
		Dan Cameron,	labor	14	00	
	19	Alex Nadeau,	"	12	00	
	26	Fred Runnells,	"	14	00	
		Frank McLeod,	"	14	00	
		John McClusky,	"	12	00	
	29	R. A. Faloon, team,	"	2	50	
		O. A. York, team \$17.50,				
		com. 17.50.....		35	00	
		Dan Cameron, labor.....		14	00	
		Leon P. Carver, man and				
		team, labor.....		4	50	
		Guy Weatherbee Co.,				
		dynamite.....		11	25	
		A. A. Eldridge, labor.....		5	55	
		A. H. W. Co., supplies		26	28	
		Alex Nadeau,	labor	2	00	
Aug.	14	Fred Runnells,	"	14	00	
	24	Alex Nadeau,	"	8	00	
Sept.	10	Dan Cameron,	"	16	00	
		Alex Nadeau, Jr.,	"	8	00	
	11	O. A. York, self and team,				
		labor.....		41	25	
		Arthur York, labor.....		2	00	
		To unexpended.....		26	67	
				\$500	00	\$500
				00	00	00

The work on this piece of road was executed under the direction of road commissioner "York" and it needs no words of praise from us, as you all know; that anything that we could say in praise of it, would be but a vain repetition of the many good things which have been said in relation to it; as to the amount of road constructed, and the quality of work performed.

STATE AID ROAD

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation.....		\$533 00
May	29	To paid Wesley Carey, bush cutting	\$25 00	
	31	To paid Wesley Carey, balance, bush cutting.....	10 00	
	13	By balance, 1914.....		132 08
		By State part of joint fund.....		533 00
June	7	To paid F. H. Davis, and horse, labor.....	18 00	
		Ruben Frost, labor.....	6 00	
	9	Howland Pulp & Paper Co., dynamite.....	2 92	
	11	Bert Bates, labor.....	3 30	
	14	William Hughes, and team labor.....	28 30	
		L. Hughes, labor	12 20	
	15	William Johnson, “	11 40	
		Ruben Frost.....	7 40	
	21	Chas. Sanborn, board of men.....	88 60	
		Howard Rickwall, labor....	12 20	
	22	Will Hughes, team, labor	11 25	
		William Johnson “	13 60	
		Charles Davis, “	23 00	
	29	Carl Lancaster, “	16 20	
	30	Andrew Cary and team, labor.....	87 65	
July	2	Fred Nadeau, labor	1 60	
	3	Charles Lancaster, “	4 40	
		L. Hughes, “	12 60	
		Will Hughes, team, “	25 70	
	5	F. H. Davis, “	75 25	
		Andrew Carey and team, labor.....	17 25	
		Leonard Cary, labor	36 60	
		John McLaughlin, “	31 60	
		Leon P. Carver and team, labor.....	51 75	

July	5	To paid Ruben Frost, labor	4 00
		Howard Rickwall, "	9 40
		J. W. Davis, and team, labor.....	19 70
		William Johnson, labor....	1 20
		Chas. Davis, labor.....	1 00
		Carl Lancaster, labor	3 80
		Chas. Sanborn, board men	54 40
	6	L. Hughes, labor	5 40
		Chas. Sanborn, bal. to date	1 00
	12	Chas. Sanborn, board to date.....	14 80
	14	H. H. Lancaster, carting...	2 50
	19	R. Haskell, self and team..	10 25
		Chas. Sanborn, board.....	24 80
		Carl Lancaster, labor	6 20
		Howard Rickwall, labor...	6 00
	21	H. H. Lancaster, carting .	2 00
	23	Charles Lancaster, labor....	6 00
	26	Berger Mfg. Co., metal culvert.....	28 08
		Charles Lancaster, labor	5 80
		Geo. Bastroin, labor	1 00
	28	Charles Davis, "	22 00
	29	L. Hughes, "	16 40
		John McLaughlin, "	15 60
		F. H. Davis, and horse, labor.....	54 25
		Andrew Cary and team, labor.....	57 25
		Len Carey, labor	20 80
		Will Hughes and team, labor.....	45 00
		M. Haskell, labor	16 60
		Howard Rickwall, "	8 80
		R. Haskell, "	1 25
		A. A. Eldridge, "	4 35
	30	Chas. Sanborn, board.....	35 20

July	31	To paid Guy Weatherbee Co., cement, dynamite	28 12	
Aug.	2	M. N. Twombly, lumber	2 73	
	5	Frank Sibly, wheel-scraper	5 25	
		H. H. Lancaster, carting....	1 00	
	13	W. L. Hughes and team, labor.....	2 25	
	18	L. Hughes, labor.....	2 00	
Sept.	6	W. L. Hughes and team, labor.....	11 25	
		W. L. Hughes, and team labor.....	4 50	
	10	R. A. Faloon, cement	3 75	
	11	Len Cary, labor.....	4 00	
		L. Hughes, labor	5 00	
	14	A. H. W. Co., supplies ...	7 16	
		F. H. Davis and horse, labor.....	8 75	
		O. C. Sweat, labor.....	5 00	
		Andrew Cary and team, labor.....	9 00	
		Chas. Leavitt, labor	4 00	
Dec.	17	By check from State, in addition to the \$533.....		100 43
		To unexpended.....	56 15	
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			\$1,298 51	\$1,298 51

We feel to say a word in commendation of F. H. Davis the commissioner having charge of the State aid work, for his usual good management, and thorough going principal, in whatever capacity he is employed. As we remember it, he built with the money at hand, something like 500 ft. more road than we had anticipated at the time of laying out the road.

This piece was pronounced as good as the best in this section of the State, by the Superintendent of Maintenance "Wiggins" who examined the road in company with the inspector Mr. Adams.

PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation		\$175 00
July	21	To paid H. H. Lancaster, freight on paint.....	\$ 1 40	
	27	L. A. Faloon	25 00	
	31	Lee Colbath, labor	16 00	
Aug.	7	Lee Colbath, labor	8 89	
	9	L. A. Faloon, labor	8 00	
	18	Lee Colbath, labor	13 00	
	23	Rice & Miller, paint and brush.....	48 58	
		L. A. Faloon, bal. due	29 13	
		To unexpended.....	25 00	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$175 00	\$175 00

PLANKING SEBOIS BRIDGE

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation.....		\$100 00
July	3	To paid V. R. Nason & Son, plank	\$50 00	
	22	Leonard Lumber Co., plank.....	33 26	
		To unexpended	16 74	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$100 00	\$100 00

CARE OF CEMETERY

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation		\$50 00
		By unexpended, 1914.....		20 00
July	23	To paid Will Nason, labor	\$ 4 00	
	26	Fred Runnells, labor.....	1 00	
Aug.	23	Chas. Leavitt, labor	10 00	
Sept.	8	J. W. Davis, self and team, labor.....	39 00	
		Howland Pulp & Paper Co., pipe, labor.....	2 40	
		To unexpended.....	13 60	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$70 00	\$70 00

The money raised in this account "Care of Cemetery" was laid out by J. W. Davis, and the money was expended to good advantage, and it made a marked improvement in the appearance of the grounds. This amount should be expended every year until the cemetery is in perfect condition.

It will be the matter of only a few years, when, it will be necessary to erect some good substantial type of fence around it.

MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROAD

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation.. ..		\$ 75 00
		By balance, 1914.....		110 72
May	25	To paid F. H. Davis, labor	\$14 00	
		John McClusky, "	6 00	
	24	L. Hughes, "	8 00	
		Will Hughes, "	18 00	
June	1	By apportionment from State.		122 50

July	29	To paid L. Hughes,	labor	\$ 1 00	
		John McLaughlin,	"	1 00	
		Will Hughes,	"	2 25	
Sept.	11	L. Hughes,	"	10 00	
	13	Wm. Hughes and team,			
		labor.....		22 50	
	17	Andrew Cary, team,	"	38 25	
		Chas. Sanborn,	"	15 00	
		O. A. York, man and team,			
		labor.....		15 75	
		O. C. Sweat,	labor	17 00	
		Chas. Leavitt,	"	17 00	
		Alex Nadeau,	"	7 00	
		Dan Cameron,	"	5 00	
		F. H. Davis, and horse,			
		labor.....		29 75	
		Unexpended.....		80 72	
				\$308 22	\$308 22

This account shows as per account that it is "unexpended" \$80.72. We had from town balance 1914, \$25.75, appropriation, 1915, \$75.00 and the apportionment from the "State" \$122.50 which totals \$223.50. We expended \$227.50 making an "overdraw" of \$4.00—rather than the "unexpended" as shown.

In the place of this account we shall pass from this to the patrol system, which will require that we set apart something like \$56.52 per mile for 6 5-10 miles from the highway and bridge money. And in addition to this we have to set apart 5 per cent of the highway and bridge money to cut the bushes along improved land, thereafter to be cut by the land owner. You can easily figure where we will put a good slice of our money which we raise for the highway and bridges. It will leave something less than \$400. after deducting "Special Highway," Patrol, Bushes, from the amount. Yet we want to go careful in our appropriations.

BREAKING WINTER ROADS

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Mar.	8	By appropriation.....		\$50 00
June	30	To paid G. B. McKay, labor.....	\$ 6 33	
1916				
Feb.	22	Foster Chamberlain, labor	2 25	
		Unexpended.....	41 42	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$50 00	\$50 00

O. C. SWEAT, Collector

1915			<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
May	10	To commitment.....	\$7,199 66	
	24	By cash and orders No. 1.....		\$ 55 00
June	5	“ “ “ 2.....		68 68
	15	“ “ “ 3.....		515 00
	25	“ “ “ 4.....		120 20
	30	“ “ “ 5.....		345 04
		“ “ “ 6.....		2,899 39
July	1	“ “ “ 7.....		802 18
		“ “ “ no number		475 73

\$5,281.22 discount at 5%....\$264.06

Aug.	9	By cash and orders No. 9.....		50 00
	28	“ “ “ 10.....		45 00
Oct.	16	“ “ “ 11.....		104 00
	28	“ “ “ 12.....		76 91
Nov.	17	“ “ “ 13.....		70 00
	24	“ “ “ 14.....		80 00
Dec.	3	“ “ “ 15.....		340 08
	9	“ “ “ 16.....		173 08
	13	“ “ “ 17.....		202 56
	27	“ “ “ 18.....		65 00

1916

Jan.	29	By cash and orders No. 19.....		25 00
Feb.	22	By tax deed, Northern Mfg. Co.....	\$226.50	
		tax deed, Maud Pills- bury.....	13.52	
				<u>240 02</u>
		discount.....	\$264.06	
		com.....	143.99	
		abatement.....	27.00	
				<u>435 05</u>
		cash to balance.....		11 74
				<u>11 74</u>
			<u>\$7,199 66</u>	<u>\$7,199 66</u>

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Cash on hand, Feb. 22, 1915.....	\$1,240 86	
Town orders of selectmen for loan	1,000 00	
Interest at bank.....	4 99	
Check of State treas. of State road.....	633 43	
School fund and mill tax.....	476 73	
Common school fund.....	478 02	
Rebate on dog license.....	17 09	
Dog license of town clerk.....	16 00	
Equalization fund.....	175 00	
Free high schools.....	240 00	
Insane State beneficiary.....	24 79	
Highway department.....	122 50	
Interest on Northern Mfg. Co.'s tax deed.....	23 29	
Turned in by O. C. Sweat, collector.....	7,199 66	
Text-book sold.....	15	
		<hr/> \$11,652 51

Cr.

By paid County tax.....	\$ 386 67	
State tax.....	1,488 47	
on State aid construction.....	49 25	
dog license to State treasurer.....	16 00	
Orders cashed and turned over to selectmen.....	8,873 66	
		<hr/> 10,814 05
Balance in treasury, Feb. 28, 1916		<hr/> \$838 46

FRED M. WEYMOUTH,

Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1915-16

1916

Feb. 28 To outstanding town orders (school) \$341 60

Cr.

Feb. 28 By cash on hand and in bank including
tax deeds as follows, viz:

Northern Mfg. Co. \$226.50

Maud Pillsbury 13.52

\$240 02

\$838 46

By amt. due from State acct., Owen
Lee.....

2 64

By amt. due from State on same
town on acct. Dr. Simon Prescott

77 73

Assets over liabilities

577 23

\$918 83

\$918 83

Superintendent of Schools' Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SCHOOL YEAR 1915-1916

Receipts

Amount appropriated by town	\$1,350 00	
State mill tax	476 73	
State common school fund.....	478 02	
State equalization fund	175 00	
Unexpended from 1914	28 09	
		\$2,507 84

Disbursements

Paid teachers including board.....	\$1,738 50	
tuition and board of pupils.....	104 75	
for conveying pupils.....	240 00	
for janitor work	195 50	
for fuel.....	200 30	
		2,479 05
Balance unexpended		\$28 79

SPRING TERM, 12 WEEKS

<i>School</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Wages including board</i>
Grammar	True Varnum	\$210 00
Intermediate	Eda Varnum	141 00
Primary	Lila Kinney	141 00
Sub-Primary	Alice M. Hopkins	141 00

FALL TERM, 12 WEEKS

Grammar	Edward Simoneau	\$180 00
Intermediate	Bessie Blake	141 00
Primary	Lila Kinney	141 00
Sub-Primary	Alice M. Hopkins	141 00

WINTER TERM, 10 WEEKS

Grammar	Edward Simoneau	\$150 00
Intermediate	William Nadeau	117 50
Primary	Lila Kinney	117 50
Sub-Primary	Alice M. Hopkins	117 50

The amount paid to the substitute who taught in the Sub-Primary school during the time Mrs. Hopkins, the regular teacher, was visiting the schools as Superintendent, is included in the above total figures for that school.

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriated by town.....	\$100 00	
Spelling book sold Stanley Burgoyne	15	
	<hr/>	\$100 15

Disbursements

Paid Frank Lancaster, express.....	\$ 99	
J. R. Holcomb & Co., books.....	4 50	
American Book Co., books.....	5 18	
D. C. Heath & Co., books	6 65	
Ginn & Co., books.....	4 98	
Charles Scribner Sons, books.....	4 47	
	<hr/>	26 77
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....		\$73 38

The text-books are in good condition and the schools are all well supplied, only a few books are needed at the present time.

We have not drawn very hard on the text-book account the past year and so we have quite a balance unexpended on this account.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended from 1914.....	\$225 24	
Appropriated by town.....	100 00	
State aid.....	240 00	
	\$565 24	

Disbursements

May	5	Paid Hebron Academy.....	\$30 00	
		Higgins Classical Institute	10 00	
		M. C. Institute.....	8 00	
		E. M. C. Seminary.....	62 50	
		E. M. C. Seminary.....	62 50	
July	21	Foxcroft Academy	10 00	
Dec.	7	E. M. C. Seminary.....	35 00	
		M. C. Institute.....	12 00	
		Hebron Academy.....	20 00	
		Higgins Classical Institute	10 00	
1916				
Feb.	1	Higgins Classical Insitute.....	10 00	
	16	M. C. Institute.....	10 00	
	28	E. M. C. Seminary	33 75	
			313 75	
		Balance unexpended		\$251 49

SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriated by town.....	\$75 00
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Disbursements

Paid W. H. Smart, supplies	\$ 2 75
H. P. & P. Co., supplies	3 38
B. F. Moran, cleaning closets.....	1 50
Elsie Blanchard, cleaning school rooms ..	15 00
D. H. Knowlton, supplies	1 00
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	3 12
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies.....	5 42
Howard & Brown, supplies.....	2 60
H. P. & P. Co., supplies	2 00
W. H. Smart, supplies.....	70
A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies.....	17 91
H. H. Lancaster, freight and trucking.....	77
Lee Colbath, labor.....	2 00
L. A. Faloon, labor.....	2 00
G. W. Hopkins, labor.....	2 25
Dustbane Mfg. Co., dustbane.....	5 25
W. H. Smart, supplies.....	1 65
D. H. Knowlton, supplies.....	1 15
Herbert Palmer, supplies.....	3 70
H. P. & P. Co., supplies.....	1 00
Guy Weatherbee & Co., supplies.....	4 66
B. F. Moran, cleaning closets.....	1 50
H. H. Lancaster, cleaning..	2 00
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies..	2 75
W. H. Smart, supplies.....	2 00
A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies.....	2 90
L. P. Carver, express	95
A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies.....	1 75
H. P. & P. Co., supplies.....	2 00

Paid E. E. Babb & Co., supplies.....	11 61	
Wm. Nadeau, fumigating.....	2 00	
L. P. Carver, express.....	2 50	
Louis Burgoyne, labor on furnace	3 10	
E. L. Buck, disinfectant.....	2 75	
H. P. & P. Co., supplies	2 00	
A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies	1 10	
A. A. Eldridge, labor.....	60	
	<hr/>	121 32
Account overdrawn		<hr/> \$46 32

In compliance with the law, I herewith submit the above financial report of the schools for the school year 1915-1916. and have tried to make every thing plain, so that whoever may chance to peruse this report shall not find anything misleading.

The schools for the past year with few exceptions have been satisfactory there has been good work done and a good interest has been shown with both teachers and pupils. There has been several changes in the teaching force. It was necessary to have a new Principal in the Grammar school and a new teacher in the Intermediate school, the other schools have had the same teachers throughout the year.

The class of 1915 who were graduated from the Grammar school in June, was very small, but with the kind assistance of some of our local talent a very interesting program was given. One of the class has entered West Enfield high school, the other two have not yet taken up any higher school work, but we hope that in the near future they may be able to do so. The class of '15, presented to the Grammar school a portrait of their Principal, Mr. Varnum, which I am sure was highly appreciated by the undergraduates.

The Intermediate school has also had a gift of a beautiful painted picture presented by the school. The funds to purchase the picture were raised by Alice Eldridge, Evelyn Bennett and Teddy Moran.

At the close of the term which is in session at the present time, will complete 34 weeks of school, with an enrollment of 97 pupils. Owing to the illness of two of the teachers and about 40 of the pupils, with the "Grippe" during the winter term, it was necessary to close the schools for a period of two weeks, a number of the pupils have not been able to return to school at the present writing.

The superintendent wishes to impress on the minds of the parents the necessity of their visiting the schools often, and to co-operate with the teachers in the education of the girls and boys in this town.

Surely parents cannot conscientiously find fault with the work of the teacher by listening to the petty troubles of the children, they should visit the schools and investigate the work that is being done, and if they find the work unsatisfactory let the parents have a heart to heart talk with the teacher and they would find that many little troubles would vanish.

The superintending school committee of this town met with Lincoln and Enfield on Feb. 15 last, and discussed the question of Union Superintendency and the report was in favor of Union with Enfield and Lincoln. This method is being adopted by a large percentage of the towns throughout the State and is being pushed forward by the State Supt. of Public Schools.

It will be up to the voters at the coming annual town meeting to decide, and it is earnestly hoped they will decide in favor of Union Superintendency.

Thanking the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of Howland, for all favors of the past and wishing them all good things for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. HOPKINS,

Supt. Schools.