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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

Town of Howland

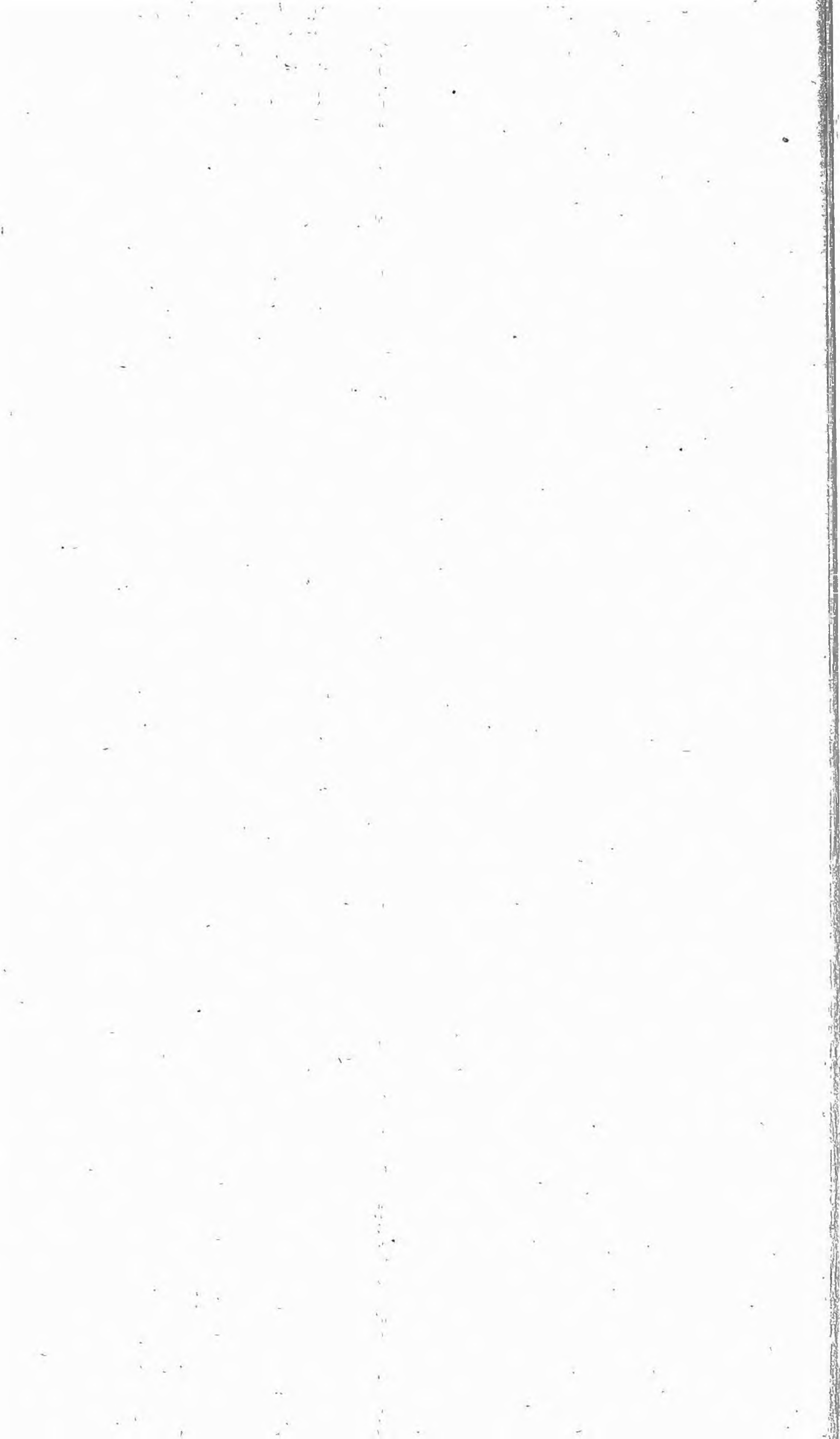
FOR THE YEAR

1917 - 1918



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Warrant

County of Penobscot ss.

State of Maine

To R. A. Faloon, Constable of the town of Howland:

Greeting:

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

Art. 1 To elect 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 commissioner 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 5% on all taxes assessed in the year 1918 which are paid on or before July 1st of that year and see if the town will vote to have all taxes assessed in the year 1918 collected and paid into the town treasury 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 defraying all other 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 1918.

Art. 9 To see if the town will vote to set apart \$500.00 for the account of highways and bridges to build "Special Highway."

Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to raise money for sidewalks, to be used in addition to the money raised in the year 1917, which was unexpended in that year.

Art. 11 To see if the town will vote to ratify the agreement made by the selectmen with the Lighting Company of Lincoln, Maine, in relation to lighting the streets of the town.

Art. 12 To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at 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 eleventh day of February, A. D. 1918.

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

Howland, Maine, February 11, 1918.

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 the Post Office in said town being a public and conspicuous place in said town on the 11th day of February, being seven days before said meeting.

R. A. FALON,
Constable of Howland

LIST OF VOTERS

An alphabetical list of voters of the town of Howland, as made out by the selectmen, February 11, 1918.

Applebee, Ivan	Duncan, Will
Boynton, Guy	Dekin, Earl
Boober, Walter	Drew, Joe
Boober, Harry	Driscoll, Dan
Boober, Will	Emery, Ralph
Boober, Richard	Eldridge, A. A.
Boober, George	Fogg, Edwin
Blanchard, David	Ferguson, John
Butters, William	Faloon, D. G.
Blake, Harold	Faloon, R. A.
Bailey, Earl W.	Faloon, L. A.
Colbath, Chas.	French, George
Clements, John D.	Getchell, Ernest
Colbath, Alonzo	Getchell, Burnis
Colbath, Wesley G.	Hughes, W. L., Jr.
Chamberlain, Foster	Hughes, W. L.
Carver, L. P.	Hughes, Aaron L.
Chamberlain, Ralph	Hooper, H. B.
Chamberlain, Allie	Hopkins, George
Colbath, Lee	Hagerty, John
Clapp, Leslie	Hunt, George
Chamberlain, Pearl	Hatch, Millard
Carey, Leroy	Hickey, James
Chandler, George	Jones, Ernest
Crocker, Raynor	Jewell, William
Caverly, E. A.	Kimball, Thomas
Davis, J. W.	
Davis, Frank H.	
Davis, G. L.	

Lowell, Chas.
 Leavitt, C. H.
 Lancaster, H. H.
 Lancaster, R. Q.
 Lancaster, Chas.
 Lancaster, Harold

McKay, Will
 McKinnon, Wm.
 McKinnon, Fred
 McCluskey, John
 McCluskey, Will
 McLaughlin, John
 McCluskey, James
 McCluskey, Ernest
 Myrick, Frank
 Myrick, Russell
 Merrill, C. C.

Nason, William
 Nadeau, Alex, Jr.
 Nadeau, Fred
 Nadeau, Will
 Nason, John H.
 Nason, V. R.
 Nason, Eugene
 Nason, Harry

Oakes, Ed.

Pettingill, Josiah
 Pettingill, Frank
 Palmer, Leonard

Robinson, Dan
 Runnells, Fred
 Robinson, John
 Robinson, Harry

Robinson, Clinton
 Runnells, Ben
 Robbins, S. G.
 Robbins, Frank
 Richardson, W. P.
 Ring, Frank S.
 Robinson, Ed.

Smart, M. G.
 Sweat, H. G.
 Scott, H. C.
 Smart, W. H.
 Sweat, O. C.
 Simmonds, C. W.
 Simmonds, Joe
 Sweat, Will
 Spencer, Leslie
 Simoneau, E. A.
 Stickney, Joseph
 Shorey, Harold
 Shorey, Ed. L.
 Shorey, E. A.
 Spearin, Ray

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

Wallace, Gordon
 Welsh, Ernest
 Weymouth, F. M.
 Weller, Fred
 Weymouth, Merle

York, Arthur
 York, O. A.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Foresters' Hall on the eleventh day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

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

Municipal Government

FOR THE YEAR 1917-18

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

H. C. SCOTT

J. W. DAVIS

W. H. McKAY

Town Agent

H. C. SCOTT

Treasurer

FRED M. WEYMOUTH

Clerk

H. B. BLAKE

Tax Collector

O. C. SWEAT

School Committee

W. H. McKAY

H. C. SCOTT

H. B. BLAKE

Constables

R. A. FALON

RALPH CHAMBERLAIN

CHAS. LOWELL

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

FRED M. WEYMOUTH
 GEORGE HOPKINS

L. P. CARVER
 W. H. McKAY

Fence Viewer and Pound Keeper

CHAS. LOWELL

Truant Officers

R. A. FALON
 CHAS. LOWELL

WALTER BOOBER
 R. Q. LANCASTER

Sexton

FRED RUNNELLS

Undertaker

R. Q. LANCASTER

Fire Commissioner

R. Q. LANCASTER

Committee on Construction of Town Hall

H. C. SCOTT
 FRED M. WEYMOUTH

J. W. DAVIS

W. H. McKAY
 A. A. ELDRIDGE

Committee on Lighting the Streets

H. C. SCOTT

J. W. DAVIS

W. H. McKAY

Report of Municipal Officers

for the Year 1917-1918

In compliance with the laws of the State of Maine, we herewith present our annual report for your perusal and consideration.

We feel that to enter into any lengthy report would be of little account, in the way of explanation of the several items which at a glance may seem a little "strained", but we would prefer to go over the matters of business with you in person at the meeting. We are positive that you would receive more information, and be enlightened on the several subjects more by such an explanation than would be possible by any attempt we might make in a written report, explaining the conditions which we, as a town, or as its representatives, have encountered during the past year.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1917

Support of schools.....	\$1,600 00	
Text-books	100 00	
Repairs and supplies.....	450 00	
Free high school.....	000 00	
Support of poor.....	350 00	
Highways and bridges.....	3,000 00	
Winter road	350 00	
Incidentals.....	1,000 00	
Care of cemetery	300 00	
Sidewalks.....	800 00	
Well at school.....	950 00	
Storm windows at school house.....	35 00	
State aid road	533 00	
		\$9,468 00

State tax.....	\$1,894 72	
County tax.....	602 79	
Overlay.....	174 31	
	2,671 72	
		\$12,139 72
Less 253 polls at \$3.00 each.....		759 00
		\$11,380 72

Rate of taxation, 31 mills on the dollar; number polls exempt, 4.

It would perhaps be in order at this time to make recommendations for the ensuing year. However, this is not absolutely necessary and we purpose to have in figures facts tabulated in such manner as to enlighten the voters on the subject of "Amounts," that they may intelligently consider the necessary amounts to be raised in the several departments.

It is needless for us to call your attention to the fact, that during the past year, that labor and material have advanced to an alarming degree, and in considering the past year's work you must and will bear this in mind, as well as prepare your minds for something larger in the way of appropriations than has been made in the past. You will be called upon this year to sacrifice something in your schools, your roads, your miscellaneous expense, including some of the village improvements or, reach way down deep in your pockets and make the sacrifice in that manner.

Your selectmen whoever they may be cannot perform miracles. For every duty performed for the town has to be paid for in "cold cash" and this in turn comes out of the pockets above referred to.

We will not attempt anything more in this report, but will join in thanking you for your support, and wishing the incoming board a brighter, and easier financial year than we have enjoyed.

We respectfully subscribe ourselves,

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

We respectfully refer you to the report of the Superintendent of Schools for that department.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

In consideration of the fact that we have been actively engaged in the affairs of the town as selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor for quite a period of time and having in mind the thought that perhaps our mutual interests may be as well, if not better served by the change; and having in a certain degree tired of the work; we take this opportunity of declaring our intentions of withdrawal to the voters and citizens of Howland.

This withdrawal notice would be incomplete without an extension of thanks to our many friends and supporters of the past and we do most earnestly hope that the incoming board will have the loyal support accorded us during our period of service.

Respectfully yours,

H. C. SCOTT
J. W. DAVIS

SUPPORT OF POOR

1917				
Mar.	12	By appropriation		\$350 00
"	3	To paid John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	\$20 00	
"	9	S. N. Marsh, medical attendance, Mrs. C. Davis	13 00	
April	8	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	22 14	
May	4	William Duncan, ticket, stage fare, Jos. Bonville	2 80	
"	4	W. J. Hammond, medical attendance, Jos. Bon- ville	8 00	
"	11	B. F. Moran, board of Jos. Bonville	3 20	
"	12	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	25 71	
June	2	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	26 57	
July	2	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	25 71	
"	2	E. M. G. Hospital, Jos. Bonville, (wife)	68 00	
Aug.	2	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	26 57	
"	2	S. N. Marsh, medical attendance, Mrs. C. Davis	7 00	
Mar.	29	By State check		49 25
June	29	By State check		12 28
Sept.	1	To paid John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis	26 57	
Nov.	2	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis, 2 mos.....	52 28	
Dec.	13	John Swett, board of Mrs. C. Davis, to date.....	32 56	

Dec.	31	To paid W. H. McKay, expense to Ashland, account Jos. Bonville.....	\$20 70	
1918				
Jan.	21	By check, town of Ashland, Jos. Bonville.....		82 00
"	31	To paid Hannah Gustland, board of C. Davis.....	28 47	
Feb.	2	E. M. G. Hospital, John McKenzie.....	19 00	
"	12	H. C. Scott, pauper trans- portation.....	1 50	
"	12	S. N. Marsh, attending Mrs. C. Davis.....	5 75	
"	12	S. N. Marsh, attending John McKenzie.....	1 00	
"	12	S. P. Solomon, Lincoln, Me., Mrs. C. Davis.....	2 29	
"	19	L. W. Fogg, supplies, Mrs. C. Davis.....	13 10	
"	19	L. W. Fogg, transportation, John McKenzie, includ- ing ticket to Bangor (State pauper).....	3 08	
Unexpended.....			38 53	
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			\$493 53	\$493 53

NOTE: There is about one month's board due Mrs. Gustland on account Mrs. C. Davis.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

1917				
Mar.	12	By appropriation.....		\$3,000 00
"	12	To amt. set apart for "special high- ways".....	\$500 00	
"	12	To amt. set apart for cutting bushes 5%.....	150 00	

April	6	To paid A. H. Weymouth Co., shovel.....	60	
May	5	Chas. Lowell, self and team, labor.....	30	00
"	11	Fred Runnells, labor.....	28	13
"	17	Herbert Libby, labor.....	5	63
May	25	H. H. Lancaster, on road machine.....	2	25
"	25	Lawrel Hughes, labor.....	55	00
"	30	J. W. Davis, com. labor.....	48	00
"	30	F. M. Weymouth, team, labor.....	7	50
June	19	Herbert Libby, labor.....	9	00
July	2	J. W. Davis, team, man and labor.....	67	50
"	2	J. W. Davis, com. labor.....	46	50
"	12	Fred Runnells, labor.....	71	25
"	20	Fred Nadeau, labor.....	18	13
"	23	Lawrel, Hughes, man, team and labor.....	76	25
"	26	David Blanchard, labor.....	7	50
"	28	Chas. Lowell, labor.....	12	50
Aug.	3	Fred Nadeau, labor.....	6	25
"	8	Joe Simmonds, labor.....	5	00
"	10	Fred Nadeau, labor.....	10	00
"	10	David Blanchard, labor.....	7	50
"	15	Fred Runnells, labor.....	62	50
"	16	L. J. Butterfield Co., plank	1,612	48
"	9	freight transferred, from account planking Pen. R. Bridge.....	11	40
"	24	State treasurer, State high- way maintenance.....	369	30
"	17	J. W. Davis, team and man	140	00
"	17	J. W. Davis, self com.....	76	50
"	20	Fred Nadeau, labor.....	8	75
"	24	L. N. Lancaster, labor of 3 men.....	27	50
"	16	By plank used on Pen. R. Bridge		960 00

Aug.	30	To paid A. H. Weymouth Co., spikes for plank	\$23 56	
Sept.	1	Alex Nadeau, labor.....	1 00	
"	12	Fred Runnells, labor	33 75	
"	24	L. N. Lancaster, balance due	77 37	
"	28	J. W. Davis, man, team, and labor.....	80 00	
"	28	J. W. Davis, team and labor	15 00	
"	28	J. W. Davis, com. labor.....	63 00	
Oct.	18	J. W. Davis, team, com. and labor	63 00	
"	18	Fred Runnells, labor.....	31 87	
Nov.	2	Ralph Emery, team, labor	3 50	
"	5	Aaron Hughes, labor.....	2 50	
Dec.	11	J. W. Davis, self and team, labor.....	18 00	
1918				
Jan.	7	A. H. Weymouth Co., sup- plies.....	2 49	
"	7	By amount from account "special highway"		500 00
"	7	By amount from account cutting bushes, improved high- way.....		150 00
Feb.	7	To planking Penobscot Bridge	814 30	
"	7	To State road maintenance.....	50 00	
		Overdrawn.....		142 26
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			\$4,752 26	\$4,752 26

SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

1917

Mar. 12 By amount set apart from highway and bridges \$500 00

This amount was set apart from the account of highway and bridges. Owing to a lack of funds in the highway department, we deemed it advisable to use the money on repairs.

CUTTING BUSHES ON HIGHWAY LYING ALONG IMPROVED LAND

Mar. 12 By amount set apart from highway and bridges
 5%..... \$150 00

Owing to a lack of funds in the highway department, and from the fact that the bush cutting "along improved land" was paid out of that account. We've transferred the amount to the account of highway and bridges.

STATE AID ROAD

1917

Mar. 12 By appropriations..... \$533 00

The summer was a wet one; the location for the "State Aid Highway" was little better than a frog pond; man and team labor was scarce and wages were prohibitive; and the amount of money available for this purpose under the conditions above enumerated was not sufficient to warrant the construction. However, we talked this matter over with the Highway Commission and were advised that we could arrange to extend this work into next year State Aid Road work. The amount available next year from 1917 will be \$533 from the town and a like amount from the State, making \$1066 that goes over this last year, 1917 to 1918.

We would advise that you make the usual appropriation this year; which with the State money would give you \$2,132 with which to build "State Aid Road."

WINTER ROADS

1917			
Mar.	12	By appropriation	\$350 00
Mar.	14	To paid H. V. Cummings, self-and team	\$ 9 00
April	14	L. E. Pettingill, self and team	4 50
"	24	Chas. Lowell, self and team	11 63
"	26	D. A. DeWitt, self and team	2 25
June	14	W. H. McKay, self and team	63 26
"	25	Sam Burke, self and team	46 35
Aug.	15	Adelaide Ouellet, self and team	9 13
Nov.	2	Ralph Emery, self and team	15 75
1918			
Jan.	18	Chas. B. Smart, self and team	6 25
"	29	W. E. Ludden, self and team	14 50
Feb.	5	J. E. Twitchell & Co., 2 snow ploughs	160 00
"	5	W. H. McKay, freight and hauling	24 87
"	12	V. R. Starbird, labor	6 50
"	12	Cliff Jones, labor	6 50
Overdrawn			30 49
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			\$380 49
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			\$380 49

INCIDENTALS

1917			
Mar.	12	By appropriation	\$1,000 00
"	12	To paid H. C. Scott, 1st selectman	\$100 00
"	12	H. C. Scott, expense	8 03
"	12	J. W. Davis, 2nd selectman	50 00
"	12	H. H. Lancaster, 3rd select- man	35 00

Mar.	12	To paid Chas. Lowell, moderator..	\$ 5 00	
"	12	Fred M. Weymouth, treas.	50 00	
"	12	L. P. Carver, town clerk, \$25., exp. \$4.57	29 57	
"	12	O. C. Sweat, constable.....	50 00	
"	12	R. Q. Lancaster, health officer.....	5 00	
"	12	R. A. Faloon, truant officer	5 00	
"	12	H. H. Lancaster, hall rent	3 00	
April	10	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools March.....	6 25	
"	16	W. J. Hammond, M. D., vaccination of C. W. Turner.....	4 00	
"	30	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools	8 70	
June	1	Loring, Short & Harmon, books.....	80	
"	8	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, May.....	8 70	
"	15	E. F. Dillingham, books	80	
"	15	E. F. Dillingham, books	12 83	
"	3	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools	8 70	
"	7	The T. W. Burr Ptg. Co., printing town reports	42 50	
July	11	E. F. Dillingham, balance due.....	3 00	
"	24	Ryder & Simpson, legal advice.....	10 00	
"	30	M. S. Libby, supt. of schools	8 70	
Aug.	30	Fred M. Weymouth, int. on loan.....	13 67	
June	23	By cash E. R. Hurd, burial lot.....		6 00
Feb.	24	interest at bank.....		11
July	24	interest at bank.....		6 67
Aug.	24	interest at bank.....		12 30
"	30	To paid C. M. Conant Co., road machine.....	110 00	
Sept.	1	E. Lisherness, architect town hall.....	350 00	

The amount paid Mr. Lisherness, was in full settlement of bill for same. Providing however, should you use the plans in erecting a town hall he is to have 5% on the completed cost of said building less the \$350 paid as per above.

1917

Sept.	1	To paid H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, Aug.	\$ 8 70
"	13	H. H. Lancaster, voting booths	2 00
"	13	H. H. Lancaster, carrying mail.	1 00
"	13	H. H. Lancaster, hall rent	3 00
"	28	S. J. Oakes, transportation of lady demonstrator	3 00
"	28	O. C. Sweat, ballot clerk	2 00
"	28	R. Q. Lancaster, ballot clerk.	2 00
"	28	D. G. Faloon, ballot clerk	2 00
"	28	R. A. Fallon, ballot clerk	2 00
Oct.	4	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, Sept.	8 70
"	31	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, Oct.	8 70
Nov.	13	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, Nov.	8 70
"	15	W. J. Hammond, antitoxine, Ivan Applebee \$19, Earl Bailey, \$19.50, Leslie Spencer, \$19.50	58 00
"	19	Manley Palmer, wood L. Spencer.	1 00
Dec.	4	R. Q. Lancaster, fire inspector.	57 60
"	4	R. Q. Lancaster, board of health.	21 19
"	15	L. P. Carver, care and board of Leon Perkins in case of smallpox, (Orono, Maine).	112 00

Dec.	15	To paid W. J. Hammond, medical attend. Leon Perkins...	\$20 00	
1918				
Jan.	7	A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies E. Blanchard, quarantined with diphtheria.....	27 31	
"	7	A. H. Weymouth Co., supplies L. Spencer quarantined, diphtheria	26 89	
"	8	H. S. Libby, supt. of schools, Dec.. ..	8 70	
"	24	Ryder & Simpson, legal advice	27 00	
Feb.	7	O. C. Sweat, collector, com. dis. and abatements.....	915 74	
Sept.	24	By interest at bank		8 42
1917				
Dec.	11	dog license refund.....		5 34
"	11	R. R. and telephone tax.....		4 00
"	24	interest at bank.....		2 40
1918				
Jan.	24	interest at bank		91
Feb.	7	To insurance on school house.....	235 92	
"	7	By unexpended on well at school house.....		10 58
"	7	To paid on pest house.....	215 74	
"	7	W. J. Hammond, attend. E. Blanchard, Leslie Spencer.....	37 50	
Feb.	8	To paid Fred M. Weymouth, tax deed of Mrs. Maud Pillsbury, abated by vote of town for the year 1916	34 75	

Feb.	12	To paid S. N. Marsh, antitoxin, Fred Weller.....	\$ 1 50	
"	12	S. N. Marsh, antitoxin, John Fugerson.....	6 00	
"	12	S. N. Marsh, antitoxin, E. Blanchard.....	8 00	
"	14	amount overdrawn, highways and bridges.....	142 26	
"	14	amount overdrawn, windows at school house.....	36 62	
"	22	paid H. S. Libby for Jan. and Feb. services.....	17 40	
"	22	H. S. Libby, $\frac{3}{8}$ postage bill for year.....	2 25	
"	22	amount overdrawn, text-books	5 69	
"	22	amount overdrawn, repairs and supplies.....	36 93	
"	25	By interest on tax deed, Northern Mfg. Co., 1916 tax.....		23 42
"	25	overlay.....		174 31
"	25	unexpended, support of poor		38 53
"	25	To overdrawn on Winter roads.....	30 49	
"	25	By due from Orono, account Leon Perkins, (health case).....		132 00
		Overdrawn.....		1,642 57
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			\$3,067 56	\$3,067 56

We have been called upon to expend from this account the sum of \$1,672 66, over which we had no control, except, the power to pay the same.

The following list of the items of this expense are as follows:

Road machine.....	\$110 00	
Proposed town hall.....	350 00	
Insurance on school house.....	235 92	
Construction of pest house.....	215 74	
Health cases.....	166 20	
Abatement, Maud Pillsbury's 1916 tax.....	34 75	
Expense of commissions, discount and abate- ment in excess of the cost of same in 1916	560 05	
		\$1,672 66

Under normal conditions of expense this account would stand "unexpended", \$30.09

"Can't have your cake and eat it too."

PEST HOUSE

1917

June	23	To paid Ralph Chamberlain, labor	\$ 5 00	
"	25	Roscoe Hanscomb, labor..	15 00	
"	28	Chas. Leavitt, labor.....	8 75	
July	2	Guy Weatherbee Co., lum- ber, etc.....	25 80	
"	9	John Nason, labor.....	3 75	
"	11	Howland Pulp & Paper Corp., lumber.....	17 58	
"	14	John McQuinn, labor.....	5 00	
"	17	A. S. Bates, lumber.....	40 00	
Aug.	15	Wm. McKinnon, labor.....	10 00	
Nov.	13	A. E. Reed, labor and material.....	46 27	
Dec.	3	Guy Weatherbee Co., lum- ber.....	14 50	
"	10	R. A. Faloon, labor and carts	8 50	
1918				
Jan.	7	A. H. Weymouth Co., sup- plies.....	15 59	
By amount transferred from "Incidentals"				215 74
			\$215 74	\$215 74

PLANKING PENOBSCOT BRIDGE

July	9	To paid M. C. R. R., freight	\$12 60	
"	20	M. C. R. R., freight	22 20	
"	25	Fred Hazeltine, labor	15 00	
"	26	Fred Nadeau, labor	12 50	
Aug.	9	M. C. R. R., freight	11 40	
"	9	By transfer of freight to highways and bridges		11 40
"	23	To paid Norris Weymouth, labor	7 50	
"	16	plank, highways and bridges	960 00	
"	30	paid A. H. Weymouth Co., spikes	28 75	
"	30	Guy Weatherbee Co., spikes	5 75	
Sept.	26	By check from State		250 00
Approximate cost to town				814 30
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			\$1,075 70	\$1,075 70

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Aug.	20	To paid T. J. Lancaster, labor	\$12 50	
"	24	L. N. Lancaster, labor	87 50	
Sept.	26	By check from State		\$50 00
Highways and bridges account				50 00
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			\$100 00	\$100 00

CARE OF CEMETERY

1917

Mar.	12	By appropriation		\$300 00
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There was nothing expended in this account.

SIDEWALKS, (Gravel or Concrete)

Mar.	12	By appropriation		\$800 00
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Nothing doing in this line.

WELL AT SCHOOL HOUSE

Mar.	12	By appropriation.....		\$300 00
Apr.	16	To paid Scribner Artesian Well Co., part payment.....	\$300 00	
"	23	By special appropriation.....		650 00
"	25	To paid H. H. Lancaster, hauling pump.....	70	
May	11	H. H. Lancaster, hauling pump.....	50	
"	17	Lewis Burgoyne, labor and material.....	8 55	
July	7	E. B. Thompson Co., pipe, etc.....	11 67	
Oct.	13	note, Scribner Artesian Well Co.....	618 00	
Unexpended		10 58	
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			\$950 00	\$950 00

STORM WINDOWS AT SCHOOL HOUSE

Mar.	12	By appropriation.....		\$35 00
1918				
Jan.	24	To paid H. B. Johnson, windows...	\$65 47	
Feb.	14	William Duncan, freight, storage and hauling.....	6 15	
Overdrawn		-	36 62
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			\$71 62	\$71 62

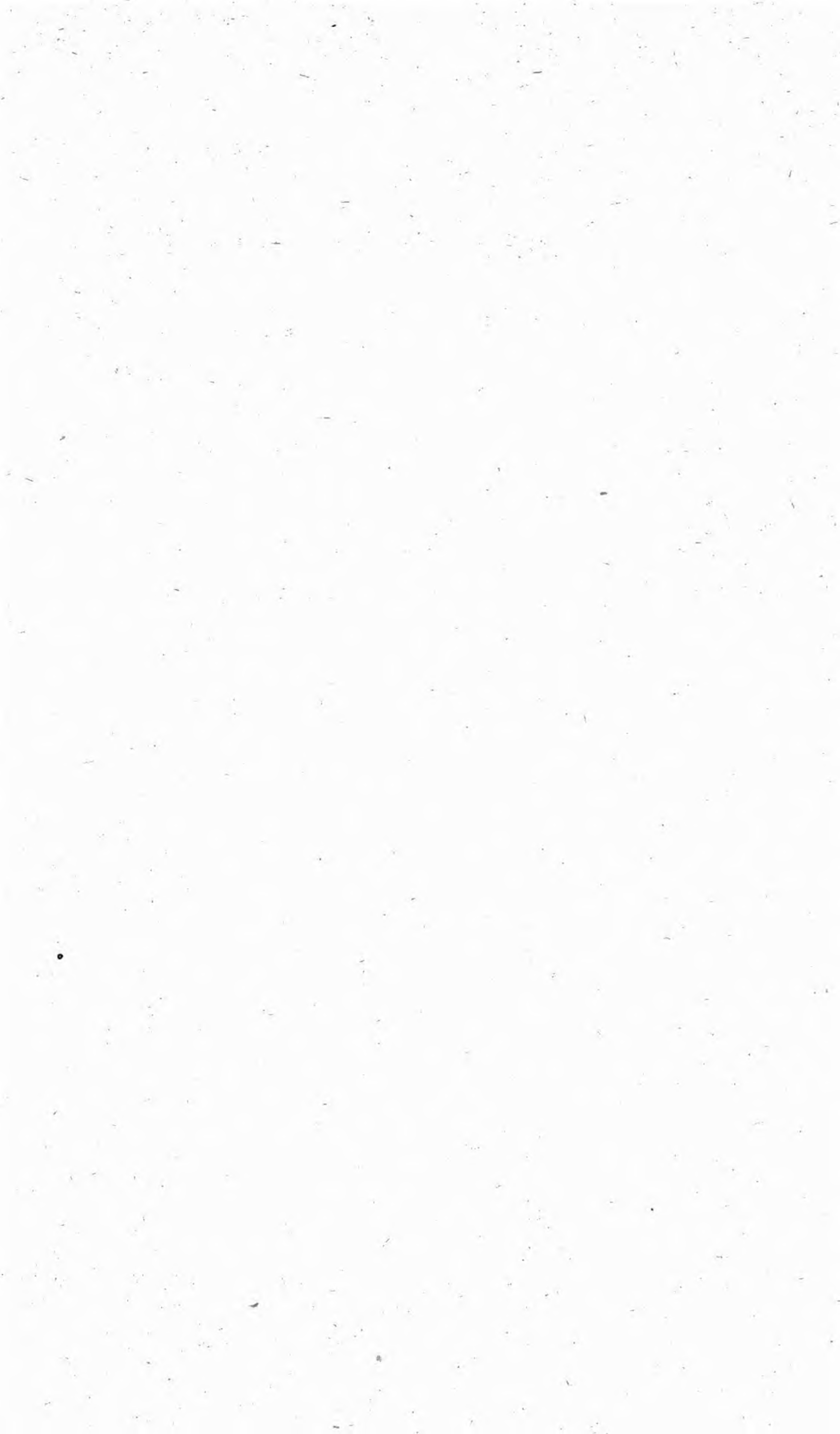
INSURANCE ON SCHOOL HOUSE

1917				
June	1	To paid Blake, Barrows & Brown..	\$235 92	
		By amount from incidental acct....		\$235 92
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			\$235 92	\$235 92

REPORT OF O. C. SWEAT, (Collector)

1917					
May	5	By cash and order	1.....		\$ 71 70
"	11	" "	2.....		108 00
"	14	" "	3.....		72 85
"	19	" "	4.....		50 68
"	28	" "	5.....		47 00
June	2	" "	6.....		25 00
"	29	" "	7.....		235 57
"	30	" "	8.....		1,193 78
"	30	" "	9.....		173 00
July	2	" "	10.....		5,747 47
"	3	" "	11.....		1,273 52
"	2	" "	12.....		186 00
Amount collected July 2				\$9,184 57	
5% discount.....				459 23	
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				\$8,725 34	

July	6	By cash and order	13.....		\$18 60
"	28	" "	14.....		60 00
Aug.	2	" "	15.....		381 66
"	7	" "	16.....		65 00
"	18	" "	17.....		61 16
June	14	To commitment of tax.....		\$12,139 72	
Sept.	29	By cash and order	18.....		204 06
Oct.	19	" "	19.....		123 00
Nov.	5	" "	20.....		183 00
"	21	" "	21.....		100 00
Dec.	8	" "	22.....		291 22
"	11	" "	23.....		229 66
Feb.	11	tax deed North-			
		ern Mfg. Co.	24.....		290 41
"	11	discount, \$459.23	} 25.....		915 77
"	11	abatement, 227.48			
"	11	commission 229.06			
"	11	cash to balance.....			31 61
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				\$12,139 72	\$12,139 72



Report of Treasurer

of the town of Howland, year 1917-18

		Balance in treasury February 27, 1917	\$603 37
Mar.	29	Check of State treasurer, support of paupers.....	49 25
June	29	Check of State treasurer, support of paupers.....	12 28
June	1	Town order of selectmen for loan. ...	500 00
Mar.	15	Town order of selectmen for loan...	500 00
Apr.	16	Town order of selectmen for loan....	500 00
June	8	Dog tax of town clerk.....	21 00
"	23	Check of C. R. Hurd, for cemetery lot.....	6 00
Sept.	26	Check of State treasurer on highway	250 00
"	26	Check of State treasurer on highway	50 00
Dec.	11	Dog license refund	5 34
"	11	School and mill fund	524 13
		Common school fund	534 82
		R. R. and tel. tax.....	4 00
"	18	Check of State treasurer, free high schools.....	80 33
"	11	Check of State treasurer, bear bounty.....	5 00
		Interest at bank	30 81
1918			
Jan.	21	Town of Patten for pauper.....	82 00
Feb.	11	Interest on Pond farm tax deed, of 1916.....	23 42
		O. C. Sweat, tax collector, turned in.....	12,139 72
			<hr/> \$15,921 47

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June	8	Dog tax refund.....	\$ 21 00	
Aug.	24	Paid State treasurer, maintenance on highways.....	369 30	
Aug.	28	County tax.....	602 69	
Oct.	13	note on well.....	618 00	
Dec.	11	State tax.....	1,894 72	
Dec.	31	Peter Haverlock, bear bounty	5 00	
		Town orders cashed and turned in to selectmen.....	11,797 09	
			<hr/>	15,307 80
		Balance in treasury, Feb. 25, 1918		<hr/> \$613 67

FRED M. WEYMOUTH,
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FEB. 25, 1918

By cash on hand and in bank, including tax deed, Northern Mfg. Co. \$290.41.....	\$613 67
Due from Orono, acct. Leon Perkins (health case)	132 00
Due from State, acct. John McKenzie (State pauper)	23 08

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To unexpended on sidewalks, 1917.....	\$800 00
cemetary, 1917	300 00
State aid road, 1917	533 00
support of schools, 1917..	143 87
free high school, 1917	358 99

To outstanding orders as follows:

Order Number 773.....	32 56
“ 816.....	1 50
“ 821.....	16 18
“ 825).....	72 38
“ 826).....	36 00
“ 827) School	36 00
“ 828).....	36 00
“ 829).....	7 80
Liabilities over assets.....	1,605 53
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	\$2,374 28 \$2,374 28

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit this annual report of the condition and progress of the schools of Howland.

TEACHERS

We were fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Simoneau, Miss Foss and Miss Harriman for another year. We have gotten well acquainted with these teachers and we cannot speak too highly of the work that they are doing. They are not only doing splendid work in the schoolroom but they are a credit to the community in which they work.

Late in the Summer Miss Grace Gilkey resigned, and although we disliked to lose her, her resignation was accepted. Miss Mary Larson, a graduate of Farmington Normal School was selected to take her place. Miss Larson resigned about Christmas and Miss Sibyl Weymouth was secured to take her place. Miss Weymouth had taught for us before so we knew that we were hiring a very capable teacher. Miss Weymouth is certainly living up to the reputation that she had established with us.

Directly after the March meeting last year, we decided that it was advisable to open the North Howland school. There are about ten pupils who attend this school, several of them reside in Maxfield so Howland pays only its share of the running expenses. The running expenses are nearly equally divided between Howland and Maxfield. Miss Gladys McKay teaches this school and is doing excellent work.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Miss Anzelia Harriman is continuing the work in MUSIC and DRAWING in the grades. It is surprising to see the results that are obtained when we stop to consider the short time that we have given special attention to these subjects.

It has been our hope that one type of INDUSTRIAL WORK would work in gradually at no expense to the town. We have a large, dry, well lighted basement that could be utilized by the boys for shop work. We have hoped that the boys and girls, by getting up entertainments and so on, could raise money enough to thoroughly equip one manual training bench. They could have a little time each week for manual training and, when they were efficient enough, could work outside of school hours. The girls could do manual training work if they chose, but it would be better to teach them practical work, like mending, patching, sewing on buttons and so on. This work would take very little time out of the school and eventually would have far reaching results. We believe that this work should be worked in gradually and we know that it will be a splendid thing for the children of Howland, as it is for children in other up to date and efficient schools.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' AGRICULTURAL CLUBS

We tried our best to start agricultural clubs for the boys and girls last year. We failed because we were unable to get the parents to co-operate with us. We hope with the aid of the County Agricultural Extension Agent who has his headquarters at Lincoln, and the aid of the parents, to start club work this Spring. We realize that club work is not, primarily, school work, but since it is a big factor that may be used for proper, all round development of boys and girls we can legitimately do every thing in our power to start it.

TOILETS

We have the chemical closets installed and we feel that the citizens of Howland should be proud of them. We have two closets installed in the basement for the boys; two in a small room on the first floor for the girls. There is some work yet to be done in the way of boarding in the one in the basement but this work can be done at any time.

MEASUREMENT OF RESULTS IN ARITHMETIC

Recently we gave the Curtis Standard Research Tests in arithmetic to see if the children were up to grade and to find our weak points so that we could remedy them. We found just what we expected to find, weak points, now we plan to strengthen where these tests show us that we are weak. These tests will test the efficiency of the teaching if they are given again a few months from now and the results are compared with these that we obtained.

Following is a table showing the standard scores and our scores. Explanation of terms will be found following the table:

Grade		Standard Score	Median Speed	Accuracy	Teaching Efficiency
9	Addition	12	9	60%	0
8	"	11	8	49%	0
7	"	10	5	65%	0
6	"	8	4	32%	0
5	"	6	3.6	42%	0
9	Subtraction	13	13	65%	0
8	"	12	10	49%	0
7	"	11	7.66	68%	0
6	"	9	7	49%	0
5	"	7	4.66	42%	0
9	Multiplication	11	13	60%	0
8	"	10	6.66	60%	0
7	"	9	6.66	80%	0
6	"	8	4.5	49%	0
5	"	6	3.5	34%	0
9	Division	11	9	40%	0
8	"	10	8.5	75%	0
7	"	8	5	60%	0
6	"	6	2	24%	0
5	"	4	1.6	28%	0

STANDARD SCORE means the number of examples that should be tried and all done correctly in order for a child to be up to grade. For example, in addition, grade nine a child in order to be up to grade must do at least twelve examples and get them all correct for the standard score is 12.

MEDIAN SPEED. The papers are arranged according to order, the best one first, the next best, second, and so on; the paper that has just as many poorer than it is as there are better than it is, is the median paper. In addition, grade nine, the median speed is 9 because the child completed 9 examples, the

ACCURACY is 60% because the child got only 60% of those he tried, correct. (Would you keep a bookkeeper or a clerk that was only 60% accurate)? Not a single child is up to grade, so the

TEACHING EFFICIENCY is zero. This looks very bad when we think of 100% but, as a matter of fact, all over the country teachers are getting a teaching efficiency of between 5% and 20%. So instead of comparing our zero with 100% we must compare it with from 5% to 20%.

It would be interesting to give these tests in six months and compare the results with the results that we have just obtained.

HOWLAND TEACHING FORCE

Name	Grades	Where trained	†Experience
E. A. Simoneau	7, 8 and 9	B. A., Central College M. A., Oskalossa	5 $\frac{1}{3}$ yrs.
Sibyl I. Weymouth	5 and 6	*Farmington Normal School	6 “
Albra L. Foss	3 and 4	Farmington Normal School	2 “
Anzelia Harriman	1 and 2	Castine Normal School	6 “
Gladys McKay	No. Howland	Higgins Classical Institute	4 “
Mary Larson	5 and 6 (fall)	Farmington Normal School	1 “

*Partial course

†Previous to Sept. 1, 1917.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended last year.....	\$ 94 75	
Appropriated.....	1,600 00	
Common school fund from State.....	524 13	
School mill fund from State.....	534 82	
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Total.....		\$2,753 70

Expenditures

Mildred Chamberlain, teaching.....	\$ 36 00	
Albra L. Foss, teaching.....	300 00	
Grace Gilkey, teaching.....	144 00	
Anzelia Harriman, teaching.....	372 00	
Reuben Lancaster, fuel.....	9 00	
Mary Larson, teaching.....	115 20	
Herschel S. Libby, freight on coal.....	27 05	
Will McKay, fuel.....	42 50	
Gladys McKay, teaching.....	365 00	
Alex Nadeau, unloading coal.....	28 61	
V. R. Nason & Son, fuel.....	68 00	
L. R. Palmer, fitting wood.....	1 00	
E. A. Simoneau, teaching.....	667 50	
Gladys Stickney, teaching.....	36 00	
Stickney & Babcock, fuel.....	382 97	
Sibyl I. Weymouth, teaching.....	108 00	
J. B. Spearrin, fuel.....	6 00	
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Total.....		2,708 83
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Unexpended.....		\$44 87

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended last year.....	\$330 16	
State aid.....	80 33	
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Total.....		\$410 49

Expenditures

E. M. C. Seminary.....	\$13 50	
Enfield.....	20 00	
Hebron Academy.....	10 00	
Maine Central Institute.....	8 00	
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Total.....		51 50
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Balance unexpended.....		\$358 99

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriated by town.....	\$100 00
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Expenditures

American Book Company.....	\$32 60	
E. E. Babb & Company.....	21 73	
H. S. Libby, express.....	2 75	
Hall-Mack Company.....	3 75	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Company.....	13 54	
Silver, Burdett & Company.....	28 92	
World Book Company.....	2 40	
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Total.....		105 69
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Overdraw.....		\$ 5 69

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Receipts

Appropriated.....	\$200 00	
Appropriated for chemical closets.....	250 00	
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Total		\$450 00

Expenditures

E. E. Babb & Company.....	\$37 30	
Ballantyne-Holmes Company	35	
Elsie Blanchard.....	15 00	
Wm. Duncan	6 51	
Dustbane Mfg. Company.....	5 25	
Globe Printing Company.....	3 38	
J. L. Hammett & Company.....	42 62	
Howard & Brown.....	5 75	
Howland Pulp & Paper Company.....	10 63	
H. H. Lancaster.....	7 33	
H. S. Libby.....	10 86	
Will McKay.....	4 86	
James McDonald.....	17 10	
H. L. Palmer	4 00	
L. E. Pettengill.....	2 00	
E. A. Simoneau.....	52 77	
Smith System Heating Company.....	225 00	
Sumner & Gerald.....	56	
E. A. Weatherbee & Co.....	3 82	
Guy Weatherbee & Co.....	3 36	
A. H. Weymouth & Co.....	20 98	
J. E. Whitmore.....	7 50	
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Total.....		486 93
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Overdraw.....		\$36 93

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following appropriations are recommended as being absolutely necessary in order to carry on the school work efficiently for the ensuing year:

COMMON SCHOOLS

Wages of teachers and janitors for one week	\$ 82 00	
Wages of teachers and janitors for thirty-six weeks	2,952 00	
Estimated cost of fuel	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,452 00
Deduct approximate State aid		1,050 00
Amount necessary for town to appropriate for common schools		2,400 00
Text-books		125 00
Repairs and supplies		250 00

The balance in the free high school account is large enough so that we consider it unnecessary to raise money for that account this year.

We cannot close this report without a word of appreciation of the intelligent, efficient and loyal service and co-operation that has been given by the teachers. We know that our successor will have a continuance of this service and co-operation.

Members of the school committee, I am glad to have had the opportunity to work with you. You have always had the interests of the schools at heart; you have worked untiringly for them; you have always given me the closest kind of co-operation as well as encouragement and inspiration. I thank you, not only for myself, but for the citizens of Howland also.

Respectfully submitted,

HERSCHEL S. LIBBY,
Superintendent of Schools.