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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

**TOWN OF HOWLAND
MAINE**

FOR THE YEAR

1938-1939



JORDAN-FROST PRINTING CO.
BANGOR, MAINE
1939

Municipal Government

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

GERALD F. KELLEY, 1st MERLE M. WEYMOUTH, 2nd
CLIFFORD NASH, 3rd

Town Agent

GERALD F. KELLEY

Treasurer

MARJORIE I. BUCK

Town Clerk

BESSIE J. BLAKE

Tax Collector

BESSIE J. BLAKE

Road Commissioner

MILAN HATCH

School Committee

MERLE WEYMOUTH CHARLES LANCASTER
IRENE TWOMBLEY

Attendance Officers

H. E. BOYNTON FOSTER CHAMBERLAIN

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

NORMAN MILLER GEORGE HOPKINS

Sexton

HARRY H. LANCASTER

Fire Chief and Inspector

ALLIE CHAMBERLAIN

Constable

HAROLD E. BOYNTON

Assessors' Report

MONEY APPROPRIATED MARCH 14, 1938

Support of Poor	\$1,200.00	
Support of Schools, (Common and High)	9,200.00	
School Repairs	300.00	
Thomas Free Library	500.00	
Fire Department	300.00	
Highways and Bridges	1,000.00	
Winter Roads	900.00	
Street Lights	990.00	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Cemetery and Cemetery Road	300.00	
Retiring Town Bonds and Interest	6,425.00	
Dependent Children	500.00	
Discount, Commission, Abatements and Interest on Temporary Loans	1,700.00	
State Aid Road Maintenance	750.00	
State Aid Road Construction	900.00	
Third Class Maintenance	106.00	
Public Health Nurse	171.00	
Repairs of Village Streets, Apply- ing Tarvia	500.00	
Repairs of Pleasant Street Road	250.00	
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Total Town Tax		\$26,992.00
County Tax	\$1,814.48	
State Tax	6,854.97	
Overlay on Tax Assessments	1,449.63	
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	\$10,119.08	

Less 331 Polls at \$3.00	993.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,126.08
Amount Assessed on Property		<hr/> \$36,118.08

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF HOWLAND

April 1, 1938

Real Estate, resident	\$128,455.00	
Real Estate, non-resident	631,649.00	
	<hr/>	\$760,104.00
Personal Estate, resident	\$11,155.00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	31,365.00	
	<hr/>	\$42,520.00
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Total Valuation		\$802,624.00

Rate \$45.00 per \$1,000.00.

Selectmen's Report

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Overlay in Assessments	\$1,449.63	
H. H. Lancaster, Supp. poll	3.00	
Bessie Blake, license fees	15.00	
State of Maine, bank stock tax	14.86	
State of Maine, dog tax refund	33.99	
State of Maine R. R. & Tel. Tax	29.52	
Wood sold	63.50	
First National Bank, Portland, div.	2.37	
Bessie Blake, supp. tax	44.46	
Total available		\$1,656.33
Expended:		
State Treas. school nurse, 1937	\$110.00	
State Treas. Hygiene	60.00	
Jordan - Frost Co., Town reports	96.75	
W. Frank Gardiner, Auditor	100.00	
Linton Insurance Agt. Treas. Bond	35.00	
Charles Spencer, Coll. Bond	25.00	
Labor, cleaning ditches	38.50	
Fred Sherwood, land damage	150.00	
Edgar M. Simpson, Attorney	26.50	
H. Cummings, Town dump	4.50	
Refund on lien sold	39.84	
Cost of wood sold	63.50	
Express on Gov. Food	287.38	
Lincoln Trust Co., Service Charge	15.99	
Telephone	17.50	
M. I. Buck, postage and supplies	3.50	
Bessie Blake, postage and supplies	3.64	

H. H. Lancaster, Commission	13.95	
Porcupine bounties	23.50	
Quar. & Fumigating	22.60	
Misc., supplies and expenses	159.60	
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Total expended		\$1,297.25
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Unexpended to summary		\$359.08

TOWN OFFICERS

Gerald Kelley, Selectman	\$450.00	
Clifford Nash, Selectman	150.00	
Merle Weymouth, Selectman	150.00	
M. I. Buck, Treas.	125.00	
Bessie Blake, Clerk	50.00	
H. G. McKay, Health officer, (1937)	15.00	
H. H. Lancaster, Commission	15.95	
Harold Boynton, Constable	50.00	
Harold Boynton, truant officer	9.50	
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Overdrawn to summary		\$1,015.45

TOWN OFFICE, CLERK AND EXPENSE

Annie Colbath, Clerk	\$204.00
E. F. McCloskey, Postage	28.00
Globe Printing Co.	16.75
C. D. Merrifield Co.	7.60
W. Frank Gardiner	5.50
Marks Printing House	9.00
Morse-Norris Press	6.13
Dillingham's	23.85
Eastern Telephone Co.	53.80
W. H. Smart	45.65
W. E. Craig	2.92

Burr Printing Company	4.08
Webb Smith Printing Co.	6.30
Howland Variety Store	3.37
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	8.45

Overdrawn to Summary \$425.40

ELECTION EXPENSE

Ballot Clerks	\$36.00
Moderator	7.50
Ballots	8.00
Nomination papers	8.40
Meals	5.50

Overdrawn to Summary \$65.40

SUPT. AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John B. DeWitt, Supt.	\$360.00
John B. DeWitt, Expense	11.60
Charles Lancaster	15.00
Merle Weymouth	15.00
Irene Twombly	15.00

Overdrawn to Summary \$416.60

TOWN HALL

Hall rent received \$571.50

Expended:

L. D. Crook, tuning piano	\$5.00
Mrs. Ada Pierce, cleaning	13.00
West Enfield Co-op., Supplies	23.23
Bangor Hydro-Elect.	159.60

Weymouth & Co., Supplies	219.74	
Labor, painting	283.20	
Fuel	8.50	
Janitor service	36.00	
Misc.	1.23	
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Total Expended		\$749.50
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Overdrawn to summary		\$178.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Donald York	\$30.00	
Minnie E. Runnells	505.75	
E. F. McClosky	418.50	
Lincoln Insurance Agency	40.40	
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Total Expended		\$994.65
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Unexpended to summary..		\$5.35

TAX LIEN COSTS

Expended	\$75.77	
Less: Receipts	43.90	
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Overdrawn to summary		\$31.87

AUTO EXCISE TAX

Receipts:		
H. H. Lancaster	\$445.62	
Bessie Blake	641.56	
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Total Receipts		\$1,087.18

Expended:

Commissions	\$60.00
1939 Tax carried forward	298.81

Total Expended	\$358.81
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Unexpended to summary	\$728.37
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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$990.00
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Expended:

Bangor Hydro-Elect.	\$990.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Other towns contribution	339.60
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Total available	\$639.60
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Expended:

A. Chamberlain, Chief	\$76.00
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Eastern Telephone	9.00
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Bangor Hydro	15.00
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Firemens' Service	204.65
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Supplies & Misc.	128.77
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Total Expended	\$433.42
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Unexpended to summary	\$206.18
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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Appropriation	\$171.00
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Expended:

State Bureau of Health	\$171.00
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Rentals Received		\$2,165.92
Expended:		
Labor	\$390.85	
Commission for collecting	259.91	
Supplies & Misc.	702.80	
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Total Expended		\$1,353.56
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Unexpended summary		\$812.36

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Expended	\$8.19	
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Overdrawn to summary		\$8.19

VITAL STATISTICS

Expended:		
Bessie Blake, recording Births, Deaths and Marriages	\$48.75	
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Overdrawn to summary		\$48.75

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Town truck earnings	877.57	
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Total available		\$1,877.57
Expended:		
Labor	\$936.16	
Material & Supplies	736.32	
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Total expended		\$1,672.48
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Unexpended to summary		\$205.09

TARVIA VILLAGE STREETS

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Transferred from Third Class	68.62	
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Total available		\$568.62
Expended:		
Labor	\$286.82	
Trucks	110.24	
State Highway Commission	201.60	
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Total Expended		\$598.66
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Overdrawn to summary		\$30.04

PLEASANT STREET REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$250.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$354.28	
Trucks	62.25	
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Total Expended		\$416.53
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Overdrawn to Summary		\$166.53

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$900.00	
Other town's contributions	462.95	
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Total available		\$1,362.95
Expended:		
Labor	\$555.51	
Supplies & Misc.	580.14	
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Total Expended		\$1,135.65
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Unexpended to Summary		\$227.30

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended balance, Tar, 1937.....	\$603.00	
Appropriation.....	900.00	
State of Maine.....	1,765.41	
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Total available.....		\$3,268.41
Expended:		
Labor.....	\$1,311.53	
Trucks Town.....	727.68	
Trucks Others.....	263.81	
Materials & Supplies.....	306.46	
State of Maine Shovel.....	1,153.50	
State of Maine Tar.....	611.91	
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Total Expended.....		\$4,374.89
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Due from State of Maine..		\$1,106.48

STATE AID PATROL

Appropriation.....		\$750.00
Expended:		
State of Maine.....	\$675.60	
Other Labor.....	74.40	
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Total Expended.....		\$750.00

THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

Received from State of Maine.....		\$402.19
Expended:		
Labor.....	\$239.07	
Trucks.....	94.50	
Transferred from Village Tarvia..	68.62	
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Total Expended.....		\$402.19

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$106.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$58.40	
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Unexpended to Summary		\$47.60

UNIMPROVED ROADS

Received from the State of Maine	\$108.90	
Transferred from Snow Removal	36.95	
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Total available		\$145.85
Expended:		
Labor	\$61.25	
Gravel	6.60	
Trucks	78.00	
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Total Expended		\$145.85

SUPPORT OF POOR, TOWN

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Received from:		
Fred Boynton	\$5.13	
Bruce Drake	59.40	
John Smith	2.00	
Fay Faloon	89.50	
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Total Available		\$1,356.03
Expended:		
George Squires	\$133.95	
Helen Berube	66.86	
Kenneth Mushero	1.52	

Fay Faloon	89.50
Andy Weymouth	25.01
Wm. Langley	4.39
Rose Morrow	10.50
Phoebe Dubay	7.00
Veteran	47.52
Veteran	53.35
John York	20.00
Benjamin Hughes	26.26
Rose Garrett	102.84
Veteran	5.13
Rowena Wilbur	209.30
George Beaulier	2.70
Marie Boynton (Yr. 1937 bill)	42.00
Veteran	46.00
Bruce Drake, (\$76.00. Yr. '37 bill)	362.09
Ellen Mulheron	84.67
Ralph Shorey	37.09
Transients	4.30

Total Expended	\$1,381.98
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Overdrawn to Summary	\$25.95
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SUPPORT OF POOR—OTHER TOWNS

Expended	\$566.27
Received from other Towns	553.37

Balance Due	\$12.90
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SUPPORT OF POOR—STATE

Expended	\$1,013.82
Received from State	646.60

Due from State	\$367.22
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WOOD ACCOUNT

Expended:

Cutting, hauling and yarding	\$900.01	
Less wood sold	521.34	
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Balance forward		\$378.67
65 Cords on hand	\$292.50	
Accounts Receivable, wood sales	359.70	
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Inventory		\$652.20

BOARD AT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Expended:

State of Maine—For Hugh Riley	\$57.14	
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Overdrawn to Summary		\$57.14

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
State of Maine	\$663.83	
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Overdrawn to Summary		\$163.83

EDUCATION

Total Expended		\$15,752.33
Total Available		14,103.90
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Overdrawn Forward, 1939		\$1,648.43

For details see Supt. Report.

ABATEMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS

Appropriation		\$1,700.00
Expended:		
Bessie Blake, Comm.....	\$343.54	
Bessie Blake, Discounts	1,539.62	
Bessie Blake, Abatements.....	9.00	
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Total Expended		\$1,892.16
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Overdrawn to Summary .		\$192.16

CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Sale of Lots	22.00	
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Total Available.....		\$322.00
Expended:		
Maintenance	\$92.95	
Cost of Road.....	218.28	
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Total Expended		\$311.23
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Unexpended to Summary .		\$10.77

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$500.00	
State of Maine	35.00	
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Total Available.....		\$535.00
Expended:		
Annie Colbath, Librarian.....	\$202.50	
Books	300.75	
Misc. Expense.....	31.75	
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Total Expended		\$535.00

INTEREST, GENERAL

Received on Tax Deeds and Liens . .	\$29.07	
Received Lincoln Trust Co., Savings	106.46	
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Total Available		\$135.53
Unexpended to Summary .		135.53

INTEREST AND BONDS

Appropriation		\$6,425.00
Expended:		
First National Bank, Portland—		
Bonds	\$5,000.00	
First National Bank, Portland—		
Interest	1,425.00	
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Total Expended		\$6,425.00

STATE TAX

Appropriation		\$6,854.97
Expended:		
State of Maine		6,854.97
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COUNTY TAX

Appropriation		1,814.48
Expended:		
County of Penobscot		\$1,814.48

GRAND SUMMARY

		Written off
Account	Overdrawn	Unexpended
Incidentals and Overlay		\$359.08
Town Officers	1,015.45	
Clerk and Office Supplies	425.40	

Election Expense	65.40	
Supt. and School Comm.	416.60	
Town Hall	178.00	
Insurance		5.35
Tax Liens Costs	31.87	
Auto Excise Tax—1938		728.37
Fire Dept.		206.18
Water Dept.		812.36
Sewer	8.19	
Vital Statistics	48.75	
Town Roads		205.09
Tarvia	30.04	
Pleasant Street Repairs	166.53	
Snow Removal		227.30
3rd Class Maintenance	25.95	
Board at State Institutions	57.14	
Aid to Dependent Children	163.83	
Common School Repairs	36.40	
Discounts, Comm. and Abatements	192.16	
Cemetery		10.77
Interest		135.53
Dog Tax		13.00
Third Class Maintenance		47.60
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Total Overdrafts	\$2,861.71	\$2,750.63
Total Unexpended	2,750.63	
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Net Overdraft to Summary	\$111.08	

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD F. KELLEY,
 MERLE M. WEYMOUTH,
 CLIFFORD NASH,

Selectmen.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Feb. 16, '38	Feb. 17, '39
Savings Account, Cemetery	\$121.27	\$121.27
Savings, Account, General	5,000.00	
Treasurer's Cash	2,570.10	2,952.77
Accounts Receivable	464.41	1,942.06
Tax Liens, 1937		885.33
Tax Liens, 1936	450.08	283.64
Tax Liens, 1935	404.54	274.39
Tax Liens, 1934	183.00	139.60
Tax Liens, 1933	295.62	201.46
Bessie Blake, Coll., 1938		2,795.32
H. Lancaster, Coll., 1937	2,155.09	237.64
H. Lancaster, Coll., 1936		
Bessie Blake, Coll., 1935	642.93	600.67
W. H. Linton, Coll., 1934	1.60	1.60
W. H. Linton, Coll., 1933	300.84	268.62
H. C. Boynton, Coll., 1932	1,035.18	1,025.18
H. C. Boynton, Coll., 1931	654.64	647.64
H. C. Boynton, Coll., 1930	783.02	691.15
H. C. Boynton, Coll., 1929	151.00	151.00
H. C. Boynton, Coll., 1928	559.58	559.58
Common Schools, Overdraft	69.72	1,648.43
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Total Assets	\$15,842.62	\$15,427.35
Liabilities over Assets	15,024.38	9,871.46
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	\$30,867.00	\$25,298.81
LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00
State of Maine, M. T. R. A.	264.00	
Unexpended Balance, Tar	603.00	
1939 Auto Excise Tax, Forward		298.81
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	\$30,867.00	\$25,298.81

ANALYSIS OF TOWN DEBT

Balance, Beginning of year	\$15,024.38	
Plus: Overdrafts per Summary	111.08	
	<hr/>	\$15,135.46
Deductions:		
Payment of Bonds	\$5,000.00	
M. T. R. A., S. of Me. in error . .	264.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,264.00
Balance: End of year		<hr/>
		\$9,871.46

Public Accountant's Report

February 21, 1939.

To the Board of Selectmen
Howland, Maine

As required by Chapter 216 of the Public Laws of Maine, 1937, I have audited the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector for the years ending February 15, 1938, and February 17, 1939, and installed the State Uniform System of Accounts as of February 15, 1938.

The Treasurer's records for both years were well kept and cash balance reconciles with the bank statement at the end of each year. All disbursements have been properly executed, bearing the signatures of two of the selectmen and vouchers are attached to each warrant and filed by months.

The Collector's records for 1937 were found to be in good condition. For 1938 they were exceptionally well done, the collector having used the State cash sheet posting collections therefrom to her tax book.

I made a preliminary review of all tax accounts back to 1928 but they appear to be incomplete as to detail and no doubt a large portion of these unpaid taxes will eventually have to be abated or written off, as 1928 to 1933 are now over six years old. Some provision should be made either by an appropriation or creating a reserve against which to charge them.

Eventually the Water Department will have to be separated from the town records and a set of books kept to meet the requirements of the Public Utility Commission.

To the best of my knowledge and belief all transactions in the town of Howland have been correctly recorded.

W. FRANK GARDINER,
Public Accountant and Auditor.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance—February 15, 1938 \$2,570.10

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Taxes

Bessie Blake, Collector, 1938	\$34,350.97	
Prior Years, Collections	1,037.15	
Tax Liens, Collections	696.27	
Auto Excise Tax—1938	788.37	
Auto Excise Tax—1939	298.81	
State of Maine R. R. & Tel.	29.52	
State of Maine Bank Stock	14.86	
		\$37,215.95

Accounts Receivable

State of Maine, Poor	\$296.56	
Town of Hudson, Poor	33.31	
Town of Edinburg	49.50	
Town of Seboeis	8.25	
		\$387.62

General Government

State of Maine, Dog tax Refund . .	\$33.99	
Wood Sold	63.50	
Supplemental Tax	3.00	
First National Bank, Portland Dif.	2.37	
		\$102.86

Protection of Persons and Property

Town of Edinburg	\$4.00	
Town of Enfield	169.40	
Town of Passadumkeag	122.90	
Town of Lowell—(Fire Dept.) . . .	43.30	
		\$339.60

Charities

State of Maine	\$646.60	
Town of Limestone	91.22	
Mabel DeWitt	33.00	
Town of Hudson	111.98	
Fred Hilchey	3.25	
Town of Danforth	313.92	
Misc. Town Poor	156.03	
	<hr/>	\$1,356.00

Highways

Use of Town Trucks	\$877.57	
Tarvia Account	68.62	
Contribution Snow Removal	462.95	
State of Maine, 3rd Class	402.19	
State of Maine, Unimproved	108.90	
Misc. unimproved	36.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,957.18

Education

State of Maine, School Fund	\$2,498.21	
Tuition	2,398.19	
Sale of Supplies	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,903.90

Miscellaneous

State of Maine, Public Library	\$35.00	
Hall Rent	571.50	
Wood Sales	521.34	
Water Rates	2,165.92	
Cemetery Lots	22.00	
Interest	135.53	
Tax Lien Costs	43.90	
Savings Account	15,000.00	
Dog Taxes and Licenses	119.00	
	<hr/>	\$18,614.19

Total Receipts	<hr/>	\$64,877.30
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Total Available	<hr/>	\$67,447.40
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Selectmen's Warrants Paid		\$64,494.63
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Cash Balance, February 17, ¹⁹³⁹ 1938	<hr/>	\$2,952.77
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TAX LIEN MORTGAGES HELD BY TOWN TREASURER

YEAR 1933

Charles Aldrich	\$12.60	
Alphonse Carron	7.80	
Leroy Carey	16.20	
Bert Casey	18.00	
Annie Clark	6.84	
Harriett Hobbs	14.40	
Burns Milheron	8.30	
Benjamin Moran, Heirs of	50.04	
Florence Moran, Heirs of	22.50	
John Robinson	8.04	
Mary A. Theriault	18.00	
Layzime Theriault	7.74	
Byron Watters	11.00	
		\$201.46

YEAR 1934

Bert Casey	\$20.00	
Stanley N. Marsh	37.60	
Burns Milheron	16.00	
Theobald Nevins	28.00	
Ada Pierce	18.00	
Byron Watters	20.00	
		\$139.60

YEAR 1935

Charles Aldrich	\$12.00
Sadie Berry	3.40
Malen Carr	20.00
Chas. Chessa	3.40
Annie Clark	8.00
Mabel Clark, Bal.	4.00
Andrew J. Fitzpatrick	23.00
Charles T. Gould	7.20

Perley Haynes, Heirs of	4.00
Stanley N. Marsh	37.60
Hattie Mills	4.00
Benjamin Moran, Heirs of	55.60
Florence Moran, Heirs of	11.69
Mary Moulton	6.00
Vaughn Myrick	14.00
Alex Nichols	4.00
Frank Page	8.00
John Robinson	10.60
Henry Roy	8.80
Layzime Theriault	8.60
Mary Theriault	19.00
Gordon Wallace	1.50

\$274.39

YEAR 1936

Charles Aldrich	\$12.00
Sadie Berry	3.40
Isabelle Brown	7.20
Charles Chessa	3.40
Alphonse Carron	8.00
Leon Cousins	13.40
Lloyd Dow	6.00
Ralph W. Emery	50.56
Andrew J. Fitzpatrick	24.00
Lawrie Brothers	18.40
Charles Littlefield	17.25
Mary Moulton	6.00
Vaughn Myrick	14.00
Theobald Nevins	27.50
Alex Nichols	4.00
Frank Page	8.00
Ada Pierce	18.00
Francis Prescott	20.00
William M. Smith	10.00

Layzime Theriault	8.60
Anna Weymouth	3.00
Frank Corriveau, Bal. cost	1.50
Edward Green . . . . .	.41
Frank Sibley	1.47

\$286.09

YEAR 1937

Charles Aldrich	\$13.20
Fannie Ayers	7.04
L. P. Carver & Company	48.40
Alphonse Carron	13.20
Leon Cousins	14.74
Fernando Dunn	12.72
Maude Dunn, Adm.	22.78
George Dewey Dyer	5.95
Ralph W. Emery	55.62
Bertie Faloon	162.80
Andrew Fitzpatrick	26.40
Charles Gould	8.36
Thomas Graham	35.20
Forrest Harris	11.00
Peter Haverlock, Heirs of	14.30
John Hobbs	20.40
Benjamin Hughes	6.16
Nellie Kenney	4.40
Arthur LaCroix	10.84
Charles Littlefield	20.90
Peter Lee—Bal. . . . .	.96
Ruth Lugdon	7.74
Vernon Lugdon	10.96
John McLaughlin, Heirs of	18.26
Mary Moulton	6.60
Burns Milheron	17.16
Vaughn Myrick	15.40
Alex Nichols	4.40

Frank Page	8.80
Ada Pierce	19.80
Henry Roy	9.68
East. Shell Company	4.40
Lloyd Smith	13.20
Percival Spencer	8.14
Wm. M. Smith	11.00
Edith Theriault	21.56
Layzime Theriault	9.46
Frederick Thompson	23.20
Margaret Tyler	105.60
Melvin Wakefield	17.60
Andrew Weymouth	9.90
Anna Weymouth	22.00
Augustus Wheeler	6.60

\$886.83

BESSIE J. BLAKE, Collector, 1938

Commitment	\$37,111.08	
Supplemental taxes	44.46	
		<u>\$37,155.54</u>

Credits

Cash to Treasurer	\$34,350.97	
Abatements	9.00	
Discounts . . . . .	.25	
		<u>\$34,360.22</u>
Total credits		\$34,360.22
Balance due Town		<u>\$2,795.32</u>

Reconciliation

Outstanding unpaid taxes	\$2,521.44	
Cash on hand undeposited	273.88	
		<u>\$2,795.32</u>

ABATEMENTS

Residents

Ameron, Michael, deceased	\$3.00	
Bryer, Elmer, deceased	3.00	
Hatch, Millard, deceased	3.00	
		<u>\$9.00</u>

UNPAID 1938 TAXES FEBRUARY 17, 1939

RESIDENTS

Armour, Delmont	\$7.95
Ayers, Fannie	2.20
Boynton, Guy	5.03
Bastian, William	3.00
Bernard, Eddie	3.23
Briggs, William, Bal.	13.75

Boyington, Horace	2.25
Babineau, Ami	17.18
Brown, Isabelle	8.10
Boynton, Ida	14.18
Bastian, Charles	3.00
Bowker, Ralph, Bal.	6.55
Boyington, Allen	3.00
Black, Armour	3.00
Bates, Earl, Bal.	2.25
Budreau, Peter	7.50
Colbath, Elizabeth, Bal.	20.38
Chamberlain, Geo., Bal.	2.88
Casey, Bert	3.00
Carver, L. P., Bal.	51.20
Carver, L. P. & Company	49.50
Clark, Annie	9.00
Cole, Edwin, Bal.	13.50
Carron, Alphonse, Bal.	13.50
Carpenter, Benjamin F.	26.63
Casey, Isaac	3.68
Clark, Stanley, Bal.	9.00
Chase, Winfield A.	3.00
Carver, Kenneth	3.00
Clark, Mabel M.	36.00
Clark, George and Staples, Warren	18.00
Carver, Alvin, Bal.	17.20
Crosby, Sewall	3.00
Carron, Lawrence	3.00
Crosby, Manson	7.50
Carr, Cyril	16.05
Dunn, Fernando, Bal.	26.10
Dunn, Maude, Administrator	33.53
Duncan, William J., Bal.	2.25
Drew, Joseph, Bal.	16.43
Dawson, Edward	16.73
Drake, Lewis	3.00
Drake, George	16.50

Dyer, George Dewey	7.50
Dumais, Patrick	3.00
DeWitt, Robert	3.45
Deane, Ora	3.00
Drake, Lloyd	3.00
Emery, Ralph W., Bal	63.63
Faloon, Stephen	5.25
Faloon, Agnes Gertrude, Bal.	2.00
Faloon, Bertie	167.63
Fitzpatrick, Andrew J.	27.00
Folcy, James R.	3.00
Graham, Thomas W.	39.00
Grover, Vernon	3.00
Gaudreau, Richard	27.00
Grover, Martha	15.97
Garrett, Roland	3.00
Garrett, Georgiana	35.55
Hughes, Benjamin	9.30
Hatch, Millard, Bal.	15.30
Hatch, Pearl Francis, Bal.	10.72
Haverlock, Peter	3.00
Harris, John W., Bal	17.57
Haverlock, Peter, Heirs of	14.62
Harvey, Fred, Bal.	6.30
Harvey, Francis	3.22
Hatch, Perlie	3.00
Hanson, Earl	3.45
Horton, John	3.00
Hilchey, Fred	3.00
Johnson, Robert	3.00
King, Leonard	3.45
King, Camille	3.00
King, Alvin	3.00
King, Alfred	3.00
Klimpe, Otto	3.00
Lugdon, Vernon	15.30
Lugdon, Ruth	15.07

LaPlante, Albert	7.50
LaPlante, Albert, Jr.	3.00
Langley, William	3.45
Langley, Clarence	3.00
Langley, Edward	3.00
LaCroix, Arthur, Bal.	6.20
Lyons, Hollis	3.00
Lec, Arthur	3.45
Leavitt, Viola	2.25
Lancaster, Marshall	23.25
Levasseur, Vitol	3.00
McKay, William H.	97.51
Matthews, John	3.00
Martin, Mary	13.05
Milheron, Burns	21.00
Milheron, Forrest	3.00
McIntyre, Josie	44.32
Mushero, John, Heirs of	1.12
Mushero, Kenneth	3.00
Moreau, Ozime	3.00
McLaughlin, Everett	3.00
Matthews, Archie, Bal.	3.00
Messer, Roy	3.00
Moran, Benj., Heirs of	40.80
Moran, Florence, Devisees of	27.00
McLaughlin, Clarence	3.00
Marsh, Bernice	24.75
Nelson, Harold	3.45
Nadeau, William H., Bal	10.80
Nason, Benj.	6.37
Nye, Warren	3.00
Nason, Robert	8.18
Ozol, Charles, Bal.	5.85
Ozol, Mildred	33.75
Pierce, Ada	15.29
Prescott, Francis, Bal.	23.90
Paradis, Emile	3.00

Paradis, Victor	3.00
Perro, Joseph	3.00
Robinson, Edwin	12.45
Reed, William	16.72
Roy, Henry	12.90
Runnells, Gertrude, Bal.	20.53
Roy, Leonard	3.00
Robinson, Carroll	3.00
Rowell, Donald	3.00
Simmonds, Joseph	3.00
Smith, William M., Bal	9.35
Sherwood, Fred	16.05
Shorey, George	3.90
Shirland, Ernest	3.00
Staples, Warren, Bal.	24.70
St. Thomas, Levi	21.00
Shorey, Bessie	14.62
Smart, Walter	18.98
Spencer, Percival, Bal.	8.33
Sherwood, Earl	14.47
Smith, John	6.15
Smith, Lloyd	17.40
Stanley, Clarence	14.25
Simmonds, Charles	3.00
Soucier, Walter	3.00
Scott, Alvah	3.00
Sullivan, Jeremiah	3.00
Thompson, Merle, Bal.	1.45
Theriault, Edith H.	22.05
Theriault, Mary A., Bal	7.48
Theriault, Wilfred	18.75
Terrio, Joseph, Bal.	7.82
Thompson, Maurice, Bal.	7.00
Theriault, Alfred	3.00
Theriault, Lillian	11.93
Theriault, Layzime	12.67
Thompson, Frederick, Bal.	25.20

Umbro, Joseph	16.50
Verakes, Ambrose	13.58
Weymouth, Andrew J., Bal	8.65
Wallace, J. Gordon	21.00
Willett, Cecil	16.95
Wakefield, Melvin J.	22.13
Wakefield, Archie	14.70
White, Alysius	3.45
Wakefield, Lawrence	3.45
Wiley, Linwood	3.00
Watters, Byron	3.45
Weymouth, Anna, Bal.	6.60
White, Angus	3.00
York, John	6.75

Total unpaid Resident
1938 taxes

\$2,072.61

UNPAID, 1938—NON-RESIDENT TAXES

Annis, Frank, or unknown	\$.90
Aldrich, Charles, or unknown, Bal.	8.50
Berry, Sadie	3.82
Carr, Malen, or unknown	23.63
Chessa, Charles, or unknown	3.82
Clapp, Hiram, Heirs of, or unknown	1.13
Cousins, Leon, or unknown	15.07
Chase, Laura, or unknown	14.63
Gillis, Mansil, or unknown	9.00
Haynes, Austin, or unknown	32.40
Hobbs, John, or unknown	20.70
Jordan, Virgil, or unknown	2.93
Kenney, Nellie, or unknown	4.50
Knowlton, Raymond H. or unknown	27.00
Linton, William H., or unknown	14.62
Lowell, Charles, or unknown	1.12
Latham, Blanche, or unknown	2.93

McLaughlin, John, Heirs of or unknown	18.67	
Mills, Hattie, or unknown	2.25	
Moulton, Mary, or unknown	6.75	
Melvins, or unknown	3.38	
Myrick, Vaughn, or unknown	15.75	
Nichols, Alec, or unknown	4.50	
Nevins, Theobald, or unknown	31.50	
Page, Frank, or unknown	9.00	
Sawyer, Enos, or unknown	23.63	
Towle, Susie, or unknown	20.25	
Tyler, Margaret, or unknown	108.00	
White, John, Devisees of, or un- known	11.70	
Wheeler, Augustus, Heirs of, or un- known	6.75	
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Total unpaid Non-Resident		\$448.83
Total Unpaid Resident		
Taxes		\$2,072.61
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		\$2,521.44

Report of Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Irene F. Twombly	Term expires 1939
Mr. Charles H. Lancaster	Term expires 1940
Mr. Merle M. Weymouth	Term expires 1941

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Foster D. Chamberlain	Harold E. Boynton
H. H. Lancaster	

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Howland:

In accordance with the school laws of the State of Maine, I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

TEACHERS

Several members of our teaching staff of last year did not return for the present school year and the following teachers were engaged to fill the vacancies:

Commercial, H. S., Mr. Carl E. Cunningham of Patten.

Latin & Fr., H. S., Miss Louise E. Steeves of Lincoln.

Grade II, Miss Isabel M. Buck of Dover.

No. Howland, Mr. Byron S. Dinsmore, of Howland.

Owing to the large enrollment at the high school an additional teacher was required and Mr. Armand A. Polito of Portland was engaged to teach Math., French, and act as Director of Music in the village schools.

Mr. Nye resigned at the end of the fourth week of the fall

term and Mr. Donald M. Hooper of Sorrento was secured to fill the vacancy.

We believe that we have a very strong teaching staff and that all of our teachers are doing excellent work in their respective positions.

TEXTBOOKS

The high school is well supplied with textbooks which are in fair condition. The larger enrollment in this school necessitated the purchase of many supplementary texts.

Library and laboratory equipment to meet the state requirements have been provided for the high school.

The supply of textbooks in the elementary schools is adequate but some of the texts are in poor condition and should be replaced very soon.

The commercial department is well supplied with textbooks which are in good condition. Some of the older typewriters should be exchanged for new this year. A typewriter depreciates in exchange value according to its age the same as an automobile and it is good policy to exchange them before they get too old.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance record of the grade schools for the school year ending June 30, 1938 was as follows:

Total enrollment 368; Aver. Attend. 329.6; Percent Attend. 89.56%.

This record is practically the same as that of the previous year and is probably as good as can be expected where there are so many small children. The daily attendance was very satisfactory.

The attendance record of the high school for the above mentioned period was as follows:

Total enrollment 163; Aver. Attend. 144.8; Percent Attend. 88.8%.

We are pleased to note a decided improvement in the attendance record at the high school.

REPAIRS

The installation of many new radiator valves and air valves has made a decided improvement in the heating equipment of the village buildings.

A new work table was provided for the laboratory at the high school building and the cement floors in the laboratory, hallway, and lower recitation room were painted.

Pockets for storage of textbooks, etc. of high school students were built in two of the recitation rooms.

New curtains have been bought for the grade school rooms, the typewriter room, and one of the recitation rooms in the high school building and will be installed soon. A new electric clock was also purchased for the high school assembly room.

At the Ring St. building the vestibule and railings were painted, bars installed over the cellar windows, and a bookshelf put up in each recitation room.

Many minor repairs were made during the past year at both of the village buildings—including repairs to the roof and hallway ceilings of the high school building, electric wiring and switch in basement of this building, and the usual repairs necessary on toilets and other plumbing equipment.

FINANCES

We are closing the year with a large overdraft in the school account—due in part to the fact that a large tuition bill for the fall term which is usually paid in January had not been paid when our accounts were closed on February 11, 1939. Without doubt this bill will be paid within a few weeks and we have indicated in our financial statement the actual overdraft for the past fiscal year.

This overdraft was caused by the necessary addition of another teacher to the high school teaching staff, about \$250.00 greater expense for fuel, and larger expenditures for high school textbooks which were necessary because of the larger enrollment in this school.

Our fuel bills are large and we believe that the installation of

an automatic stoker with thermostatic control at the high school building would result in saving fuel enough to pay for the stoker within two years—and at the same time maintain a constant, even temperature in the building which is impossible with the present arrangement.

An addition of one week to the length of the elementary school year is very desirable and would cost about \$200.00. We hope that funds will be provided so that this addition will be possible for the next school year.

The recommendations of the superintending school committee for appropriations for the next fiscal year are given at the close of this report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, March 1938	\$9,200.00	
State School Fund Allotment	2,440.27	
Tuition, El.	140.00	
Tuition, Sec.	2,316.13	
Refund on typewriters	7.50	
		\$14,103.90

Expenditures

Overdraft, Feb. 12, 1938	\$69.72	
Teachers, El.	6,325.00	
Teachers, Sec.	5,888.40	
Fuel	1,435.52	
Janitor and cleaning	896.95	
Textbooks, El.	344.05	
Textbooks, Sec.	301.75	
Supplies, El.	201.75	
Supplies, Sec.	212.43	
School Lights and Power	76.76	
		\$15,752.33

Overdraft, Feb. 11, 1939		\$1,648.43
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Fall term tuition usually paid in January		1,108.24
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Actual overdraft, Feb. 11, 1939 .		\$540.19
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REPAIRS

Appropriation, March 1938.....	\$300.00	
Expenditures.....	336.40	
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Overdraft, Feb. 11, 1939.....		\$36.40

At a meeting of the superintending school committee which was held on January 29, 1939, it was voted to recommend that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the overdraft of the past fiscal year and also the following sums for general school maintenance and repairs for the fiscal year 1939-1940.

Actual overdraft of 1938-1939.....	\$540.19
Schools, 1939-1940.....	9,500.00
Repairs, 1939-1940.....	300.00

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the superintending school committee, the town officials, teachers, parents, and all other citizens of the town for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DeWITT,
Supt. of Schools.

STATISTICAL DATA

(Fall Term)

Teacher	Position	Salary	Trained at	Yrs. Experience	Enrollment	Av. Attend.	Per Cent Attend.	No. Not Absent $\frac{1}{2}$ Day
Stanley B. Eaton.....	Prin. H. S. (Math.)	\$1512.00	Bates & U. of M.	7	177	163.45	92.4%	47
John I. Smart.....	Sub-Master H. S. (Sci. & Prob. of Dem.)	1368.00	Colby	12				
Carl E. Cunningham....	Commercial H. S.	900.00	Shaw B. C. & B. & S.	12				
Armand A. Polito.....	Fr., Math. & Music H. S.	800.00	U. of M.	0				
Susan B. Frost.....	Eng. & Hist. H. S.	900.00	U. of M. & Harvard	4				
Louise E. Steeves.....	Lat., Fr. & Civics H. S.	850.00	U. of M.	2				
Georgiana F. Crockett..	Grade I	700.00	E. S. N. S.	10	44	36.65	83.3%	8
Isabel M. Buck.....	Grade II	700.00	F. S. N. S.	8	50	44.3	88.6%	9
Pearl R. Damon.....	Grade III	700.00	E. S. N. S.	13	43	39.97	93.0%	8
Florence E. Cosman....	Grade IV	700.00	W. S. N. S.	10	42	39.3	93.6%	5
Geneva L. Davis.....	Grade V	700.00	W. S. N. S.	8	37	34.61	93.5%	11
John K. Duncan.....	Grade VI	700.00	E. S. N. S.	4	36	32.93	91.47%	9
Francis H. McCloskey..	Grade VII	700.00	E. S. N. S.	5	49	47.03	96.0%	14
Donald M. Hooper.....	Grade VIII	700.00	W. S. N. S.	11	49	46.03	93.9%	20
Byron S. Dinsmore.....	No. Howland	525.00	W. S. N. S.	0	12	11.17	93.0%	4
Foster D. Chamberlain .	Janitor H. S. Bld.	16.00 Wk.						
Donald M. Hooper.....	Janitor Ring St. Bldg.	5.00 Wk.						

Data for school year ending June 30, 1938:

Elementary Schools—

Total Enrollment.....	367
Average attendance.....	329.5
Per cent attendance.....	88.2
Per capita cost.....	\$24.61

High School:

Total enrollment.....	163
Average attendance.....	144.8
Per cent attendance.....	88.8

Report of Principal of High School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Howland High School opened September 12, 1938, with the following registration for the first term:

By Classes

	Boys	Girls	Total
Seniors	14	17	31
Juniors	14	21	35
Sophomores	26	20	46
Freshmen	31	34	65
PG's	2	2	4
	—	—	—
Total	87	94	181

By Courses

	College	General	Com- mercial
Seniors	5	17	9
Juniors	4	12	19
Sophomores	4	12	30
Freshmen	0	65	0
PG's	0	2	2
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Total	13	108	60

By Towns

Argyle	6	Haynesville	1
Burlington	1	Lowell	1
Enfield	42	Passadumkeag	3
Edinburg	1	Seboeis	3
Total Tuition		58	
Howland		123	
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Total		181	

It is again my pleasure to report that Howland High School has had a very successful year in all of its activities.

The rotating schedule, inaugurated last year, has been continued in a revised form and meets with the approval of the State Department of Education. Under this present schedule the minimum length of any class is 47 minutes and the maximum length is 63 minutes, making the average 55 minutes. Each class meets four times weekly.

We have been well supplied with textbooks and materials but due to our large registration our quarters have been rather cramped. If the enrollment continues to grow as indicated by the increases in the last few years, some provision must be made for more rooms available to high school classes.

A part time teacher has been added to our staff making possible several new courses. These courses have been designed to round out the curricula of the general students, who make up about 60% of our student body. We now offer complete curricula to college, commercial and general students. There is no question but what much improvement can be made in these but I feel that each year sees us a step nearer perfection.

A third year of typewriting would do much toward making our commercial department more proficient. Many schools are now teaching Spanish and in view of our ever-increasing relationships with Latin America, I believe that this would be a worthy addition to our language department.

In view of the fact that Howland is a manufacturing town, I believe that a course in industrial arts and manual training would be of great value. This could be started on a small scale and gradually enlarged as its value became apparent. A course of this type would also serve as an attraction to tuition students and this additional revenue combined with the state subsidy would help to a large extent to pay for the course.

Of course, if more courses are offered in High School, more teachers are necessary. In respect to this point consider the following information compiled from data supplied by the State Department of Education.

There are fifteen free high schools in the state, including that of Howland, with enrollments between 150 and 180 students. None of these have less than six teachers and in the larger group,

in which Howland now falls, five of the nine schools in that group have seven or more teachers. In brief, there are only three other schools, comparable to Howland in size, that have only six teachers. This is not an argument for increasing the number of teachers, but only a comparison to show that the High School faculty is handling as many courses as is practical for that number of teachers.

While the percentage of students leaving school since September remains the same as last year, our enrollment is approximately ten percent greater at this time. The greatest cause for school mortality is the economic condition of the family. In several instances this year, students have left to obtain work to help support their families. Contrary to common opinion, few students leave because of poor rank.

The number of pupils failing in one or more courses has been reduced from 17 to 14 percent over last year. It is difficult to attribute this to any one thing but I feel that in part it is due to late afternoon classes for students doing poor work. Generally speaking, there is a better and higher type of interest in school activities this year.

Our extra-curricula activities are not extensive but are adequate for our needs. Not all of our students are interested in activities and these are not forced into clubs they do not care for. There are many clubs that are both desirable and beneficial but funds are not available for their support. Because of this we have only enough to care for the major interests of our student body.

On behalf of the school I wish to thank the citizens of Howland for their support of our athletic and dramatic efforts. It is only by the use of funds so raised that the school can carry on outside activities. You are certainly deserving of much praise in your attitude toward these activities during the depression of the last few months.

I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation given me by the faculty, the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, and the residents of Howland.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY B. EATON,

Principal.

Report of Director of Music

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I am pleased to report that to the present day the subject of Music in the Howland Elementary Schools has had a certain degree of success. I have tried to classify and handle it as a major subject, that is, giving it the same importance as Reading, Writing, Arithmetic. Nearly two-thirds of the amount of time assigned to this subject in the schools has been devoted to drilling the children in the fundamentals of music.

Last fall I visited the children in the schools, and I soon discovered that with the exception of having learned some songs, they possessed very little of the technical knowledge of music, such as tonal and rhythmic elements, and features of staff-notations. From my experience as a musician, I have learned that more than one-half of the battle in cultivating an individual's appreciation for good music, and in creating and maintaining an interest in both singing and playing a musical instrument, lies in possessing this knowledge of fundamentals. The sooner the grade pupils possess this knowledge the more interest they will have in the subject. This aim intends to produce good prospects for better musical organizations in the High School and in the Community.

I have found that many of our boys and girls have good voices but cannot sing because they lack the knowledge of reading music by syllables, of following music sheet while singing, of recognizing when a tone is raised or lowered, and above all of recognizing figures which express the value of notes and keeping in tempo.

To accomplish these aims I have put in practice several new methods, some of which are: the "Constant DO Method" which simplifies the naming of syllables, the "Solfeggio" which enables the pupils to acquire the rhythmic elements, dictation which is a

very valuable exercise for learning features of staff-notation.

There is a great need of a piano in the school building. It is a difficult task for a teacher to try to teach music to a group of forty or more children without the aid of a piano. Practically the whole faculty of the two elementary schools have sufficient training in playing the piano. This would enable them to carry out my instructions more successfully.

Generally children enjoy listening to the music of an instrument, to observe the playing of it, and to sing with an instrumental accompaniment. Therefore to substitute for a piano, to create interest in wanting to play a musical instrument, to cultivate tonal elements, and especially to cure monotones, I have made use of my instrument, the flute, in the classroom. I play the flute while they sing. This method is a great help to those children who cannot carry a tune.

This summary does not give a complete outline of all the work and methods used in teaching the subject of Music. On the contrary, I have briefly mentioned the most outstanding changes in methods practiced to simplify the subject and to enable the children to grasp it more readily.

Music is being recognized more and more by our country's outstanding educators as an art and a science, highly educational, and as holding an important place in the life of the individual. Since we are living in an economically unstable world where machinery has substituted for man's manual labor, the individual has more time for pleasure; then there is nothing that can give more pleasure and be more useful than to devote our leisure time to music. With this aim in mind, I suggest that more consideration be given to the subject of Music in the high school.

At present the musical program in Howland High School is small. Last fall, I attempted to organize a boys' and girls' Glee Club and a school Orchestra. Approximately one hundred students, both boys and girls enrolled in the Glee Club, but after a few weeks the boys slowly dropped out. However, at present we have a girls' Glee Club of about forty members and a small school Orchestra of ten members. In my opinion, the

two organizations have been doing good work, but not as successful as it could be; first, because the students are not compelled to attend the rehearsals, and secondly the rehearsals are held during the activity period on Monday and Friday afternoon of each week. This means that a number of students who are interested in one of the two organizations cannot attend the rehearsals regularly because they are members of other clubs whose meetings are scheduled at the same time.

I believe that a strong interest could be created among the students if such organizations were placed on a credit basis, as it has been done in some of the larger high schools in the state. Once placed on a credit basis the attendance could be compulsory, and a more thorough program could be arranged.

Before closing this report, I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation received from all those concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND A. POLITO,
Music Supervisor.

Report of Fire Chief

Howland Fire Department responded to 18 calls from Jan. 1st. 1938 until Jan. 1st. 1939. Eight of this number were out-of-town fires as follows; Passadumkeag 3 calls, Edinburg 1, Enfield 3, West Enfield 1.

Of the ten fires in Howland, nine were chimney fires with slight damage while the other was a total loss.

With plenty of rainfall and no high winds the Department had a much easier year than in times past. The equipment is in excellent condition. The personnel of the fire department consists of seventeen men including the chief and drivers. The promptness with which they respond to an alarm is remarkable.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. CHAMBERLAIN,
Fire Chief and Inspector.

Report of Librarian

To the Citizens of Howland:

I submit the report of the library for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1939.

The library has been open for the circulation of books its specified time each week, with the exception of one stormy day in November and legal holidays, these hours were made up by keeping open the following day.

This report shows the usual statistics giving in detail information concerning the work of the library. The year's growth was as follows:

Number of books added by Appropriation	441
Number of books added by State Stipend	22
Number of books added by Private Acc't	24
Number of books added by Gifts	15
Total number of books in the library, Feb. 15, 1939,	2,830.

It is hoped this year we will be able to have a card system installed and the arrangement of books by the Dewey Decimal System.

The number of books circulated in 1938, was 13,485. As in all libraries fiction holds the largest place in the reading of the people. Our reference department is not as adequate as could be wished, realizing this important need, we hope to remedy this deficiency in the future and be better equipped to meet the needs of the student. There has been a decided increase in this department. Your ideas for new purchases are welcome.

Registration shows that there are 440 patrons and 8 non-resident borrowers who pay a fee.

A natural inquiry might be "Who may use the library and how many avail themselves of its privileges?" Use of the library by residents of Howland, is free and unrestricted. The

little child may have the use of the children's books through the mother's card. The person too infirm to come to the library, may by the help of relative, neighbor or friend receive the books, which will make his confinement more tolerable. We wish that more people would frequent the library often. Do not wait until some favorable time "to read up" on a certain subject. Do it now, become a regular borrower of your public library.

\$7.09 was collected from "fines" on books kept beyond the specified limit of two weeks, much more should be realized from this source, owing to the conditions the past few years this rule has not been enforced.

The following current magazines are subscribed for by the library and loaned to the patrons for one week: National Geographic, McCalls, Pictorial Review, Movie Mirror, Life, Look, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, W. H. Companion, Child Life, Story Parade, Better Homes And Gardens and the Health magazine Hygeia.

Repairs have been of a minor nature. The floor and walls were painted and the varnished surfaces gone over. A screen door was purchased. A picture "Stratford-On-Avon" (England) was bought with money from the library's private fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE COLBATH,
Librarian.

THOMAS FREE LIBRARY

Distinct from Town Accounts

Cash Receipts

Balance on hand, February, 1938	\$69.18
H. G. McKay, gift	15.00
Interest, '32-'38	14.98

Non-resident borrowers

Marie Nadeau, '37 . . . . .	.50
Arnold Oakes . . . . .	.50
Mrs. John Thompson	1.00
Bernice Thompson	1.00
Mrs. R. Tozier . . . . .	.25
Jed Brown . . . . .	.50
Joe Nadeau . . . . .	.50
Della Philbrooks . . . . .	.50
Marie Nadeau	1.00
Arlene Davis . . . . .	.50
Pauline Dugans . . . . .	.50
"Fines"	7.09

\$113.00

Disbursements

Weymouth Company, chair	\$1.79
Postage	3.09
Supplies	4.96
Gift Shop	6.00
Weymouth Co., paint, varnish	5.18
Books	1.49
Labor on screens and door	1.35
Personal Book Shop	12.77
Eastern News Company	9.17
Hygeia Magazine	2.50
Balance unexpended	64.70

\$113.00

Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of births	29
Number of deaths	13
Number of marriages	22

Respectfully submitted,

BESSIE J. BLAKE,
Town Clerk.

Warrant

Penobscot, ss.

To Harold E. Boynton, Constable of 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 said Town of Howland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 13th. day of March, A. D. 1939, 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 choose a Fire Inspector, and fix his compensation.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the Town Report as printed.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will allow the taxes for the year 1939-'40 to be collected by the lowest bidder or vote any other form of compensation.

Art. 6. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will allow a discount of five per cent on all taxes assessed in the year 1939, on real and personal estates which are paid on or before July 1st. of that year, and to see if the Town will vote to have all the taxes assessed in the year 1939, collected and paid into the Town Treasury by Feb-

ruary 15, 1940, also to see what Interest will be charged on all Taxes not paid by February 15, 1940.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,400.00 or any other sum for the Support of Poor.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$9,500.00 or any other sum for the Support of Schools, (Common and High).

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$540.19 to pay the overdraft of the past fiscal year, on the school appropriation.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum for School Repairs.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum for Support of the Thomas Free Library.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$300.00 or any other sum for the Maintenance of Fire Department.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum for Highways and Bridges.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for cutting bushes on the so-called Mattamiscontis Road.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$900.00 or any other sum for Winter Roads.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of, \$990.00 or any other sum for Street Lights.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,200.00 for Insurance.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$350.00 for the Care of Cemetery, and repair of Cemetery Road.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$6,187.50 for Retiring Town Bonds and Interest.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$50.00 or any other sum for Incidentals.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,200.00 for Dependent Children.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,900.00 or any other sum for Discount, Commission, Abate-ments and Interest on Temporary Loans.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$700.00 for the Maintenance of State Aid Roads.

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for State Aid Road construction, (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Note—\$900.00 is recommended.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assess-ors to recind any amounts appropriated by the Town for State Aid Highway Construction in excess of the amount required to meet State Apportionment.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and Selectmen to hire money for Town purposes, if

necessary, in anticipation of the collection of taxes the ensuing municipal year.

Art. 28. To see what nights the Town will vote to allow the free use of Town Hall, excepting holidays, to each of the church organizations, schools, and to see if the Town will vote to allow free use of the Town Hall for Basket Ball practice of the High School teams.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to deduct from the wages of any person working for the Town the amount of his or her tax for the current year.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$118.00 for Maintenance of Third Class Highways.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to use motor excise tax money toward paying Incidental expenses of the Town.

Art. 33. To see what action the Town will vote to take in the matter of collecting Water Rates.

Art. 34. To fix the wages or salaries of the following: Assessors, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Fire Chief and Inspector, School Board, Town Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Ballot Clerks, Town Clerk, and all Town Officers.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$164.00 or any other sum for Public Health Nurse.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum for repairing village streets, and applying Tarvia.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$500.00 for an automatic stoker and vacuum cleaner for Front Street School building.

Art. 39. To transact any other business which may legally be taken up in this meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, the 13th. day of March, 1939, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

The Polls will open at Eleven o'clock A. M. and close at 5.30 P. M.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February, A. D. 1939.

G. F. KELLEY,
M. M. WEYMOUTH,
CLIFFORD H. NASH,
Selectmen of Howland, Maine.