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Annual Report of the Municipal  
Officers of the

***Town of Benedicta***

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**For the Year Ending March 20, 1924**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

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**Clerk**

**J. P. RUSH**

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor**

**F. R. McAVOY**

**A. P. RUSH**

**A. F. QUALEY**

**Treasurer**

**J. B. BROWN**

**School Committee**

**MRS. C. M. QUALEY**

**J. F. ROGAN**

**GEO. P. DUFFY**

**Road Commissioner**

**T. B. CUMMINGS**

**Constables**

**J. F. ROGAN**

**J. B. BROWN**

**Collector of Taxes**

**J. B. BROWN**

## *Assessor's Report*

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Valuation April 1st, 1923	
Real estate, resident	\$87,969 00
Real estate, non-resident	34,201 00
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Total real estate	\$122,170 00
Personal estate	28,548 00
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Total valuation	\$150,718 00

Number of polls taxed 68  
 Number of polls not taxed 6

On the above polls and estates as per Warrants from the State Treasurer and County Treasurer and per vote of Town at the Annual Meeting held March 26, 1923, the following assessments were made.

State tax	\$1,158 84
County tax	319 47
Roads and Bridges	800 00
State Road	300 00
Common Schools	2,000 00
High School	1,000 00
Text Books, Common Schools	100 00
Text Books, High School	200 00
Supt. of Schools	250 00
School Supplies	100 00
Town Officers and Incidentals	550 00
Care of Cemetery	150 00
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Total	\$6,928 31

Tax rate on \$1.00 .042	
68 polls at \$3.00	\$ 204 00
Tax on real and personal estate	6,320 16
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	\$6,524 16

# ROADS AND BRIDGES

To Appropriation	\$800 00
Unexpended 1923	95 90

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\$895 90

## By Paid

J P Brennan, trucking	\$ 1 54
Jos Martin labor	1 50
C B Cummings labor	66 00
T B Cummings labor	57 75
Jos Brennan labor	7 50
John McAvoy labor	16 50
W P McAvoy	16 50
Irving McAvoy labor	33 00
Ray McAvoy	16 50
Clayton Laylor	33 00
Fenton Hines	34 50
Fred Murphy	2 50
Richard Robinson	15 17
H M Cummings	5 19
C B Cummings	11 00
E J Murphy	52 50
T B Cummings	40 00
J F McAvoy	30 00
J F McAvoy	10 00
Fenton Seile	40 00
Jos Brennan	21 00
C B Cummings	21 00
Albert Gantnier	10 50
Dennis Murphy	26 25
D B Rush	28 00
Ralph Rush	28 00.
Dennis Murphy	3 50
E J Murphy	7 00
T B Cummings	8 25
F R McAvoy	14 00
Irving McAvoy	5 50
Ray McAvoy	6 25
D P Cummings	5 00
Bernard Duffy	3 50
Fenton Hines	28 00
Fenton Hines	8 25
Stephen Hines	42 00
Fenton Hines	8 49

Jos Brennan	1 25
J P Rush supplies	9 16
John Duffy	97
T B Cummings	12 00
Fred Seile cedar poles	6 00
Temple Perry repairs	5 35
Claytin Lawlor labor	5 50
Mart Brennan	1 50
Jos Seile	12 25
L H Qualey cedar poles	7 20
A J McDonald labor	4 00
W P McAvoy	2 75
State, maintenance	498 80

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\$1,221 87

Overdrawn

325 97

#### SNOW BILLS

To Appropriation	\$25 00
Unexpended 1923	49 12

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\$74 12

By Paid

Ray McAvoy	\$ 7 70
Ralph Rush	12 50
J F Rogan	7 50
C B Cummings	5 25
J F McAvoy	6 00
Chas. Lawlor	6 00
D P Cummings	5 00
Bernard Duffy	1 10
Fenton Hines	5 00
F R McAvoy	3 00
Ralph Rush	3 51
D B Rush	1 17
Jos Seile	6 17

Unexpended

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\$69 90  
4 22

# STATE ROAD

To Joint Fund

\$2,030 90

By Paid

J F McAvoy	\$ 7 00
E J Murphy	47 55
Ashley Lawlor	26 36
Jos Brennan	29 36
C B Cummings	14 00
Fred Cummings	3 00
Albert Gantnier	29 30
Dennis Murphy	29 37
Fred Cummings	3 00
Steve Hines	45 50
Irving McAvoy	34 22
Ray McAvoy	18 25
E J Murphy	39 01
Jos Arsnault	64 35
Walter Arsnault	14 00
Ashley Lawlor	21 00
Dennis Brennan	31 50
C B Cummings	77 00
Dennis Murphy	38 04
E J Murphy	56 00
Albert Gantnier	31 50
Thos Wise	7 00
T B Cummings	106 85
C B Cummings	31 50
Irving McAvoy	28 00
Arthur Rush	60 86
Harry Cummings	83 24
Ray Cummings	41 62
Edw Perry	70 00
Bernard Duffy	64 17
Fenton Hines	46 86
Stephen Hines	63 00
Ray McAvoy	21 00
Edward Rush	93 74
E J Murphy	42 00
Ashley Lawlor	8 75
Walter Brennan	20 22
Dennis Murphy	10 50
E J Murphy	28 00
John Duffy	40 44
Matt Duffy	14 00
Fred Cummings	5 25

Albert Gantnier	7 00	
Jos Brennan	24 50	
E J Murphy	56 00	
Dennis Murphy	52 50	
Matt Duffy	14 00	
John Duffy	21 97	
Patrick Hines	80 50	
Fenton Hines	61 25	
Jos Brennan	27 62	
Jos Brennan	10 50	
Jos Brennan	19 25	
Jos Duffy	83 22	
Halbert Rush	92 26	
Harry Rush	1 75	
T B Cummings	99 00	
T B Cummings	80 00	
T B Cummings	10 00	
Jos Duffy	21 00	
J B Brown	63 00	
John Duffy	77 00	
James Duffy	15 75	
Jos Brennan	7 50	
Steve Brennan	38 50	
D J Crowe	31 50	
B F Rush	14 00	
Raymond Duffy	3 50	
Harry Lawlor	10 50	
For inspection,	8 86	
		<hr/>
		\$2.578 49
Overdrawn		547 59

# COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources		
To voted at annual meeting	\$2,000 00	
Common School Fund	944 63	
Fund	216 00	
Interest on School Fund	50 00	
		<hr/>
		\$3.210 62
By Paid		
Geo F Malon conveyance	\$ 13 50	
Sisters of Mercy teaching	80 00	



Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Fred Seile janitor	45 00
J F McAvoy fuel	160 00
J F McAvoy fuel	48 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
Sisters of Mercy teaching	80 00
Geo F Mahon conveyance	15 00
Fred Seile janitor	45 00
Everett McAvoy janitor	45 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	100 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	100 00
Sisters of Mercy teaching	60 00
Sisters of Mercy	100 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	60 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	60 00
Everett McAvoy janitor	9 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Thos Grammo janitor	45 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	40 00
Thos Grammo janitor	45 00
Thos Grammo janitor	45 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
A F Qualey moving fuel	3 00
P J Rogan fuel	90 00
Thos Grammo janitor	11 25
Edna McAvoy teaching	20 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	20 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	40 00
Thos Grammo janitor	50 00
P J Rogan fuel	150 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Thos Grammo janitor	50 00
Geo F Mahon conveyance	18 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	80 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	80 00
Thos Grammo janitor	50 00
Edna McAvoy teaching	21 00
Margaret Qualey teaching	21 00

Overdrawn 1923	280 53	
		<hr/>
		\$3.055- 28
Unexpended		154 35.
HIGH SCHOOL		
To Appropriation	\$1.000 00	
Unexpended 1923	700 00	
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		\$1.700 00
By Paid		
Agnes Fahey teaching	\$190 00	
Sisters of Mercy	250 00	
Agnes Fahey teaching	\$190 00	
Sisters of Mercy	400 00	
		<hr/>
		\$1.030 00
Unexpended		670 00
HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS		
To Appropriation	\$200 00	
Unexpended 1923	64 00	
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		\$264 00
By Paid		
American Book Co	\$14 18	
Harter School Supply Co	50	
Ginn & Co	12 50	
Ginn & Co	27 97	
McMillian Co	11 88	
American Book Co	1 36	
American Book Co	25 80	
J P Brennan ex.	1 16	
J P Lippincott Co	2 40	
D H Knowlton Co	3 24	
		<hr/>
		\$100 99
Unexpended		163 01
COMMON SCHOOLS		
To Appropriation		\$100 00
By Paid		
The A N Palmer Co	1 07	

Silver Burdett Co	3 98	
J L Hammett Co	29 01	
Ginn & Co	101 44	
Houghton Mifflin Co	1 07	
D H Knowlton Co	96	
John C Winston	6 26	
Little Brown & Co	1 20	
Ginn & Co	8 57	
American Book Co	5 56	
Overdrawn 1923	35 82	
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		\$194 94
Overdrawn		94 94

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

To Appropriation		\$100 00
By Paid		
Pioneer printing	\$ 1 00	
J P Brennan ex. and cartage	8 32	
Milton Bradley Co	1 63	
J L Hammett Co	29 01	
Milton Bradley Co	6 14	
J P Rush	9 38	
J P Brennan ex	1 56	
Newell White	43	
W M Welch Mfg Co	1 25	
J L Hammett Co	7 48	
J L Hammett Co	52 11	
J P Rush	40 10	
Overdrawn 1923	74 26	
		<hr/>
		\$232 67
Overdrawn		132 67

#### SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

To Appropriation		\$250 00
By Paid		
Lucy P Leach	\$16 54	
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Lucy P Leach	16 53	
M R Keyes	15 35	
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Overdrawn 1923	43 41

\$216 99

Unexpended

33 01

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Benedicta:

I hereby submit my annual report.

The Benedicta schools under the efficient instruction of Edna MacAvoy and Margaret Qualey are having a successful year. With an enrollment of 37, the primary school has a good record of attendance for the Fall and Winter terms. 17 pupils were not absent a half day, and 22 were not tardy during the Fall term, although there were 46 instances of tardiness. A large percent of the pupils are doing very good work.

The 5th, 6th and 7th grades have an enrollment of 31. There were 105 instances of tardiness during the Fall term and only 6 pupils were not tardy. The record for the Winter term will probably be little better. Five pupils have done exceptionally good work, and 6 others have done very good work.

I found the schools well supplied with books, and few additions have been necessary. I notice that few parents have visited school, and hope that parents will come to realize that their visits would be a great inspiration to both teachers and pupils.

I recommend the following appropriations:

Common Schools	\$2,000 00
Text Books	200 00
Supplies	300 00

Respectfully submitted

MERLE R. KEYES

Superintendent of Schools

## CEMETERY

To Appropriation		\$150 00
By Paid		
F R McAvoy	\$100 00	
Overdrawn 1923	19 78	

\$119 78  
30 22

Unexpended

## TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTALS

To Appropriation	\$550 00
Unexpended 1923	114 62

\$664 62

By Paid	
Pioneer Ptg Co	\$ 26 40
Loring Short and Harmon	60
Loring Short and Harmon	9 13
J F Rogan constable fees	4 50
St. Josephs tuition	60 00
Lucy P. Leach postage etc	6 11
John W Perry ballot clerk	3 00
F R McAvoy expense meeting	
State Assessors	6 00
Florence Wheaton copy of deed	50
Loring Short and Harmon order book	2 25
Geo S Gentle Co insurance	22 50
Loring Short and Harmon	60
J B Brown tax bills and postage	4 50
J B Brown tax deeds	28 02
J B Brown uncollectable tax	9 00
F R McAvoy postage and telephone	2 50
J F Rogan money paid for car to	
attend School Com. meeting	4 50
M R Keyes postage etc	1 67
J F Rogan constable fees	3 50
J J Duffy selectman 1922	20 00
D B Rush treasurer 1922	54 90
A F Qualey services on School Board	
1922	3 00
F R McAvoy selectman	60 00
A P Rush Selectman	21 00
J P Rush town clerk	14 85
D B Rush collecting tax of 1921	119 66

D B Rush collecting tax 1922	148 50	
A F Qualey selectman	22 00	
Catherine Murphy interest	1 27	
Millinocket Trust Co int	73 69	
J P Rush int	43	
B A Rivers int	5 50	
Millinocket Trust Co int	73 69	
Mrs M J Perry int	16 91	
Ed. Perry int	51 42	
Stephen Rush int.	45 08	
Margaret Qualey int	80	
Geo F Mahon int	52	
Cecil Cummings int	34	
Knights of Columbus int	7 37	
W B Brown int	9 62	
A F Qualey sheep destroyed by wild animals	30 00	
A F Qualey sheep destroyed by by dogs	45 00	
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		\$1,010 81
Overdrawn		346 19

#### TAX DEEDS HELD BY TOWN OF BENEDICTA

Jos Lozier	\$ 11 62	
Harry Lawlor	78 57	
Jos Martin	72 48	
Martin Brennan	63 69	
A J Qualey Heirs of	101 64	
John Richards	69 87	
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		\$397 87
Uncollected taxes of 1921	\$ 43 36	
Uncollected taxes of 1922	803 24	
This amount does not include int.		
Uncollected taxes 1923		
Martin Brennan	\$ 18 55	
T B Cummings	6 10	
Geo P Duffy	74 74	
Jos Duffy	46 66	
James Duffy	130 20	
Jos Gallagher	3 00	
J F McAvoy	172 47	
A J Qualey Heirs of	5 82	

C M Qualey	19 88
Fenton Seile	69 04
C H Blanchard	32 76
John Cain Heirs of	4 41
John Richards	3 00

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\$586 63

Interest on same 33 48

#### FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Outstanding Town Orders	\$3,823 87
Error in tax rate	599 53

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Total Liabilities	\$4,423 40
Uncollected taxes	\$1,466 71
Cash in Treasury	1,582 42
Due from State for sheep destroyed	196 00

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Total Assets	\$3,245 13
Town Debt	\$1,178 27

Respectfully submitted

F. R. McAVOY

A. P. RUSH

A. F. QUALEY

Selectmen of Benedicta

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#### REPORT OF TREASURER

##### Receipts

April	1	By bal. cash on hand	\$1,006 55
	4	D B Rush tax of 1921	60 00
	4	D B Rush tax of 1922	200 00
	24	D B Rush tax of 1922	439 72
June	25	D B Rush tax of 1922	296 29
	28	D B Rush tax of 1922	47 50
Aug.	2	Tax on Bank stock	9 26
	11	K of C Hall rent	50 00
	15	K of C loan	800 00
Nov.	7	Jos Brennan on school house	100 00
Dec.	5	State Highway Dept	199 90
	13	D B Rush tax of 1922	405 51
	31	State School Fund	944 63
	31	Equalization Fund	216 00

	31	State Improved Roads	1,506 34
Mar.	19	D. B. Rush tax of 1922	341 24
	20	Martin Brennan for conveyance	13 35
	21	D. B. Rush, Tax of 1922	148 50
	21	D. B. Rush Tax of 1921	119 66
	21	Tax of 1923	5,375 78
		Interest on tax of 1923	96 24
		Int. on deposit in Bank	5 54
Mar.	21	Geo. P. Duffy. conveyance	29 40

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\$12,411 41

Expenditures

		By town orders paid	\$8,833 74
Dec.	31	State tax	1,158 84
		Dog License deficiency for 1922	14 00
		State for Patrol work	498 80
		County tax	319 47
		Int. on County tax	4 14
		By bal. cash on hand	
		March 21, 1924	1,582 42

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\$12,411 41

J. B. BROWN, Treasurer



# PROTECTION

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Provide a fund for the future, to care for any emergency that may arise by making deposits in the Best and largest vault in the County for the Protection of Your home and family.

Interest begins the first of the month on money deposited before the 10th

## Officers

Pres. E. L. Cleveland

Vice Pres. N. Tompkins

Treasurer, L. O. Ludwig

Asst. Treas., S. E. Davis

Reliability

Strength

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# Houlton Savings Bank

# Sixteen Years

— of —

# Square Dealing

— is —

**Our Basis for asking  
A Continuance of  
your good pleasure.**

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# Dunn Furniture Co.

## The “Square Deal” Store

88  
-45-  
87  
87  
87

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**For the Year Ending March 20, 1924**

**Do your Banking with the**

***Houlton Trust Company***

**Houlton, Maine**

Ora Gilpatrick, President  
James K. Plummer, Vice President  
Hamilton H. Dyer, Treasurer  
C. W. Towers, Asst. Treasurer

**Directors**

Ora Gilpatrick	E L. Vail
Geo. A. Gorham	S. L. White
Delmont Emerson	Frank A. Peabody
James Archibald	Beecher Putnam
Fred L. Putnam	James K. Plummer
Chas. H. Fogg	Irving E. Seavey
Geo. S. Gentle	Guy C. Porter
Jason Hassell	