Annual Report of the Selectmen Treasurer and Other Officers of the Town of Benedicta For the Municipal Year Ending March 1st, 1925

Benedicta (Me.)
Annual Report of the Selectmen
Treasurer and Other
Officers of the

Town of Benedicta

For the Municipal Year Ending March 1st

--- 1925 ---
Do your Banking with the

**Houlton Trust Company**

Houlton, Maine

Ora Gilpatrick, President
Geo. A. Gorham, Vice-President
Hamilton H. Dyer, Treasurer
C. W. Towers, Asst. Treasurer

DIRECTORS

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Town of Benedicta

For the Municipal Year Ending March 1st
--- 1925 ---
TOWN OFFICERS

Clerk
J. P. RUSH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor
F. R. McAVOY  A. P. RUSH
W- F. PERRY

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
ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation April 1, 1924:

Real Estate, resident $93,366.00
Real Estate, non-resident 26,376.00

Total Real Estate $119,742.00

Personal Estate $27,348.00

Total Valuation $147,090.00

Number of Polls taxed, 61
Number of Polls not taxed, 5

On the above polls and estates as per Warrants from State Treasurer and the County Treasurer and per vote of the town at the annual meeting held March 31st, 1924, the following assessments were made:

State Tax $1,078.95
County Tax 319.47
Roads and Bridges 1,200.00
State Road 300.00
Common Schools 2,000.00
High School 1,000.00
Text Books, common schools 175.00
Text Books, High school 100.00
School Supplies 300.00
Supt. of Schools 150.00
Incidentals 850.00
Cemetery 125.00
Overlay 527.44

$8,125.86

Tax rate on $1.00 .054
61 Polls at $3.00 $ 183.00
Tax on real and personal estate 7,942.86

$8,125.86

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

ROADS AND BRIDGES

To Appropriation 1924 $1,200.00
By overdrawn 1923 $325.97
Patrick Rogan repairs on road drag 4.00

$1,200.00

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**STATE ROAD**

To Joint Funt $1,098.00

- Fred Cummings $10.50
- Jos. Brennan labor 17.50
- Jos. Duffy labor 21.00
- Harry Cummings 35.00
- Fred Cummings 9.00
- Wilfred Duffy 9.00
- Maurice Brackett 35.00
- Ed. Perry 10.50
E. J. Murphy 42.00
Albert Gantnier 24.50
Jos Duffy 49.00
Jos. Brennan 14.00
Bernard Duffy 21.00
Maurice Brackett 10.50
Jos. Brennan 29.75
Richard Robinson 70.00
T. B. Cummings 105.00
Ed. Perry 31.50
Jos. Duffy 35.00
Jos. Duffy 35.00
Richard Robinson 20.00
Richard Robinson 50.00
Richard Robinson 3.50
Harold Gantnier 17.50
E. J. Murphy 7.00
Halbert Rush 140.00
Harry Cummings 7.00
James Duffy 12.50
William Brown 29.75
Walter Perry 28.00
Fenton Hines 56.00
T. B. Cummings 72.00
F. L. Rush caps and fuse 4.25
Inspection 5.72
Unexpended 29.53

$1,098.00

COMMON SCHOOLS
Resources
Voted at annual meeting $2,000.00
State School Fund 669.56
Interest on School Fund 50.00
Unexpended 4.35

$2,723.91

By Paid
P. J. Rogan fuel $101.25
Edna McAvoy teaching 84.00
Margaret Qualey teaching 84.00
Thos. Grammean janitor 50.00
Margaret Qualey teaching 84.00
Edna McAvoy teaching 84.00
Thos. Grammean Janitor  
Margaret Qualey teaching  
Edna McAvoy teaching  
Thos. Grammean janitor  
Agnes Duffy conveyance  
Margaret Qualey teaching  
Edna McAvoy teaching  
J. P. Brennan conveyance  
Patrick Hines janitor  
Edna McAvoy teaching  
Margaret Qualey teaching  
Mary Qualey teaching  
Thos. Grammean Janitor  
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Geo. P. Brown janitor  
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Thos. Grammean janitor  
Edna McAvoy teaching  
Overdrawn  

$2,776.17

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
1923  
Unexpended from Equalization fund $150.00

Paid Patten Planing Mill Co. for Book Cabinets $79.00
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**THIRD CLASS ROAD**

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Inspection
Unexpended

$201.38

INCIDENTALS
To Appropriation $850.00 $850.00

Paid

Loring, Short and Harmon $ 5.05
Smith and Sale 7.90
Times Pub. Co. 26.40
Ed. Perry ballot clerk 12.00
John W. Perry ballot clerk 12.00
John Richards duplicate order 3.00
J. B. Brown uncollectable tax of 1923 3.00
Ed Perry labor on voting booth 1.50
Bernard Duffy expense to Augusta to attend convention 26.54
Richard Robinson abatement on poll tax 3.00
L. H. Qualey fighting fire 3.50
D. P. Cummings fighting fire 4.50
F. R. McAvoy fighting fire 3.50
J. B. Brown cost on tax deeds 49.52
Geo. S. Gentle ins. on town hall 22.50
Geo. W. Duffy abate of poll tax 3.00
Matt Duffy abatement 4.05
A. P. Rush attending primary election 4.00
Mrs. C. M. Qualey postage, etc. .90
J. F. Rogan constable 2.50
J. F. Rogan car fare to Patten for School Committee 4.50
A. P. Rush Selectman 20.00
W. F. Perry Selectman 20.00
Loring, Short and Harmon 7.10
F. R. McAvoy attending elections 12.00
Ray Cummings abatement of poll tax 3.00
George Crowe abatement of poll tax 3.00
J. B. Brown tax bills and postage 5.20
A. F. Qualey lambs killed by dogs 25.50
F. R. McAvoy Selectman 100.00
F. R. McAvoy money paid for
  legal work 2.00
F. R. McAvoy postage .56

Overdrawn 1924 346.19
Unexpended 1925 92.59

$850.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT
No Appropriation
Paid

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$306.66

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS
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Paid

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$30.32
CEMETERY ACCOUNT

To Appropriation $125.00
Unexpended 1924 32.22

Paid Geo. F. Gautnier $104.62
Unexpended 50.60

$155.22

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Liabilities
Outstanding Town Orders $3,999.19

Assets
Uncollected taxes of 1921 and 1922
  D. B. Rush collector $ 816.60
Uncollected taxes of 1924
  J. B. Brown collector 1,180.45
Note on School House No. 1 and
  interest on same 209.60
Due from State for sheep killed by
  dogs and wild animals 221.50
Notes on School House No. 2 150.00
Cash in Treasury 1,706.84

$4,284.99

Credit
285.80

This amount of uncollected tax of 1921-22 does not
include interest due on same.

Respectfully submitted,
  F. R. McAVOY
  A. P. RUSH
  W. F. PERRY

Selectmen of Benedicta

TAX DEEDS HELD BY TOWN OF BENEDICTA

Martin Brennan $140.99
Edward Brennan 18.71
Joseph Martin 150.72
Harry Lawler 188.41
John Richards          157.62
J. F. McAvoy            158.57
Heirs of E. S. Kimball      54.62
C. H. Blanchard        49.54
Mrs. E. M. Lawler        121.31

$1,040.49

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1924

Commitment              $8,125.87
Treasurer's Receipts    $6,224.36
Tax Deeds               721.06
Uncollected            1,180.45

$8,125.87

Uncollected Taxes of 1924
Jos. Asneault           $ 1.35
Walter Asneault         8.40
Martin Brennan          14.98
Joseph Brennan          11.53
Edd Brennan             3.00
Heirs of M. Crowe       84.10
T. B. Cummings          57.09
Joseph Duffy            134.95
James Duffy             117.40
Fenton Hines            4.47
Harry Lawler            28.59
Mrs. E. M. Lawler       32.40
Joseph Lozier           3.00
E. J. Murphy            3.02
J. F. McAvoy            19.40
J. F. Martin            31.35
W. P. McAvoy            3.00
W. A. Qualey            110.10
A. F. Qualey            60.83
L. H. Qualey            157.34
Heirs of A. J. Qualey   141.79
C. M. Qualey            22.56
Mrs. Nora Rush          79.60
Steve Rush              3.00
Elwood Rush             3.00
Patrick Rogan Jr.       3.00
Fenton Seile            30.45
Joseph Seile            10.74

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Receipts

1924

April 1 Cash on hand $1,582.42
2 Tax deed redeemed 11.62
   Int. on Tax Deed .18
12 Margaret Finnegan est. 100.00
19 J. B. Brown tax of 1923 93.19
19 Joseph Brennan int. on note 1.50

May
13 Martin Brennan conveyance 10.50
13 J. B. Brown tax of 1923 234.00

July
19 J. B. Brown tax in full 1923 259.44
19 Int. on tax of 1923 33.48
25 Tax on Bank stock 10.31

Aug.
15 Tax deed redeemed 105.72

Oct.
18 Joseph Brennan note on school house 50.00

Dec.
12 State Highway Dept. 104.22
31 State Highway Dept. 197.38
31 State for improved roads 759.55

1925

Jan.
8 State School Fund 669.56
Feb.
18 K. of C. hall rent 50.00
Mar.
16 D. B. Rush tax of 1922 30.00
18 J. B. Brown tax of 1924 6,224.36
18 Int on deposit 3.94

$10,531.38

Expenditures

Jan.
8 State Tax $1,078.97
8 County Tax 319.47
Mar.
19 State for dog tax 10.00
   Town Orders Paid 7,416.10

$8,824.54

Cash in Treasury to balance 1,706.84

J. B. BROWN, Treasurer
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

I hereby submit my annual report.

We have been fortunate again this year in having a very efficient corps of teachers, which it would be difficult to replace for the same wages. At the beginning of the Fall term it was necessary to rearrange the grades and to add a teacher. This year Margaret Qualey teaches the seventh and eighth grades, Mary Qualey the fourth, fifth and sixth, and the lower grades are taught by Edna McAvoy.

In several cases this year the attendance has been very poor. This situation arises from a difference of opinion regarding conveyance, and the need of conveyance is due to our consolidated school system. There is a countrywide movement toward consolidation of schools. In localities where roads and distances will permit, new up-to-date school buildings are being built, and the small country school houses are being closed. This arrangement furnishes the children far better opportunities than the little country school could ever hope to afford. Because of the fact that the roads are good in summer and do not drift badly in winter, and that the school could be located within three miles of the most remote home, Benedicta is an ideal place for a school of this sort. However many pupils live beyond the walking distance. The question naturally arises whether the Town should furnish conveyance or not. Realizing that the cost of conveyance would raise the tax rate considerably, nearly all parents have been willing to carry their own scholars, thinking this plan the cheapest. We have now come to the point where we must face the situation squarely. We should ask ourselves if we are willing to furnish conveyance for a few pupils only, while others get to school as best they can. We should ask ourselves if it is advisable to furnish conveyance to all pupils who live at a distance. I am sure we all agree that children of school age ought to be in school. The appropriation which I am about to recommend makes no provision for conveyance, and whatever the Town wishes to raise for conveyance must be raised in addition to the amount suggested.

The schools are well equipped with books and supplies. The amount which the Town received last year for equip-
ment from the State Equalization Fund has been partly expended for book cases for the school rooms. These cases were greatly needed, and are a fine addition to the several rooms.

I recommend for Common Schools $2,500 (including Text Books, $100.00; and Supplies, $50.00).

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. KEYES, Supt. of Schools
PROTECTION

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.

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Treasurer, L. O. Ludwig
Asst. Treas., S. E. Davis

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