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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors and Other

Officers of the

Town of Benedicta



For the Municipal Year Ending

MARCH 1, 1938

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$59,702.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	17,249.00	
		\$76,951.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$16,398.00	
Total Personal Property		\$16,398.00
		\$93,349.00
Total Personal Real Estate		
Number of Polls Taxed, 70		
Number of Polls not Taxed, 5		

On the above Polls and Estates as Per Warrant from State Treasurer and County Treasurer and per vote of the Town at the annual meeting held March 15, 1937 the following assessments were made:

State Tax	\$858.37	
County Tax	199.93	
Roads and Bridges	575.00	
State Aid Road	600.00	
Third Class Road Maintenance	40.00	
Gravel for 41 Hill	50.00	
Common School	1,525.00	
High School	1,300.00	
Sup't. Salary	190.00	
Interest Account	100.00	
Town Lights	60.00	
Town Officers and Incidentals	300.00	
Anti-Tuberculosis Association	10.00	
Snow Removal Account	400.00	
Cemetery Account	50.00	
Aroostook County Council	10.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Overlay	239.43	
		\$6,557.73

Tax Rate on \$1.00—.068		
70 Polls at \$3.00	\$210.00	
Tax on Real and Personal Estate	6,347.73	
		<u>\$6,557.73</u>

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

ROADS AND BRIDGES

To Appropriation	\$575.00	
Overdrawn March 1, 1938	245.93	
		<u>\$820.93</u>
Overdrawn March 1, 1937	\$86.81	
Edw. Brennan	5.77	
Bert Brennan	5.42	
Fred Cummings	60.62	
Gilbert Qualey	5.60	
John Cummings	87.14	
George Rivers	57.17	
Frank Cummings	35.70	
Stephen Brennan	19.29	
Cecil Brennan	1.57	
Fred Duffy	7.70	
Gerald Duffy	10.50	
L. H. Qualey	9.27	
Fenton Hines	5.60	
Vaughn Duffy	23.05	
Joseph Duffy	18.20	
Joseph McAvoy	14.21	
H. D. Cummings	31.77	
Mrs. Mary E. Cummings, gravel	2.58	
Mrs. Ethel M. Brown	3.50	

Fred McAvoy	4.90	
Stanley Brennan	3.50	
Roland McAvoy	22.50	
Cecil Cummings	1.40	
Herbert Qualey	.70	
Lenard Cummings	7.70	
James Brown	.70	
J. P. Rush, gravel	.94	
Lyman Haney	15.22	
Thomas Grammeau	3.15	
Hugh Cummings	1.61	
Dan Crowe	20.55	
Frances Qualey	9.10	
Louis Qualey	11.90	
John Rogan	7.00	
Ralph Rush, gravel	10.38	
Paid for Patrol	208.21	
	<hr/>	\$820.93

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Joint Fund		\$85.61
Amount of payroll	\$56.57	
Ralph Rush, gravel	3.04	
George Hall Co., Culvert	26.00	
	<hr/>	\$85.61

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Expended on Mill Road:		
Received from State		\$66.34
John Cummings	\$5.06	
Frances Qualey	3.85	

Fred Duffy	5.25
Gerald Duffy	2.10
Geo. Rivers	4.40
Louis C. Qualey	3.85
Fin Hines	3.85
John Rogan	4.55
Joe Duffy	1.75
Fred Cummings	11.25
Vaughn Duffy	9.56
Harold Duffy	6.75
Roland McAvoy	1.12
Ralph Rush, gravel	3.00

\$66.34

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Joint Fund		\$1,565.51
Fred McAvoy	\$49.87	
Quinton Hines	26.77	
George Rivers	73.40	
Roland McAvoy	176.16	
John Cummings	103.21	
Frances Qualey	50.40	
Louis C. Qualey	47.77	
Finton Hines	53.37	
Joe Duffy	35.17	
John Rogan	55.82	
Harry Cummings	173.26	
Ethel Brown	28.70	
Fred Duffy	19.42	
Stephen Brennan	24.50	
Gerald Duffy	26.42	
Harold Duffy	123.73	
Vaughn Duffy	86.05	

Will Cummings	5.25	
Stanley Brennan	23.10	
Than Robinson	6.75	
Frank Cummings	1.75	
Fred Cummings	43.31	
Hugh Cummings, gravel	1.26	
T. S. Robinson, gravel	32.55	
Frank Heath, gravel	3.90	
Hugh Cummings, gravel	.90	
George Merrill, gravel	10.65	
J. P. Rush, supplies	5.10	
Geo. Hall, Culvert	59.85	
Balance Unexpended, March 1, 1938	217.12	
		<u>\$1,565.51</u>

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

To appropriation		\$40.00
Expenditures:		
Amount of Payroll	\$35.95	
Ralph Rush, gravel	2.05	
Balance Unexpended, March 1, 1938	2.00	
		<u>\$40.00</u>

GRAVEL FOR 41-HILL

To appropriation		\$50.00
John Cummings	\$3.94	
Frances Qualey	2.45	
Fred Duffy	2.45	
Gerald Duffy	1.40	

George Rivers	2.80	
Louis C. Qualey	2.45	
Fin Hines	2.45	
John Rogan	2.45	
Joseph Duffy	2.45	
Fred Cummings, truck	7.31	
Harold Duffy, truck	3.37	
Roland McAvoy, truck	7.88	
Ralph Rush, gravel	4.05	
Balance Unexpended March 1, 1938	4.55	
	<hr/>	\$50.00

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$50.00
Expenditures:		
Finton Hines	\$20.00	
Balance Unexpended March 1, 1938	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$50.00

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts:		
Unexpended Balance	\$310.58	
Appropriation	1,525.00	
State School Fund	542.00	
Tuition from State	333.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,760.58

Expenditures:		
Teachers' Salary	\$1,836.00	
Janitor	327.00	
Fuel	171.00	
Textbooks	186.39	
Supplies	70.47	
Unexpended Balance, March 1, 1938	169.72	
	<hr/>	\$2,760.58

EQUALIZATION FUND

Receipts:		
From State Equalization Fund	\$334.00	
From State Special Schools Project Fund	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$534.00
Expenditures:		
Paid for maps, reference book, textbooks, etc.	\$114.84	
Unexpended Balance March 1938	419.16	
	<hr/>	\$534.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Balance Unexpended March 1, 1937	\$10.54	
To Appropriation	190.00	
	<hr/>	\$200.54
Superintendent's Salary	\$177.36	
Telephone and Postage	10.00	

Balance Unexpended March 1, 1938	13.18	
	<u> </u>	
		\$200.54

TOWN LIGHTS ACCOUNT

To appropriation		\$60.00
Expenditures:		
Maine Public Service Co.		\$60.00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

To appropriation	\$1,300.00	
Overdrawn March 1, 1938	31.05	
	<u> </u>	
		\$1,331.05
Overdrawn March 1, 1937	\$62.01	
Paid St. Benedict's High School for tuition	1,100.00	
Paid St. Benedict'sc High School for repairs, books and supplies	169.04	
	<u> </u>	
		\$1,331.05

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
ST. BENEDICT'S HIGH SCHOOL

To the Citizens of Benedicta:

After a great deal of effort, for the first time since the opening of your high school, the same, due to the splendid cooperation of the State Board of Education and

to the spirit of good will on the part of Supt. Charles S. Hulbert of this union, has been approved and has been granted the status of a Grade A High School.

In order to bring this about it has been necessary, first, to have teachers who have a certificate for teaching in secondary schools; second, a great many changes in the curriculum; third, a school year of thirty-six weeks; and fourth, the purchase of new text books for the several new courses which have been introduced, namely, General Science, Biology, Advanced Mathematic, Dramatics and Chemistry, a laboratory for the latter being under construction at the present time.

For the general welfare of the children an acre and a half of land in the rear of the school building has been purchased and it is my sincere hope that some day the apparatus for a playground may be purchased.

Again, because of the untold advantage of visual education, a Victor Sound Moving Picture Machine has been purchased. I am indeed grateful to those who have so generously given donations towards the payment of the same and I hope that others will see their way to do likewise in order that the payment of this may not be too long delayed.

I sincerely request your cooperation that this work for the greater benefit of your children may meet with ready response in love for you, their parents, who have made so many and such noble sacrifices.

And may I take this opportunity to extend to the past and present members of the faculty my sincere expression of deep loyalty and thankfulness for their spirit of cooperation,—thus making it a pleasure to perform my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. MORRIS H. CARROLL

Pupils attending St. Benedict's High School

Seniors: Bernardine Rush, Basil McAvoy, Benedict McDonald, Christina Qualey, Mary McAvoy.

Juniors: Barbara McAvoy, Evelyn Rush, Justina McAvoy, Virginia Brennan, Rita Seile, Patrick Brown, Elmo Darling.

Sophomores: George Qualey, Rita Rivers, Helena Cummings, Honora McAvoy, John Seile, Joseph Gantner, Mary Lozier, Mary Haney.

Freshmen: Francis Rush, Audrey McAvoy, Francina Seile, Eugene Robinson, Raphael Seile, Stephen McAvoy, William McDonald, Eugene Duffy. Total enrollment 28.

INTEREST ACCOUNT

To appropriation	\$100.00	
Interest on tax of 1932	12.98	
Interest on tax of 1933	4.83	
Interest on tax of 1934	31.56	
Interest on Tax of 1935	4.63	
Interest on Tax of 1936	7.83	
Interest on Tax of 1937	11.46	
Interest on tax Liens red.	80.01	
Overdrawn March 1, 1938	189.83	
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		\$443.13
Overdrawn March 1, 1937	\$51.00	
Millinocket Trust Co.	107.00	
Lillian Dasey	54.00	
J. P. Rush	.65	
James Brown	13.14	
B. A. Rivers	28.96	

Edd. Perry	117.34
Knights of Columbus	29.65
J. H. Rush	41.39

\$443.13

SNOW REMOVAL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$400.00
Received from State	180.00
Overdrawn March 1, 1938	160.35

\$740.35

Overdrawn March 1, 1937	\$223.05
Archie McDonald	180.00
John Cummings	11.24
Stephen Brennan	7.35
George Rivers	8.37
Leo Seile	2.25
Dan Crowe	3.30
Frank Cummings	2.25
Hugh Cummings	6.65
Cecil Brennan	1.40
Fred Cummings	16.30
Fred Seile	3.85
Arthur Qualey	3.85
H. D. Cummings	29.52
Louis C. Qualey	7.00
Lenard Cummings	5.95
Ed. Brennan	6.12
J. P. Rush	4.50
L. H. Qualey	1.40
Glen London	216.00

\$740.35

TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTALS

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Balance Unexpended March 1, 1937	104.78	
Excise Tax of 1937	344.96	
		\$749.74
W. C. Heath, Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 6.00	
Houlton Publishing Co., Town Books and Reports	47.28	
John Cummings, Cleaning out Beaver Dam	2.12	
Waldo Seavey, Fire Pumps	14.54	
Hutcherson Bros., Tax Bills	.53	
Marx Printing House, Excise Tax Blanks	1.00	
Harry D. Cummings, Excise Tax Fee, 1937	20.00	
B. A. Rivers, Taking Joe Brennan to Houlton to be examined	5.00	
Harry D. Cummings, Collecting Tax of 1932	218.16	
L. H. Qualey, Services as First Selectman	80.00	
L. H. Qualey, Trip to Houlton to meet State Assessors	5.00	
L. H. Qualey, Telephone and Postage	15.00	
B. E. Duff, Constable Fee	20.00	
Edw. Qualey, Services as Second Selectman	20.00	
Edw. Qualey, Ballot Clerk	3.00	
Ray Cummings, Services as Third Selectman	20.00	
Ray Cummings, Ballot Clerk	3.00	

National Used Car Market Report	
Book	1.50
Ella M. Rush, Justice of Peace fee	1.00
H. D. Cummings, Postage	5.87
J. P. Rush, Town Clerk fee	9.75
L. H. Qualey, Attending Election	3.00
Geo. A. Hall Co., Road Machine blade 1934	8.75
Balance unexpended March 1, 1938	239.24

\$749.74

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Uncollected Tax of 1921 and 1922	\$333.13
Uncollected Tax of 1932	135.41
Uncollected Tax of 1933	452.95
Uncollected Tax of 1934	450.06
Uncollected Tax of 1935	499.73
Uncollected Tax of 1936	458.63
Uncollected Tax of 1937	3,026.74
Tax Liens of 1931 held by town	108.64
Tax Liens of 1932 held by town	319.55
Tax Liens of 1933 held by town	92.15
Tax Liens of 1934 held by town	179.26
Tax Liens of 1935 held by town	216.47
Tax Liens of 1936 held by town	255.07
Note on School House No. 2	150.00
Porcupine Bounty due from State	50.50
Due from State for State Pauper	92.51
Cash in Treasury	575.53

\$7,396.33

Outstanding town orders	\$4,317.69	
Note held by Millinocket Trust Co.	1,500.00	
County tax due	199.93	
Due Maine Anti-Tuberculosis	40.00	
Aroostook County Council	15.00	
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		\$6,072.62
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To Town Credit		\$1,323.71

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. QUALEY

EDW. T. QUALEY

RAY F. CUMMINGS

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1937 AND 1938

Commitment		\$6,557.73
Treasurer's Receipts	\$3,530.99	
Uncollected Tax	3,026.74	
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		\$6,557.73

List of Uncollected Taxes 1937

Heirs of E. B. Brennan	\$20.00
Walter Brennan	3.00
Ed. Brennan	10.57
Bert Brennan	3.00
Heirs of Joseph Brennan	5.98
Jerry Brennan	23.06
Ethel Brown	81.86
Heirs of W. B. Brown	40.43
Mary E. Cummings	79.90

Hugh Cummings	13.40
Frank Cummings	178.17
D. J. Crowe	84.47
George P. Duffy	133.42
G. W. Duffy	100.03
Joseph Duffy	175.14
Bill Duffy	3.00
Earle Duffy	3.00
W. A. Darling	79.90
Lyman Haney	8.10
Irene and Clayton Lawlor	121.85
Ashley Lawlor	3.00
Joseph Lozier	3.68
F. R. McAvoy	195.44
J. F. McAvoy	19.79
Thomas McAvoy	3.00
R. F. McAvoy	187.61
Irving McAvoy	75.88
Ray McAvoy	132.88
Heirs of A. J. McDonald	106.22
Heirs of W. A. Qualey	41.82
A. F. Qualey	42.13
L. H. Qualey	176.59
Heirs of A. J. Qualey	63.24
Heirs of John Quirk	6.80
Nora Rush	71.18
A. P. Rush	96.84
D. B. Rush	187.82
Joseph Rush, Sr.	52.70
Patrick Rogan	26.73
Richard Robinson	115.53
Mrs. Finton Seile	127.43
Leo Seile	57.40
Fred Seile	21.09
Joseph Seile	32.78

Herbert Perrin	4.76
Dea Daggett	6.12

\$3,026.74

H. D. CUMMINGS, Coll.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts:

Cash in Treasury March 1937	\$268.43
Excise Tax 1937	344.96
Needy Blind	60.00
Pauper Account	91.91
Tax of 1937	3,530.99
Interest on Tax of 1937	11.46
Tax of 1936	487.56
Interest on Tax of 1936	7.83
Tax of 1935	236.30
Interest on Tax of 1935	4.63
Tax of 1934	262.45
Interest on Tax of 1934	31.56
Tax of 1933	38.60
Interest on Tax of 1933	4.83
Tax of 1932	280.63
Interest on Tax of 1932	12.98
Tax Lien of 1931 redeemed	151.05
Tax Lien of 1932 redeemed	132.50
Tax Lien of 1933 redeemed	96.50
Tax Lien of 1934 redeemed	115.17
Tax Lien of 1935 redeemed	169.94
Interest on redeemed Tax Liens	80.01
Tax on Bank Stock	4.93
Tuition of children unorganized town	333.00

State School Fund	542.00
(Special) Equalization Fund	534.00
Maintenance unimproved road	66.23
States part of State Aid Joint Fund	1,047.20
Third Class Road Fund	85.60
Fifty-ffty Road Fund	49.61
Snow Removal	180.00
Dog Liencse refund	2.86
Dog Tax 1936	15.00
Dog Tax 1937	10.00
Bear Bounty	20.00
P.W.A. Mdse. returned	4.99

\$9,315.71

Expenditures:	
Town Orders Paid	\$5,935.17
State Pauper Account	91.91
Needy Blind	60.00
Booking charge	1.00
Bear Bounty	20.00
State Aid Joint Fund	1,347.20
Third Class Payroll	85.60
Maintenance Unimproved Road	66.23
Patrol	208.20
State Tax 1937	858.37
Dog Tax 1937	16.00
Cash in Treasury March 12, 1938	156.37
(Special) Equalization Cash balance	419.16

\$9,315.71

H. D. CUMMINGS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the members of the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Benedicta :

I have the pleasure of submitting for your consideration my eleventh annual school report.

Your new teacher this year, Sister M. Alberta, who is teaching in the grammar school, is a graduate of St. Joseph's Normal School and has her B. S. degree from St. Joseph's College. She has also had thirty-four years of successful teaching experience.

When you stop to consider the amount of training and experience of all your teachers, the number of good up-to-date textbooks and the amount of supplies and other equipment in your schools, together with many other advantages the pupils have, it would seem rather difficult to believe that there could be any serious defect in your school system. This does not mean that your schools cannot be made better but I do think in most instances where we have allowed ourselves to believe that trouble exists much could have been done for that particular pupil if the parent had attempted to cooperate with the teacher. It is only through co-operation of the parents and teachers that we can expect to obtain the best results.

I think I understand how much the people of Benedicta appreciate the large amount of money we had given to us by the State this year through the Equalization fund and the Special School Project fund. No small amount of credit should be given Father Carrol for his co-operation in the matter, as of course this amount of money would not have been available had it not been for the improvement of the high school to the extent of its becom-

ing an approved school by the State Commissioner of Education.

You may expect to receive a greater amount next year if you use your best judgement in making your appropriations for schools at your annual town meeting. You should not raise more than you actually need but the amount should be very carefully figured out. I will attempt to do that for you in my budget. The amount of equalization fund you will receive in the future depends upon your school rate, the more you appropriate for schools the more you will receive.

Your schools as a whole are making satisfactory progress in my opinion but I am not satisfied with the attendance this year. It is not the usual good attendance of your schools as I have always maintained that the school attendance of Benedicta cannot be beaten. I do not wish to blame anyone now for the amount of absence but I do believe it will be improved if the parents will give this matter a little more thought and if the teachers will do their part to bring the pupils to realize the necessity of good attendance.

Enrollment of pupils by grades:

	Boys	Girls
First grade	4	9
Second grade	0	0
Third grade	7	2
Fourth grade	6	2
Fifth grade	7	5
Sixth grade	7	4
Seventh	7	9
Eighth	5	2

The average daily attendance of all pupils for the

year is 70.7 and the total enrollment is 78. The salary of each teacher is \$17 per week.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the support of the school committee and other town officials and I wish to thank the citizens for their interest in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. HULBERT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Fund

Receipts

Unexpended balance	\$310.58	
Appropriation	1,525.00	
State School Fund	542.00	
Tuition from State	333.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,760.28

Expenditures

Teachers	\$1,836.00	
Fuel	171.00	
Janitors and cleaning	327.00	
Textbooks	186.39	
Supplies	70.47	
Unexpended balance, March 1938,	169.72	
	<hr/>	\$2,760.28

Equalization Fund

Receipts

From State, Equalization Fund	\$334.00	
From State, Special School Project Fund	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$534.00

Expenditures

Paid for maps, reference books, textbooks, etc.	\$114.84	
Unexpended balance March 1938	419.16	
	<hr/>	\$534.00

SCHOOL BUDGET

Estimated expense for next year:

Teachers wages, 36 weeks at \$51	\$1,836.00	
Fuel	175.00	
Janitor, 10 months at \$40	400.00	
Textbooks and supplies	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,461.00

Estimated receipts:

Unexpended balance	\$169.72	
State School Fund	500.00	
Tuition from State	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$919.72

Necessary appropriation	<hr/>	\$1,541.28
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REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appropriation Advised

Common School	\$1,500.00
High School Tuition	1,100.00
Superintendent's Salary	190.00
Roads and Bridges	800.00
State Aid Road	450.00
Third Class Maintenance	41.00
Snow Removal Account	400.00
Interest Account	200.00
Town Light Account	60.00
Anti-Tuberculosis Account	10.00
Cemetery Account	25.00
Town Officers and Incidentals	200.00
State Health Nurse	15.00

JOSEPH P. RUSH

BENJ. A. RIVERS

A. F. QUALEY

J. H. RUSH

Budget Committee