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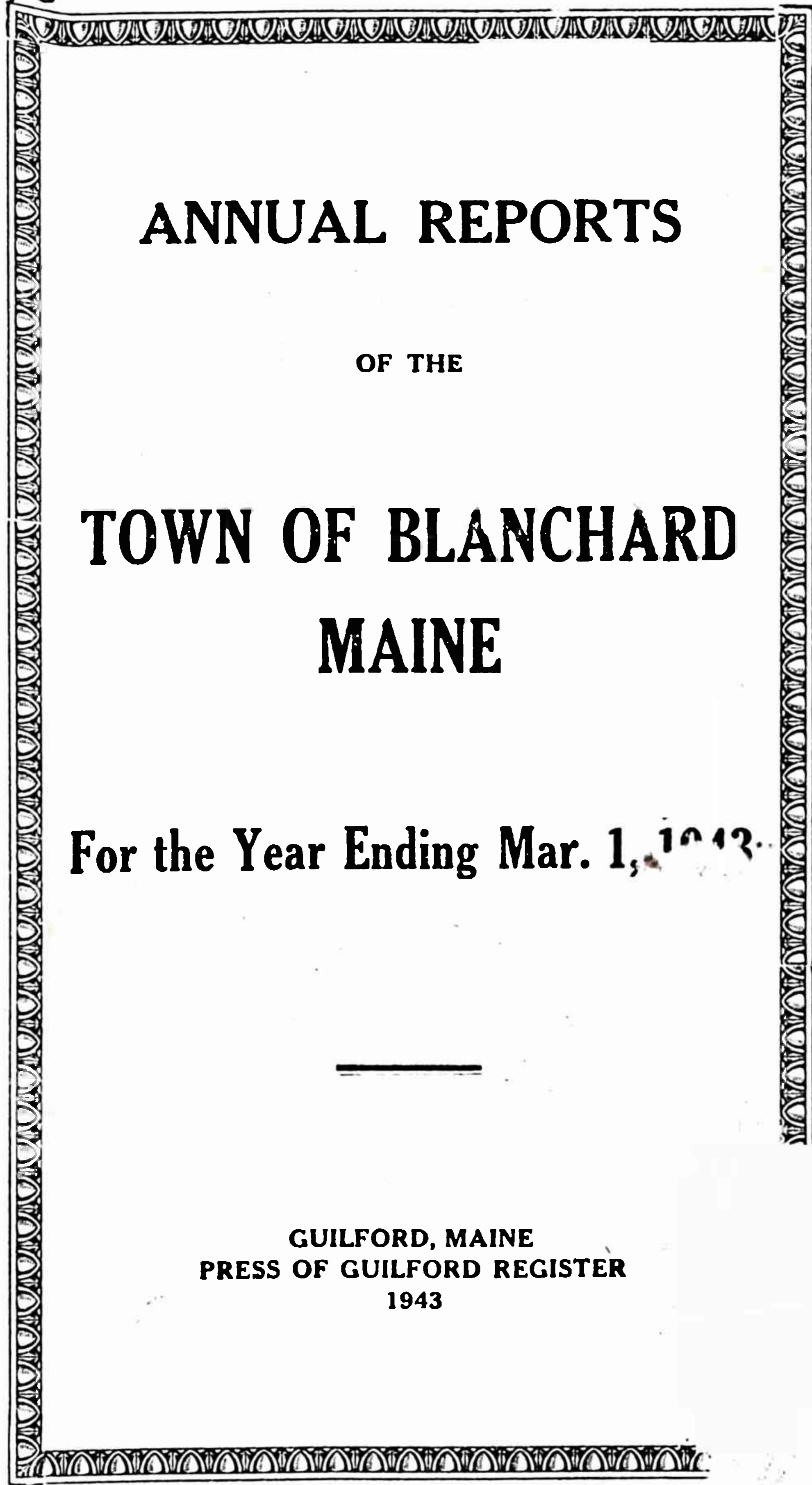
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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

**TOWN OF BLANCHARD
MAINE**

For the Year Ending Mar. 1, 1943.

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KNOW YOUR AIR RAID SIGNALS

BLUE SIGNAL

School bell rings and car covers town blowing horn. It means that enemy planes are headed in your direction.

ALL LIGHTS OUT. People may stay out of doors. Cars may move with lights tilted or dim.

RED SIGNAL

No signal sounded in this town. It means that planes are near.

ALL LIGHTS REMAIN OUT. Cars will be stopped and lights put out. Everyone should take shelter.

BLUE SIGNAL

No signal sounded in this town. It means that planes have passed, but may return.

ALL LIGHTS REMAIN OUT. Cars may move again on tilted or dim lights. People may go out of doors. All Civilian Defense, stay on your job.

WHITE SIGNAL OR ALL CLEAR

School bell rings. Those who cannot hear the school bell will get the "ALL CLEAR" on their radio. If you haven't a radio, watch your neighbor's for their lights to go on.

NOTE: Be very sure that you get the "ALL CLEAR" before turning on your lights. If planes should return, another "RED SIGNAL" would follow the second "BLUE SIGNAL", in which case the lights should stay out until a third "BLUE SIGNAL" and then an "ALL CLEAR" had been sounded.

**CLIP THIS AND PIN UP WHERE YOUR FAMILY
CAN SEE IT.**

Town Warrant

To C. M. Mitchell, a Constable of the town of Blanchard, in the County of Piscataquis, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Blanchard, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall in the said town on Monday, the twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1943 at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.

Art. 4. To receive and act on all bills against the town.

Art. 5. To choose three selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year and determine their compensation.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one member of the school committee for a term of three years.

Art. 8. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 9. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose all other officers required by law to be chosen at the annual meeting, or authorize the selectmen to appoint such officers.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of elementary schools.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for secondary school purposes.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for free textbooks.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school supplies.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of superintendent of schools.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs and insurance on schoolhouse.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the services of the public health nurse.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town charges.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for ways and bridges.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid maintenance.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and 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 Stat-

utes of 1930, or under the provisions of Chapter 213, Public Laws of 1941.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not less than \$105.00 for the maintenance of improved section of third class roads or to be used in conjunction with the State apportionment for the construction of third class roads.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money under Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapters 162 and 231 of the Public Laws of 1937, for the removal of snow from improved highways and town ways, provided said roads or a portion of the same are accepted as winter routes by the State Highway Commission.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the town to sell the Will Watt place on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute a quit claim deed for same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay Monson band for Memorial Day at Blanchard.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64.80 for insurance on the town hall.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$41.16 for interest on school fund.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$15.00 for the purpose of paying dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Art. 30. 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. 31. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying for bonds for town officers.

Art. 32. To see what discount the town will allow on taxes paid on or before a specified date, and to see what time the collector will be required to settle in full with the town.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used for Civilian Defense purposes.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to hire money for town purposes in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for buying snow fence.

Art. 37. To see what the town will do in regard to the care of both cemeteries and raise money for the same.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Memorial Park.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay on the permanent loan.

The selectmen will be in session at said town hall at 12.30 P. M. on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1943.

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Selectmen of Blanchard

Town Officers, 1942

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

S. H. BLANCHARD

FRED ORTH

JOSEPH EVANS

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH FARRIN

Tax Collector

ELISLE ELLIOTT

Road Commissioner

C. M. MITCHELL

School Committee

HUGH ALLEN FOX

NINA BLANCHARD

ISOLA DECKER

Health Officer

F. W. ELLIOTT, JR.

Superintendent of Schools

C. L. SIDELINGER

Town Treasurer

CLAIR B. BRAY

Cemetery Committee

HUGH ALLEN FOX

GEORGE BARTLETT

FRED ORTH

Memorial Park Committee

FRED ORTH

ELIZABETH FARRIN

ISOLA DECKER

Assessors' Report

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1942

Real Estate, Resident	\$20,370 00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	79,186 00	
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Total Real Estate		\$ 99,556 00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$1,885 00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	100 00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$ 1,985 00
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Total Valuation		\$101,541 00
Total Taxes Assessed and Committed on resident and non-resident estates at .059	\$5,990 92	
29 polls at \$3.00	87 00	
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	\$6,077 92	

Polls not assessed, 7.

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Assessors of Blanchard

Report of Tax Collector

Total commitment		\$ 6,077 92
Receipts from Treasurer for:		
Tax Liens	\$ 66 33	
Discounts	131 56	
Cash	5,880 03	
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Total Receipts		\$ 6,077 92
Excise Taxes collected		66 25
3 poll Taxes not assessed		9 00

ELISLE ELLIOTT, Tax Collector

Treasurer's Account

Debits

To amount on hand March 1, 1942	\$ 999 44
To Amount Rec'd from State Treas. for:	
John Watt, pauper	205 00
Snow removal	313 47
Highway reimbursement payroll	164 89
Dog license refund	8 00
Bounty on bear	10 00
State School Fund	440 77
Refund on Collector's tax book	2 41
To Amount Rec'd from Tax Collector for:	
1942 taxes	5,886 03
Tax liens	66 33
Discounts	131 56
Excise tax	66 25
1941 Poll tax	3 00
Excise tax receipt book	44
To Amount Rec'd from:	
Leon Knowlton, credit on debt to town	45 00
Edmund Donahue, debt to town	23 87
Town of Orono, pauper account	26 00
Hall rent	8 00
Guilford Trust Co., short term note	500 00
Millard Works, overpaid	50
S. H. Blanchard, sale of food stamps	439 00
Fire pump	24 00

\$9,363 96

Credits

Paid selectmen's warrants	\$8,030 56
Cash on hand	1,333 40

\$9,363 96

CLAIR B. BRAY, Treasurer.

Selectmen's Report

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1942

Elementary Schools	\$825 00
High School Tuition	150 00
Free Text Books	30 00
School Supplies	50 00
School Repairs	50 00
School Insurance	30 00
Health Nurse	15 00
Superintendent Salary	68 40
Town Charges	750 00
Town Poor	350 00
Ways and Bridges	600 00
State Aid Maintenance	172 50
State Aid Road	450 00
3rd Class Maintenance	105 00
Snow Removal	400 00
Memorial Day	10 00
Insurance on Town Hall	64 80
Interest on School Fund	41 16
Municipal Association Dues	15 00
Repairs on Consondine Road	100 00
Fire Protection	80 00
Civilian Defense	150 00
Care of Cemeteries	60 00
Memorial Park	10 00
Permanent Loan	250 00
State Tax	923 35
County Tax	199 86
Overlay	127 85
Total Commitment	<hr/> \$ 6,077 92

ADMINISTRATION

Receipts

Appropriation	\$750 00	
State Treasurer	12 41	
Hall Rent	8 00	
Elisle Elliott	44	
Overdraft carried to summary	9 42	
	<hr/>	\$ 780 27

Expenditures

William J. Currier, Auditor	50 59
Central Maine Power Co.	27 16
Marks Printing House, office supplies	24 35
Register Pub. Co., Town Reports	39 60
Registry of Deeds, transfers	20
Allen Fox, constable fees	5 00
Percy Richardson, Justice of Peace	1 00
Monson Fire Dept., fire at Oakes	29 00
G. M. Crockett, officers' bonds	20 00
G. C. Howard, M. D., school vaccination	10 00
Nina Blanchard, ballot clerk	3 00
Elisle Elliott, ballot clerk	3 00
Alice Mitchell, ballot clerk	3 00
Isola Decker, ballot clerk	3 00
Clair Bray, bear bounty	10 00
F. M. Hescocock, sealer of weights and measurer	3 00
John W. Leighton, repairs on adding machine	4 00
S. H. Blanchard, selectman salary	150 00
Fred Orth, selectman salary	40 00
Joseph Evans, selectman salary	40 00
Clair Bray, town treasurer	75 00
Elizabeth Farrin, town clerk	26 67
H. A. Fox, school committee	5 00
Nina Blanchard, school committee	5 00
Isola Decker, school committee	5 00

F. W. Elliott, health officer	10 00	
Elisle Elliott, commission on taxes	180 65	
S. H. Blanchard, express	52	
Charles Decker, hall janitor	5 00	
Guilford Trust Co., service charge	1 53	
	<u> </u>	\$ 780 27

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 450 00
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Expenditures

Carried to Summary		\$ 450 00
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STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$172 50	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	164 89	
	<u> </u>	\$ 337 39

Expenditures

Payroll	\$335 86	
Unexpended, carried to summary	1 53	
	<u> </u>	\$ 337 39

Payroll in Detail

L. L. Mitchell, truck	\$189 82
Roy Bartlett, labor	2 40
Charles Mitchell, Jr.	20 58
C. M. Mitchell	46 67
Joseph Evans	10 12
Paul Beede	21 12
Charles Decker	16 28
Allen Fox	13 20
Fred Elliott, Jr.	1 76
Artemas Fitzgerald	2 64
Scott Watt	1 76
Joseph LeClair	1 76
Fred Elliott, Jr., gravel	2 75
Janie Watt, gravel	5 00
	<u> </u>
	\$335 86

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$ 105 00
Expenditures		
Payroll	\$84 81	
Unexpended, carried to summary	20 19	
	<hr/>	\$ 105 00

Payroll in Detail		
L. L. Mitchell, truck	\$48 78	
Paul Beede, labor	10 12	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	11 27	
Charles Mitchell, Jr. labor	4 18	
Allen Fox, labor	1 76	
Charles Decker, labor	4 84	
Joseph LeClair, labor	1 76	
Fred Elliott, Jr., gravel	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$84 81

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$ 600 00
Expenditures		
W. H. Mitchell, tractor	\$ 29 50	
L. L. Mitchell, truck	153 51	
Paul Beede, labor	47 08	
Chris Mercier, labor	31 68	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	109 45	
Charles Decker, labor	17 60	
Scott Watt, labor	9 02	
Joseph Evans, labor	1 76	
Allen Fox, labor	1 76	
Joseph LeClair, labor	51 92	
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	49 28	
Walter Nye, labor	7 26	
Charles Mitchell, Jr., labor	3 52	

S. H. Blanchard, stumpage	5 00
F. W. Elliottt, Jr., gravel	4 50
C. F. Blanchard, supplies	30 09
Unexpended, carried to summary	47 07
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	\$600 00

SNOW REMOVAL

Receipts

Brought forward from last year	\$ 34 17	
Appropriation	400 00	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	313 47	
Millard Works, pay correction	50	
Overdraft carried forward to next year	201 44	
	<hr/>	\$ 949 58

Expenditures

Plowing	\$642 90	
Sanding	143 77	
Work on snow fence	123 31	
Shoveling ditches and cuverts	39 60	
	<hr/>	\$ 949 58

Payroll

L. L. Mitchell, truck	\$570 92
C. M. Mittchell, labor	164 70
Charles Mitchell, Jr., labor	8 72
Roy Bartlett, labor	6 00
Charles Decker, labor	49 78
Allen Fox, labor	11 90
Fred Elliott, Jr., labor	8 86
Leon Knowlton, labor	88
Joseph LeClair, labor	35 06
Chris Mercier, labor	18 56
Flobert Morse, sand	3 45
Millard Works, truck	23 62
Tim Thompson, truck	10 00
Irving Tewksbury, truck	7 50

Walter Nye, labor	2 00
Ernest Nye, labor	2 00
Paul Beede, labor	2 50
A. W. Gilman, salt	23 13
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	\$949 58

REPAIRS ON CONSONDINE ROAD

Receipts

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Overdraft carried to summary	32	
	<hr/>	\$ 100 32

Expenditures

Fred Orth, gravel	\$ 7 60	
L. L. Mitchell, truck	33 32	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	15 40	
Charles Decker, labor	12 32	
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	10 56	
Scott Watt, labor	8 80	
Paul Beede, labor	8 80	
Joseph LeClair, labor	3 52	
	<hr/>	\$ 100 32

TOWN POOR

Receipts

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Transferred from Food Stamps	70 00	
Overdraft, carried to summary	82 36	
	<hr/>	\$ 502 36

Expenditures

Will Watt	\$324 96	
Reuben Bartlett	177 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 502 36

Will Watt

Scott Watt, board at \$5.00 per wk.	\$ 17 85
Janie Watt, board at \$5.00 per wk.	80 00
Bessie Perkins, bd. at \$5.00 per wk.	55 00
Dr. Wm. R. Kerr	9 70

Dr. H. R. Patterson	2 00
G. C. Howard, M. D.	3 00
Roy M. Hescoek	2 65
C. F. Blanchard, groceries	104 41
P. W. Knight & Sons, clothing	10 85
A. S. Anderson, meat, 1940-41	21 50
Paul Beede, transportation	4 50
Joseph LeClair, work on wood	13 50
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	\$324 96

Reuben Bartlett

Orville C. Harvey, undertaker	\$115 00
Charles A. Dean Hospital	21 00
F. J. Pritham, M. D.	5 00
Paul Beede, digging grave	12 00
Artemas Fitzgerald, shoveling	4 40
Mrs. Joseph LeClair, board	20 00
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	\$177 40

OTHER TOWNS POOR

Receipts

Rec'd from Town of Orono	\$26 00	
Overdraft, carried to summary	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33 00

Expenditures

Paid B. M. O'Brien, D. D. S., acct. Joseph LeClair	\$26 00	
Dr. Wm. R. Kerr, acct. Robert Moores	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33 00

STATE POOR

Receipts

Rec'd from State Treasurer	\$205 00	
Due from State, carried to next year	30 00	
Carried to summary	85	
	<hr/>	\$ 235 85

Expenditures		
Due from State, 1941	\$ 36 85	
Paid John Watt	189 00	
Irving Goodale, trip to Augusta	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 235 85

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Albert Donahue		
Receipts		
Carried forward to next year		\$ 49 56
Expenditures		
Brought forward from last year		\$ 49 56
Edmund Donahue		
Receipts		
Received from Edmund Donahue		\$ 23 87
Expenditures		
Brought forward from last year		\$ 23 87
Leon Knowlton		
Receipts		
Rec'd from Leon Knowlton	\$ 45 00	
Carried to next year	166 10	
	<u> </u>	\$ 211 10
Expenditures		
Brought forward from last year		\$ 211 10

FIRE FIGHTING TOOLS

Receipts		
Appropriation	\$80 00	
Rec'd for knapsack sprayers	24 00	
Transferred from Civilian De- fense to balance account	26 85	
	<u> </u>	\$ 130 85

Expenditures

Raymond E. Rendall, Forest Commissioner	\$75 60	
S. H. Banchard, freight on pumps	1 25	
F. W. Elliott, Jr., repairs on pumper	54 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 130 85

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 150 00
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Expenditures

E. A. Jorgenson, flash lights	\$ 5 10	
Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.	22 22	
To balance Fire Fighting Tools	26 85	
Carried forward to next year	95 83	
	<u> </u>	\$ 150 00

CARE OF MEMORIAL PARK

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 10 00
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Expenditures

Paid Fred Orth, treasurer		\$ 10 00
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CARE OF CEMETERIES

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 60 00
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Expenditures

Paid George Bartlett, treasurer		\$ 60 00
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MONSON BAND

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 10 00
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Expenditures

Paid Monson Band		\$ 10 00
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MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

	Receipts		
Appropriation		\$	15 00
	Expenditures		
Paid Maine Municipal Association		\$	15 00

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

	Receipts		
Appropriation		\$	15 00
	Expenditures		
Paid R. W. Davis, treasurer		\$	15 00

REPAIRS ON TOWN OFFICE

	Receipts		
Brought forward from last year		\$	25 00
	Expenditures		
Carried forward to next year		\$	25 00

INSURANCE ON TOWN HALL

	Receipts		
Appropriation		\$	64 80
	Expenditures		
Paid Mutual Insurance Budget		\$	64 80

STATE TAX

	Receipts		
Assessment		\$	923 35
	Expenditures		
Paid State Treasurer		\$	923 35

COUNTY TAX

	Receipts	
Assessment		\$ 199 86
	Expenditures	
Paid County Treasurer		\$ 199 86

NOTES AND INTEREST

	Permanent Loan	
	Receipts	
Due Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 750 00
	Expenditures	
Paid Guilford Trust Co.	\$250 00	
Carried to next year	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 750 00
	Temporary Loan	
	Receipts	
Received from Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 500 00
	Expenditures	
Paid Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 500 00
	Interest Account	
	Receipts	
Overdraft carried to summary		\$ 44 30
	Expenditures	
Paid Guilford Trust Co., interest		\$ 44 30

LIST OF TAX DEEDS AND LIENS

	1938 Tax Deed	
O. E. Gilman		\$66 18
	1940 Tax Liens	
John Knowlton		\$11 76
H. A. Fox		5 19

1941 Tax Liens

John Williams	\$22 05
John Knowlton	12 93
H. A. Fox	36 59

1942 Tax Liens

John Knowlton	\$12 13
H. A. Fox	37 80
John Williams	22 70

DISCOUNTS

Receipts

Overdraft carried to summary	\$ 131 56
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Expenditures

Discount allowed Tax Collector	\$ 131 56
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EXCISE TAX

Receipts

Received from Collector	\$ 66 25
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Expenditures

Balance carried to summary	\$ 66 25
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OVERLAY

Receipts

Assessment Overlay	\$ 127 85
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Expenditures

Balance carried to summary	\$ 127 85
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UNASSESSED POLL TAXES

Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 9 00
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Expenditures

Balance carried to summary	\$ 9 00
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SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFTS AND UNEXPENDED
BALANCES

	Overdrafts	Unexp.
Other Towns Poor	\$ 7 00	
Consondine Road	32	
Dog Tax	13 00	
Town Poor	82 36	
State Poor	85	
Interest Account	44 30	
Discounts	131 56	
Administration	9 42	
State Aid Maintenance		\$ 1 53
3rd Class Maintenance		20 19
State Aid Road		450 00
Excise Tax		66 25
Poll Taxes		9 00
Dog Tax refund		8 00
Overlay		127 85
Ways and Bridges		47 07
Net unexpended balances car- ried to Net Debt	441 08	
	\$729 89	\$729 89

CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net Debt at beginning of year	\$507 47	
Net unexpended balances		\$441 08
Paid Guilford Trust Co. on note		250 00
Surplus at end of year	183 61	
	\$691 08	\$691 08

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Selectmen of Blanchard

FINAL STATEMENT

Of Account for Construction of Village Bridge Over
Piscataquis River in the Town of Blanchard
Piscataquis County, Maine

Joint Fund

State of Maine	\$1,148 00	
County of Piscataquis	840 00	
Town of Blanchard from Special Resolve	812 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,800 00

Expenditures

Engineering and inspection	\$ 121 86	
Labor and material, day labor work	3,329 72	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,451 58

Less cost of paint and painting paid from Special Resolve		503 49
		<u> </u>
		\$ 2,948 09

DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS

	Share of Cost	Amt. Cred.	Bal. Due
State of Maine	41.6%	\$1,226 40	\$1,148 00 \$78 40
Co. Piscataquis	30.0%	884 43	840 00 44 43
Town Blanchard	28.4%	837 26	812 00 25 26
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		\$2948 09	\$2,800 00 \$148 09

\$78.40 is transferred from appropriation.

\$44.43 is requisitioned from Piscataquis County.

25.26 is transferred from Blanchard Special Resolve.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Blanchard:

I am submitting herewith my annual school report. Because much of my time is otherwise taken just now I find it necessary to omit some of the things usually included in these reports. Just as it became time to work on these reports we were advised that the schools would assist in the issuance of War Ration Book Two. Hence, it became imperative that the superintendent take time from his usual duties to make provision for adequate service that the issuance of the ration books might be completed within the dates specified.

The schools are the concern of us all, and we find some serious problems facing us and the schools at this time. The most serious single problem facing the schools at this moment is the shortage of teaching personnel. Reports show that this lack of teachers is nation wide in scope, but it is much more acute in states where salaries have been very low. Results of recent surveys reveal that more than one thousand Maine teachers left schools between July 1 and October 1, 1942. The origin of this critical situation lies, of course, in the tremendous manpower demands of the war and, as these demands increase, the drain on teaching personnel will become steadily worse.

This teaching shortage became apparent more than a year ago and certain steps were taken to relieve the situation. However, successful as these steps have been, they are not sufficient to provide for the loss of

teachers. Other means must be found to produce replacements and also to retain those teachers still remaining in our schools. The outlook for well-trained teachers for the future is not good, considering the fact that enrollments in the Normal Schools have dropped nearly fifty per cent during the last two years and now gives promise of being very much lower next year.

Unquestionably, the most important factor contributing to present shortages is teacher salaries. Now that we are in a period of higher prices, inflated salaries and heavy labor demands, many teachers are taking advantage of the situation to leave teaching positions that have not paid them living wages. Despite the fact that teachers' salaries have been generally increased during the past year, many communities are finding it financially impossible to make adequate adjustments. As a result they face the prospect of losing teachers whom they cannot replace. It is to relieve this situation that proposals are being made to the Legislature for increased appropriations to all towns and cities for the support of schools. It is to the interest of every town and city in the State that these proposals be accepted, if our schools are to remain open.

Much has been said and much has been written about the schools and the war effort. At the present moment it appears imperative that every school, this year and as long as the war lasts, adapt its programs in every way possible to help win the war. Superintendents of schools and secondary school principals have been advised of some measures which should be taken. It is expected that more requests will come from the U. S. Office of Education, from the Army and Navy, and from other governmental agencies. We will be asked to make high school youth ready, both physically and mentally for war service. We will be

asked to make the general public conscious of necessary sacrifices it will need to experience. We will be asked to educate the elementary school children for living in a wartime period. In many ways we will be finding that normal conditions are gone for the duration of the war.

SCHOOL FUNDS AND NEEDS

This year the average of the school tax rates in the state is .01402. Towns having a rate for school maintenance equal to or exceeding .01402 will share in equalization in December, 1943, provided the basic measure of .012 on state assessed valuation of the town fails to produce the minimum educational program as provided in our Equalization Law. The school rate for the town for this year is only .00828. Hence the town does not share in equalization in 1943.

It will be necessary to try to plan again for needed school funds for the coming year. It is within all probability that school officials having funds with which to induce present teachers to continue in positions they are now holding will be relieved of much trouble. All reports indicate that the prospect of finding new teachers for schools for next year does not look any too good. To be able to share in additional state funds, if any are made available, at least \$720 must be expended per teacher salary.

In another section of this report I have listed the appropriations that might reasonably be made for high school tuition, free textbooks, and school supplies, including light and power. It seems now that expenditures for high school tuition for a few years now might be comparatively small. No funds will be needed for school insurance for the coming year. We are not sure, of course, that any painting could be done on the building this year, if money was made available for

that purpose. The building needs to be painted and you should plan soon to raise money for that work. One hundred dollars could be raised at this time and, if possible, some of the painting at least could be done this next summer. Also some money will be needed for fixing small things about the school building.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' wages	\$720 00	
School fuel account	90 00	
School janitor account	65 00	
School conveyance	185 00	
	—————	\$ 1,060 00

Estimate for Funds:

State School Fund and Interest	\$185 00	
Appropriation needed	875 00	
	—————	\$ 1,060 00

Appropriations Proposed:

Elementary School Account	\$	875 00
High School Account		50 00
Free Textbook Account		20 00
School Supply Account		40 00
School Repairs Account		100 00
School Insurance Account		00
School Nurse Account		15 00
Superintendence Account		81 60

Under the heading of Financial Statements will be found the usual information as to money raised by the town for school maintenance, money received from the state and used for school purposes, together with expenditures for the municipal year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER

February 20, 1943

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1942-1943

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1941	\$120 23	
Raised by town	825 00	
State School Fund	140 77	
Interest on school fund	41 16	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,127 16

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries:		
Beatrix E. Bray	\$247 00	
Elisle E. Elliott	418 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 665 00
School fuel:		
Paid labor on fuel	\$16 25	
Wood and kindling	69 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 85 25
School janitor:	\$50 00	
Cleaning building	8 00	
Janitor supplies	3 45	
	<u> </u>	\$ 61 45
School conveyance:		
Paul Beede	\$ 76 00	
Irving Goodale	130 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 206 00
Unexpended, 1942		\$ 109 46
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		\$ 1,127 16

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1941	\$220 39	
Raised by town	150 00	
State School Fund	300 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 670 39

Expenditures

Monson Academy:	
Reginald Blanchard	\$45 00
Phyllis Richardson	67 50
Barbara Fox	45 00
Dorothy Mitchell	78 50
Walter Nye	45 00
Ernest Nye	55 00
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	\$ 336 00
Unexpended, 1942	334 39
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	\$ 670 39

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1941	\$20 77
Raised by town	30 00
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	\$ 50 77

Expenditures

Row, Peterson & Company	\$ 6 67
Ginn & Company	10 98
The Macmillan Company	5 78
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	\$ 23 43
Unexpended, 1942	27 34
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	\$50 77

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1941	\$ 9 07
Raised by town	50 00
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	\$ 59 07

Expenditures

Office, freight and express	\$ 7 90
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4 94

J. L. Hammett Company	12 53	
Central Maine Power Company	14 08	
	<u> </u>	\$ 39 45
Unexpended, 1942		19 62
		<u> </u>
		\$ 59 07

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1941	\$100 20	
Raised by town	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 150 20

Expenditures

Expended for labor	\$43 05	
Expended for material	92 53	
	<u> </u>	\$ 135 58
Unexpended, 1942		14 62
		<u> </u>
		\$ 150 20

SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town		\$ 30 00
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Expenditures

Fred M. Hescok		\$ 30 00
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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$68 40	
Overdraft, 1942	5 20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 73 60

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary		\$ 73 60
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FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1941		\$ 16 20
Unexpended, 1942		\$ 16 20

Annual Report of Public Health Nursing Service 1942

To the Selectmen and citizens of the town of Blanchard, the health report of the Piscataquis County Nursing Service is given for the period beginning January 1, 1942 and ending December 31, 1942.

The annual school inspection has been completed. The Blanchard students attending Monson Academy have been given inspection there. Complete physical examinations have been given the students this year.

Number of pupils inspected	16
Vision defects	2
Teeth defects	14
Throat defects	6

One Throat condition has been corrected and 22 children have been vaccinated.

Home calls in the interest of communicable disease with the local Health Officer were made.

Arrangements were made for a child to attend the Crippled Children's Clinic at Waterville.

Visits were made to the town in March, May, August and October.

Appreciation is extended to the teacher and citizens for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

By: Nellie Gibbons, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

War means longer, harder work. It means also greater strain and weariness. In wartime health is more than ever a national asset—illness a liability. The public health nurse did her part for better health of the community by making home visits to stress the importance and general principles of prenatal and postpartum care for the mothers and the need of health supervision for the infant and preschool child, including medical and dental care, immunization and guidance in nutrition and mental hygiene.

A Home Nursing course was taught during the summer months with nine women receiving certificates. Because of uncertain driving during the winter months Mrs. Nina Banchard was appointed Chairman of the Health Committee to keep the nurse informed of any emergencies that may arise during her absence.

MISS GRACE HUNT
Public Health Nurse

BLANCHARD CEMETERIES

Receipts

Over 1942	\$60 24	
Received from Town	60 00	
Interest on Bonds	27 50	
Cash	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 148 74

Expenditures

Allen Fox, labor	\$ 9 24	
Jos. E. LeClaire, labor	14 08	
Artemas Fitzgerald	14 08	
Cash on hand	111 34	
	<u> </u>	\$ 148 74

IN TRUST

11 U. S. War Bonds	\$ 1,100 00
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FRED ORTH, Treasurer

MEMORIAL PARK

Receipts

Carried over from 1942	\$ 1 52	
Received from Treasurer	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 11 52

Expenditures

Karlene Blanchard, labor	\$5 25	
Charles Decker, labor	25	
Express on shrubs	83	
Grass seed	42	
Fertilizer	28	
Flowers, 5 boxes	1 30	
Cash	3 19	
	<u> </u>	\$ 11 52

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Piscataquis Savings Bank	\$ 66 98
	(plus int.)

FRED ORTH, Treasurer
 B. C. FARRIN, President
 ISOLA DECKER, Vice Pres.

Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.