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Annual Report

of the

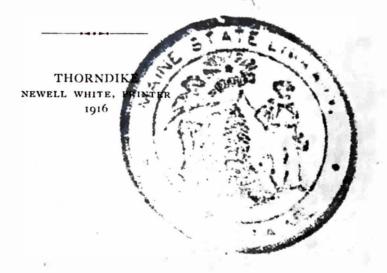
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of The

Town of Burnham

For The

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1915





Town Warrant

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Town Treasurer, School Connittee, Town Agent Town Auditor, Fireward, Collector of Taxes and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools.
- Art. 4 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of free high school.
- Art. 5 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for books for common schools.
- Art. 6 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs on school property.
- Art. 7 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school appliances.
- Art. 8 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the School Board for the ensuing year.
 - Art. 10 To see what sum of money the town will vote

to raise for the support of the poor and pay ordinary town charges for the ensuing year.

- Art. 11 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 13 To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Ast 14 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum for the maintenance of State and State aid highway during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provision of section 9 and 18 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 16 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on the town debt.
- Art. 17 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debt.

- Art. 18 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatement of taxes.
- Art. 19 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to help repair the Church.
- Art. 20 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to fix up the Pond cemetery, if any.
- Art. 21 To see if the town will vote to lease the Town Hall to Waldo Lodge, No. 82, on the same terms as last year, 1915.
- Art. 22 To see what action the town will take in regard to the town farm.
- Art. 23 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town if necessary for the ensuing year.
- Art. 24 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to buy a new road machine if they see fit to do so.
- Art. 25 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway from Walter Cole dwelling house to the Morgan farm, so called
- Art. 26 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway from the Leonard road leading to land owned or occupied by Arthur Holt.
- Art. 27 To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before July 1, 1916, and charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before Jan. 1, 1917, and if so fix the percentage on same.
- Art. 28 To see what method the town will take in relation to the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

- Art. 29 To see if the town will vote to locate and purchase a lot for a new two room building at the Village and raise money for the same.
- Art. 30 To see is the town will vote to build a two room building at the Village and raise money for the same.
- Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to accept the resignation of Mrs. Ida F. Varnev from school board and if so to elect one to fill the vacancy.
- Art. 32 To see if the town will yote to choose three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and hereafter one member of each said board for three years.
- Art. 33 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Selectmen's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1916

VALUATION

Real esta	ate, resident	\$143,790	
	non-resident	55,555	
T)		<u> </u>	\$199,345
Persona	l estate, resident	\$49,236	
4.6	" non-resident	4,800	
			54,036
7	Total valuation		\$253,381

APPROPRIATION

State tax	
County tax	
Road and bridges	\$900.00
Common schools	600.00
Sel:ool text books	100.00
Town debt	500.00
Interest	200.00
Services of school board	25.00
" supt. of schools	110.00
Street lights	190.00
Support of poor	600.00
State road	300.00
Town charges	700.00

School appliances		25.00
" repairs		50.00
To fix Town Hall		200.00
State road repairs		25.00
To fix Town farm	buildings	75.00
Abatement	<u> </u>	150.00
High school		50.00
Overlay		62.81
		\$6.645.14
Tax rate .024		,.
	ROAD ACCOUNT	
	Expended by J.F. Jones	
Paid—	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
J F Jones for labor		\$70.00
Everett Dunton for	labor	6.00
U S Perry	16	26 00
W G Twitchell	**	8.00
Eber Fairbrother	••	5.25
Arthur Goodrich	**	7.56
C E Cookson	••	16.00
Austin Flood	**	16.63
T L Jones	••	6.00
G W Berry	**	18.00
George Reynolds	••	3.93
Arthur Young		6.81
O Farrington	4.6	36.00
C F Mitchell	44	5.05
E J Stephenson		4.00
David Reynolds	••	1.36
		\$236.59

\$235.68

Expended by T L Jones

	Expen	ded by T L Jones
Paid—		
T L Jones for la	bor	\$54.98
John Braley for	labor	7.35
O D Braley fo	or labor	22.40
Fred Gray	••	6.00
William Gray	••	1.75
L P Kimball	• •	4:00
Irvin Towers	• •	3.50
J E Reynolds	**	1.75
L B Reynolds	**	9 50
Everett Braley	* *	2.62
Fred Reynolds		9 20
Sumner Prescott	t ''	6.56
Bert Braley	**	1.75
C E Cookson		4.00
W G Twitchell	"	4.00
Grover Braley	• •	1.75
E C Sayward	**	27.10
Geo Lester		5.08
Frank Holt		8.58
Wm Reynolds	44	1.20
W E Reynolds	• •	3.80
L A Pomroy	**	2.18
D M Susi, lumbe	r	16.48
Geo Hunt, labor		21.60
Ç W Wood, "		2.80
Sullivan Braley		1.90
Maplewood Lun	nber Co	3.85

Expended by Francello Connor

Paid—	-	
Francello Connor,	labor	\$45.50
A D Young,	4.6	22.60
George Parady,	4.6	27.37
Ben Flood,	4.6	16.50
Austin Flood,	44	3.00
Percy Flood,	6.6 (22)	1.50
Clarence Wood,	**	6.00
Levi Huff	44	6.00
B A Reynolds	4.6	8,00
Merton Braley,	**	2.25
Everett Braley,	11	13.50
Willie Braley,	• •	12.75
John Dodge,	44	2.87
Lester Dodge,	4.	2.87
E L Varney,	•	4.40
Frank Miles,	16	22,33
Sumner Prescott,	4.4	3.75
Archie Braley,	••	.75
Arthur Young,	44	5.25
Ervin Towers,	- 66	8.25
		\$215.44
E	Expended on Young's Hill	
Paid—	2	
Francello Connor		\$13.50
Austin Flood		4.50
Ben Flood		4.50
Percy Flood		1.50

Amount raised by town	900.00
Unexpended	32.91
SUPPORT OF POOR	
Eliza and Edith Morgan	
Paid—	
W E Lancaster for board	\$_96.00
George Dyer, Jr, "	96.00
C F Mitchell for supplies	4 40
Dr C H Newcomb, med at	2.50
	\$198.90
Frances Cookson	
Paid—	
Edward McAllister for board	\$ 9.00
George Dver Jr	29.00
C F Mitchell, supplies	4.75
Dr C M Whitney and Dr Whitaker, examination	10.00
Clarence McAllister, conveying to Bangor	3.50
	\$56.25
Ray Perkins	
Paid Chute & Mitchell, supplies	\$6 00
Alphonso Reynolds	
Paid—	
Chute & Mitchell, subbers	\$.85
Mary Welch for board	10.00
	\$10.85

Ruth Reynolds and Children

•	•	
Paid—		
Waldo hospital		\$72.50
Mary Welch, board		18.00
Charles Smith for board		10.00
Chute & Mitchell, supplies		3.85
W A Mason, Belfast		10,50
Mary Daggett for board and nursing		48,60
		\$162.85
Austin Flood		
Paid—		
Chute & Mitchell supplies		\$12.91
L E Gerald, supplies		16.91
Frank McCorrison, caring for Percy	Flood	1 <u>為</u> 00
		044.00
Amount raised by town	\$600.00	\$41.82
Unexpended 1914	193.93	
Onexpended 1314		₩= 00 00
		\$793.93
Cost of town poor		\$476.67
Unexpended		\$317.26
TOWN FARM ACC	OUNT	
Amount raised by town		\$25.00
Unexpended in 1914		\$75.00 75.01
Reed of George Dyer Jr for use of farm		75.61 50.00
2		
75.11		\$205.61
Paid—		4 0 = -
F A Bachelder for labor and lumber		\$25.49

	40.50
D M Susi for lumber	12.70
Prescott & Watson for lumber	11.25
George Dyer for labor	15.00
C F Mitchell for supplies	2.65
Amt unexpended	138.52
	\$205.61
CEMETERY ACCOUNT	
James A Braley fund	\$50.00
One year interest	2.00
	\$52.00
Paid Clyton Reynolds for fixing lot \$2.00 Amount unexpended \$50.00	
Amount unexpended	52.00
INTEREST ACCOUNT	
Amount raiesd by town	\$200.00
Unexpended in 1914	66.33
Olexpended in 1011	
	\$263.33
Amount expended	231.40
•	
Unexpended	\$31.93
ABATEMENT ACCOUNT	
Amount raised by town	\$150.00
Amount expended	•
Amount expended	124.65
Unexpended	124.65 $$ $$25.35$

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town Unexpended 1913 Rec'd from State	\$300.00 1.56 283.09
Expended Overdrawn	584.65 598.72 \$ 14.07
STATE AID ROAD	φ 1+.07
Amount raised by town " rec'd from State	\$ 50.00 72.57
Amount expended Overdrawn	122.57 140.79 22.22
SALARY OF SCHOOL BOARD	
Amount raised by town " expended	\$25.00 25.00
STREET LIGHTS	
Amount raised by town " unexpended 1914	\$190.00 15.79
Amount expended	205.79 174.13
Unexpended	$\frac{31.66}{205.79}$
	φ200,79

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Paid—	Dr.
U S Perry, labor	\$ 7.10
C A Twitchell, "	12.22
Albert McNally "	5.60
J F Dyer "	13,10
F A McAllister "	8.00
J F Jones, C F Mitchell for material	1.50
C F Mitchell for material	4.42
D G Jacobs, "	11.30
L C Morse for floor boards	78.85
H E Kinney, shingles	47.50
T E Getchell, nails	.75
M C R R Co., freight	5.89
E P Hunt, labor and material	52.25
	\$248.48
Amount raised by town	\$200.00
Unexpended 1913	26.16
Lumber sold D A Dver	4.64
	\$230.80
Overdrawn	\$ 17.68
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS	
Amount raised by town	\$110.00
Paid C L Clement	108.12
Overdrawn 1914	23.22
	_g
	141.34
Overdrawn	\$ 21.34

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

A C Miles, cleaning hall	\$	1.00
G L Lassell, watering tub 1914		5.00
O E Crowell, printing brown tail moth cards		2.75
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies		11.95
G H Cole, wood for town office		.75
Newell White, printing report		32.60
" town order book		2.00
J B Jacobs, caring for tramps		22.40
E P Taylor, cleaning up Mt. Cemetery		5.00
E E Davis, sheep killed by dogs		30.00
F L Libby, " "		8.00
Harry McKinney, sheep killed by dogs		10.00
C F Mitchell, funnel for lockup		4.27
J F Jones, fixing funnel, lockup		.87
J B Jacobs, " " "		.88
F A McAllister, fire warden		5.00
C H Newcomb, reporting births		.25
F A McAllister, cash expenses		9.00
C L Clement, "		4.99
Daniel A Dyer, vital statistics		12.75
" cash expenses		2.63
H L Truworthy, reporting births		1.00
W G Edmonds, keeping watering tub		5.00
O Farrington, " " "		5.00
•	_	
	\$	183.09
TOWN OFFICERS BILLS		
C E Sherman, Auditor 1914	\$	1.50
" " ballot clerk 1914	•	1.50

G J Mudgett				1.50
C L Clemen	-			108.12
T B McAllis	•			.60
Clyde Allen,	school	board		8.34
T B McAllis	ter, "	•		8.33
Mrs. Ida Va	ırney ''			8.33
D A Dyer, to	own Trea	asurer		40.00
**	" Cler	·k		5.00
J F Jones, ti	ruant off	icer		2.00
F A McAllis	ter, Selec	tman, Assesso	or, Oversee	r of poor 95 00
B A Reynold		6. 66		' 50.00
E L Varney,	,	44	"	" 50.00
Frencello Co	onnor, C	ollector of tax	kes	200.07
				\$580.29
	C.	URRENT RE	CEIPTS	
Amount rais			CEIPTS	\$4800.00
Amount rais	sed by to		CEIPTS	\$4800.00 62.81
Amount of o	sed by to overlay	Own	CEIPTS	62.81
	sed by to overlay	Own	CEIPTS	62.81 1782.00
Amount of o State and C School fund	sed by to overlay ounty to	Own Ax	CEIPTS	62.81 1782.00 1204.64
Amount of o	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L	Own Ax	CEIPTS	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L n hall	own ax R Rstock	CEIPTS	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyer	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L on hall r Jr, use	own ax R R stock of town farm		62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyen Recd of tow	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L in hall r Jr, use in of Vas	own ax R Rstock of town farm salboro, John	Ronco	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 55.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyen Recd of tow	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L in hall r Jr, use in of Vas	own ax R Rstock of town farm salboro, John er, R R and tel	Ronco	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 55.00 20.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyer Recd of tow Recd State	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L on hall or Jr, use on of Vas Treasure	own ax R Rstock of town farm salboro, John r, R R and tel high school	Ronco tax fund	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 55.00 20.00 160.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyer Recd of tow Recd State	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L in hall r Jr, use in of Vas Treasure	own ax R Rstock of town farm salboro, John er, R R and tel	Ronco tax fund	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 55.00 20.00 160.00 342.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyer Recd of tow Recd State	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L on hall r Jr, use on of Vas Treasure	own ax R R stock of town farm salboro, John or, R R and tel high school state pensio	Ronco tax fund ons 1914 1915	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 20.00 160.00 342.00 297.00
Amount of of State and C School fund Int. on B & Rent of tow George Dyer Recd of tow Recd State	sed by to overlay ounty to M H L n hall r Jr, use n of Vas Treasure	own ax R R stock of town farm salboro, John or, R R and tel high school state pensio	Ronco tax fund ons 1914 1915 sheep	62.81 1782.00 1204.64 120.00 30.00 55.00 55.00 20.00 160.00 342.00

283.09

6.6	4.6	state repair roads	72.57
J F Dyer,	license	•	2.00
•		hoolhouse dist. No. 5	50.00
D A Dyer f	or lumbe	r	4.64
D A Dyer,	dog licen	se 1915	41.00
Town of P	ittsfield,	tuition	41.40
Waterville	PNB, in	nterest	5.74
Manson &	Coolidge	e coll 1914 tax	270.86
Elias Star	rett, refu	nded	6.57
E C Hunte	er, use of	schoolhouse No. 8	15.00
			\$9856.85
	C	URRENT EXPENSES	S
Cost of po	O1'		\$ 476.67
" roa	ids and b	ridges	836.40
Expended	for schoo	ls	2069.83
"	• •	repairs	43.49
4.6	4.6	books	
		DOOKS	73.73
Paid State	pensions		73.73 297.00
	e pensions and Cou	3	
	and Cou	3	297.00
" State " Abate	and Cou	3	297.00 1782.33
" State " Abate " for St	and Cou ement	nty tax	297.00 1782.33 124.65
" State " Abate " for St	and Cou ement ate road	nty tax vn bonds	297.00 1782.33 124.65 598.72
" State " Abate " for St " intere	and Cou ement ate road est on toy	nty tax vn bonds	297.00 1782.33 124.65 598.72 201.00
" State " Abate " for St " intere " "	and Cou ement cate road est on tov "not	nty tax vn bonds	297.00 1782.33 124.65 598.72 201.00 30.40
" State " Abate " for St " intere " "	and Cou ement ate road est on tov " not officers	nty tax vn bonds	297.00 1782.33 124.65 598.72 201.00 30.40 580.29

" state roads

"

" State repair road	140.79
	\$7753.96
LIABILITIES	
Bond No. 146, date due Feb. 19, 1917	\$ 300.00
" 148, " Mar. 14, 1916	600.00
" 155, " Feb. 19, 1918	200.00
" • 157, " Aug. 2, "	1000.00
" 158, " " 11, "	400.00
" 159, " " 5, '	775.00
" 160, " Sept. 11 "	450.00
" 161, " Oct. 21, 1917	200.00
" 162, " Feb. 19, 1919	400.00
" 163, " Oct. 31, "	500.00
	\$4825.00
Bonded debt reduced \$800.00	
Interest due on bonds	\$137.00
Town orders outstanding	63.99
o a mar or sorro outseamaning	200.99
	\$5025.99
PROGUECE	
RESOURCES	
20 shares of B & M H L R R stock	\$2,000.00
Due from town of Vassalboro	20.80
Town farm and farming tools	1,300.00
Town hall and lot	500.00
From town of Pittsfield	4.96
Due from H E Kinney, collector 1914	238.63

Cash on hand	1,215.06
	\$5,279.45
Total amount resources above liabilities	\$253.46
Value of school houses " " books	3,500.00 250.00
	\$3,750.00
F A McALLISTER, B A REYNOLDS, E L VARNEY,	Selectmen of Burnham.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and believe them to be correct. I found youchers for all orders drawn.

CHAS. E. SHERMAN, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report

DANIEL A. DYER, Treasurer 1915 March 22 Received— To cash on hand Dr. 445.68 270.86
To cash on hand 270.86
To cash on hand 270.80
Manson & Coolidge 1914 tax 2.00
J F Dyer, auctioneer's license
Div. on B & M H L R R stock
School house sold dist No. 5
Note Peoples National Bank 1,000 00
Lumber sold, town hall % 4.6-
Dog licenses 1915 41.00
Bond No. 157 1,000,00
" 158 400.00
" 159 775.00
" 160 450.00
Commitment 6,669.0-
Town of Pittsfield, tuition 41.40
Bond No. 161 200.00
K of P Lodge, hall rent 30.00
State Treas., soldiers pensions 1914 342,00
" damage to sheep
dog he, refunded
" K R and tel. tax
" common school fund 510.20
" school and mill fund 694.3

highway department	72.57
" free high school	160.00
" State Road	283.09
Rent of town farm	55.00
Town of Vassalboro, Me	55.00
Elias Starrett, refunded on state road	6.57
Interest P N B, Waterville	5.74
E C Hunter, rent for school house in Dis. No. 8	15.00
Bond No. 162	400.00
20 shares B & M L R R stock	2,000.00
Bond No. 163	500.00
	\$17,051.61
	Cr.
By paid—	
Soldiers' pensions	\$ 297.00
Coupons	201.00
Int. on note, Peoples Nat. Bank	30.40
State Treas., dog lie.	41.00
Bond No. 150	$00.000,\Gamma$
" 151	400.00
" 149	775.00
152	450.00
" 153	200.00
State tax	1,317.33
State Treas., dog lie. deficiency 1914	4.00
Peoples National Bank note	1,000.00
Town orders turned in	5,955.16
County tax	$465\ 66$

Bond No. 147	800.00
" 1 11	400.00
Cash on hand	1,215,06
20 shares B & M L R R stock	2,000.00
Bond No. 145	500.00
	\$17,051.61

Superintendent's Report

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Burnham:

I am pleased to submit my third annual report of the condition, progress and needs of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1816. I can confidently say that this has been a good year for the schools of Burnham. In general efficiency I believe they will rank well with those of surrounding towns.

Teachers

The same policy as last year has been followed regarding teachers. To fill vacancies the following were secured: Miss Mariane Kennison, a graduate of Farmington Normal School, Miss Lois Hutchins, a graduate of Gorham Normal school, Miss Marcia Fernald, partial course at Farmington Normal School, Miss Anna Ordway, partial course at Castine Normal School, Mr. W. B. Hussey, partial course at Castine Normal School, Miss Mildred Goodell, a graduate of Maine Central Institute normal course, and Miss Fern Shaw a graduate of Maine Central Institute. Five of these teachers had had considerable experience and all are meeting with success both in their schools and in the community.

Four teachers' meetings have been held during the year Some of the topics discussed are as follows: "The Teaching of Writing," "Technique of Teaching," "School Mauage ment," "The Recitation," "What the Citizen Expects of the School," "Nature Work" and "Improvement League Work." I believe these meetings are a help toward better work in the schools and plan to continue them.

Exhibition

The Second Annual Exhibition was held at the close of the schools in June at the Sebasticook Grange Hall. In addition to the regular exhibits each school represented in its exhibit and on the program a special topic. These topics were as follows: 'Indians," "Pilgrims," "Maine," "The Flag," "Birds," and "Flowers." The schools did especially well in this feature, not only added much interest to the exhibition, but also encouraged the schools in preparing on such topics. All the exhibits were an improvement over those of the first exhibition. The attendance also was larger and the interest greater. The next exhibition will be held at the close of the school in June at the Town Hall, and every effort will be made to make it the best yet.

Improvement League Work

Good work has been done in the Leagues. A partial list of improvements made is as follows:

At Reynolds' Corner a picture, a gong and 13 books for the library.

The Dodge School League has purchased curtains and has \$12.00 in the treasury.

At the Village, curtains, pictures and 13 library books. At the Eelweir, a new chair and four library books.

The activities of the Leagues help to make the school a center and to bring parents, teachers and pupils into more sympathetic relations. I trust that the parents and friends of the schools will co-operate in making the coming year the best yet for League work.

School Consolidation

An article has been put in the warrant for a two room building at the Village. The present building is in a poor location. The yard is very small and there is no place for the children to play without getting in the road. The noise from the trains also seriously hinders the school work. Under these conditions I believe it would be better for the town to expend the amount necessary to put the building in good condition, and the amount which could be realized from the sale of the building on a new two room building. There are already too many pupils in the school for one teacher to handle with the best results. With a new building the Mount school could be united with the Village school to form a two teacher school in a good location with vard large enough to give the children a good chance to play. I believe that the better results which could be secured would more than pay the town for the additional expense of the building.

An article has also been put in the warrant to discontinue the Dodge and Winnecook schools and unite them with the Reynolds' Corner school to form a two teacher school. The present cost of these two schools is \$21.00 per week besides the repairs on the buildings. This would be enough to employ a teacher and provide transportation for the pupils from these districts. Thus much better results would be secured at no greater expense to the town.

Consolidation is a movement of national extent, and is generally regarded as the greatest means and wisest method for the betterment of the country schools and for educational progress in rural communities. Ex-U. S. Commissioner of Education, W. T. Harris says: "Upon the success of this movement rests the chief hope for the improvement of the rural school." The movement is approved by all progressive educators, and I believe could be successfully applied to the schools in both parts of the town.

Repairs

The Eelweir building is in poor condition. The room is small and not well lighted or ventilated. The seats are old and uncomfortable. The school ground is wet. The building should be moved to a more suitable lot, enlarged and lighting and heating improved. New seats should also be provided to make the pupils comfortable.

It would not be policy to expend much on the Mount, Dodge and Winnecook buildings until the matter of consolidation is settled.

At Reynold's Corner a new sanitary arrangement and a ventilating system should be installed as required in the plan approved by the State.

Appropriations

I wish to endorse the recommendations made by the Committee. This year the town lost its part of the Equalization Fund because its rate of taxation for school purposes is below that of the State. It was necessary to reduce the school year from 33 to 30 weeks and even with this reduction there is an overdraft of \$61.32 As the State law now requires 30 weeks no further reduction can be made in the length of the year. Reduction of the salaries of the teachers would result in unsatisfactory teaching. The raising of \$900.60 would entitle the town to aid from the

Equalization Fund and enable the Committee to continue the present grade of teaching.

Attendance.

The percentage of attendance has not increased over that of last year, which was 81%. Here is a chance for parents, teachers and pupils to unite in a concerted effort to raise this percentage to at least 90%. There has been an encouraging increase in the length of the Honor Roll, there being 29 names this year and 21 last year. I hope that every pupil in town will make an extra effort to get his name on the roll during the ensuing year.

In conclusion I wish to thank all who by their interest and co-operation have in any way aided in the advancement of the schools, and especially the members of the School Committee, whose hearty support has been a constant source of encouragement

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES L CLEMENT

TABULAR REPORT

School	Term Teacher	Weeks School		r Whole Attendanc			No not Absent	No visits by Citizens
	(S Anna Ordwa)	v 10	\$10.00	37	31.8	.86	8	10
Village	{F Lois P Hutch	ins 11	10.25	35	28	.80	4 .	10
	W Lois P Hute	hins 9	10.25	31	2 6	.84	2	8
	(S Apphia I Fos	s 10	9.00	11	8	.73	1	0
Mount	{F Mariane E K	lennison 11	9.00	10	7.84	.784	2	0
	(W " "	., 9	9.00	8	6.4	.80	()	5
	(S Irene M Merr	ill 1 0	9.00	18	16.3	.90	6	1
Eelweir	{F Marcia B Fe	rnald 11	9,00	16	14.5	.90	5	8 5
	W Fern H Shav	y 9	8.00	16	14	.875	6	5
	S Ellen F Cunn F " "	ingham 10	9.00	17	16.2	.953	3	7
Dodge	{F " " "	11	9.00	17	13	.765	5	6
•	(W " "	. 8	9.00	15	11.8	.787	4	0
Reynolds	S W B Hussey F Irene Merrill	10	10.00	35	30	.86	4	$\frac{2}{3}$
-	{F Irene Merrill	11	10.25	28	24.5	.95	9	3
Corner	(w " "	9	10.25	28	16	.60	()	0
	(S Gladys Wiggi	in 10	8.00	15	11.1	.74	1	0
Fletcher	S Gladys Wiggi F Mildred I Go	odell 11	8.00	13	11.64	.90	2	0
	(W "	9	8.00	11	-7.33	.66	1	0

Number of persons from 5 to 21 years of age April 1, 1915, 231.

Number of different pupils registered, 156. Average wages paid, \$9.65.

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy during a term:

Village—Catherine Cunningham 3, Christine Cunningham 3, Flossie Dyer, Ralph Dyer, Kenneth Kinney 2, Donald Libby, Lloyd Libby, Norman Cunningham.

Mount-Stanley Pease 2.

Eelweir-Margaret Drummond 2, Etta A Emery 2, Thelma L Twitchell 3, A. Merl Wood 2, Roy Cooper, Arline Twitchell 2, Earl Reynolds, Ellie Brown, Flora Wood 2.

Dodge-Clyde Reynolds, Harold Pomeroy, Urbane Chandler 2, Alda Davis, Irma Davis 2, Doris Rowe, Marion Rowe.

Reynolds' Corner—Grace M Jones.

Fletcher-Velma Braley, Guy Wood, Almon Willey.

The numbers following the names indicate the number of terms for which the honor has been earned.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

High school tuition—	Dr.	
Amount raised by the town	\$50.00	
received from the State	160.00	
Unexpended in 1915	297.04	\$507.04
	Cr.	
By amount paid M. C. I.	\$336.00	
" " town of Newport	10.00	
	\$346.00	
Unexpended	161.04	507.04
Common schools—	 Dr.	
Amount raised by the town	\$600.00	
State school and mill fund	510.26	

694.38	
41.40	
163.32	2,009.36
Cr.	
\$100.00	
80.00	
295.00	
98.00	
260.00	
99.00	
205.00	
152.00	
180.00	
90.00	
72.00	1,631.00
	
\$19.00	
17.50	
14.63	
13 50	
12.00	
10.50	
6.00	
5.50	
450	
2.32	
2.50	
1.50	
	\$19.00 \$10.00 \$10.00

T B McAllister	.35	109.80
		
Conveyance—		
Ellen F Cunningham	\$70.00	
George Dyer, Jr.	35.00	
William Seekins	18.00	
Mrs Charles Cookson	138.00	\$261.00
Janitors—		
Clarence Wood	\$4.00	
Kenneth Kinney	1.03	
Irene Merrill	7.50	
Gladys Wiggin	2.50	
W B Hussey	2.50	
Clyde Reynolds	2.75	
T B McAllister	6.00	
Mildred Goodell	4.75	
Ellen Cunningham	5.00	
Mariane Kennison	2.75	
Ralph Dyer	5.50	
Irving Drummond	3.00	
Ara Murray	4.00	
Frank Miles	1.50	
Grover Braley	1.25	
Percy Jones	.50	
Elisha Kinney	1.00	
Apphia Foss	2.50	
Clyde Allen	3.00	

Roy Goodrich	.75	61.78
Tuition, town of Detroit		7.00
		\$2070,58
Overdraft		61.22
		\$2,009.36
Text books—	Dr.	
Amount raised by the town		\$100.00
Paid	Cr	
Overdraft 1915	\$6.60	
A N Palmer Co.	13.68	
American Book Co.	3.22	
B H Sanborn Co.	9.52	
E E Babb & Co.	5.50	
Silver Burdett Co.	28.79	
Ginn & Co.	12.92	
Unexpended	19.67	100.00
Repairs—	<u> </u>	
Amount raised by the town	\$50.00	
Unexpended balance 1915	3.54	53.54
Paid—	Cr.	
E E Davis	\$12.59	
F B Brown	3.00	
Charles Twitchell	5.00	
Fred Batchelder	3.45	
Chute & Mitchell	5.26	
T L Jones	7 19	

Clyde Allen	2.50	
Everett Dunton	4.00	
Unexpended	10.05	
		\$53.54
Amount due Grant & Whitehouse	\$15.00	
School Supplies		Dr.
Amount raised by the town	\$25.00	
Unexpended balance, 1915	10.74	
•		\$35.74
	C	r.
Paid—		
J L Hammett & Co.	\$ 9.28	
Howard & Brown	5.77	
H L Palmer	3.88	
R L Wardwell	2.59	
E E Babb & Co.	1.50	
Newell White	1.50	
Clyde Allen	.45	
Anna Ordway	.20	
Unexpended—		
Chute & Mitchell	.78	
Unexpended	9.79	
		\$35.74
Dayammandations		

Recommendations

After carefully considering the needs of the schools your Committee recommends that the following amounts be raised for the ensuing year:

Common schools	\$900.00
High school tuition	50.00

Text books	100.00
Repairs	150.00
Superintendent's salary	125.00
School supplies	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE ALLEN,
T. B McALLISTER,
MRS. E. L. VARNEY,
Superintending
School
Committee.

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Recorded in the Town of Burnham from February 25, 1915 to February 15, 1916

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name of Groom.	Name of Bride.	Residence of Groom.	Residence of Bride.
1915 May 13 June 1 June 9 June 17 June 26 July 19 Aug. 17 Sept. 4 Sept. 15 Sept. 15 Sept. 18 Sept. 26 Nov. 24 Nov. 24 Dec. 24 1916 Jan. 16	Portland, Me. Burnham, Me Trov, Me. Detroit, Me.	Walter L. Dyer William F. Stuart Chas. H. Bradbury Rufus Reynolds Archie P. Wyman Clayton Morse Percy E. Garland Oral E. Perry Walter B. Macmillan Ralph A. Miles Harold T. Edmonds John C. Harding Thos. J. Earles Glancy J. Patten Carroll McAllister	Blanche Mae Proctor Rena S. Ham Minnie A. Giles [ham	Pittsfield, Me. Detroit, Me. Harmony, Me. Burnham, Me. Pawtucket, R.I Burnham, Me.	Clinton, Me Pawtucket, RI

VITAL STATISTICS

List of Deaths Recorded in the Town of Burnham from February 25, 1915 to February 15, 1916

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name of Deceased.		Age . m c		*	Place of Birth.	Place Cemetery.	of Burial. Town.	
1915 June 16 Sept. 10 Sept. 29 Oct. 2 Oct. 1 Oct. 21 1916 Jan. 17 Jan. 20 Jan. 24	Burnham, Me.	Charlotte Hunter Rev. Alphonso Davis Meletta M. Emerson Lloyd E. Braley Lois M. Pease Wm. G. Foster Satah D. Perkins Julia Almont Lovina B. Towers	75 68 70 57	11 4 2 2 1 6	14 30 18	M S S M		"	Fairfield, Hollis, Burnham, Clinton, Burnham,	Me.

^{*}S single. M married,

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded in the Town of Burnham from February 25, 1915 to February 15, 1916

Date of Birth	Place of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.	Residence of Parents.
1914 May 27	Burnham, Me.	Francis Best	М	Bert E. and Edith G. Bralev	Burnham, Me
1915				•	
March 27	.,	Clarence E.		Chas. and Lena Cookson	**
une 2		Althea Mandy	F	Frank and Berniece J. Miles	**
une 29	**	Mabel Arline	F	Everett R. and Florence E. Burgess	4.6
uly 7	**	Margaret Alice	F	Wilbur E. and Alice Braley	6.6
Aug. 2	6.6	Lloyd E.	M	Everett M. and Berniece Braley	
uly 4	**	Guy	M	A. E. and Nellie Drummond	4.6
		Carl Joseph	M	Maurice E. and Elizabeth Goodridg	re '·
Sept. 2 Sept. 12	KK)	Eva May	F	Lemuel P. and Gladys A. Kimball	
	**	Iva R.	F	Lemuel P. and Gladys A. Kimball	4.
Sept. 12	**	Meletta M.	F	Fred S. and Rose Emerson	4.6
uly 29	**	Lovina Beatrice	F	Ervin E. and Effie Towers	. 6
Oct. 6	**	Marion Ethel	F	Ernest and Viola Hunt	
Nov. 22 Nov. 8		Sarah J.	F	John B. and Sadie Murphy	4.6
1916	**	Julia	F	V. and Angelina Almont	
an. 2	4.4	Lawrence Burton	M	Chas. M. and Gladys S. Lassele	6.6
an. 25	6.6	Merton Leon	M	L. J and Dora B. Raynes	
Feb. 2 [an. 19	••	Herman LeRoy	M	Frank and Georgia Willey	**