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For the Municipal Year Ending
February 15, 1915



Town of Manchester

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

MAINE

For the Municipal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1915

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Selectmen's Report

To the citizens of Manchester, we hereby submit our annual report.

Valuation

Real estate, resident.....	\$148,265 00	
Real estate, non-resident.....	93,320 00	
		—————\$241,585 00
Personal estate, resident	\$44,075 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	7,060 00	
		————— \$51,135 00
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Total valuation for 1914....		\$292,720 00

Live Stock

193 horses	\$15,440 00	
16 colts	1,215 00	
273 cows	9,310 00	
36 oxen	2,310 00	
66 heifers, 3 years old	2,005 00	
87 heifers, 2 years old	1,810 00	
82 heifers, 1 year old	1,050 00	
102 sheep	430 00	
83 swine	1,090 00	
		—————\$34,660 00

Other Kinds of Personal Property

Trust company stock	\$3,000 00
Other stock	30 00
Stock in trade	1,000 00
Small boats	1,550 00
Logs and lumber.....	3,420 00
Automobiles	1,300 00
Musical instruments	2,625 00
Machinery	3,550 00
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	\$16,475 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$51,135 00

Appropriations For 1914

Common schools	\$1,000 00
Free high school	100 00
Text books	75 00
Support of poor	100 00
Roads and bridges	1,200 00
Breaking snow	400 00
Insurance and supplies	25 00
Repair of schoolhouses	100 00
State road.....	450 00
Road machine	225 00
Damages, S. Norton's horse.....	50 00
Draining and grading school yard ...	50 00
Destroying brown-tail moths	400 00
Incidental charges	850 00
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	\$5,025 00
Town tax.....	\$5,025 00
State tax	1,340 91
County tax.....	446 46
Overlayings	79 27
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Total tax assessed	\$6,891 64

Rate, \$22.00 per \$1,000.00
 Poll tax, \$3.00.
 Number of polls taxed, 150.

Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid Warner Taylor	\$1 75
E. Cottle	60
Geo. A. Hopkins	7 50
M. J. Bither	353 58
O. T. Smith	32 00
Clarence Cram	5 25
F. C. True, Jr	93 62
M. C. Cram	106 75
Ralph Robbins	111 38
H. F. Pease	13 12
J. E. Parker	65 75
W. C. Grant	26 25
R. C. Jennings	2 25
Fred Robbins	18 00
Harold Young	49 12
J. E. Doucett	3 50
D. Bowering	7 00
Garfield Parker	17 50
R. Pease	10 50
J. A. Knowles	83
G. H. Parsons	5 15
Frank Hartung	31 50
Edwin Caldwell	1 00
G. R. True	51
Clarence Smith	22 75
Winthrop Hisler	19 25
H. A. Young	2 40
Fred Jeffers	54 00
Purinton Bros. cement	5 25

H. F. Cummings	215 79	
M. S. Johnson.....	9 00	
F. D. Whitten	7 45	
A. M. Bowman, supplies	8 37	
Brooks Hdw. Co. "	6 58	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	69 12	
W. M. Prescott	1 74	
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	\$1,386 11	
Overdrawn	186 11	
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		\$1,200 00

State Aid Road

Appropriation	\$450 00	
State aid	450 00	
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		\$900 00
Paid Russell Snow	\$14 75	
M. C. Cram	36 75	
Harold Pease	14 87	
Clarence Smith	39 84	
R. Pease	14 00	
J. E. Doucett	35 00	
Ralph Robbins	97 87	
Garfield Parker	34 12	
Harold Young	33 25	
Fred Snow	34 12	
Herbert Whitten	17 50	
M. J. Bither	191 50	
Fred True	49 87	
Chas. Jennings	40 50	
Frank Hartung	45 00	
H. F. Cummings	141 75	
W. M. Prescott	45 00	
H. H. Adams, inspection.....	33 35	
E. E. Greenwood, engineer	17 12	

H. Pierce & G. Bragdon, plans	96	
	<u>\$937 12</u>	
Overdrawn	37 12	<u>\$900 00</u>

The bills for inspection, engineering and plans were paid by the State, and deducted from State aid.

Automobile Fund Road

Due from State		\$100 00
Paid M. J. Bither, for labor.....	\$80 50	
Brooks Hdw. Co., for dynamite	1 86	
Berger Mfg. Co., for culvert	17 68	
	<u>\$100 04</u>	
Overdrawn	04	<u>\$100 00</u>

Breaking Snow

Appropriation		\$400 00
Paid Wallace Welch	\$ 91	
O. Robbins	15 00	
A. E. Farr and others	35 00	
J. R. Fifield	28 51	
W M. Prescott	10 00	
Frank Hartung	19 42	
Ralph Robbins	4 50	
C. S. Pope & Sons	13 31	
Perry Caldwell	3 54	
J. A. Daggett.....	1 00	
Dwight Young	2 97	
E. M. Lenfest	4 50	
G. A. Hopkins and others	45 51	

B. F. Choate	6 01
Leroy Cottle	3 91
W. E. Choate	6 01
Jas. Hudson	2 50
C. B. Fifield	2 45
B. R. and Lee Niles	2 16
H. L. Whitman	70
M. Dailey.....	3 50
M. S. Fifield	6 00
J. W. Emery	8 48
A. E. Benson	10 96
A. U. Cottle	9 23
R. C. Jennings	14 93
Dwight Worthing	24 25
H. A. Young.....	3 91
Wm. Howard	4 33
Norman Young	10 88
Wm. Welch	3 83
Jas. Welch	2 83
Warner Taylor	21 34
Owen H. Taylor	5 09
Earle Gray	80
H. E. Emery and others	28 75
J. E. Doucett	1 33
H. F. Pease	1 00
J. T. Collins	9 42
W. B. Green	1 00
W. L. Brown	13 25
M. J. Bither	34 06
H. A. Drake	1 20
T. J. Dudley.....	2 00
H. H. Whitten	6 66
W H. Stuart	1 60
W. E. Lord.. ..	7 50
Ralph Morrill	23 45
G. H. Parsons.....	20 56

W E. Watson	12 41	
A. S. Dennis	14 00	
O. T. Smith	2 72	
H. F. Cummings	44 66	
C. A. Nickerson	1 16	
C. W. Arnold	9 33	
M. S. Johnson	10 20	
C. H. Johnson	3 84	
Moody Lewis	1 00	
J. L. Hunt	1 00	
G. R. True	1 50	
A. E. Farr	5 00	
	<u>\$596 87</u>	
Overdrawn	\$196 87	
	<u> </u>	\$400 00

Purchase of Road Machine

Appropriation	\$225 00
Paid C. B. Conant & Co	\$225 00

Damage for Horse

Appropriation	\$50 00
Paid S. Norton	\$50 00

Support of Poor

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Received from Bangor, for Washburn	433 13	
Due from Bangor, for Washburn.....	57 37	
Due from Richmond, for Mrs. Lint	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$592 50

Paid A. M. Bowman, for Washburn	\$163 66	
J. T. Collins, for Washburn.....	68 61	
H. A. Drake, for Washburn....	25 50	
J. W. Emery, for Washburn....	75 51	
C. A. Nickerson, for Washburn	19 25	
J. T. Collins, for T. Jones	29 00	
A. M. Bowman, for John Maguire	25 68	
A. E. Brainard, for John Maguire	22 69	
H. E. Emery, for Mrs. E. Lint	2 00	
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	\$431 90	
Unexpended balance	160 60	
	<hr/>	\$592 50

Destroying Brown Tail Moths

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Received for destroying moths on		
private places	29 10	
	<hr/>	\$429 10
Paid F. K. Gross and others.....	\$127 50	
Unexpended balance	301 60	
	<hr/>	\$429 10

The contract for destroying brown tail moths along the highways has been awarded to F. H. Gilman, at \$125.00.

Draining and Grading School Yard

Appropriation		\$50 00
Paid Fred True, for labor.....	\$7 87	

Harold Young, for labor.....	8 75	
M. C. Cram, for labor.....	8 75	
R. Pease.....	1 75	
M. J. Bither	33 25	
H. F. Pease	6 12	
H. F. Cummings	9 00	
Clarence Smith	1 75	
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	\$77 24	
Overdrawn	27 24	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

Incidental Charges

Appropriation	\$850 00	
Received from West Gardiner for running town line	3 25	
Due from State for sheep killed by dogs	22 50	
Received from State for State Road Maintenance	100 73	
	<hr/>	\$976 48

As no appropriation was made by the town in 1914 for Maintenance of State Roads, our share of this expense, amounting to \$35.15, was paid from the appropriation for Incidental Charges.

Paid M. J. Bither, and others, for State Road Maintenance	\$135 88
R. Pease, services as fire ward	54 00
H. E. Emery, services as ballot clerk	8 00
W. S. Ladd Co., printing town reports	23 00
J. W. Emery, watering tub.....	3 33

A. U. Cottle, watering tub	2 50
A. M. Bowman, posting warrants	1 50
A. M. Bowman, commission on back taxes	3 75
J. L. Hunt, services as Supt. of schools	60 00
J. L. Hunt, posting warrants....	3 00
J. L. Hunt, services as town clerk	15 00
J. L. Hunt, services as collector and treasurer	140 60
J. F. Pierce estate, office supplies	8 21
F. B. Robinson, services on school board	5 00
H. F. Hill, running town line....	6 50
A. W. Hawkes, services on school board	3 00
Ralph Morrill, sheep killed by dogs	7 50
F. C. True, Jr., cleaning cemetery	2 50
W. E. Lord, fighting fire	2 00
W. E. Lord, services as ballot clerk	4 00
G. E. Parsons, wood.....	3 50
G. E. Parsons, services as selectman.....	70 00
G. M. Knowles, services as ballot clerk	4 00
W. S. Thompson, M. D., re- turning births and deaths....	75
W. E. Watson, watering tub	5 00
J. E. Doucett, cleaning hearse	50
E. C. Pope, services as select- man	70 00
E. C. Pope, office supplies	35

E. F. Temple, cutting bushes.....	9 62	
E. O. Cottle, watering tub.....	5 00	
M. S. Fifield, labor and lumber for fence	6 00	
O. Robbins, services as truant officer	2 00	
Rufus Hall estate, damage to fence by fire.....	11 00	
E. M. Lenfest, cleaning town hall	75	
E. M. Lenfest, fighting fire.....	1 00	
E. M. Lenfest, office supplies and expenses	4 80	
E. M. Lenfest, expenses trip to Skowhegan	4 50	
E. M. Lenfest, services as selectman.....	75 00	
H. A. Young, sheep killed by dogs	15 00	
A. E. Fifield, interest on notes	61 00	
F. L. Brown, watering tub.....	5 00	
B. D. Gordon, fighting fire.....	7 00	
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	\$851 04	
Unexpended balance.....	125 44	
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		\$976 48

Uncollected Taxes, 1914

W. L. Brown.....	\$53 94
A. U. Cottle	27 44
Joseph Crapo	3 00
Roy Cottle	3 00
H. A. Drake	6 06
W. S. Farrington	4 10

Geo. Gray	3 00	
Walter Green	3 00	
W. H. Howard	3 56	
Ervin Lint	3 00	
B. R. Niles	3 00	
Chas. Smith	3 00	
Fred Sherry	3 00	
Bert Trask	3 00	
Geo. Trask	4 66	
Owen Taylor	3 00	
John Rich estate	3 30	
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		\$137 06

Abatements, 1914

E. K. Burgess	\$7 16	
E. M. Dudley	20 90	
W. H. Howard	3 30	
Rose Stringer	4 40	
John Hutchinson	1 66	
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		\$37 42

Abatements, 1913

Chas. Curtis	\$3 94	
Willard Kittridge	3 00	
Carl Weston	3 00	
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		\$9 94

Miscellaneous Receipts

State pensions	\$228 00
From Bangor, pauper bill	413 03
Dog licenses refunded	31 62

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Dog licenses collected	47 00	
From State, free high school	289 66	
Equalization fund	80 00	
School mill fund	498 26	
Common school fund	478 05	
State road maintenance	135 88	
Improvement of state road	398 57	
From W Gardiner, running town line	3 25	
Use of town hall	1 00	
Expenses of collecting browntail moth on private places	29 10	
Wm. Welch, for old floor boards, at No. 4	2 50	
Hay on Groves place	5 00	
	————	\$2,640 92

Assets

Due from Bangor, pauper bill	\$57 37	
Due from Richmond, pauper bill	2 00	
Due from state, auto. fund road	100 00	
Due from state, sheep killed by dogs	22 50	
Due from collector, 1913	39 81	
Due from collector, 1914	133 06	
Cash in treasury	938 86	
	————	\$1,293 60

Liabilities

F. H. Gilman, browntail moth contract	\$125 00
Sanford fund, received Sept. 30, 1908, interest to be used for care of Ruel Sanford lot in cemetery	100 00

Interest on above fund, 6 years, at 4%, less \$1.00 expended in 1911.....	23 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated	775 00	
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	\$1,023 00	
Net assets.....	270 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,293 60

In February and March, 1914, the treasurer of 1913 received

From Bangor, pauper bill	\$20 10	
State pensions	59 00	
From state, for burial of soldier.....	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$114 10

In the treasurer's report for 1914 this appears as part of the cash received from treasurer of 1913.

E. M. LENFEST,
E. C. POPE,
GEO. H. PARSONS,
Selectmen of Manchester.

Feb. 20, 1915.

Collector's Report

Dr.

To commitment	\$6,891 64	
To commitment, supplementary	15 40	
To commitment, browntail moth expenses	29 10	
	—————	\$6,936 14

Cr.

By paid treasurer.....	\$6,736 56	
By paid treasurer on browntail ac.....	29 10	
By abatement	37 42	
By uncollected	133 06	
	—————	\$6,936 14

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Received of	
Collector, 1914	\$6,736 56
Treasurer, 1913, in full	740 99
Collector, 1913.....	87 70
Collector, 1912, from tax deeds	46 00
Collector, 1912, in full	8 35
Miscellaneous receipts.....	2,640 92
	\$10,260 52

Cr.

By town orders.....	\$4,217 25
School orders	2,610 14
Overseers' orders	431 90
Dog licenses.....	47 00
State tax.....	1,340 91
County tax.....	446 46
State pensions	228 00
Balance in treasury	938 86
	\$10,260 52

J. L. HUNT,
Collector and treasurer.

E. M. LENFEST,
E. C. POPE,
GEO. H. PARSONS,
Auditors.

Feb. 20, 1915.

Report of School Committee

TO THE CITIZENS OF MANCHESTER :

The school committee submit the following report :

Appropriation, 1914	\$1,000 00	
Received from the state	1,056 31	
Balance from 1913.....	500 05	
	<hr/>	\$2,556 36
School No. 1		
Teaching and board	\$335 00	
Tuition	14 00	
Fuel	57 50	
Transportation	3 00	
Janitor	10 80	
	<hr/>	\$420 30
School No. 2		
Teaching and board.....	\$304 00	
Fuel	24 75	
Janitor	10 80	
	<hr/>	\$339 55
School No. 3		
Teaching and board.....	\$192 00	
Fuel	18 00	
Janitor	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$217 80
School No. 4		
Teaching and board	\$303 00	
Fuel	25 50	
Janitor	10 80	
	<hr/>	\$339 30
School No. 6		
Teaching and board	\$270 00	
Fuel.....	34 50	

Transportation	60 00	
Janitor	10 80	
	<u> </u>	\$375 30
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Total expenditure for common schools	\$1,692 25	
Unexpended balance	864 11	
	<u> </u>	\$2,556 36
Estimated outstanding bills		\$550 00

Free High School

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Received from state.....	289 66	
Balance from 1913.....	252 99	
	<u> </u>	\$642 65

Expenditures

Cony high school	\$474 50	
Hallowell high school	90 00	
Kent's Hill	20 00	
	<u> </u>	\$584 50
Unexpended balance		58 15
		<u> </u>
		\$642 65

Insurance and Supplies

Appropriation	\$25 00	
Unexpended balance from 1913	34 49	
	<u> </u>	\$59 49

Expenditures

E. Babb & Co.	\$9 00	
Newell White	1 42	
R. L. Wardwell	2 64	
A. M. Bowman	5 66	
J. L. Hunt, express	1 05	
	————	\$19 77
Unexpended balance		39 72
		————
		\$59 49

Text Books

Appropriation, 1914.....	\$75 00	
Balance from 1913	19 60	
	————	\$94 60

Expenditures

American Book Co.....	\$12 65	
D. H. Knowlton	2 00	
B. H. Sanborn	19 05	
Ginn & Co.....	35 27	
D. C. Heath	2 33	
J. L. Hunt	5 40	
	————	\$76 70
Unexpended balance		\$17 90
		————
		\$94 60

Repairs on School Houses

Appropriation for 1914.....	\$100 00	
Balance from 1913	170 26	
	————	\$270 26

Expenditures

Hume-Newhall Co., No. 6	\$ 90	
J. H. Cogan Store, etc., No. 6	10 50	
Mrs. William Welch, cleaning Nos. 2 and 4	7 00	
E. C. Leighton, flooring No. 4	28 11	
Perry Caldwell, No. 6	1 50	
W A. Harper, labor No. 4	68 44	
J. L. Hunt, cleaning No. 1	3 00	
Harold Whitten, cleaning No. 6	3 00	
H. G. Turner, paint No. 4	22 87	
W A. Harper, labor Nos. 1 and 4	4 40	
Wood, Bishop & Co., Nos. 1 and 6	2 45	
J. W. Church, No. 2	1 25	
J. L. Hunt, labor No. 1	4 26	
	<hr/>	\$157 68
Unexpended balance		112 58
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		\$270 26

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. ROBINSON,	} <i>Committee</i>
W. A. HARPER,	
A. W. HAWKES,	

Feb. 13, 1915.

Examined and approved,

E. M. LENFEST,	} <i>Auditors</i>
E. C. POPE,	
GEO. H. PARSONS	

Report of Superintendent

To the Board of Education and Citizens of the Town of Manchester:

Again it gives me pleasure to report the condition of our educational department.

Under the continued effort and co-operation of parents and teachers I am sure that a very prosperous year is ending and our school system reaching a higher degree of excellency. Much better work is being done in mathematics this year. The new books are proving very satisfactory.

Many advanced books have been put in this year and a better prepared class is expected to take examination for the high school. This year only five from a class of nine were found prepared for work in secondary schools.

All the teachers have given us their undivided effort and are worthy, and will appreciate our sympathy and assistance in every possible way to make this work a greater success in the coming year.

The world's greatest industry, that of preparing a noble generation to follow us, must be considered the vital organ of our present struggle. It is only through a more practical education and a scientific classification of the right and wrong that this world can be brought to a condition of peaceful happiness which our Creator has put within our reach.

The Spring term in No. 1 was taught by Miss Kilbreth with her usual amount of interest and effort. Miss Cole, a graduate of Castine, taught the Fall term, and Miss Carr is in charge for the Winter term. This school has been held in good condition the entire year. Effort toward grading has been given but without satisfactory result. Two term average 25.

In No. 2 Miss Carr taught the Spring term and Mr. F. N. Bailey, a graduate of Kent's Hill, the Fall and Winter. Sickness, and the removal of one family, made the school too small for good work and was closed after a nine weeks' session. The pupils are transported to No. 1 the remainder of the year. Average attendance 7.

No. 3 was continued in the Spring by Maude Hayward, but was not opened in the Fall and Winter as only one pupil would attend.

Miss Eda Hayward returned to No. 4 for the entire year and is doing ideal work. Average attendance 17.

No. 6 has been unfortunate in having a new teacher each term, but this condition was unavoidable. Each teacher has continued the work as outlined and this school has made good progress. Average attendance 19.

Repairs

Beyond the common, minor repairs of all rooms, No. 4 has been thoroughly cleansed inside and outside with paint and wall tints. A hardwood floor was laid and oiled and desks repaired. This expense is rapidly returning in the increase of interest and amount of work done by the school.

A hardwood floor should be laid at once in No. 6, and new individual desks placed in this room.

As our transportation and some other bills have not been as large as usual our funds allow us to carry the Winter term fourteen weeks, making a thirty-eight week school year.

In closing I will thank parents, teachers and S. S. Committee for all interest and advice, and urge everyone to advance co-operation and give this work our leading effort.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HUNT,
Superintendent of Schools.