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Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Manchester:

We hereby submit our annual report:

VALUATION

Real estate, resident	\$154,760 00	
Real estate, non-resident	96,255 00	
		—————\$251,015 00
Personal estate, resident	\$ 40,285 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	43,475 00	
		—————\$ 83,760 00
		—————
Total valuation for 1917	\$334,775 00	

LIVE STOCK

199 horses and mules	\$17,810 00	
2 colts, 3 to 4 years	200 00	
2 colts 2 to 3 years	125 00	
2 colts under 2 years	100 00	
287 cows	9,890 00	
24 oxen	1,450 00	
36 3-year-olds	1,265 00	
		—————\$ 30,840 00

OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock	\$ 1,000 00
Trust Company stock	2,000 00
Electric power line	1,500 00
Stock in trade	1,000 00
13 motor boats	1,475 00

Logs and lumber	34,420 00
Wood and bark	800 00
15 automobiles	3,350 00
28 musical instruments	2,525 00
8 gas engines	200 00
Machinery	3,000 00
4 portable sawmills	1,650 00
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	\$ 52,920 00
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Total personal estate	\$ 83,760 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917

Common schools	\$ 900 00
Free high school	225 00
Support of poor	150 00
Text-books	25 00
Roads and bridges	1,300 00
Breaking snow	800 00
Incidental charges	850 00
Insurance and supplies	60 00
Repairs on schoolhouses	100 00
State aid road	400 00
Destroying browntail moths	125 00
Superintendent of schools	100 00
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Town tax	\$ 5,035 00
State tax	1,895 88
County tax	511 47
Overlayings	216 83
Gain in assessing	18
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	\$ 7,659 36

Rate, \$21.40 per \$1,000.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Number of polls taxed, 165.

Number of polls not taxed, 27.

INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Appropriation	\$850 00	
Recd. from state for sheep killed	22 50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 872 50
Paid J. L. Hunt, Hopkins tax deed	\$ 8 90	
M. O. Foster, services as election clerk	8 00	
Town of Skowhegan, court expense, Farr children ..	17 28	
Loring, Short & Harmon, collector of tax book ..	80	
W. C. Baker, marriage fees	50	
J. F. Pierce Store, supplies ..	9 51	
Andrews & Nelson, legal advice	5 00	
Ladd Printing Co., town reports	29 90	
R. W. Goss, M. D., vaccination	36 75	
G. M. Knowles, office supplies	4 00	
R. Pease, fire inspecting ...	51 00	
G. M. Knowles, services as selectman	80 00	
Newell White, dog license blanks	1 50	
J. T. Collins, disinfecting ..	1 00	
Wm. Welch, damages to sheep	22 50	
E. M. Lenfest, services as ballot clerk	2 00	
F. B. Robinson, services as ballot clerk	2 00	
F. C. True, Jr., care of cemetery	2 50	
A. W. Hawkes, services on school board	5 00	

C. A. Nickerson, fumigating	2	25
C. H. Beane, birth certificate		25
F. L. Brown, use of watering tub	5	00
F. W. Snow, ballot clerk	2	00
T. E. Jackson, wood for town office	4	00
A. E. Fifield, interest on temporary loan	47	50
E. C. Knowles, use of watering tub two years	10	00
R. B. Morrill, services as selectman	70	00
J. L. Hunt, services as town clerk	18	00
C. G. Glidden, mowing cemetery	2	00
J. L. Hunt, posting warrant	3	00
J. L. Hunt, services as superintendent of schools ...	75	00
M. O. Foster, services as selectman	75	00
W. O. Harper, services on school board	5	00
B. S. Rollins, services on school board	5	00
J. L. Hunt, collector's commission	144	37
A. S. Pope, services on school board	5	00
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Total bills paid	\$	761 51
Unexpended balance ...		110 99
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	\$	872 50

BROWNTAIL MOTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$	125	00
Unexpended		125	00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$	1,300	00
Paid C. E. Brooks	\$	97	00
M. S. Johnson		167	00
William Johnson		74	00
A. S. Dennis		506	68
R. C. Jennings		36	00
Harold Winslow, lumber ..		5	94
F. W. Clark		29	25
C. H. Gilley		24	75
Ella Cunningham		2	50
H. F. Cummings		13	90
Herbert Whitten		4	50
Egbert Smith		21	93
Dwight Worthing		12	38
H. J. Fifield		2	50
C. H. Moore		5	00
T. E. Jackson		15	00
J. T. Collins		5	28
A. M. Bowman, supplies ..		4	42
State treasurer, on acct. of road patrol		271	18
	\$	1,299	21
Unexpended balance			79
	\$	1,300	00

ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1916

Paid C. H. Gilley, sharpening tools	\$	1	55
H. P. Young, cutting bushes			75
A. E. Farr		10	00

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M. J. Bither	95 87	
M. C. Cram	21 00	
Fred True	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 139 17

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Received from state	376 65	
	<u> </u>	\$ 776 65
Paid F. C. True, Jr.	\$ 45 19	
A. S. Dennis	143 16	
C. H. Gilley	53 25	
C. W. Arnold	107 90	
F. W. Clark	45 19	
Egbert Smith	61 81	
Dwight Worthing	34 49	
H. F. Cummings	2 50	
Herbert Whitten	37 88	
Berger Mfg. Co.	78 00	
W. M. Prescott	87 64	
H. J. Fifield	78 75	
Geo. H. Parsons, lumber ..	2 40	
	<u> </u>	\$ 778 16
Overdrawn		1 51
		<u> </u>
		\$ 776 65

BREAKING SNOW

Appropriation	\$ 800 00
Paid W. H. Stewart	\$640 00
Wallace Young	630 00
J. H. Merrill	80
E. B. Farnham	13 50
Bryan Day	8 20
Malcolm and Henry Farr ..	4 10

Robey Jennings	28 10
Herbert W. Hopkins	46 20
E. O. Cottle	3 10
James Welch	9 55
Chas. A. Stewart	8 20
M. Dailey	80
Harold Pelton	60
Russell Snow	3 75
Shirley Shaw	7 84
Geo. Arnold	1 00
Edward McCurdy	2 80
H. A. Young	2 60
Percy Caldwell	10 90
Carroll Creasey	1 00
D. C. Lambert	1 50
Clyde Cunningham	4 70
M. J. Bither	46 30
O. T. Smith	4 20
Fred True	6 60
H. P. Young	1 80
J. T. Collins	19 60
A. B. Harper	1 90
W. A. Harper	9 90
W. C. Grant	3 80
Geo. Gilbert	2 00
Carl Gilbert	2 00
Roy Whitten	50
L. T. Cram	12 75
Frank Hartung	31 30
Percy Leighton	3 60
L. O. Ames	13 50
T. B. Ballard	11 00
Clarence Cram	3 00
G. H. Higgins	40
L. F. Robbins	3 00
A. W. Hawkes	11 45

Herbert Whitten	7 10
J. A. Knowles	6 80
W. L. Brown	25 80
W. E. Lord	25 00
C. E. Whitten	1 00
Ralph Robbins	22 35
J. R. Fifield	38 10
W. M. Prescott	9 50
M. S. Fifield	25 00
A. S. Dennis	10 85
A. E. Benson	29 00
W. D. Farr	18 05
C. S. Pope & Sons	5 00
Annie M. Emery	8 90
M. L. Higgins	10 06
Albert Maxim	1 67
Roger Maxim	1 67
Warner Taylor	5 75
Fred Robbins	2 10
H. E. Emery	7 70
C. H. Moore	45 23
T. E. Jackson	11 95
F. C. Hawkins	3 25
Owen Taylor	1 75
Harold Pease	10 85
Dwight Worthing	14 00
Wm. Welch	24 42
Wallace Welch	10 60
H. A. Burnham	29 50
B. S. Rollins	11 10
E. C. Knowles	22 40
F. C. True, Jr.	16 88
R. B. Morrill	16 50
J. L. Hunt	3 25
M. O. Foster	3 50
Bryan Day	3 80

Owen Taylor	6 80	
Warner Taylor	5 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 863 12
Overdrawn		63 12
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		\$ 800 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Due from Bangor for Washburn family, Feb. 15, 1918 ..	522 47	
	<hr/>	\$ 672 47

For Washburn Family

Paid M. Dailey, labor on wood ..	\$ 4 40
M. J. Bither, wood	10 00
A. E. Benson, wood	7 00
H. E. Emery, supplies	38 18
J. W. Emery, supplies	36 57
J. T. Collins, rent	25 00
J. T. Collins, securing pen- sion	15 75
A. M. Bowman, supplies ...	194 28
Asa Benson, moving	6 50
H. A. Milliken, medical ser- vices	3 00
Alton Hartung, transporta- tion	1 50
S. G. Barnes, rent	35 00
T. E. Jackson, wood	21 00
S. A. Barnes, glass in win- dow	2 00
Geo. Parsons, wood	8 00
R. B. Morrill, transporta- tion	3 00
H. F. Cummings, wood ...	18 00

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Due from 1917 acct.	429 18	
Due from 1916 acct.	93 29	
	<hr/>	\$ 522 47
<i>For J. D. Broadhead</i>		
Paid City of Bath, supplies	\$	34 80
<i>For T. C. Jones</i>		
Paid A. M. Bowman, supplies .	\$ 25 79	
M. O. Foster, rent	34 00	
J. T. Collins, wood	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 80 79
<i>For J. G. Witham</i>		
Paid M. Dailey, board	\$	15 00
<i>For Chas. Staples</i>		
Paid City of Hallowell, supplies	\$	3 00
<i>For Mrs. McGuire</i>		
Paid H. E. Emery, transportation \$	3 10	
A. E. Benson, board	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 11 10
<i>For Alida Cottle</i>		
Paid H. W. Plummer, burial expense ...	\$	30 00
	<hr/>	\$ 697 16
Overdrawn		24 69
	<hr/>	\$ 672 47

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Roy Cottle	\$	65
Joe Caravoui		2 14
H. A. Drake		22 47
E. E. Freeman		86
Wm. H. Howard		4 81

Benj. Howard	4 28
Arthur Knowles	1 61
J. H. Merrill	4 28
E. E. Pelton Est.	5 40
Harris Price	4 28
Wm. Seekins	61
Warner Taylor	1 39
Mrs. A. B. Thorne	2 14
Allen E. Haley	21 40
Fred Hopkins	2 68
Melvina Thayer	54
Clarence Burnham	3 00
Roy Cottle	3 00
A. E. Farr	3 00
E. E. Freeman	3 00
Wm. Howard	3 00
Orren G. Howard	3 00
Arthur Knowles	3 00
M. G. Libbey	3 00
F. J. Lothrop	3 00
Orelle St. Pierre	3 00
Clarence Smith	3 00
Chas. Thorne	3 00
Harris Price	3 00

 \$ 118 54

ABATEMENTS, 1917

E. K. Burgess	\$ 6 42
C. H. Cram	54
A. H. Downs	54
Rose Stringer	4 28
W. Atwood, paid in Georgia	3 00
A. P. Burgess, in army	3 00
S. E. Burnham, paid in Augusta	3 00
F. W. Clark, paid in Augusta ...	3 00
A. H. Downs	3 00

M. Dameron, paid in Winthrop ..	3 00	
M. I. Higgins, in army	3 00	
Owen Taylor, paid in Augusta ...	3 00	
Norman Young, paid in Massachu- setts	3 00	
Arthur Welch, Spanish War veter- an	3 00	
Arthur Wells, under age	3 00	
A. Blueberry, paid elsewhere	3 00	
B. Blueberry, paid elsewhere ...	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 50 78

ABATEMENTS, 1916

Wesley Knowles	\$ 6 88	
Melvina Thayer	49	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7 37

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

From state treasurer, burial of sol- dier	\$ 35 00	
State treasurer, damage by dogs	37 50	
State treasurer, pension acct.	216 00	
Two cemetery lots	20 00	
Dog licenses, collected	65 00	
Dog licenses, refunded by state	20 46	
School mill fund	476 20	
Common school fund	517 91	
State aid road	376 65	
Free high school, from state	292 67	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,057 39

ASSETS

Longfellow fund and interest in bank	\$110 24
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Due from Bangor	522 47	
Due from collector, 1917	118 54	
Due from collector, 1916	9 89	
Cash in treasury	1 05	
	—————	\$ 762 19

LIABILITIES

Sanford cemetery fund, recd. Sept. Sept. 30, 1908, interest to be used for care of Reuel Sanford lot	\$100 00	
Interest on above fund, less \$5 ex- pended	31 00	
Frances H. Longfellow cemetery fund, deposited in Augusta Savings Bank. Aug. 18, 1915, interest to be used for the care of Longfellow-Cummings lot	100 00	
Interest on above fund	10 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated	300 00	
	—————	\$ 541 00
Net assets		221 19
		—————
		\$ 762 19

G. M. KNOWLES,
M. O. FOSTER,
R. B. MORRILL,

Selectmen and Auditors of Manchester.

Collector's Report

DR.

To commitment	\$7,659 36	
To supplementary	3 00	
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CR.

By paid treasurer	\$7,493 04	
By abatements	50 78	
By uncollected	118 54	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,662 36

J. L. HUNT, *Collector.*

G. M. KNOWLES,
M. O. FOSTER,
R. B. MORRILL,

Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

DR.

Recd. treasurer of 1916	\$ 842 68
Recd. collector of 1917	7,493 04
Recd. collector of 1916	60 23
Recd. collector of 1915	16 92
Miscellaneous	2,057 39
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	\$ 10,470 26

CR.

By paid town orders	\$3,841 17
School orders	3,335 82
Overseer's orders	603 87
Dog license to state	65 00
State tax	1,895 88
County tax	511 47
State pensions	216 00
Cash in treasury	1 05
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	\$ 10,470 26

J. L. HUNT, *Treasurer.*

G. M. KNOWLES,
M. O. FOSTER,
R. B. MORRILL,

Auditors.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Manchester:

The school committee submits the following report:

Appropriation 1917	\$900 00	
Recd. from state	994 11	
Balance from 1916	858 53	
	—————	\$ 2,752 64

SCHOOL NO. 1

Teaching and board	\$456 00	
Fuel	52 62	
Transportation	6 00	
Janitor	13 40	
	—————	\$ 528 02

SCHOOL NO. 2

Teaching and board	\$526 00	
Fuel	31 50	
Transportation	221 00	
Janitor	13 40	
	—————	\$ 791 90

SCHOOL NO. 4

Teaching and board	\$418 00	
Fuel	32 50	
Janitor	15 20	
	—————	\$ 465 70

SCHOOL NO. 6

Teaching and board	\$418 00	
Fuel	55 75	

Transportation	192 00	
Janitor	13 40	
		\$ 679 15
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Total expenditure for common schools		\$ 2,464 77
Unexpended balance		287 87
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		\$ 2,752 64

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriation for 1917\$225 00	
Recd. from state	292 67	
		\$ 517 67
Excess from 1916		50 82
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		\$ 466 85

Expenditures

Cony High School	\$ 583 00	
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Excess	\$ 116 15	

INSURANCE AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation for 1917\$ 60 00	
Balance from 1916	32 42	
		\$ 92 42

Expenditures

Alton Farr\$ 55	
E. E. Babb & Co.	30 53	
R. L. Wardwell & Co.	6 72	
A. M. Bowman	5 99	
J. L. Hunt	1 85	
		\$ 45 64
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Balance	\$ 46 78	

REPAIRS

Appropriation 1917	\$100 00	
Balance from 1916 ..	93 29	
	<u> </u>	\$ 193 29

Expenditures

Beatrice Pelton	\$ 6 00	
W. D. Farr	1 50	
J. W. Church & Son	1 25	
C. E. Whitten	2 87	
Brooks Hardware Co.	7 60	
W. A. Harper	10 65	
E. C. Leighton	16 40	
Frank Towne	49 75	
Hume, Newhall Co.	4 20	
P. J. Caldwell	1 00	
J. H. Cogan & Co.	10 73	
T. E. Jackson	26 00	
Augusta Lumber Co.	25 41	
A. M. Bowman	6 19	
J. L. Hunt	12 00	
A. E. Farr	1 00	
M. O. Foster	11 75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 194 30
Excess	\$	<u> </u> 1 01

TEXT-BOOKS

Appropriation for 1917	\$ 25 00	
Unexpended balance, 1916	41 48	
	<u> </u>	\$ 66 48

Expenditures

D. C. Heath & Co.	\$ 17 88
American Book Co.	2 40
Ginn & Co.	21 13

B. H. Sanborn	3 25	
D. H. Knowlton	60	
J. L. Hunt	2 85	
	<hr/>	\$ 48 11
Balance	\$	<hr/> 18 37

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HARPER,
A. S. POPE,
B. S. ROLLINS,

Committee.

G. M. KNOWLES,
M. O. FOSTER,
R. B. MORRILL,

Auditors.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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

As suitable arrangements for union with other towns for employment of a superintendent could not be made, the duty of reporting the condition of our schools falls upon me for the fifth time.

This year has been an extremely hard one for the educational industry, as well as for all others, and shows the same results of the present conditions.

Much irregularity in attendance, with the larger pupils, has been reasonably necessary on account of scarcity of labor, and many absences of smaller pupils are caused by the severe weather. This keeps our attendance record from showing quite up to standard.

A review of the year shows a good amount of interest and effort, and considering the unusual difficulties, a reasonable advancement has been made.

Due to the increased cost of everything, and an extra team for transportation, we were able to provide for only 32 weeks of school.

The state examination for high school certificates was given June 30 to a class of 10 pupils. Five were found prepared for advancement and are doing satisfactory work at Cony. Four others are taking another year in the home school, and will no doubt be promoted next June.

Many of our text-books are wearing to poor condition. The change or supplying has been left for the incoming superintendent to advise.

Our repair work this year has been largely at No. 1. The shed and closets were a disgrace. A complete remodelling was made, according to plans recommended by the state department.

The shed was connected to the house by an eight-foot extension. The central part is used for wood, and a walk on each side leads from the school-room. All is enclosed by tight walls and new shingles on the roof.

I shall be very glad to see all other rooms in use put in as good order soon, but under the present strenuous conditions, we should use all the rooms as they are, with the exception of necessary repairs.

As the registers at present are in use by the teachers in closing up the winter term records, I am unable to make up the appendix for 1917.

No. 1 was taught in the spring by Miss Pratt, a Normal graduate and excellent instructor. The fall and winter terms, in charge of Gertrude Barron, a teacher of much experience, were continued in good condition.

No. 2, in the spring, was taught by Mrs. Barron; the fall term by Mrs. Noyes of Augusta; the winter by Miss Hodgkins, all teachers of much experience, who have done earnest work under difficulty of a very changeable attendance roll. Many children under state charge are sent into this district to board for short periods.

The spring term in No. 4 was taught by Mrs. Longfellow, with good success, who resigned at the close. Miss Eda Hayward, who has previously taught here,

returned for fall and winter terms. This school is smaller than usual, but every pupil is busy and making the required advancement.

No. 6, for the entire year, was in charge of Miss Weatherbee. The attendance here is good, and much interest shown by both pupils and teacher.

Room decorations and evening entertainments have been a source of special interest. The school leagues have not done the usual amount of work, though many new books have been added to libraries, and a new drinking fountain purchased for No. 1.

By a little extra effort we have been able to furnish fuel and get promise of a supply for next year.

Never has a complete education been so actually necessary as at the present. Every day our boys are called to defend the colors, and they deserve and need the advantage of perfect development. Those of us who are privileged to stay at home need a double training, for we are to support ourselves and a sufficient army to protect us and establish peace.

In closing, I thank you for your loyal support, and ask you to continue the same with my successor. Also congratulate the town on being able to receive expert supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HUNT.