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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BETHEL

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING FEB

1914.



F. B. MERRILL, Publisher, Bethel, Me.

MAR 10 1914

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
F. F. BEAN, M. L. THURSTON, C. E. BARKER.

CLERK,
D. G. LOVEJOY

TREASURER,
N. F. BROWN.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,
G. L. THURSTON.

COLLECTOR,
F. B. HOWE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
N. R. SPRINGER, N. F. BROWN, SUSIE B. TWITCHELL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
E. F. CALLAHAN.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
I. H. WIGHT, M. D., Chairman, C. M. KIMBALL,
E. C. PARK, Secretary,

AUDITOR,
W. W. HASTINGS,

TOWN AGENT,
A. E. HERRICK.

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Annual Report, 1913.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:

The annual report of your town officers is hereby respectfully submitted.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken on April 1, 1913.

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Value of real estate, resident owners, | \$699,495 | |
| Value of real estate, non-resident owners, | 76,035 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total valuation of real estate, | | \$775,530 |
| Value of personal estate, resident owners, | \$195,605 | |
| Value of personal estate, non-resident owners, | 3,620 | |
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| Total valuation of personal estate, | | \$199,225 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Grand total of property, | | \$974,755 |

Rate of taxation, \$19.00 per thousand dollars.

Poll tax rate, \$2.00.

Number of polls taxed, 518.

Number of polls not taxed, 71.

Percentage paid Tax Collector, .01 on the dollar.

ASSESSMENTS.

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| State tax, | \$5,122 97 | |
| County tax, | 1,412 51 | |
| Support of schools, | 2,000 00 | |
| To purchase text-books, | 300 00 | |
| Repair schoolhouses, | 200 00 | |
| Tuition in secondary schools, | 1,000 00 | |
| Highways, and bridges, | 5,000 00 | |
| Permanent improvement of highway, | 500 00 | |
| Support of poor, | 500 00 | |
| Town officers' salaries, | 1,000 00 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses, | 800 00 | |
| Extension of sewer system, | 400 00 | |
| To pay on town debt and interest, | 500 00 | |
| For Memorial Day observance, | 35 00 | |
| For collector's bond, | 12 50 | |
| To pay land damage, | 125 00 | |
| For extermination of brown-tail moth, | 100 00 | |
| To Bethel Library for free use of books, | 200 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$19,207 98 |
| Overlay in assessing, | | 349 45 |
| Supplementary tax, | | 9 80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$19,567 23 |

**EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT TO BOARD OF
STATE ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1913.**

LIVE STOCK.

| | No. | Ave. Value. |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Horses, | 587 | \$95 21 |
| Colts, 3 to 4 years old, | 13 | 76 15 |
| Colts, 2 to 3 years old, | 32 | 60 30 |
| Colts, under 2 years old, | 25 | 31 40 |
| Cows, | 611 | 25 22 |
| Oxen, | 26 | 60 57 |
| Three-year-olds, | 139 | 18 71 |
| Two-year-olds, | 188 | 15 25 |
| One-year-olds, | 253 | 10 10 |
| Sheep, | 534 | 3 04 |
| Swine, | 139 | 10 03 |

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Bank Stock, 242 shares, | \$24,200 00 |
| Trust Company's Stock, 10 shares, | 1,000 00 |
| Stock in trade, | 44,050 00 |
| Logs and lumber, | 12,340 00 |
| Wood and bark, | 1,595 00 |
| Carriages, | 765 00 |
| Automobiles, | 14,300 00 |
| Musical instruments, | 8,685 00 |
| Finished products in mills, | 600 00 |
| Machinery, | 4,050 00 |

ABATEMENTS.**TAXES OF 1910.**

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Ernest Gammon, | \$2 00 |
|----------------|--------|

TAXES OF 1911.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Merrill Billings, paid in Norway, | \$2 00 |
| Llewellyn Grover, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Kirkland, not found, | 2 00 |
| Fred McInnis, not found, | 2 00 |
| W. Maddocks, not found, | 2 00 |
| Elmer N. Stowell, worthless, | 3 80 |

\$13 80

TAXES OF 1912.

| | |
|---|--------|
| Guy Morgan, not of age, | \$2 00 |
| James Milliken, left State, | 2 00 |
| Esko Pulkinen, not found, | 2 00 |
| Fred Tapley, not found, | 2 00 |
| Geo. E. Spinney, paid in New Hampshire, | 2 00 |
| Linsey Dorey, paid in New Hampshire, | 2 00 |
| Bernard Akers, | 2 00 |
| E. H. Foster, Heirs of, | 2 85 |
| E. S. French, paid in Newry, | 2 00 |
| Joseph Gallagher, not found, | 2 00 |
| Wm. Johnson, deceased, | 2 00 |
| John Hendrics, not found, | 2 00 |
| M. Lowe, | 2 00 |
| Allison Lowe, | 2 00 |

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|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Edward Lapham, paid in Albany, | 2 00 | |
| Alden Mason, | 2 00 | |
| W. H. Mills, paid in Poland, | 2 00 | |
| Phebe Corson, unable to pay, | 95 | |
| Fred N. Town, worthless, | 3 90 | |
| George Chapman, error, | 9 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$49 20 |

TOTAL ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Taxes of 1910, | \$ 2 00 | |
| Taxes of 1911, | 13 80 | |
| Taxes of 1912, | 49 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$65 00 |

Report of Overseers of Poor.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Appraisal of Town Farm and Property, Feb. 1st, 1913, | \$2,957 85 |
|---|------------|

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Appraisal Feb. 1st, 1914, | \$2,957 85 |
| Due from C. E. Burgess, | 76 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,034 05 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance in favor of farm, | \$76 20 |

POOR NOT ON FARM.

PHILIP WHEELER.

| | | |
|---------------|----------------------|----------|
| No. of Order: | | |
| 21 | F. L. Howe, support, | \$18 00 |
| 33 | F. L. Howe, support, | 24 00 |
| 47 | F. L. Howe, support, | 42 00 |
| 80 | F. L. Howe, support, | 42 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$126 00 |

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W. G. CAPEN.

| | | | |
|----|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| 37 | I. C. Jordan, clothes, | \$10 00 | |
| 87 | W. E. Bosserman, medicine, | 8 65 | |
| 88 | E. A. Trask, board, | 65 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$83 65 |

CATHERINE AND KATHELINE GROVER.

| | | | |
|----|---|---------|----------|
| 45 | W. W. Hastings, rent, | \$52 00 | |
| 70 | F. L. Douglass, wood, | 45 00 | |
| 85 | Ralph Moore, splitting wood and putting in, | 5 00 | |
| 97 | W. W. Hastings, rent, | 52 02 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$154 02 |

CHARLES F. REED.

| | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| 48 | Central Maine General Hospital, | | \$68 00 |
|----|---------------------------------|--|---------|

LOTTIE MILLIKEN.

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|--|---------|
| 44 | F. F. Bean, clothes, | | \$10 00 |
|----|----------------------|--|---------|

CLARENCE FLAGG.

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------|---------|--|
| 64 | I. H. Wight, | \$26 95 | |
| | Paid by town of Temple, | \$26 95 | |

CHAS. H. THURLOW.

| | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--|---------|
| 84 | I. H. Wight, | | \$10 00 |
| | Due from town of Raymond. | | |

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

No. of Order:

| | | |
|----|----------------------------------|---------|
| 32 | C. L. Davis, care tramps, 1912, | \$25 26 |
| 54 | E. H. Smith, wood, | 13 00 |
| 65 | E. A. Smith, setting glass, | 1 00 |
| 73 | N. F. Brown, | 1 95 |
| 74 | C. L. Davis, care tramps, 1913, | 22 50 |
| 83 | I. H. Wight, medical attendance, | 6 25 |
| 98 | C. K. Fox, blankets, | 3 50 |

 \$73 46

 By rent of court room, \$4 00

Balance to poor account, \$69 46

TOTAL EXPENSES OF POOR.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$500 00 |
| Balance from Town Farm, | 76 20 |

 \$576 20

 Poor not on farm, \$521 13

Unexpended, \$55 07

STATE PAUPERS.

During the year the following amount has been paid out for the support of the children of Wilson T. Brown and the town has been reimbursed by the State.

No. of Order:

| | | |
|----|---------------|---------|
| 43 | Ida C. Brown, | \$24 00 |
|----|---------------|---------|

Selectmen's Report.

SEWER SYSTEM.

Appropriation, \$400 00

No. of Order:

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------|
| 22 | E. H. Smith, labor, | \$21 50 |
| 51 | Lucian Littlehale, labor, | 10 00 |
| 53 | E. H. Smith, labor and material, | 105 35 |
| 55 | A. L. Smith, labor, | 28 37 |
| 56 | E. C. Smith, labor, | 20 00 |
| 57 | A. R. Brown, labor, | 22 50 |
| 58 | C. E. Tenney, labor, | 17 00 |
| 60 | F. E. Gordon, labor, | 1 90 |
| 61 | H. Coolidge, labor, | 18 00 |
| 62 | Percy Taylor, labor, | 8 00 |
| 66 | I. M. Clark, surveying, | 1 50 |
| 72 | Hastings Bros., pipe, etc., | 223 38 |
| 75 | Woodbury & Purington, cement, | 3 10 |
| 79 | T. H. Durell, land damage, | 25 00 |
| 109 | R. E. L. Farwell, land damage, | 30 00 |

\$535 60

G. A. R.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|---------|
| Memorial appropriation, | | \$35 00 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 35 A. S. Chapman, Q. M., | | \$35 00 |

COLLECTOR'S BOND.

| | | |
|--------------------|--|---------|
| Appropriation, | | \$12 50 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 41 H. H. Hastings, | | \$12 50 |

BETHEL LIBRARY.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$200 00 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 36 Agnes Straw, Treasurer, | \$100 00 | |
| 67 Agnes Straw, Treasurer, | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$200 00 |

PHILBROOK LAND DAMAGE.

| | | |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$125 00 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 38 J. M. Philbrook, | | \$125 00 |

BROWN TAIL MOTH.

| | | |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$100 00 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 25 Asa L. Smith, | \$43 75 | |

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|----|---------------------------------------|---|----|
| 89 | F. B. Merrill, notices and envelopes, | 3 | 65 |
| 96 | F. F. Bean, postage, | 3 | 25 |

\$50 65

HIGHWAYS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | \$5,000 00 |
| Commissioner's orders cancelled, | \$4,629 08 |
| | <hr/> |
| Unexpended, | \$370 92 |

STATE ROAD.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | \$500 00 |
| From the State, | 460 00 |
| From automobile license fund, | 400 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,360 00 |
| Commissioner's orders cancelled, | \$1,407 68 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | \$47 68 |

TO PAY ON TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$500 00 |
| Paid for coupons, | 440 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Unexpended, | \$60 00 |

SCHOOLS.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | \$2,000 00 |
| Common School Fund, | 1,599 64 |
| School Fund and Mill Tax, | 1,578 85 |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Due from Milton, | 200 00 | |
| Received from Gilead, | 30 00 | |
| Ministerial and School Fund, | 30 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$5,438 49 | |
| Overdrawn in 1912, | 226 73 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Available, | | \$5,211 76 |
| Superintendent's orders cancelled, | | \$5,419 38 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | | \$207 62 |

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$300 00 | |
| Overdrawn 1912, | 45 24 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Available, | | \$254 76 |
| Superintendent's orders cancelled, | | \$467 06 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | | \$212 30 |

REPAIRS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 | |
| Unexpended 1912, | 77 78 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Available, | | \$277 78 |
| Superintendent's orders cancelled, | | \$286 10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | | \$8 32 |

TUITION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | \$1,000 00 | |
| From the State, | 500 00 | |
| Balance from 1912, | 413 00 | |
| | | \$1,913 00 |

No. of Order:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1 F. E. Hanscom, | \$486 00 | |
| 20 F. E. Hanscom, | 40 00 | |
| 34 F. E. Hanscom, | 470 00 | |
| 39 F. E. Hanscom, | 36 00 | |
| 40 J. O. Hall, Yarmouth H. S., | 10 00 | |
| 63 F. E. Hanscom, | 430 00 | |
| 91 F. E. Hanscom, | 430 00 | |
| | | \$1,902 00 |

Unexpended, \$11 00

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND.

The treasurer of the ministerial and school fund submits the following report:

There are in my hands notes secured

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| by mortgage on real estate, | \$1,600 00 | |
| Deposits in Bethel Savings Bank, | 340 08 | |
| | | \$1,940 08 |

Amounts paid as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Town of Bethel, | \$30 00 |
| M. E. Society, | 16 00 |
| Universalist Society, | 16 00 |

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Congregational Society, | 16 00 |
| Baptist Society, | 10 00 |
| Union Society, | 10 00 |

\$98 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. U. PURINGTON, Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation, \$800 00

No. of Order:

| | | |
|----|---|--------|
| 2 | J. H. Little, reporting statistics, | \$5 75 |
| 3 | F. B. Merrill, printing reports, | 60 00 |
| 18 | Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books, | 16 50 |
| 19 | Bethel Water Co., to July 1st, 1913, | 75 00 |
| 24 | Portland Publishing Co., advertis- ing call for bonds, | 3 00 |
| 26 | C. E. Barker, cash expense, | 3 70 |
| 27 | C. F. Shaw, water tub, | 2 00 |
| 28 | Bethel Savings Bank, rent, | 60 00 |
| 29 | C. L. Davis, freight on test weights, | 4 00 |
| 30 | F. B. Merrill, freight and carting test weights, | 1 80 |
| 31 | W. & L. E. Gurley, repair for test weights, | 2 57 |
| 42 | Bethel Water Co., to Jan. 1st, 1914, | 75 00 |
| 49 | H. E. Bartlett, water tub, | 5 00 |
| 50 | H. P. Dennison, supplies for Rolfe family, | 31 88 |
| 52 | F. B. Merrill, publishing warrant and voting list, | 6 00 |

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|-----|---|-------|
| 59 | T. H. Durell, labor on voting booths, | 2 50 |
| 71 | H. E. Walker, sheep killed, | 36 00 |
| 76 | F. B. Howe, ballot clerk, | 2 00 |
| 77 | F. J. Russell, ballot clerk, | 2 00 |
| 78 | R. B. Thurston, ballot clerk, | 2 00 |
| 81 | F. F. Bean, cash expense, | 10 72 |
| 82 | I. H. Wight, medical attendance and fumigating Rolfe family, | 31 69 |
| 86 | Loring, Short & Harmon, clerk's book, | 4 50 |
| 90 | Bethel Water Co., to July 1, 1914, | 75 00 |
| 94 | I. H. Wight, reporting statistics, | 9 50 |
| 95 | R. W. Bucknam, reporting statistics, | 50 |
| 101 | D. G. Lovejoy, recording statistics, | 16 20 |
| 104 | Clayson Pike, Rolfe family, | 2 80 |

 \$547 61
TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS DUE.

| | |
|---|----------|
| F. F. Bean, Selectman, | \$192 50 |
| M. L. Thurston, Selectman, (estimated), | 80 00 |
| C. E. Barker, Selectman, | 60 25 |
| N. F. Brown, Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk, | 35 00 |
| G. L. Thurston, Road Commissioner, | 225 00 |
| W. W. Hastings, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| A. E. Herrick, Agent, | 15 00 |
| I. H. Wight, Health Officer, | 10 00 |
| E. C. Park, Health Officer, | 5 00 |
| C. M. Kimball, Health Officer, | 3 00 |
| J. U. Purington, Treas. M. & S. Fund, | 6 00 |
| H. H. Hastings, Supervisor, | 40 00 |

 \$727 75

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID.

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$1,000 00 |
| No. of Order: | | |
| 4 | H. H. Hastings, Supervisor, | \$125 00 |
| 5 | E. C. Park, Health Officer, | 5 00 |
| 6 | A. E. Herrick Agent, | 15 00 |
| 7 | G. L. Thurston, Road Commissioner, | 250 50 |
| 8 | C. E. Barker, Selectman, | 81 00 |
| 9 | D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk, | 35 00 |
| 10 | W. W. Hastings, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| 11 | I. H. Wight, Health Officer, | 10 00 |
| 12 | C. M. Kimball, Health Officer, | 3 00 |
| 13 | J. U. Purington, Treas. M. & S. Fund, | 6 00 |
| 14 | N. F. Brown, Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| 15 | N. E. Richardson, Collector, | 140 28 |
| 16 | M. L. Thurston, Selectman, | 84 00 |
| 17 | F. F. Bean, Selectman, | 193 50 |
| 46 | H. A. Packard, Dog Constable, | 6 15 |
| | E. F. Callahan, Supervisor, 1913, | 116 67 |
| 99 | F. B. Howe, Collector, 1913, | 190 00 |
| 100 | H. A. Packard, Truant Officer, | 2 74 |
| 103 | N. E. Richardson, Collector, 1912, | 4 28 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,324 12 |

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN,**LIABILITIES.**

| | |
|--|------------|
| Bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent., | \$8,000 00 |
| Interest to February 1st, | 26 67 |
| Due Town Officers, | 727 75 |
| Estimated outstanding bills, | 100 00 |

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|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| Estimated abatements, | 75 00 | |
| Orders outstanding, | 49 00 | |
| | | \$8,978 42 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Cash in Treasurer's hands, | \$5,516 45 | |
| Tax deeds owned by town, | 245 91 | |
| Due from N. E. Richardson, Collector, | 201 67 | |
| Due from F. B. Howe, Collector, | 572 13 | |
| Due from State, acct. of State road, | 100 00 | |
| Due from State, acct. auto fund, | 25 00 | |
| Due from town of Raymond, acct. Thurlow, | 10 00 | |
| Due from C. E. Burgess, | 76 20 | |
| Due from sewer connection, | 20 00 | |
| Value of town farm property, | 2,957 85 | |
| Investment in corn shop, | 2,500 00 | |
| Investment in pest house, | 300 00 | |
| Investment in lockup, | 500 00 | |
| Road machine and other tools, | 200 00 | |
| | | \$13,225 21 |

FRED F. BEAN,
M. L. THURSTON,
C. E. BARKER,

Selectmen of Bethel.

Accounts examined and found correct, Feb. 11, 1914.

W. W. HASTINGS, Auditor.

Report of Treasurer.

DR.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| To cash on hand, | \$11,193 36 |
| from N. E. Richardson, Collector, | 335 00 |
| from F. B. Howe, Collector, | 19,012 00 |
| from connecting with sewer, | 140 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. of State Pension, 1912, | 198 00 |
| from State Treasurer, soldier's burial, | 35 00 |
| from State Treasurer, 1912 dog tax refunded, | 92 61 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. of Milton poor, | 60 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. of library, | 20 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. damage by dogs, | 40 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. damage by dogs, | 36 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. railroad and telegraph tax, | 70 53 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. common school fund, | 1,599 64 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. school fund and mill tax, | 1,578 85 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. 1913 pensions, | 243 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. of State road, | 360 00 |
| from State Treasurer, acct. of registration of automobiles, | 375 00 |
| H. F. Webb Co., acct. rent, | 4 02 |

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|---|-------------|
| from interest on check account, | 86 29 |
| from tax deeds, | 115 94 |
| from town of Gray, acct. A. T. Strout, | 10 00 |
| from F. F. Bean, acct. moving picture license, | 5 00 |
| from C. E. Burgess, acct. rent, | 3 50 |
| from Mrs. Olive Grover, acct. work on sewer, | 6 00 |
| from Chapman National Bank, | 4,739 20 |
| from F. F. Bean, moving picture license, | 5 00 |
| from town of Gray, acct. of A. T. Strout, | 10 00 |
| from D. G. Lovejoy, 1913 dog tax, | 138 00 |
| from circus license, | 10 00 |
| from check 4768, | 12 00 |
| tax deeds owned by town, | 245 91 |
| from town of Temple, acct. of C. Flagg, | 26 95 |
| from H. F. Webb, acct. of rent of corn shop, | 125 00 |
| rent of court room, | 4 00 |
| town of Gilead, tuition, | 30 00 |
| ministerial and school fund, | 16 70 |
| Bethel National Bank, | 30 00 |
| town of Milton, tuition, | 200 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$41,212 50 |

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|---|-----------|
| Paid coupons, | \$ 440 00 |
| Paid Bethel National Bank, acct. of called bonds, | 10,150 00 |
| Paid State pensions, | 243 00 |
| Paid State Treasurer, acct. of State tax, dog tax 1912 refunded, | 92 61 |

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|---|-------------|
| Paid State Treasurer, acct. of State tax, common school fund, | 1,599 64 |
| Paid State Treasurer, acct. of State tax, school fund and mill tax, | 1,578 85 |
| Paid State Treasurer, acct. of State tax, bal. due, | 1,851 87 |
| Paid State Treasurer, 1913 dog tax, | 138 00 |
| Paid tax in Newry, | 3 15 |
| Paid County tax, | 1,412 51 |
| Paid Selectmen's orders, | 5,374 08 |
| Paid Selectmen's orders, acct. of schools, | 6,289 21 |
| Paid Selectmen's orders, acct. of roads, | 6,036 76 |
| Paid cash in Chapman National Bank, | 60 00 |
| Paid cash in Bethel National Bank, | 5,456 45 |
| Paid for stamps, | 3 00 |
| Paid for tax deeds, | 237 46 |
| Paid tax deeds owned by town, | 245 91 |
| | \$41,212 50 |

N. F. BROWN, Treasurer.

Accounts examined and found correct, Feb. 10, 1914.

W. W. HASTINGS, Auditor.

Report of Road Commissioner.

STATE ROAD.

No. of Order:

| | | |
|----|------------------|--------|
| 56 | Harvey Bennett, | \$6 00 |
| 59 | Hazen Sweeney, | 36 00 |
| 60 | Homer Parker, | 24 50 |
| 61 | Roy D. Thurston, | 24 75 |
| 62 | Charles Smith, | 21 00 |
| 63 | J. S. Bartlett, | 15 00 |
| 64 | Harry Vashaw, | 63 00 |
| 65 | John Stiles, | 24 50 |
| 66 | B. C. Burbank, | 81 00 |
| 67 | Percy Chapman, | 63 00 |
| 68 | John Chapman, | 26 25 |
| 69 | Ed. York, | 60 75 |
| 70 | Harvey Bennett, | 18 50 |
| 71 | J. S. Bartlett, | 43 50 |
| 72 | C. M. Hutchins, | 25 13 |
| 73 | Loren Glines, | 5 25 |
| 74 | Perd Merrill, | 33 25 |
| 75 | C. E. Tenney, | 36 75 |
| 76 | A. Lamere, | 25 00 |
| 77 | John Coolidge, | 38 50 |
| 80 | B. C. Burbank, | 18 00 |

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| 81 | Chas. Smith, | 7 00 |
| 82 | Lafayette Littlehale, | 43 75 |
| 85 | A. Lamere, | 22 25 |
| 86 | John Coburn, | 35 00 |
| 87 | I. M. Coburn, | 50 75 |
| 91 | W. G. Emery, | 60 75 |
| 92 | G. L. Thurston, | 63 00 |
| 99 | G. L. Thurston, | 306 00 |
| 101 | Howard Coburn, | 40 25 |
| 114 | A. B. Sanborn, | 54 00 |
| 117 | J. U. Purington, | 5 40 |
| | Culvert pipe, | 28 80 |

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| 174 | T. B. Washaw, | \$72. 49 |
| 175 | E. W. Dutton, | 1 92 |
| 176 | Lyman Wheeler, | 6 30 |
| 177 | C. E. Burgess, | 3 50 |
| 178 | C. F. Abbott, | 2 40 |
| 179 | C. L. Davis, | 36 00 |
| 180 | Clyde Whitman, | 9 25 |
| 181 | H. L. Powers, | 1 93 |
| 182 | C. H. Reed, | 6 00 |
| 183 | C. H. Reed, | 8 40 |
| 184 | F. L. Chapman, | 2 50 |
| 185 | Harold E. Rich, | 3 50 |
| 186 | H. M. Osgood, | 1 75 |
| 187 | True Eames, | 3 50 |

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| 188 | A. S. Chapman, | 2 50 |
| 189 | L. T. McAllister, | 2 29 |
| 190 | J. B. Philbrick, | 85 00 |
| 191 | G. N. Sanborn, | 11 25 |
| 192 | H. G. Bennett, | 5 00 |
| 193 | W. G. Holt, | 10 35 |
| 194 | Leroy Vail, | 12 00 |
| 195 | Harvey Bennett, | 10 00 |
| 196 | M. W. Hastings, | 5 00 |
| 197 | Amos Taylor, | 54 00 |
| 198 | Harvey Bennett, | 5 00 |
| 199 | G. S. McGill, | 9 15 |
| 200 | F. E. Kendall, | 25 00 |
| 201 | A. Lamere, | 22 75 |
| 1 | Dana Hall, | 45 00 |
| 2 | Leroy Vail, | 14 00 |
| 3 | Roy D. Thurston, | 51 00 |
| 4 | Homer Parker, | 41 25 |
| 5 | Harvey Bennett, | 10 00 |
| 6 | Ray York, | 1 75 |
| 7 | Wm. Young, | 7 00 |
| 8 | Fred Wheeler, | 8 75 |
| 9 | Leroy Vail, | 22 00 |
| 10 | Howard Coburn, | 39 00 |
| 11 | A. H. Sessions, | 10 50 |
| 12 | F. E. Kendall, | 25 00 |
| 13 | Walter Brinck, | 4 00 |
| 14 | Geo. L. Haines, | 4 00 |
| 15 | Harvey Bennett, | 20 00 |
| 16 | A. Lamere, | 29 75 |
| 17 | I. M. Coburn, | 30 00 |

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| 18 | F. E. Kendall, | 62 50 |
| 19 | A. W. Bean, | 2 25 |
| 20 | Prescott Bennett, | 28 00 |
| 21 | Ed. Mason, | 28 00 |
| 22 | Solomon Westleigh, | 26 25 |
| 23 | Norman Sanborn, | 66 50 |
| 24 | S. J. Walker, | 75 50 |
| 25 | Charles Valentine, | 12 25 |
| 26 | Ed. Murray, | 1 75 |
| 27 | G. B. Mills, | 4 50 |
| 28 | Dana B. Hall, | 45 75 |
| 29 | G. B. Mills, | 38 60 |
| 30 | E. S. Buck, | 17 00 |
| 31 | Porter Farwell, | 4 00 |
| 32 | James Uhlman, | 46 75 |
| 33 | Leroy Vail, | 18 00 |
| 34 | Harvey Bennett, | 5 00 |
| 35 | Edgar Coolidge, | 12 00 |
| 36 | G. L. Thurston, | 500 00 |
| 37 | G. H. Swan, | 5 00 |
| 38 | Harvey Bennett, | 5 00 |
| 39 | John Coburn, | 47 25 |
| 40 | C. M. Kimball, | 5 00 |
| 41 | A. Lamere, | 40 25 |
| 42 | Harvey Bennett, | 52 00 |
| 43 | Lyman Wheeler, | 58 09 |
| 44 | I. M. Coburn, | 58 00 |
| 45 | Howard Coburn, | 63 00 |
| 46 | R. T. Clough, | 4 60 |
| 47 | Leroy Vail, | 38 00 |
| 48 | Lafayette Littlehale, | 78 75 |
| 49 | H. P. Merrill, | 60 00 |

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| 50 | Roy D. Thurston, | 62 00 |
| 51 | Dana Hall, | 50 00 |
| 52 | Homer Parker, | 48 00 |
| 53 | Dana Hall, | 21 00 |
| 54 | J. M. Philbrook, | 3 00 |
| 55 | A. Lamere, | 39 37 |
| 57 | E. F. Cushman, | 2 00 |
| 58 | H. P. Merrill, | 43 25 |
| 78 | John Coburn, | 17 50 |
| 79 | F. V. Vetquosky, | 104 37 |
| 83 | Lafayette Littlehale, | 31 50 |
| 84 | H. L. Powers, | 6 85 |
| 88 | I. M. Coburn, | 5 25 |
| 89 | John Coburn, | 3 50 |
| 90 | Percy Chapman, | 12 50 |
| 93 | Elliott Rich, | 5 50 |
| 94 | G. K. Hastings, | 16 00 |
| 95 | Sam Mayconnell, | 4 00 |
| 96 | V. P. Adamson, | 11 85 |
| 97 | C. M. Kimball, | 5 00 |
| 98 | G. L. Thurston, | 703 85 |
| 100 | G. H. Swan, | 17 40 |
| 102 | Howard Coburn, | 1 75 |
| 103 | Nathan A. Stearns, | 8 20 |
| 104 | F. J. Tyler, | 6 42 |
| 105 | E. A. Grover, | 2 00 |
| 105 | Hastings Bros., | 71 30 |
| 106 | Hastings Bros., | 9 27 |
| 107 | G. J. Hapgood, | 20 00 |
| 108 | F. B. Howe, | 3 58 |
| 109 | N. F. Brown, | 16 37 |
| 110 | Bennett Bros., | 21 75 |

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| 111 | Charles Eames, | 6 12 |
| 112 | W. H. Hutchinson, | 3 00 |
| 113 | V. W. Bean, | 27 32 |
| 115 | Guy Bartlett, | 5 39 |
| 116 | Almon Tyler, | 24 87 |
| 118 | John Coburn, | 2 50 |
| 119 | Lyman Wheeler, | 5 00 |
| 120 | Wm. L. Farwell, | 8 25 |
| 121 | A. S. Chapman, | 25 15 |
| 122 | T. H. Durell, | 3 00 |
| 123 | G. B. Mills, | 81 19 |
| 124 | T. B. Burke, | 32 49 |
| 125 | J. E. Carlton, | 105 55 |
| 126 | E. G. Annis, | 58 00 |
| 127 | Merrill, Springer Co., | 10 82 |
| 128 | D. C. Estes, | 30 20 |
| 129 | E. J. Estes, | 13 50 |
| 130 | A. F. Copeland, | 1 50 |
| 131 | S. W. Mason, | 27 80 |
| 132 | C. L. Davis, | 11 00 |
| 133 | I. E. McAllister, | 1 00 |
| 134 | A. R. Merrill, | 21 20 |
| 135 | E. A. Trask, | 18 75 |
| 136 | C. L. Sanborn, | 4 25 |
| 137 | Fred Kilgore, | 21 00 |
| 138 | T. B. Burke, | 32 00 |
| 139 | Seth L. Mason, | 5 65 |
| 140 | Fred C. Verrill, | 6 50 |
| 141 | I. E. McAllister, | 1 75 |
| 142 | F. L. Blake, | 20 00 |
| 143 | E. A. Tyler, | 8 07 |

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| 144 | G. H. Swan, | 17 54 |
| 145 | Clyde Whitman, | 14 55 |
| 146 | H. B. Lowell, | 6 00 |
| 147 | W. D. Mills, | 35 21 |
| 148 | A. S. Chapman, | 2 95 |
| 149 | E. P. Grover, | 9 00 |
| 150 | G. N. Sanborn, | 18 37 |
| 151 | W. D. Mills, | 55 67 |
| 152 | F. L. Edwards, | 279 50 |
| 153 | Hastings Bros., | 25 10 |
| 154 | C. F. Abbott, | 11 10 |
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Respectfully submitted,

G. L. THURSTON, Road Commissioner.

Collector's Report.

The following is a list of the taxes unpaid, published in compliance with Chapter 166, Revised Statutes of 1907:

TAXES OF 1910.

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| John Brown, | \$2 00 |
| A. L. Mitchell, | 3 68 |
| John L. Holt, | 3 60 |

TAXES OF 1911.

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| C. E. Burgess, | \$3 36 |
| John Bennett, | 2 00 |
| E. M. Carter, | 22 00 |
| Joel Estes, | 2 00 |
| John L. Holt, | 5 40 |
| John Hodgkins, | 3 50 |
| James Hall, | 1 50 |
| John W. Nelson, | 6 50 |
| Thomas Poole, | 3 06 |
| Clarence Thurlow, | 2 00 |
| Fred Taylor, | 2 00 |

TAXES OF 1912.

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| Glorious Arsenault, | \$2 00 |
| Nelson M. Bartlett, | 2 00 |
| C. E. Burgess, | 2 00 |

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| Everett Billings, | 2 00 |
| John Bennett, | 2 00 |
| Harvey Bennett, | 2 00 |
| Ernest Brooks, | 2 00 |
| E. M. Carter, | 8 65 |
| Edgar Cummings, | 2 00 |
| Geo. W. Currier, | 5 62 |
| Chas. R. Cross, | 16 25 |
| Daniel C. Estes, | 6 28 |
| Jos. Eikel, | 2 00 |
| John L. Holt, | 5 33 |
| Geo. E. King, Jr., | 2 00 |
| Chas. Lyden, | 2 00 |
| J. W. Lapham, | 2 00 |
| Joel L. Merrill, | 2 00 |
| Lucian McAllister, | 2 95 |
| Alexander McLane, | 6 75 |
| John McLane, | 2 00 |
| John Noyce, | 2 00 |
| H. M. Osgood, | 3 43 |
| Archie Poole, | 2 00 |
| Wm. Poole, | 2 00 |
| B. A. Putnam, | 2 00 |
| Geo. M. Rolfe, | 2 00 |
| Rolfe Brothers, | 3 00 |
| M. D. Sturtevant, | 7 70 |
| Guy Smith, | 5 33 |
| Joseph I. Spofford, | 2 00 |
| Fred Taylor, | 6 75 |
| Alfred Tripp, | 2 00 |
| Thomas W. Vashaw, | 8 74 |
| Thomas F. Vail, | 2 00 |

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| Leroy E. Vail, | 2 00 |
| Dennis Vashaw, | 2 00 |

TAXES OF 1913.

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| Armand, John, | \$2 00 |
| Arsenault, Philip, | 2 00 |
| Arsenault, Joseph, | 2 00 |
| Baker, Wilbert, | 2 00 |
| Bartlett, James S., | 2 48 |
| Bartlett, L. U., | 25 79 |
| Bennett, Harvey, | 2 00 |
| Bennett, Geo. M., | 2 00 |
| Bethel Mfg. Co., | 9 50 |
| Bragg, W. A., | 2 00 |
| Brown, Levi R., | 2 00 |
| Burgess, C. E., | 4 85 |
| Bennett, Geo. H., | 2 00 |
| Billings, Merrill, | 2 00 |
| Bennett, John, | 2 00 |
| Carter, E. M., | 32 40 |
| Chapman, Mary G., | 48 |
| Chapman, John A., | 2 00 |
| Chapman, Percy A., | 7 23 |
| Coburn, Arthur, | 2 00 |
| Cushman, Archie G., | 7 34 |
| Corson, Mrs. Phebe, | 1 90 |
| Cousins, Frank M., | 2 00 |
| Chasson, Hector, | 3 90 |
| Chapin, Milan A., | 28 |
| Cummings, Leslie, | 2 00 |
| Cummings, Sherman, | 2 00 |
| Davis, Moses, | 2 00 |
| Demerritt, Ernest, | 2 00 |

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| Douglass, W. J., | 2 00 |
| Dorey, Lindsey, | 2 00 |
| Downs, Clifford, | 2 00 |
| Desroche, Willie, | 2 00 |
| Estes, S. B., | 1 63 |
| Emery, Walter G., | 2 00 |
| Eikel, Joseph, | 2 00 |
| Emery, Wm. A., | 2 00 |
| Edwards, Robert, | 2 00 |
| French, E. S., | 2 00 |
| Farrar, Irwin, | 2 00 |
| Grover, Webster B., | 2 00 |
| Grover, Bert S., | 2 00 |
| Gaudet, George, | 2 00 |
| Gaudet, John, | 2 00 |
| Holt, W. G., | 8 18 |
| Harrington, Geo., | 2 00 |
| Hart, S. N., | 2 00 |
| Jones, Allan, | 2 00 |
| Jodrey, Norman, | 2 00 |
| Kilgore, Evans, | 4 85 |
| King, Geo. E., Jr., | 2 00 |
| King, Ralph, | 2 00 |
| King, Frank C., | 2 00 |
| Kittridge, Harry, | 2 00 |
| Lapham, Edward, | 2 00 |
| Lapham, J. W., | 2 00 |
| Mason, Alden, | 2 00 |
| Morgan, Gerry, | 2 00 |
| Murrey, C. E., | 2 95 |
| Matthewson, John, | 2 00 |
| McLane, John, | 2 00 |

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| Mossman, Maurice, | 2 00 |
| Newhall, W. S., | 2 00 |
| Noyce, John, | 2 00 |
| Osgood, Geo. E., | 3 82 |
| Osgood, H. M., | 2 95 |
| Perkins, Luther, | 2 00 |
| Rolfe, Geo. M., | 3 43 |
| Reed, Chas. H., | 7 37 |
| Reed, Chas. F., | 2 00 |
| Raimey, Leon, | 2 00 |
| Raimey, C. E., | 2 00 |
| Richardson, Geo. M., | 2 00 |
| Stearns, Adelmarr, | 2 00 |
| Spinney, Geo. E., | 2 00 |
| Smith, Homer, | 2 00 |
| Spofford, Joseph I., | 2 00 |
| Swinermier, W., | 2 00 |
| Tyler, Alanson, | 5 80 |
| Tyler, Almon B., | 52 |
| Taylor, Percy, | 2 00 |
| Verrill, Fred C., | 27 65 |
| Vashaw, Thomas W., | 42 85 |
| Vashaw, John, | 2 00 |
| Vashaw, Harry P., | 14 79 |
| Vail, Leroy, | 2 00 |
| Walker, Clyde, | 5 80 |
| Walker, Webster E., | 2 00 |
| White, Harris, | 2 00 |
| York, Edwin H., | 6 75 |
| Foster, Mrs. Albert, | 1 90 |
| Melcher, Pettingill & McGregor, | 2 38 |

F. B. HOWE, Collector.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To The S. S. Committee:

I have the honor to hand you herewith my first annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

Two terms is, perhaps, too short a time in which to note any advance in school affairs, unless changes more radical than our policy dictates, have been inaugurated. However, it may be well at this time to bring to your notice such changes as have already occurred, and to submit for your approval our plans for the future.

BOOKS.

At the present time the general condition of the town's text-books, with the exception of the elementary readers, is fair. The book standard is not, however, up to the standard of our schools either in physical condition or general supply. There are no Readers for the Third and Fourth Grades except some very dilapidated texts, and it has been a problem to provide suitable texts for all the classes with the money at our disposal. This in spite of the fact that Mr. Hastings very courteously refrained from purchasing any books last spring, in order that his successor might have the fullest liberty in the choice of texts for the ensuing year. Often one of the most disheartening tasks for a Superintendent is properly to impress upon the teaching force and pupils a correct appreciation and use of the free

text-book. There has been, and still is, an enormous waste in this respect that it is our constant effort to reduce.

The free text-book law, insomuch as it fosters a careless regard for such property, is a detriment to the proper education of our youth.

New Geographies had been partially contracted for by Mr. Hastings, and so were on hand for distribution at the beginning of the year. Frye's Leading Facts, a revision of the older editions, was adopted and is giving general satisfaction.

A little later the village schools were provided with the Stone-Millis Arithmetics. The lack of funds prevented their general adoption. The teachers now using this book, and those others who have had opportunity to examine it, are well pleased with the book and look forward to its general use.

A few drawing books have been provided for those schools where the teachers were competent to use them. But there can be no systematic instruction in this subject till teachers able to handle it are secured. It seems to us that this should be done at our earliest opportunity, for the educational value, of this subject, aside from mere technical skill, is now generally recognized. The child so trained has opened to him a new world of satisfaction and enjoyment.

We found that instruction in writing (when attempted at all) lacked definiteness in method and purpose. The New Barnes Writing Books and Teachers' Manual for same, were provided to meet this want. These books are one of the standard muscular movements similar to the Palmer. The treatment of the subject in the Primary Grades seems to co-ordinate the work of the first and later years in such

a way as to give this edition the advantage, in our mind, over any other yet presented.

A natural diffidence on the part of those teachers unfamiliar with systematic instruction in Penmanship, has gradually vanished and the books are giving general satisfaction. No new supply will be needed till these are worn beyond further use.

We are very short of History texts. A small number have been ordered, and we have patched out our most pressing wants with such old books as were available. There ought soon to be provided a better and more modern supply.

Last Spring a small beginning had been made with the Progressive Road to Reading and it seemed good policy to give the method a fair trial. After long and careful study the system was adopted generally and has met the most exacting demands of practicability and "results." We were thus compelled to provide reading-methods for the whole of the first grade pupils, but the expense was in no sense an "extra", as the old Primers were very nearly all worn to such a condition that most of them would have been replaced during the year.

During the past few years we have generally adopted the word method in Reading, carefully studied phonetics, abandoned the spelling "bees" as old-fashioned and a waste of time, and, as a result have turned loose on the business world a crop of atrocious spellers. The effort necessary to acquire facility in English spelling is out of all proportion to its educational value. It is not, however, our province as teachers to revise it off hand.

Realizing the wasted effort in this line, but mindful of the demands of polite society for better results in spelling, Supt. W. E. Hicks of Cleveland has devised a method whereby the maximum of efficiency has been attained with the

least waste of effort. The result of his researches, 'The Champion Speller, was published about four years ago. A successful experience with this book in other schools has induced its trial here. When properly used the effort is placed where it is most needed. There is no wasted time. The work is in no wise a fad or experiment, and satisfactory results are confidently expected.

Aside from an effort to get properly organized, we have concentrated our efforts this year on Reading and Number. The teaching in these subjects has been carefully supervised and aided by the best helps at our command.

In number work additional drill in the fundamentals has been provided for by the purchase of a few sets of the Maxson cards. Many of the teachers have failed to make the best possible use of these, perhaps through a failure in understanding the importance of the work they seek to provide.

The most attempted in Language has been the literature and picture study outlined in the syllabus. It seems to be impossible to design a text-book in this subject that will teach the child the correct use of his language and at the same time satisfy the present day teacher. We trust that our efforts to have the child become thoroughly facile in the correct English idiom, and able easily to express himself through the spoken and written language before attempting the formal study of Grammar, will meet with the approval yourselves and the citizen body. A child is able to talk and express himself through practice. It never enters our heads to demand of him the "whys" of language till we start him on his way in acquiring an education. Here, alas, too soon, he is required to gain a parrot-like proficiency in reciting rules and precepts that he never tries to understand, and often could not if he would. We

hope in time to see formal Grammar relegated to its proper place in the Grammar School. We all realize though, that it will take a long time, for teachers properly to appreciate the relative value of this subject, since we are still tied to the traditions of the Renaissance.

The teachers have all been provided with a course of study and a plan book. An effort has been made to unify the work, instill a true sense of relative proportion in planning the year's work and to gain a feeling of perspective in place of a hazy groping for the next step in advance.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

There have been three meetings where all the teachers of the union have met to discuss topics of interest, and a definite plan for future work has been outlined.

At the first meeting we were very instructively addressed by Mr. B. N. Allen of Portland, who spoke on reading methods in general and especially in the Primary Grades. At the same meeting the teachers also listened to a talk on methods in Geography, given by Mr. H. H. Bryant of Waterville.

The later meetings were given over to the discussion of practical problems taken from class-room observation. Advanced professional study has been mapped out and entered upon in a manner most creditable to the earnestness of the teaching force. We feel that this side of the work has been undertaken by the teachers in a manner to insure good results in the near future.

We shall be satisfied only when the parents evince as keen an interest in the schools as the teachers exhibit in the matter of self improvement. This interest can be created and demonstrated only by a closer touch with the

schools. Many places have organizations for this express purpose, and may we hope that something of this kind is not too much to expect for the future?

GRADING.

At present the grades in the village schools are so arranged that it takes a child ten years, barring accidents and non promotions, to complete the course.

This is too long.

Eight years has been generally accepted as sufficient time for this work. Such years, however, are composed of a minimum of thirty-six weeks. We understand that thirty has been the usual number here. For the present year this time has been lengthened to thirty-three weeks and it is to be hoped that the coming year will see it made thirty-six. A moment's reflection will show that the time afforded by thirty-six weeks in eight school years is within a few weeks of that given in ten thirty-week years.

There is no argument to oppose the advantage to the child in saving him two years in his school course.

Probably it will not be possible to abolish the Ninth Grade here in less time than two years. But there is an immediate and very obvious remedy in the Primary grades. This is the abolition of the sub-primary grade. It is poor business and worse pedagogy to start the children in school so young that they are expected to fail in the first year's work and are compelled to repeat. If we must make provision to relieve the mothers of the care of their children at that age, we should provide a kindergarten. Of the 41 enrolled in the Primary room this year, only 17 are seven years of age or over, and there is only one who is over age in the Second Grade. This furnishes a practical demonstration of the inutility of the sub-primary as at present con-

ducted. The question of seating so many in that room is already becoming acute, and will soon demand an age limit of itself. Further, it is the fixed opinion of leading educators, that children of four, five and six years are better employed at play out of doors than chained to a desk.

A strenuous effort has been put forth to get the whole of the present First Grade up to grade ready for promotion at the end of the year. If we cannot provide a kindergarten, we should raise the age for admission to the First Grade to six years.

Dr. Montessori has shown in her "Houses of Childhood" what can be accomplished with younger children under proper conditions, but it is an imposition on the time and good nature of a grade teacher with other classes to ask her to combine them with a kindergarten. The two types are too divergent.

A permanent record of scholarship and attendance has been adopted, which, when supplemented by the proper attention to the child's physical needs, will furnish a basis for more intelligent study of the needs of the individual child.

Most of the work in the rural schools has been directed to preparing the children for the Free Tuition Examinations the coming Spring, careful attention to starting the little ones and the most advantageous grouping of the intermediate grades. It is our conviction that close grading in one room schools is unprofitable and unwise.

ATTENDANCE.

Frequently this is one of the most exasperating subjects in a school system. Fortunately, it has not attained any manner of prominence here. Still, there is a laxity in cer-

tain quarters that may later call for attention. There ought to be at our command machinery for prompt action when necessary. Effectiveness in dealing with this matter is gained only by certainty of action and despatch.

NEEDS.

If it is the pleasure of the voters to lengthen the school year as suggested above, about the same amount must be raised for Common Schools as was last year. If we correctly understand the sentiment of the community in the matter of demanding better training on the part of our teaching force, we must assume an additional expense. With improved methods of administration, it seems possible to accomplish both these objects with a total appropriation of \$2,300, or \$300 more than for the present year.

The most pressing book needs have been mentioned under that title. The only Physiologies we have are out of date. A certain popular edition is being introduced in some schools as supplementary reading. The arrangement is such that the scheme works well. We ought in time to provide for additional drill in reading, especially in the Primary Grades, by acquiring supplementary reading matter. Much of this we hope to attain through properly caring for that already at hand and additions as opportunity offers. We will need \$150 more for books than was appropriated last year. But we look for this item to grow smaller in the succeeding years.

Our schools are behind other places of our general standing in the matter of music and drawing. Properly trained teachers can handle these subjects for the present with no appreciable additional expense.

Under the present arrangement with the Academy whereby they use our grades for observation and practice work, it will be necessary to demand a higher degree of training for the teachers in the village schools. In order to comply with the law, one such change was necessary this year. It has been our endeavor both as a matter of professional courtesy and with the expectation of future benefits accruing therefrom to our teaching force, to render every assistance possible in making these classes as efficient as possible and at the same time to safeguard our own immediate interests—the proper education of our children. As in other places, so here, there has been a more or less veiled hostility to the idea on the part of the teachers. We hope this arises from a misunderstanding on their part as to the true purposes of the Normal instruction.

The Academy certainly needs our co-operation in this matter and we are under a debt to them in other respects. So that from purely selfish motives, without questioning the desirability of the work, there should be the fullest measure of harmony in its conduct. It is only by such harmony that results worth trying can be accomplished.

SCHOOLHOUSES.

The most pressing need for the village schools is new curtains. One room was so bad in this respect that new ones are already in place. The improvement is out of all proportion with the cost. For this we need \$50.

It has been reported that in winters past, especially on windy days, that it has been next to impossible to properly heat this building. We have had no fair test this winter, for our windy day was “the worst ever.” It is doubtful if a building can be economically heated as this is without some apparatus for handling the foul air. In most places today such systems of heating are not attempted without

the use of fans for this purpose. It would be an advantage to have the building lighted. The eye strain on dark days in the winter would thus be materially lessened.

A few larger seats are needed for Grade Two and the desks in the Grammar room need repairing. Some manner of heating for the basements seems necessary.

Probably our rural school buildings are up to the standard of the surrounding towns. If so, that standard is not one for too much civic pride. The seating conditions are better than the average rural school's, but not by any means on a par with the usual village school. Conditions necessary for the physical welfare of the village boy are as necessary for his farm cousin.

Aside from an attempt to provide better seats than the old bench, there has been no visible effort to provide for the child's physical or moral welfare in the rural schools. This condition is widespread and by no means local.

The most serious problem is presented at West Bethel where the congestion has become so serious that a two-room school in the near future seems the only remedy. Even without attempting this, the building is in need of extensive repairs. The children there have been afflicted with a severe epidemic of colds, no doubt largely due to the present condition of the building. The heating arrangement is very unsatisfactory and inadequate.

At present there are 38 pupils enrolled in this school. The number will be slightly less for the spring term, but still too large for effective work by one teacher. If two rooms were provided, this school could be combined with that of the Flat to their mutual advantage. Conditions at the Flat school could be made very much more agreeable inside, and should be if it is to continue in use.

The East Bethel school has reached its present seating capacity. Otherwise this building is in very good shape except for some minor changes in the basements. The basements were designed for playrooms, but are not fit for that purpose now on account of dust, wood and other conditions. An expenditure of \$20 will cover all the immediate necessary repairs here.

The Plantation school needs a stove.

The underpinning and foundations of the Northwest school are in very bad condition. The floors are sagged so that the doors will not close.

There ought to be better conveyances provided for the children that are carried to school at the town's expense when such transportation is for a greater distance than two miles. These children have maintained a remarkable record of attendance considering the manner of transportation and weather conditions the past fall and winter. We ought not, however, to subject small children to such hazards of the weather.

Having had two year's first hand experience with the matter of consolidation and transportation in its highest development in Vermont, if not New England, we can bring to the problem here a more hopeful view than would otherwise perhaps obtain. In the school system just mentioned all the barge routes were provided with covered vehicles in which the children were almost as secure from the weather as in the school rooms.

Aside from the matter of providing these conveyances, transportation here presents no serious question.

On assuming control of the schools, it was our policy to be as conservative as was consistent with progress, and not to handicap future gains by the fire of youth. For this reason no marked changes have been made in the teach-

ing force the present year. Rather than to seem to ask for too much in this and other lines we shall be content to do our best with the means at our disposal.

It was a matter for genuine regret that we could not induce Miss Richardson to remain with us. Her personality and long term of faithful service created a vacancy that will be hard to fill.

There have been no other changes of importance except as noted above.

The University of Maine has undertaken Agricultural extension work all over the State. The means employed is boys' Potato Growing Contests and girls' Canning Contests. One of the faculty gives his whole time to this work. All the resources of the College of Agriculture in the way of bulletins and special help on local problems, are at the command of the contestants.

This work is in no way connected with the schools, but is done in the Summer vacation. Its advantage to the community should be apparent to all. Through the contestants it is planned to reach the whole community with the latest advances in Agricultural research. In spite of the fact that the man in charge of the work has already been here, there has been very little interest shown to date.

Another matter might be mentioned for which there seems to be no immediate remedy. That is provision for organized play in the schools. There was plenty of room, had it been planned for, when erecting the village school to provide some sort of a playroom. Such a place would have paid good returns in keeping the boys off the streets and away from worse places. There is a tremendous amount of energy in the growing boy that must be provided for in some manner. This is better expended in play than in de-

vising schemes to circumvent the teachers or in acquiring the education of the streets.

As a further word in this direction, the State Superintendent has requested the incorporation of the following in the reports of the local Superintendents:

THE NOON INTERMISSION.

Whereas, the noon hour frequently becomes a source of menace to the moral and physical development of school children and is often an occasion for the wanton destruction of school property:

BE IT RESOLVED:

First: that superintendents of schools and superintending school committees when engaging teachers shall make arrangements for them to remain at their schools during the noon hour in all cases where it is required that children shall be away from their homes and at school during that period and when other suitable adult supervision is not available and that recognition of this additional service be made in adjusting the salaries of teachers so employed.

Second: that in all cases where children go to their homes during the dinner hour there be a requirement that they remain away from the school premises until within fifteen minutes of the opening of school.

Third: that parents be urged to pay closer attention to the provision of suitable material for the noon lunch and that teachers be aided in their efforts to make of the noon time school meal an exercise for the teaching of neatness, hygiene and table etiquette.

Fourth: that the recreation periods of the children in all schools should have the personal supervision and oversight of the teacher or other responsible adult.

(Signed) W. H. STURTEVANT,
WM. C. McCUE,
GUY F. WILLIAMS,
Committee on Resolutions.

Summer Conference of Superintendents.

The above speaks for itself.

None of the rural schools have any system of ventilation.

In concluding, allow us to express to yourselves our sincere appreciation for the very pleasant associations of the year, and to the parents, teachers and pupils our thanks for the loyal support that has so largely contributed to what small measure of efficiency we have been able to attain.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. CALLAHAN, Supt.

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.**DR.**

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriated by town, | \$2,000 00 | |
| State mill tax fund, | 1,578 85 | |
| State school fund, | 1,599 64 | |
| From Milton Plantation (due), | 200 00 | |
| Rec'd from Gilead, | 30 00 | |
| Interest, ministerial fund, | 30 00 | |
| Balance from 1913, | 19 76 | |
| | | \$5,458 25 |

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| Paid teachers' salaries | \$3,589 00 | |
| Paid for fuel, | 390 50 | |
| Paid janitors and cleaning, | 318 43 | |
| Paid for transportation, | 984 40 | |
| Paid common school tuitions, | 99 00 | |
| | | \$5,381 33 |
| Balance, | | \$76 92 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

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|----------------------|---------|
| Paid Order No.: | |
| 39 Emily Burke, | \$51 00 |
| 48 Eva Farwell, | 93 50 |
| 50 Marie Swan, | 80 00 |
| 55 Mildred A. Brown, | 93 50 |
| 56 Minnie I. Wilson, | 85 00 |
| 59 G. I. Stearns, | 143 00 |

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|-----|--------------------|--------|
| 60 | Florence M. Cross, | 85 00 |
| 62 | Mary Stanley, | 65 00 |
| 64 | Rena George, | 85 00 |
| 65 | Mildred Chapman, | 85 00 |
| 71 | E. M. Richardson, | 132 00 |
| 74 | G. I. Stearns, | 5 00 |
| 79 | Frances E. Abbott, | 55 00 |
| 81 | Ruth Mason, | 75 00 |
| 101 | G. I. Stearns, | 54 00 |
| 103 | Eva Farwell, | 34 00 |
| 104 | Mildred Brown, | 34 00 |
| 105 | Iona Tibbetts, | 32 00 |
| 113 | G. I. Stearns, | 54 00 |
| 114 | Mildred Brown, | 34 00 |
| 115 | Eva Farwell, | 34 00 |
| 116 | Iona E. Tibbetts, | 34 00 |
| 117 | Iona E. Tibbetts, | 2 00 |
| 120 | Emily Burke, | 66 00 |
| 121 | Marie Swan, | 64 00 |
| 127 | Mildred Chapman, | 35 00 |
| 137 | Alice Kimball, | 82 50 |
| 140 | Florence Cross, | 93 50 |
| 143 | Eva Farwell, | 34 00 |
| 144 | Lula Cummings, | 90 00 |
| 147 | Mildred Eagle, | 96 00 |
| 150 | Florence Cross, | 8 50 |
| 151 | Emily Burke, | 38 00 |
| 153 | Viola Bartlett, | 102 00 |
| 156 | G. I. Stearns, | 54 00 |
| 162 | Mildred Chapman, | 67 50 |
| 164 | Iona E. Tibbetts, | 51 00 |
| 165 | Mildred Brown, | 51 00 |
| 166 | Eva Farwell, | 17 00 |

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| | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 173 | Leona Parlin, | 75 00 |
| 175 | Marie Swan, | 56 00 |
| 183 | G. I. Stearns, | 27 00 |
| 184 | Emily Burke, | 32 00 |
| 185 | Marjory Dobson, | 20 00 |
| 192 | Sylvia Swan, | 15 00 |
| 193 | Mildred Eagle, | 48 00 |
| 195 | G. I. Stearns, | 54 00 |
| 196 | Mildred Brown, | 34 00 |
| 197 | Eva Farwell, | 34 00 |
| 198 | Marjory Dobson, | 36 00 |
| 199 | Rena George, | 90 00 |
| 200 | Leona Parlin, | 30 00 |
| 201 | Marie Swan, | 32 00 |
| 202 | Iona E. Tibbetts, | 72 00 |
| 208 | Eva Farwell, | 8 50 |
| 209 | Emily Burke, | 40 00 |
| 212 | G. I. Stearns, | 81 00 |
| 213 | Mildred Brown, | 51 00 |
| 214 | Eva Farwell, | 51 00 |
| 215 | Marie Swan, | 32 00 |
| 216 | Mildred Chapman, | 76 00 |
| 217 | Leona Parlin, | 45 00 |
| 218 | Emily Burke, | 18 00 |
| 225 | Marjory Dobson, | 84 00 |
| 226 | Sylvia Swan, | 52 50 |

\$3,589 00

TRANSPORTATION AND BOARD.

Paid Order No.:

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|---------|
| 1 | Vear W. Bean, | \$15 00 |
| 2 | B. M. Mundt, | 22 50 |
| 7 | O. S. Grimes, | 18 00 |
| 9 | W. Yeargle, | 15 00 |
| 18 | F. Vetquosky, | 22 50 |
| 25 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 30 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 33 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 35 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 36 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 37 | Vear Bean, | 17 50 |
| 40 | Geo. W. Currier, | 5 00 |
| 42 | Chas. P. Day, | 22 00 |
| 44 | J. S. Bartlett, | 27 00 |
| 45 | Geo. W. Currier, | 15 00 |
| 49 | Geo. W. Knight, | 50 00 |
| 54 | Elvira Holt, | 22 00 |
| 61 | Mary Stanley, | 20 00 |
| 73 | Wesley Wheeler, | 20 00 |
| 75 | Vear W. Bean, | 17 50 |
| 97 | F. Vetquosky, | 25 00 |
| 124 | Chas. P. Day, | 22 00 |
| 141 | E. A. Trask, | 71 00 |
| 142 | F. Vetquosky, | 40 00 |
| 146 | Elvira Holt, | 46 40 |
| 148 | Vear W. Bean, | 42 00 |
| 149 | Geo. W. Knight, | 60 00 |
| 168 | A. B. Richardson, | 8 00 |
| 169 | Elvira Holt, | 8 00 |
| 172 | C. A. Capen, | 70 00 |

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| | | |
|-----|------------------|-------|
| 180 | Ellen Kimball, | 4 00 |
| 182 | Wesley Wheeler, | 26 00 |
| 203 | S. L. Mason, | 35 00 |
| 221 | E. A. Trask, | 60 00 |
| 222 | F. Vetquosky, | 40 00 |
| 223 | Geo. W. Knight, | 50 00 |
| 224 | W. W. Goodridge, | 15 00 |
| 227 | Vear W. Bean, | 28 00 |

 \$984 40
FUEL.

No. of Order:

| | | |
|-----|---------------------|--------|
| 4 | R. C. Moore, | \$1 00 |
| 5 | M. W. Hastings, | 18 00 |
| 6 | G. J. Hapgood, | 6 00 |
| 8 | S. R. Merrill, | 22 50 |
| 10 | T. B. Burke, | 97 50 |
| 13 | Willis Bartlett, | 1 00 |
| 15 | T. W. Tyler, | 2 00 |
| 26 | Norman Sanborn, | 18 00 |
| 29 | H. M. Osgood, | 3 50 |
| 41 | F. L. Douglass, | 10 00 |
| 46 | Harry L. Powers, | 2 00 |
| 68 | Willis Bartlett, | 2 50 |
| 69 | F. E. Stearns, | 5 00 |
| 82 | C. D. Purrington, | 1 00 |
| 88 | Chas. Heath, | 10 50 |
| 109 | Fred Gordon, | 1 50 |
| 122 | E. L. Tebbetts Co., | 1 25 |
| 123 | P. Gaudet, | 3 00 |
| 161 | Lyman Wheeler, | 7 25 |

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| 163 | C. D. Purrington, | 11 00 |
| 171 | C. E. Jackson, | 11 00 |
| 179 | W. R. Chapman, | 6 00 |
| 181 | F. E. Stevens, | 5 00 |
| 210 | T. B. Burke, | 144 00 |

\$390 50

JANITORS AND CLEANING.

No. of Order:

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|--------|
| 12 | Willis Bartlett, | \$4 50 |
| 31 | Frank Spinney, | 1 00 |
| 47 | Cleo King, | 2 50 |
| 52 | H. C. Andrews, | 50 00 |
| 57 | Minnie I. Wilson, | 1 25 |
| 66 | Edna Brown, | 2 00 |
| 67 | Willis Bartlett, | 3 00 |
| 70 | Edna Brown, | 3 00 |
| 76 | Rex Rolfe, | 3 00 |
| 78 | Everett Luxton, | 2 50 |
| 80 | Ruth Ethridge, | 2 50 |
| 87 | Mrs. Chas. Heath, | 15 88 |
| 91 | J. D. Uhlman, | 6 00 |
| 93 | Mrs. J. D. Uhlman, | 6 00 |
| 94 | J. H. Howe, | 2 00 |
| 131 | Mrs. C. M. Jones, | 6 00 |
| 138 | Alice Kimball, | 5 75 |
| 145 | Everett Luxton, | 3 00 |
| 152 | Clayson Pike, | 5 00 |
| 154 | Viola Bartlett, | 6 00 |
| 155 | Florence Cross, | 3 00 |
| 159 | Philip Brown, | 1 25 |

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|-----|-----------------|-------|----------|
| 160 | Philip Brown, | 3 75 | |
| 170 | Edna Brown, | 2 50 | |
| 174 | Lillian Buck, | 2 50 | |
| 176 | Marie Swan, | 4 65 | |
| 178 | F. R. Flint, | 20 00 | |
| 204 | Everett Luxton, | 1 50 | |
| 205 | F. R. Flint, | 30 00 | |
| 206 | Philip Brown, | 4 00 | |
| 51 | Marie Swan, | 2 50 | |
| 126 | F. R. Flint, | 66 00 | |
| 219 | F. R. Flint, | 42 00 | |
| 220 | F. R. Flint, | 4 00 | |
| | | | \$318 43 |

TUITIONS, COMMON SCHOOL.

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| No. of Order: | | | |
| 186 | Town of Greenwood, | \$75 00 | |
| 188 | Town of Woodstock, | 24 00 | |
| | | | \$99 00 |

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

| | | | |
|----------------|--|----------|----------|
| DR. | | | |
| Appropriation, | | \$200 00 | |
| Balance, 1913, | | 39 64 | |
| | | | \$239 64 |
| Overdrawn, | | | \$34 46 |
| | | | \$274 10 |

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Orders drawn, \$274 10

REPAIRS.

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|-----|-------------------------|---------|
| 11 | H. H. Hastings, | \$46 50 |
| 16 | J. H. Swan, | 3 82 |
| 17 | F. B. Howe, | 7 75 |
| 27 | Norman Sanborn, | 5 00 |
| 53 | H. C. Andrews, | 65 |
| 63 | F. A. Smith, | 2 00 |
| 72 | H. A. Packard, | 15 00 |
| 77 | A. Van Den Kerckhoven, | 35 |
| 83 | F. E. Mersereau, | 2 26 |
| 84 | H. H. Hastings, | 10 16 |
| 90 | F. B. Howe, | 63 80 |
| 92 | C. C. Weymouth, | 13 65 |
| 111 | E. A. Smith, | 19 30 |
| 119 | F. B. Merrill, | 8 30 |
| 125 | Wood & Bishop Co., | 3 10 |
| 128 | N. F. Brown, | 11 48 |
| 130 | Milwaukee Brush Co., | 3 50 |
| 132 | F. E. Hanscom, | 8 25 |
| 134 | Loring, Short & Harmon, | 18 95 |
| 139 | Hastings Bros., | 21 08 |
| 158 | J. H. Swan, | 3 20 |
| 194 | S. L. Mason, | 6 00 |

\$274 10

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

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| Balance from 1913, | \$ 10 | |
| Appropriated, | 300 00 | |
| | | \$300 10 |

No. of Order:

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|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 3 | I. L. Carver, | \$1 75 |
| 13 | Ginn & Co., | 1 72 |
| 19 | F. J. Goddard, | 80 |
| 20 | F. J. Goddard, | 85 |
| 21 | F. J. Goddard, | 55 |
| 22 | Frost & Adams, | 60 |
| 23 | | 1 52 |
| 24 | C. L. Davis, | 74 |
| 28 | Silver, Burdett & Co., | 17 40 |
| 32 | F. H. Goddard, | 60 |
| 34 | Chas. K. Reed, | 5 00 |
| 38 | Milton, Bradley Co., | 15 07 |
| 43 | F. J. Goddard, | 60 |
| 58 | F. J. Goddard, | 60 |
| 86 | F. B. Merrill, | 3 00 |
| 96 | C. L. Davis, | 3 27 |
| 98 | J. L. Hammet, | 24 60 |
| 100 | A. L. Morgan, | 75 |
| 102 | W. E. Bosserman, | 10 70 |
| 106 | Educ. Pub. Co., | 27 11 |
| 107 | D. H. Knowlton, | 21 70 |
| 108 | A. L. Morgan, | 1 00 |
| 110 | Edw. King, | 17 80 |
| 129 | E. F. Callahan, | 2 39 |
| 133 | Milton, Bradley Co., | 49 88 |

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|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 135 | E. E. Babb & Co., | 57 60 |
| 136 | Scott, Foresman Co., | 2 46 |
| 157 | A. S. Barnes, | 23 27 |
| 167 | J. L. Hammett Co., | 1 35 |
| 177 | E. F. Callahan, | 1 00 |
| 189 | Educ. Press Co., | 10 06 |
| 190 | A. L. Morgan, | 60 |
| 112 | C. L. Davis, | 5 84 |
| 211 | Ginn & Co., | 78 40 |

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| Orders drawn, | <u>\$390 58</u> |
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| Overdrawn, | <u>\$90 48</u> |
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This overdraft is the result of a mistake. I took it for granted that \$400 had been raised for this account.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

DR.

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| Balance from 1913, | \$476 25 |
| Rec'd from State, | 500 00 |
| Appropriated by town, | 1,000 00 |

\$1,976 25

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| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | \$486 00 |
| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | 40 00 |
| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | 470 00 |
| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | 36 00 |
| Paid Yarmouth H. S., | 10 00 |

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| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | 430 00 | |
| Paid F. E. Hanscom, | 430 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,902 00 |
| Balance, | | <hr/> \$74 25 |

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

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| | DR. | | |
| Appropriation, | | 00 | |
| | CR. | | |
| No. of Order: | | | |
| 85 | | \$50 00 | |
| 118 | | 50 00 | |
| 191 | | 16 67 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$116 67 |

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To Fred B. Merrill, a citizen of the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Odeon Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 2nd, 1914, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To see what discount will be made on all taxes paid before a certain date, and fix that date.
- Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid at a certain date and fix that date.
- Art. 9. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To establish the number of Road Commissioners to be appointed by the selectmen.

Art. 12. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.

Art. 13. To choose one member of the School Committee.

Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repairing of schoolhouses.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purchase of text-books for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuitions in secondary schools.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. 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.

Art. 21. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$666.00 for the improvement of the section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the state high-

way commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the sewer system.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of section 9 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to pay for the Collector's bond for the year 1914.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to rebuild or repair the sidewalk on the west side of Main Street in Bethel Village.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the extermination of the brown tail moth.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to repair the bridge across the Androscoggin river.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to remove cherry trees and worthless apple trees from the highway limits as required by law.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of its books during the ensuing year, for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good useage of the books.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of covering the sand in the road between Hanover ferry and the Greenwood town line.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to extend the bank wall opposite the property of J. W. Martin on Elm Street and raise money to pay for the same.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey the lot of land on Church Street, formerly owned by Asa L. Young, now held by the town under a tax deed, to Asa L. Young upon the payment of \$33.45, being the taxes, interest and charges.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to post the warrants for meeting instead of publishing in the Citizen.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to maintain for the ensuing year schools at Swan's Hill and Middle Intervale.

And any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, A. D. 1914.

FRED F. BEAN,
M. L. THURSTON,
C. E. BARKER,

Selectmen of Bethel.

The selectmen will be in their office Saturday, February 28th, 1914, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.