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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BETHEL

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING FEB. 1,
1915.

FRED B. MERRILL, Printer, Bethel, Maine.

MAR 2 1915

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 COMMISSIONERS,
H. M. FARWELL, W. D. MILLS, GEO. H. SWAN.

COLLECTOR,
N. F. BROWN.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
E. F. CALLAHAN.

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

AUDITOR,
W. W. HASTINGS.

TOWN AGENT,
A. E. HERRICK,

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Annual Report, 1914

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, 1914,

Value of real estate, resident owners, \$711,175

Value of real estate, non-resident owners, 73,885

Total valuation of real estate,	\$785,060
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Value of personal estate, resident owners,

\$207,849

Value of personal estate, non-resident owners,

4,555

Total valuation of personal estate,	\$212,404
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Grand total of property,	\$997,464
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Rate of taxation, \$22.00 per thousand dollars.

Poll tax rate, \$2.00.

Number of polls taxed, 522.

Number of polls not taxed, 71.

Percentage paid Tax Collector, .01 on the dollar.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$4,611 19
County tax,	1,412 51
Support of schools,	2,300 00
To purchase text-books,	450 00
Repair schoolhouses,	300 00
Tuition in secondary schools,	1,000 00
Highways and bridges,	5,000 00
Permanent improvement of highway,	666 00
Support of poor,	500 00
Town officers' salaries,	1,200 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	800 00
To pay on town debt and interest,	320 00
For Memorial Day observance,	25 00
For collector's bond,	12 50
For extermination of brown-tail moth,	300 00
To Bethel Library for free use of books,	300 00
For State aid highway maintenance,	150 00
For sidewalk,	1,000 00
For repair of Toll Bridge,	1,000 00
To remove cherry and worthless apple trees,	200 00
To cover sand at East Bethel,	600 00
To extend bank wall at J. W. Martin's,	75 00
To purchase Ferry House,	300 00
Overlay in assessing,	465 96
Supplementary tax,	40 45

\$23,028 61

**EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT TO BOARD OF
STATE ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1914.****LIVE STOCK.**

	No.	Average Value.
Horses,	633	\$96 36
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	20	82 75
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	23	68 04
Colts, under 2 years old,	26	31 51
Cows,	596	25 24
Oxen,	29	64 65
Three-year-olds,	138	19 73
Two-year-olds,	240	15 12
One-year-olds,	197	10 22
Sheep,	408	3 34
Swine,	108	10 14

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,	42,900 00
Logs and lumber,	8,100 00
Wood and bark,	980 00
Carriages,	650 00
Automobiles,	23,700 00
Musical instruments,	10,035 00
Finished products in mills,	400 00
Machinery,	4,450 00
Furniture,	3,200 00

ABATEMENTS.**TAXES OF 1909.**

I. W. Judkins,	\$2 00	
Clarence Thurlow,	2 00	
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		\$4 00

TAXES OF 1911.

John Bennett,	\$2 00	
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TAXES OF 1912.

John Bennett,	\$2 00	
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TAXES OF 1913.

Edwin H. York, error,	\$4 75	
Evans Kilgore, paid in Newry,	4 85	
Ralph King, paid in Greenwood,	2 00	
George E. King, Jr., paid in Bangor,	2 00	
S. N. Hart, not found,	2 00	
Wm. A. Emery, paid in Waterford,	2 00	
Willie Desroche,	2 00	
Ernest Demerritt, paid in Rangeley,	2 00	
Joseph Eikel, paid in New Hampshire,	2 00	
James S. Bartlett, unable to pay,	2 48	
Merrill Billings, not found,	2 00	
W. A. Bragg, paid in Errol,	2 00	
Mary G. Chapman, error,	48	
Phebe Corson, poor,	1 90	
Frank Cousins, deceased,	2 00	
Hector Chesson, paid in Albany,	3 90	
John A. Chapman,	2 00	
Alden Mason,	2 00	
H. M. Osgood,	2 95	
W. Swinermier, not found,	2 00	
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		\$47 31

Report of Overseers of Poor

Appraisal of Town Farm and Property, Feb. 1, 1914,	\$2,957 85
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TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Appraisal Feb. 1, 1915,	\$2,957 85	
Due from C. E. Burgess,	76 20	
Balance in favor of farm,		\$3,034 05
		\$76 20

POOR NOT ON FARM.

W. G. CAPEN.

No.			
107	R. R. Tibbetts, medical attendance,	\$9 00	
105	E. A. Trask, board,	78 00	
267	E. A. Trask, board,	78 43	
286	W. E. Bosserman, medicine,	8 40	
			\$173 83

PHILIP WHEELER.

113	F. L. Howe, board,	\$39 00	
19	F. L. Howe, board,	39 00	
135	F. L. Howe, board,	39 00	
186	F. L. Howe, board,	27 00	
			\$144 00

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CATHERINE AND KATHELINE GROVER.

132	W. W. Hastings, rent,	\$52 02	
252	T. B. Goodwin, wood,	13 00	
289	W. W. Hastings, rent,	52 02	
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			\$117 04

JOHN B. MURPHY.

128	H. P. Dennison, provisions,	2 83	
132	C. E. Barker, wood,	9 50	
160	A. L. Grover, wood,	4 50	
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			\$16 83

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

CHARLES THURLOW.

110	I. H. Wight, med. attend.,	\$20 00	
	Paid by town of Raymond,		\$20 00

LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

142	C. L. Davis, care tramps to Mar. 28,	\$33 50	
112	E. A. Smith, mattress,	3 00	
181	C. L. Davis, care of tramps to Oct. 17,	31 25	
182	C. L. Davis, for cleaning lockup,	5 00	
277	C. L. Davis, care of tramps to Jan. 16,	24 00	
254	T. B. Goodwin, wood,	13 00	
284	N. F. Brown,	2 75	
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			\$112 50

TOTAL EXPENSE OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Balance from Town Farm,	76 20	
Unexpended, 1913,	55 07	
	<hr/>	\$631 27
Paid for poor not on farm,		\$564 20
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Unexpended,		\$67 07

Selectmen's Report

SEWER SYSTEM.

No.		
206	W. E. Littlehale,	\$1 00
208	E. H. Smith,	17 70
209	Phil Smith,	10 00
210	Scott Robertson,	7 00
211	Earl Cummings,	10 00
212	Chas. Coburn,	8 00
8	Bethel Water Co., pipe,	4 90
99	F. E. Gordon,	1 50
145	E. H. Smith,	2 50
234	T. H. Durell,	24 50
235	D. T. Durell,	4 00
239	Woodbury & Purington,	3 10
246	W. W. Hastings,	9 56
271	A. C. Frost,	3 15

\$106 91

Paid from Miscellaneous Account.

SIDEWALK.

Appropriation, \$1,000 00

No.		
187	E. H. Smith,	\$6 75
188	A. R. Brown,	6 00
189	Phil Smith,	4 00
190	A. L. Smith,	5 00
199	L. R. Brown,	15 50
213	W. Clark,	15 00

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217	F. L. Douglass,	31 50
218	Arthur Douglass,	1 00
222	H. P. Merrill,	3 00
223	Harry King,	27 00
229	H. M. Farwell,	28 75
237	L. R. Brown,	1 00
241	H. Vashaw,	8 40
260	H. M. Farwell,	7 87
261	S. D. Tilton,	974 48

\$1,135 25

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By paid by abutters,	\$9 62		
By due from abutters,	19 74	\$29 36	\$1,105 89
Overdrawn,			\$105 89

BROWN-TAIL MOTH ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Unexpended 1913,	49 35	
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		\$349 35

No.		
111	L. J. Johnson,	\$8 00
114	L. J. Johnson,	8 00
124	L. J. Johnson,	4 00
127	Frank Purdy,	7 50
237	Philip Chapman,	2 70
139	L. J. Johnson,	14 00
144	H. A. Packard,	16 00
145	L. J. Johnson,	8 00
151	L. J. Johnson,	7 00
152	H. A. Packard,	21 50
157	L. J. Johnson,	9 40
158	Norman Jodrey,	9 40
158	Seth L. Mason,	7 00
161	H. A. Packard,	15 00

165	L. J. Johnson,	11 00
166	Chas. Martin,	8 00
172	L. J. Johnson,	6 00
188	Seth L. Mason,	5 00
189	H. A. Packard,	17 00
201	H. A. Packard,	4 00
263	F. F. Bean, post cards,	3 50
281	N. F. Brown, pickers,	6 00

Unexpended,

\$198 00
\$151 35

TO REMOVE WILD CHERRY AND SCRUB APPLE TREES.

Appropriation,
No.

\$200 00

93	N. W. Etheridge,	\$75 00
169	N. W. Etheridge,	16 00

Unexpended,

\$91 00
\$109 00

BETHEL LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Received from State for 1912,	20 00
Received from State for 1913,	20 00

No.

\$340 00

167	Agnes Straw, treasurer,	\$70 00
160	Agnes Straw, treasurer,	150 00
257	Agnes Straw, treasurer,	120 00

\$340 00

G. A. R.

Appropriation, No.	\$25 00
160 A. S. Chapman, Q. M. Brown Post,	\$25 00

COLLECTOR'S BOND.

Appropriation,	\$12 50
H. H. Hastings,	\$12 50

TO PAY ON TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$320 00
Paid for coupons,	340 00
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Overdrawn,	\$20 00

TO PURCHASE FERRY HOUSE.

Appropriation, No.	\$300 00
195 W. C. Chapman,	\$300 00

TO EXTEND WALL OPPOSITE J. W. MARTIN'S.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Expended by H. M. Farwell,	54 26
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Unexpended,	\$20 74

TOLL BRIDGE.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Expended,	\$1,429 56
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Overdrawn,	\$429 56

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Unexpended, 1913,	370 92	
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Expended by G. L. Thurston,	\$ 976 59	
Expended by H. M. Farwell,	2,016 56	
Expended by G. H. Swan,	1,140 58	
Expended by W. D. Mills,	1,310 24	
	<hr/>	\$5,443 97

STATE AID ROAD.

Appropriation,	\$666 00	
Apportioned by State,	612 72	
	<hr/>	\$1,278 72
Joint fund,		\$1,278 72
Expended by H. M. Farwell,		\$1,238 88
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Unexpended,		\$39 84

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Apportioned by State,	184 09	
	<hr/>	\$334 09
Joint fund,		\$334 09
Expended by H. M. Farwell,		\$242 75
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Unexpended,		\$91 34
Town's portion of unexpended fund,	\$28 37	
State's portion of unexpended fund,	62 97	
	<hr/>	\$91 34
Available for 1915,		\$91 34

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$2,300 00	
School and mill tax,	1,586 67	
Common school fund,	1,604 13	
Tuition from Milton,	200 00	
Tuition from Gilead,	36 00	
Tuition from Mason,	4 20	
Ministerial and school fund,	30 00	
		\$5,761 00
Superintendent's orders cancelled,		\$5,856 23

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$450 00
Superintendent's orders cancelled,	\$444 20

REPAIRS.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Superintendent's orders cancelled,	\$433 67

TUITION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Due from State,	500 00	
		\$1,500 00
Superintendent's orders cancelled,		\$1,474 00
For full report see Superintendent's report.		

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND.

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

There are in my hands notes secured		
by mortgages on real estate,	\$1,600 00	
Deposit in Bethel Savings Bank,	344 30	
		\$1,944 30

Amounts paid as follows:

Town of Bethel,	\$30 00
M. E. Society,	16 00
Universalist,	16 00
Congregationalist,	16 00
Baptist,	10 00
Union,	10 00

\$98 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. U. PURINGTON, Treasurer.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID FOR 1913.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Coverdrawn 1913,	324 12

\$875 88

No.		
115	D. G. Lovejoy, Town Clerk,	\$35 00
116	H. H. Hastings, Supervisor,	40 00
117	N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00
118	G. L. Thurston, Road Com.,	225 00
119	W. W. Hastings, Auditor,	6 00
120	J. U. Purington, Treas. M. & S. Fund,	6 00
121	C. M. Kimball, Health Officer,	3 00
122	E. C. Park, Health Officer,	5 00
123	I. H. Wight, Health Officer,	10 00
124	F. F. Bean, Selectman,	202 50
125	M. L. Thurston, Selectman,	79 00
130	C. E. Barker, Selectman,	79 25
288	A. E. Herrick, Agent,	15 00

\$755 75

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID, 1914.

H. M. Farwell, Road Com.,	\$248 25	
Geo. H. Swan, Road Com.,	216 60	
Wm. D. Mills, Road Com.,	189 84	
E. C. Vandenkerckhoven, Coll.,	32 98	
E. F. Callahan, Supervisor,	183 33	
H A. Packard, Dog Constable,	6 00	
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		\$877 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS DUE.

F. F. Bean, Selectman,	\$195 00	
M. L. Thurston, Selectman,	112 00	
C. E. Barker, Selectman,	79 00	
N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00	
D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk,	35 00	
H. M. Farwell, Road Com.,	4 50	
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	
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		\$520 50

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$800 00
No.		
108	G. W. Mason, sheep killed,	\$18 00
122	F. B. Merrill, printing,	72 00
136	Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	14 65
140	F. I. Bean, gravel pit,	10 00
146	C. F. Shaw, water tub,	2 00

158	W. C. Curtis, reporting statistics,	2 75
164	Bethel Savings Bank, rent,	60 00
199	B. F. Fickett, reporting statistics,	1 75
94	Bethel Water Co., water service,	75 00
156	H. E. Bartlett, water service,	5 00
163	F. B. Merrill, printing,	9 00
228	G. W. Mason, water service,	5 00
233	A. F. Chapman, ballot clerk,	4 00
234	T. H. Durell, labor on booths,	5 50
253	E. A. Barker, ballot clerk,	4 00
278	W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer,	2 16
280	Bethel Water Co., service,	75 00
284	C. K. Fox, ballot clerk,	4 00
285	R. B. Thurston, ballot clerk,	4 00
286	H. H. Hastings, water service,	5 00
293	D. G. Lovejoy, reporting statistics,	18 00
310	E. J. Stearns,	5 00
322	C. E. Barker, cash expense,	2 25
323	F. F. Bean, cash expense,	6 80
	Account of sewer,	106 91

\$517 77

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent,	\$8,000 00
Interest to February 1st,	26 67
Town officers' bills due,	520 50
Estimated outstanding bills,	50 00
Estimated abatements,	75 00
Outstanding orders,	302 44

\$8,974 61

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$5,329 70
Tax deeds owned by town,	141 49
Due from N. E. Richardson, Coll.,	151 67
Due from F. B. Howe, Coll.,	172 13
Due from N. F. Brown, Coll.,	450 91
Due from State, acct. State road,	100 00
Due from State, acct. sheep killed,	18 00
Due from C. E. Burgess,	76 20
Due from sewer connections,	50 00
Due from sidewalk, abutters,	44 74
Value of town farm and property,	2,957 85
Investment in corn shop,	2,500 00
Investment in pest house,	300 00
Investment in lockup,	500 00
Road machines and tools,	200 00
Ferry House at West Bethel,	300 00
Due from State, tuition,	500 00
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	\$13,792 69

Bethel, Me., Feb. 10, 1915.

Accounts examined and found correct.

W. W. HASTINGS, Auditor.

Report of Treasurer

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 10, 1914,	\$5,516 45
from C. E. Burgess, part of rent of town farm,	50 00
from town of Raymond, acct. of Charles Thurlow,	30 00
from town of Mason, tuition,	4 20
from H. N. Bragdon, moving picture license,	5 00
from Asa L. Young, acct. of tax deed,	33 45
from F. F. Bean, moving picture license,	5 00
from R. T. Sloan, damage done at school-house,	50
from D. G. Lovejoy, dog tax for 1914,	139 00
from Auctioneer's license,	3 00
from Chapman Bank,	60 00
from H. F. Webb Co., rent of corn shop,	125 00
from Sylvester B. Estes, tax deed,	9 10
from D. G. Lovejoy, acct. of sidewalk,	6 42
from W. R. Chapman, acct. of sidewalk,	3 20
from I. L. Carver, acct. T. W. Vashaw tax deed,	13 18
from Bethel Mfg. Co., tax deed,	154 28
from town of Milton, tuition,	200 00
from town of Gilead, tuition,	36 00
from J. A. Twaddle, acct. of Ella M. Bean tax deed,	10 25
from E. F. Callahan, ashes and books sold,	4 45
from tax deeds owned by town,	141 49
from interest on deposits,	57 25
from State Treasurer, 1913 dog tax re-funded,	99 15

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from State Treasurer, acct. of free high school,	500 00
from State Treasurer, acct. of library,	20 00
State Treasurer, acct. of pensions,	255 00
from State Treasurer, acct. railroad and telegraph tax,	70 87
from State Treasurer, acct. of school fund and mill tax,	\$1,586 67
from State Treasurer, acct. common school fund,	\$1,604 13
from State Treasurer, acct. of registration of automobiles,	25 00
from State Treasurer, acct. improvement of State roads,	38 43
from connection with sewer,	80 00
from E. C. Vandenkerckhoven, Coll.,	3,298 00
from F. B. Howe, Coll.,	400 00
from N. E. Richardson, Coll.,	50 00
from N. F. Brown, Coll.,	19,279 49
from J. U. Purington, treas. of ministerial and school fund,	30 00
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	\$33,943 96

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Paid State tax,	\$4,611 19
State Treasurer, for State highways,	666 00
State Treasurer, 1914 dog tax,	139 00
State Treasurer, 1914 pensions,	255 00
State Treasurer, acct. of highway repairs,	121 38
tax in Newry,	3 12
Bethel National Bank, acct. of transfer from Chapman National Bank,	60 00
County tax,	1,412 51
cancelled orders,	20,793 85
Bethel Mfg. Co.,	2 00
stamps,	3 00
N. F. Brown, for tax deeds,	65 72
tax deeds owned by the town,	141 49

coupons,	340 00
Cash on hand,	5,329 70
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	\$33,943 96

Bethel, Me., Feb. 10, 1915.

Accounts examined and found correct,

W. W. HASTINGS, Auditor.

Report of Road Commissioners

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY G. L. THURSTON.

No.		
123	True Brown,	\$ 5 50
225	F. L. Douglass,	36 00
226	F. J. Tibbetts,	3 38
229	E. F. Cushman,	2 00
131	Geo. Luxton,	9 00
133	J. H. Carter,	23 00
134	Bennett Brothers,	8 60
135	H. P. Merrill,	75
138	John F. Coolidge,	1 00
141	E. A. Trask,	26 65
143	Whitfield Swicker,	14 75
147	Herrick Brothers,	5 96
148	C. M. Kimball,	3 25
149	O. B. Farwell,	2 00
150	G. K. Hastings,	3 75
153	Z. W. Bartlett,	25 86
154	G. H. Swan,	18 00
155	Evander Whitman,	3 00
156	Alfred Hobbs,	2 33
159	A. E. Tyler,	16 75
161	M. F. Tyler,	18 51
162	R. B. Thurston,	18 00
163	C. L. Davis,	30 00
168	H. M. Farwell,	35 98
169	G. S. Magill,	6 30
171	True Eames,	5 40
173	A. W. Bean,	5 20
4	F. C. Bean,	4 05

5	L. C. Stevens,	4 50
16	A. G. Douglass,	2 80
17	E. E. Chase,	4 90
33	B. F. Hutchins,	6 50
63	O. A. Buck,	7 20
64	H. L. Powers,	3 33
97	E. E. Chase,	8 00
107	V. W. Bean,	7 20
110	Guy Bartlett,	3 00
118	C. W. Godwin,	7 40
122	R. B. Thurston,	18 00
128	G. J. Hapgood,	12 50
154	V. P. Adamson,	6 30
158	C. F. Abbott,	4 65
159	R. R. Mayberry,	4 75
185	W. L. Farwell,	5 30
192	F. C. Verrill,	5 20
194	L. E. Cole,	3 26
221	A. R. Merrill,	8 30
226	G. W. Mason,	3 40
248	W. H. Hutchinson,	9 63
249	G. B. Mills,	9 50
259	N. A. Stearns,	2 40
Part of 263	F. F. Bean,	5 00
264	C. G. Blake,	3 00
265	E. J. Stearns,	15 40
282	E. I. Estes,	3 22
172	D. C. Estes,	6 70
175	Walter Brinck,	2 50
98	C. M. Kimball,	5 00
177	J. C. Anderson,	6 38
	Clyde Whitman,	10 00
	W. E. Coolidge,	6 25
291	Phil Barker,	15 00
292	A. B. Grover,	12 60
163	E. P. Grover,	11 25
146	H. B. Lowell,	6 00
144	G. H. Swan,	17 54
155	Hastings,	25 10
151	W. D. Mills,	55 67

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143	C. A. Tyler,	8 07
149	E. P. Grover,	9 00
140	Fred C. Verrill,	6 50
145	Clyde Whitman,	14 55
158	H. F. Maxim,	18 05
157	M. F. Tyler,	19 98
159	I. H. Wilson,	11 00
162	W. D. Mills,	13 60
177	H. O. Blake,	16 42
176	Samuel Mayconnell,	12 15
173	Fred J. Tibbetts,	4 62
160	Elliott Rich,	2 00
172	F. L. Osgood,	8 52
171	H. P. Merrill,	4 00
165	C. H. Reed,	16 00
170	F. W. Tyler,	18 00
167	F. L. Chapman,	14 45
161	C. A. Tyler,	9 00
168	True A. Eames,	15 00
164	Samuel Mayconnell,	9 90
166	F. Vetquosky,	45 18
169	F. E. Wheeler,	11 00

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HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY H. M. FARWELL.

No.		
170	W. Clark,	\$12 00
190	W. Clark,	9 00
195	L. Brown,	18 00
196	Asa Smith,	14 00
197	F. Williamson,	12 00
198	Milan Chapin,	38 25
198	W. Clark,	12 00
203	H. Williamson,	8 75
204	F. Williamson,	12 00
205	Milan Chapin,	21 37
207	Earl Cummings,	1 00

213	John Coolidge,	16 00
229	F. L. Douglass,	33 78
230	H. P. Merrill,	2 00
333	W. Clark,	12 00
340	John Coolidge,	5 20
1	Levi Brown,	12 00
2	Levi Brown,	8 00
3	Asa Smith,	24 00
6	H. Williamson,	8 75
7	H. Hutchins,	27 12
9	W. Clark,	20 00
10	Milan Chapin,	38 25
11	Levi Brown,	10 00
12	F. Williamson,	18 00
13	Martin Lydon,	17 00
14	John Coolidge,	8 75
15	W. G. Emery,	36 00
18	H. Williamson,	5 25
21	G. L. Thurston & Son,	21 93
23	Martin Lydon,	56 50
24	H. Hutchins,	10 50
25	H. Williamson,	10 50
26	F. Williamson,	12 00
27	Milan Chapin,	22 50
28	L. Brown,	12 00
29	John Coolidge,	7 00
30	W. Clark,	12 00
31	F. L. Douglass,	55 00
56	H. Williamson,	10 50
57	F. Williamson,	12 00
58	L. Brown,	12 00
59	A. Smith,	17 00
60	W. Clark,	10 00
61	H. Hutchins,	8 75
62	H. M. Farwell,	50 00
83	John Coolidge,	10 50
84	John Coolidge,	3 50
85	L. Brown,	6 00

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86	W. Clark,	4 00
87	H. Williamson,	1 75
88	F. Williamson,	6 00
89	A. Jones,	8 00
90	Asa Smith,	6 00
91	Milan Chapin,	37 50
98	H. A. Sweeney,	4 00
119	I. S. Morrill & Son, plank,	119 27
121	New England Road Machinery Co.,	8 50
123	Martin Lydon,	14 00
124	H. P. Merrill,	9 00
125	L. Brown,	24 00
126	John Coolidge,	9 65
127	W. Clark,	9 00
129	E. York,	9 00
130	L. A. York,	4 36
131	L. Brown,	7 00
134	H. P. Merrill,	5 00
136	F. L. Douglass,	69 37
146	Elliott Rich,	6 00
149	L. Brown,	12 00
150	Arthur Douglass,	9 00
151	H. P. Merrill,	11 00
162	H. M. Farwell,	100 00
170	John Coolidge,	14 00
183	Phil Smith,	1 00
184	H. Vashaw, gravel,	13 00
199	L. Brown,	5 00
200	H. P. Merrill,	26 00
202	W. Clark,	22 00
203	L. Brown,	28 00
216	I. S. Morrill & Son, plank,	12 54
217	F. L. Douglass,	24 75
218	Arthur Douglass,	7 00
222	H. P. Merrill,	1 50
232	A. S. Chapman,	20 25
236	L. Brown,	6 00
237	F. L. Edwards, plank,	93 12

240	Merrill, Springer Co., sawing,	9 56
241	H. Vashaw, gravel,	1 00
242	A. F. Copeland,	54 00
252	E. A. Barker,	2 25
269	G. L. Thurston & Son,	33 20
270	H. M. Farwell,	51 70
271	A. C. Frost,	26 80
273	Milan Chapin,	2 25
274	R. B. Thurston,	18 00
276	Milan Chapin,	6 75
278	Woodbury & Purington,	6 30
281	N. F. Brown,	23 61
291	Phil Barker,	20 00
297	A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge,	3 30
305	True Eames,	11 70
306	M. L. Thurston,	2 25
307	H. M. Farwell,	59 98
308	Bethel Inn,	13 50
309	E. R. Bartlett,	1 60
310	Geo. Hapgood,	6 00
311	W. G. Emery,	9 00
205	Burger Mfg. Co., pipe,	86 40

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By due from J. P. Skillings for culvert pipe,	\$20 80
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STATE AID HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,	\$666 00
Apportioned by State,	612 72

Joint fund,		\$1,278 72
W. Clark,	\$31 50	
M. Lydon,	21 00	
L. R. Brown,	29 00	

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M. Chapin,	57 90
F. Williamson,	22 50
Asa Smith,	26 00
John Coolidge,	29 00
F. L. Douglass,	50 25
A. F. Copeland,	45 75
A. Jones,	26 50
H. M. Farwell,	82 25
H. Vashaw,	35 75
W. Blake,	36 00
H. King,	31 05
E. York,	35 10
B. Burbank,	35 10
Bert Sanborn,	36 90
E. Barker,	36 90
Ernest Cross,	2 00
M. L. Thurston,	78 30
Ray Cummings,	15 32
Ed Cross,	18 82
H. P. Merrill,	20 50
J. Vashaw,	16 50
C. H. Powers,	19 50
R. B. Thurston,	64 80
J. S. Bartlett,	30 60
H. Hutchins,	12 68
H. Williamson,	11 37
C. Farwell,	12 00
H. Sweeney,	27 00
Joe Sweeney,	12 50
Ray Cummings,	15 32
W. G. Emery,	21 60
H. Vashaw,	42 72
Woodbury & Purington,	22 50
P. M. Barker,	2 50
Burger Mfg. Co.,	120 80
F L. Edwards,	3 10

\$1,238 88

Unexpended,

\$39 84

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Apportioned by the State,	184 09	
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Joint fund,		\$334 09
E. Cross,	\$7 50	
A. Copeland,	9 00	
F. L. Douglass,	9 00	
E. Barker,	6 75	
H. M. Farwell,	18 25	
W. Clark,	4 00	
L. R. Brown,	5 00	
John Coolidge,	5 25	
H. P. Merrill,	4 00	
Milan Chapin,	4 50	
H. M. Farwell,	26 25	
L. R. Brown,	10 00	
H. P. Merrill,	11 00	
W. Clark,	11 00	
Arthur Douglass,	8 00	
F. L. Douglass,	15 75	
E. Cross,	2 00	
J. Coolidge,	2 00	
H. M. Farwell,	33 00	
L. R. Brown,	12 00	
W. Clark,	11 00	
F. L. Douglass,	13 50	
H. M. Farwell,	8 00	
L. R. Brown,	4 00	
W. Clark,	2 00	
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		\$242 75
Unexpended,		\$91 34

TOLL BRIDGE.

Appropriation, \$1,000 00

No.

120	I. S. Morrill & Son, plank,	\$200 00
124	H. P. Merrill,	5 00
125	L. R. Brown,	7 00
126	John Coolidge,	8 72
127	W. Clark,	10 00
131	L. R. Brown,	5 00
133	W. Clark,	12 00
134	H. P. Merrill,	7 00
150	Arthur Douglass,	10 00
152	W. Clark,	12 00
153	John Coolidge,	2 62
190	Asa Smith,	1 00
193	Herbert Swan,	12 50
198	Herbert Swan,	5 00
199	L. R. Brown,	3 00
212	W. E. Bartlett,	17 50
213	W. Clark,	5 00
214	I. S. Morrill & Son, plank,	89 67
219	G. T. R. R. Co., freight,	4 73
222	H. P. Merrill,	13 00
223	Harry King,	2 25
229	H. M. Farwell,	74 25
262	Penn Metal Co.,	800 00
267	G. L. Thurston & Son,	1 20
281	N. F. Brown,	19 85
313	Penn Metal Co.,	101 27

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TO EXTEND WALL AT J. W. MARTIN'S.

Appropriation, \$75 00

No.

187	E. H. Smith,	\$13 84
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213	W. Clark,	2 00
199	L. R. Brown,	4 50
229	H. M. Farwell,	14 62
267	G. L. Thurston & Son,	4 20
278	Woodbury & Purington, cement,	3 85
190	A. L. Smith,	11 25

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Unexpended,

\$20 74

HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY W. D. MILLS.

No.		
191	Walter Blake,	\$11 25
192	Jesse Estes,	14 00
193	Clyde Walker,	14 00
194	G. M. Richardson,	14 00
200	M. E. Grover,	6 12
202	Evander Whitman,	22 75
215	Geo. Richardson,	14 00
216	Clyde Walker,	21 00
217	Jesse Estes,	21 00
218	Sewall Walker,	10 50
219	Wm. Hutchinson,	1 75
220	E. P. Philbrook,	1 75
221	E. L. Mason,	6 00
222	L. A. Sumner,	3 50
223	G. W. Mason,	3 50
224	H. B. Lowell,	91 75
225	Fred Tyler,	66 50
226	F. L. Ordway, dynamite,	26 50
227	Lewis Britton,	6 00
228	True Brown,	10 75
22	T. W. Vashaw,	42 85
32	Jesse Estes,	8 75
51	F. Tyler,	49 50
52	Sewall Walker,	3 50
53	Geo. Richardson,	9 62

54	Clyde Walker,	12	25
55	A. B. Tyler,	1	65
75	T. W. Vashaw,	41	65
77	G. D. Morrill,	11	25
78	Jesse Estes,	8	75
79	Clyde Walker,	8	75
80	F. W. Tyler,	22	50
82	Geo. Richardson,	8	75
92	Geo. Richardson,	9	62
108	W. D. Mills,	17	45
161	Berlin Mills Co., lumber,	71	82
164	E. B. Mason,	3	50
165	L. McAllister,	1	75
166	G. B. Mills,	3	60
167	Good Roads Machinery Co.,	18	43
168	North East Metal Culvert Co.,	61	20
171	John Mathewson,	2	00
172	Sewall Walker,	12	00
173	True Brown,	2	25
174	Chas. Valentine,	16	00
175	W. C. Bennett,	20	00
176	Dennis Vashaw,	8	00
177	Ernest Madden,	20	00
178	Jack Vashaw,	20	00
179	T. W. Vashaw,	26	00
227	Seth L. Mason,	9	00
228	G. W. Mason,	13	50
230	Woodbury & Purington, cement,	4	05
231	Fred Tyler,	9	00
238	F. A. Gibson, ferryman,	100	00
255	F. L. Edwards, plank,	79	22
255	M. F. Tyler,	9	20
281	N. F. Brown,	15	46
283	M. F. Tyler,	16	00
292	A. B. Grover,	1	60
205	Burger Mfg. Co.,	42	20
310	E. J. Stearns,	5	00
315	Joseph Mather,	20	25
316	Geo. Luxton,	24	75

317	F. Tyler,	22 50
318	W. D. Mills,	23 50
319	M. F. Tyler,	4 00

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HIGHWAY MONEY EXPENDED BY GEO. H. SWAN.

No.		
174	Samuel Mayconnell,	\$4 50
175	Z. W. Bartlett,	6 50
176	Guy Bartlett,	10 25
178	John Currier,	6 00
179	W. C. Blake,	4 50
181	Walter Brinck,	5 00
182	John Howe,	1 00
183	Benj. Hutchins,	2 00
184	Freeborn Bean,	2 00
186	H. O. Blake,	20 00
331	John Howe,	10 00
334	C. H. Reed,	35 40
335	G. H. Swan,	35 50
336	H. O. Blake,	9 00
337	W. C. Blake,	6 75
338	Dana Harrington,	10 00
339	John Currier,	15 00
34	Russell Swan,	6 00
37	Walter Brinck,	4 00
40	S. D. Harrington,	11 00
42	Ceylon Kimball,	2 00
43	Guy Bartlett,	4 00
46	Samuel Mayconnell,	1 00
47	C. H. Reed,	24 75
44	Albert Swan,	9 00
48	John Currier,	2 00
49	John Howe,	8 00
50	Geo. H. Swan,	13 50
65	John Currier,	8 00

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66	John Howe,	4 00
67	G. K. Hastings, labor and plank,	48 87
68	Geo. H. Swan,	21 00
99	W. C. Blake,	5 00
70	C. H. Reed,	22 50
71	A. Lowe,	8 00
73	H. O. Blake,	15 50
74	W. G. Holt,	10 75
76	G. L. Thurston & Son,	11 55
96	Guy Bartlett,	10 00
100	C. H. Reed,	15 75
101	Walter Brinck,	8 00
102	G. H. Swan,	16 00
103	H. M. Osgood,	6 50
109	Guy Bartlett,	8 00
111	W. C. Blake,	27 00
112	Dana Harrington,	6 00
113	H. O. Blake,	30 00
114	Benj. Hutchins,	4 50
115	A. Lowe,	6 00
116	G. H. Swan,	19 50
137	H. J. Hutchins,	5 00
138	O. A. Buck,	12 66
139	Ernest Buck,	16 23
140	G. H. Swan,	28 75
141	W. C. Blake,	17 95
142	H. O. Blake,	17 90
143	Guy Bartlett,	6 00
144	W. E. Burnell,	2 20
147	John Howe,	12 00
148	Robert Farwell,	6 00
155	Fred C. Bean,	22 25
157	Francis Bean,	8 00
180	Geo. S. Magill,	10 00
191	F. C. Verrill,	29 25
200	C. H. Reed,	9 00
204	F. C. Bean,	2 00
206	G. H. Swan,	24 80

207	Guy Bartlett,	13 67
208	W. C. Blake,	28 45
209	H. O. Blake,	31 30
210	W. E. Coolidge,	4 00
220	A. R. Merrill,	3 50
224	Samuel Mayconnell,	4 00
225	Ceylon Kimball,	12 00
243	Virgil P. Adamson,	6 00
244	D. C. Estes,	10 20
245	E. I. Estes,	3 30
247	E. F. Cushman,	50
250	W. A. Swan,	5 00
256	A. B. Bryant,	9 00
257	Eugene Rayford,	4 00
266	E. W. Penley, plank,	9 27
268	E. A. Trask,	4 00
272	Albert Swan,	3 50
275	Porter Farwell,	30 00
281	N. F. Brown,	2 25
294	G. H. Swan,	11 30
295	Porter Farwell,	10 50
296	Dana Harrington,	3 00
298	H. E. Bartlett,	2 25
299	Judson Bartlett,	2 00
300	O. H. Blake,	24 50
301	W. C. Blake,	18 00
302	G. K. Hastings,	9 53
303	C. M. Kimball,	4 50
304	John Howe,	1 50
205	Burger Mfg. Co., pipe,	43 20
312	V. W. Bean,	15 30

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TO COVER SAND AT EAST BETHEL.

Appropriation,

\$600 00

No.		
174	Samuel Mayconnell,	\$15 75
175	Z. W. Bartlett,	26 67
176	Guy Bartlett,	7 00
177	L. E. Cole,	5 00
178	John Currier,	2 00
179	W. C. Blake,	15 75
180	Porter Farwell,	15 75
181	Walter Brinck,	7 00
182	John Howe,	7 00
183	Benj. Hutchins,	7 00
184	Freeborn Bean,	7 00
185	Geo. K. Hastings,	9 00
186	H. O. Blake,	12 75
20	John Currier,	11 00
35	A. Lowe,	4 00
36	Judson Bartlett,	12 00
37	Walter Brinck,	16 00
38	W. G. Holt,	50 00
39	O. P. Brown, gravel,	17 00
40	S. D. Harrington,	13 00
41	W. E. Coolidge,	43 00
42	Ceylon Kimball,	14 00
43	Guy Bartlett,	16 00
44	Albert Swan,	1 00
45	Freeborn Bean,	22 00
46	Samuel Mayconnell,	22 50
47	C. H. Reed,	29 20
48	John Currier,	8 00
49	John Howe,	14 00
50	Geo. H. Swan,	36 00
65	John Currier,	4 00
68	G. H. Swan,	6 75
69	W. C. Blake,	10 50
70	C. H. Reed,	4 50
71	A. Lowe,	4 00
72	Judson Bartlett,	4 00
73	H. O. Blake,	14 50
74	W. G. Holt,	29 75

96	Guy Bartlett,	3 00
101	Walter Brinck,	4 00
102	S. D. Harrington,	2 00
117	Samuel Mayconnell,	9 00
204	F. C. Bean,	2 00
225	Ceylon Kimball,	4 00

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UNPAID TAXES.

TAXES OF 1910.

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

TAXES OF 1911.

E. M. Carter,	\$22 00
Joel Estes,	2 00
John Hodgkins,	3 50
James Hall,	1 50
Thomas Pool,	3 06
Clarence Thurlow,	2 00
Fred Taylor,	2 00

TAXES OF 1912.

Nelson M. Bartlett,	\$2 00
Everett Billings,	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
Jos. Eikel,	2 00
Geo. E. King, Jr.,	2 00
Chas. Lydon,	2 00
J. W. Lapham,	2 00
Lucian McAllister,	2 95
John McLane,	2 00
Joel L. Merrill,	2 95
John Noyes,	2 00
Fred Taylor,	2 00

H. M. Osgood,	3 43
Archie Pool,	2 00
E. A. Putnam,	2 00
Geo. M. Rolfe,	2 00
Guy Smith,	5 33
Joseph I. Spofford,	2 00
Alfred Tripp,	2 00
Thomas F. Vail,	2 00
Leroy E. Vail,	2 00
Dennis Vashaw,	2 00
Thomas W. Vashaw,	8 74

TAXES OF 1913.

Armand, John,	\$2 00
Arsenault, Philip,	2 00
Arsenault, Joseph,	2 00
Bennett, G. M.,	2 00
Bennett, G. H.,	2 00
Berry, Clarence H.,	2 00
Chapman, Percy A.,	7 23
Cummings, Leslie,	2 00
Cummings, Sherman,	2 00
Douglass, W. J.,	2 00
Dorey, Linsey,	2 00
French, E. S.,	2 00
Harrington, George,	2 00
King, Frank C.,	2 00
Kittridge, Harry,	2 00
Lapham, Edward,	2 00
Lapham, J. W.,	2 00
Mathewson, John,	2 00
McLane, John,	2 00
Murray, C. E.,	2 95
Osgood, George E.,	3 82
Perkins, Luther,	2 00
Rolfe, George M.,	3 43
Reed, Chas. F.,	2 00
Raimey, Leon,	2 00
Raimey, C. E.,	2 00

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Stearns, Adelmar J.,	3 99
Spinney, Geo. E.,	2 00
Smith, Homer,	2 00
Spofford, Joseph I.,	2 00
Taylor, Percy,	2 00
Vail, Leroy E.,	2 00
White, Harris,	2 00
Melcher, Pettengill & McGregor,	2 38

UNPAID TAXES OF 1914.

Arsenault, Philip,	\$2 00
Bartlett, Nelson M.,	2 00
Bartlett, L. U.,	24 95
Bell, Edwin J.,	2 00
Billings, Frank C.,	2 00
Boyce, James,	2 55
Bennett, Geo. H.,	2 00
Brooks, Geo. E.,	3 65
Bicknell, Victor,	2 00
Chase, L. Robert,	2 00
Currier, John,	3 65
Dudley, Norman C.,	6 40
Foster, Mrs. Albert,	2 20
Grover, Webster B.,	2 00
Gaudet, Augustus,	2 00
Gaudet, George,	2 00
Gallant, John,	2 00
Garber, Arthur,	2 00
Herrick, Arthur E.,	2 00
Holt, John L.,	6 07
Hobbs, Alfred,	6 95
Johnson, F. F.,	2 00
Kimball, D. M.,	2 00
Littlehale, R. F.,	2 55
Littlehale, L. J.,	2 00

Lapham, J. W.,	2 00
Lowe, Alister,	2 55
Mason, Seth L.,	9 92
Mason, Glen R.,	2 00
Mayconnell, Samuel,	3 24
Merrill, Clifford E.,	2 00
Murray, C. E.,	2 00
McAllister, Lucian J.,	3 10
McLane, John,	2 00
Mossman, Maurice,	2 00
Proctor, Frank L.,	2 00
Perry, Paul,	2 00
Richardson, Geo. M.,	3 10
Reed, Chas. H.,	13 00
Smith, Chas.,	2 00
Tenney, C. E.,	2 00
Taylor, Percy,	2 00
Verrill, Fred C.,	12 34
Vashaw, T. W.,	81 73
Vetquosky, Chas.,	2 00
Walker, Sewall J.,	3 65
Walker, Clyde S.,	6 40
Walker, Webster E.,	2 00
White, Harris,	2 00
Young, Frank,	2 00
York, Edwin H.,	7 50
V. P. Adamson,	6 60
Blake, D. N.,	21
Cushman, A. G.,	8 92
Dwinal, John E.,	2 00
Farrar, Irwin,	2 00
Grover, Moses,	2 00
Judkins, Clarence,	2 00
King, Ralph,	2 00
Kittridge, Harry,	2 00
Perkins, Henry,	2 00
Plaisted, H. E.,	2 00
Swan, C. L.,	2 00

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Spinney, Geo. E.,	2 00
Stevens, C. E.,	3 10
Thurston, W. D.,	2 00
Waterhouse, Cleve,	2 00
Young, Asa,	8 80
Corson, Mrs. Phebe,	2 20
Dennison, H. P.,	3 30
Little, J. H.,	1 00
King, Amos,	3 10
Wheeler, Wesley,	2 20

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To The S. S. Committee:

I submit for your consideration the following report on the condition and progress of your schools for the past year.

TRANSPORTATION.

At the present moment the most serious school question facing the school authorities and the townspeople is undoubtedly the matter of transportation. In my last year's report the statement was made that the only serious problem involved in this matter was the question of suitable vehicles for the work. I failed to realize what was a far more serious side of the question—the greed of those demanding transportation. I am sorry to see that many people seem to be under the impression that all the money they can get out of a fund raised by a public tax is legitimate revenue.

I am sorry to say that some transportation is sought as a money making scheme. Such a spirit works an injustice to the town and to the children.

During the past year the bill for conveyance has increased by \$400 with no real consolidation to show for it. The question is now beyond the control of the school authorities, and should receive the serious consideration of the voters at the coming town meeting. This increase has disarranged the estimates made last spring to such an extent that, up to February first, we failed by two weeks to maintain the length of school demanded. And, as the school board felt that the question could be most satisfactorily settled by the voters, your committee very properly ordered schools closed rather than face a large deficit.

In the opinion of your superintendent the time has come when we must consolidate schools or refuse all transportation except for purposes of consolidation. Otherwise we face one of the following courses:

1. To refuse all conveyance as has been done in some towns, or,

2. Shorten the school year, or,

3. Raise an increased tax to meet the cost of conveyance.

In order that the voters may have a basis for intelligent discussion, the following table of routes now in operation is submitted:

No. 1. East Bethel, 16 children, \$5 per week.

No. 2. Chas. Capen to Bethel, 8 pupils, \$5 per week.

No. 3. Bird Hill to Locke's Mills, 10 pupils, \$4 per week.

No. 4. Vear Bean to Walker's Mills, 1 child, \$4.

No. 5. Chas. Day's to Gore school in Woodstock, 1 child, \$2.

No. 6. Swan Hill to Middle Intervale, 4 pupils, \$6.

No. 7. Thurston place to Bethel, 4 children, \$5.

No. 8. True Eames place to Bethel, 1 child, \$3.

No. 9. Steam Mill to Bethel (in winter), 11 children, \$5.

No. 10. Tyler place to West Bethel, 6 children, \$2.75.

No. 11. Northwest Bethel (in winter), 9 children, \$5.

No. 12. West Bethel Flat (in winter), 4 pupils, \$5.

In winter route No. 1 has to be divided and two teams employed; one on the road to Locke's, the other on Kimball Hill.

No. 2. Middle Intervale schoolhouse is four miles from Bethel. Between the two points there are 9 pupils. Two and one-half miles beyond there are two more and about the same distance on another road, two more. There are two others in the district proper. The four beyond the school can be carried for \$6 per week. If this route were abandoned and the other children caused to walk to school, the total registration would be six. And the minimum weekly expense not less than \$14. On the other hand, Middle Intervale children can be drawn to Bethel for \$3 more than

the present cost of route No. 2.

The other four children mentioned should be conveyed to East Bethel, but we have not been able to effect this.

Routes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 are the most expensive of all because of the fact that so few children are carried on each. If a minimum distance were adopted for transportation and fixed at two miles, Routes 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 could be abandoned and possibly No. 5.

This at once raises the question as to whether such a course is best. And if advisable in summer is it advisable in winter. Each route presents its own problem, such as small girls, railroad crossings, automobile travelled roads, etc.

I believe that the State Superintendent advises for such cases the adoption of as the minimum two miles for boys and one and one-half for girls. In some States a mileage limit per day is fixed. This allows of transportation one way. Abraham Lincoln walked eight miles to school. We do not wish our children to endure the privations he endured, but the chances are that we are raising no Lincolns in the present generation.

If we refuse all transportation except where schools have been closed, we will cause more people to leave our farms; and this we should seek to prevent. In Vermont most of the farming towns have barely 50 per cent of the population they had in 1850. I should judge the same true in a great measure of all New England. The charge is often made that consolidation drives the farm population to the villages and cities. The fact is that the school house is the last to be abandoned; it follows the children, not the children the school.

That puts the problem up to us as it is; a very thinly populated rural section with widely scattered school children. What shall we do about it? The best solution of the problem is to increase the farm population. But this is a task for slow and patient building. What shall we do now? The only sensible way is for the village and rural voters to discuss the question in a spirit of fairness with a mind open

to the views of the other side. Both sides must remember that the whole town is essentially an agricultural community and must so remain for years to come.

However, the following things can be done at once with no injustice to anyone.

Consolidate at West Bethel the schools at the Flat and Northwest Bethel. To do this it will be necessary to carry the children from the Flat district and to employ two teachers at West Bethel. Next convey North Bethel where the attendance is already less than 7 to Bethel picking up the Mayville children on the way. This route would carry about 15 children part of whom are carried now.

We ought to either get more tuition from Milton or require them to run the school as they do not pay their proportionate part under the present arrangement.

The unthinking element in the community will advise shortening the school year and allowing the conveyance question to remain in statu quo. But reflection will show that this is a step backward, and not in advance. Besides it will not settle the question for the present practice will only tend to increase the cost for this item. It is time for some expression of sentiment on the part of those who pay the bills. The attention given to this question and the annoyances caused by it are excessive and should be reduced to something like their normal proportions.

TEACHERS.

In accordance with the expressed wishes of the town, and so far as possible, Normal trained teachers were employed for the year. I think that the town should adopt the policy of demanding of all new teachers that they have such training or its equivalent. I believe that our teaching force is now as good as that of any town of our size in the county. If we fully appreciated the value of schools, we would realize that every dollar spent here is worth two spent on jails and prisons. The teacher is always the most potent factor in the whole school system, for she builds characters. The motto of every school system should be, "The best teachers available and always the best."

Whenever the teacher fails to come up to our expectations we should remember that she is only human and as apt to mistakes as any other human. And remember, too, please, that under the best conditions hers is a place of self sacrifice which is never fully rewarded in this world, and scarcely ever appreciated till she is gone.

During the past fall and winter terms, several of the teachers have been taking an extension course in Educational Psychology offered by the State Department. These meetings have taken the place of the regular teachers' meetings of last year. The course offered this year is only one of several to be offered later. The object is to help those teachers who cannot attend college. This is only one of the many plans that the colleges are trying in these days in order to serve a wider range of people and to prove to the common people their right to existence.

It would seem that this line of work could be furthered by a healthy parent-teachers' association. Parents have no right to criticise a teacher from the unreliable reports of children. Parents do not visit schools enough. The schools will never reach their highest function till parents take more interest in them. Remember you are always welcome!

GRADING.

At the beginning of the fall term the eight grade system was adopted. This was made easier by the fact that the last year's eighth grade was above the average of the school in development. This made a large exit from the school this year and has caused considerable readjustment of our present classes. However, only the best students in our present eighth grades will be able to cover the work required for graduation, and of the present seventh grades, probably none will be able to complete the work under two years, as they would really grade as sixth grade in the best organized systems. Thirty-six weeks for the school year would appear as the minimum in an eight grade system.

ATTENDANCE.

I believe that attendance during the past year has

been better than in previous years. A table appended will give the averages and form the basis for comparison and checking up in the future. We have been singularly free from epidemics until the beginning of the present winter term, so that we have had no valid reason for non attendance. The present epidemic of whooping cough will lower our average for next year.

SCHOOLHOUSES.

We believe that the heating system at the village school has finally been adjusted so that we shall have no further trouble on that hand. During the past year electric lights were installed in this building. These increase the efficiency and safety of the building a hundred per cent. Lights are a necessity in this building on short winter days on account of the eye strain. They also remove the danger of fire when the building is used at night for school entertainments.

Conditions at East Bethel were such that one teacher could not do effective work. On investigation it appeared that the schoolroom could be divided for about \$100. As an appropriation had already been voted for this purpose and never expended, it did not seem necessary to again call for authority for the change. The result has been most gratifying to the district.

I believe that the expense for the same change at West Bethel would be no greater. The demand is as great, but authority is lacking. If this school were remodeled it would accommodate the two others near it and save one teacher.

If the present system is continued the schools at Northwest Bethel, at North Bethel and at the Flat need whitewashing, and in addition there must be a new underpinning put under the Northwest house.

ESTIMATES.

The furnace at West Bethel must be rejacketed. The jacket itself will cost \$9.75. I should judge that the labor would be \$50. During the past year the conditions here became so bad that it was a question of making a substan-

tial change or of closing the school. Because of this and the work on the furnaces at the village the repairs account is overdrawn this year. So it would seem the best plan to call attention to the necessary repairs and their estimated cost rather than to try to guess their probable cost in a lump sum. We need about \$60 for the village school to complete the work started there. With this amount I believe the present furnaces will do good work and answer all purposes, although at one time it seemed necessary to get new ones. I should estimate that it would cost \$75 to properly repair the Northwest school. A stone mason would, however, be the best judge. \$25 should cover cost of repairs on the other two houses.

Supplies and apparatus has always been purchased under the repairs account, but I would suggest that they be separated in the interest of economy and the amount limited to \$50.

The above estimates with the present year's overdraft would bring the repairs account up to \$250 for next year with \$50 additional for supplies.

For books we need \$350. No serious changes are contemplated, but we are still very short of readers for the Second, Third and Fourth Grades. For one I certainly wish that the free text-book law were repealed, for the usage that some of the books receive make them a repulsive menace to the health of the child using them. It is time that both parents and teachers roused themselves and put a stop to some of this destruction, for it certainly appears most unnecessary.

I am unprepared to make an estimate for common schools until the will and pleasure of the town has been expressed on the questions outlined at the beginning of this report. But if we can come to some agreement limiting transportation to about the figures for last year, or consolidate some of the schools \$2,600 is sufficient. The town meeting should know its own mind in this matter. For High Schools we need \$900.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

During the year we have acquired five good pictures for the graded schools, as follows: "Guardian Angel," Plockorst; "Joan of Arc," Lepage; "Sunflowers," Kaulbach; "The Fighting Temeraire," Turner; and "Christ in the Temple" by Hoffman. The last completely framed was the gift of Mrs. Herrick and is one of two given by her. The other is not yet finished by the framer.

On behalf of the schools and the town, I wish to thank Mrs. Herrick again for the thoughtfulness and public spirit shown by this gift.

The other pictures were the result of the Art Exhibit held last February.

The total available proceeds of the Exhibit were \$26.64. With the commission allowed the total valuation of pictures secured was \$28, and in addition \$2.66 was expended for pictures and study material.

Teachers and parents please remember that the only enduring thing the schools can give your children is character. And in building character we must not forget the love of the beautiful.

The Boys' Potato Growing Contest mentioned last year was started here, but the parents did not seem to realize its value and interest flagged, so that finally none of the boys finished the work. Two of the boys did, however, raise potatoes at the rate of 300 bushels per acre, one of them raising 41 1-2 bushels on one-eighth acre of land. This matter is now under consideration by the Men's Club and we hope that next year may see better results. If we wish to keep the boys on the farms, we must show them while they are young that it is worth while.

In closing I wish to thank your Committee for the pleasant and helpful relation maintained throughout the year; to urge the parents and citizens to visit schools more often; and to urge the voters to consider only the best interests of our town and our children in the consideration and solution of our present crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. CALLAHAN, Supt. of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.**YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914.**

	Term	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Salary	No. Carried to School	No. weeks of school
VILLAGE GRAMMAR.						
G. I. Stearns,	W	34	31	13.50	3	10
G. I. Stearns,	S	37	35	13.50	2	9
E. A. Starrett,	F	36	33	18.00	4	15
GRADES 5 AND 6.						
Mildred Brown,	W	35	30	8.50	6	10
Mildred Brown,	S	32	30	8.50	6	9
Florence Springer, .	F	26	23	12.00	5	15
GRADES 3 AND 4.						
Eva Farwell,	W	21	17	8.50	4	10
Eva Farwell,	S	26	11	8.50	1	9
Blanche Richardson,	F	27	21.5	12.00	2	15
GRADES 1 AND 2.						
Marjory Dobson,	W	35	26	14.00	3	10
Marjory Dobson,	S	38	36	14.00	4	9
Helen Brooks,	F	45	38	16.00	12	15
EAST BETHEL.						
Serena George,	W	28	19	9.00	22	10
Flora Jones,	S	29	23	10.00	16	11
Mary Dresser,	F	20	17.5	13.00	8	15
EAST BETHEL PRIMARY.						
Marjory Dobson,	F	15	12	12.50	6	14
MIDDLE INTERVALE.						
Leona Parlin,	W	3	2	7.50	0	11
Minnie Wilson,	S	7	5	8.50	4	11
Minnie Wilson,	F	5	4	8.50	2	14

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Iona Tibbetts,	W	16	15	9.00	10	8
Iona Tibbetts,	S	16	14	9.00	0	12
Mildred Brown,	F	15	13	9.00	9	15

WEST BETHEL.*

Emily Burke,	W	31	25	9.00	3	11
Emily Burke,	S	29	27.5	9.00	3	11
Emily Burke,	F	38	35	9.00	6	15

SOUTH BETHEL.

Sylvia Swan,	W	14	12	8.50	1	8
Sylvia Swan,	S	19	17	8.50	1	11
Florence Cross,	F	20	17	8.50	2	15

NORTH BETHEL.

Marie Swan,	W	10	8	8.00	0	7
Marie Swan,	S	10	9	8.00	0	11
Alta Smith,	F**	13	8.5	9.00	0	15

PLANTATION SCHOOL.*

Mildred Chapman,	W	***17	14	8.50	0	11
Mildred Chapman,	S	***18	16	8.50	0	10
Emma Lombard,	F		19 15	10.00	0	15

WEST BETHEL FLAT.

Mildred Eagle,	W	12	9	8.00	5	6
M. M. O'Reilley,	S	14	13	8.50	0	13
M. M. O'Reilley,	F	21	20	8.50	0	11

*These are union schools receiving pupils and tuitions from other towns.

**Four of these belong in other districts or have Free High School Certificates.

***Of this number only three in the Winter and Spring terms and five in the Fall term reside in Bethel.

STATISTICS OF TEACHERS.**END OF FALL TERM, 1914.**

Name	Training School	Experience
Ella Starrett*	Farmington	13
Florence Springer***	Farmington	1
Blanche Richardson	Gorham	2
Helen E. Brooks*	Aroostook	7
Marjory Dobson	New York	3
Mary Dresser**	Bridgton Acad.	7
Emma Lombard	Gorham	1
Alta Smith	Farmington	1
Emily Burke***	Gould's Acad.	8
Minnie Wilson	Gould's Acad.	4
Mildred Brown	Gould's Acad.	4
Maud M. O'Reilley	Salem	10
Florence Cross	Gould's Acad.	4

*Has also attended Columbia University Summer School.

**Attended one or more sessions of Gorham Summer School.

***Attended but not a graduate.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.**RECEIPTS.**

Balance from 1913,	\$ 76 92	
From Town of Mason,	4 20	
From Town of Gilead,	36 00	
From Town of Milton,	200 00	
From appropriation,	2,300 00	
From C. S. and Mill Fund,	1,586 67	
From Common School Fund,	1,604 13	
From interest ministerial fund,	30 00	
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		\$5,837 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Teachers' salaries,	\$3,727 80	
Paid for fuel and lights,	410 55	
Paid janitors' services and cleaning,	330 39	
Paid conveyance and board,	1,415 37	
Paid common school tuition,	75 00	
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		\$5,959 11
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Overdrawn,		\$121 19

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

No.		
9	Mildred Chapman,	\$17 00
11	Emily Burke,	9 00
31	Leona Parlin,	7 50
47	Flora Jones,	20 00
53	Marjory Dobson,	28 00
54	Emily Burke,	36 00
61	Methel Packard,	4 00
62	Marie Swan,	24 00
64	Eva Farwell,	25 50
65	G. I. Stearns,	54 00

66	Mildred Brown,	34 00
67	Iona Tibbetts,	36 00
68	Marjory Dobson,	28 00
75	Flora Jones,	40 00
82	Marie Swan,	32 00
83	Eva Farwell,	42 50
85	Marjory Dobson,	74 00
86	Mildred Brown,	42 50
89	Minnie Wilson,	68 00
91	G. I. Stearns,	67 50
92	Flora Jones,	50 00
94	Marie Swan,	24 00
97	Emily Burke,	63 00
100	Sylvia Swan,	94 00
101	Mildred Chapman,	83 30
103	M. I. Wilson,	25 50
105	M. M. O'Reilley,	110 50
110	Iona Tibbetts,	72 00
128	Ella Starrett,	36 00
129	Florence Springer,	24 00
130	Blanche Richardson,	24 00
131	Helen Brooks,	30 00
140	Mary F. Dresser,	52 00
145	Emily Burke,	45 00
146	Marjory Dobson,	50 00
149	Florence Cross,	42 50
153	E. A. Starrett,	72 00
154	F. E. Springer,	48 00
155	H. E. Brooks,	64 00
156	Blanche Richardson,	48 00
157	Emma Lombard,	60 00
159	Mary F. Dresser,	52 00
161	Minnie I. Wilson,	25 00
171	Marjory Dobson,	50 00
172	H. E. Brooks,	64 00
173	F. E. Springer,	48 00
174	Blanche Richardson,	48 00
175	E. A. Starrett,	72 00

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176	Mildred Brown,	90 00
188	M. M. O'Reilley,	93 50
191	Mary F. Dresser,	52 00
192	Marjory Dobson,	50 00
194	Emily Burke,	15 00
195	M. I. Wilson,	94 00
201	Marjory Dobson,	25 00
203	Emma Lombard,	90 00
204	Mildred Brown,	45 00
205	E. A. Starrett,	90 00
206	H. E. Brooks,	80 00
207	F. E. Springer,	60 00
208	B. Richardson,	60 00
209	Emily Burke,	75 00
210	Florence Cross,	85 00
211	Alta Smith,	135 00
215	Emma Lombard,	18 00
231	Mary F. Dresser,	39 00
237	H. E. Brooks,	32 00
238	B. Richardson,	24 00
240	Minnie Wilson,	15 00
241	Mary F. Dresser,	39 00
242	M. Dobson,	37 50
248	E. A. Starrett,	36 00
249	F. E. Springer,	24 00
251	Minnie Wilson,	25 50
252	Mildred Brown,	27 00
253	Alta Smith,	27 00
254	Florence Cross,	25 50
255	Amy T. Forbes,	25 50
259	Emily Burke,	27 00

\$3,727 80

FUEL AND LIGHTS.

No.		
3	Vear W. Bean,	\$18 00
8	P. Gaudet,	3 00
12	Clayson Pike,	1 15
14	Fred Gordon,	3 00
19	A. L. Morgan,	1 39
21	F. L. Chapman,	7 00
25	H. P. Dennison,	36 00
33	H. M. Kendall,	15 00
34	H. E. Walker,	12 00
42	Merrill, Springer Co.,	11 36
44	G. K. Hastings,	30 00
45	Latchford & Bryant,	5 00
51	F. W. Tyler,	4 00
74	H. Chapman,	12 00
78	F. L. Douglass,	18 25
81	H. H. King,	1 00
109	Philip Brown,	1 75
137	E. L. Tebbets Co.,	1 25
148	H. M. Farwell,	4 50
177	Merrill, Springer Co.,	1 20
180	F. L. Edwards,	34 25
189	J. A. Thurston,	13 75
200	N. Kimball,	12 50
222	C. D. Purrington,	4 70
226	H. H. King,	1 50
227	W. R. Chapman,	10 00
236	Lyman Wheeler,	10 00
246	F. E. Stevens,	9 00
247	A. R. Merrill,	31 25
256	F. E. Brooks,	22 50
2	L. Wheeler,	71 25

 \$410 55
FOR JANITOR SERVICE AND CLEANING.

No.		
1	Leslie Estes,	4 50
7	P. Gaudet,	5 00

12	Clayson Pike,	5 00
13	Rena George,	5 00
16	E. A. Smith,	3 50
20	W. D. Mills,	3 00
37	Mrs. F. W. Wyman,	4 50
26	C. Rowe & Son,	1 61
48	Willis Bartlett,	5 00
52	R. E. Day,	7 40
10	Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson,	10 00
70	F. R. Flint,	30 00
59	Winola Millett,	5 00
63	W. C. Bryant,	4 25
87	F. R. Flint,	24 75
98	W. D. Mills,	3 00
99	Emily Burke,	3 00
104	M. I. Wilson,	2 50
108	Herschell Walker,	3 00
109	Philip Brown,	2 75
95	Marie Swan,	2 50
113	Everett Luxton,	3 00
114	Mrs. C. E. Stevens,	6 00
115	L. Littlehale,	10 00
116	J. M. Littlehale,	10 00
120	W. A. Swan,	2 75
121	Othie Reed,	2 75
123	E. F. Haines,	2 95
124	Mrs. W. E. Walker,	5 00
126	Llewellyn Buck,	2 50
127	Othie Reed,	2 75
139	F. Young,	4 00
151	F. R. Flint,	38 00
170	C. L. Leys,	3 98
181	F. R. Flint,	36 00
190	Othie Reed,	4 00
196	M. I. Wilson,	3 50
202	Mrs. J. Brown,	4 00
216	R. Haines,	4 00
217	Cleo King,	3 75
220	Earl Reed,	7 50
221	F. R. Flint,	20 75
228	Philip Brown,	4 75

230	Ernest Burhoe,	3 20
232	W. C. Bryant,	10 00

\$330 39

FOR CONVEYANCE AND BOARD.

No.		
2	Elvira Holt,	\$20 00
4	C. P. Day,	20 00
5	W. E. Coolidge,	45 00
6	F. A. Mundt,	18 00
27	Mrs. B. P. Hutchinson,	30 00
28	A. B. Richardson,	40 00
29	Elvira Holt,	8 00
30	C. A. Capen,	50 00
43	Mrs. J. A. Burris,	22 00
49	S. L. Mason,	4 00
56	A. B. Richardson,	12 00
57	W. W. Goodridge,	10 00
71	Elvira Holt,	42 00
84	C. P. Day,	22 00
90	Elvira Holt,	28 00
92	C. A. Capen,	45 00
106	V. W. Bean,	42 00
111	E. A. Trask,	66 00
112	C. F. Abbott,	50 00
96	G. W. Knight,	60 00
118	F. Vetquosky,	40 00
125	Mrs. A. Burris,	8 00
133	Adrian Grover,	6 75
136	E. R. Ray,	9 00
141	F. A. Goddard,	2 75
152	H. H. King,	39 00
163	A. L. Grover,	26 25
182	F. Vetquosky,	48 00
184	A. M. Brown,	5 12
185	C. P. Day,	20 00
187	H. H. King,	54 00

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212	Geo. Knight,	83 00
213	Chas. Capen,	75 00
214	S. L. Mason,	12 00
218	F. Vetquosky,	8 00
219	M. A. Godwin,	60 00
223	Elliott Rich,	9 00
224	Vear Bean,	45 00
225	A. H. Hutchinson,	12 00
226	H. H. King,	50 00
229	A. L. Grover,	22 50
234	C. F. Abbott,	56 00
235	E. A. Trask,	30 00
243	Edw. Bennett,	18 00
244	Elliott Rich,	6 00
6	H. H. King,	36 00

 \$1,415 37
FOR COMMON SCHOOL TUITION.

No. 250	Town of Greenwood,	\$75 00
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FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance,	\$ 74 25
Appropriation,	1,000 00
From State of Maine,	500 00

 \$1,574 25

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No.		
46	F. E. Hanscom,	\$410 00
150	F. E. Hanscom,	500 00
158	City of Auburn,	10 00
164	F. E. Hanscom,	10 00

239	F. E. Hanscom,	490 00	
245	City of Auburn,	10 00	
260	Town of Woodstock,	44 00	
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			\$1,474 00
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	Balance,		\$100 25

FREE TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

No.

	Overdraft, 1913,	\$90 48
17	E. E. Babb Co.,	11 60
23	C. M. Parker Co.,	11 22
10	Emily Burke,	1 10
32	E. F. Callahan,	78
35	School Specialty Co.,	15 00
36	Milton Bradley Co.,	18 40
38	Benj. H. Sanborn Co.,	38 51
39	American Book Co.,	61 85
40	A. L. Morgan,	1 00
55	Ginn & Co.,	56 14
76	Ginn & Co.,	6 00
77	Silver, Burdett Co.,	14 82
80	Ginn & Co.,	2 47
88	A. L. Morgan,	75
117	L. Kimball,	1 00
119	L. Kimball,	6 00
122	H. H. King,	88
135	F. B. Merrill,	17 55
142	W. E. Bosserman,	4 70
143	Esterbrook Co.,	4 19
147	C. L. Davis,	5 30
160	Silver, Burdett Co.	31 98
166	E. E. Babb Co.,	11 21
167	J. L. Hammett Co.,	20 84
73	Newell White,	3 25

168	J. L. Hammett Co.,	3 28	
34	F. Daus Co.,	5 00	
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			\$444 20
Appropriated,			\$450 00
Received from sale of books,			45
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Balance,			\$6 25

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$300 00	
Sale of ashes,		4 00	
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Resources,			\$304 00
Orders drawn,		\$347 16	
Overdrawn 1913,		34 46	
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			\$381 62
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Overdraft,			\$77 62
No.			
16	E. A. Smith,	\$14 00	
18	Hastings Bros.,	17 84	
41	Kenney Bros. & W.,	50 99	
58	Rand, McNally & Co.,	4 62	
69	J. L. Finney,	126 85	
102	Hastings Bros.,	55	
138	G. T. Ry.,	50	
144	G. L. Thurston,	38 76	
169	Milton Bradley,	19 47	
178	G. L. Thurston,	5 31	
179	C. L. Davis,	1 00	
183	S. L. Mason,	10 00	
193	W. D. Mills,	22 73	
198	Hastings Bros.,	1 90	
256	N. F. Brown,	21 70	
	Overdrawn, 1913,	34 46	

32	E. F. Callahan,	6 37
50	Emily Burke,	4 57

\$381 62

REMODELLING EAST BETHEL SCHOOL.

No.

132	F. B. Howe,	\$41 72
162	Clark & Wilbur,	26 95
165	E. W. A. Rowles Co.,	9 50
186	W. B. Rand,	1 30
197	J. H. Howe,	5 29
233	G. L. Thurston,	1 75

\$86 51

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY ACCOUNT.

Paid Orders:

22	E. F. Callahan,	\$50 00
72	E. F. Callahan,	33 33
79	E. F. Callahan,	10 00
93	E. F. Callahan,	50 00
134	E. F. Callahan,	50 00
199	E. F. Callahan,	50 00

\$243 33

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 1st, 1915, 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 highway 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 1915.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for a sidewalk on High street.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise toward finishing the sidewalk on Broad street.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the extermination of the brown-tail moth.

Art. 33. 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 usage of the books.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.

Art. 35. To see what action the town will take toward arranging for a Good Roads Day to be held this coming summer.

Art. 36. To elect one or more fire wards and establish the pay they shall receive for their services.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as made out by the selectmen, town clerk and treasurer.

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 tenth day of February, A. D. 1915.

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

Selectmen of Bethel.

The selectmen will be in their office Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1915, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.