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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
Town of
VAN BUREN
Maine
for the fiscal year ending
February 21, 1948

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THE COUNCIL
MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Houlton Publishing Company, Houlton, Maine

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

ELECTED

COUNCILLORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND ASSESSORS

	Term Expires
Alphy F. Cyr, Chairman	March, 1949
Maurice Michaud, Secretary	March, 1948
Remie P. Cyr	March, 1949
Donald L. Lapointe	March, 1950
Clifford J. Plourde	March, 1950

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Remie P. Cyr	March, 1948
Vital E. Violette, Chairman	March, 1949
Guy Duperry	March, 1950

TOWN CLERK

Catherine Pelletier	March, 1948
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TREASURER

Yvette Ayotte	Resigned October 1, 1947
Robert C. Violette	Appointed October 1, 1947

APPOINTED

Town Manager	Robert C. Violette
Superintendent of Schools	Edgar Martin
Tax Collector	Town Manager
Agent for Overseers of the Poor	Town Manager
Chief of Police	Joseph Dufek
Assistant Chief of Police	Patrick Bossie
Health Officer	Addis Keegan
Chief of Fire Department	Wilfred Vaillancourt

Sealer of Weights and
Measures
Scalers of Wood

Louis Philip Michaud
Henry Dionne
Joseph A. Plourde
Camille Violette
Edward Tozier
Leon J. Lebel
Homer C. Langlais

Fire Inspector

Constables

Joseph Dufek
Patrick Bossie
Homer Langlais

Galen F. Butler
Adhemar Madore

AUDITOR, Millard Libby—State Department of Audit

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLAR WAS SPENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1948

•1.	Administration	8350.00	.06
2.	Protection	10005.00	.07
3.	Health and Sanitation	3100.00	.025
4.	Highways and Roads	18291.70	.14
5.	Charities	16977.00	.12
6.	Education	49141.07	.38
7.	Miscellaneous Accounts	4350.83	.03
8.	Keegan School	10000.00	.09
9.	1947 State Tax	8808.74	.07
10.	1947 County Tax	1541.78	.015
		130,566.12	100%
	Totals		

ASSESSORS' NOTICE

The Assessors of the Town of Van Buren hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in said Town, that they will be in session at the Town Office in said Town, on the first, second and third day of April, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving lists of the polls and estates taxable in said Town.

All such persons are hereby notified to make and bring to said Assessors, true and perfect lists of their polls and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation which they were possessed of, or which they held as guardian, executor, administrator, trustee or otherwise, on the first day of April, 1948, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same.

If any resident owner, after this notice, does not bring in such lists, he will be barred of his right to make application to the Assessors, or the County Commissioners, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in the town of Van Buren, April 1, 1947, the same being a true copy of our return to the State Assessors:

Real Estate, Resident	\$922,715.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	180,595.00	
Total Real Estate		\$1,103,310.00

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Personal Estate, Resident	\$228,255.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	7,780.00	
Total Personal Estate		236,035.00
Grand Total Amount		\$1,339,345.00
Total Value of Land	\$409,460.00	
Total Value of Buildings	693,850.00	
Total		\$1,103,310.00

**TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND
DOMESTIC FOWL**

	No.	Av. Val.	Total
Horses, Mules and Ponies	100	\$75.00	\$7,830.00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old	1	50.00	50.00
Steers, oxen, bulls over 18 mos.	4	45.00	135.00
Milk Cows	215	35.00	7,555.00
Heifers, over two yrs. old	15	15.00	345.00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.	36	12.00	420.00
Sheep (over 35 in number)	10	5.00	55.00
Swine (over 10 in number)	22	10.00	220.00
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in no.)	865	1.00	865.00
Total Amount			\$17,475.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC FOWL

Cattle, 18 mos. and younger	86	5.00	485.00
Sheep (to the number of 35)	99	5.00	500.00
Swine (to the number of 10)	281	5.00	1,545.00
Domestic Fowl (to the no. of 50)	1974	1.00	1,974.00
			\$4,504.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$128,770.00
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills		575.00
Logs		2,500.00
Gasoline pumps and attachments	30	2,760.00
Musical Instruments	131	5,330.00
Radios	593	14,900.00
Furniture (over \$500. in val.)		1,320.00
Tractors	74	7,350.00
Machinery and Equipment		10,280.00
Other Property		44,775.00
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Amount		\$218,560.00
Am't. Taxable Livestock and Poultry		17,475.00
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Total Amount Personal Property		\$236,035.00

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY PROPERTY

Railroad Property	1	\$ 29,200.00
Water Companies' Property	1	73,500.00
Light & Power Companies' Property	1	155,000.00
Pole Lines, etc.	1	200.00
Saw Mills	2	105,345.00
Property of veterans, blind persons and others exempt by law		340.00
Total Amount of taxes assessed upon real estate and personal estate for current year		\$128,577.12
Amount of taxes assessed on Polls		1,989.00
Number of Polls Taxed, 663		
Number of Polls Not Taxed, 15		
Rate of Taxation, \$96.00 per thousand		

BALANCE SHEET

February 21, 1948

	Dr.	Cr.
Treasurer's Cash Account	\$ 4,275.03	
1947 Taxes, uncollected	5,272.02	
1946 Taxes, uncollected	5.00	
1946 Tax Liens, outstanding	13.50	
Town Owned Properties	396.82	
Accounts Receivable	419.98	
Net Town Debt (Surplus)	21,038.38	
State Paupers, overdraft forward	153.81	
Swimming Pool, overdraft forward	469.76	
Gymnasium, overdraft forward	398.53	
Keegan School, overdraft forward	16,374.69	
Overage Account		\$ 54.63
Summary of Accounts		3,869.18
Keegan School Bond		30,000.00
Fire Inspector, unexpended forward		100.00
Snow Removal Equipment, unexpended forward		1,238.20
State Aid Construction, unexpended forward		1,080.51
State Aid Patrol, unexpended forward		974.70
School Lunches, unexpended forward		1,229.08
Education, unexpended forward		10,271.22
	\$48,817.52	\$48,817.52

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, February 18, 1947 \$ 25,832.54

CASH RECEIPTS

R. C. Violette, Treasurer	64.98
R. C. Violette, Treasurer, overage account	60.03
1947 Taxes	123,282.79
1946 Taxes	2,611.36
1946 Tax Liens	485.38
Tax Acquired Properties	40.00
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes	35,000.00
Dog Tax, remitted to State Treasurer	91.00
For Victualer's Licenses	13.00
From Van Buren Light and Power District	100.00
From Alphy F. Cyr for sale of adding machine	100.00
From Angelo Morneault, for office chair	35.50
From Bicycle Club	63.00
From State of Maine, Bank Stock Tax	91.65
Other sundry receipts, dept. expense	52.01
Rent from Van Buren Light and Power District	458.34
Rent from Van Buren Water District	105.00
Rent from Farm Security Office	260.00
Supplementary Tax	1,976.96
1947 Excise Tax	5,449.97
1948 Excise Tax	5,812.10
From Patrick Bossie, police fees	15.00
From Cyr Plantation, firemen fees	135.00
From Eudore Nadeau, fire dept. supplies	5.75

For upkeep of jail, Van Buren Municipal Court	50.00
For entrance fees, to sewers, and sale of materials	1,015.35
For sale of tar, gravel and road materials	2,480.94
From State of Maine, for roads	1,541.36
Sale of Snow Fence	552.50
For services rendered, snow removal	110.38
From State of Maine, for Third Class Roads	987.80
From State of Maine, poor account	190.25
From private individuals, poor account	203.00
From State of Maine, State Paupers	1,388.98
From Rev. Father Parent, swimming pool	500.00
From C. A. Richards, swimming pool	1,239.00
Rental of Gymnasium to A. F. Cyr	656.00
Sale of materials, gymnasium	115.95
From State of Maine for Library	20.00
From Alphy F. Cyr, refund on school insurance	395.70
From Veterans' Administration, schools	192.40
Tuition from Hamlin Plantation	5,410.61
Tuition from Cyr Plantation	4,189.17
Tuition from Town of Grand Isle	1,409.00
Tuition from private individuals	886.00
From State of Maine, Industrial Education	1,000.00
From State of Maine, State School Fund	29,769.90
From State of Maine, Interest on Trust Funds	58.33
From State of Maine, Equalization Fund	7,552.46

From State of Maine, refund	45.36	
From sale of materials, Keegan School Account	2,116.72	
Refund on compensation	127.87	
From interest and cost on taxes	176.50	
Keegan School Bond	30,041.10	
Cancelled checks, and other refunds	329.21	
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Total received	\$296,893.20	
Disbursements by Warrants	292,618.17	
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On Hand February 21, 1948		\$4,275.03

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1947 Commitment	\$130,566.12	
Transfers	98.89	
Less 1947 Collections	125,392.99	
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Uncollected 1947 Tax Forward		\$5,272.02
1946 Balance Uncollected	\$3,122.94	
Less Collections	3,117.94	
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Uncollected 1946 Forward		\$ 5.00

TAX LIENS

1946 Liens Uncollected	\$498.88	
Less collections	485.38	
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Balance Uncollected Forward		\$ 13.50

UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1947

Non-Resident	R. Estate	Personal	Poll	Total
Gervais, Paul	\$ 28.80			\$ 28.80
Picard, Onesime	10.60			10.60
Resident:				
Ayotte, Patrick E.	75.00			75.00
Beaulieu, Donat M.	44.80			44.80
Berube, Wilfred	812.16	44.16		856.32
Carrier, Peter	40.32			40.32
Paid since books closed	19.76			19.76
Corbin, Mrs. Annie	87.36	33.60		120.96
Cormier, Francis	33.12			33.12
Cote, Felix	24.00	.40		24.40
Cyr, Alexis A.	114.36			114.36
Paid since books closed	6.08			6.08
Cyr, Frank V.		2.40		2.40
Daigle, Jean	28.40			28.40
Derosier, Jos. J.	105.60			105.60
Paid since books closed	149.28			149.28
Desjardins, Frank	89.28	2.40		91.68
Dionne, Yvonne	62.40	5.76		68.16
Dumais, Leon	43.40			43.40
Gagnon, Lawrence R.	26.40			26.40
Gagnon, Heirs of Thomas	18.40			18.40
Paid since books closed	14.30			14.30
Hobart, Mrs. Minnie	372.40			372.40
Hobart, Maurice	186.24			186.24
Jacques, Henry	31.40			31.40
Jacques, Mrs. Sadie	53.12			53.12
Lapointe, Joseph	38.40	2.40		40.80
Lausier, Camille	24.00			24.00
Lebel, Wilfred	20.12			20.12
Paid since books closed	902.88	40.80		943.68
Levasseur, Mrs. Ted	13.00			13.00
Levesque, Arthur	150.24	37.92		188.16

Levesque, Thomas	100.16			100.16
Levesque, Louis C.	180.96	108.00		288.96
Levesque, Rosaire	57.60	2.40		60.00
Lutzuk, John	98.88	44.16	3.00	146.04
Madore, Heirs of Henry	49.92	2.40		52.32
Martin, Ludger	45.20			45.20
Paid since books closed	45.12			45.12
Leclair, Paul	15.52			15.52
Marquis, William	24.96			24.96
Ouellette, Paul	28.80			28.80
Parent, Fred		2.40	3.00	5.40
Parent, Paul L.	57.12			57.12
Paid since books closed	5.76	2.40		8.16
Stewart, Ernest	57.00			57.00
St. Jean, Raoul	21.60	2.40		24.00
St. Pierre, Alcide	14.40			14.40
St. Pierre, Xavier			3.00	3.00
Paid since books closed	4.00			4.00
Paid since books closed	38.40			38.40
Paid since books closed	83.08			83.08
Paid since books closed	94.56	7.68		102.24
Paid since books closed	64.32	7.68	3.00	75.00
Thibodeau, Modeste	15.60			15.60
Tilley, Mrs. Alexandrine	28.48			28.48
Violette, Arcade	28.88			28.88
Violette, Jos. S.	42.72			42.72
Voisine, Aurele	16.20			16.20
Walsh, Ralph	59.04			59.04
Personal Estate:				
Paid since books closed		.36		.36
Paid since books closed		.40		.40
Paid since books closed			3.00	3.00
Paid since books closed			3.00	3.00
Total Outstanding	\$4,903.90	\$350.12	\$18.00	\$5,272.02

Total Commitment	\$130,566.12
Uncollected balance	5,272.02
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Total Collected	\$125,294.10
96% collected	

ABATEMENTS — 1947 TAX

Name and Cause:	Poll Tax	P. P. Tax	Real Estate
Donat Gagnon, Lots, Maple Ave.			\$ 19.20
Levite Madore, Assessed too high			9.60
Mrs. Xavier Tardif, Assessed too high			7.20
Mrs. Blanche Violette, No Poll Tax	3.00		
Mrs. Annie Corbin, No Poll Tax	3.00		
Mrs. Cecile Gagnon, No Poll Tax	3.00		
Mrs. Albenie Labbe, No Poll Tax	3.00		
Abel W. Lajoie, Not here 4/1/47	3.00		
Philip Levesque, Not here 4/1/47	3.00		
Fred Jacques, unable to pay, sickness	3.00		
Mrs. Victoire Doucette, No Radio		2.40	
Ovide Lapointe, No Radio		2.40	
J. H. Doherty, No Radio		2.40	
Maurice Lagasse, No Radio		2.40	
Fred V. Cyr, Tax on cow		3.36	
Adelard Michaud, Personal Property		21.60	
Vital and Methaide Parent, Personal Property			
James Tardif, Not here 4/1/47		10.68	
John Beaulieu, Duplicate Assessment		9.60	
Paul Dubay, Not here 4/1/47	3.00	2.40	
Irene Lang, Duplicate Assessment	3.00	5.76	

Mrs. George Mills, Not here 4/1/47	3.00	2.40	
Mrs. Minnie Hobart, Assessed too high			52.80
Noel Cote, Assessed too high			38.40
Paul L. Parent, Error in Assessment			19.20
Gilbert Peterson, No Personal Property		36.00	
Claude Ayotte, Disabled Veteran	3.00		
Laurier Cyr, No radio		2.40	
Paul F. Cyr, Sick, unable to pay	3.00		
Magloire Deschaines, Not here 4/1/47		2.40	
Fred T. Desjardine, Sold all P. P. in 1943			23.52
Oneil Duplissis, No radio		2.40	
Albert Fongemie, No radio		2.40	
Arthur Grivois, No radio		2.40	
Pierre Roi, No radio		2.40	
Jos. S. Violette, Paid in Hamlin	3.00		
Roland Boucher, Duplicate Assess- ment	3.00	2.40	
John Byram, Paid in Hamlin	3.00	2.40	
Rosaire Sirois, Duplicate Assess- ment		2.40	
Delmont Tilley, Duplicate Assess- ment		2.40	
Charles Ayotte, Duplicate Assess- ment	3.00		
Edmund Desjardins, Lives in Canada	3.00		
Sylvain Violette, Receiving Old Age Pension	3.00		
Total Abatements	\$54.00	\$153.72	\$146.40

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The following detailed account of the revenue and disbursements of your town during the past year, ending February 21 1948, is herewith respectfully submitted.

ALPHY F. CYR,
Chairman

MAURICE MICHAUD,
Secretary

REMIÉ P. CYR,
DONALD L. LAPOINTE,
CLIFFORD J. PLOURDE,
Councillors, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Van Buren.

Dated at Van Buren, Maine, this twenty-first day of February, 1948.

ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation	\$8,250.00
Rents, Light and Power District	458.34
Van Buren Water District	105.00
Farm Security Administration	260.00
Dog Tax	91.00
For victualers' licenses	13.00
From Van Buren Light & Power Dist.	100.00
From Alphy F. Cyr, for adding machine	100.00
From Angelo Morneault for office chair	35.50
From Bicycle Club	63.00
State of Maine, Bank Stock Tax	91.65

Other receipts	52.01	
Transferred from Summary	2,266.50	
Total Available		\$11,886.00

EXPENDED:

Salary of Town Manager	\$3,925.00	
Travel expense, Manager	1,419.08	
Assessors' Fees	750.00	
Salary of Secretary	1,632.10	
Printing Town Report	277.70	
To State of Maine, for audit	235.34	
Bonding Fee for employees	100.00	
Maine Municipal Association	75.00	
International City Mgrs'. Assn.	15.00	
For lights, telephone and water	520.40	
For janitor service	617.00	
For additional clerical help	135.60	
For municipal forms and supplies	493.78	
For bank service charges	67.49	
For all other departmental expense, postage, fuel, supplies, etc.	1,622.51	
Total Expended		\$11,886.00

ELECTION EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$100.00
Expended for election expense	\$28.80	
Transferred to Summary	71.20	
Total expended		\$100.00

OVERLAY

Appropriation		\$2,450.83
Transferred to Summary		\$2,450.83

SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

All supplementary tax collections \$2,010.97

EXPENDED:

For refunds and transfers \$ 117.68

Transferred to Summary 1,893.29

Total expended \$2,010.97

1947 EXCISE TAX

1947 Excise Tax Collections \$5,449.97

EXPENDED:

For Transfers and refunds \$ 293.98

Transferred to Summary 5,155.99

Total \$5,449.97

1948 EXCISE TAX

1948 Excise Tax Collections \$5,812.10

EXPENDED:

For Refunds \$ 14.56

Transferred to Summary 5,797.54

Total \$5,812.10

INCOME AND WITHHOLDING TAX

Deductions from salaries of all
teachers, and municipal employees \$6,217.31

Transferred to Collector of Internal
Revenue \$6,217.31

PROTECTION
POLICE FEES

By Appropriation	\$3,500.00	
From Other Sources	15.00	
Transferred from Summary	214.22	
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Total Available		\$3,729.22
EXPENDED:		
For Police Fees	\$3,498.70	
For Police supplies and expenses	230.52	
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Total Expended		\$3,729.22

FIRE INSPECTOR

By Appropriation		\$300.00
EXPENDED:		
For Fire Inspector Fees	\$200.00	
Brought forward to 1948	100.00	
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Total		\$300.00

FIREMEN FEES

By Appropriation	\$1,800.00	
From other sources	310.50	
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Total Available		\$2,110.50
EXPENDED:		
For Firemen Fees	\$1,454.00	
Transferred to Summary	656.50	
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Total expended		\$2,110.50

 FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES

By Appropriation	\$800.00
From other sources	243.70
Transferred from Summary	748.12

Total Available	\$1,791.82
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EXPENDED:

For gas and oil, truck repairs, firemen uniforms and supplies	\$1,791.82
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HYDRANT RENTAL

By Appropriation	\$2,655.00
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EXPENDED:

To Van Buren Water District for hydrant rental	\$2,655.00
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STREET LIGHTS

By Appropriation	\$100.00
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EXPENDED:

To Van Buren Light & Power District for Street Lighting	\$100.00
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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

By Appropriation	\$600.00
From Van Buren Municipal Court	50.00
Transferred from Summary	850.68

Total Available	\$1,500.68
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EXPENDED:

For upkeep and repairs on all municipally owned buildings	\$1,500.68
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PROPERTY INSURANCE

By Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
Transferred from School Department	1,239.95	
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Total Available		\$1,489.95
EXPENDED:		
For Insurance on school buildings and equipment, and other mu- nicipally owned buildings	\$1,458.76	
Transferred to Summary	31.19	
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Total Expended		\$1,489.95

HEALTH AND SANITATION
VITAL STATISTICS

By Appropriation	\$ 50.00	
Transferred from Summary	141.40	
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Total Available		\$191.40
EXPENDED:		
To Catherine E. Pelletier, Town Clerk	\$ 77.50	
To doctors for reporting births and deaths	113.90	
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Total expended		\$191.40

HEALTH OFFICER FEES

By Appropriation	\$50.00
Expended for Health Officer Fees	\$50.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

By Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
From entrance fees and sale of supplies	1,806.25	
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Total Available		\$4,806.25
EXPENDED:		
For construction and repairs on town sewerage system		\$4,806.25

HIGHWAYS

TOWN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

By Appropriation	\$9,000.00	
From State of Maine	1,541.36	
Transfers from other accounts	2,728.91	
Accounts receivable	141.98	
Transferred from Summary	438.68	
From sale of services and materials	2,480.94	
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Total Available		\$16,331.87
EXPENDED:		
Wages paid to employees	\$7,667.68	
For gas and oil truck repairs and repairs to hose house	2,845.03	
To Murray Machinery Co. for grader	795.85	
To John Watson Co. for culverts and bands	378.16	
From Industrial Enterprises for stone	815.90	
To Soucy and Dubay for cement blocks	334.80	
To Clifford J. Plourde for cement	504.00	

To Rev. Father Blanchet for hardwood	408.00	
To George A. Hall Co. for culverts	333.94	
To State of Maine for tar, and for labor to apply same	839.54	
For all other supplies and materials and labor	1,408.97	
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Total Expended		\$16,331.87

SNOW REMOVAL

By Appropriation	\$7,000.00	
Sale of Snow Fence	552.50	
For services rendered	110.38	
Transferred from Summary	4,163.04	
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Total Available		\$11,825.92

EXPENDED:

For wages paid to employees	\$6,823.30	
For gas and oil, truck and plow repairs	2,870.86	
Paid to Town of Grand Isle for snow removal	600.00	
To Van Buren-Madawaska Corp. for laths for snow fence	692.00	
All other snow removal expense	839.76	
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Total expended		\$11,825.92

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

By Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Carried forward from 1946-47	2,125.00	
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Total Available		\$3,125.00

EXPENDED:

For Snow Removal Equipment	\$1,059.97	
Transfer	826.83	
Brought forward to 1948	1,238.20	
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Total Expended		\$3,125.00

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Brought forward from previous years	\$1,080.51
Brought forward to 1948	\$1,080.51

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

By Appropriation	\$317.00	
From State of Maine	987.80	
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Total Available		\$1,304.80
Expended on Third Class Road Maintenance and Construction		\$1,304.80

STATE AID PATROL

By Appropriation	\$974.70
Brought forward to 1948	974.70

CHARITIES

By Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
From other sources	465.25	
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Total Available		\$5,465.25

EXPENDED:

For the Support of Poor	\$4,679.91	
Amount expended and reimbursed by individuals	147.75	
Transfer to State Pauper Account	142.50	
Board at State Institutions	86.29	
Other expenses of Poor Account	284.40	
Transferred to Summary	124.40	
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Total Expended		\$5,465.25

STATE PAUPERS

From State of Maine	\$1,531.48	
Overdraft forward to 1948	153.81	
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Total		\$1,685.29
Total Expended for the care of State P a u p e r s and reimbursed by State of Maine		\$1,685.29

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

By Appropriation	\$7,500.00	
Transferred from Summary	261.33	
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Total Available		\$7,761.33
Total Expended for all A.D.C. cases		\$7,761.33

STATE NURSE

By Appropriation		\$377.00
Expended for the services of a State Nurse		\$377.00

BOARD AND CARE

By Appropriation	\$4,100.00	
Transferred from Summary	\$1,640.18	
Total Available		\$5,740.18
Total Expended for the board and care of children committed to State of Maine		\$5,740.18

BOARD AT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Transferred from Summary	\$84.00
Expended for Board at State Institutions	\$84.00

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

Brought forward from 1946-1947	\$1,229.08
Brought forward to 1948	\$1,229.08

RECREATION

SWIMMING POOL

Received from Rev. Father Parent	\$ 500.00	
From C. A. Richards	1,239.00	
By transfer	38.38	
Overdraft forward	469.76	
Total Available		\$2,247.14
Expended for the construction and maintenance of a Community Swimming Pool		\$2,247.14

 BASEBALL FIELD

By Appropriation	\$200.00
Expended for maintenance of the Baseball Field	\$200.00

GYMNASIUM

Received from Alphy F. Cyr, rental of gymnasium	\$656.00	
From Other sources	115.95	
Overdraft forward	398.53	
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Total Available		\$1,170.48
Materials and labor for repairing roof of gymnasium		\$1,170.48

PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Appropriation	\$200.00	
From State of Maine	20.00	
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Total Available		\$220.00
Expended for books, and other ex- penses of Library		\$220.00

TOWN BAND

By Appropriation	\$100.00	
Transferred from Summary	100.00	
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Total Available		\$200.00

Paid to Town Band	\$100.00
To American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps	100.00

Total Expended	\$200.00
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EDUCATION

By Appropriation	\$49,141.07
Brought forward from 1946-47	6,687.13
Tuition from Hamlin Plantation	5,410.61
Tuition from Cyr Plantation	4,189.17
Tuition from Town of Grand Isle	1,409.00
Tuition from private individuals	886.00
From State of Maine, Industrial Edu- cation	1,000.00
From State of Maine, State School Fund	38,578.64
From State of Maine, Equalization Fund	17,209.00
From State of Maine, Interest on Trust Funds	58.33
From Alphy F. Cyr, refund on insur- ance	395.70
From Veterans' Administration	192.40
Total Available	\$125,157.05

EXPENDED:

For High School Teachers' Salaries	\$24,990.96
For Common School Teachers' Sal- aries	48,789.97

For Physical Education	2,033.49
For Home Economics	3,003.97
For Conveyance and Transportation	11,894.01
For Janitors' Salaries	6,266.00
For Fuel	5,812.23
For Recreational Equipment (includes some Keegan School Equipment)	3,147.93
For Textbooks	2,100.14
For School Supplies	1,805.01
For School Repairs	510.08
For Water, Lights and Telephone	766.42
For Superintendent's Salary	1,929.00
For Rent and Insurance	1,680.15
For Office Account	156.47
Balance Forward to 1948	10,271.22
Total	\$125,157.05

MAINE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Deductions from Teachers' Salaries	\$1,144.45
Remitted to State of Maine	\$1,144.45

KEEGAN SCHOOL

By Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Brought forward from 1946-1947	7,426.60
From Keegan School Bond	30,041.10
Sale of materials	2,116.72
Overdraft forward	16,374.69
Total Available	\$65,959.11

EXPENDED:

For wages of employees, foreman, carpenters, and others	\$23,064.49	
Paid to N. W. Downing and Son	14,467.49	
Paid to Paul D. Cormier	1,634.16	
Paid to New England Pipe and Supply	1,480.24	
Paid to Leon M. Langlais	2,865.86	
Paid to Eastern Fire Equipment, Inc.	5,092.69	
Paid to Sherman Lumber Company	3,058.96	
Paid to Luke Tardif	1,178.72	
Paid to Gagnon's	3,655.38	
Paid to Van Buren-Madawaska Corp.	1,421.93	
Paid to A. C. Madore, for compensation	1,090.37	
Paid to Aurele Sirois	587.50	
Paid to J. A. Pelletier	520.40	
Paid to Martin Bros.	697.33	
Paid to Canal Bank of Portland, In- terest on Bond	374.83	
Paid to Chas. W. Rice Company	468.91	
To all other smaller firms and busi- nesses	4,299.85	
Total Expended		\$65,959.11

UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS

By Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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By Refund	23.61	
Transferred from Summary	1,067.89	
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Total Available		\$2,091.50
Total Expended for Discounts	\$1,737.38	
Abatements	354.12	
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Total		\$2,091.50

MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT

By Appropriation		\$50.00
Expended for Memorial Day Exercises		\$50.00

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

By Appropriation	\$300.00	
From A. C. Madore, refund	127.87	
Transferred from Summary	735.06	
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Total Available		\$1,162.93
EXPENDED:		
For Workmen's Compensation		\$1,162.93

ADVERTISING MAINE

By Appropriation		\$50.00
Expended for Advertising MAINE		\$50.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transferred from Summary		\$30.66
Expended for School District		\$30.66

INTEREST AND COST

Interest and cost collections on taxes	\$176.50	
Transferred from Summary	544.95	
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Total		\$721.45

EXPENDED:

Attorney's fee for the collection of the Van Buren Lumber Co. tax	\$219.36	
Interest on money borrowed from Bank in anticipation of taxes	435.42	
Other	66.67	
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Total Expended		\$721.45

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

1947 State Tax, by Appropriation	\$8,808.74
Remitted to State Treasurer	\$8,808.74
1947 County Tax, by Appropriation	\$1,541.78
Remitted to County Treasurer	\$1,541.78

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND OVERDRAFTS

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn	Unexpended Forward	Overdraft Forward
Administration:								
Town Manager's Acc't	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00				
Dept. Expense	4,650.00	\$ 566.16	5,216.16	7,482.66		\$ 2,266.50		
Rents		803.34	803.34		\$ 803.34			
Election Expense	100.00		100.00	28.80	71.20			
Overlay	2,450.83		2,450.83		2,450.83			
Supplementary Tax		2,010.97	2,010.97	117.68	1,893.29			
1947 Excise Tax		5,449.97	5,449.97	293.98	5,155.99			
1948 Excise Tax		5,812.10	5,812.10	14.56	5,797.54			
Income & Withholding Tax		6,217.31	6,217.31	6,217.31				
Protection:								
Police Fees	3,500.00	15.00	3,515.00	3,729.22		214.22		
Fire Inspector Fees	300.00		300.00	200.00			\$ 100.00	
Firemen Fees	1,800.00	310.50	2,110.50	1,454.00	656.50			
Fire Dept. Supplies	800.00	243.70	1,043.70	1,791.82		748.12		
Hydrant Rental	2,655.00		2,655.00	2,655.00				
Street Lights	100.00		100.00	100.00				
Property Maintenance	600.00	50.00	650.00	1,500.68		850.68		
Property Insurance	250.00	1,239.95	1,489.95	1,458.76	31.19			
Health & Sanitation:								
Vital Statistics	50.00		50.00	191.40		141.40		
Health Officer Fees	50.00		50.00	50.00				
Sewer Maintenance & Construction	3,000.00	1,806.25	4,806.25	4,634.64	171.61			
Highways:								
Town Roads & Highways	9,000.00	6,893.19	15,893.19	16,331.87		438.68		
Town Roads, equipment		826.83	826.83	826.83				
Snow Removal	7,000.00	662.88	7,662.88	11,825.92	4,163.04			
Snow Removal, equipt.	1,000.00	2,125.00	3,125.00	1,886.80			1,238.20	
State Aid Construction		1,080.51	1,080.51				1,080.51	
3rd Class Maintenance	317.00	987.80	1,304.80	1,304.80				
State Aid Patrol	974.70		974.70				974.70	

Charities:

Support of Poor	5,000.00	465.25	5,465.25	5,340.85	124.40			
State Paupers		1,531.48	1,531.48	1,685.29				\$ 153.81
Aid to Dependent Children	7,500.00		7,500.00	7,761.33		261.33		
State Nurse	377.00		377.00	377.00				
Board and Care	4,100.00		4,100.00	5,740.18		1,640.18		
Board at State Institutions				84.00		84.00		
School Lunches		1,229.08	1,229.08				1,229.08	

Recreation:

Swimming Pool		1,777.38	1,777.38	2,247.14				469.76
Baseball Field	200.00		200.00	200.00				
Gymnasium		771.95	771.95	1,170.48				398.53
Public Library	200.00	20.00	220.00	220.00				
Town Band	100.00		100.00	200.00		100.00		

Education:

All Departments	49,141.07	75,427.88	124,568.95	114,297.73			10,271.22	
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Unclassified Accounts:

Keegan School	10,000.00	39,584.42	49,584.42	65,959.11				16,374.69
Discounts & Abatements	1,000.00	23.61	1,023.61	2,091.50		1,067.89		
Memorial Day Account	50.00		50.00	50.00				
Workmen's Compensation	300.00	127.87	427.87	1,162.93		735.06		
Advertising MAINE	50.00		50.00	50.00				
School District				30.66		30.66		
Interest and Cost		176.50	176.50	721.45		544.95		
1947 State Tax	8,808.74		8,808.74	8,808.74				
1947 County Tax	1,541.78		1,541.78	1,541.78				

	<u>\$130,566.12</u>	<u>\$158,236.88</u>	<u>\$288,803.00</u>	<u>\$287,436.90</u>	<u>\$17,155.89</u>	<u>\$13,286.71</u>	<u>\$14,893.71</u>	<u>\$17,396.79</u>
					13,286.71			

\$ 3,869.18 (net unexpended balance)

SUPPORT OF POOR

1947-1948

Belanger, George	\$ 45.00
Bossie, Patrick	100.00
Cyr, Armand Family	278.76
Cyr, Annette	39.20
Cyr, Paul F.	98.80
Cyr, Jos.	15.00
Doustou, Mrs. J.	12.00
Dumond, Diane	215.00
Dumond, Children of Elizabeth	138.20
Dubay, Claude	9.97
Duperry, Jos. and Laura	295.50
Grivois, Mrs. Henry	100.00
Jacques, Mrs. Fred	224.48
Levasseur, Mrs. Martin	150.00
Lausier, Camille	64.98
Leesha, Nagoeb	114.00
Michaud, Ralph	140.28
Martin, Wilfred	47.82
Morin, Patrick	279.65
Michaud, Richard	9.33
Plourde, Mrs. Severin	575.00
Plourde, Severin	295.00
Pelletier, Children of Vital	38.00
Roi, Jean	35.00
Sirois, Mrs. Zoel	194.75
St. Jean, Raoul	40.00
St. Pierre, Emile	125.00
Sirois, Victorie	40.00
Thibodeau, Mrs. Fred	276.00
Tardif, Jos. E.	263.05
Therriault, George O.	320.00
Thibodeau, Eloi	100.00

Reimbursed by Individuals	147.75	
Transfer to State Pauper Account	142.50	
Board at State Institutions	86.29	
Other	284.40	
Transferred to Summary	124.40	
Total		\$5,465.25

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

TO: The Board Councillors, and the Inhabitants of the
Town of Van Buren:

Last year, 1947, we closed our books February 15th, and this year, 1948, the books were closed as of February 21st.

At the time the books were closed, 96 percent of the total commitment had been collected. I do hope that the outstanding poll and personal property taxes will be collected in full before the annual town meeting. The placing of liens at the proper time will secure the unpaid real estate taxes now due. The 1946 taxes were collected in full except one lien of \$13.50.

I would like to explain briefly why some appropriations are overdrawn.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE

Included in this appropriation you have part of the Town Manager's salary, the secretary's salary, and compensation paid to the Assessors. You also have the auditor's fee and expenses of the printing of the town reports. This leaves a very small amount of money for other expenses such as light, fuel, telephone and all office supplies.

POLICE FEES

There is a small overdraft this year caused by an increase in salaries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The truck donated by the Van Buren Light & Power District has been added to our equipment. The expense to equip this truck so we could use it to our advantage was more than we anticipated. The fixing of the Keegan Fire Station has been an added expense. So we now have two fire trucks in Van Buren proper, and one in Keegan. The town should really be proud of its fire department, the boys are doing a great job and deserve a lot of credit.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

This appropriation shows a serious overdraft. This money was spent to repair and practically rebuild the jail. Part of the expense was paid last year and the balance this year. We now have a good jail, and it comes in handy, now and then.

VITAL STATISTICS

When the secretary did all the Town Clerk's work, the fees collected remained with the town. Now that we have a girl doing just town clerk work, the fees that we are obliged to pay according to law go to her.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

We spent over sixteen thousand dollars on roads and highways in 1947. I believe that most of you will agree with me that our roads are in better condition than they were two or three years ago. Still plenty of room for improve-

ment, but we are getting a little ahead every year and hope that soon we will have really good roads.

SNOW REMOVAL

A very large overdraft. Some of you may wonder why so much money was spent when we had such a small amount of snow. Most of our appropriation was spent last winter, from February 15th and on. We also manufactured and purchased a lot of snow fence this year. From October to May everything in the Highway Department is charged to Snow Removal. Putting up, and taking care of snow fence is quite an expense even this year. The removal of snow on Main Street is also a big item, still it is almost a necessity. The Hose House fuel bill is quite high. This account is hard to control. When it snows, roads must be plowed, as most of you know.

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

You need a new truck, and soon. Equipment now on hand is old and the upkeep is an expensive proposition.

SUPPORT OF POOR

It has been quite a struggle to stay within the appropriation. With so many old people losing their State assistance we will have to spend more for 1948.

SWIMMING POOL

Through the generosity of some of our kind citizens we managed to build a swimming pool. Nothing elaborate, but something to be proud of. A lot of credit is due the Rotary Club of Van Buren for sponsoring such a great undertaking. I spent more money than we collected, but the 1948 appropriation if approved will take care of this overdraft. The children have shown their appreciation by their

attendance. I hope the interest in the pool will continue because our children do need and deserve such a type of recreation.

GYMNASIUM

We still have steel beams on hand, valued at five hundred dollars, sold but not delivered. This will take care of the overdraft.

TOWN BAND

One hundred dollars were paid to the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, and one hundred dollars were paid for the rental of land for the Town Band.

EDUCATION

The members of the Superintending School Committee, and the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edgar Martin, deserve a great deal of credit for staying within their appropriation at a time when everything is so expensive.

KEEGAN SCHOOL

The construction of this school building was strictly under the supervision of the School Committee. I was authorized by them to act as purchasing agent. I did not receive any compensation for traveling back and forth, and the time that I spent on this job was at no extra expense to the town. After all bills are paid, I expect that you will have an overdraft of approximately eighteen thousand dollars. Part of this overdraft is also for equipment, such as desks, chairs, etc.

For the building itself we received eleven thousand dollars insurance. In 1946 and in 1947, we raised and appropriated ten thousand dollars per year. In 1947 we borrowed thirty thousand dollars, at a very low rate of interest, two

percent. Money received amounts to sixty-one thousand dollars, and building and equipment cost about eighty thousand dollars. I have carried this overdraft forward. I recommend that you vote to raise and appropriate the difference between the surplus and total amount of overdraft to take care of this account in full in 1948.

INTEREST AND COST

Reason for such an expenditure is the fee paid an attorney for collecting the 1947 tax of the Van Buren Lumber Co., Inc.

I want to thank the members of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce for their wonderful cooperation. The Board of Directors, under the able leadership of President Fred Murphy, have been a great help to me, and have done a lot to make this community a better community to live in. Keep up the good work, it's a thankless job, it's true, but I am not the only one who greatly appreciates what you are doing.

It has been a privilege, and a pleasure, to work with the able and generous assistance of the Councillors, Alphy F. Cyr, Maurice Michaud, Remie P. Cyr, Donald Lapointe and Clifford Plourde, and the splendid cooperation of Miss Yvette Ayotte and Mrs. Cecile M. Cyr, all of whom have given time and effort, without which no administration can hope for success.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. VIOLETTE,

Town Manager

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of Van Buren:

This report is submitted to you in order to bring to your attention some facts relative to your schools.

The total school enrollment for the Fall Term (1947) shows a decrease of 51 pupils compared with the previous year. The decrease, of course, is explained by the fact that we are not maintaining subprimary classes this year. The elimination of the subprimary does not mean that the schools are less crowded. It was necessary to discontinue the subprimary in order to accommodate all the grades. Every available elementary class room is now being used including the two 'Annex Schools' of Champlain and Sacred Heart. The average elementary class enrollment is 33 plus although we have six grades with an enrollment of over 40. The highest enrollment is 45. At the Boys' High School two basement rooms are now being used for classrooms, despite the fact that the eighth grade is now housed at the Champlain Annex. The Sacred Heart High School Commercial room is not adequate for the number of students. The Home Economics department of Sacred Heart High School has changed its program so that it is now able to offer courses to all Freshmen and Sophomores.

The enrollment for the schools is as follows:

Boys' High School	166	
Sacred Heart High School	188	
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Total High School		354
Champlain School	392	

Keegan School	244
Sacred Heart School	465
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Total Elementary School	1101
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Total	1455

Our conveyance problem has been somewhat increased since last fall by the added transportation of the eighth grade, formerly of Boys' High School, and the seventh grade, formerly of Sacred Heart School, to the Champlain Annex.

The purchase of a new bus to replace the old one has been recommended. A new bus should represent an investment in view of the repairs which will be necessary in order to keep the older bus in safe operating condition.

A rather extensive repair program has been recommended for the Boys' High School. The renovation of the toilet facilities already under consideration by the School Committee was brought to public attention by the local Health Council and by the State of Maine Division of Sanitary Engineers. Pending State Department of Education approval and the raising of the necessary funds, the sanitation facilities of the Boys' High School will be renovated at a cost of about \$3,775.00.

The Boys' High School is in need of many other repairs. Bricks are falling out of the outside walls creating a hazard as well as adding to the cost of ultimate repairs. Attention should be given to the hallways and doors. The crumbling plaster in the hallways should be replaced by wall board. Doors equipped with panic hardware should replace the present doors. The heating system should be inspected and necessary changes or repairs made. Some of these repairs can be accomplished on the recommended budget.

Our textbook situation should be reviewed here. The question most often asked is: Don't the schools ever have enough books? The answer is that the time will probably never come when it will be possible for schools to function efficiently without the purchase of books. Books become worn and have to be discarded. Books must be purchased for new pupils. In addition, books which may still be in usable condition sometimes have to be discarded because they are no longer effective teaching guides due to a change in teaching aims or in teaching procedures. Whenever possible, too, pupils should have at their disposal reference and supplementary books. During the coming year, in addition to replacements, we should complete the purchase of basic textbooks for the Keegan pupils whose books were lost in the fire.

The salaries of teachers and school officials has been one of the most widely discussed topics all over the nation. In Van Buren, salaries have in most cases followed the State of Maine minimum salary law. Average salary for the school year 1947-1948 for secondary teachers is \$1767.79 while the average for elementary teachers is \$1474.40 (includes five permit teachers and one sanction). Averages, of course, do not tell the whole story but they do serve to show that we are far below state averages in the trend of providing adequate remuneration for the teachers. Higher salaries would make it possible for our schools to employ only properly certified teachers. Better salaries would also encourage some of our high school students to enter the teaching profession. The small number of boys and girls now preparing to teach suggests that the teacher shortage will continue for a long time.

Last summer seventeen teachers qualified for the State Subsidy of \$50. for summer school attendance. The number is expected to be at least as large during the coming summer. The large summer school attendance indi-

cates that our teachers will continue to improve professionally if the training is within their reach.

The Superintending School Committee has already approved a recommendation for an audit of the School Department Financial Accounts. From the audit we hope to obtain, in addition to the verification of accounts, suggestions and recommendations for a more efficient system of bookkeeping.

Van Buren, along with the entire nation, is facing a crisis in education. Expenditures for education have increased as have expenditures for other purposes. Adequate support of education is needed if we wish to make improvements and progress. The time has come when we must take stock; we must decide whether we want education for our children and decide, too, what kind of education we want.

May I extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Superintending School Committee for their cooperation.

Cordially yours,

EDGAR MARTIN, Superintendent

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1947-1948

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths

Jan. 19, Laurent Roy, 78 yrs., 9 mos., 3 days.

Jan. 27, Joseph Levesque, 74 yrs., 1 mo., 27 days.

Feb. 20, Paula Corbeille, 7 hrs.

Feb 23, Marie Lebel, Stillbirth.

Feb. 27, Baby St. Pierre, 2 hrs.

- Feb. 29, Baby Deveau, Stillbirth.
March 3, Flavie Gagnon, 46 yrs., 10 mos., 15 days.
March 3, Louis Lapointe, Unknown.
April 16, George Belanger, 65 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days.
April 18, Emma Cormier, 60 yrs., 2 mos., 6 days.
April 18, Martin Levasseur, 55 yrs., 4 mos., 18 days.
April 23, Joseph A. Michaud, 55 yrs., 11 mos., 23 days
April 23, Isaac Joseph Cote, 79 yrs., 8 mos., 28 days.
April 24, Baby O'Connell, Stillbirth.
May 2, Cecil Levasseur, 7 days, 6 hrs.
May 15, Gertrude Gauthier, 35 yrs., 4 mos., 8 days.
May 19, Patrick Ouellette, 48 yrs., 7 mos., 16 days.
May 22, Leon Violette, 42 yrs.
May 23, Euphemie V. Pelletier, 55 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days.
May 27, Modest O. Bourgoïn, 54 yrs., 7 mos., 27 days.
May 29, Marie May Gagnon, 5 days.
June 14, Rene Joseph Lajoie, 33 days, 3 mos., 20 days.
June 22, Magloire LeClair, 79 yrs., 1 mo., 3 days.
June 26, Annie M. Gagne, 66 yrs., 1 mo., 19 days.
July 6, Baby Viel, 25 minutes.
July 7, Claude Frank, 12 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days.
July 7, Myra Eva Gagnon, 2 yrs., 2 days.
July 8, Robert Desjardin, 2 yrs., 2 mos.
July 24, Jeannine Thibodeau, 18 hrs.
Aug. 7, Elise Levesque, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 2 days.
Aug. 10, Levite S. Dubay, 54 yrs., 11 mos., 2 days.
Aug. 24, Vital A. Ouellette, 87 yrs., 4 mos., 16 days.
Aug. 28, Sylvia L. True, 4 yrs., 7 mos., 28 days.
Sept. 12, Baby Masse, Stillbirth.
Sept. 12, Napoleon Violette, 88 yrs., 9 mos., 28 days.
Sept. 13, Rudolph Levesque, 3 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days.
Sept. 16, Marie Sylvia Albert, Stillbirth.
Sept. 16, Barthelemie Daigle, 69 yrs., 6 mos., 17 days.

Sept. 17, Baby Roy, 10 hrs.
Sept. 30, Nelson Rossignol, 15 yrs., 4 mos., 26 days.
Oct. 6, Mary Doucette, 57 yrs., 7 mos., 24 days.
Oct. 10, Warner Ayotte, 44 yrs., 5 mos., 22 days.
Oct. 21, Ida Carbanneau King, 63 yrs., 8 mos., 10 days.
Oct. 26, Philomene Lajoie Dube, 71 yrs., 2 mos., 1 day.
Oct. 27, Baby Parker, 4 days.
Nov. 3, Baby Jambard, 2 hrs.
Nov. 5, Lester Grendell, 63 yrs., 11 mos., 18 days.
Nov. 8, Melvina Poulin, 73 yrs., 3 mos., 4 days.
Nov. 10, Albert Levesque, 52 yrs., 2 mos., 27 days.
Nov. 11, Vital Dube, 69 yrs., 3 mos., 24 days.
Nov. 14, Baby Roy Deschene, 5 days.
Nov. 19, Mary St. Pierre, 63 yrs., 7 mos., 2 days.
Nov. 23, Isaac O. Thibodeau, 76 yrs., 5 mos., 19 days.
Nov. 30, Delphine Martin, 52 yrs., 8 mos., 26 days.
Dec. 10, Edward Gagnon, 74 yrs., 10 mos., 19 days.
Dec. 11, Rose Ouellette, 47 yrs., 2 mos., 2 days.
Dec. 23, Euphemie Gorneau, 44 yrs.
Dec. 24, Marie Ouellette, 48 yrs.
Jan. 4, Joseph S. Cyr, 67 yrs., 1 mos.,
Number of Marriages from January 1947 to 1948, 57.
Number of Births from January 1947 to 1948, 195.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The State Bureau of Health offers public health nursing to your community, and helps point the way to better health and social conditions.

The nurse, serving in your community, endeavors to promote health, prevent disease and deformity, and to demonstrate nursing care to members of the family. This is accomplished through home and school visits, clinics,

child health conferences, and community organization.

Home visits are made to maternity, non-communicable and communicable disease cases; also, for the purpose of health supervision to the infant, preschool child, school child, and adult. During the year the following visits were made: 25 maternity, 12 communicable, 124 health supervision, and 57 non-communicable.

The nurse prepares for and assists at child health conferences, pediatric and crippled children's clinics.

Since several unsuccessful attempts were made to hold child health conferences during the year, it is hoped that with the assistance of the Van Buren Health Council, this may be accomplished in 1948.

The pediatric and crippled children clinics are held every two months at the Northern Maine Sanatorium, Presque Isle. The nurse made 69 follow-up visits to crippled children and 19 visits to pediatric cases. As part of this program, speech clinics are held periodically in Caribou, 6 children attended.

An eye clinic was held in Presque Isle for diagnostic and consultatory purposes. A total of five children and adults attended this clinic.

As part of the school health program, the older pupils of the Sacred Heart School were instructed regarding communicable diseases. Out of 1304 audiometer tests given 22 showed defective hearing.

Through 54 conferences with the school personnel, parents, doctors, and town officials, the nurse has been instrumental in procuring treatment for several children with abnormal vision, defective hearing, crippling and physical defects.

In September the Van Buren Health Council was organized. This council will be of great value to your community, as well as to the nurse, in obtaining a better health and sanitary program. Already the council has made smallpox vaccinations available to your schools.

Throughout the year, services have been rendered on an individual, family and community basis, in an effort to interpret health needs of the community and to teach the principles of healthful living.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA J. HARMON,

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stolen property recovered	2
Property lost and recovered	3
Dogs killed	6
Complaints	41
Accidents investigated	49
Doors found unlocked	7
Children warned of being on the street after 9 p. m.	6
Cases of indecent exposure	1
Cases of larceny	5
Cases of assault and battery	2
Cases of non-support	2
Cases of affray	2
Cases of drunken driving	16
Cases of driving without a license	3
Cases of failure to stop at "Stop Sign"	1
Cases of throwing bottles on street	1

Cases of Public nuisance	2
Cases of assault and battery upon an officer	1
Cases of liquor raids	1
Cases of Intoxication	43
Lodging	3
Vagrancy	1
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	3
Indecent Liberties	2
Disturbing the Peace	2
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Total Arrests	104

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 1948

We, the undersigned members of the Budget Committee, had our recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing year, included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Guy Duperry, Chairman
 Ernest Soucy, Secretary
 Henry Hebert
 Dr. Philip G. Plourde
 Everett E. Dionne
 Alphonse Fongemie
 Alphy F. Parent
 Jos. A. Plourde
 Gerald Belanger
 Joseph Corriveau
 George Marquis
 Wilfred Sirois
 Rudolph Blier
 Isaac Harris
 Lorn Parent

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: PATRICK BOSSE, a Constable of the Town of Van Buren, in the County of Aroostook, and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren, qualified by law to vote on town affairs, to assemble at the Gayety Theatre in said town, the fifteenth day of March, A. D., 1948, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard time, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose, by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Sections forty-six to sixty, inclusive, of Chapter eighty, Revised Statutes of Maine for 1944, all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Councillors to appoint all other officers, not chosen under the preceding article.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn to the Town Hall for the purpose of electing the necessary town officers, and to assemble again at the Gayety Theatre at two o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, to act on the remaining articles in the Warrant for the 1948 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 5. To choose a Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. 1947 — \$8,250.00. (Budget Committee recommends \$8,600.00 for 1948.)

Art. 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Election Expense. (1947 — \$100.00. Budget Committee recommends \$100.00 for 1948.)

Art. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Vital Statistics. (1947 — \$50.00. Budget Committee recommends \$150.00 for 1948.)

Art. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Fees. (1947 — \$3,500.00. Budget Committee recommends \$4,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 10. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Inspector. (1947 — \$300.00. Budget Committee recommends \$300.00 for 1948.)

Art. 11. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental. (1947 — \$2,655.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,655.00 for 1948.)

Art. 12. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lighting. (1947 — \$100.00. Budget Committee recommends \$100.00 for 1948.)

Art. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maintenance of Public Property. (1947 — \$600.00. Budget Committee recommends \$600.00 for 1948.)

Art. 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance of Public Property. (1947 — \$250.00. Budget Committee recommends \$250.00 for 1948.)

Art. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Officer Fees. (1947 — \$50.00. Budget Committee recommends \$50.00 for 1948.)

Art. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Services of a State Nurse. (1947 — \$377.00. Budget Committee recommends \$377.00 for 1948.)

Art. 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for construction and maintenance of its sewer system. (1947—\$3,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$4,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 18. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Roads and Highways for the ensuing year. (1947 — \$9,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$9,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from Excise Tax account to be expended for the purpose of repairing Roads and Highways. Recommended by Budget Committee.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Highway Patrol Maintenance. (1947 — \$974.70. Budget Committee recommends \$974.70 for 1948.)

Art. 21. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase Snow Removal Equipment. (1947 — \$1,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Relief of the Poor. (1947 — \$5,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$5,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) from the Excise Tax account to be expended for sidewalks. Recommended by Budget Committee.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal, for the ensuing year. (1947 — \$7,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$8,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Excise Tax account to be expended for the purpose of Snow Removal. Recommended by Budget Committee.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children. (1947 — \$7,500.00. Budget Committee recommends \$7,500.00 for 1948.)

Art. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maintenance of the Fire Department. (1947 — \$2,600.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,600.00 for 1948.)

Art. 28. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Town Band. (1947 — \$100.00. Budget Committee recommends \$300.00 for 1948.)

Art. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of Soldiers and Sailors, and for Memorial Day Exercises. (1947 — \$50.00. Budget Committee recommends \$50.00 for 1948.)

Art. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Van Buren Public Library. (1947 — \$200.00. Budget Committee recommends \$300.00 for 1948.)

Art. 31. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for payment of Workmen's Compensation Insurance. (1947 — \$300.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Discounts and Abatements. (1947 — \$1,000.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,000.00 for 1948.)

Art. 33. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Education. (1947 — \$49,141.07. Budget Committee recommends \$49,141.00 for 1948.)

Art. 34. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reduce the indebtedness of the town caused by the Keegan School overdraft.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing the Baseball Field. (1947 — \$200.00. Budget Committee recommends \$200.00 for 1948.)

Art. 36. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Town Swimming Pool. (Budget Committee recommends \$1,500.00 for 1948.)

Art. 37. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising Maine. (1947 — \$50.00. Budget Committee recommends \$50.00 for 1948.)

Art. 38. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as the Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren's contribution towards the expenses of the Caribou Veteran Center. (Budget Committee recommends \$50.00)

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell and assign unmatured tax

mortgage liens for the amount unpaid and interest and cost thereon.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$1,080.51 for State Aid or State Aid Road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for roads and highways) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, of the Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$1,229.08 for School Lunches.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for payment on authorized bond for Keegan School. Amount needed \$5,000.00, principal payment, \$600.00 interest. (Recommended by Budget Committee.)

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Councillors to sell the 1938 G.M.C. School Bus.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to make poll taxes due and payable May first.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote that taxes shall become due and payable on demand, and also to see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of one-half of one percent per month from May first to December first, and that interest be charged at the rate of six percent per annum from December first to date of payment.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Councillors to procure a temporary loan, or loans, in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obliga-

tions of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxation.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Councillors, in behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, or otherwise, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to sign and execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey by Deed to the Levasseur-Farrell Post No. 49 of the American Legion of Van Buren, a Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of Maine, and having its office and principal place of business at Van Buren, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), parts of Lots No. 2 and No. 4 in the College Tract, so-called, according to survey and plan made by P. L. Hardison, surveyor, in September, 1907, which plan is recorded in the Northern Aroostook Registry of Deeds, and bounded as follows: viz: Being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and extending said width of fifty (50) feet from the southwesterly line of Washington Street, so-called, to Lot No. 6, of said plan, immediately adjoining the southeasterly line of Jefferson Lincoln Street, so-called, being a part of original lot No. 302, in Township M, Range Two, W.E.L.S. in the County of Aroostook, now Van Buren aforesaid; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to sign, seal, execute and deliver a Deed of the said premises as described above to the said Levasseur-Farrell Post No. 49 of the American Legion of Van Buren.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Councillors to purchase Parking Meters.

Art. 50. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren will vote to instruct the Municipal Officers not to issue any permit or permits to any person or corporation to sell or offer for sale crackers, squibs, rockets or other fireworks. (This article was inserted in the Warrant because of popular request.)

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time beginning the last Sunday in April, 1948, until the last Sunday in September, 1948.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to build a street on lot No. three hundred and one (301) the northeasterly boundary being parallel with and seven (7) rods southwesterly from the southwesterly line of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company's right of way, being its extension from Van Buren to Fort Kent, said street extending from Jackson Street, so-called, in a southeasterly direction to connect with the extension of Tyler Street in a northeasterly direction to connect with said proposed street; and, if so, to see what sum of money the Town will raise for that purpose.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Municipal Officers' Report.

NOTICE is hereby given that voting will take place at the Town Hall, that the polls will open at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, and remain open until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the election of one councillor to also serve

as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a period of three years, one Member of the Superintending School Committee, to serve for a period of three years, a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer, each to serve for one year, and that the Councillors will be in session at the Town Office in Van Buren, on the 11th, 12th and 13th days of March, A.D., 1948, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this first day of March, A.D., 1948.

ALPHY F. CYR

MAURICE MICHAUD

REMIE P. CYR

DONALD LAPOINTE

CLIFFORD J. PLOURDE

Councillors of the Town of Van Buren

A true copy. Attest,

PATRICK BOSSE,

Constable for the Town of Van Buren

AUDITOR'S REPORT

March 13, 1947

Board of Selectmen

Van Buren, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Van Buren have been audited by Auditor M. E.

Libby for the period March 1, 1946 to February 18, 1947 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY
State Auditor

COMMENTS

**Re: Audit of Accounts — Town of Van Buren
March 1, 1946 to February 18, 1947**

CASH

The detailed examination made of cash receipts and deposits indicated that the cash had been properly accounted for and promptly deposited in the bank, with the exception of \$64.98 which has been set up as an account

receivable due from the Treasurer. This amount has since been paid in full.

The Petty Cash Fund of \$100 was verified by a physical count and was found to be intact.

Demand deposits of \$25,732.54 were reconciled with the bank statement of the Northern National Bank dated February 18, 1947.

It was ascertained that all disbursements had been made by check and were authorized by warrants which had been properly signed by the Councillors. It was also ascertained that all warrants had been paid in full.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The accounts receivable consisted of \$142.56 due from the State for charity cases, and \$64.98 due from the Treasurer.

TAXES RECEIVABLE

The commitment of 1946 taxes to the Collector was found to be in agreement with the records of the Assessors.

Approximately 98% of this commitment was collected or abated.

All of the uncollected prior years' taxes were collected or abated during the year.

TAX LIENS

According to the records, no tax liens were outstanding at the close of the municipal year. Cash receipts of \$196.19 and an adjustment of \$1.06 accounted for the balance outstanding at February 28, 1946, and there were no new liens received during the year.

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

Tax acquired property totaling \$1,589 was sold during the year and an adjustment of \$1,890.67 was made on accounts previously sold or abated for various reasons. The detail of the balance of \$436.82 outstanding at the close of the current year appears on Schedule A-4.

DUE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The amount of \$1,144.45 shown in this account represents deductions made from teachers' salaries for Teachers' Retirement and Pensions for the period from August, 1946 to February 17, 1947 which had not been remitted to the proper agencies as of February 18, 1947.

BONDS PAYABLE

The balance of \$15,500 on the 1943 bond issue is held by the Van Buren Light and Power District. The principal and interest coupons maturing since the bonds were issued have not been presented for payment.

NET DEFICIT

The increase in the Net Deficit was due, in part, to overdrafts in the Highway and Gymnasium accounts. A complete analysis of the change in this account is shown on Exhibit E of this report.

The balances in the accounts of unfinished projects, and the balances required by law to be carried, were carried forward to the ensuing year. These balances are shown on the Balance Sheet as Appropriated Surplus.

GENERAL

A test check was made of paid payrolls and vouchers on file and from this examination, it appeared that all were on file and were proper charges.

The excise tax collections were checked in detail and the revenue from this source, after refunds had been made, was credited to Net Deficit.

The corporate surety bonds of the officers of the Town were examined and appeared adequate and in proper form.

All balances in School accounts are consolidated in one account on the records of the Town pending adjustment of the proper balances of the General and Special accounts according to the requirements of the State Department of Education.

TOWN OF VAN BUREN COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	February 18, 1947	February 28, 1946
Cash:		
Demand Deposits	\$25,732.54	\$25,207.15
Petty	100.00	100.00
	\$25,832.54	\$25,307.15
Accounts Receivable		
(Schedule A-1)	207.54	640.30
Taxes Receivable:		
Current Year		
(Schedule A-2)	3,103.84	917.50
Prior Years		45.00
	3,103.84	962.50

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Tax Liens		197.25
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	436.82	3,884.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$29,580.74	\$30,991.69

LIABILITIES

Due Governmental Agencies:

Maine Teachers' Retirement Assn.	\$1,144.45	\$ 1,230.55
Bond Coupons Matured — not presented for payment (Schedule A-5)	150.00	100.00
Interest Coupons — not presented for payment (Schedule A-6)	1,858.00	1,238.00
Bonds Payable (Schedule A-7)	15,350.00	15,400.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,502.45	17,968.55

SURPLUS

Appropriated (Exhibit D)	\$19,474.67	\$13,305.15
Net Deficit (Exh. E)	- 8,396.38	- 282.01
	11,078.29	13,023.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$29,580.74	\$30,991.69

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.