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Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BINGHAM:

We herewith submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending Feb. 23rd. 1906.

VALUATION APRIL 1ST, 1905.

Real estate, resident.....	\$170,360.00
“ “ nonresident.....	32,990.00
Total real estate.....	\$203,350.00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$57,772.00
“ “ nonresident.....	1,550.00
Total personal estate.....	\$59,322.00
Total valuation.....	\$262,672.00

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED FOR 1905.

For highways and bridges.....	\$2,000.00
Support of town schools.....	1,000.00
Repairs of schoolhouses and etc.....	200.00
Text books.....	200.00
Free High school.....	450.00
Support of the poor.....	600.00
Other town charges.....	2,000.00
State road.....	400.00
Memorial Day.....	25.00
Overlay.....	157.51
State tax.....	673.70
County tax.....	362.61
Total assessment.....	\$8068.82

Rate of taxation \$2.80 on \$100.

Tax on valuation of \$262,672.00.....	\$7,354.82	
Tax on 238 polls at \$3.00 each.....	714.00	
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		\$8,068.82
Supplementary tax.....		9.44
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Total amount committed to collector.....		\$8,078.26

SUPPORT OF POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town.....	\$600.00	
Received from State Soldiers burial, benefit for William J. Knights.....	32.00	
Received from grass on the Tilson Adams back lot for 1904 and 1905.....	16.00	
Unexpended last year.....	6.07	
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Total receipts....		\$654.07

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

No. 29.	George E. Flanders for conveying Mrs. George McClintick to Kingsbury in 1904.....	2.00	
38.	Town of Athens for burial expense of William J. Knights	32.00	
42.	Murl Millett for conveying Mrs. George McClintick from Mayfield to Bing- ham, 1904....	2.00	
130.	George Tozier, board and care of Caleb Moody.....	110.70	
131.	Town of Concord for support of James Church, doctor's bill.	163.00	
176.	Town of Concord for care of James Church	30.00	
184.	Town of Athens, support of William J.. Knights at funeral.....	4.64	
202.	W. B. Goodrich, supplies furnished:		
	Caleb Moody.....	1.35	
	Mrs. Wm. Knights.....	8.55	
	Eugene Knights.....	4.00	13.92

205.	Henry Cooley, supplies furnished Mrs. William Knights.....	16.70
217.	W. B. Goodrich for supplies furnished Mrs. William Knights.....	2.18
220.	Mark Savage & Co. for supplies furnished Mrs. William Knights	13.38
223.	Preble & Robinson for supplies furnished Mrs. William Knights	10.13
229.	Lander & Moore, medicine for Caleb Moody	1.00
238.	F. G. Williams, medical attendance: Caleb Moody.	5.10
	Mrs. William Knight.....	.50 5.60
247.	Town of Skowhegan for support of Rose McCollar	60.35
248.	A. F. Donigan, clothing for Caleb Moody.....	2.25
261.	Town of Athens for medical attendance of Eugene Knights' family.....	10.75
263.	Mark Savage & Co., supplies furnished Dennis Knights' family.....	3.60
Total expenditures.....		\$484.20
Unexpended.....		169.87
		<hr/> 654.07

The cost of the town poor for the past year has been as follows:

Caleb Moody.....	\$120.40
Mrs. William Knights.....	51.44
James Church.....	193.00
William J. Knights.....	36.64
Eugene Knights.....	14.75
Dennis Knights.....	3.60
Rose McCollar.....	60.35
George McClintick.....	4.00
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\$484.20	

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn:

No. 5.	Mrs. Annie Campbell, board and care of Abbie Whitehouse.....	\$21.00	
22.	Mrs. Annie Campbell, same	24.00	
37.	Mrs. Annie Campbell, same and expense of funeral.....	32.00	
49.	A. C. Dinsmore, casket.....	22.00	
78.	F. M. Wyman, burial expense.....	8.50	
238.	F. G. Williams, medical attendance....	5.00	
			\$112.50
No. 8.	John Miller, for board of Willie Wintle	17.50	
162.	John Miller, same	32.50	
			\$50.00
	Total amount paid for State poor.....		\$162.50
	Rec'd. from state		162.50

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town.....	\$2,000.00
Undrawn from last year.....	372.34
	\$2,372.34

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

Winter roads after settlement and bill not returned Feb. 23, 1905.

No. 6.	Everett Cook.....	16.80
8.	Dan Holt.....	.75
10.	Fred Russell	3.60
11.	Warren Tozier.....	4.35
12.	Thomas Owens.....	.75
13.	Guy Williams.....	5.55
16.	John Cassidy	1.20
23.	Will Thompson.....	.75
24.	Ben Smith45
26.	Cyrus Goodridge.....	26.85
27.	Melphene Horn.....	26.10
28.	Coney Grant.....	15.00
29.	J. F. Grant.....	1.50
31.	E. C. Tuscan.	13.80

33.	Joseph Hunnewell.....	3.60
48.	Alfred Bates.....	2.25
58.	S. J. Nottage.....	3.75
59.	George Nottage.....	1.50
65.	Dan Baker.....	4.25
80.	S. A. Smith.....	4.25
82.	Joseph Adams... ..	4.15
83.	Charles Wharff.....	2.55
94.	C. H. Goodridge.....	6.75
100.	Mike Lapoint.....	2.25
102.	Henry Connor.....	4.50
107.	Mellphene Horn.....	6.00
109.	I. Holway.....	.75
133.	Charles B. Gilman.....	6.50
134.	Charles B. Gilman.....	5.00
142.	Edgar McClintock.....	1.50
156.	Peter Mahoney.....	2.70
178.	L. W. Brown.....	2.40
179.	L. G. Brown.....	.60
180.	Fred E. Baker.....	.75
187.	Charles B. Gilman.....	4.85
196.	Everett Cook.....	.75
209.	James Smith.....	8.25
216.	John Cummings.....	1.00
228.	John R. Moody.....	4.85
230.	George W. Badger.....	3.10
235.	George G. Gilman.....	1.50

 \$207.75

ROAD REPAIRS—SUMMER.

Orders drawn:

No.	25.	A. P. Murry, labor.....	\$4.50
	28.	Coney Grant, ".....	6.00
	29.	J. F. Grant, ".....	4.50
	30.	S. M. Boynton, ".....	6.00
	32.	E. C. Tuscan, ".....	11.50
	45.	Ai Padham, ".....	18.75
	62.	Ai Padham, ".....	32.50
	63.	D. A. Corson, plank.....	7.69
	64.	Fred L. Baker, labor.....	7.13
	76.	S. A. Smith, plank.....	1.75
	77.	S. P. Baker, labor.....	1.50
	79.	S. A. Smith, ".....	3.75

85.	Somerset Ry. freight on plank.....	4.80
86.	North Anson Lumber Co., lumber.....	64.41
89.	Arno Padham, labor.....	1.50
90.	Dennis Knight " 	3.00
91.	Geo. Corson, " 	1.50
92.	A. N. Clark, board of road machine crew and team.....	8.00
93.	C. B. Gilman and team.....	6.00
95.	Daniel Flanders and team.....	15.00
98.	C. H. Goodridge, labor.....	3.00
99.	Dan Baker, " 	5.95
100.	Mike Lapoint, " 	3.75
103.	Dan Flanders, " 	1.50
104.	Fred E. Baker, " 	4.35
105.	Orison Gordon, labor with road ma- chine, man and team.....	208.75
106.	Orrison Gordon, labor and lumber.....	25.27
107.	Melphene Horn, " 	3.00
109.	I. Holway, " and lumber.....	24.01
110.	Curren L. Smith, " 	10.15
111.	A. P. Murry, " and gravel.....	38.68
112.	James Oharo, " 	10.50
116.	Carl Smith, " 	4.37
118.	Joseph Haskins, " 	7.00
125.	S. E. Andrews, " 	7.00
127.	John Baker, " 	7.00
142.	Edgar McClintick, " 	3.75
154.	S. A. Smith, plank 	3.40
156.	Peter Mahoney, labor.....	10.50
157.	S. P. Baker, " 	4.50
169.	Chas. W. Abbey, " and lumber.....	13.35
177.	George W. Brown " 	3.30
178.	L. W. Brown, " 	1.35
179.	L. G. Brown, " 	2.40
181.	L. W. Brown, " 	3.00
183.	Brackett & Andrews, lumber.....	8.24
185.	John Savage, labor.....	13.50
188.	Thomas Owens, " 	19.25
192.	Cyrus Goodridge, " 	1.95
195.	I. Holway, " 	2.00
197.	D. A. Corson, lumber.....	14.92
198.	John F. Owens, labor.....	1.20
204.	Henry Cooley, " 	41.80

206.	S. E. Andrews,	"	4.50
207.	S. J. Nottage,	"	5.25
208.	Dan Baker,	"	5.25
209.	James Smith,	"	6.00
210.	Coney Grant,	"	1.50
213.	Granville Goodrich,	"	4.50
218.	Warren Tozier,	"	4.00
221.	J. J. Lander,	supplies	7.11
222.	Curren Smith,	plank	2.54
224.	John Redmond,	labor	.90
226.	Charles York,	plank	34.80
230.	George W. Badger,	labor	1.25
231.	Peter Mahoney,	"	1.50
233.	John Kellie,	"	1.00
235.	George G. Gilman,	"	18.25
237.	George A. Corson,	"	3.00
239.	Perlie Clark,	"	4.00
240.	Mike Hannon,	"	1.00
254.	Charles Colby,	"	25.70
255.	Orrison Gordon,	"	21.65
256.	S. A. Smith,	plank	4.03
257.	George Gordon,	plank	12.60
267.	Guy Williams,	labor	3.00
270.	H. B. Whipple,	use of water tub	3.00
275.	Leander Cooley,	labor	5.85
274.	T. H. Reynolds,	repairs on R. M	1.70
196.	Everett Cook,	labor	1.50
189.	C. B. Gilman		19.25
113.	Will Robinson		10.50

\$937.60

WINTER ROADS TO FEB. 23, 1906.

No. 185.	John Savage, breaking	\$3.00
187.	Charles B. Gilman	2.85
188.	Thomas Owens	4.55
192.	Cyrus Goodridge	2.90
195.	Isaac Holway	3.80
196.	Everett Cook	1.35
207.	S. J. Nottage	.75
208.	Dan Baker	1.80
209.	James Smith	6.00
210.	Coney Grant	2.40

211.	Geo. W. Brown.....	1.35	
213.	Granville Goodrich....	1.95	
218.	Warren Tozier.....	2.27	
230.	Geo. W. Badger.....	3.50	
231.	Peter Mahoney.....	2.40	
232.	Peter Mahoney, use of field.....	8.00	
233.	John Kellie, breaking.....	1.50	
235.	Geo. G. Gilman....	3.90	
254.	Charles Colby.....	4.50	
256.	S. A. Smith.....	1.00	
258.	Joseph Adams.....	3.90	
259.	John Wharff.....	3.30	
267.	Guy Williams	3.00	
275.	Leander Cooley, 1904 and 1905.....	8.44	
277.	Pat Cassidy, breaking and use of field,	10.20	
			<hr/> \$88.61
			<hr/> \$1,233.96
	Undrawn Feb. 23, 1906.....	1,138.38	
			<hr/> \$2,372.34

STATE ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town..... \$400.00

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

No. 110.	Curren L. Smith with team.....	\$39.50
111.	A. P. Murry " "	93.52
112.	James Oharo " "	29.05
113.	Will Robinson " "	75.60
114.	Harry D. Baker, labor	19.75
115.	Morris Preble, "	9.62
116.	Carl Smith, "	18.90
117.	Orison Gordon, with team.....	17.50
118.	Joseph Hoskins, labor.....	4.37
119.	Ben Smith, "	11.37
120.	Frank Hall with team.....	3.50
121.	Jamie Rodgers, labor.....	1.75

122.	Ed. Miller,	with team.....	15.75	
123.	Tom Miller,	" "	15.75	
124.	F. S. Hunnewell,	" "	3.50	
125.	S. E. Andrews,	labor.....	14.52	
127.	John Baker,	"	3.50	
128.	John Owens,	"	14.30	
129.	S. T. Goodrich,	with team.....	1.75	
126.	Robert Hilton.....		11.02	
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			\$404.52	
Overdraft.....			4.52	
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				\$400.00
Received from state.....			\$200.00	
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Cost to town.....				\$204.52

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Orders drawn:

No.	2.	Mrs. Dorcas Baker, refund of soldiers' burial benefit, rec'd. by town	\$35.00
	3.	A. C. Ladd Co., printing town reports,	23.00
	4.	Loring, Short & Harmon,	7.65
	18.	Trustees Cong. church, int. 1904.....	3.78
	35.	S. A. Smith, cash paid out.....	4.25
	41.	" " " " books.....	4.15
	43.	Isaac Holway, int.....	124.00
	50.	A. C. Dinsmore, use of Union hall.....	10.00
	60.	Esther Bessie, int.....	11.75
	69.	W. R. Jordan, past services superintendent schools.....	34.00
	72.	W. R. Jordan, cash paid for team.....	14.00
	81.	Loring, Short & Harmon.....	2.75
	87.	Esther Bessie, int.....	1.75
	88.	" " "	3.50
	96.	A. W. Rowell.....	5.00
	97.	Skowhegan Savings Bank, int.....	105.00
	101.	Loring, Short & Harmon.....	2.00
	108.	E. M. Fletcher, road machine edge....	9.65
	136.	Juliett F. Adams, int.....	13.95
	137.	Clara Richardson, "	7.87
	138.	Geo. L. Baker "	75.76

143.	Mrs. Etta Holt, support of tramps.....	1.00
150.	J. P. Witham " " "	2.00
151.	S. W. Turner, use of water tub.....	2.00
155.	Mrs. Etta Holt, support tramps.....	3.50
164.	Amon Baker, truant officer.....	3.50
165.	Elias Andrews, int	14.00
182.	Charles H. Givens, int.....	31.50
191.	Charles B. Gilman, interest.....	81.90
193.	M. M. Chase, "	15.75
194.	Trustees Cong. Church, int. 1905	3.78
199.	Mrs. W. B. Goodrich, "	12.60
200.	W. B. Goodrich, services town clerk..	7.70
201.	" " stationery.....	2.60
212.	Granville Goodrich, interest.....	6.30
214.	Sarah Baker, "	18.80
215.	John Cummings, "	18.90
219.	Mark Savage, "	63.00
221.	J. J. Lander, highway supplies.....	8.75
223.	Preble & Robinson	5.50
225.	Amon Baker, care of fire engine	14.50
227.	C. A. Paul, returning deaths and births	1.50
229.	Lander & Moore.....	15.05
234.	Mrs. E. Baker, int.....	4.63
238.	F. G. Williams.....	2.75
249.	W. R. Jordan, supt. of schools.....	55.00
251.	" " legal services.....	7.75
252.	" " team hire, etc.....	20.15
253.	A. C. Dinsmore, office rent.....	4.00
255.	Orison Gordon, selectman.....	34.50
260.	" " "	2.00
262.	Henry Cooley.....	6.65
263.	Henry Cooley, services as selectman..	56.32
264.	S. A. Smith, " " " ..	94.00
265.	" " team hire.....	10.00
266.	" " cash paid out for support tramps	17.00
268.	McKay machinery Co.....	70.00
271.	I. C. Pierce for abatements on taxes of 1904	56.63
272.	I. C. Pierce, posting warrants.....	3.00
278.	B. R. Smith, abatement poll tax.....	3.00

279.	I. C. Pierce, com. for collecting tax, 1903	2.47
	“ “ “ “ “ “ 1904	57.61
	“ “ “ “ “ “ 1905	150.00
280.	E. W. Moore, services as Treasurer....	20.00
281.	“ “ postage and express....	1.71
		<hr/> \$1,512.11

MEMORIAL DAY.

Raised by town.....	\$25.00
Order drawn to W. H. Collins.....	25.00

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Leander Cooley.....	\$14.63
Benj. Cooley heirs.....	10.80
A. F. Adams, deceased.....	3.00
W. J. Kiger, not found.....	3.00
Ernest Kiger, “ “	3.00
George Reynolds, deceased.....	3.00
Dudley Rollins, “	3.00
B. R. Smith, State pensioner.....	3.00
Town farm.....	16.20
McKay Shoe Machinery Co., over valuation....	70.00

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town.....	\$1,000.00
State mill tax.....	663.01
Int. on school fund note.....	63.00
Tuition from other towns.....	20.40
Unexpended from last year.....	5.81
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Total receipts.....	\$1,752.22

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

No.	1.	John Cassidy, conveying scholars....	\$10.00
	7.	Willie Foss, wood.....	74.37
	14.	Clarence Dutton, sawing wood.....	8.50
	40.	Will Carl, work on wood.....	5.50
	44.	Walter Ennis, janitor.....	5.35
	52.	Florence M. Owens, teaching.....	88.00
	53.	May B. Baker, ".....	88.00
	55.	Edith Knowlton, ".....	88.00
	57.	Guy Reynolds, janitor.....	11.25
	66.	Vonie Gilman, teaching.....	60.00
	67.	Ethel Mahoney, ".....	57.75
	68.	Zulema Boynton, ".....	49.50
	74.	Ever. Baker, ".....	60.50
	75.	Merton Goodrich, ".....	66.00
	132.	Gertrude M. Pierce, ".....	72.00
	135.	Zulema Boynton, ".....	35.00
	139.	Ethel Mahoney, ".....	52.50
	140.	Addie Kellie, ".....	55.00
	141.	Lucy M. H. Saulsbury ".....	55.00
	144.	Catherine Gilman, ".....	66.00
	145.	Edith Knowlton, ".....	88.00
	146.	Lizzie F. Gilman, ".....	88.00
	147.	May B. Baker, ".....	88.00
	152.	A. C. Dinsmore, cash paid for janitors	19.00
	161.	Zulema Boynton, teaching.....	36.75
	163.	Brackett & Andrews, wood.....	4.00
	168.	Lizzie F. Gilman, teaching.....	24.00
	170.	Mrs. Ethel Mahoney, teaching.....	48.00
	174.	L. G. Brown, wood.....	4.50
	186.	I. Holway, ".....	2.50
	190.	A. C. Dinsmore, ".....	2.00
	230.	Geo. W. Badger, ".....	6.00
	236.	Geo. G. Gilman, ".....	5.87
	241.	May B. Baker, teaching.....	96.00
	242.	Florence M. Owens, ".....	72.00
	244.	Edith Knowlton, ".....	96.00
	246.	A. C. Dinsmore paid for janitors....	24.00
	274.	Leander Cooley, wood.....	13.00

\$1,725.84

Balance unexpended.....\$26.38

\$1,752.22

TEXT BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town.....	\$200.00
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EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

No. 70.	W. R. Jordan.....	\$7.63
73.	W. R. Jordan.....	36.75
84.	W. R. Jordan.....	62.21
159.	W. R. Jordan.....	102.00
250.	W. R. Jordan.....	8.76

 \$217.35

Overdrawn.....	\$17.35
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 \$200.00

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town.....	\$200.00
Unexpended last year.....	95.82
Due on schoolhouse fence.....	17.89

 \$313.71

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

No. 9.	Carl O. Cates.....	\$22.50
15.	Mrs. John Cassidy.....	2.50
20.	May Carl.....	12.00
21.	L. W. Britton.....	4.00
36.	L. W. Britton.....	11.94
39.	Lander & Washburn, water	3.75
47.	W. R. Jordan, insurance policy.....	103.50
71.	W. R. Jordan	8.18
153.	Peter Mahoney.....	2.00
158.	Leon S. Merrill, paint.....	41.70
160.	W. R. Jordan, cash paid out for clean- ing and supplies.....	23.15
161.	Zulema Boynton.....	1.50
166.	H. O. Chase.....	10.75

167.	M. M. Chase.....	7.50	
173.	L. W. Brown.....	1.50	
174.	L. G. Brown.....	1.25	
190.	A. C. Dinsmore.....	7.80	
203.	W. B. Goodrich.....	11.30	
221.	J. J. Lander.....	46.86	
229.	Lander & Moore.....	17.60	
230.	Geo. W. Badger.....	1.00	
236.	Geo. G. Gilman.....	1.50	
274.	Leander Cooley.....	.75	
276.	Dan Baker.....	.75	
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		\$344.83	
	Overdrawn.....	31.12	
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			\$313.71

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by town.....	\$450.00	
	12.65	
Tuition due from other towns.....	52.50	
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		\$515.15

EXPENDITURES.

Orders drawn:

54.	Edna A. Denham, teaching.....	\$132.00	
56.	Edith Knowlton, assistant teaching...	22 00	
148.	Edith Knowlton, " " ...	24.00	
149.	Lucy M. Billings, teaching.....	132.00	
243.	" " " "	150.00	
245.	Edith Knowlton, assistant.....	24.00	
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		\$484.00	
	Unexpended	31.15	
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			\$515.15

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 23, 1906.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders on interest not including	
Bridge debt	\$9,512.33
Outstanding orders not on interest	60.70
Interest due about.....	50.00
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	\$9,623.03

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Money in hands of Treasurer.....	\$3,830.72
Due from I. C. Pierce on tax bills of 1904	223.10
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1905	1,169.90
Due from State for Free High Schools.....	104.50
“ on school house fence	17.89
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	\$5,346.11

OTHER RESOURCES.

Town farm	\$600.00
Road machines.....	200.00
William J. Knight farm	300.00
Tilson Adams back lot	125.00
Fire Engine.....	900.00
Safe	75.00
Store house and lot	175.00
Fumigator	10.00
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	\$2,385.00

Total Recources.....\$7,731.11

Liabilities above resources not including Bridge debt	\$1,891.92
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	\$9,623.03

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

At a special town meeting held May 20, 1905:	
Voted to raise by loan	\$4,500.00
Raised by loan.....	\$2,875.00
Balance to be raised.....	1,625.00
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	\$4,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SMITH,
HENRY COOLEY,
ORISON GORDON,
Selectmen of Bingham.

Treasurer's Report.

E. W. MOORE, Treasurer, in account with Town of Bingham.
1905.

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To	cash on hand from last settlement	\$1,778.56
	“ from State Treasurer, support of High School	245.00
	“ “ “ “ School and Mill Tax	663.01
	“ “ “ “ burial of old soldiers	30.00
	“ “ “ “ support of poor	219.25
	“ “ “ “ porcupine bounty	90.25
	“ “ “ “ State pensions	294.00
	“ “ “ “ road repairs	200.00
	“ “ Town of Farmington, support of Jos. Kempton	18.40
	“ “ W. B. Goodrich, dog tax	25.00
	“ “ Geo. Tozier, rent of Town Farm	25.00
	“ “ W. R. Jordan, Town School tuition fees	20.40
	“ “ G. W. Badger, grass on T. Adams' lot, 1904	10.00
	“ “ Coney Grant, “ “ “ “ 1906	6.00
	“ “ I. C. Pierce on tax of 1903	98.96
	“ “ “ “ “ “ 1904	1,304.55
	“ “ “ “ “ “ 1905	6,898.92
		\$11,927.30
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By	cash paid for Town orders	\$6,705.67
	“ “ “ “ State Pensions	294.00
	“ “ “ “ dog licenses	25.00
	“ “ “ “ “ “ deficiency	36.00
	“ “ “ “ County tax	362.61
	“ “ “ “ State tax	673.30
	“ cash balance on hand	3,830.72
		\$11,927.30

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Received from Selectmen on Bingham and Concord	
Bridge appropriation	\$2,875.00
Paid County Treasurer	2,250.00
	\$625.00
Balance on hand	\$625.00

Report of Supt. of Schools.

TOWN SCHOOLS.

General:

Children in town April 1, 1905, between the ages of 5 and 21 years	242
Different scholars attending school in town during the past year	202
Average attendance during the year	170
Number attending from other towns	12
Number of weeks of town school during the year	236

FINANCES.

Raised for schools:

At March meeting 1905	\$1,000.00
Received from State Mill tax	663.01
Interest on school fund	63.00
Tuition from scholars from other towns	20.40
Unexpended from last year	5.81
Total resources	\$1,752.22

Paid:

Teachers including board	\$1,530.00
For janitor service	59.50
Conveying scholars in 1904	10.00
For fuel	126.34
Total expenditures	\$1,725.84
Balance unexpended	\$26.38
Raised for text books	\$200.00
Expended including express	217.84

Overdrawn \$17.84

Raised for:

Supplies and repairs	\$200.00
Unexpended from 1904	113.71

Total resources	\$313.71
Expended	\$344.83
Overdrawn	\$31.12

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Number of different scholars pursuing the High School courses during the year.....	41
Most registered at any one term.....	33
Number attending from other towns.....	8
Weeks of school during the year.....	34

FINANCES.

Money raised at March meeting 1905.....	\$450.00
Unexpended from 1904.....	12.65
Due for tuition for scholars from other towns..	52.50
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Total resources.....	\$515.15
Wages paid teachers.....	\$484.00
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Balance unexpended	\$31.15

For the various items of the foregoing expenditures see report of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

Town reports made from year to year must of necessity be very similar. During the past year, the usual little things, slight dissatisfactions, etc., have sometimes come up, but on the whole the school work has gone on pleasantly and successfully. There have been two or three instances in our Rural schools where we might wish for better results, but we have labored under the disadvantage of having to pay small wages, and in those instances had to employ young and inexperienced teachers. In many cases teachers get better pay in other towns near us than we are able to pay our teachers in the Rural schools, so we frequently lose a good teacher.

We ought to raise more money for the town schools, so we can have more schools and also pay better wages. We are going to be up against the question of wages any way, for besides the competition from other towns, our scholars are staying in better and in several of our rural schools there will be scholars coming into the High school studies this year and we shall have to employ teachers who can teach them. I say this without any reference or criticism to the teachers we have had, many of them reside in town and have done excellent work, but have taught for small pay rather than go away from home. In our Village schools we have been especially fortunate, all of the teachers

having had much experience, and three of them having been with us for years. It has been our aim, in so far as practicable, to retain the same teachers in their respective schools throughout the town. A teacher who knows the special work of any school can get quicker results than a new one.

Now in matter of the High School work, you will see from the statement herewith that the number doing High school work has increased from last year, and has been steadily gaining since we reorganized a few years ago.

This year it became necessary to have our courses of study approved by the State Superintendent as being of standard grade as required by law, and we got that settled during the summer of 1905; and at the present time we give three courses covering four years work each, viz: English, Classical and College Preparatory Courses. Our outline is similar to that of the courses in the Maine Central Institute or Coburn Classical Institute, but we so far have not been able to fill it in as well, as we are able to have but one teacher to teach all the studies of the courses.

We are coming to the point where we shall have to arrange for some assistance more than we have had, for to do good work a teacher needs more time for each recitation. As you will see by the report, our tuition item from outside scholars is beginning to amount to something, and in order to hold our place with other schools we must plan to give better service. We have a class of seven to graduate this year, with the prospect of as large or larger class next year which together with the attendance shows a thrifty condition.

Realizing the hearty support given by our people during the past few years while in a less prosperous condition, we feel that you will not let it fall off at this time. They are your schools and we know you are interested in them.

Very respectfully,

W. R. JORDAN, Supt.

Your Superintending School Committee make the following report in matter of repairs, viz: There have been some needed repairs made on the furnaces, cold air drafts put in etc. in the Village buildings, and the coming year new steps will be needed at each school house.

The school buildings in the Badger District have been painted and fixed inside and out so they are in good condition, but a little

work getting dirt away from the back side of the house ought to be done so to save rotting the clapboards and sills.

The school house in the Russell District has been painted inside, had new seats put in etc. and the wood shed has been fixed some, but the buildings need to be painted outside this Spring.

The chimney in the school house in the Holway District needs to be built over, and some other slight repairs made.

The school buildings in the Brown, Clark and Gilman District, each need some little repairing.

In the matter of appropriations we make the following recommendations:

That we raise \$1200.00 for the support of town schools.

That we raise \$500.00 for free High school.

That we raise \$250.00 for supplies and repairs.

That we raise \$200.00 for the purchase of text books.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DINSMORE,
CARROLL CLARK,
I. C. PIERCE.

Superintending School Committee.

Dated at Bingham, Me., February 23rd, 1906.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

Somerset County, ss.

State of Maine.

*To I. C. Pierce, a Constable in the town of Bingham, in
said County, Greeting.*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Kennebec Hall in said town on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1906 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose selectmen for the ensuing year.
4. To choose assessors for the ensuing year.
5. To choose overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
6. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
7. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year, and establish his per cent for collecting.
8. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year, and establish the price per day he shall receive for his services.
9. To choose one or more members of the superintending school committee.
10. To choose all other necessary town officers.
11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair schoolhouses, for cleaning schoolhouses, and for school supplies for the ensuing year.
14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to purchase text books for the ensuing year.
15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for a Free High School in district No. 1.

17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to liquidate the town debt.

18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be expended on the State road leading through Bingham to Solon.

19. To see if the town will vote for the superintending school committee to maintain school in Districts having an average attendance of less than eight scholars.

20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money necessary to build a concrete sidewalk along Meadow St. extending from Main St. to the east end of Meadow St. near residence of Leonard Hamilton.

21. To see if the town will vote to exempt the Grange Hall in Bingham village from taxation, for the ensuing year.

22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell the William J. Knight farm reserving the buildings and such land on the east side of the highway as they see fit.

23. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the observance of Memorial Day.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Kennebec Hall, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February A. D. 1906.

S. A. SMITH,
HENRY COOLEY,
ORISON GORDON.

Selectmen of Bingham.