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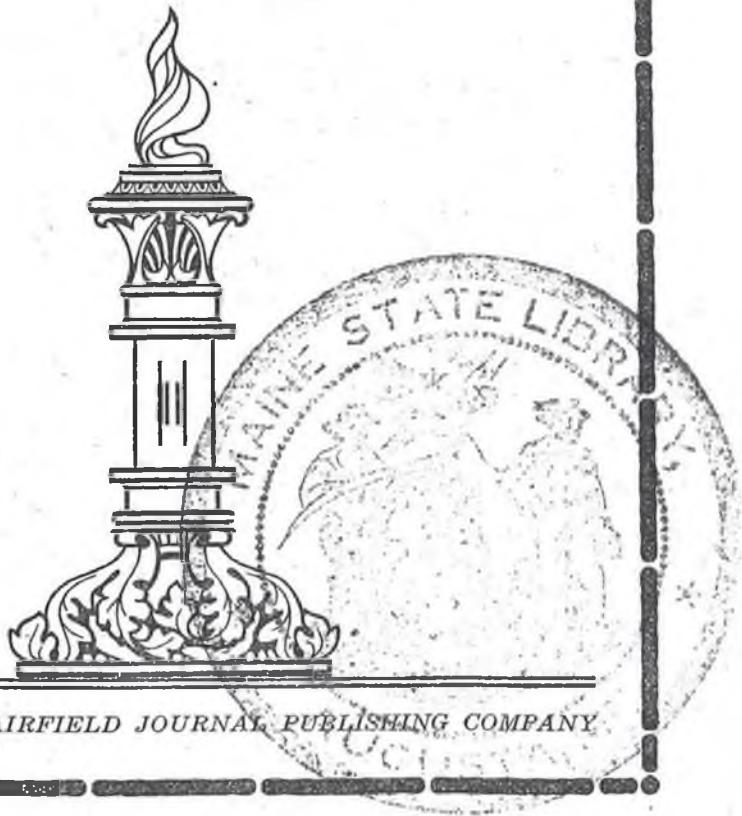
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Town Officers, 1908

Town Clerk.....W. B. GOODRICH.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
S. A. SMITH, HENRY COOLEY, ORISON GORDON

Collector.....I. C. PIERCE

Treasurer.....E. W. MOORE

School Committee.....{ I. C. PIERCE
GEORGE G. GILMAN
WALTER E. ROBINSON

Superintendent of Schools.....C. E. BALL

Board of Health
A. C. DINSMORE I. C. PIERCE

Road Commissioner.....JOHN CUMMINGS

27682

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

TO THE CITIZENS OF BINGHAM:

We hereby submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending Feb. 20th, 1908.

Valuation April 1st. 1907

Real estate, resident.....	\$192,080 00
" " nonresident	27,165 00
Total real estate	\$219,245 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$55,243 00
" " nonresident	900 00
Total personal estate.....	\$ 56,143 00
Total valuation.....	\$275,388 00

Assessments for 1907

For highways and bridges.....	\$2,000 00
Common schools.....	1,200 00
Repairs of schoolhouses, etc.....	200 00
Text books.....	200 00
Support of town poor.....	500 00
Support of Free High School.....	350 00
Miscellaneous charges.....	2,000 00
State road.....	200 00
Salary of superintendent of schools.....	250 00
State tax.....	859 98
County tax.....	385 93
Overlay	293 95
	\$8,439 86

Rate of taxation, .028.....	
Tax on valuation of \$275,388.00.....	\$7,710 86
Tax on 243 polls at \$3.00 each.....	729 00
	—————
Supplementary assessment.....	\$8,439 86 92 88
	—————
Total amount committed to collector...	\$8,531 74

SUPPORT OF POOR

Receipts

Raised by town at March meeting.....	\$500 00
Unexpended bal. from last year.....	263 57
Rec'd from guardian of L. Cooley widow....	5 40
	—————

\$768 67

The expenses of the town has been as follows:

Lydid Cooley	\$177 50
Leander Cooley, family.....	436 79
Mona McCollar.....	63 29
Youngest child of Rose McCollar.....	44 58
Guy York	56 28
George York.....	24 60
N. E. Knight	60 20
Dennis Knight	23 75
	—————
	\$886 99
Amount overdrawn.....	118 02
	—————

\$768 97

SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Horace E. Rand, Reed Plantation.....	\$16 20
Rec'd from Reed Plantation.....	16 20
Amos Corson, St. Albans	90 65
Due from St. Albans	90 65

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Willie Wintle	58 12
Ed. McCloskie.....	54 28
Geo. Richards	61 70
Due from State last year	206 37
	—————
	\$380 47

Rec'd from State.....	\$340 81
Due from State	39 66
	—————
	\$380 47
Paid for patient at Maine Insane Hospital....	\$58 80
Reimbursement	58 80

Highways

Receipts

Raised by town.....	\$2,000 00
Unexpended last year.....	132 03
	—————
	\$2,132 03

Expenditures

WINTER ROADS AFTER SETTLEMENT

Order No.

3 John Wharff.....	\$ 3 00
7 D. W. Badger	15 15
11 John Kelley	8 25
12 C. H. Goodridge.....	10 50
13 Daniel Flanders.....	9 50
15 W. S. Tozier.....	27 00
16 Arno Padham.....	31 50
20 John R. Moody.....	3 00
26 Perlie Carl.....	87
27 John R. Moody.....	10 60
28 Burt Mosier.....	2 40
29 D. W. Badger.....	4 75
30 Ed. McCloskie.....	2 50
33 G. Holway.....	18 14
43 Thomas Owens.....	12 00
47 S. J. Nottage & Son.....	6 15
48 Melphene Horn	11 15
50 Pat Cassidy.....	10 00
99 G. G. Gilman.....	2 70
101 F. L. Williams.....	6 60
104 Ed. Andrews.....	75

107	L. W. Brown.....	2 55
108	G. W. Brown.....	2 17
123	Mike Hannon.....	1 05
165	Eddie Smith.....	20 00
198	Edgar McClintock.....	10 28
204	Henry Connor.....	12 10
205	Peter Mahoney.....	7 80
206	James Mahoney.....	1 20
207	John Savage.....	15 25
208	Fred Adams.....	13 90
209	Alfred Miller.....	1 20
210	S. M. Boynton.....	14 50
217	Joseph Hunnewell.....	10 13
232	John Redmond.....	6 50
255	Henry Washburn.....	9 46
265	C. B. Gilman.....	9 45
277	Perlie Clark.....	5 40
280	George A. Corson.....	1 50
286	Granville Goodrich.....	4 80
296	John Kelley.....	2 25
311	F. E. Baker.....	75
318	Geo. W. Smith.....	5 60
320	Wm. A. Cuddy.....	9 30
324	Austin Taylor.....	3 30
326	John Redmond.....	50
340	S. J. Nottage and Son	1 50
380	Charles Colby.....	1 75
		\$370 70

Highways—Summer

No.	2	P. J. Mahoney.....	3 00
	14	W. S. Tozier	13 20
	20	John R. Moody	6 00
	26	Perlie Carl.....	1 75
	55	Will Thompson	23 60
	56	Steward Bros	21 97
	57	Frank McCollar.....	1 75
	65	Frank Moody	3 50
	66	Dan Badger	12 24
	69	C. H. Goodridge	15 85
	70	Melphene Horn	6 12

71	John Moody.....	13 99
79	Orison Gordon.....	166 38
82	Thomas Owens.....	88 05
83	John Owens	5 25
86	George Nottage.....	12 25
87	S. J. Nottage	5 25
91	Frank Preble	7 30
93	John Wharff.....	22 70
99	George G. Gilman.....	14 87
101	F. L. Williams & Sons.....	5 25
104	Ed. Andrews	11 37
107	L. W. Brown	8 55
108	G. W. Brown.....	11 55
109	Ed. McCluskie.....	5 25
72	John A. Baker.....	50 36
120	Henry Cooley.....	14 02
122	John A. Baker.....	17 50
123	Mike Hannon.....	5 95
127	J. P. Witham.....	7 00
138	C. W. Cooley.....	130 07
143	Elijah Hall.....	1 20
148	Orison Gordon.....	24 51
150	C. W. Abbey.....	2 25
152	E. M. Fletcher.....	8 60
154	Isaac Holway.....	12 00
156	James Oharo.....	1 75
159	A. C. Bates.....	2 96
162	Charles Givens.....	35 00
164	Eddie Smith.....	5 97
193	Enoch Osgood.....	2 00
197	Robert Woods.....	2 00
205	Peter Mahoney.....	7 53
212	I. C. Pierce.....	7 00
214	J. J. Lander.....	20 98
216	Joseph Hunnewell.....	22 75
223	A. P. Murry.....	2 46
225	W. S. Steward.....	3 90
226	T. H. Reynolds	2 00
227	J. J. Lander.....	85
229	Will Thompson.....	19 25
233	John Burton.....	2 00

247	Manley Hunnewell.....	3 70
250	A. C. Dinsmore.....	63
251	John Cummings.....	30 00
254	Calvin Ellis.....	6 12
265	C. B. Gilman.....	17 95
270	C. B. Gilman.....	2 50
276	Perlie Clark	25 55
277	Perlie Clark	38 50
78	Wm. A. Cuddy.....	3 30
279	G. A. Corson	6 12
285	Granville Goodrich	24 75
288	Henry Cooley.....	3 00
315	Isaac Holway..	37 45
316	Fred Adams	5 17
317	W. S. Tozier.....	7 00
319	Thomas Town.....	2 19
320	Wm. A. Cuddy.....	1 75
321	Carl Cates.....	70
322	Charles York	59 45
324	Austin Taylor.....	3 62
326	John Redmond.....	3 00
346	Peter Mahoney.....	1 05
347	Mell Merrill	3 00
353	Coney Grant.....	15 75
358	W. S. Steward.....	5 35
382	John Wharff.....	1 27
383	John Cummings.....	193 00
388	G. C. Miller	3 00
394	H. B. Whipple.....	3 00
395	Brackett & Andrews.....	98 70
381	Thomas Owens.....	5 00
		\$1,510 42

WINTER ROADS TO FEB. 20, 1908

270	C. B. Gilman, \$10.00 use of field...	13 30
278	William Cuddy.....	4 68
279	Geo. Corson	6 60
283	Isaac Holway.....	12 60
286	Granville Goodrich	1 80
288	Henry Cooley.....	4 75

296	John Kelley.....	2 25
298	Geo. C. Gilman.....	14 70
299	C. H. Goodridge.....	5 10
308	Alphonzo Eames.....	3 00
311	Willie Woods.....	45
314	Dan C. Baker.....	6 25
316	Fred Adams.....	2 10
340	S. J. Nottage & Son.....	6 15
341	Geo. W. Brown.....	2 70
342	L. W. Brown.....	1 35
345	Joseph Hunnewell.....	9 37
346	Peter Mahoney.....	2 25
353	Coney Grant.....	4 35
355	Ed Miller.....	1 80
357	A. C. Bates.....	90
360	John H. Savage.....	11 75
361	J. P. Witham.....	3 00
380	Charles Colby.....	12 75
389	D. W. Badger.....	4 60
390	Pat Cassidy.....	3 00
399	John Redmond.....	2 10
		----- \$148 65

Total expenditures on highway, not including new road to proposed railroad station....	\$2,029 77
Unexpended	102 26
	----- \$2,132 03

New Road to Proposed Railroad Station

Receipts

Raised by loan.....	\$1,100 00
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Expenditures

No. 128	E. E. Greenwood, survey and esti- mates.....	\$ 25 00
160	Coney Robinson.....	15 00
161	Perlie Carl	6 12
182	Orison Gordon.....	150 00
183	Howard Russell, land damage.....	162 50
189	John Burtor.....	49 00

190	John Burton.....	14 00
192	Enoch Osgood	56 72
196	Robert Woods	51 00
199	A. P. Murry, fencing	50 00
200	A. P. Murry.....	84 45
201	B. F. Adams.....	21 00
224	Orison Gordon	123 00
225	W. S. Steward.....	5 78
227	J. J. Lander.....	3 76
228	F. W. Hilton	40 56
253	Calvin R. Ellis	68 00
325	Elwin Robinson.....	4 00
385	Orison Gordon.....	25 68
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	Total expenditures.....	\$955 27
Including land damage and fencing road.		
	Unexpended	144 73
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		\$1,100 00

STATE ROAD

Receipts

Raised by town	\$200 00
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Expenditures

No. 140	Herbert Pierce	2 25
116	Henry Adams.....	5 25
117	Ben Smith.....	1 75
119	George Jones	7 25
121	Mike Lapoint	7 22
124	Charles Frith	7 25
132	Fred McLaughlin	2 00
133	Will McLaughlin.....	4 00
134	Harry D. Baker.....	12 00
135	Enoch Osgood	10 00
136	Robert Woods	16 00
137	Henry Smith	10 00
139	Elvin Robinson	15 05
140	Burnard Beedy	9 00
141	Mike Lapoint.....	10 00
144	Joseph Hunnewell.....	17 00

145	Lorenzo Spaulding.....	7 25
147	Orison Gordon.....	56 00
151	John Brock.....	8 00
155	James Oharo	12 25
178	A. P. Murry.....	14 00
202	Ossia Miller	3 00
215	John Cummings.....	30 00
223	A. P. Murry.....	38 65
244	Manley Hunnewell	6 25
256	Henry Washburn.....	15 75
291	F. S. Hunnewell.....	25 87
382	John Wharff.....	2 00
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Total amount expended.....		\$355 07
Overdrawn		155 07
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		\$200 00

Miscellaneous Expenses

Orders Drawn:

No.	1	Daniel Steward.....	3 00
	4	Fairfield Journal Publishing Co.,...	21 66
	9	Loring, Short & Harmon.....	11 55
	10	" " "	2 85
	17	S. T. Goodrich.....	7 00
	19	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
	22	B. L. Bodge.....	1 50
	21	W. S. Steward.....	7 50
	23	Mrs. Etta Holt.....	1 00
	24	S. A. Smith, cash paid out.....	2 75
	32	I. Holway.....	140 00
	36	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
	40	Charles M. Hill	17 50
	49	W. H. Collins.....	25 00
	59	S. A. Smith.....	5 75
	60	Loring, Short & Harmon.....	1 55
	61	S. A. Smith, pt services.....	32 00
	62	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33

64	Loring, Short & Harmon.....	2 50
90	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
100	S. A. Smith, Cash.....	6 40
110	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
112	E. E Greenwood.....	3 00
113	S. A. Smith, cash.....	7 87
126	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
146	Elias Andrews.....	14 00
149	Bingham Electrical Co.,.....	33 33
157	Juleitt F. Adams.....	7 88
158	Clara Richardson.....	7 88
161	Esther Bessey.....	10 50
175	S. A. Smith, board of health.....	6 70
179	Bingham Electrical Co.....	33 33
184	N. E. Home for little wanderers....	10 00
186	George L. Baker.....	44 90
211	G. H. Givens	17 50
230	Bingham Electrical Co.....	33 33
236	J. P. Witham.....	2 75
249	Bingham Electrical Co.....	33 33
252	Wm. A. Curdy.....	1 50
261	Bingham Electrical Co	33 33
262	E. W. Wing	25
266	C. B. Gilman	52 50
267	R. C. Brown.....	15 75
271	W. B. Goodrich.....	4 60
273	W. B. Goodrich.....	11 75
274	W. B. Goodrich.....	17 50
275	W. B. Goodrich for attending and recording special town meeting....	21 75
284	I. Hollway.....	49 00
287	G. Goodrich	3 50
289	Mrs. E. S. Baker.....	4 63
290	M. M. Chase.....	8 75
294	Carrie M. Hunnewell.....	18 55
297	Skowhegan Savings Bank.....	45 50
300	C. A. Paul.....	21 50
303	G. G. Gilman.....	3 00
304	Roy M. Savage.....	35 00
306	W. R. Jordan.....	27 50

309	A. S. Burk	2 00
310	J. J. Lander.....	1 00
323	Mrs. Ellen W. Robinson	16 53
329	A. C. Dinsmore, board of health...	203 13
349	Grace M. Rollins.....	6 22
350	Amon Baker.....	14 60
351	Sarah F. Baker.....	7 00
352	Orison Gordon.....	13 84
254	A. C. Dinsmore, office rent.....	10 00
356	F. G. Williams.....	7 00
375	Preble & Savage.....	15 00
377	S. F. Green.....	75
379	John Cummings.....	10 50
384	Henry Cooley, services and cash paid out.....	99 25
387	Orison Gordon, services.....	53 50
391	S. A. Smith, bal services.....	95 00
392	S. A. Smith, team hire	18 75
393	S. A. Smith, cash paid out.....	3 75
396	I. C. Pierce.....	18 50
397	I. C. Pierce, com. on tax bills of 1905, \$2.34, 1906, \$89.55	91 89
398	I. C. Pierce, com. on tax bills 1907.	100 00
400	E. W. Moore, treasurer.....	20 00
402	Lauder & Moore, supplies for board of health.....	34 02
403	I. C. Pierce, posting warrants.	13 50
404	George L. Baker.....	13 21
92	Mrs. L. F. Pierce.....	17 50

\$2018 09

Common Schools

Receipts

Unexpended Feb. 20, 1907	\$ 5 56
Raised by town	1,200 00
State mill tax.....	869 37
Interest on school fund note.....	63 00
Tuition received.....	13 00
" due.....	22 00
	<hr/> \$2,172 93

Expenditures

Teacher's wages including board.

Spring Term

No. 203 Mrs. W. W. Russell, board.....	8 00
89 Caroline Barker.....	12 00
63 May B.. Baker	102 00
67 Gertrude M. Pierce,.....	102-00
73 Lizzie F. Gilman.....	120 00
74 Alice C. Smith.....	65 00
75 Chasteena S. Longley.....	70 00
84 Lulu M. Holway	71 50
85 Eva C. Wentworth	77 00
88 Addie M. Kelley	71 50
	<hr/> \$699 00

Fall Term

129 Carrie C. Pierce, part fall term....	\$ 20 00
166 Belva L. Bush	48 00
167 Eell Creed.....	56 00
169 Carrie C. Pierce, part fall term....	32 00
170 Lulu M. Holway	45 00
188 Carrie C. Pierce, bal.....	15 00
194 Lizzie F. Gilman.....	120 00
218 May B. Baker.....	90 10
219 Gertrude M. Pierce.....	91 80
234 May B. Baker	5 30
	<hr/> \$523 20

Winter Term

237	Carrie C. Pierce.....	37 00
238	Eva C. Andrews	91 00
240	Lulu M. Holway.....	58 50
241	Bell Cool.....	56 00
364	May B. Baker.....	120 60
365	Gertrude M. Pierce.....	112 20
366	Lizzie F. Gilman.....	120 00
239	Bedra Bush.....	52 00
		—————
		\$647 30

JANITOR SERVICES

No.	81	Ernest Dunton.....	12 00
	105	John Gordon.....	12 00
	173	Ernest Dunton.....	6 50
	176	William Lander.....	3 00
	213	Harold Beedy.....	3 00
	220	Ralph E. Pierce.....	8 00
	260	Ernest Dunton.....	2 60
		—————	
			\$ 47 10

PAID FOR FUEL

92	Jerome Dunton.....	39 00
171	G. W. Brown.....	5 00
264	C. B. Gilman.....	13 00
282	I. Holway.....	9 50
301	N. J. Andrews.....	8 93
302	George G. Gilman.....	11 50
312	F. E. Baker.....	75
329	R. C. Dillen.....	51 25
344	L. G. Brown.....	1 25
395	Brackett & Andrews.....	10 00
		—————
		\$150 18

\$2066 78

Unexpended Feb. 20, 1908	106 15
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\$2172 93

TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised Mar. 4, 1907.....	\$200 00
Amount expended:	
25 C. E. Ball.....	2 00
94 Edward E. Babb & Co.....	21 36
95 Ginn & Company.....	28 38
96 Silver, Burdett & Co.....	39 70
98 Milton, Bradley & Co.....	8 48
103 E. W. Moore, express.....	4 45
371 Ginn & Company.....	10 00
372 American Book Co.....	47 81
374 Silver, Burdett & Co.....	21 45
401 Lander & Moore.....	10 55
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	\$194 18
Unexpended Feb. 20, 1908	5 82
	<hr/>
	\$200 00

Repairs and Supplies.

No. 34 Carl O. Cates.....	3 50
45 Mrs. John Cassidy	2 00
75 George Nottage.....	3 00
68 Lander & Washburn.....	7 00
77 Eva C. Wentworth	3 00
97 Smith & Sale.....	2 25
115 Mrs. Fred Bean.....	15 00
171 George Brown.....	50
235 John Cummings.....	8 00
248 A. F. Donigan.....	50
272 W. G. Goodrich.....	19 93
302 G. G. Gilman.....	4 65
309 A. S. Burk.....	2 08
310 J. J. Lander.....	7 59
343 George Nottage.....	1 00
359 E. N. Andrews.....	4 00
367 D. K. Nolton.....	1 50

368	Shaw Business College.....	3 00
369	Milton Bradley & Co.,.....	6 05
370	Edward E. Babb & Co.,.....	17 50
378	E. E. McNeely.....	2 25
386	Preble & Robinson.....	7 29
396	I. C. Pierce.....	5 00
401	Lander & Moore.....	2 24
264	C. B. Gilman.....	4 00

		\$132 84
	Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1908..	74 41

		\$207 25

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Receipts

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1907.....	\$101 15
Amount raised March 4, 1907.....	350 00
Tuition received.....	45 50
Tuition due.....	40 00

	\$536 65

Expenditures

No. 42	A. W. Boston.....	25 00
78	Albert A. Baston.....	123 50
131	Kate Reed.....	50 00
195	Kate Reed.....	110 00
258	Kate Reed.....	50 00
362	Hellen S. Frain	18 00
363	Kate L. Reed.....	110 00

		\$486 50
	Unexpended balance Feb. 1908	50 15

		\$536 65

Superintendence

Amount raised Mar. 4, 1907.....	\$250 00
Paid C. E. Ball	\$117 65
Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1908	132 35

	\$250 00

Financial Standing of the Town

February 20, 1908

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Money in hands of Treasurer.....	\$2,046 31
Due on tax bills of 1905.....	76 32
" " " " 1906.....	553 92
" " " " 1907.....	1,691 00
" on State pauper account	39 66
" tuition high school	40 00
" common school.....	22 00
" from Wm. A. Cuddy for use of town farm	25 00
" from Albion Healy	20 00
" from St Albans on acct. of Amos Corson.	90 65
" the town for fumigating.....	64 70
" from State Free High School.....	125 75
	<hr/> \$4,795 31

OTHER RESOURCES

Town farm.....	\$600 00
Supplies at town farm.....	20 00
Road Machine.....	175 00
William J. Knights place.....	100 00
Fire Engine.....	900 00
Safe.....	75 00
Store house and lot.....	150 00
	<hr/> \$2,020 00
Total resources.....	\$6,815 31

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders on interest including	
Bridge debt.....	\$11,040 33
Outstanding orders not on interest	18 31
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Total liabilities	\$11,058 64
Total resources.....	6,815 31
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Liabilities above resources including Bridge debt and loan for new road to station....	\$4,243 33

Outstanding orders on interest Feb. 20, 1607. 12,162 33
Outstanding orders on interest Feb. 20. 1908. 11,040 33

Less than last year..... \$1,122 00
Town debt above available resources \$6,245 02

Respectfully submitted

S. A. Smith } Selectmen
Henry Cooley } of
Orison Gordon } Bingham

The Delinquent Tax Payers in the Town of Bingham for Year 1907

Carroll Andrews.....	\$ 3 00
Austin Baker.....	3 00
Alfred Bates.....	3 90
Allen Burton.....	14 90
George W. Badger	33 35
Ross Baker.....	3 00
S. M. Boynton.....	9 97
Zulema Boynton.....	8 40
Ed. Bunker.....	3 00
Melvin Bean.....	3 00
Frank Curtis.....	60 60
Arthur Clark.....	3 00
G. A. Corson.....	5 33
Perley Carl.....	4 68
Carl Cates.....	12 22
John Cassidy.....	27 98
Patrick Cassidy.....	42 28
Everett Cook.....	22 60
Thomas Collins.....	31 42
John Cahill.....	13 22
Thomas Cahill.....	53 40
Stephen B. Clark.....	3 00
Joseph Cassidy.....	3 00
Henry Connor.....	23 52
Ed. Cooley.....	4 85
John Connor.....	3 00
Angus Davis.....	3 00
Geo. Dunton.....	3 11
Lillie M. Dunton.....	11 20
A. F. Donigan.....	183 60
Daniel Flanders.....	24 50
Ed. Farmer.....	3 00
S. T. Goodrich.....	30 00

Cyrus H. Goodrich.....	1 94
Harvey Givens.....	31 00
Cony Grant.....	28 54.
Oscar Givens	3 00
Claud Goodrich.....	3 00
Davis Howes.....	3 00
Michael Hannon.....	12 66
Joseph Hunnewell.....	21 91
Charles Ham.....	3 00
Frank Hall	7 90
Elijah Hall	3 92
Hugh Hannon.....	3 00
Philip Hannon	3 00
Bert Huff	3 00
William Johnson	3 00
L. W. Jordan	3 00
George Jones.....	17 00
John Kelley.....	27 64
Harry Knox	11 18
Fred Lombard	3 70
James Lawrence	5 80
Michael Lapoint.....	10 48
Bert Lester.....	14 20
William Ladd.....	3 00
Bert Mosher	3 00
Frank Merrill.....	3 00
James Miller.....	3 00
E. W. Miller.....	21 93
Leo Miller.....	3 00
G. C. Miller.....	29 98
G. C. Miller.....	11 20
John R. Moody.....	8 94
Ora Moody.....	14 00
J. D. Merrill.....	34 44
W. H. Morris.....	3 00
Thomas Mullen.....	3 00
Alfred Miller.....	27 19
George McClintick.....	3 87
Mark McCollor.....	3 98
Will McDonough.....	12 18

George Murphy.....	3 00
Walker Nason.....	3 00
B. F. Preble.....	10 00
B. K. Presley.....	3 00
Thomas Padham.....	3 00
Arno Padham.....	3 00
Ida Padham.....	22 71
John Piper.....	3 00
David Roach.....	3 16
Ed. Roberts.....	3 00
John Redmond.....	32 37
Albert Reynolds.....	17 00
Elwin Robinson.....	9 70
Delbert Roach.....	3 00
Alfred Smith.....	15 60
John H. Savage.....	39 17
W. S. Steward.....	15 60
Henry Savage.....	3 00
Thomas Towne.....	12 10
Arthur Tupper.....	3 00
W. S. Tozier.....	13 92
F. L. Williams.....	38 19
Jane Wharff.....	18 62
John Wharff.....	3 00
Nathaniel Williams.....	3 00
Guy Williams.....	3 00
Ernest Wing.....	3 00
Thomas Bessey.....	1 68
Bingham Land Co.,.....	4 20
David Corson.....	37 10
Patrick Cahill Estate.....	4 20
Goodrich & Brown.....	21 00
Byron Huff	1 40
Thomas Mahoney.....	7 00
Oliver Moulton heirs.....	2 26
Ephraim Witham heirs.....	8 40
E. J. Russell.....	19 60
Elias Smith.....	2 80
Ordway & Viles.....	56 00

Treasurer's Report

E. W. MOORE, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Bingham,
1907.

DR.	
To cash on hand from last settlement.....	\$2635 75
" " from State Treasurer for Support of High School.....	217 25
" " from State Treasurer School and Mill Fund	869 37
" " " " " refunded on State Pensions. 1906.....	156 00
" cash from State Treasurer refunded on State Pensions, 1907.....	352 00
" cash from State Treasurer for support of Poor ...	340 81
" " Coney Grant for part of Wm. Knights place.....	225 00
" " Wm. Cuddy for Lydia Cooley horse.	40 00
" " Henry Washburn for Auctioneer's license	2 00
" " W. B. Goodrich, administrator of Elwin Goodrich estate for perpetual care of burial lot.....	100 00
" " Town Clerk for Dog Tax.....	18 00
" " Mrs. Henry Cooley for Tilson Adams Lot	125 00
" " County Treasurer, refunded on Bingham-Concord Bridge.....	585 73
" " John Wharff, balance due for care of Benj. Holding	58 80
" " Reed Plantation for supplies furnished Horace E. Rand	16 20
" " Lyman G. Brown, refunded from estate of Leander Cooley.....	5 40
" " Town of Moscow for express on school books.....	3 30
" " Town of Moscow for High School tuition	35 50
" " Town of Concord for " " " "	10 00
" " " " " " Common " " " "	6 00
" " " " " Stephen Goodrich " " " " "	3 00

To cash from W. R. Jordan, balance due on High School tuition for 1906.....	20 00
" " " W. R. Jordan, balance due on Common School tuition for 1906.....	14 00
" " " Selectmen, hired for Town.....	1100 00
" " " I. C. Pierce on tax of 1905.....	93 68
" " " I. C. Pierce " " " 1906.....	1572 23
" " " I. C. Pierce " " " 1907.....	6947 59
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	\$15,452 61

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By cash paid for Town Orders.....	\$11,871 76
" " " State Tax.....	878 71
" " " County Tax.....	385 93
" " " State Pensions.....	252 00
" " " Dog Tax.....	18 00
" " balance in treasury.....	2046 31
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	\$15,452 61

Report of School Board

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Amount unexpended, Feb. 20, 1907.....	\$ 5 56
" raised, Mar. 4, 1907.....	1,200 00
" received from State.....	869 37
Interest on school fund note.....	63 00
Tuition received.....	13 00
Tuition due.....	22 00
	—————
	\$2,172 93

Expenses

Teachers' wages, including board.....	\$1,869 50
Janitors' wages.....	47 10
Paid for fuel.....	150 18
	—————
	\$2,066 78
Unexpended, Feb. 20, 1908.....	\$ 106 15

TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised, Mar. 4, 1907.....	\$200 00
Expended	194 18
Unexpended, Feb. 20, 1908.....	\$ 5 82

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Resources

Unexpended balance, Feb. 20, 1907.....	\$ 7 25
Amount raised, Mar. 4, 1907	200.00
	—————
	\$ 207 25

Expenses

Paid for repairs.....	\$ 77 61
" " supplies and appliances.....	55 23
	—————
	\$ 132 84
Unexpended balance, Feb. 20, 1908....	\$ 74 41

EX-STATE

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Resources

Unexpended balance, Feb. 20, 1907	\$101 15
Amount raised, Mar. 4, 1907.....	350 00
Tuitions received.....	45 50
Tuitions due.....	40 00

	\$536 65

Expenses

Teachers' wages.....	\$486 50
Unexpended balance, Feb. 20, 1908....	\$ 50 15

Superintendence

Amount raised, Mar. 4, 1907.....	\$250 00
Paid C. E. Ball	117 65
Unexpended balance, Feb. 20, 1908	\$132 35

General Statement

Whole number of scholars, April 1, 1907.....	292
Number of different pupils registered in the common schools.	235
Number of different pupils registered in the high school.....	35

Total Attendance 270

Number attending common schools from other towns.....	10
Number attending high school from other towns	8
Total attendance from other towns	18
" " " this town.....	252

School Year in Weeks

High school.....	36
Village schools.....	36
Rural schools	26
Whole number of weeks of common schools	284
Average weekly wages paid teachers of village schools	\$9 11
" " " " " rural schools	6 71

Estimates

For common schools.....	\$1,200
" high school	500
" " " laboratory.....	60
" text books.....	200
" repairs.....	500
" apparatus and supplies	30
" superintedence	150

In explanation of the foregoing estimates of the sums needed for the coming year, we wish to submit to your consideration a few pressing needs.

We believe the first and most crying need to be improvement of the rural schools. Your superintendent has tried to assist the teachers of these schools to acquire and intelligently adapt and apply improved methods of instruction and, in most cases, they have earnestly tried to do their part, and the results were gratifying. But teachers of more experience and culture and a better professional training are needed to do what must be done to raise those schools to the required standard. It may be too much to expect to raise the rural schools to the same standard as those of the village, but they should in simple justice, be raised to a higher standard than now exists for the rural tax payer pays the same rate of taxation as his neighbor and the intellectual need of the individual child in a remote section is as great and the responsibility of the public to that child is as great as if he lived in a large village. Therefor, while the sum to be paid by the state will be increased to some extent, if the town can appropriate the usual amount, the increase in the state money can be used to improve the rural schools and much good accomplished.

The recent ruling of the State Superintendent of Public Schools that a High School is not standard unless employing at least two teachers and maintaining a scientific laboratory is probably as reasonable as he could make under the present law but it imposes new conditions upon us if our High School is to be made a standard one, and unless it is standard, we can neither collect tuitions from adjoining towns nor avoid paying the tuitions of any qualified pupils that may attend any standard out of town school, which tuition may be thirty dollars per year per pupil. This will seriously cripple our school as will be seen by reference to the financial statement of the High School in this report. To employ two teachers to do the work required, we shall need the sum asked for and to furnish the labora-

tory we shall need sixty dollars this year and forty dollars next year. The second teacher has been employed and the school has been approved until April first, next, but a permanent approval depends upon your action. Prof. A. W. Boston who taught the spring term and the present principal, Miss Kate L. Reed, have done grand work and we believe Miss Reed should be retained. There has been a distinct improvement in the discipline, interest and scholarship of the school during the year.

The condition of the school houses in the Brown and Chas. Gilman districts is far below that of the other districts of the town and the growth of those schools and the present prospects for their future demand that something should be done to improve them. We recommend that your appropriation for repairs include a sufficient sum to enlarge and thoroughly repair the Brown school house this year.

The new law relating to District Superintendence that took effect in April, last, reduced the portion of the Superintendent's salary the towns were required to pay from one half to one third and made the State's portion payable directly to the District Superintendent. A district formed this spring or hereafter must be formed for at least three years. Should it be deemed best to continue the present district and retain the present superintendent, this town's portion of his salary will probably be about the sum named in our estimates.

The school in the Russell school house was discontinued after a four week spring term because of a lack of pupils. The Superintending School Committee should receive authority to reestablish this school in case of need.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. BALL, Dist. Supt.

I. C. Pierce } Superintending
G. C. Gilman } School
Walter Robinson } Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Somerset, ss.

State of Maine.

To I. C. Pierce, Constable of the Town of Bingham, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested 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 second day of March, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to-wit:

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. *Dan Steward*
- 2 To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year. *N. B. Gridick*
- 3 To choose selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year. *S. A. Smith*
H. Cooley
Orson
- 4 To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year. *E. M. Gove*
- 5 To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year, and establish his per cent for collecting. *R. H. Sayles*
- 6 To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year, and establish his term of office, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same. *Frank Curtis*
- 7 To choose one or more members of the superintending school committee.
- 8 To choose all other necessary town officers.
- 9 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for making and repairing highways and culverts in said town, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same. *1700*
- 10 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for making and repairing bridges in said town, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same. *200*
- 11 To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred dollars for cutting bushes in limits of highway in said town, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same. *100*
- 12 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools for the ensuing year, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same. *200*

13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of school houses, and for school supplies for the ensuing year. *500*

14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text books for the ensuing year. *2.00*

15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town poor for the ensuing year. *65*

16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, and pass all necessary votes respecting the same. *200*

17. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to defray the expenses of Memorial Day, and pass all necessary votes respecting the same. *30*

18. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" upon the adoption upon the provision of Chapter 112 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1907, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to the State aid for highways for the year 1908. *yes*

19. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart, for the permanent improvement of the main highways within the town, such sums of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of \$47.50. *47.50*

20. To see if the town will vote to accept the following proposal of the Bingham Electrical Company for furnishing street lights in Bingham Village for the space of one year, and if so, to raise the sum of money necessary for the same, to wit:- Lights to be furnished by the Company and kept in running condition, and to be at least 32 candle power each, and at prices as follows for one year:- for ten lights, \$300; twelve lights, \$350; fifteen lights, \$400; and over fifteen lights to be \$15 per year each; location of lights to be designated by Selectmen; number of lights not to exceed twenty-five. *49.00*

21. To see if the town will vote to exempt the Grange Hall in Bingham Village from taxation.

22. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of sixty dollars to furnish a High School Laboratory during the ensuing year. *60*

23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise to support a Free High School in Bigham Village for the ensuing year. *50*

24. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Superintending School Committee to unite with other towns in the employment of a District Superintendent, as provided in Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 15 as amended, and raise a sum of money sufficient to pay this town's proportionate part of the salary of said Superintendent.

25 To see if the town will vote for the Superintending School Committee to maintain schools in Districts having an average attendance of less than eight scholars.

26 To see what action the town will vote to take in regard to making settlement with Henry Washburn for damage claimed, for injury to team in July, 1907, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

27 To see if the town will vote to pay S. T. Goodrich for damage claimed by him, for public travel across his land from the east end of Meadow street to the Somerset Railway, from June 10, to October 10, 1907, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

28. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Baker street, from Main street to land of A. P. Murray.

29. To see what action the town will vote to take in paying the expense of fumigating in town in the future and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

30 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to charge a license fee of twenty-five dollars for each tent show or circus exhibiting in the town of Bingham.

31 To see if the town will vote to accept a highway as laid out by the Selectmen in said town, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1907, as follows: Beginning at the easterly end of Goodrich street in Bingham village, near the residence of B. F. Smith, and thence running easterly across land of S. T. Goodrich, a distance of about seven rods, to a point near the easterly line of land of Lillie Dunton.

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 nine 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 20th day of February, A. D. 1908..

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