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Annual Reports

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Bingham

FOR THE

Year Ending February 17, 1915

Press of
The Independent-Reporter Company
Skowhegan, Maine

MAR 13 1915

Town Officers, 1914-1915

Town Clerk:

W. B. GOODRICH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

S. A. SMITH

HENRY COOLEY

ORISON GORDON

Tax Collector

C. W. DUTTON

Treasurer

E. W. MOORE

School Committee

GEORGE G. GILMAN

I. C. PIERCE

W. E. ROBINSON

Board of Health :

A. C. DINSMORE

I. C. PIERCE

ORISON GORDON A. C. DINSMORE, Secretary

Constables

C. W. DUTTON

W. J. CARL

G. G. GILMAN

FRANK B. ROWE

R. H. SANDS

Road Commissioners

E. R. TAYLOR

Superintendent of Schools

MERTON T. GOODRICH

Truant Officers

C. W. DUTTON

WILLARD J. CARL

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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 February 1915.

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VALUATION APRIL 1914

Real estate, resident	\$355,870	
Real estate, non resident	59,045	
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Total real estate		\$414,915
Personal estate		114,960
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Total valuation		\$529,875

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1914

For highways and culverts	\$1,800.00	
Bridges	200.00	
Snow roads	400.00	
Cutting bushes	250.00	
State aid roads	533.00	
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Total amount for highways.....		\$3,183.00
Common schools	\$1,600.00	
Text books	200.00	
Free high school	1,000.00	
Repairs of school houses and school supplies	400.00	
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Total amount raised for schools..		\$3,200.00
Support of the poor	\$600.00	
Street lights	420.00	
Police service and night watch	635.00	
Miscellaneous expenses and hydrant rental	4,300.00	

Purchase of fire hose	300.00	
Care of cemeteries	50.00	
Pay Note on firemen's hall	300.00	
Pay overdraw on State road 1913.....	773.85	
Special appropriation, text books	667.21	
State tax	2,202.33	
County tax	782.00	
Overlay	478.61	
		11,509.00
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Total amount of assessments....		\$17,892.00
Rate of taxation, \$32.00 per \$1,000.00: <i>1070</i>		
Tax on valuation of \$529,875	\$16,956.00	
Tax on 312 polls at \$3.00 each	936.00	
		\$17,892.00
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Supplemental assessment		106.40
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Total amount committed to collector.....		\$17,998.40

HIGHWAYS

Amount raised	\$1,800.00	
Received from other sources	9.11	
		\$1,809.11
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Amount expended:

Labor unless otherwise specified

1914—Orders Drawn

No. of Order

103 Charles Young	3.50
104 Errold Rowe	1.75
105 Arno Padham	2.63
106 Carrold Gerish	1.31
107 Lewis Cushing	7.00
108 Joe McDonald	7.44
111 Steward Campbell	3.94
112 Thomas Whitney	29.75
126 Taylor Bros. road machine work.....	409.00
133 Fred Hodgdon	19.70
134 Carl Cates, gravel	15.95
137 William Mahoney	3.13

139	Davis Carson	16.12
142	Wilber Flanders	8.12
160	John Cassidy	12.50
172	Frank Curtis	6.00
174	Ralph McGarity	26.20
175	Leon Hilton	9.30
176	Arno Padham	5.62
177	Joe McDonald	36.70
178	Herbert Pierce	3.50
179	C. B. Gilman	12.00
181	Steward Campbell	21.88
182	Ralph McGarity	76.00
183	Orlando Hunnewell	21.25
185	Orlando Hunnewell	3.12
200	Fred Hodgdon	4.20
209	Fred Baker	4.00
224	Eluin Robinson	10.70
231	H. L. Wyman, plank	37.01
232	Frank Smith	10.50
233	Frank Smith	30.62
236	Lewis Cushing	7.50
237	Geo. Corson	10.51
239	Fred E. Baker	8.75
240	Norman Fogg	4.37
243	Lewis Cushing	21.25
244	Steward Campbell	1.25
245	Olin Robinson	7.66
248	Ed Smith	9.75
252	Lewis Cushing	8.00
270	Orlando Hunnewell	7.50
272	Perlie Carl	58.69
337	Fred Brown .....	.87
364	W. S. Robinson, labor and use of camp outfit	43.00
378	A. C. Dinsmore, gravel	6.40
468	B. F. Smith	8.75
475	E. M. Fletcher, repairs	1.00
477	Charles Gerrish	16.87
479	Geo. McClintick	3.50
482	Preble & Robinson	39.10
484	Preble & Robinson	144.17

499	Perlie Clark	7.00	
501	J. H. Savage	2.62	
504	Henry Cooley	13.75	
507	F. E. Baker	4.37	
514	I. C. Pierce	1.78	
522	S. J. Whitney, supplies	43.52	
524	F. S. Hunnewell, supplies	98.12	
528	H. B. Whipple	4.00	
533	H. B. Whipple	2.00	
538	Frank Curtis	2.75	
545	A. P. Murry	3.80	
548	Taylor Bros.	84.00	
549	Elwood Thomas	16.19	
550	E. R. Taylor	78.00	
556	Howard Russell	11.80	
	Set apart for repairs of sidewalks	175.00	
	Set apart for maintenance of State aid road	100.00	
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		\$1,917.97	
	Overdrawn	108.86	
		<hr/>	\$1,809.11

BRIDGES

Amount raised	\$200.00	
Unexpended last year	71.79	
	<hr/>	\$271.79

Amount expended:

1914—Orders Drawn

No.

123	Steward Bros., plank	90.00
141	South Gardiner Lumber Co.	14.88
197	Steward Bros., plank	27.00
228	Woodie Sanbourn	1.60
335	F. L. Furbush	2.75
377	H. L. Wyman	4.43
467	Ed Leach	3.00
476	Frank Hall	1.80
480	Elwin Robinson	6.00

503	C. R. Ellis	8.75
509	Robert Davis	6.40
510	Peter Mahoney .....	.61
527	H. B. Whipple	4.00
540	J. P. Whitney	2.10
522	E. R. Taylor	7.75
553	Taylor Bros.	13.06
558	Brackett & Andrews	79.26
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		273.39
	Overdrawn	1.60
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\$271.79

SNOW ROADS

Amount raised	\$400.00
Unexpended last year	193.79
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\$593.79

Amount expended:

1914—Orders Drawn

No.		
21	Ernest Gilman	7.00
45	H. B. Whipple	8.00
99	Elwin Robinson	2.00
100	William McDonough	8.00
101	John McPhee	2.00
102	Arno Padham	6.40
110	Pat Cassidy	6.56
129	Arthur Flanders	11.20
130	Daniel Flanders	10.50
180	C. B. Gilman	9.32
235	Zenas Fletcher	5.60
238	N. W. William.....	8.75
246	Ed Smith	8.40
250	Orlando Hunnewell	2.62
260	F. L. Gipson	3.00
273	Perlle Clark	17.50
336	A. F. Gehrke	3.67
439	C. B. Gilman	8.52
440	Arno Padham	7.70
469	Ephriam Miller	7.00

470	Ed Miller	7.88
471	Elbie Curtis	10.63
472	Peter Mahoney	6.82
473	John Kellie	2.25
478	A. C. McClintick	5.25
483	W. J. Kiger, use of field and breaking	12.00
485	Geo. McClintick	1.84
486	Frank Chase	4.03
487	A. C. McClintick	11.90
498	G. G. Gilman	5.25
499	Perlie Clark	2.38
501	J. H. Savage	9.10
505	Henry Cooley	12.60
508	Pat Cassidy	4.03
509	Rob Davis	9.45
510	Peter Mahoney	3.85
511	Maurice Cahill	3.50
518	S. J. Nottage	1.93
520	N. W. Williams	2.80
521	Charles Colby	14.20
532	F. L. Gipson	2.10
538	Frank Curtis	10.00
539	Joseph Hunnewell	10.50
541	A. P. Murry	11.75
542	A. P. Murry, paid for labor	4.46
547	Taylor Bros.	5.25
557	Coney Grant	7.00
556	Randall McQuilken	3.94
559	Arthur Flanders	5.77
562	R. C. Brown	2.00
563	Claud Goodrich	4.37
564	Granville Goodrich	5.42

\$347.99

Unexpended 245.80

\$593.79

CUTTING BUSHES

Amount raised		\$250.00
Amount expended:		
1914—Orders Drawn		
No.		
29 Mlephene Horn	9.16	
230 Louis Goodell .....	.60	
234 Frank Smith	7.44	
259 Isaac Holway	7.20	
269 Frank Smith	23.62	
271 Forest Bean .....	.60	
336 A. F. Gehrke	7.00	
337 Fred Brown	5.25	
385 Fred Hodgdon	8.75	
386 Clarence Hodgdon	7.00	
439 C. B. Gilman	19.50	
474 Joseph Hunnewell	26.25	
498 G. G. Gilman	8.75	
500 Perlle Clark	1.75	
501 J. H. Savage	5.25	
515 Zenas Fletcher	10.50	
517 S. J. Nottage & Son	4.38	
527 Isaac Holway	4.38	
574 William McDonough	8.00	
580 Albert F. Gehrke	4.38	
Overdrawn last year	101.60	
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	271.36	
Overdrawn	21.36	
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		\$250.00

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Set apart from regular appropriation for highways	\$175.00	
Received from Howard Russell for concrete work	50.00	
Received from S. J. Whitney for same.....	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$300.00

Amount expended:

Orders Drawn:

No.		
185	Maine Central Ry. Co., freight	9.99
215	Elbie Curtis	26.00
216	John P. Witham	12.60
211	Omar Frith	10.80
225	Perlie Carl	1.80
229	John McPhee	4.00
241	W. J. Bowers	11.70
242	Joe McDonald	17.55
246	Ralph Fogg	11.20
249	Harold Farley	5.85
251	Leon Hilton	7.65
265	Enoch Osgood	38.50
266	Maine Central Ry. Co., freight	4.75
267	Frank Smith	12.60
268	William Pooler	1.50
305	Barrott Mfg. Co., material	47.63
306	Edwards & Walke	7.50
419	B. F. Burnes, material	6.00
482	Bingham Lumber Co.	1.25
553	E. R. Tayler	10.00
554	Tayler Bros.	57.62
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		\$306.49
	Overdrawn	6.49
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		\$300.00

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	\$533.33	
Amount appropriated by State.....	533.33	
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Total joint fund		\$1,066.66
Amount sent State treasurer	\$533.33	
Amount paid on bills returned from State department	35.00	
Total amount expended	\$1,064.36	
Leaving a balance due the town from State of	\$36.15	

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Amount set apart from regular highway fund	\$100.00	
Appropriated by State	89.96	
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Total joint fund		\$189.96
Amount sent to State treasurer	\$85.19	
Amount paid on bills returned from State department	19.95	
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Total amount paid by town		\$105.14
Total amount expended	\$170.37	
Leaving a balance due town from State of	19.95	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$635.00	
Unexpended last year, Feb. 1	128.00	
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Amount expended Feb. 1, 1915 :		\$763.00
Paid W. J. Carl	737.00	
Morrill Rowe	4.00	
Unexpended Feb 1, 1915	22.00	
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		\$763.00

MEMORIAL DAY

No appropriation 1914:
 Carried over from 1913, 1914 \$18.99

STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised \$420.00
 Amount expended:
 Amount of orders drawn to Central Maine
 Power Co. \$420.00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR

Amount raised	\$600.00	
Unexpended last year	198.00	
		\$798.00
Amount expended:		
Mary Cooley	\$267.72	
Andrew Cooley	26.60	
Samantha Thompson	165.00	
George McClintick	54.51	
Nelson E. Knight	181.98	
	695.81	
Unexpended	102.19	
		\$798.00

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN OF
 BINGHAM

Amount expended:	
Ida May Davis, town of Kingman	\$70.65
Due from town of Kingman	\$70.65

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Amount expended:	
Ellen Wintle	\$70.28
Mrs. George O. Donald	10.73
Due from State last year	68.60
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	\$149.61
Received from State	101.78
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Due from State	\$47.83

COMMON SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Amount raised by town	\$1,600.00	
School fund and mill tax	1,134.35	
Common school fund	881.69	
Equalization fund	125.00	
Interest on school fund note	63.00	
Unexpended last year	58.16	
Amount received for tuition	49.94	
		\$3,912.14

Amount expended February 1915:

Teachers wages including board

1914—Orders Drawn

No.

60	Marzie L. Murphy	\$28.00
61	Susie McQuilken	19.50
62	May B. Tupper	44.00
63	Jannett F. Lander	34.00
64	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00
66	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
67	Gladys B. Hisler	53.33
68	Maud L. Marston	38.00
69	Lucie A. Fellows	35.00
86	Gladys B. Hisler	53.33
89	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00
91	Maud L. Marston	38.00
92	Jannett F. Lander	34.00
93	Susie E. McQuilken	26.00
94	Lucie A. Fellows	35.00
95	May B. Tupper	44.00
96	Marzie L. Murphy	28.00
97	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
149	Gladys B. Hisler	53.34
150	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
151	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00
152	Jannett F. Lander	20.40
153	May B. Tupper	44.00
212	Susie E. McQuilken	6.50
290	Marion Sleeper	6.00

164	Marzie L. Murphy	35.00
165	Lucie A. Fellows	43.75
166	Maud L. Marston	47.50
167	Anna M. Savage	22.10
188	Lucie E. McQuilken	32.50
256	Ethel Gilman	18.00
278	Marzie L. Murphy	28.00
284	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
286	May B. Tupper	44.00
287	Susie E. McQuilken	28.00
288	Margurite Fox	46.00
289	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
291	Marion Sleeper	21.00
292	Mabel Turner	34.00
293	Anna Savage	36.00
308	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
309	Mabel Turner	34.00
310	Margurite Fox	46.00
311	Susie E. McQuilken	42.00
313	Anna Savage	36.00
314	Maud Hilton	36.00
316	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
317	Mrs. Arthur Tupper	44.00
341	Maud Hilton	36.00
342	May B. Tupper	44.00
343	Susie E. McQuilken	21.00
344	Marzie S. Murphy	70.00
345	Mabel Turner	42.50
346	Margurite Fox	46.00
347	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
348	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
351	Anna N. Savage	45.00
410	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
411	Maud Hilton	36.00
413	Margurite Fox	46.00
414	Gladys B. Hisler	28.00
415	May B. Tupper	44.00
425	Maud Hilton	36.00
442	Venice E. Thayer	36.00
445	Lila Rowe	42.00
444	Anna N. Savage	63.00

446	Edith K. Dinsmore	84.00	
457	Bell Curtis	63.00	
460	Venice E. Thayer	36.00	
461	May B. Tupper	44.00	
462	Margurite Fox	46.00	
463	Marie E. Elwell	52.00	
			\$2,932.75

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

1914—Orders drawn

No.

201	Mary Redmond board of Jessie Redmond conveyance act.	24.00	
350	Fred Smith	8.00	
396	Albert F. Gehrke	21.00	
424	George Corson	32.00	
			\$85.00

PAID FOR FUEL

1914—Orders Drawn

No.

35	Jerome Dunton	\$27.00	
117	A. C. Clintick	5.50	
381	Preble & Robinson	148.48	
371	Willard J. Carl	5.00	
457	Geo. G. Gilman	32.00	
465	Granville Goodrich	6.00	
466	Albert F. Webster	33.75	
543	Frank Curtis	15.50	
459	Lyman G. Brown	7.50	
			\$280.73

TUITION

	Paid town of Brighton for Kiger children	47.20	
	Paid town of Solon for Gehrke children....	17.00	
			\$64.20

PAID FOR JANITOR SERVICE

Paid Austin McDonnory	\$256.00	
Vernie Padham	3.00	
L. G. Brown	3.50	
		<u>\$262.50</u>
		\$3,625.18
Unexpended February 17, 1915		286.96
		<u>\$3,912.14</u>

TEXT BOOKS

Special appropriation for outstanding bills..		\$667.21
Orders Drawn:		
No.		
46 L. E. Knott Co.	\$33.48	
47 Silver Burdett Co.	92.28	
48 D. C. Heath	43.47	
49 D. H. Knowlton	13.35	
50 Edward E. Babb & Co.	147.77	
51 Ginn & Co.	336.86	
		<u>\$667.21</u>

TEXT BOOKS 1914

Amount raised	\$200.00	
Received from other sources	68.56	
		<u>\$268.56</u>

Amount expended:

Orders Drawn:

No.		
36 Merton T. Goodrich, cash paid	\$.61	
55 Ginn & Co.	4.00	
56 American Book Co.	3.12	
57 Note Publishing Co.	10.70	
58 E. P. Dutton Co.	1.20	
119 J. L. Hammett Co.	17.50	
120 American Book Co.	1.40	
147 Ginn & Company	10.80	

218	Merton T. Goodrich	1.44
255	American Book Co.	6.24
295	Allyn & Bacon	3.34
303	Benj. H. Sanborn	17.24
324	Silver Burdett & Co.	27.46
325	D. C. Heath & Co.	5.16
326	American Book Co.	5.62
327	Ginn & Company	22.76
329	Merton T. Goodrich express:.....	3.78
14	Silver Burdett & Co.	4.80
339	Ginn & Company	11.44
365	D. H. Knowlton	1.25
403	E. H. Caswell	2.89
423	Silver Burdett & Company	4.32
	Overdrawn last year	60.07
		<u>\$227.14</u>

Unexpended	41.42
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\$268.56

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Amount raised	\$400.00
Equalization fund 1913-1914	100.00
Received from other sources	31.15
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\$531.15

AMOUNT EXPENDED

Orders drawn

No.

9	John P. Hardy	\$9.87
13	A. F. Donigan	7.50
33	The Educational Supply Co.	5.70
37	L. E. Knott Co.	1.09
38	Ruby D. Whitehouse	4.47
40	Alma Hunnewell	2.00
41	John Cassidy	2.00
59	The American Print Co.	3.00
117	A. C. McClintick	2.75
118	Bingham Lumber Co.	1.28
121	Howard Moore	1.00

145	The J. J. Lander Co.	21.93
146	G. G. Gilman	3.15
189	G. L. Baker	6.00
217	Rumford Supply Co.	4.14
218	Merton T. Goodrich	4.13
220	G. L. Baker	5.00
257	J. L. Hammett Co.	101.14
163	C. W. Dutton, printing	2.25
213	Preble & Savage	4.15
299	Benj. Smith	6.00
323	L. E. Knott Co.	14.23
329	Merton T. Goodrich	3.75
340	Mathews Publishing Co	3.60
349	Austin McDonough	8.00
370	Howard Moore	1.00
397	Daniel Patience .....	.75
398	Benjamin Lumber Co.	1.40
399	A. F. Donigan	1.20
402	J. L. Hammett Co.	18.38
404	E. H. Caswell	3.00
422	Geo. Desroches	3.00
426	J. L. Hammett Co.	4.88
441	Merton T. Goodrich	5.35
400	J. J. Lander Co.	19.61
444	Anna N. Savage	2.00
456	Mrs. Belle Curtis .....	.50
458	G. G. Gilman	4.00
494	W. B. Goodrich	1.75
495	E. W. Moore	1.50
506	Preble & Robinson	7.07
543	Frank Curtis	1.25
546	Charles Colby75
560	Joseph Hunnewell75
571	S. J. Whitney	70.88
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		377.15
	Overdrawn last year	246.99
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		624.14
	Overdrawn 1915	92.99
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		\$531.15

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Amount raised	\$1,000.00	
State fund	500.00	
Tuition Town of Concord	110.00	
Tuition Town of Moscow	143.33	
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	\$1753.33	
Unexpended last year	13.52	
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		\$1766.85

AMOUNT EXPENDED

Teachers Wages Including Board

Orders Drawn:

No.		
54	Kathleen Doe	\$40.00
70	Ruby D. Whitehouse	70.00
71	Anna A. McKenzie	55.55
87	Kathleen Doe	40.00
88	Anna A. McKenzie	55.56
98	Ruby D. Whitehouse	70.00
148	Annie A. McKenzie	55.56
155	Kathleen Doe	40.00
156	Ruby D. Whitehouse	70.00
296	Kathleen Doe	42.00
300	Annie A. McKenzie	58.00
331	Merton T. Goodrich	72.00
330	Kathleen Doe	37.80
332	Annie A. McKenzie	52.20
366	Merton T. Goodrich	100.00
368	Annie A. McKenzie	72.50
369	Kathleen Doe	52.50
407	Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
408	Annie A. McKenzie	58.00
409	Kathleen Doe	42.00
450	Kathleen Doe	42.00
451	Annie A. McKenzie	58.00
452	Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
298	Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
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		\$1423.67

JANITOR SERVICE

Paid Austin McDonnough	\$121.00
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PAID FOR FUEL

Orders Drawn

No.

36 Jerome Dunton	\$24.75	
381 Preble & Robinson	172.84	
		<u>\$197.59</u>

\$1,742.26

Unexpended balance Feb. 17, 1915

24.59

\$1,766.85

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount set apart from appropriation for miscellaneous expenses	\$300.00	
Special appropriation for the purchase of 500 feet fire hose	300.00	
Received from Town of Solon in answer to call	60.00	
Due from Town of Moscow in answer to call, James Fitzmorris fire	26.40	
		<u>\$686.40</u>

EXPENDED

Orders Drawn:

No.

2 Howard Moore	\$4.00
4 Central Maine Power Co.	1.35
12 Howard Moore	10.00
19 Central Maine Power Co.	1.30
25 Central Maine Power Co.	2.48
30 American Shoe Finding Co.	86.04
31 Harold Colman	12.90

32	Eureka Fire Hose Co.	300.00	
79	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65	
113	Bingham Fire Dept., call at James Fitzmorris fire	26.40	
132	Fred Smith	1.00	
157			
158	Central Maine Power Co.	1.30	
206	Hosea Baker	2.00	
207	Howard Moore	1.00	
208	John Hardy	13.61	
219	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65	
222	Harry Newton, labor and supplies fire alarm	48.60	
260	American Shoe Finding Co.	12.32	
333	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65	
353	Bingham Fire Dept.	8.00	
362	C. W. Abbey .....	.60	
391	Bingham Fire Dept.	74.40	
393	F. L. Gipson, teams to Solon	10.00	
395	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65	
420	Bingham Fire Department, call to Solon	50.00	
583	William J. Estabrook	5.00	
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		676.05	
	Unexpended	10.35	
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			\$686.40

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Amount raised	\$50.00
Order drawn to Lepha Preble	\$50.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Including Hydrant Rental

Amount raised	\$4,300.00	
Amount set apart for fire department.....	300.00	
		\$4,000.00

EXPENDED

Orders Drawn:

No.		
2	Independent-Reporter, printing reports	\$43.20
8	Bingham Water Dis., hydrant rental..	400.00
10	C. E. Ball, salary as supt. of schools for the quarter ending Apr. 1, 1914	40.50
14	Clarissa J. Andrews, interest	16.00
15	Department Agriculture	3.19
17	Loring Short & Harmon, town supplies	19.25
18	The Fairbanks Co. outfit for sealing weights and measures	150.00
20	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	8.11
23	C. C. Steward, services as ballot clerk	4.00
26	Maine Central Railway, freight on scales	3.10
27	Clarissa Andrews, interest	24.00
36	Merton T. Goodrich, cash paid out	4.98
42	Orison Gordon	6.20
75	S. A. Smith	4.73
76	M. M. Chase, interest	9.00
78	Charles M. Hill, interest	20.00
80	Gracie Smith, typewriting	1.50
115	Merton T. Goodrich, salary Supt. schools	22.00
	Team hire	5.50
123	John Butler, interest	12.20
125	Edith M. Andrews, interest	16.00
135	A. F. Donigan, stamped envelopes	2.20
162	Merton T. Goodrich, salary	24.50
168	Central Maine Power Co.	2.24
170	L. C. Smith for posting fire notices....	5.00
187	Harold I. Goss	8.15
214	N. H. White, town supplies	5.95

218	Merton T. Goodrich	4.00
253	S. A. Smith	75.00
262	F. L. Gipson team hire	7.00
263	A. F. Webster, services as ballot clerk	4.00
264	Harry Nuton, services as ballot clerk..	4.00
273	Bingham Water Dis., hydrant rental..	600.00
274	Harold I. Goss	5.50
276	C. W. Dutton, as per bill rendered	19.75
298	F. L. Gipson, team hire for Supt. schools	8.00
301	Merton T. Goodrich, salary as supt.....	16.00
307	Merton T. Goodrich, salary as supt.....	16.00
320	Perlie Clark, interest	40.24
328	Merton T. Goodrich, salary supt schools	16.00
334	Juliett F. Adams, interest	18.00
357	W. J. Carl, wood for lockup.....	2.50
338	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	32.31
366	Merton T. Goodrich, salary supt schools	16.00
373	Harold I. Goss, as per bill rendered..	14.45
384	Newell White, postal card moth notices	5.75
387	Jack McCollor, labor on voting booths	3.50
390	Bingham Water Dis., hydrant rental..	200.00
392	Mrs. Isaac Holway, interest	16.00
407	Merton T. Goodrich, salary supt schools	16.00
417	Harold I Goss	1.50
433	A. C. Dinsmore, services on board of health	5.00
436	A. F. Donigan, stamped envelopes	1.89
438	Charles B. Gilman, interest	108.00
439	Charles B. Gilman, use of water tub..	3.00
448	M. M. Chase, interest	21.20
454	Merton T. Goodrich	16.00
455	W. J. Carl, services as truant officer	3.00
464	Merton T. Goodrich for services on text book investigation	20.00
488	Alice M. Goodrich, interest	32.00
489	W. B. Goodrich, intesest.....	16.00
491	W. B. Goodrich	17.25
492	W. B. Goodrich, vital statistics	10.20
493	Henry Cooley, one cord wood firemen's hall	5.00

496	G. G. Gilman, interest	30.00
502	J. H. Savage, interest	48.00
512	C. H. Givens, interest	20.00
514	I. C. Pierce, services board health....	3.00
516	A. S. Burke, 1 cord wood.....	5.00
519	S. J. Whitney	4.99
	S. J. Whitney	1.40
525	Elsia B. Holway, interest	24.00
526	Isaac Holway, interest	80.00
529	Mrs. E. A. Whipple, interest	70.00
531	F. L. Gipson, team hire	2.00
534	Amon Baker, interest	45.45
536	Mrs. Ellen W. Robinson, interest	14.00
537	Grace M. Rollins, interest.....	4.00
561	R. C. Brown	3.75
565	John Cummings, interest	12.00
566	Amanda Adams, interest	34.47
568	Roy M. Savage, interest.....	40.00
370	A. P. Murry, interest	4.00
573	Orison Gordon, interest	22.33
575	Carrie M. Hunnewell, interest	12.00
576	F. G. Williams	2.90
577	R. C. Brown	8.75
578	Roscoe Smith .....	.75
579	Clarissa J. Andrews, interest	16.00
581	S. A. Smith, services	149.50
584	Henry Cooley, services	78.50
585	Orison Gordon, services	56.90
593	C. W. Dutton, abatements on tax bills	
	1914	78.28
594	C. W. Dutton, commissioner on tax bills	
	1914	341.96
595	E. W. Moore, services as treasurer....	20.00
596	The First National Bank, Skowhegan,	
	interest on loans	176.74
597	S. A. Smith, cash paid out.....	5.15
598	E. W. Moore	7.91
544	Marria Baker, interest	28.00
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		3,711.27
	Unexpended	288.73
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		\$4,000.00

LIST OF ABATEMENTS

Frank Atwood, paid in Pleasant Ridge....	\$3.00
H. O. Chase, deceased	3.00
W. W. Colman, paid in Moscow	3.00
Wm. Danset, not found	3.00
Calvin R. Ellis, deceased	3.00
Ralph Farley, paid in Augusta	3.00
Melphene Horn, unable to pay	19.04
Geo. McClintick	1.60
Albro Padham, paid in Solon	3.00
Edward Reynolds, error in assessment....	3.20
Frank Seward, paid in No. Anson	3.00
Ed McClintick	9.60
Abbey Russell .....	.64
Maria Carney, error in assessment	4.80
Thomas Mahoney, error	1.60
Nathan McAlpine, not found	3.00
Austin Taylor, paid in Athens	3.00
Merton Taylor, paid in Athens	3.00
Ed Miller, no piano	4.80

RECOMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and culverts	\$1,500.00
Bridges	1,000.00
Snow roads	600.00
Cutting bushes	250.00
State road	533.33
For the maintenance of state and state aid	
highways	100.00
Hydrant rental	1,200.00
Streets lights	420.00
Town poor	700.00
Police and night watch	730.00
Fire department	300.00
Care of Bingham village cemetery	50.00
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000.00

Financial Standing of the Town Feb. 17, 1915

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders on interest	\$22,855.64
Outstanding orders not on interest.....	\$173.24

RESOURCES

Money on hand in treasury	\$4,318.48
Due from state, state pensions.....	141.00
Due from state, state paupers	47.83
Due from town of Kingman for support of Ida May Davis	70.65
Due from town of Embden on outfit for sealing weights and measures	13.55
Due from Philip Wood for material for grading, 1913	25.00
Due from town of Moscow for call of fire dept. at James Fitzmorris fire	26.40
Due from R. H. Sands on tax bills 1908....	25.12
Due from R. H. Sands on tax bills, 1909....	86.98
Due, High school tuition	80.00
	\$4,835.01

TOWN PROPERTY

Town farm	\$600.00
Storehouse and lot	800.00
Fire station and outfit	3,000.00
Safe	40.00
Sidewalk outfit and tools	65.00
Road machine	100.00
Snow Roller	65.00
William J. Knight's land	100.00
	\$4,770.00

Liabilities above available resources	\$18,193.87
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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, MAINE, 1914

DEBIT

To cash on hand from last settlement	\$2,748.59
from state treasurer, support of poor....	101.78
from state treasurer, state pensions	216.00
from state treasurer, equilization fund....	150.00
from state treasurer, high school fund....	500.00
from state treasurer, common school fund	881.69
from state treasurer school and mill fund	1,134.35
from state treasurer, railroad, telegraph tax	9.36
from state treasurer, refunded on dog tax	30.90
from town of Moscow, school books and supplies	13.87
from town of Moscow, support of poor.....	4.00
town of Moscow, high school tuitions.....	143.33
from town of Moscow, fire dept. service....	27.40
from town of Moscow, weights and measures	13.55
town of Concord, high school tuitions.....	110.00
from town of Concord, weights and measures	13.55
from town of Concord, school books.....	9.00
from town of Solon, weights and measures	51.05
from town of Solon, fire department service	60.00
from town of Monson, school books	13.20
from C. N. Robinson, common school tuition	4.00
from Willard Goodrich common school tuition	12.00
from Alberta Howes, common school tuition	5.00
from Milton Reynolds, common school tuition	7.94
from R. P. Chase, common school tuition....	6.00
from John Miller, common school tuition..	5.00
from W. E. Robinson, for Aliston Robinson, 1912	10.00
from Caratunk Plantation, school books....	8.19
from Caratunk Plantation, weights and measures	13.55

from W. B. Goodrich, dog licenses	48.00
from Geo. A. Corson, grass on Knight's place	5.00
Henry Cooley, grass on town farm	30.00
from Earle Taylor, highway receipts	9.11
from Earle Taylor, individual sidewalk construction	75.00
from Merton Goodrich, school supplies	1.15
from unpaid order of 1913, for D. C. Heath & Co.	38.17
from high school class, 1914, gift for finishing stairway	30.00
from selectmen hired by town	7,770.83
from R. H. Sands, on tax of 1908.....	6.31
from R. H. Sands, on tax of 1909.....	43.83
from C. W. Dutton, on tax of 1914.....	17,998.40
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	\$32,359.10

CREDIT

By cash paid for town orders	\$24,165.10
state tax	2,202.33
county tax	782.00
dog licenses	48.00
state pensions	225.00
state road construction	533.00
state road maintainance	85.19
Balance in treasury	4,318.48
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	\$32,359.10

Report of Board of Engineers of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the town of Bingham.

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Engineers of the Bingham Fire Department hereby submit the following report for the past year.

ORGANIZATION

The Bingham Fire Department is organized as follows:

The department is in charge of a Board of Engineers consisting of a chief, William J. Estabrook, 1st assistant chief, John McCollor, 2nd assistant chief, Arlie A. Dinsmore. One hook and ladder company, twenty men, John P. Hardy, captain; Steve Clark, lieutenant. One Union hose company, twenty men, Howard Moore, captain; John Briggs, lieutenant. Also a clerk who keeps records of all fires and meetings, and doings of the respective companies.

APPARATUS

The apparatus consists of a hook and ladder truck, 193 feet of ladders, one four wheeled hose cart and winter runners for both; 1,500 feet hose in good condition, 200 feet poor hose; 4 play pipes, 2 hydrant wrenches, 2 hydrant gates, 18 spanners, 4 eureka hose and ladder straps, 1 tin roof cutter, one crowbar, 3 gate wrenches, 6 lanterns, 25 pails, 2 fire axes, one hose jacket, 30 coats and caps.

FIRES

April 10, 1914:

Alarm from box 16. By crossed wires.

May 18, 1914:

Alarm from box 13, for fire at house and ell of James Fitz-Morris, Moscow. Total loss.

June 24, 1914:

At 12:35 fire was discovered in the boiler room of the mill owned by J. J. Lander and occupied by the American Shoe Finding Co. Owing to the location of the fire no alarm could be blown. The department confined the fire to the two mill buildings, saving the store house and lumber pile. All available hose was used.

October 6, 1914:

Alarm from box 16 by loose connections on relays.

January 3, 1915:

A call to department from Solon selectmen for fire in Soper & Moore blocks. Twenty-five responded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the town purchase not less than 200 feet of hose this year, as the engineers believe it more advisable to purchase a small amount of hose each year, than wait until it is necessary to purchase a large amount at one time.

That the town purchase some hand chemical extinguishers for chimney fires and inside work.

We wish to thank the officers and members for promptness to calls at fires and trials, also to the selectmen for their cooperation with the company.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ESTABROOK, Chief,

JACK McCOLLOR, 1st Ass. Chief,

ARLIE A. DINSMORE, 2nd Ass. Chief.

Board of Engineers, Bingham Fire Department.

L. W. GOODRICH,

Secretary of Bingham Fire Department.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee:

I take pleasure in submitting to you, and to the citizens of Bingham, the following report of progress during the year 1914-15. I wish to thank you and all those who have cooperated with us for assistance rendered in making the school year a success.

For convenience, I have divided the report into several parts, each part referring to some special feature of the work.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

By direction of the state superintendent the school year now closes July 1 instead of April 1 as was formerly the case. The following is a summary of the school statistics for the town of Bingham for the year ending July 1, 1914.

Number of pupils registered in common schools ..	210
Registered in rural schools	58
Registered in village schools	152
of above not registered in other schools....	188
Average daily attendance	159
Number of pupils 5-21 years of age	315
Average length in days of the school year	179
Number of weeks schools were maintained	36
of teaching positions	9
of different teachers employed	14
employed for entire year	4
who had previous experience	9
who are graduates of Normal Schools	2
who hold state certificates	4
who hold local certificates	10
Amount expended for teachers' wages and board....	\$2,984.35
Average wages per week including board	\$9.95
Number of common schools maintained	9
of rural schools	5
of village schools	4
having average attendance less than eight	2
of pupils registered in High School	47
not registered in other schools	46

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Average daily attendance	38
Number of resident pupils	34
of tuition pupils	13
of high school pupils conveyed	0
of common school pupils conveyed	4

2. ACCOUNTS

The books of my predecessor were not balanced at the close of last year. Before I could start on this year's work, it was necessary to go over all of last year's school accounts. This I did, correcting several errors, some of which were such that if they had not been corrected my report to the state superintendent would not have been accepted and the town would not have received the school money from the state. These corrections are as follows: Common School Account: amount received from the equalization fund should have been \$75 instead of \$125; amount expended for teachers' wages should have been \$2843.60; change in amount reported overdrawn in 1913 from \$67.90 to \$73; making a final change in the unexpended balance for 1914 from \$92.56 to \$58.16. Text Book Account; error in entry of an order eight cents, and an order which was also charged in the supplies account where it correctly belonged, making a net change in amount overdrawn from \$65.91 to \$60.07. Repairs and Supplies Account, order paid but not reported \$13.30, order for programs entered on High School fuel account \$10.50, which when the several accounts were united made the total overdrawn in the repairs and supplies account \$246.99. High School Account: order for \$10.50 above mentioned charged to supplies, making unexpended balance \$13.52. This explains why the overdraws and unexpended balance at the beginning of the following accounts differ from those reported last year.

COMMON SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

DR.

Balance unexpended, Feb. 17, 1914.....	\$58.16
Amount raised	\$1600.00
School Fund and Mill Tax	1134.35

Common School Fund	881.69
Equalization Fund	125.00
Interest on School Note	63.00
Milton Reynolds, tuition	\$2.94
Willard Goodrich, tuition	4.00
Romandel P. Chase, tuition	6.00
C. N. Robinson, tuition	4.00
Willard Goodrich, tuition	4.00
Alberta Vaughan, tuition	5.00
Walter Robinson, tuition	10.00
Milton Reynolds, tuition	5.00
Willard Goodrich, tuition	4.00
John Miller, tuition	5.00
	49.94
Amount received 1914-15	\$3853.98
Total	\$3912.14

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TEACHERS' WAGES AND BOARD

No.		
22	Gladys B. Hisler	\$53.33
23	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
24	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00
25	May B. Tupper	44.00
26	Jeanette F. Lander	34.00
27	Mazie L. Murphy	28.00
28	Susie E. McQuilkin	19.50
29	Lucie A. Fellows	35.00
30	Maude L. Marston	38.00
40	Maude L. Marston	38.00
41	Lucie A. Fellows	35.00
42	Susie E. McQuilkin	26.00
43	Mazie L. Murphy	28.00
44	Jeanette F. Lander	34.00
45	May B. Tupper	44.00
46	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
47	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00
48	Gladys B. Hisler	53.33

64	Gladys B. Hisler	53.34
65	Marie E. Elwell	50.00
66	Carrie M. Leavitt	44.00.
67	Jeanette F. Lander	20.40
68	May B. Tupper	44.00
73	Lucie A. Fellows	43.75
74	Mazie L. Murphy	35.00
75	Maude L. Marston	47.50
76	Anna N. Savage	22.10
80	Susie E. McQuilkin	32.50
83	Susie E. McQuilkin	6.50
87	Ethel Gilman	18.00
92	Mazie L. Murphy	28.00
83	Anna N. Savage	36.00
94	Mabel Turner	34.00
95	Marion Sleeper	21.00
96	Lyman Brown (board)	6.00
97	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
98	Marguerite Fox	46.00
99	Susie McQuilkin	28.00
100	May B. Tupper	44.00
101	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
112	Anna N. Savage	36.00
113	Mabel Turner	34.00
114	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
115	Marguerite Fox	46.00
116	Maude Hilton	36.00
117	Susie E McQuilkin	42.00
118	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
119	May B. Tupper	44.00
134	Gladys B. Hisler	56.00
135	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
136	Marguerite Fox	46.00
137	May B. Tupper	44.00
138	Maude Hilton	36.00
139	Susie E. McQuilkin	21.00
140	Mabel Turner	42.50
141	Mazie L. Murphy	70.00
161	Gladys B. Hisler	28.00
162	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
163	Marguerite Fox	46.00

164	May B. Tupper	44.00
165	Maude Hilton	36.00
179	Maude Hilton	36.00
180	Anna N. Savage	45.00
181	Belle Curtis	63.00
192	Edith K. Dinsmore	84.00
193	Marie E. Elwell	52.00
194	Marguerite Fox	46.00
195	May B. Tupper	44.00
196	Venice E. Thayer	36.00
197	Lila Rowe	42.00
198	Anna N. Savage	63.00
199	Venice E. Thayer	36.00

Total expended Teachers' Wages	\$2932.75
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JANITOR

11	Austin McDunnah	\$24.00
31	Austin McDunnah	24.00
39	Austin McDunnah	24.00
59	Austin McDunnah	24.00
91	Austin McDunnah	16.00
102	Austin McDunnah	16.00
106	Austin McDunnah	16.00
120	Austin McDunnah	16.00
132	Austin McDunnah	16.00
144	Austin McDunnah	16.00
153	Austin McDunnah	16.00
155	Austin McDunnah	16.00
156	Austin McDunnah	16.00
174	Austin McDunnah	16.00
184	Lyman G. Brown	3.50
204	Vernie R. Padham	3.00

Total expended for Janitors' Wages..	\$262.50
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FUEL

12	Jerome Dunton	\$27.00	
55	Arlie McClintick	5.50	
145	Willard J. Carl	5.00	
152	Preble & Robinson	148.48	
184	Lyman G. Brown	7.50	
185	George G. Gilman	32.00	
203	Albert Webster	33.75	
205	Granville Goodrich	6.00	
208	Frank Curtis	15.50	
	Total expended for Fuel		\$280.73

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

131	Fred Smith	\$8.00	
154	Albert F. Gehrke	21.00	
178	George Corson	32.00	
	Total expended for Conveyance		\$61.00

BOARD OF PUPILS

82	Mary Redmond	\$24.00	
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TUITION

1	Brighton Plantation	\$18.20	
60	Town of Solon	6.50	
183	Brighton Plantation	29.00	
211	Town of Solon	10.50	
	Total expended for Tuition		\$64.50

Total expenditures Common Schools	\$3625.18
Balance unexpended	\$286.96

Of this balance about \$275 will be used to pay teachers' and janitors' wages for the remainder of the winter term. There is \$18 due the town for tuition.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

DR.

Balance unexpended, 1914		\$13.52
Amount raised	\$1000.00	
State Fund	500.00	
Town of Concord, tuition	\$40.00	
Town of Concord, tuition	10.00	
Town of Concord, tuition	20.00	
Town of Concord, tuition	40.00	
Town of Moscow, tuition	63.33	
Town of Moscow, tuition	80.00	
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Total Tuition	253.33	
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Amount received 1914-15		\$1753.33
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Total		\$1766.85

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TEACHERS' WAGES

19 Ruby D. Whitehouse	\$70.00
20 Annie A. McKenzie	55.55
21 Kathleen Doe	40.00
49 Kathleen Doe	40.00
50 Annie A. McKenzie	55.56
51 Ruby D. Whitehouse	70.00
70 Kathleen Doe	40.00
71 Ruby D. Whitehouse	70.00
72 Annie A. McKenzie	55.56
103 Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
104 Annie A. McKenzie	58.00
105 Kathleen Doe	42.00
128 Merton T. Goodrich	72.00
129 Annie A. McKenzie	52.20
130 Kathleen Doe	37.80
146 Merton T. Goodrich	100.00
148 Annie A. McKenzie	72.50
149 Kathleen Doe	52.50

158	Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
159	Annie A. McKenzie	58.00
160	Kathleen Doe	42.00
189	Merton T. Goodrich	80.00
190	Kathleen Doe	42.00
191	Annie A. McKenzie	58.00

Total expended for Teachers' Wages	\$1423.67
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JANITOR

38	Austin McDunnah	24.00
69	Austin McDunnah	17.00
91	Austin McDunnah	8.00
102	Austin McDunnah	8.00
106	Austin McDunnah	8.00
120	Austin McDunnah	8.00
132	Austin McDunnah	8.00
133	Austin McDunnah	8.00
153	Austin McDunnah	8.00
155	Austin McDunnah	8.00
156	Austin McDunnah	8.00
174	Austin McDunnah	8.00

Total expended for Janitors' Wages	\$121.00
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FUEL

12	Jerome Dunton, wood	\$24.00
152	Preble & Robinson, coal	172.84

Total expended for fuel	\$197.59
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Total expenditures High School	\$1742.26
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Balance unexpended	\$24.59
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There is due this town for tuition \$120 and \$151 will be required to pay teachers and janitors' wages for the remainder of the winter term.

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Cash received and paid out for the year

DR.

Amount raised	\$200.00	
Town of Concord, books sold	9.00	
D. C. Heath & Co., order	38.17	
Town of Caratunk, books sold	8.19	
Town of Monson, books sold	13.20	
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		\$268.56

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Balance overdrawn, Feb. 17, 1914		\$60.07
5 Silver Burdett & Co.	4.80	
6 M. T. Goodrich, express61	
33 American Book Co.	3.12	
34 E. P. Dutton & Co.	1.20	
35 Ginn & Co.	4.00	
36 Motor Work Pub. Co.	10.70	
52 American Book Co.	1.40	
57 J. L. Hammett Co.	17.50	
62 Ginn & Co.	10.80	
84 M. T. Goodrich, express	1.44	
89 American Book Co.	6.24	
109 Allyn & Bacon	3.34	
110 Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	17.24	
122 D. C. Heath & Co.	5.16	
123 American Book Co.	5.62	
124 Silver Burdett & Co.	27.46	
125 Ginn & Co.	22.76	
126 M. T. Goodrich, express	3.78	
143 Ginn & Co.	11.44	
151 D. H. Knowlton & Co.	1.25	
166 B. H. Sanborn & Co.	2.89	
177 Silver, Burdett & Co.	4.32	
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Amount expended this year		\$167.07
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Total		\$227.14
Balance unexpended		\$41.42
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		\$268.56

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

DR.

Amount raised	\$667.21
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13 Silver, Burdett & Co.	\$92.28	
14 L. E. Knott App. Co.	33.48	
15 D. H. Knowlton & Co.	13.35	
16 Ginn & Co.	336.86	
17 D. C. Heath & Co.	43.47	
18 Edward E. Babb Co.	147.77	
	<hr/>	\$667.21

OLD BOOKS EXCHANGED FOR NEW

	Dr.	Cr.
Ginn & Company	\$.72	.72
D. C. Heath & Co.	4.17	
D. C. Heath & Co.		3.91
D. C. Heath & Co.26
Ginn & Company	8.00	8.00
American Book Co.78	.78
Ginn & Company80	.80
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	\$14.47	\$14.47

REPAIRS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS ACCOUNT

DR.

Amount raised	\$400.00	
1913 Equalization Fund	75.00	
1914 Equalization Fund	25.00	
Class of 1914, B. H. S.	30.00	
M. T. Goodrich, supplies sold	1.15	
	<hr/>	\$531.15
Balance overdrawn 1915		92.99
Total		<hr/>
		\$624.14

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Balance overdrawn, Feb. 17, 1914		\$246.99
3 A. F. Donigan, furniture	\$7.50	
4 Ruby D. Whitehouse, supplies	4.47	
7 J. L. Hammett Co., ink	1.09	
8 Educational Supply Co., diplomas	5.70	
9 Alma Hunnewell, cleaning	2.00	
10 John Cassidy, cleaning	2.00	
32 Acme Print Shop, letter heads	3.00	
53 Bingham Lumber Co., shelves	1.28	
55 Arlie McClintick, cleaning and glass..	2.75	
56 Howard Moore, labor	1.00	
61 J. J. Lander Co., supplies	21.93	
63 George G. Gilman, supplies	3.15	
77 Clarence W. Dutton, cards	2.25	
81 George L. Baker, music H. S.	6.00	
84 M. T. Goodrich, supplies	4.13	
85 George L. Baker, music, G. S.	5.00	
86 Rumford Supply Co., cards	4.14	
88 J. L. Hammett Co., maps	73.80	
88 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	27.34	
108 Benj. Smith, maps	6.00	
121 L. E. Knott App. Co., apparatus	14.23	
126 M. T. Goodrich, supplies	3.75	
133 Austin McDunnah, glass	8.00	
142 Mathews Printing Co., letter heads	3.60	
150 Howard Moore, labor molding	1.00	
167 Bingham Lumber Co., lumber	1.40	
168 Daniel Patience, lumber .....	.75	
169 E. H. Caswell, dustbane	3.00	
171 J. L. Hammett Co., furn.	18.38	
172 A. F. Donigan, furniture	1.20	
173 J. J. Lander Co., supplies	19.61	
175 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	4.88	
176 George Desrochers, desk	3.00	
181 Belle Curtis, broom .....	.50	
182 Preble & Savage, hall (\$8-\$3.85)	4.15	
186 George G. Gilman, repairs, cleaning...	4.00	
198 Anna N. Savage, cleaning	2.00	
200 Merton T. Goodrich, express and sup- plies	5.35	

201	W. B. Goodrich & Son, supplies	1.75
202	E. W. Moore, supplies	1.50
206	Preble & Robinson, supplies	7.07
207	Joseph Hunnewell, repairs .....	.75
208	Frank Curtis, repairs	1.25
209	Charles Colby, cartage .....	.75
210	S. J. Whitney, repairs and supplies..	70.88
	(1913 Order) John P. Hardy, repairs	9.87

Amount expended this year	\$377.15
Total	\$624.14

In the above account the 1913 Equalization Fund was received last year for the purchase of maps and globes. It was entered on the treasurer's account but not on the repairs account. So it was entered this year and expended as directed, the total expenditure for maps and globes being \$79.80.

The \$30.00 received from the class of 1914 was for the purpose of finishing the stairway in the High School. This work has not been completed. A door and partition have been put in, the lumber for which cost \$2.15. The remainder of the fund is to be expended the coming year.

The 1914 equalization fund was allotted for the purpose of buying supplies in the rural schools. The amount of the fund was \$25. The amount expended was \$23.58.

SUMMARY

ACCOUNTS OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Name of Account	Balance Unexpended	Balance Overd'n	Amount Rec'd	Amount Expended	Balance Unex'd	Balance Overd'n
Common Schools	58.16		3853.98	3625.18	286.96	
High School	13.52		1753.33	1742.26	24.59	
Text Books		60.07	268.56	167.07	41.42	
Old Bills			667.21	667.21		
Repairs, Etc.,		246.99	531.15	377.15		92.99
Total	71.68	307.06	7074.23	6578.87	352.97	92.99
Balance		235.38			259.98	

The above summary shows that in every account the amount expended has been equal to or less than the amount received. There have been no overdrafts during the year. The overdraft of \$60.07 on the text book account has been converted into an unexpended balance of \$41.42. The overdraft on the repairs account has been reduced from \$246.99 to \$92.99. As already pointed out the unexpended balance on the common school account will be nearly used up by the remainder of the winter term.

3. GENERAL REPORT OF WORK AND NEEDS

The schools thruout the town have made very satisfactory progress during the year. A school was opened in the Russell district and altho the attendance is not up to the required average a school has been maintained there thruout the year. Under the present conditions it seems advisable to continue the school. The school in the Whittier district was discontinued after the fall term as two families moved away. The remaining children attended the Coburn school, those of Mr. George Corson being transported by the town. As there were eight children to attend school in the vicinity of the John Kelley place purchased by Winslow Rollins, a school has been started in a room of his house and the work is being carried on very successfully. No special changes were made in the village schools.

The new law requiring teachers to hold a state certificate has made it possible for such teachers to rightfully demand higher wages. This year teaching permits were granted in some cases but these can not be renewed. Consequently, an increase in teachers' salaries had to be made this year, and a further increase can not be avoided next year. This year a special equalization fund of \$125 was allotted to the town from the state for the purpose of assisting the town to meet this increase. This fund will not be available next year.

Thruout the year one more rural school was maintained than a year ago, the discontinuance of the Whittier School being offset by the opening of the school in Winslow Rollins' house.

There will be no reduction in the number of schools to be maintained next year, according to present indications. Consequently we need an appropriation of \$1800 in the Common School Account.

In the Text Book Account the current expenses for the year were \$167.07. This compares favorably with the \$510.14 expended every year during the past four years. (See report on investigation of purchase of text books). To meet the current expenses for text books during the coming year an appropriation of only \$100 will be required.

This year in the Supplies, Repairs and Incidentals Account we had to do without many things that were emphatically needed. We reduced the overdraw of over two hundred dollars which has been outstanding for several years from \$246.99 to \$92.99, a reduction of \$154. We can not longer get along without the repairs so much needed, especially in the rural schools. In the Blaine schoolhouse, the chimney should be repaired or built over, the walls should be whitewashed, and the building painted on the outside. The roof of the Webster schoolhouse leaks badly from a hole made by a rock which fell while blasting was being done on the road. Several seats in this school are broken and some of the pupils have been forced to sit in chairs. Such conditions must be remedied during the coming year.

Many thanks are due the Century Club for decorating the interior of the Intermediate Room in the village, and to those citizens who have given pictures to the schools. The proceeds of some of the school entertainments have also been used in the village school-rooms.

In the High School, two things are imperatively needed, a steel ceiling and new curtains. Under present conditions, the pupils must continually keep changing their seats to avoid the streaks of sunlight falling directly on their desks, and they are in constant danger of a shower of plaster.

I consider an appropriation of \$500 as absolutely necessary in the Repairs Account and that \$600 is very much needed.

Some provision must be made for the schooling of the eight children now attending school in Winslow Rollins' House. As there is likely to be eight or ten pupils in this district for some time to come, we recommend the building of a schoolhouse for them.

In the High School Account the amount received from tuitions was so much smaller than a year ago that the increased appropriation by the town hardly made up for the decrease in tuition. We hope that the income from tuition will be greater the coming year and that an appropriation of \$1000 will be sufficient.

4. REPORT OF WORK IN BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

A new course of study was adopted this year which has proven very satisfactory. This course as now laid out allows greater freedom in the choice of studies, but at the same time insists upon an equally high standard in all. By this method a pupil can take those studies which are of the most value to him and in which he is most interested without dropping from the regular course. Two courses are offered, the College Preparatory Course and the English Course which are of equal standard thruout. The studies offered this year are: Four years of English and Latin, two years of French, Algebra, Advanced Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry, English History, United States History, Civics, Physics, Physical and Commercial Geography, and Commercial Arithmetic. In order to obtain the advantage of larger classes, several studies are offered on alternate years. Accordingly, next year, Chemistry will be offered in place of Physics, Physiology and Botany in place of Geography, European History or Science in place of English History and Bookkeeping in place of Commercial Arithmetic. By this method the High School can give a greater variety of studies than the town could otherwise afford.

In the several studies above mentioned many practical lessons not found in the text books have been given. Special notes on the Physiography of Maine occupied four weeks in that study and proved highly interesting to the class. Various pieces of apparatus such as a surveyor's compass, blue-print paper and an electrostatic machine have been borrowed from persons in town and used in the recitations. Examples from the work actually being done in the mills and on the farms of the town have been used to advantage in Commercial Arithmetic. At an expense of only \$1.25 a reference library from the state has been secured for the students in English, History and

Science. Many valuable periodicals and books have been loaned by the principal, the teachers, and the Century Club.

The pupils of Bingham High School are above the average both as to scholarship and deportment, and have taken hold of their work earnestly during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH,

Superintendent of Schools.

GEORGE G. GILMAN

WALTER E. ROBINSON

INGRAM C. PIERCE

Superintending School Com.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

To the Superintending School Committee:

I was appointed truant officer at the beginning of the winter term.

Number of absences investigated 4.

Number of pupils found truant 2.

Number found absent with excuse 2.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN McDUNNAH,

Truant Officer.

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF TEXT BOOKS

To the Citizens of Bingham:

By a vote of the town taken April 11, 1914, I was instructed to investigate everything possible concerning the purchase of text books during the four years 1910-1914. Having completed the task, it is my duty to report the results.

I find the total expenditures for text books during the four years to be as follows:

Reported expended, 1910-1911	\$328.75	
Reported expended, 1911-1912	197.61	
Reported expended, 1912-1913	260.69	
Reported expended, 1913-1914	441.89	
Outstanding bills, 1910-13, paid 1914.....	667.21	
American Book Co. bill	193.49	
		\$2,089.64
Items of outstanding bills chargeable to supplies.....		49.08
Net amount expended for text books		\$2,040.56
Average amount per year		\$510.14

This amount is greater than that expended by any other town in Somerset County except Madison and Skowhegan.

This large expenditure gives rise to two questions: (1) Were the people of Bingham given full knowledge of the amount being spent. (2) Were so many books used by the schools of this town?

The amount raised by vote of the town for the purchase of text books during this period is:

For 1910-1911	\$300.00	
For 1911-1912	200.00	
For 1912-1913	250.00	
For 1913-1914	150.00	
		\$900.00
Total		43.87
Amount received from sales 1910-1911		\$943.87
Actual overdraw including all outstanding bills.....		\$1,145.77

This overdraw has been paid as follows:

Raised by vote of the town April 11, 1914	\$667.21	
Reported on school account, money returned	225.00	
American Book Co., receipted bill	193.49	
Paid from regular appropriation, 1914-1915	60.07	
		\$1,145.77

The amount expended for text books is more than twice that which the town voted should be so expended. All of the outstanding bills contain items charged during the several years, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913. Yet these bills were not mentioned in the

superintendent's reports for those years, and were brought to light only when suit was threatened against the town. Each year the school committee asked the superintendent if there were any outstanding bills and was answered in the negative. The amount reported as expended from year to year was not excessive. They had no reason to suspect that anything was wrong. The first of these outstanding bills to appear was the B. H. Sanborn & Co. bill for \$132.10, the second was the Milton Bradley bill of \$85.85, both of which were paid last year, and which with the outstanding bills above mentioned make a total of \$1,078.65. This is the amount of the outstanding bills, knowledge of which was withheld from the school committee, the selectmen and the people of this town.

The school committee and the selectmen can not be blamed for this situation for it was kept secret from them just as much as from the people of the town. Throughout the four years they did all that could be expected of them, in their several offices and when these facts were discovered they did not attempt to hide them, but presented them to the people.

The superintendence union to which this town formerly belonged consisted of the towns of Bingham, Concord, Moscow, Caratunk, The Forks and West Forks. We compare the number of pupils in each of these towns for the four years, the cost of text books for each, and the average cost per pupil, the figures being obtained from the state school reports and the office of the state superintendent.

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Town	NO. OF PUPILS				Average per year
	1911	1912	1913	1914	
Bingham	292	303	320	315	308
Concord	75	82	93	92	86
Moscow	157	161	170	169	164
Caratunk	64	72	80	67	71
The Forks	52	67	56	53	57
West Forks	48	60	63	51	56

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EXPENDITURES FOR TEXT BOOKS

Town	1911	1912	1913	1914	Total
Bingham	\$329	\$197	\$260	\$1,254 (inc. out. bills)	\$2,040
Concord	40		23	37	100
Moscow	58	61	83	46	248
Caratunk	75	83	38	45	241
The Forks	44	43	47	31	165
West Forks	30	101	107	49	287

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COMPARISON

Town	Average No. of pupils	Total Cost	Cost per pupil for 4 years	Cost per pupil per yr.
Bingham	308	\$2,040	\$6.62	\$1.66
Other towns	434	10,41	2.40	.60
Whole union	742	3,081	4.15	1.04

The average cost of text books per pupil per year for the state is 56 cents. This comparison shows that the cost of text books per pupil for Bingham has been three times that for the state and nearly three times that for the other towns of the union. The cost of text books for Bingham has been two thirds that for the whole union in spite of the fact that this town has only three sevenths of the whole number of pupils in the union. The cost for Bingham has been more than the average for the whole district by 62 cents per pupil per year. The difference per pupil for the four years equals 62 cents times four or \$2.48. Multiplying this by 308 the number of pupils in Bingham gives \$763.92. This is the amount by which the cost of the books for Bingham exceeds what it would have been if the cost per pupil had been the same all around. If the average had been the same for every town Bingham would have had this much less to pay. Yet all the other towns had practically the same course of study, and it is not reasonable to suppose that one town would use so many more books than the common average. Therefore we are forced to conclude that the other towns of the union received some of the books sold to the town of Bingham. The amount they received probably did not exceed this sum of \$763.92.

Making an allowance for a possible difference in stock at the beginning of the four years and for High school books, we still have \$600.00 as the value of the books which though sold to this town were evidently used by other towns.

We have been able to make an itemized list of some of the missing books. In order to do this, itemized bills of all books charged to the town of Bingham during the past four years were obtained from the several book companies. An inventory of all books in possession of the town on April 1, 1914 was taken. It was impossible to distinguish between books on hand as to the time of their purchase. So all books on hand were counted in the inventory. The number of the several kinds of books thus obtained was subtracted from the number charged during the last four years. The number charged during the last four years is greater in many cases than the whole number of books on hand. Of course, during four years a few text books will become lost from various causes. To allow for this we considered only those cases where the difference was more than ten books and did not count the many cases where the shortage was less than ten. All these allowances show that the following list of missing text books is the minimum number. In computing the value, the usual town discounts were deducted from the catalog prices. So, the value of the shortage undoubtedly exceeds that of the following itemized list:

Name of Book	No. Charged	No. On Hand	No. Missing	Value
Davis Physical Geography	50	26	24	\$24.00
Ward Primer	102	23	79	24.70
Progressive Reader, No. 1	40	8	32	9.53
Progressive Reader, No 2	60	26	34	11.33
Progressive Reader, No. 3	70	29	41	19.68
Marry El. Geography	59	42	17	8.42
Marry Com. Geography	93	49	44	44.00
Overton Adv. Physiology	49	27	22	14.08
Webster Acad. Dictionary	75	46	29	34.80
S. & S. English, No. 2	85	68	17	9.18
S. & S. Arithmetic, No. 1	44	29	15	5.40
S. & S. Arithmetic, No. 2	85	73	12	5.04
Shackford & Judson Rhetoric	49	22	27	65.61
Greenleaf Lessons in Nos.	72	34	38	7.98

Montgomery L. F., Am. His.	65	36	29	23.20
Frye First Geography	75	53	22	11.44
S. & M. Speller, No. 3	76	50	26	3.12
S. & M. Speller, No. 4	76	40	36	4.32
Moore & Miner, Arithmetic	27	11	16	12.80
Wentworth Smith Plane Geom.	60	31	29	18.56
Gulick Series, G. H. & Em.	140	36	94	33.28
Gulick Series, Body at Work	50	7	43	17.20

Total shortage, 736 books, value \$407.67

During the four years there were sold to other towns for cash, books valued at \$61.06. There were recovered from the office of the former superintendent 80 copies of the Gulick Series, Good Health, and Emergencies, valued at \$28.80. Subtracting these amounts from the total we have a net shortage, itemized as above, valued at \$317.81.

Therefore, the value of the books charged to the town of Bingham, but used by the other towns of the union is in round numbers between three hundred and six hundred dollars.

The former superintendent paid the American Book Co. bill of \$193.49 and the amount entered in last year's superintendent's report as "money returned" \$225, making a total of \$418.19.

The shortage above enumerated shows that the town of Bingham never received the value in books of this payment. It went toward payment of the amount of books used by other towns of the union, but charged to Bingham.

The results of the investigation are: (1) Proof that complete information concerning the expenditure of money for text books was withheld from the town. (2) Proof that books charged to the town of Bingham were used by other towns. (3) Proof that the town of Bingham never received any benefit from the payments made by the former superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

SOMERSET, ss.

STATE OF MAINE.

To Willard J. Carl, Constable of 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 of Bingham, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To choose selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

Art. 6. To choose one or more members of the superintending school committee.

Art. 7. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing highways and culverts in town for the ensuing year, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing bridges in town for the ensuing year, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking snow roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, if any, for the purpose of cutting bushes within the limits of the public streets and highways as per section 11 of Chapter 15, of the Public Laws of 1907.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 13. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.33 for the improvement of the section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the state highway commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 14. To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum for the maintainance of state and state aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of Section 9 and 18, of Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 15. 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 necessary votes respecting the same.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text books for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to support a free high school in Bingham village for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the repair of school houses, for school supplies, and for other incidental expenses.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for police protection for the ensuing year.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for miscellaneous expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, and pass all votes necessary respecting the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$50, to be used for the purpose of taking care of Bingham village cemetery .

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Memorial Day.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk on River street, so called, and vote to raise money to build the same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk on Goodrich street extending from Alton Carl's east line to George Dunton's east line, and raise a sum of money for the same.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse in the Granville Goodrich district, and if so, to see how much money the town will vote to raise for that purpose, and pass all necessary votes respecting the same.

Art.28. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,200 for hydrant rental.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$300 for maintainance of Bingham fire department.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept the extension of Goodrich street as laid out by the selectmen on February 13. 1915, said extension beginning at a stake at the center of the easterly end of Goodrich street, thence running due east, eighteen and one half rods across land of S. T. Goodrich, on a line as a center line, said street to be three rods wide, meaning one and one half rods on each side of said center line.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before December 1, 1915.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to adopt a code of by-laws or police regulations to be submitted at said meeting.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more truant officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote authorizing and instructing its selectmen to make temporary loans of money throughout the incoming year, when required for the payment of bills.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to continue any schools that have failed to maintain the legal average of attendance during the past year and to reopen any schools that have been suspended when they find it necessary to do so.

Art. 36. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting, including the passing of any and all votes that may be considered necessary to carry into effect any and all votes passed under this warrant.

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

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

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

A true copy attest:

W. J. CARL,
A Constable of Bingham, Me.