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Annual Reports

OF THE

Town Officers

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Town of Bingham

FOR THE

Year Ending February 19, 1917

Press of
The Independent-Reporter Company
Skowhegan, Maine

Town Officers, 1916---1917

Town Clerk

W. B. GOODRICH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

S. A. SMITH

HENRY COOLEY

A. B. CARL

Tax Collector

C. W. DUTTON

Treasurer

E. W. MOORE

School Committee

I. C. PIERCE

GEORGE G. GILMAN

W. E. ROBINSON

Board of Health

I. C. PIERCE

F. H. COLBY

ALTON CARL

Constables

C. W. DUTTON

W. J. CARL

GEORGE G. GILMAN

A. B. CARL

Road Commissioner

E. R. TAYLOR

Superintendent of Schools

GUY H. SWASEY

Report of the 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 19, 1917.

VALUATION, APRIL 1, 1916

Real estate, resident	\$375,580.00
Real estate, non-resident	83,115.00
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Total real estate	\$458,695.00
Personal estate, resident	\$109,185.00
Personal estate, non-resident	450.00
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	\$109,635.00
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Total valuation	\$568,330.00

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1916

For highways and culverts	\$2000.00
Bridges	400.00
Cutting bushes	250.00
State Aid Road	533.00
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Total amount for highways	\$3183.00
Common Schools	\$1800.00
Text books	200.00
Free High School	1000.00
Repairs of schoolhouses and school supplies	800.00
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Total amount raised for schools..	\$3800.00
Police protection and night watch	\$730.00
Support of the Town Poor	1000.00

Street lights	445.00
Miscellaneous expenses and interest	3000.00
Care of Village Cemeteries	50.00
Hydrant rental	1200.00
Sidewalk on River street	800.00
Insurance on schoolhouses	67.00
Road machine	225.00
Fire Department	250.00
State tax	3016.20
County tax	843.66
Overlay	575.70
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	\$12,202.56

Total amount of assessments	\$19,185.56
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Rate of taxation \$32.00 per \$1000.00

Tax on valuation of \$568,330.00	\$18,186.56
Tax on 333 polls at \$3.00 each	999.00
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	\$19,185.56
Supplemental assessment	113.28
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Total amount committed to Collector	\$19,298.84
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HIGHWAYS

Amount raised	\$2000.00
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Amount expended:

Labor unless otherwise specified

1916—Orders Drawn

No. of Order

63 Fred Hodgdon	\$4.20
77 Alvah Bumpus	7.40
79 Alvah Bumpus	11.40
81 Thomas S. Whitney	5.40
82 Alliston Robinson	11.60
83 William Fitzsimmons	10.60
84 Frank Smith	31.40
112 Alvah Bumpus	9.90
113 A. B. Carl	45.00

131	Fred L. Baker	4.40
132	Fred Hodgdon	5.40
133	W. J. Kiger	10.75
135	C. M. Conant Co., metal culvert	37.40
140	Fred Hodgdon	9.00
141	Perlief Carl	18.60
142	Fred Hodgdon	2.60
147	Perlief Carl	3.00
159	George Pierce	13.00
161	Orlando Hunnewell	13.20
162	Ernest Gilman	10.40
163	Geo. Gilman	73.10
165	John McCollar	15.30
166	John Johnson	2.00
167	Manley Corson	37.60
168	Ben. Corson	38.00
169	David Corson	13.60
170	Ed. McClintick	3.60
171	George Pierce	1.60
172	Alvah Bumpus	4.20
173	Ernest Gilman	8.10
174	David Corson	7.60
176	J. P. Whitney	8.80
177	W. B. Taylor	2.40
179	Orlando Hunnewell	5.40
181	W. J. Kiger	30.62
184	Perlief Clark	59.45
185	Wesley Brown	11.20
191	Barney McCollar	3.60
194	Arthur Flanders	8.75
224	E. R. Taylor	163.00
225	Taylor Bros.	190.50
226	Taylor Bros., road machine work	411.25
228	L. O. Newton	1.00
250	Barrett Mfg. Co.	123.58
251	Skowhegan Foundry Co., repairs	11.00
297	Austin McDunnah	1.00
298	Arno Padham	4.00
300	Charles Huff	1.20
303	B. F. Smith	3.50
336	S. A. Smith, cedar logs	4.00
342	Henry Cooley	14.16

343	Brackett & Andrews, plank	4.35	
361	Zenas Fletcher	10.05	
363	Geo. Nottage	8.00	
367	Ed Collins, gravel	1.20	
369	Geo. W. Brown	1.20	
370	Elwin Robinson	22.00	
418	Fred Smith	8.50	
431	Robert Davis	7.80	
496	C. B. Gilman	7.20	
498	Frank Curtis	4.80	
509	Randall McQuilken	7.40	
512	John Savage	8.00	
514	John Savage	16.70	
519	S. J. Whitney, supplies	44.04	
521	Henry Cooley	6.20	
543	John Redmond	2.25	
546	Granville Goodrich	14.30	
566	T. H. Reynolds, repairs, tools	6.80	
568	Dennis Knight	5.20	
559	Coney Grant	19.80	
71	Fred Hodgdon	5.40	
255	State treasurer, patrol fund, State road	505.85	
78	James Lawrence	2.95	
136	Thomas Collins, State road	14.40	
171	Geo. Pierce, State road	2.80	
175	J. P. Whitney, State road	2.40	
188	John McCollar, State road	2.60	
570	A. P. Murray, gravel	3.00	
571	The J. J. Lander Co., supplies	3.48	
589	Arthur Clark	15.00	
590	Randall McQuilken	5.25	
592	F. S. Hunnewell, board of men	4.82	
	Overdrawn last year	363.26	
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		\$2664.74	
	Overdrawn Feb. 17, 1917	664.74	
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			\$2000.00

BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Amount raised	\$400.00	
Unexpended last year	57.00	
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		\$457.00
1916—Orders drawn		
No. of Order		
173 Ernest Gilman	\$3.60	
180 Arlie McClintick	5.50	
182 G. G. Gilman	4.00	
183 Perlle Clark	16.00	
184 Perlle Clark	18.75	
185 L. W. Brown .....	.90	
186 Geo. W. Brown	3.60	
341 Henry Cooley	12.19	
370 Elwin Robinson	19.70	
1917		
515 H. L. Wyman, plank	7.74	
516 C. W. Dutton, lumber	6.00	
555 Brackett & Andrews, plank	76.85	
566 E. R. Taylor	16.50	
589 Arthur Clark	8.00	
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	199.33	
Unexpended Feb. 17, 1917	257.67	
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		\$457.00

SNOW ROADS

Unexpended last year		\$701.11
Amount expended:		
1916—Orders drawn		
No.		
14 Pat Cassidy	\$12.35	
38 Randall McQuilken	35.17	
53 Geo. W. McClintick	4.95	
74 Arthur Flanders	11.55	
75 Orlando Hunnewell	10.50	
76 Arno Padham	10.65	
301 Charles B. Gilman	16.00	
342 Henry Cooley	8.90	

358	Olin Robinson	2.00
362	S. J. Nottage & Son	8.75
364	G. W. Brown	7.00
365	John Mogle	3.00
366	N. W. Williams	4.00
1917		
430	A. C. McClintick	7.35
432	Selden Buzzell	6.12
468	S. J. Nottage & Son	10.80
473	John Mogle	14.63
474	Ethel Mahoney, use of field	8.00
477	L. W. Brown	4.40
478	Geo. W. Brown	10.20
487	F. L. Gipson	10.60
492	John Cassidy	10.40
493	John Mogle	5.94
497	C. B. Gilman, \$10.60; use of field, \$13.00	23.60
498	Frank Curtis	16.40
499	Arno Padham	21.40
500	Arlie McClintick	20.80
501	Arthur Clark	13.60
502	Arthur Clark	3.00
507	Joseph Hunnewell	38.00
508	Joseph Hunnewell, use of field	5.00
509	Randall McQuilken	59.32
510	C. W. Cowett	4.30
513	J. H. Savage, \$33.40; use of field, \$5.00	38.40
518	Rob Davis	3.00
521	Henry Cooley	17.40
522	Isaac Holway	6.20
538	A. P. Murray	3.00
539	A. P. Murray	46.00
540	Burt Huff	2.20
540	Russell & McCollar, labor, snow roll ..	6.00
543	John Redmond	4.80
545	Melphene Horn	13.50
546	Granville Goodrich	5.70
554	G. G. Gilman	23.80
559	Coney Grant	10.80
137	Selden Buzzell	5.00
164	E. W. Miller	18.37

569	Chester Lombard	1.00
574	Olin Robinson	9.60
575	Coney Robinson	5.00
577	C. W. Dutton	5.00
579	A. H. Robinson	2.50
583	Harold Farley	10.00
591	Peter Mahoney	5.20
593	Selden Buzzell	5.00
594	Pat Cassidy	25.80

\$701.95

Overdrawn Feb. 17, 191784

\$701.11

CUTTING BUSHES

Amount raised \$250.00

Amount expended:

Orders drawn

No. of Order

337	Warren Tozier	\$2.00
349	Henry Cooley	4.72
496	C. B. Gilman	15.00
504	Arthur Clark	9.00
506	Joseph Hunnewell	28.60
514	John Savage	8.00
518	Rob Davis	10.00
522	Isaac Holway	4.95
	Overdrawn last year	7.96

\$90.23

Unexpended balance 159.77

\$250.00

SIDEWALK ON RIVER STREET

Amount raised \$800.00

Received from individuals for concrete work 26.74

\$826.74

Amount expended:

1916—Orders drawn

68	Tim Roberts	\$2.60
69	Lester Libey	2.60
70	Harold Farley	2.60
78	James Lawrence	2.70
80	Edgar King	11.60
81	T. S. Whitney	16.20
113	A. B. Carl	4.50
147	Perlie Carl	10.40
159	Geo. Pierce	4.50
160	E. Rowe	1.60
165	John McCollar	12.60
178	Perlie Carl	7.20
187	John McCollar	29.70
189	Enoch Osgood	42.00
190	Barney McCollar	4.98
192	Ed Murphy	27.00
191	Barney McCollar	8.10
193	Geo. Pierce	3.15
299	Maine Central Ry. Co., freight	38.38
300	Charles Huff	6.00
302	Charles Huff	16.00
303	B. F. Smith	17.50
304	Enoch Osgood	51.00
305	Frank Hall	36.04
345	Charles Huff	11.00
359	Ed Murphy	24.00
360	S. E. Andrews	9.00
368	B. F. Smith	28.88
417	The Barrett Co.	18.33
419	A. C. Dinsmore, gravel	47.05
1917		
519	S. J. Whitney	5.84
565	Taylor Bros.	315.43
570	A. P. Murray, gravel	6.25

 \$824.73

Unexpended 2.01

 \$826.74

TOWN OF BINGHAM

Statement of the expenditures for patrol maintenance in the year 1916. Estimated number of miles under patrol maintenance, 10.5.

Joint fund \$705.85

Expended as follows:

Patrolman's wages	\$450.00
Cost of extra help	121.50
Cost of material	39.90

The following work was done:

Cutting bushes	\$10.24
Dragging	90.25
Raking rocks	139.66
Cleaning ditches and culverts	78.23
End walls and culverts	11.01
Surfacing: gravel	278.11
Bridges	3.90

Total expenditure	\$611.40
Unexpended balance	94.45
Cost of inspection	14.57

PHILIP J. DEERING

WILLIAM M. AYER

FRANK A. PEABODY

State Highway Commission.

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised		\$1000.00
Amount expended:		
Samantha Thompson	\$115.25	
David Gilman	183.40	
Dennis Knight	17.50	
Support of tramps	12.91	
Overdrawn last year	178.29	
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	\$507.35	
Unexpended Feb. 17, 1917	492.65	
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		\$1000.00

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN OF
BINGHAM

Freeman Moody, town of St. Albans	\$54.55
Due from St. Albans	\$54.55

SOLDIERS' BURIAL BENEFIT

Paid A. C. Dinsmore & Son	\$30.00
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STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Amount expended:		
Ellen Wintle	\$206.47	
Thomas Padham	240.91	
Willie Wintle	8.23	
Joseph Perlstine	36.35	
Due from State last year	174.43	
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		\$666.39
Received from State	\$452.57	
Due from State	213.82	
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		\$666.39

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$250.00	
Unexpended last year	160.04	
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Amount expended:

Orders drawn

No. of Order

11	Central Maine Power Co.	\$4.10
54	Herbert Pierce	2.00
55	John Hughes	4.50
60	Central Maine Power Co.	3.65
61	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.85
128	Bingham Fire Dept.	10.40
138	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65
157	Central Maine Power Co.	1.05
	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.95
241	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.65
240	Eureka Fire Hose Co.	180.00
252	Central Maine Power Co.	8.25
	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.75
309	Central Maine Power Co.	1.70
348	Central Maine Power Co. ....	.85
397	Central Maine Power Co.	4.51
429	Central Maine Power Co.	1.15
460	Bingham Fire Dept.	39.60
461	Central Maine Power Co.	1.05
462	Central Maine Power Co.	1.05
466	Jack McCollar	14.20
542	S. J. Whitney	22.45
547	Central Maine Power Co.	1.40
	<hr/>	\$305.76
Unexpended Feb. 17, 1917	104.28	
	<hr/>	\$410.04

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$730.00
Amount expended Feb. 1, 1917,	

Orders drawn

To W. J. Carl	\$735.00	
To Morrill Rowe	5.00	
Overdrawn last year	6.50	
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	746.50	
Overdrawn Feb. 1, 1917	16.50	
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		\$730.00

STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised		\$445.00
Orders drawn Central Maine Power Co.	\$394.00	
Unexpended	51.00	
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		\$445.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Amount raised		\$1200.00
Amount expended:		
Orders drawn Bingham Water Dis.	\$1214.00	
Overdrawn	14.00	
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		\$1200.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount raised	\$1800.00	
School fund and mill tax	951.35	
Common school fund	963.96	
Common school tuition	71.00	
Interest on School fund note	63.00	
Unexpended last year	102.69	
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		\$3952.00

Amount expended:

Teachers wages including board	\$3276.90
Conveyance of pupils	415.00

Tuition paid town of Solon	30.40	
Janitor service	338.00	
Paid for fuel	356.26	
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	4416.56	
Overdrawn, Feb. 17, 1917	464.56	
	<hr/>	\$3952.00

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Amount raised	\$800.00	
Received insurance on school house	15.00	
Refund on freight charges	1.11	
	<hr/>	\$816.11
Amount expended:		
Amount of orders drawn	\$1026.15	
Overdrawn last year	145.17	
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	1171.32	
Overdrawn, Feb. 17, 1917	355.21	
	<hr/>	\$816.11

TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised		\$200.00
Amount expended:		
Amount orders drawn	\$187.54	
Overdrawn last year	15.30	
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	\$202.84	
Amount overdrawn	2.84	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

INSURANCE ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Amount raised	\$67.00
Order drawn to W. E. Robinson	\$67.00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Amount raised	\$1000.00	
Unexpended last year	133.95	
Received from State	500.00	
Received tuition	515.00	
	<hr/>	\$2148.95

Amount expended:

Teachers' wages including board	\$1726.70
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FUEL

Order No.

109 W. J. Carl	\$1.00
279 American Shoe Finding Co.	8.00
471 Preble & Robinson, coal	218.66

JANITOR SERVICE

Paid Austin McDunnah	\$72.00
Paid Maurice Chase	92.00
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	\$2118.36
Unexpended balance	30.59
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	\$2148.95

For detailed report of school expenditures see Supt.'s report.

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Amount raised	\$50.00
Order drawn to Lepha Preble	50.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Amount expended:

Orders Drawn

No.

1	C. W. Dutton, abatement on Zenas Fletcher tax by vote of town	\$24.80
2	The Independent Co. printing town reports	43.20
3	Granville Goodrich	12.00
7	Preble & Robinson, rent of hall	10.00
13	Gracie Smith, type writing	1.50
16	Merton T. Goodrich	16.00
28	Mrs. Joseph Adams, interest	18.00
32	Central Maine Power Co.	5.80
34	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	17.14
35	W. J. Carl	1.50
37	Clarissa J. Andrews, interest	36.00
40	Independent Reporter	3.25
44	Merton T. Goodrich	16.00
51	Loring, Short & Harmon	3.50
52	F. S. Hunnewell	3.50
62	Charles M. Hill	20.00
66	F. H. Colby	10.97
71	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	15.75
90	Merton G. Goodrich	16.00
114	John Butler	12.20
126	Merton T. Goodrich	16.00
130	Newell White	4.75
144	R. V. Brown	16.50
145	Lee C. Smith	2.00
148	A. F. Donigan, stamped envelopes	3.12
154	F. L. Gipson	7.50
156	Thomas B. Hatt	14.50
203	Merton T. Goodrich	16.00
220	Turner Buswell, interest on Joseph Adams order	8.10
221	Nellie M. Smith, writing check lists and warrants	2.00
222	C. C. Stewart	4.00
223	M. M. Chase, part payment on town order	100.00

237	F. L. Gipson, team hire for Supt. of schools	10.00
245	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	6.20
246	S. A. Smith, part services	95.00
249	Loring, Short & Harmon	2.50
256	Amanda Adams, interest	8.25
277	F. L. Gipson, team hire for Supt of schools	1.50
283	Guy H. Swasey	20.00
296	Skowhegan Trust Company	6.23
307	W. J. Carl, posting town warrants	8.00
314	A. F. Donigan, stamped envelopes	2.15
317	Henry Cooley, part services	40.00
318	Blanch Gordon & Son, interest	17.62
338	H. N. White, town supplies	7.84
339	S. A. Smith, cash paid in	25.76
340	Juliett F. Adams, interest	18.00
344	Turner Buswell, surveying streets ..	6.50
346	C. C. Stewart, services as ballot clerk	4.00
347	R. V. Brown, services as ballot clerk .	6.00
349	Nellie M. Smith, writing check lists ..	1.50
351	Guy H. Swasey	20.00
354	W. B. Goodrich, measuring roads	8.20
356	A. C. Dinsmore, fumigating Austin Tibbetts' house	3.00
373	W. J. Carl	1.50
388	Mrs. F. G. Williams	2.90
383	G. H. Swasey	20.00
396	Maine Central Ry. Co.	11.25
416	Mabel Prescott	7.16
421	L. R. Hussey	2.00
422	G. L. Baker	3.25
434	Briggs Garage Co.	8.20
454	Guy H. Swasey	20.00
458	A. F. Donigan, land damage laying Whitney street	50.00
465	F. L. Smith, wood for fire station	6.00
469	Clarissa J. Andrews, interest	16.00
471	E. E. Greenwood, for making survey and estimates and attendance at hearing at Augusta on State road .	29.00
472	Isaac Holway, interest	100.00

473	Elsie Holway, interest	24.00
475	Charles H. Givens, interest	20.00
476	George Burton	1.00
479	F. J. & Thomas Owens, interest	24.00
480	Roy M. Savage, interest	40.00
481	W. B. Goodrich, services as town clerk	24.11
482	W. B. Goodrich, recording vital statistics	9.45
483	W. B. Goodrich, interest	16.00
484	Alice M. Goodrich, interest	32.00
483	Ellen W. Robinson, interest	13.00
484	Maria Baker, interest	28.00
490	C. B. Gilman, interest	108.00
491	C. B. Gilman, use of water tub	4.00
495	M. M. Chase, interest	17.87
511	John Savage, interest	48.00
517	C. W. Dutton	5.00
520	Amon Baker, interest	41.35
525	Guy H. Swasey	20.00
542	S. J. Whitney .....	.24
548	Edgar McClintick	9.60
549	C. E. Millett	1.60
551	Carrie M. Hunnewell, interest	24.00
553	G. G. Gilman, interest	32.00
561	Mrs. A. E. Whipple, interest	40.00
562	H. B. Whipple, interest	69.00
572	S. A. Smith, cash paid out	28.50
573	S. A. Smith, services	172.50
576	C. W. Dutton, abatements on tax bills 1916	50.40
578	C. W. Dutton	75.00
580	C. W. Dutton, commission on tax bills 1916	385.97
581	Henry Cooley, balance for services ..	49.25
582	A. B. Carl, services	27.60
585	Mrs. Isaac Holway, interest	16.00
595	The First National Bank of Skowhegan, interest	62.50
596	Skowhegan Trust Co., interest	6.23
537	A. P. Murray, interest	4.00
599	E. W. Moore, services	50.00
601	E. W. Moore, postage	2.43

602	The First National Bank of Skowhegan, interest on loan	29.00	
603	Skowhegan Trust Co., interest on loan	113.46	
			<hr/> \$2801.49

LIST OF ABATEMENTS

F. A. Boynton, paid in N. H.	\$3.00
Ross Bean, paid in Skowhegan	3.00
Joseph Cassidy, error in assessment	11.20
Elbie Curtis, paid in Mass.	3.00
Fred Fredette, under age	3.00
A. N. Moore, paid in Skowhegan	3.00
John McPhee, left the State	3.00
Thomas Olson, left the State	3.00
Andy Olson, left the State	3.00
Ernest Sterling, paid in Caratunk	3.00
Albert F. Webster, deceased	3.00
Elmore Spaulding, paid in Moscow	3.00
Brackett, Shaw & Lunt	3.20
W. H. Coleman, paid in Moscow	3.00

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS 1917

Highways and culverts	\$2000.00
Bridges	400.00
Snow roads	650.00
Cutting bushes	250.00
State Aid road	533.00
Hydrant rental	1200.00
Street lights	400.00
Town poor	500.00
Police and night watch	750.00
Fire department	200.00
Care of cemeteries	50.00
Miscellaneous expenses	3000.00
Patrol maintenance State road	500.00
Overdraw on highways	664.74

For recommendations for appropriations for schools see school committee's report.

Financial Standing of the Town Feb. 19, 1917

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders on interest	\$22,455.67
Outstanding orders not on interest	\$226.12

RESOURCES

Money in treasury	\$4496.44
Due from State, State pensions	129.00
Due from State paupers	213.82
Due from Kingman, support of paupers	66.19
Due from R. H. Sands on tax bills, 1908 ..	9.31
Due from R. H. Sands on tax bills, 1909	63.95
Due from St. Albans, support of paupers ...	54.55
Due from State Soldiers' burial benefit	35.00
Due from Coney Grant, grass on Knight's land	5.00
Due from town of Concord, High School tuition	50.00
Due from Mrs. Willard Goodrich, common school tuition	36.00
Due from Lester Chapman, tuition	17.50
Due from Charles Frith, tuition	15.00
Due from town of Moscow, tuition	3.00
	\$5194.76

TOWN PROPERTY

Town farm	\$600.00
Storehouse and lot	800.00
Fire station and outfit	3000.00
Safe	40.00
Tools for making sidewalk	200.00
Road machine	200.00
William J. Knight, land	100.00
	\$4940.00

Liabilities above available resources	\$17,487.03
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Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SMITH
HENRY COOLEY
A. B. CARL

Selectmen of Bingham.

Treasurer's Report

E. W. MOORE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF
BINGHAM 1916

DEBIT

To cash from last settlement	\$4295.47
State treasurer, State pensions	264.00
State treasurer, refunded on dog tax	16.98
State treasurer, State paupers	452.58
State treasurer, school & mill fund	951.35
State treasurer, common school fund	963.96
State treasurer, High school	500.00
State treasurer, schooling of chil- dren	12.50
State treasurer, R. R. & Telegraph tax	42.64
Town of Moscow, tuition of Mabel Burton	9.00
Town of Moscow, support of poor ..	2.50
Town of Moscow, fire department service	26.40
Town of Moscow, High school tui- tion	405.00
Town of Moscow , bridge repairs 1915 <i>Boucard</i>	140.00
Town of Embden, High school tui- tion	30.00
Pleasant Ridge Plantation High school tuition	80.00
Geo. Rollins, common school tui- tion	27.00
Nettie Ervings, common school tui- tion	25.00
Mrs. Lester Chapman, common school tuition	10.00

W. B. Goodrich, dog licenses	33.00	
Henry Sands, victualler's license ..	1.00	
W. E. Robinson, fire damage to school building	15.00	
M. C. R. R. Co., refunded on freight	1.11	
Earle Taylor, road account	27.06	
Henry Cooley, grass on town farm	30.00	
Interest on bank deposits	4.77	
R. H. Sands, tax of 1908	15.81	
R. H. Sands, tax of 1909	23.03	
Cash hired by town	7,845.35	
C. W. Dutton, tax of 1916	19,298.84	
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		\$35,549.35

CREDIT

By cash paid for town orders	\$26,886.05	
State tax	3017.20	
County tax	843.66	
State pensions	273.00	
Dog tax	33.00	
Cash balance in treasury	4496.44	
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		\$35,549.35

Report of Board of Engineers of the Bingham 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 Fire Department is organized as follows: The department is in charge of a board of engineers consisting of a chief, John McCollor; 1st assistant chief, Arlie A. Dinsmore; 2nd assistant chief, William J. Estabrook, one hook and ladder company, 15 men, Steven Clark, captain; Lea Smith, lieutenant. One hose company, 15 men, Howard Moore, captain; Ernest Andrews, lieutenant; Urban Beane, clerk, who keeps the records of fires and meetings of each company.

APPARATUS

The apparatus consists of a hook and ladder truck, 193 feet of ladders, one four wheeled hose cart with 2050 feet of hose in good condition; 250 feet of poor hose, 4 play pipes, 2 hydrant wrenches, 2 hydrant gates, 18 spanners, 1 tin roof cutter, 1 crow bar, 3 gate wrenches, 5 lanterns, 25 galvanized pails, 2 axes, 1 hose jacket, 30 rubber coats and hats, 1 hose reel.

FIRES

April 6, 1916—Alarm rung in from box 16, fire at Tucker & Lord mill set by children. No damage.

July 5—Alarm rung in from box 17, fire at Maine Central coal shed. Slight damage.

Dec. 30.—Alarm rung in at box 14, chimney fire at Howard Moors. No damage.

Jan. 15.—Alarm rung in from box 15, chimney fire at Will Andrews. Slight damage.

Jan. 17.—Call from box 14, chimney fire at Geo L. Baker's store. Slight damage.

Feb. 3.—Alarm rung in from box 15, false alarm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the town vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for the support of fire company for ensuing year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCOLLOR, Chief

A. A. DINSMORE, 1st Asst. Chief

W. J. ESTABROOK, 2nd Asst. Chief.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

INGRAM C. PIERCE,	Term Expires March, 1917
GEORGE G. GILMAN ,	Term Expires, 1918
WALTER E. ROBINSON,	Term Expires, 1919

Officers of School Committee

Ingram C. Pierce, Chairman,
Guy H. Swasey, Secretary.

Superintendent of Schools

Guy H. Swasey

To the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of Bingham:

In presenting this, my first annual report, I wish to give a concise review of what has been accomplished in our schools during the past year, and an outline of the progress which ought to be followed during the coming year.

On taking charge of your schools in August I found all teachers hired and the work planned for the present year. With slight alterations in the high school curriculum the work as planned by the previous superintendent has been carried on unabated. Our schools are in charge of earnest and faithful teachers and a high standard of work is being accomplished. School committees and superintendents have their important duties which tend toward the success of the school; but after all it is the teacher who finally makes the school a success in its fullest sense, and we are pleased to give credit to the teachers of Bingham for whatever the schools of our town have accomplished during the past year.

During the year the high school building has been painted, new floors have been laid in the old building in the village, new sanitary water fountains have been installed, and much has been done to better the sanitary conditions of all the village schools.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

The long list of visitors' names on the various school registers testifies to the fact that the public is taking an active interest in the development of our schools. I hope that during the coming year still more parents and friends will manifest their interest by frequent visits to the schools. By so doing we can get closer co-operation between parent and teacher, which acts as a stimulus to the child to do better work.

The organization of a Parent-Teachers' Club is a part of my plan for the coming year. Such an organization could be a source of much good to the schools thruout the town.

Much credit is due the members of the Century Club for the material interest they have taken in our schools.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

During the present year three teachers' meetings have been held at the high school building. Two of these were in unison with neighboring superintendents and teachers; the third was an informal meeting of the village teachers at the close of the fall term, where the personal accomplishments of each teacher during the term was discust. These meetings have been productive of excellent results. We hope to continue these meetings during the coming year, with speakers to instruct our teachers in special lines of teaching, and to encourage them in stronger efforts to aid their pupils.

HIGH SCHOOL

The enrollment this year in the high school is fifty-six the largest thus far in the history of the school. Since the town does not support a Public Library, it is very urgent that the high school library be materially increased. Let me quote sections from a letter I recently received from the State Inspector of High Schools: "An examination of the library material reported as belonging to the Bingham High School together with my personal observations in the school makes it clear to me that there is a very serious deficiency in the material provided for this purpose."

"The library is rapidly coming to be recognized to be as important to successful work in the high school as any other factor in its equipment. In the case of your school in particular, I believe you need not hesitate to urge vigorously that the lack of suitable reading to supplement textbooks and provide for an acquaintance with the best in literature be met by adequate appropriation by the town".

Since so many of our graduates teach school before they take advanced educational work, I believe it would be beneficial to our smaller schools to introduce a teachers' training course in the high school. Such a course could be given in addition to and combined with the regular courses now being offered.

Following are the names of the graduates of the class of 1916: Gladys S. Baker, Mary E. Carney, Laura V. Baker, Mona G. Baker, Forrest I. Gilman, Minnie L. Grant, Barbara Reynolds, Gladys Reynolds and George H. Webber.

TEXT-BOOKS

During the coming year the town will need many new arithmetics, readers and language books, thruout the grades, and new histories in the high school.

When we consider that the average life of a text-book is but a little more than three years, we can see why a goodly appropriation is necessary for this purpose. Text-books are the working tools of the students and to spend thousands of dollars for instruction and to attempt to economize on text-books would be very poor management.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from last year	\$102.69	
Amount raised by town	1800.00	
Rec'd from State, school and mill fund	951.35	
Rec'd from State, common school fund	963.96	
Common school tuition	71.00	
Interest on school fund note	63.00	
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DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' Salaries:

Guy H. Swasey, ninth grade	\$57.50	
Merton T. Goodrich, same	40.00	
Mrs. Kathleen Doe, same	195.00	
Lila Rowe	155.00	
Ethel Gilman	425.50	
Mrs. May Tupper	424.50	
Matilda Hall	27.00	
S. Helen Wallingford	460.50	
Margaret O. Mitchell	102.40	
Florence Murray	90.00	
Mazie Murphy Gilman	324.00	
Anna N. Savage	72.00	
Gladys Reynolds	207.00	
Mrs. George Nottage	216.00	
Minnie Grant	216.00	
Marion Baker	264.50	
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		\$3276.90

Fuel Bills:

Austin McDunnah	\$1.30	
John E. Bean	9.75	
Willard Carl	21.75	
American Shoe Finding Co.	1.75	
Granville Goodrich	6.00	
Claude Goodrich	17.50	
Frank Curtis	21.50	
Preble and Robinson	238.90	
George Brown	3.50	
George Gilman	13.50	
Coney Grant	10.00	
Lyman G. Brown	10.81	
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		\$356.26

Janitor Service:

Austin McDunnah	\$144.00	
Maurice Chase	184.00	
George Brown	5.00	
Mrs. George Nottage	5.00	
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		\$338.00

Conveyance of Scholars:

Alston Robinson	\$36.00	
George Corson	48.00	
Arlie C. McClintick	168.00	
Arthur Clark	107.00	
Town of Solon	56.00	
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		\$415.00

Tuition:

Town of Solon	\$30.40	
Total expenditure		\$4416.56
Overdraw		464.56
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		\$3952.00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from last year	\$133.95	
Amount raised by town	1000.00	
Received from State	500.00	
Received from Tuition:		
Town of Moscow, winter term	\$106.67	
Town of Moscow, spring term	103.33	
Town of Pleasant Ridge, fall and winter terms, '15	80.00	
Town of Moscow, fall term	195.00	
Town of Embden, fall term	30.00	
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		\$515.00
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		\$2148.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' Salaries:

Merton T. Goodrich	\$288.00
Marian W. Wellington	256.00
Kathleen F. Doe	390.00
Guy H. Swasey	434.70

Lucile Foster	318.60	
Hazel Seavey	39.40	
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Janitor Service		
Austin McDunnah	\$72.00	
Maurice Chase	92.00	
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Fuel Bills:		
Willard Carl	\$1.00	
American Shoe Finding Co.	8.00	
Preble and Robinson	218.66	
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Total expenditure		\$2118.36
Amount unexpended		30.59
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		\$2148.95

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town	\$200.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Amount overdrawn last year	\$15.30	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	6.45	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	9.05	
D. C. Heath & Co.	32.46	
Ginn & Co.	125.66	
Allyn & Bacon	2.28	
American Book Co.	5.32	
The Macmillan Co.	6.32	
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Total expenditures		\$202.84
Amount overdrawn		2.84
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		\$200.00

SUPPLY AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town	\$800.00	
M. C. R. R. refund on freight charges	1.11	
Insurance	15.00	
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		\$816.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Amount overdrawn last year	\$145.17
M. T. Goodrich	4.44
D. M. Locke Co.	5.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	24.00
J. L. Hammett	31.42
Rumford Supply Co.	3.50
Educational Supply Co.	7.55
Anna N. Savage, cleaning	2.00
Charles Colby	1.75
George L. Baker, music	5.00
Independent Reporter Co.	9.50
Edward E. Babb Co.	6.92
Merton T. Goodrich	2.00
D. M. Locke Co.,	1.00
Herbert L. Palmer	18.18
William H. Earle	4.35
D. M. Locke Co.	2.00
Fred Smith	10.00
Laura Baker	1.89
Thomas W. Burr	28.79
Edward E. Babb & Co.	11.52
Guy H. Swasey, express and supplies	5.58
Charles Colby	3.17
Vermont School Seat Co.	16.00
Fred Smith	9.00
Maurice Chase	2.27
Maine Library Commission	6.25
Edward E. Babb & Co.	76.64
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	2.88
John McCollar	239.00
Maurice Chase, painting	137.80
M. C. R. R., freight .....	.60
Milton Bradley Co.	8.77

M. C. R. R.	4.45	
Herbert L. Palmer	2.50	
Steward & Marston	35.46	
Maurice Chase	7.00	
Brackett & Andrews .....	.79	
Steward & Marston	118.48	
D. M. Locke Co.	4.75	
S. J. Whitney	47.67	
The J. J. Lander Co.	64.01	
Preble & Robinson	38.32	
George Gilman	1.50	
Charles Colby, freight	1.69	
Flora Curtis, cleaning	3.00	
Mazie Gilman, cleaning	2.50	
Ervin Moore	5.25	
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Total expenditure		\$1171.32
Overdraw		355.21
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		\$816.11

APROPRIATIONS

We have an overdraw of \$355.21 on the repairs account, due largely to the increased cost of supplies, and since some repairs are urgent, such as shingles for the Webster school house, shingles and hardwood floors for the grammar school building, we suggest that \$1000 be raised to meet the demands of this department for the current year. Other recommendations are:

Common schools	\$2000.00
High schools	1000.00
Reference books for High school	60.00
Text books	300.00

The State requires that towns should provide flags for all the schools. A sum of \$25.00 is needed for this purpose.

There is still due the town of Bingham for tuition to the close of the fall term:

High School:

Town of Concord	\$50.00
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Common schools:

Town of Moscow	\$3.00
Charles Frith	15.00
Lester Chapman	17.50
Mrs. Willard Goodrich	36.00

\$71.50

SCHOOL STATISTICS

School	Teacher	Salary per week
High—Guy	H. Swasey, Prin.	\$21.40*
High—Mrs.	Kathleen Doe	15.00*
High—Lucile	Foster	16.00
Grammar—Helen	Wallingford	13.50
Intermediate—Ethel	Gilman	11.50
Primary—Marion	Baker	11.50
Sub-Primary—May	B. Tupper	11.50
Webster—Gladys	Reynolds	9.00
Blaine—Mrs.	Jessie Nottage	9.00
Coburn—Mrs.	Mazie Gilman	9.00
Goodrich—Minnie	Grant	9.00

*Part of salary is from common school fund for ninth grade work.

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOLARS BY GRADE, SCHOOL
AND SEX

High School: Grade 1, No. of boys 13; No. of girls 10.
Grade 2, boys 3, girls 11. Grade 3, boys 1, girls 5. Grade
4, boys 5, girls 7.

Ninth Grade: Boys 7, girls 10.

Grammar: Grade 8, boys 16, girls 5. Grade 7, boys 7,
girls 2.

Intermediate: Grade 6, boys 10, girls 7. Grade 5, boys 6,
girls 8.

Primary: Grade 4, boys 11, girls 13. Grade 3, boys 13,
girls 9.

Sub-primary: Grade 2, boys 8, girls 7. Grade 1, boys 10,
girls 10.

Webster: Grade 1, boys 2. Grade 3, boys 1, girls 2.
Grade 5, boys 3. Grade 6, boys 1. Grade 8, boys 1, girls 4.
Grade 9, girls 1.

Blaine: Grade 1, girls 2. Grade 2, boys 1. Grade 3,
boys 2. Grade 4, boys 1. Grade 5, girls 1. Grade 6, boys 2,
girls 1. Grade 7, boys 1.

Coburn: Grade 1, boys 2. Grade 2, boys 1, girls 1.
Grade 6, boys 2. Grade 7, boys 3, girls 1. Grade 9, boys 1,
girls 1.

Goodrich: Grade 1, girls 1. Grade 3, boys 2, girls 2.
Grade 4, boys 1, girls 2. Grade 7, girls 1.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation of
the many considerations of the school committee; the hearty co-
operation and loyal support of the teachers, and the kind words
and forbearance of the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY H. SWASEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant for Town Meeting

SOMERSET, ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To Willard J. Carl, Constable of the Town of Bingham, in said County. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Kennebec Hall, in said town of Bingham, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1917, 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 19 of chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 13—To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of section 18, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 14—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$500 for Patrol maintenance for the year 1917.

Art. 15—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$664.74 for overdraft on highways in 1916.

Art. 16—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. 17—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text books for the ensuing year.

Art. 18—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. 19—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to install a steam heating plant in the high school building.

Art. 20—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the repair of schoolhouses, for school supplies and for other incidental school expenses.

Art. 21—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to buy reference books for the high school.

Art. 22—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to buy flags for the schools.

Art. 23—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 24—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 25—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Police Protection for the ensuing year.

Art. 26—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 necessary votes respecting the same.

Art. 27—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. 28—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$1200 for hydrant rental.

Art. 29—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 attendance during the past year, and to reopen any schools that have been suspended when they find it necessary to do so.

Art. 30—To see if the town will vote to elect one or more Truant Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 31—To see if the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to unite with other towns to employ a union superintendent of schools.

Art. 32—To see if the town will vote authorizing and instructing its Selectmen to make temporary loans of money thruout the year when required for the payment of bills.

Art. 33—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$200 for the maintenance of Bingham Fire Department.

Art. 34—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial services.

Art. 35—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be expened on the road leading from Llewellyn Williams farm to the Hannon Corner so called, and pass all votes relating to the same.

Art. 36—To see if the town will vote to abate N. W. Williams' tax for the year 1916, the amount being \$53.12, by request of N. W. Williams.

Art. 37—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$125 for the purchase of a lot of land laying on the west side of Fireman's Hall, on the south side of Murray street.

Art. 38—To see if the town will vote to authorize the town assessors to make a flat rate of taxes on the American Shoe Finding Company's property for the ensuing year, and pass all necessary votes respecting the same.

Art. 39—To see if the town will vote to elect an Auditor for the ensuing year and pass all votes necessary respecting the same by petition of I. Holway and four others.

Art. 40—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 on the day of said meeting.

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

S. A. SMITH

HENRY COOLEY

A. B. CARL

Selectmen of Bingham

A true copy

Attest:

WILLARD J. CARL

A Constable of Bingham, Me