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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**CITY OF AUBURN**  
MAINE



For the Fiscal Year  
January 1, 1920 to December 31, 1920

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# CITY OFFICIALS, 1920

## COUNCIL

Henry E. Goss, *Mayor*

George T. Woodman, Ward 1

E. Farrington Abbott, Ward 3

Forrest E. Ludden, Ward 2

Dr. E. L. Pennell, Ward 4

Alphonse Bouvier, Ward 5

*Clerk*, George W. Bumpus

*City Solicitor*, Carl F. Getchell

*City Manager*, Horace J. Cook

*Auditor*, Laurence P. Bearce

*Treasurer*, Willis P. Atwood

*Collector*, A. R. Thurston

## ASSESSORS

R. A. Ryerson, *Chairman*

D. R. Briggs

A. M. Flagg

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Fred Walton, *Chairman*

A. A. Garcelon

John J. Cronin

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

H. E. Goss, *ex-officio*

George S. Barton

C. S. Allen

C. H. Litchfield

J. H. White

Mrs. Carrie Cushman

Rev. George E. Kinney

Rev. Chas. S. Cummings

B. F. Mann

Mrs. Addie Pulsifer

Mrs. C. E. Williams

## PLANNING BOARD

E. W. Penley, *Chairman*

Dr. J. A. Ness

George E. Huskins

*Superintendent of Schools*—H. H. Randall.

*Judge of Municipal Court*—Harry Manser.

*Recorder of Municipal Court*—Fred H. Lancaster.

*Health Officer*—Leo F. Hall.

*Superintendent of Streets*—Allan F. McAlary.

*Marshal*—R. B. Mower.

*Police Matron*—Mrs. Susie Rogers.

*Chief of Fire Department*—C. H. Blethen.

*Clerk Charities Department*—L. P. Bearce

*Inspector of Conveyances*—R. B. Mower.

*Inspector of Buildings*—C. H. Blethen.

*Electrician*—J. C. Keene.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*—F. G. Willard

*Superintendent of City Farm*—C. L. Thompson

Auburn, Maine, December 31, 1920.

*To the Honorable Mayor and Council:*

City of Auburn, Maine.

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, a summary of the departments together with the Auditor's report is presented. In the Auditor's report is a complete record of the expenditures and receipts of the several departments, balance sheet and other financial information.

The different reports are amplified with information regarding some of the more important transactions, and activities outside the general routine of the year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. COOK,  
City Manager.

# MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CITY ACTIVITIES

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920

**GENERAL FINANCE.** As a complete summary of all money received and expended is clearly shown in the Auditor's report, only a few of the salient facts will be mentioned here.

The fact that at the close of the year there was a cash balance in the bank amounting to \$12,637.03 shows that the City's financial operation for the year has been satisfactory.

Notes in the sum of \$12,000.00 bearing 5% interest were issued, payable one each year for twelve years. This money was used to remodel the old Webster Grammar School Building into Municipal Offices.

On January 1, 1920, a 4½% Serial Bond amounting to \$9,000.00 came due and was paid. On July 1st 3½% Bonds amounting to \$15,000.00 came due. Of these one bond amounting to \$500.00 has not been presented yet for payment. The remaining \$14,500.00 were paid when they came due. Thus at the beginning of the year the total amount of bonds outstanding was \$597,700.00. During the year \$23,500.00 were retired leaving \$574,200.00. To this amount should be added the \$12,000.00 in notes for municipal building, making a total amount of \$586,200.00 in bonds and notes against the City.

The Municipal Proprietary Interest which is the surplus of all assets and investments in improvements over the liabilities is the index of the prosperity of a city. This item includes the amount of property owned by the City, as shown by the inventories of the different departments, the amount of permanent improvements, investments, uncollected taxes and cash on hand. It will be noted by turning to the Consolidated Balance Sheet in the auditor's report that there is a Municipal Proprietary Interest amounting to \$790,327.95. This is an increase of \$103,856.23 or 15% more than the previous year. Some over twenty thousand dollars of this is due to the evaluation of the city fire alarm system and street lighting system which was made this year. This does not include the new Gamewell System which is in the process of installation.

The sinking fund has now reached the total of \$39,044.34. By carrying out the provisions of the Charter in regard to the yearly appropriation this will be sufficient to meet all bonds coming due for several years.

**ADMINISTRATION.** As the value of an efficient administration can only be measured by the service rendered every thing that improves the service makes the administration more efficient. One great improvement in service to the public is the grouping of the offices of the City in one building which allows much better efficiency and co-operation between the different departments.

**CHARITIES.** The report of the Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor shows that during the year there were seventeen inmates at the City Farm. There were two deaths and one removal leaving a total of fourteen there on December 31, 1920. Temporary relief has been given to twenty-nine families. Eleven unfortunate children have been given board and three families have been given Mother's Aid.

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**CIVIL SERVICE.** During the year only one civil service examination was held. This was to fill a vacancy in the police department.

**EDUCATION.** The department of Education is administrated by the Superintending School Committee. Its report has already been made directly to the public.

**ELECTIONS.** This year marked an epoch in the department. One hundred years after Maine became a State, the women received full suffrage. The expense of registering these new voters, hurriedly printing new lists, the need of additional ward officers together with four elections made a greater expenditure than usual in this department.

Beside the usual primary, State and National elections which come periodically, there was a vacancy created in the Council thru the resignation of Mr. Emile Freeve. A special election was therefore necessary in Ward five. Mr. Alphonse Bouvier was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Board of Registration reports the total registration of voters as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Ward 1	746	485	1231
Ward 2	879	721	1600
Ward 3	736	517	1253
Ward 4	662	411	1073
Ward 5	893	462	1355
Total	3916	2596	6512

**ENGINEERING.** Plans for the remodeling of the old Webster Grammar School were made by this department early in the year saving the expense of an architect. During the summer the construction work was laid out and inspected by this department. At odd times the work on the tax map has been continued. This is paying for itself rapidly. Thru its use the Assessors have been able to get information and find taxable property which would have been lost to the City without its use. Considerable time has been spent in acquiring copies of the original plans of the numerous developments in the several sections of the City, as a supplement to the tax map. Not only has this been a great aid to the Assessors but to the citizens, both those who own or contemplate owning property here.

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.** Under this head are included the several divisions of Assessors, Auditor, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

In taking up the different reports in order, the Assessors come first. The valuation for three years is as follows:

	1918	1919	1920
Real	\$10,121,160.00	\$10,432,935.00	\$11,552,975.00
Personal	2,885,145.00	3,279,583.00	3,978,523.00
Total	\$13,006,305.00	\$13,712,518.00	\$15,531,498.00
Polls	4275	4288	4904

A further increase in valuation was made this year. This was due to the equalization of proportion of assessed valuation. In the three years under the new Charter an increase in valuation of \$3,784,213 has

been assessed. Of this amount an increase of \$2,487,015 or 66% was made in the valuation of one hundred tax payers.

The Auditor's work in the line of tax deeds has been a distinct success. During the past year the amount of \$4,073.67 has been collected from tax deeds or a gain of 10% over last year. The Auditor's report of receipts and disbursements according to departments is submitted in this report.

The report of the Tax Collector which is transmitted in full shows that of a total commitment for 1920 of \$480,656.94, the amount of \$19,470.26 or 4% was uncollected. This is a great credit to the tax collector for during the last few months of the year the money market tightened greatly.

The abatements totaled \$3,531.38.

**FIRE PROTECTION.** Owing to the fact that the combined fire system used by both Lewiston and Auburn was becoming antiquated and extensive repairs and new equipment were necessary, a new up-to-date Gamewell fire alarm system is being installed. This system is entirely free from Lewiston but is arranged so that either city may call the other at any time. The engine of the Reo truck was rebuilt with oversize pistons. This additional power is a great asset towards the protection of the heights above Goff Hill.

An option on a piece of land on Auburn Heights, so called, has been secured. It is hoped in the near future to be able to build a fire station there that will give ample protection to that section. Five hundred feet of hose has been purchased.

A City Electrician was appointed. Besides performing the regular duties of city electrician, he acts as substitute for the firemen while on their vacations.

The Chief's report follows:

#### Calls Answered

Still Alarms	116
Bell Alarms	19
Chief Calls	5
False Alarms	4
Total	144

#### Alarms by Months

January	17
February	9
March	10
April	20
May	17
June	4
July	4
August	10
September	6
October	10
November	19
December	18
Total	144



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## LOSS AND INSURANCE

## Inside Limits Department Called

Value of Buildings	\$52,600.00
Loss on Buildings	6,080.59
Insurance on Buildings	36,300.00
Insurance paid on Buildings	6,080.59
Value of Contents	10,300.00
Loss on Contents	3,784.50
Insurance on Contents	9,700.00
Insurance paid on Contents	3,784.50
Total loss in Buildings and Contents	9,865.09
Total insurance paid on buildings and contents	9,865.09
Total loss over insurance paid	None
Inside Limits Department Not Called	
Value of Buildings	\$41,500.00
Loss on Buildings	4,206.38
Insurance on Buildings	30,700.00
Insurance paid on Buildings	3,306.38
Value of Contents	17,800.00
Loss on Contents	377.63
Insurance on Contents	14,000.00
Insurance paid on Contents	377.63
Total loss on buildings and contents	4,584.01
Total insurance paid on buildings and contents	3,684.01
Total loss over insurance paid	900.00

## Outside Limits

Value of Buildings	\$16,000.00
Loss on Buildings	13,100.00
Insurance on Buildings	12,200.00
Insurance paid on Buildings	12,200.00
Value of Contents	4,500.00
Loss of Contents	1,629.00
Insurance on Contents	3,810.00
Insurance paid on Contents	1,629.00
Total loss on buildings and contents	14,729.00
Total insurance on buildings and contents	16,010.00
Total insurance paid on buildings and contents	13,829.00
Total loss over insurance paid	900.00

During the year the department laid 13,150 feet of hose, used 779 gallons of chemical. The auto trucks have traveled including Chief's car 1,634½ miles, number of gallons of gasoline used, including Chief's car, 320.

**BUILDING INSPECTION.** The annual building inspection shows that forty-seven buildings were inspected, classified as follows:

Cottage houses	26
2 Tenement houses	3
Stables remodeled in 1 tenement houses	5
Stables remodeled in 2 tenement houses	4

Garages	8
Additional Tank at Gulf Refining Co.	1

In addition to this forty-five chimneys were inspected.

**HEALTH.** In accordance with the act of the Legislature a health officer was hired to take the place of the board of health. His report is submitted in full hereafter:

**GARBAGE REMOVAL.** Early in the Fall the City began the collection of garbage from the city proper.. This is done once a week. The garbage is carried to the City Farm where a piggery has been installed to help defray the expenses.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.** The appropriation for this department suffered seriously because of the heavy snows of February and March. The following is from data supplied by Mr. Delano of the Union Water Power Company of Lewiston:

Snowfall in Inches					
January		February		March	
1	.25	5	11.00	6	10.00
9	1.00	6	5.50	10	.75
13	.75	7	3.00	14	.75
14	.25	10	3.00	20	9.00
17	6.50	13	4.50		
20	1.50	14	1.50		
21	4.00	15	8.50		
24	6.00	19	12.00		
25	1.25	22	3.00		
28	.50	24	3.25		
		25	5.50		
		29	2.00		
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	22.00		62.75		20.50

From this it will be seen that snow fell on twenty-six days amounting to 105.25 inches or nearly nine feet. During the month of February over five feet of snow fell. In spite of this the sidewalks were kept cleared and the streets and roads broken out. There was only one other city in the State to do this.

Just previous to this it was necessary to raise the scale of wages. For these reasons the Highway Department was hit hard financially.

The disbursements were \$102,131.08 with receipts of \$19,597.28 making a net expenditure of \$82,533.80. The estimated net expenditures for 1920 being \$81,500.00 making a net overdraft of \$1,033.80.

**Bridges.** Work on the bridges consisted of the following:  
 Bobbin Mill Brook Bridge, new stringers and floor.  
 Littlefield's Bridge, new stringers and floor.  
 Oakes Bridge, new stringers and floor.  
 Royal River Bridge, new stringers and floor.  
 Dennison Street Bridge, replanked.  
 East Auburn Bridge, replanked.  
 Main Street Bridge, new stringers and floors on sidewalk, and one-half roadway replanked.  
 A bridge in the so-called Plummer District was rebuilt.

The material for a new foot bridge was furnished to the people of East Auburn. This was erected by the citizens. This bridge was to replace another built under the same conditions.

Four other bridges received minor repairs.

**Culverts.** 840 feet of culvert pipe was installed in rural roads. 360 feet were furnished for driveways in the City.

**Equipment.** One Cleveland Tractor was purchased and the blacksmith shop was equipped. Three cart bodies were built in the shop at odd times during the year.

**Fences.** Five hundred and forty feet of rail fencing was constructed for protection along embankments and bridges and one hundred forty feet were repaired.

**Forestry.** Thirty dead trees were removed during the year. Five were removed to make room for paving and sidewalk improvement.

**Shop.** A blacksmith shop was put in operation the first of the year. The receipts of this were \$270.81 in excess of the disbursements. Of course the big advantage is the saving in time. There is no waiting in line as at a public shop. This was of especial aid during the heavy snow storms, as the shoeing was all done after working hours so that no team was off duty at all during the period of the deep snow.

**Sprinkling.** The sprinkling routes were practically the same as those of last year. Owing to the fact that the oil cost us nearly double as much as it did the preceding year and labor was much higher, the rate for sprinkling was necessarily higher also. The following statistics will give an idea of amount of mileage covered:

	Mileage	Cost per mile
2 Horse drawn sprinklers	2.28	\$702.00
1 Motor sprinkler	2.36	723.00
Oil application	7.88	714.00
	12.52	
Total		

**Surface Maintenance.** A greater mileage of rural roads was road machined this year than usual. This was made possible by the use of a tractor. This took the place of six horses releasing them for city work. There was a total of fifty miles of rural roads shaped and ten of city streets.

Three miles of city streets were resurfaced. This includes Western Avenue and Summit Street which had to be practically rebuilt. Nearly fifty miles of rural roads have been under patrol during the past year.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.** Further progress was made in the paving program. Tho handicapped by the lack of labor and materials a substantial amount of brick paving was constructed. The following streets were paved:

Spring street from Drummond to Court.

Knight street from Turner to Penley's Packing House.

School street from Spring to Union.

North Main street from Granite block paving to Franklin Street.

a total length of 2,042 feet, paved with brick.

Turner street from Vernon to Dennison street, a distance of 750 feet was paved with asphaltic macadam. By the gift of a piece of land at the junction of Union and Court streets the city was enabled to

widen out Union street at this point and abolish a dangerous condition. This required the construction of one hundred feet of cement concrete sidewalk, the removal of three large trees and the laying of about 268 square yards of asphaltic paving.

**Sidewalks.** There were 6,600 feet of cement concrete sidewalks constructed during the year.

**State Aid.** Three-tenths of a mile of gravel surface road with a heavy rock base was constructed on the Mechanic Falls Road. There remains only a few hundred feet on this road to complete the whole distance from the city to the Minot line.

About two-tenths of a mile of asphaltic macadam road with a heavy rock base was built on Washington Street connecting the State Road with the city paving.

The construction of an asphaltic macadam road on Minot avenue was started but owing to weather conditions and lateness of the season was stopped after 450 feet was built.

A quarter of a mile of third class road was constructed on the Old Hotel Road from the Grand Trunk Crossing at Littlefield's south toward Marston's Corner. This road has a heavy rock base and a gravel surface.

**Stone Crusher.** The city forces operated the stone crusher this year. There were 3,505 tons of stone crushed. The sizes not available for street work were sold at a profit.

The disbursements were \$7,015.45, the receipts were \$6,969.08. There is about 65 cu. yds. on hand valued at about \$200.00.

**Interest.** The interest on temporary loans made a further decrease this year from \$8,022.69 in 1919 to \$6,708.51 in 1920.

**LAW.** The report of the City Solicitor is presented directly to the Mayor and Council and is printed in full hereafter.

**LIBRARY.** The report of the Trustees of the Public Library is submitted to the municipal officers of the City and is appended in full.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING.** For years the old brick office building on Court street had been too small. As the old Webster Grammar School was standing idle, steps were taken to convert this into a convenient office building. As no appropriation had been made for this municipal building, notes to the amount of \$12,000.00 bearing interest at 5% were issued. These are payable at the rate of one note of \$1,000.00 per year for twelve years.

This work was handled by the Street Department. The city hired its own crew and did the greater part of the work itself. The offices were completed in April. The building is a credit to the city and will put off the need of building an expensive City Hall for years.

**MUNICIPAL COURT.** The Municipal Court reports are submitted to the State by whom the amount of salaries to be paid by the city is fixed.

**PARKS.** Through the generosity of the people of New Auburn a plot of land for a park was presented to the City. This is situated at the junction of South Main, Fifth and Dunn Streets.

**POLICE.** An automobile was added to the equipment of the Police Department this year. This with the improvement in the police alarm system greatly increased the efficiency of the force. One strong proof of this efficiency is shown by the record of stolen goods recovered. There were goods to the value of \$5,001.15. Of these goods to the value of \$4,295.25 or over 85% of the whole amount were returned to the owners. Police quarters were fitted out in the new municipal building. The cell room in the basement was painted by the several members of the force during their spare time.

A patrol auto is needed as is also a motor cycle. This last will probably be arranged for during the coming year.

In the Marshal's report which follows there is one item which will bear more than passing comment, that is the number of complaints answered. During the year the Marshal or a representative has investigated 425 complaints, nearly double that of the previous year.

The Marshal's report is as follows:

#### RECORD OF ARRESTS AND OFFENSE

Assault	1
Assault and Battery	8
Abandonment of wife and minor children	1
Bicycle riding on sidewalk	8
Cheating by false pretense	3
Defrauding boarding house keeper	1
Deserter from U. S. A.	2
Driving motor vehicle while intoxicated	3
Danger of falling into ways of vice	1
Forgery	2
Fornication	1
Gambling	14
Intoxication	52
Intoxication and Disturbance	23
Insane	3
Illegal Possession	4
Illegal Possession and Nuisance	3
Illegal Transportation	1
Keeping vicious dog	1
Keeping dog not registered or licensed	1
Larceny	31
Malicious Mischief	7
Manufacturing liquor for sale	3
Nuisance	2
Neglect of minor children	1
Operating motor vehicle without license	1
Present where gambling was going on	11
Person responsible for truancy	2
Removing and concealing mortgaged property	1
Reckless driving of auto	8
Running away from home	3
Search and Seizure	1
Threatening to commit an offense	2
Vagrancy	1

## CITY OF AUBURN

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## Disposed of as Follows:

Appealed	4
Bound over to S. J. C.	21
Committed to jail	11
Continued	27
Committed to State School for Boys	2
Discharged	8
Defaulted	4
Delivered to officers of other cities	12
Ordered to support family	4
Paid and Discharged	93
Placed on Probation	13
Placed under bonds to keep peace	1
Taken to State Hospital	3
Suspended Sentence	3
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## Miscellaneous

Doors found unlocked after closing hours (times)	115
Goods found outside (times)	5
Value of said goods	\$117.50
Dangerous places in streets found and reported to Street Commissioner	7
Disturbances quieted	15
Dogs shot	4
Cats killed	3
Horses running away and caught by officers	4
Horses taken from street and stabled	9
Lost children found and returned to parents	12
Complaints answered	425
Cow shot	1

## Goods Lost or Stolen

Goods reported lost or stolen to the value of	\$5,001.15
Goods found and returned to the value of	4,295.25
Goods not recovered to the value of	705.90

## Number of Arrests by Each Officer

County Officers	18
Mower	74
Ratliffe	14
Shannon	13
Legendre	16
Staples	8
Chapman	16
McIntosh	9
Gray	19
Plourde	1
Parker	13
Lowell	1
Mullaney	2
St. Pierre	2

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## Nationality of those Arrested

American	100
French	66
Irish	18
Hebrew	6
Italian	3
Polish	2
Fin	1
English	5
Negro	2
Scotch	2
Swedish	1
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Number of persons having residences in Auburn	104
Number of lodgers for the year	55
Number of Autos licensed for the year	68
Received for same	\$68.00
Paid City Treasurer	68.00

**PROPERTY.** While there is an increase in revenue due to renting the old City Building and former police station there is an increase in the maintenance of public buildings due to the new City Offices. Another payment was made on the High Street House. A piece of land on Oakland street was bought as a site for a school house in the near future.

**REFUSE REMOVAL.** In June the contract for waste removal terminated. Since then this has been handled by the City; first by the Health Department and later by the Street Department. The results have shown that the City can do it cheaper and more satisfactory itself than by contract.

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.** The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is as follows:

Hay Scales tested	13
Platform	205
Computing	116
Other kinds	129
Weights tested	1,016
Liquid measures tested	21
Dry measures tested	5
Automatic pumps tested	50
Automatic pumps adjusted	17
Scales of various kinds adjusted	62
One pump and one scale condemned.	

**STREET LIGHTING.** Under the new contract twenty-one new incandescent lamps were installed without any increase in the annual rental. There are at present

361 Incandescent lights
52 Arcs
50 Ornamental Clusters

**WIRE INSPECTION.** This has been a busy year in this Department. The new Municipal Building was wired. Repairs and alterations have been made on several other buildings. All the circuits of the fire alarm system have been repaired, all boxes cleaned and retimed, thirty-five of these boxes have been painted. Seven fire alarm tappers have been installed. The annunciator circuits to the different factories have been renovated.

The Police system was moved to the new Municipal Building, repaired and the boxes painted.

In addition to this the wire inspector assisted in installing the new fire alarm system.

Eighty-four buildings of various types were inspected. The Wire Inspector also acted as substitute in the fire station while the regular men were having their vacations.

**CONCLUSION.** In the operation of a city, there are many expenditures which can not thru the efforts of that city be reduced. This applies to such items as county tax and state tax. In the departmental expenditures there is always a chance for reduction of expenditures, but any reduction in the appropriation for a department efficiently maintained means a corresponding reduction in the service rendered. There is one item which could be reduced without impairing any service. This is the interest paid on municipal bonds. For years the City has paid out about \$20,000.00 per year in interest on bonds, some of which have been refunded so many times that it is impossible to ascertain the original cause for their issue. This means that over a mill on the tax rate or about one dollar in every twenty-five raised by the City each year goes to pay the interest on these bonds. Under the Charter, these bonds are being paid as they come due out of the sinking fund to which a certain amount for this purpose must be added each year. If the program is continued for a few years, there will be a marked decrease in this appropriation and such money saved can be used to good advantage elsewhere.



REPORT OF CITY AUDITOR

January 1, 1921.

*To the City Manager*  
Auburn, Maine

I, herewith, submit to you and through you to the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, my report as City Auditor for the year ending December 31, 1920.

Yours truly,

LAURENCE P. BEARCE,  
*City Auditor.*

## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1920.

## ADMINISTRATION

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>
Council and City Clerk		
Salary of Clerk		\$1,500 00
Clerk Hire		78 00
Fees	\$ 239 69	
Licenses	834 67	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		518 09
Telephone and Telegraph		15 21
Maintenance of Equipment		8 95
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	\$1,074 36	\$2,120 25
 Manager's Office		
Salary		\$3,400 00
Clerk Hire		483 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		94 27
Telephone and Telegraph		48 55
Liability Bond Premium		8 01
Maintenance of Equipment		12 25
Operation of Auto		487 65
New Auto		1,435 00
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		\$5,968 73
 Mayor's Office		
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 17 00
Telephone and Telegraph		40
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		\$ 17 40
 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	 \$1,074 36	 \$8,106 38

## CHARITIES

Administration		
Salary of Clerk and Investigator		\$ 750 00
City Physician		12 50
Clerk Hire		1 50
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		26 33
Telephone and Telegraph		20 03
Transportation		100 11
Oil		95
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		\$ 911 42
 Outside Relief		
Physician		\$ 31 00
Refunds (Cities and Towns)	\$ 548 29	
Refunds (State)	207 50	
Refunds (Individuals)	1,430 03	
Mother's Aid	97 00	365 00
Insane Relief		35 58
Insurance		159 50
Board and Care of Persons		2,167 37
Fuel		199 06

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Clothing		128 81
Provisions		390 23
Drugs and Cleaning Supplies		6 55
Burials		95 00
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	\$2,282 82	\$3,578 10
TOTAL CHARITIES ADMINISTRATION AND OUTSIDE RELIEF		
	\$2,282 82	\$4,489 52
City Farm and Alms House		
Salary of Supt.		\$ 911 25
Labor		1,264 90
Special Services		43 00
Sale of Produce	\$ 2,345 59	
Sale of Stock and Equipment	1,190 58	
Refunds (Individuals)	220 00	
Refunds (Cities and Towns)	109 50	
Straw	8 37	
Equipment and Land Rentals	42 00	100 00
Telephone and Telegraph		4 05
Light		64 27
Repairs		219 67
Maintenance of Equipment		33 94
Insurance		439 50
Transportation		22 84
Horse Shoeing		38 00
Stock		1,154 00
Fuel		374 57
Drugs		11 35
Clothing		34 00
Provisions		1,254 65
Forage		1,862 46
Sawdust		9 50
Seeds		60 00
Fertilizer		68 52
Supplies and Equipment		271 08
Rental of Equipment		29 95
Burials		266 25
Laundry		61 15
Gasoline and Oil		25 75
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	\$3,916 04	\$8,624 65
CIVIL SERVICE		
		\$ 15 70
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Gardener's Union	\$ 126 74	
Spanish War Veterans		50 00
Memberships to Chamber of Commerce		50 00
Memorial Day		550 00
Veteran Firemen's Ass'n.		120 00
Tuberculosis Prevention		500 00
Ball Grounds		30 00
Play Grounds		250 00
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	\$ 126 74	\$1,550 00

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CORPORATION TAXES FROM STATE	\$ 2,780 23	
COUNTY TAX		\$21,146 87
CURRENT TAXES	\$457,381 51	
DAMAGES		729 38
DEBT REDEMPTION		
Serial Bond Payment		9,000 00
Sinking Fund Deposit	2,250 00	10,000 00
Water Works Bonds		3,000 00
	<u>\$ 2,250 00</u>	<u>\$22,000 00</u>
DELINQUENT TAXES	\$13,231 47	
EDUCATION		
Administration		
Salary of Supt.		\$ 3,500 00
Clerk Hire		921 25
Labor on Supplies		18 59
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		219 72
Telephone and Telegraph		79 05
Liability Bond Premium		5 25
Transportation		30 39
Freight and Cartage		53 15
Equipment		12 00
Maintenance of Equipment		8 02
Sales	\$ 1 50	
	<u>\$ 1 50</u>	<u>\$4,847 42</u>
Common Schools		
Instruction		\$65,168 93
Clerk Hire		210 58
Special Services		380 84
Janitors		5,045 10
Tuition	207 55	18 00
Rent	65 00	
Sales	26 73	
Grants	35,314 77	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		45 90
Telephone and Telegraph		88 35
Light		355 78
Transportation		4,277 93
Freight and Cartage		189 34
Equipment		319 89
Maintenance of Equipment		187 15
Text Books		1,892 04
Other Educational Supplies		2,104 14
Fuel		6,114 52
	<u>\$35,614 05</u>	<u>\$86,398 49</u>
Evening Schools		
Instruction		\$ 881 00
Grants	\$ 418 38	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		28 15
Rent		49 00

Freight and Cartage		2 00
	<u>\$ 418 38</u>	<u>\$ 960 15</u>
High School		
Instruction		\$22,711 28'
Clerk Hire		176 07
Janitors		1,245 80
Special Services		36 00
Tuition	\$3,132 21	
Sales and Refunds	68 31	
Grants	500 00	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		75 17
Telephone and Telegraph		52 65
Light		150 99
Transportation		19 59
Freight and Cartage		91 53
Equipment		290 65
Maintenance of Equipment		48 17
Text Books		1,500 52
Other Educational Supplies		635 52
Fuel		717 58
	<u>\$3,700 52</u>	<u>\$27,751 52</u>
Manual Arts		
Instruction		\$ 5,933 85
Sales	\$ 3 18	
Grants	3,288 66	
Light and Power		115 11
Equipment		412 32
Maintenance of Equipment		31 44
Office Supplies		6 24
Educational Supplies		902 12
Freight and Cartage		5 69
	<u>\$ 3,291 84</u>	<u>\$ 7,406 77</u>
Medical Inspection		\$ 88 88
School Property Maintenance		
General Buildings		\$ 5,120 42
High School		311 67
Rowe's Corner School		6,973 93
Insurance		1,200 75
		<u>\$13,606 77</u>
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$43,026 29</b>	<b>\$141,060 00</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>		
Salaries of Board of Registration		\$ 932 00
Election Officers		604 00
Clerk Hire		354 00
Fees		88 56
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		652 45
Construction and Repair of booths		191 18
		<u>\$ 2,822 19</u>

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## ENGINEERING

Salary of Engineer	\$ 75 00
Rod-men	1,043 25
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	37 23
Telephone and Telegraph	20 53
Supplies and Equipment	184 74
Transportation	3 89
Tax Map	288 98
Maintenance of Equipment	70
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	\$ 1,654 32

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

## Assessor's Office

Salaries of Board	\$ 2,200 00
Clerk Hire	205 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	202 79
Telephone and Telegraph	38 52
Transportation	26 46
Equipment	12 00
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	\$ 2,684 77

## Auditor's Office

Salary	\$ 2,000 00
Clerk Hire	465 00
Outside Auditor	50 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	181 30
Telephone and Telegraph	8 34
Liability Bond Premium	2 90
Transportation	15 41
Maintenance of Equipment	2 75
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	\$ 2,725 70

## Tax Collector's Office

Salary	\$ 1,500 00
Clerk Hire	15 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	304 03
Telephone and Telegraph	8 27
Liability Bond Premium	43 00
Equipment	50 00
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	\$ 1,920 30

## Treasurer's Office

Salary	\$ 100 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	20
Liability Bond Premium	38 00
Rental of Deposit Box	10 00
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	\$ 148 20

## TOTAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

\$ 7,478 97

## FIRE PROTECTION

Salary of Chief	\$ 1,709 14
Regular Men	9,716 66

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Part Time Men		7,026 63
Specials and Substitutes		342 75
Traveling Expenses		150 00
Sales	\$ 12 60	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		22 75
Telephone and Telegraph		75 28
Light		138 19
Rent		12 00
Liability Bond Premium		1 90
Insurance		219 20
Board and Care of Horses		1,158 21
Laundry		63 60
Auto Licenses		10 00
Equipment		995 90
Maintenance of Trucks and Equipment		659 29
Oil and Gasoline		139 90
Fuel		613 88
Ice		21 55
Janitor's Supplies		28 27
General Supplies		125 52
Sales	2 23	
Rental of Equipment		197 56
Fire Alarm System		
Labor		1,120 24
Material		421 78
Bell Rental		21 00
Whistle Rental		125 00
Equipment		14 82
	\$ 14 83	\$25,131 02
<b>GARBAGE REMOVAL</b>		
Labor		\$ 373 89
Traveling Expenses		33 28
Equipment		383 09
Maintenance of Equipment		13 12
Rental of Equipment		12 00
Board and Care of Horses		58 96
Rental of Stable		4 50
Advertising		8 40
		\$ 887 24
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Salary of Health Officer		\$ 2,251 26
Professional Services		85 00
Salary of Milk Inspector		125 00
Salary of Plumbing Inspector		25 00
Traveling Expenses and Operation of Auto		196 51
Telephone and Telegraph		44 66
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		122 98
Fumigation		62 00
Medical Supplies		293 36
Provisions and Fuel		160 09
Gas		8 64
Ice		21 85
Sales	\$ 30 25	

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Equipment		298 84
Maintenance of Equipment		5 54
Vital Statistic Fees		87 00
Miscellaneous		11 28
	<u>\$ 30 25</u>	<u>\$ 3,799 01</u>

## HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Administration		
Salary of Supt.		\$ 2,100 00
Clerk Hire		1,078 15
Sales	\$ 422 78	
Scales	17 00	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		88 23
Liability Bond Premium		2 60
Light		60 41
Telephone and Telegraph		14 20
Insurance		40 00
Operation of Auto		646 77
Fuel		78 89
Janitor's Supplies		16 30
Equipment		1 00
Maintenance of Equipment		11 20
Car Fares		60
	<u>\$ 439 78</u>	<u>\$ 4,138 35</u>

Blacksmith Shop		
Labor		\$ 1,479 38
Supplies		432 03
Shoeing and Wagon Repairs	\$ 2,235 06	
Equipment		52 84
	<u>\$ 2,235 06</u>	<u>\$ 1,964 25</u>

Bridges		
Labor		\$ 025 02
Material		3,353 14
		<u>\$ 4,278 16</u>

Catchbasins		
Labor		\$ 2,083 04
Material		68 60
		<u>\$ 2,151 64</u>

Cleaning		
Sweepers (Regular)		\$ 6,588 86
Sweepers (Other)		1,241 03
		<u>\$ 7,829 89</u>

Culverts and Drains		
Labor		\$ 244 01
Material		1,685 64
		<u>\$ 1,929 65</u>

Fences		
Labor		\$ 84 70



Material		392 68
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		\$ 477 38
Forestry		\$ 539 68
Maintenance of Equipment		
Hand Tools		\$ 213 18
Harness		72 10
Steam Roller		119 93
Wagons and Implements		1,691 32
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		\$2,096 53
New Equipment		
Hand Tools		\$ 414 59
Motor		1,871 75
Road Machines, Wagons and Implements		254 14
Road Drags		48 11
Blankets, etc.		38 05
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		\$2,626 64
Operation of Teams and Truck		
Salary of Stableman		\$ 1,691 08
Veterinary Services		75 39
Board of Horses	\$ 127 00	6,229 47
Shoeing		950 99
Ford Truck		574 26
Miscellaneous Stable Expense		46 57
Waste, Grease and Oils		430 85
Tractor		1,085 07
Rental of Equipment	2,581 62	274 48
Storing Equipment		41 73
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	\$2,708 62	\$11,399 89
Sanding Walks and Snow Removal		\$ 9,330 57
Sprinkling		
Assessments	\$14,020 16	
Horse Drawn		
Labor		\$ 787 04
Maintenance of Equipment		155 17
Motor		
Labor		442 07
Licenses		4 00
Oil and Gasoline		366 23
Maintenance of Equipment		385 54
Oiling		
Labor		502 98
Material		5,063 57
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	\$14,020 16	\$7,706 60

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Sidewalk Maintenance		
Labor		\$ 484 91
Material		53 30
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		\$538 21
Street Maintenance		
City Streets (Labor)	\$ 96 20	\$17,690 61
City Streets (Material)		387 31
Country Roads ((City Labor)		1,093 01
Country Roads (Rural Labor)		21,732 37
Country Roads (Material)		420 99
City Patrol		2,544 00
State Patrol		833 10
State Aid Maintenance	50 00	241 49
Pavement		172 76
Refunds	47 46	
Hired Teams		8 00
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	\$193 66	\$45,123 64
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	\$19,597 28	\$102,131 08
INTEREST		
Bank Balances	\$ 653 98	
R. R. Stock	2,250 00	
Municipal Bonds		\$20,457 50
Temporary Loans		6,708 51
Taxes (1915-1920)	2,396 93	
Tax Deeds	318 37	
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	\$5,619 28	\$27,166 01
LAW		
Salary of Solicitor		\$ 500 00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 564 62	\$ 1,974 85
LIBRARY	\$ 400	\$ 5,800 00
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salary of Judge		\$ 1,500 00
Salary of Clerk		1,600 00
Fees	\$ 856 50	30 00
Fines	8 60	
Sales	7 61	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		46 70
Telephone and Telegraph		51 15
Light		9 00
Rent		660 00
Cleaning		44 75
Insurance		13 00
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	\$872 71	\$3,954 60
PARKS		\$613 39

## POLICE PROTECTION

Salary of Marshal		\$ 1,831 55
Patrolmen		11,210 02
Matron		522 57
Lake Officer		240 93
Sunday Officer		208 50
Specials and Substitutes		496 98
Dog Officers		242 00
Burying Animals		5 50
Municipal Court Fees	\$ 331 99	
Superior Court Fees	192 69	
Public Auto Licenses	68 00	
Refunds	26 81	3 60
Sales	1 15	
Liability Bond Premium		1 27
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		58 49
Telephone and Telegraph		103 56
Light		60 05
Rent		85 35
Board		10 84
Medical Services		2 50
Transportation		42 87
Traffic Signs		31 43
Fuel		114 81
Janitor's Supplies		38 07
Police Supplies and Equipment		195 20
Office Equipment and Maintenance		32 57
Automobile (Ford)		575 00
Gasoline, Oil and Licenses		283 76
Maintenance of Auto		274 59
Alarm System		
Labor		362 75
Maintenance		216 92
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	\$620 64	\$17,251 68

## PROPERTY

City Buildings and Auburn Hall		
Salary of Janitors		\$ 1,947 75
Sales	\$ 21 88	
Old City Building (78 Court St.)		
Rent	25 00	
Rent (60 Court Street)	800 04	
Rent (64 Court Street)	999 96	
Rent (68 Court Street)	999 96	
Rent (70 Court Street)	85 00	
Rent (Hall)	1,233 50	
Rent (Water Board Rooms)	500 00	
Light		485 89
Repairs		317 55
Insurance		802 71
Fuel		1,109 15
Janitor's Supplies		97 22
Equipment		156 25
Installing Fixtures		759 56
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	\$4,665 34	\$5,676 08

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Honor Roll		\$ 5 00
Armory		
Rent	\$ 110 00	
Repairs		\$ 162 80
Insurance		44 50
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	\$110 00	\$207 30
River Road Shed		
Insurance		\$ 75 00
Repairs		8 94
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		\$83 94
Cafe at 40 Hampshire Street		
Rent	\$ 350 00	
Repairs		69 78
High Street House		
Rent	420 00	
Repairs		22 07
Land on Main Street		
Rent	130 00	
Engine House		
Repairs		\$ 103 53
Alarm Station		345 57
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		\$449 10
Old Webster School		
Repairs		\$239 62
Tenement at 48 Hampshire Street		
Rent	144 00	
Repairs		58 89
Troy Street Stables and Shop		
Repairs		373 52
TOTAL PROPERTY	\$5,819 34	\$7,185 30
Refunds (Pleasant Street)		\$ 902 70
REFUSE REMOVAL	\$ 200 00	
Contract		\$ 1,750 00
Labor		2,210 12
Equipment		417 86
Maintenance of Equipment		6 40
Rental of Equipment		15 50
Board and Care of Horses		99 55
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	\$200 00	\$4,499 43

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Salary		\$ 90 00
Fees	\$ 165 54	165 54
Material		26 90
Transportation		3 85
	<u>\$165 54</u>	<u>\$286 29</u>
SEWER SERVICE		
		\$ 5,000 00
STATE TAX		
		\$95,864 49
STREET LIGHTS		
Urban		\$ 8,563 04
Danville Junction		66 00
Equipment		610 60
		<u>\$9,239 64</u>
STONE CRUSHER		
Sales	\$ 6,969 08	
Maintenance of Equipment		\$ 206 56
Labor		464 02
Material		
Operation		
Labor		4,495 85
Material		896 62
Rental of Equipment		952 40
	<u>\$6,969 08</u>	<u>\$7,015 45</u>
TAX DEEDS		
1919	\$ 1,470 89	\$ 4,150 94
Previous to 1919	2,602 78	
	<u>\$4,073 67</u>	<u>\$4,150 94</u>
WIRE INSPECTOR		
Salary		\$ 154 96
Fees	\$ 101 30	
Supplies		72 31
Operation of Auto		121 09
Maintenance of Equipment		15
	<u>\$101 30</u>	<u>\$348 51</u>
1919 CASH BALANCE AND ACCOUNTS		
	24,083 85	
OPERATION TOTALS		
	<u>\$595,201 85</u>	<u>\$543,379 61</u>
CROSSWALKS AND CATCHBASINS		
Labor		\$ 81 97
Material		188 63
		<u>\$270 60</u>

## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

## CITY STREETS (Brick)

Inspection, Adv. and General Expenses	\$	32 43
<b>Knight Street</b>		
Inspection		70 84
Labor		23 08
Contract		3,345 11
Brick		1,840 19
Material		75 00
Manholes		19 00
Rental of Equipment		5 00
Assessments	\$1,000 00	
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$5,378 22</u>
<b>North Main Street</b>		
Inspection	\$	50 33
Labor		166 76
Teamsters		12 75
Contract		2,850 66
Brick		1,413 81
Rental of Equipment		2 50
Assessment	\$ 500 00	
	<u>\$500 00</u>	<u>\$4,496 81</u>
<b>School Street (From Spring to Union)</b>		
Inspection	\$	101 06
Labor		43 25
Contract		4,261 37
Brick		2,523 91
Material		371 25
Rental of Equipment		29 25
Manholes		26 00
Assessment	\$2,457 01	
	<u>\$2,457 01</u>	<u>\$7,356 09</u>
<b>Spring Street</b>		
Inspection	\$	89 05
Labor		29 22
Contract		4,552 59
Brick		2,660 45
Material		255 00
		<u>\$7,586 31</u>
<b>Franklin Street</b>		
Inspection	\$	4 25
<b>TOTAL BRICK PAVING CONSTRUCTION</b>	<u>\$3,957 01</u>	<u>\$24,854 11</u>
<b>CITY STREETS (MACADAM)</b>		
Part of Bond Proceeds and Interest	\$17,358 98	
Union Street		
Inspection	\$	3 67

Labor		424 20
Material		449 73
Rental of Equipment		20 00
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		\$897 60
Turner Street		
Inspection	\$	21 26
Labor		1,727 17
Teamsters		166 00
Cement		9 18
Asphalt		612 36
Material		3,021 00
Rental of Equipment		412 05
Steam Roller		474 98
State Truck		294 30
Hired Teams		504 25
Assessment		\$1,315 28
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		\$1,315 28
		\$7,242 55
TOTAL MACADAM CONSTRUCTION		\$18,674 26
		\$8,140 15
STATE AID CONSTRUCTION		
Grants	\$	9,020 11
Littlefield Road		
Labor	\$	1,331 48
Hired Teams		304 00
City Teams		11 33
State Truck		1,049 89
Tractor and Road Machine		4 13
Miscellaneous		22
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		\$2,701 05
McFalls Road		
Labor	\$	3,629 37
Material		94 95
Hired Teams		1,990 64
City Teams		194 67
Steam Roller		308 45
Tractor		120 65
State Truck		937 56
Road Machine		7 33
Miscellaneous		2 50
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		\$7,286 12
Minot Avenue		
Inspection	\$	9 34
Labor		539 69
Material		932 67
City Teams		181 34
Steam Roller		135 00
Miscellaneous		1 00
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		\$1,799 04

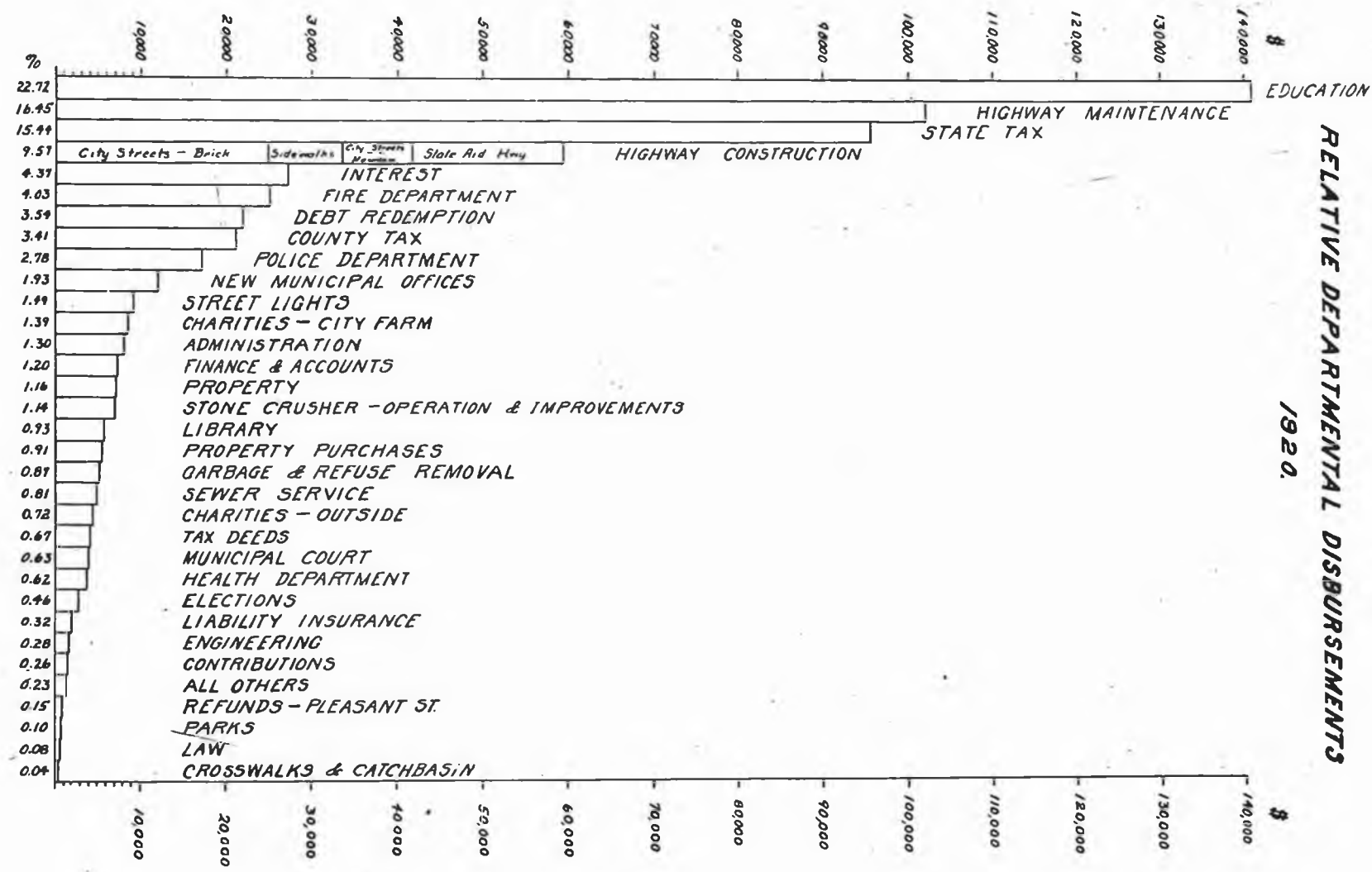
Washington Street		
Labor		\$ 1,495 74
Material		2,811 42
Tool Repairs		4 00
Hired Teams		241 00
City Teams		200 00
Steam Roller		381 46
Tractor and Road Machine		15 00
State Truck		694 24
Miscellaneous		3 17
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		\$5,846 03
<b>TOTAL STATE AID CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$9,020 11	\$17,632 24
<b>NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICES</b>		
Note Proceeds	\$12,000 00	
Carpentry		
Labor		\$2,379 91
Material		3,035 98
Debris (Labor)		331 32
Painting		
Labor		1,130 29
Material		450 10
Plastering		
Labor		442 38
Material		267 20
Plumbing and Heating		
Labor		791 67
Material		687 69
Vaults and Masonry		
Labor		1,020 64
Material		446 08
Rental of Equipment		82 86
Wiring		
Labor		225 17
Material		481 83
Fixtures		97 26
Miscellaneous		129 62
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	\$12,000 00	\$12,000 00
<b>PROPERTY PURCHASES</b>		
General Government		\$1,180 00
School Lot		4,500 00
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		\$5,680 00
<b>SIDEWALKS</b>		
Advertising and General Expenses		\$ 6 93
Engineering		165 83
Assessments	\$2,862 05	
Contract		8,625 14
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	\$2,862 05	\$8,797 90
<b>STONE CRUSHER</b>		92 79
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<b>INVESTMENT TOTALS</b>	\$46,513 43	\$77,467 79



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CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 39 50	\$ 39 50
DEPT. OF STORES	21 64	25 79
FIRE ALARM		1 57
DOG LICENSES FOR STATE	647 00	647 00
PENSIONS FOR STATE	2,947 00	4,498 00
SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS FOR STATE	383 00	481 87
TEMPORARY LOANS	250,000 00	250,000 00
RESURFACING McFALLS ROAD	214 71	214 71
STOCK	19,346 74	25,922 00
RECONSTRUCTING BRICK PAVING	1,018 72	1,018 72
WATER BOARD OFFICES	360 73	360 73
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	\$274,979 04	\$283,209 89
 GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	 \$916,694 32	 \$904,057 29
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1920		12,637 03
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	\$916,694 32	\$916,694 32

RELATIVE DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS



### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

#### *Resources*

Land and Buildings	(Schedule A)	\$521,830 00
Highway Improvements	(Schedule B)	439,707 11
Fire Alarm System	(Schedule C)	10,457 25
Street Lights	(Schedule D)	13,863 04
Equipment and Supplies	(Schedule E)	110 41 36
Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Stock		75 000 00
Invested in Water Works	(Schedule F)	88,700 00
Bonds Assumed by Sewerage District	(Schedule F)	24,000 00
Tax Deeds		4,975 11
Municipal Sinking Fund	(Schedule H)	39,044 34
Uncollected Taxes	(Schedule I)	30 001 66
Sidewalks	(Schedule J)	1,899 21
Cash advanced for Dependents & Pensions for State		1,656 14
Cash in Bank		12,637 03
Cash in Collector's Hands		1,115 70
		\$1,376,527 95

#### *Liabilities*

Municipal Bonds	(Schedule F)	\$574,200 00
Municipal Notes	(Schedule G)	12,000 00
Municipal Proprietary Interest		790,327 95
		\$1,376,527 95
Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$1,376,527 95

## SCHEDULE A

## LANDS AND BUILDINGS

	Land	Buildings	Total
Armory	\$ 3,500 00	\$ 3,600 00	\$ 7,100 00
Auburn Hall	12,000 00	24,000 00	36,000 00
Central Fire Station	12,000 00	24,000 00	36,000 00
City Building	20,000 00	22,000 00	42,000 00
City Building (Old)	12,000 00	5,000 00	17,000 00
City Farm	7,500 00	12,500 00	20,000 00
Gravel Pits	2,350 00		2,350 00
Land and buildings 19 High Street			
Paid on Purchase	3,000 00		3,000 00
Land and Buildings on Jordan Road	25 00	375 00	400 00
Land on So. Main St. Junction Fifth and Dunn Streets	700 00		700 00
Land and buildings on No. River Rd	1,000 00	800 00	1,800 00
Land on Main St. South Grand Trunk	1,000 00		1,000 00
Land of Old Poor Farm	300 00		300 00
Library	12,000 00	30,000 00	42,000 00
Lot of land at Head of Lake Auburn	200 00		200 00
New Auburn Fire Station	2,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
One-third interest in Park Corner, Court and Railroad Streets	2,000 00		2,000 00
Supt. of Sts., Office and Tenement	2,000 00	3,600 00	5,600 00
Troy Street Stables	1,500 00	1,800 00	3,300 00
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Total Misc. Property	\$95,075 00	\$128,675 00	\$223,750 00

## SCHOOL PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Total
Chamberlain School	\$10,000 00	\$ 24,000 00	\$ 34,000 00
Danville Junction School	25 00	1,500 00	1,525 00
East Auburn School	50 00	1,200 00	1,250 00
Franklin School	1,200 00	10,000 00	11,200 00
High School	11,600 00	38,400 00	50,000 00
Lincoln School	1,000 00	12,000 00	13,000 00
Merrill School	800 00	12,000 00	12,800 00
New Webster School	15,000 00	100,000 00	115,000 00
Park Hill School	500 00	5,000 00	5,500 00
Rural Schools	445 00	19,600 00	20,045 00
Unused School Property	65 00	835 00	900 00
Washburn School	1,500 00	10,000 00	11,500 00
Washington Street School	35 00	1,400 00	1,435 00
West Auburn Grammar School	25 00	1,400 00	1,425 00
Wilson School	2,000 00	12,000 00	14,000 00
Shepley Street Lot	4,500 00		4,500 00
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Total School Property	\$48,745 00	\$249,335 00	\$298,080 00
Total City Property			\$521,830 00

**SCHEDULE B**  
**HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

	Dec. 31, 1919	1920 Additions	Dec. 31, 1920
<b>Bridges</b>			
North Bridge 37%	\$ 57,275 00		\$ 57,275 00
South Bridge 50%	24,460 00		24,460 00
Little Androscoggin Iron Bridge	4,278 00		4,278 00
Oakes Road Bridge	3,128 00		3,128 00
Littlefield's Bridge	2,362 00		2,362 00
Lake Auburn Outlet Bridge E. Auburn	1,500 00		1,500 00
Dennison St. Bridge	7,474 00		7,474 00
	<u>\$100,477 00</u>		<u>\$100,477 00</u>
Granite Curbing in Place	43,750 00		43,750 00
<b>Pavements</b>			
Bituminous Macadam	\$ 38,817 40	\$15,785 22	\$ 54,602 62
Grouted Granite Block	70,000 00		70,000 00
Sand Filled Granite Blk	28,000 00		28,000 00
Brick	34,738 70	24,854 11	59,592 81
	<u>\$171,556 10</u>	<u>\$40,639 33</u>	<u>\$212,195 43</u>
<b>Sidewalks</b>			
Tar	\$25,000 00		\$25,000 00
Brick	27,000 00		27,000 00
Cement	22,486 78	8,797 90	31,284 68
	<u>\$74,486 78</u>	<u>\$8,797 90</u>	<u>\$83,284 68</u>
<b>Total Highway Improvements</b>			<b>\$439,707 11</b>

**SCHEDULE C**  
**FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

75 Wet cell batteries	\$ 21 50
85 Dry cell batteries	21 25
1 Main Line tapper	5 00
3 Main Line tapper	37 50
8 Main Line tapper	250 00
20 Small Bells	35 00
33 Alarm Boxes	4,950 00
1 Repeating Box	300 00
1 Panel Board	88 00
1 Panel Board	15 00
1 Panel Board	10 00
1 Clock	15 00
1 Clock	10 00
1 Indicator	225 00
1 Indicator	125 00
1 Indicator	50 00
1 Relay Switch	4 00
1 Bell Striker	200 00
17 miles Fire Alarm Wire (iron)	995 18
Twisted pair (copper)	87 82
Cross Arms	764 00
Insulators	25 00
1 Annunciator	10 00
1 Bell	3 00
1 Motor	200 00
2/5 Interest in Fire Alarm System (Lewiston)	2,000 00
Total	\$10,457 25

**SCHEDULE D**  
**STREET LIGHTS**

50 Ornamental Street Lights comp.	\$4,195 93
361 Incandescent Lights	2,527 00
35.47 miles No. 6 copper wire	7,140 11
Total	\$13,863 04

## SCHEDULE E

	Total	Supplies	Material	Equipment
Administration Offices	\$ 2,350 75	\$ 137 50		\$ 2,213 25
Charities—Adm. Office	41 50	11 50		30 00
Charities—City Farm	7,434 29	3,079 06	7 00	4,348 23
City Electrician	286 23		171 83	114 40
Education	33,435 00	14,755 00		18,680 00
Elections	475 00	150 00		325 00
Engineering	545 32	12 50		532 82
Finance and Accounts Offices	1,033 27	66 32		966 95
Fire Department	23,622 28	450 53	114 25	23,057 50
Garbage Removal	527 84			527 84
General Government Property	1,192 70		40 60	1,152 10
Health Department	582 54	186 62		395 92
Highway Department	28,805 63	73 37	822 31	27,909 95
Municipal Court	278 60	68 60		210 00
Parks	62 50			62 50
Police Department	2,792 38	326 28		2,466 10
Sealer of Weights and Measures	204 65			204 65
Stock	6,570 88		6,570 88	
Stone Crusher	200 00		200 00	
Total Movable Property	\$110,441 36	\$19,317 28	\$7,926 87	\$83,197 21

**SCHEDULE F**  
**MUNICIPAL BONDS**

Refunding Loans		
3½% due July 1, 1920	\$ 500 00*	
3½% due Jan. 2, 1922	15,000 00	
4 % due June 1, 1923	16,000 00	
3½% due July 1, 1923	25,000 00	
3½% due July 1, 1924	23,500 00	
4 % due Jan. 1, 1925	14,500 00	
3½% due July 1, 1925	15,000 00	
3½% due July 1, 1926	18,000 00	
4 % due July 1, 1930	10,000 00	
4 % due July 1, 1931	13,000 00	
Refunding and School Loan		
4% due July 1, 1932	70,000 00	
Webster Grammar School Loan		
4% due July 1, 1936	25,000 00	
4% due July 1, 1941	25,000 00	
4% due Jan. 1, 1946	25,000 00	
4% due Jan. 1, 1951	25,000 00	
Refunding and Pavement Loan		
4½% due Jan. 1, 1921	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1922	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1923	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1924	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1925	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1926	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1927	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1928	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1929	9,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1930	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1931	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1932	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1933	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1934	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1935	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1936	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1937	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1938	6,000 00	
4½% due Jan. 1, 1939	6,000 00	\$461,500 00
Debt incurred by purchase of Water Works, on which interest is paid by Auburn Water Commissioner's Water Loan:		
4% due Jan. 20, 1933	\$30,000 00	
3½% due July 1, 1925	58,700 00	88,700 00
Sewer Loan, payment of which has been assumed by Sewerage District in accordance with their Charter in taking over the Sewerage System.		
4% due Jan. 2, 1921	24,000 00	24,000 00
		<u>24,000 00</u>
		\$574,200 00

\*Bond #44 has not been presented for payment.



## ANNUAL REPORT

## SCHEDULE G

## MUNICIPAL NOTES

Municipal Building Notes	\$12,000 00	\$12,000 00
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## SCHEDULE H

## MUNICIPAL SINKING FUND

City of Meriden Bond due July 1, 1921	\$ 5,000 00	
Deposit in National Shoe & Leather Bank	32,768 91	
Deposit in Auburn Savings Bank	1,275 43	
Total Municipal Sinking Fund		\$39,044 34

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## SCHEDULE I

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1915	\$1,860 68	
1916	2,093 95	
Estimated Net for Collection 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 2,636 42	
1917	2,004 45	
1918	3,379 43	
1919	3,411 10	
1920	19,470 26	\$30,901 66

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## SCHEDULE J

## UNCOLLECTED SIDEWALKS TAXES

1919	\$ 148 12	
1920	1,751 09	\$1,899 21

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Alden B. Bray	\$116 08	
Stephen Emery	105 21	
Lydia M. Hanson	213 90	
Nancy M. Hill	238 27	
Samuel W. Ingalls	106 18	
Augusta G. Kingsley	111 04	
E. A. Lane	240 50	
Sarah S. Preble	152 15	
Francena Robinson	103 41	
Maria W. Stevens	150 00	
John E. True	101 50	
Louisa E. Wakefield	204 60	
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Total Cemetery Trust Funds		\$1,842 84

## REPORT OF SPECIAL AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Laurence P. Bearce, City Auditor, and Willis P. Atwood, City Treasurer, for the year ending December 31st, 1920, and find them correct.

E. G. EVELETH,  
Special Auditor.

Auburn, Maine, February 14, 1921.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Auburn, Maine, January 1, 1921

To the City Manager  
City of Auburn, Maine

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1920.

To Commitment	\$480,656 94	
To Supplementary	605 85	
Sprinkling	13,962 96	
Interest	1,766 89	
	<hr/>	\$496,992 64
By Treasurer's Receipts	\$472,575 26	
Abatement	3,531 38	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1921	1,415 74	
	<hr/>	\$477,522 38
Uncollected January 1, 1921		\$19,470 26

## TAX OF 1919

Uncollected January 1, 1920	\$13,974 45	
Cash January 1, 1920	1,197 16	
Interest Collected in 1920	496 09	
	<hr/>	\$15,667 60
By Treasurer's Receipts		12,256 50
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Balance January 1, 1921		\$3,411 10

## TAX OF 1918

Uncollected January 1, 1920	\$3,778 89	
Cash January 1, 1920	20 61	
Interest Collected in 1920	67 32	
	<hr/>	\$3,866 82
By Treasurer's Receipts		487 39
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Balance January 1, 1921		\$3,379 43

## TAX OF 1917

Uncollected January 1, 1920	\$2,741 18	
Cash on hand January 1, 1920	423 71	
Interest Collected in 1920	41-71	
	<hr/>	\$3,206 60
By Treasurer's Receipts		534 00
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Balance January 1, 1921		\$2,672 60

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## TAX OF 1916

Uncollected January 1, 1920	\$2,112 00	
Cash January 1, 1920	50 64	
Interest Collected in 1920	23 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,196 34
By Treasurer's Receipts		102 39
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Balance January 1, 1921		\$2,093 95

## TAX OF 1915

Uncollected January 1, 1920	\$1,859 01	
Cash, January 1, 1920	481 68	
Interest Collected in 1920	42 31	
	<hr/>	\$2,383 00
By Treasurer's Receipts		522 32
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Balance January 1, 1921		\$1,860 68

## SIDEWALKS 1921

Commitment for 1920	\$3,810 02	
Uncollected in 1919	951 24	
	<hr/>	\$4,761 26
Total		\$4,761 26
Treasurer's Receipts	\$2,862 05	
Cash on hand	707 53	
Uncollected January 1, 1921	1,191 68	
	<hr/>	\$4,761 26
Total		\$4,761 26

## REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

Auburn, Maine, December 31, 1920

To the City Manager  
Auburn, Maine

Dear Sir.

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1920:

Jan. 1, 1920 Balance on hand	\$ 51,814 41
Dec. 31, 1920 Rec'd from all sources during year 1920	808,966 18
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Dec. 31, 1920 Auditor's Vouchers paid during 1920	\$860,780 59
	820,396 99
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Dec. 31, 1920 Balance on hand	\$40,383 60

Allocated as follows:

Deposited in National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$35,566 62
Deposited in First Auburn Trust Company	4,719 98
Auditor's Receipt for Cash	100 00
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Total	\$40,386 60
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December 31, 1920 Auditor's Balance	\$12,637 03
Auditor's Vouchers unpaid	27,746 57
Treasurer's Check	3 00
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	\$40,386 60

Very respectfully,

W. P. ATWOOD,  
City Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER**

Auburn, Maine, December 31, 1920.

City Manager  
City of Auburn, Maine.

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit to you, and through you, to the Honorable Mayor and City Council, my first annual report of the Health Department of this City:

As you know, the Health policies of this City changed on February 1, 1920 and the entire duties of the former Board of Health were taken over by a full time Health Officer. This Officer also assumed the duties of City Physician, Milk Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Medical Inspector for the public schools.

As this department is new, in that it handles so much of the welfare of the City, and the duties and work of the Health Officer are so varied and time consuming, I feel that a rather complete report is needed in order that this new work may get a proper recognition in the affairs of the City.

One of the most notable achievements of the year was the prevention of a serious outbreak of Typhoid Fever. May 9th, the first case of what might have been a bad epidemic of Typhoid Fever was reported. May 12th, a second case was reported and May 14th, the third case was reported together with three more suspects. By noon of the 15th, the source of this Typhoid was proved beyond a reasonable doubt to be in the milk delivered by one milk-man and this milk-man was prohibited from selling any more milk until the cause of the Typhoid could be further discovered. Eleven more cases of the Fever developed and all were on the milk route of the same man. One death resulted. After an exhaustive search of premises and dairies, after seven different examinations of water and after 25 specimens of blood had been taken and tested, the source of the Typhoid was located in a cooling tank. Thus ended what might have been a very serious epidemic had it not been discovered right at the start that the city was being served with infected milk.

The policy of policing Lake Auburn was changed this year. This duty was taken over by the rightful authorities from the Police, i.e. the Water Board and the Health Officer. The two worked in harmony and a sanitary officer instead of a police officer did sanitary work daily at the Lake from May to the last of October. Conditions there were very much improved and I believe that all cottages were kept as sanitary as it is possible to be kept and analysis of our water through the summer months compares very favorably with any other time of year. The Health Officer made in the neighborhood of one hundred trips to the lake during the summer and many of these he made in company of the sanitary inspector giving advice as needed.

In June the Health Department took over the collection of the city refuse or rubbish and ashes. This was continued till December when the work was placed rightly in the street department.

During the Influenza Epidemic of February, this office maintained a registry for nurses or others who would help out in homes where help was needed.

This office also maintains a station for Vaccine and Diphtheria Antitoxin. Fresh material is kept on hand at all times and it is furnished to physicians at cost price.

At all times the Health Officer co-operates with the State Department of Health. He attended the Public Health Conference held at Augusta last Spring and delivered a paper before this conference. During State Fair he helped the State Department with their Health tent and spent four afternoons there and one forenoon.

Acting on the Police Commission he has attended two meetings and examined one candidate for the police force.

Through the efforts of the Health Officer, the Red Cross has been induced to establish a Baby Clinic in Auburn. This is on Broad Street and is open every Friday afternoon with a nurse and physician in attendance and is free to all. This is no expense to the city whatever, all expenses being paid by the Red Cross. The Health Officer has given an afternoon each week to this clinic. He has visited the clinic 19 times.

One of the biggest and best things to happen in this city was started through the efforts of the Health Department. I mean the Garbage Collection. The City is now collecting the garbage and is hauling it to the City Farm where it is fed out to hogs. This is a big thing from a health standpoint of the entire City. The service is well started now and comparing the number of complaints received about garbage now and before the collection started, I should say that the citizens are being well and satisfactorily served.

Follows a brief summary of the other activities of the department:

Births reported 196	Male 112	Female 84	Stillborn 7
Deaths reported 169	Male 88	Female 81	

Infectious Disease Reported, 378. Divided as follows:

Influenza, 126; Measles, 103; Chicken Pox, 34; Typhoid Fever, 20; Scarlet Fever, 19; Small Pox, 18; Mumps, 18; Whooping Cough, 14; La Grippe, 7; Diphtheria, 5; Tuberculosis, 5; Pneumonia, 5; Meningitis, 2; Infantile Paralysis, 1; Ophthalmia, 1.

Placed quarantined, 41.

Fumigations, 67.

Samples Milk tested, 405.

Dairies inspected, 52.

Sample Butter, 1.

Sample Ice Cream, 6.

Certificates to sell milk, 120.

Milk men warned as to their milk, 6.

Plumbing Inspection and Tests, 95.

Conferences with Plumbers on proposed work, 20.

Plumbers notified as to regulations, 12.

Plumbing Permits, 47.

Plumbing Licenses, 12.

Stores, restaurants, bakeries, etc., inspected, 175.

Complaints received and investigated, 66.

Sanitary inspections about the City and suburbs, 250.

Calls on sick, 84.

Calls as City Physician, 25.

Consultation with physicians, 16.

General letter to all Plumbers, 2.

General letter to all Physicians, 6.

Physicians warned about reporting cases of communicable disease, 12.

Laboratory work: Will say in this connection that this is also a new venture. The City now has a well equipped laboratory where the common tests for disease and the milk testing is done. The old way was to send specimens to Augusta for diagnosis. In serious cases this means much delay in treatment but now diagnosis can be made in a few hours and treatment instituted.

Specimens of sputum examined for Tuberculosis, 15; for Diphtheria, 8; for G. C. infection, 2; for Typhoid, 7; Urine, 3; Blood for Wasserman, 2.

Culture furnished, 2.

Immunizing doses of Antitoxin administered, 3.

Piggery visited, 20.

School work: School examinations, 24; Letter written to Parents, 139; Scholars excluded from school for disease, 20. Schools all closed during height of Influenza epidemic. One school closed for measles epidemic. All schools given a sanitary inspection. Special examinations of scholars, 12. Vaccinations, 20. Interested Red Cross in one scholar. 26 examinations of candidates for athletic teams. Dressings done for players on teams, 15.

Conferences with State Officials, Red Cross workers, etc., 100.

Examinations made for the Police department, 3.

Venereal cases traced out and disposed of, 9.

People warned about mixing swill and ashes, 8.

Swill men warned as to the law, 12.

Obtained a free bed for Tuberculosis patient at hospital.

Discovered some dirty tonic at stores and warned the bottling concern.

One feeble-minded patient placed at the city farm while waiting a place at Pownal.

Examinations for insanity, 5.

Inspections made with Fire Chief, 2.

Ice Cream vendors from wagons inspected, 5.

Trips outside the city, 9.

Dressings for city employees, 9.

Traced out and disposed of Morphine habitues, 2.

Looked up one case of reported neglect of infant.

Made one call to make parents provide suitable clothing for child.

Frankfort vendors warned, 2.

Street vendor stopped from selling peaches, 1.

Visits made with State Inspectors, 6.

One nuisance abated and land owner compelled to pay the bill.

Families looked up and warned as to being filthy, 2.

Abscess opened at city farm, 1.

Collected swill in person, 1.

One case of Scarlet Fever traced out in a shoe factory and the man sent home and quarantined.

Certificates of re-admission to school, 9.

Certificates for transportation of Bodies, 4.

Permits to keep hens, 3.

Permit to keep swine, 1.

Permit to remain out of school, 1.

Telephone calls at Office average about 12 daily

Swill Collection averages about 15 tons a month.

Mortality statistics and causes of Death are compiled from records of the City Clerk.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Vital Statistics rightly belong to the Health Department and I respectfully suggest that a new position be created in the City, namely, that of Registrar of Vital Statistics and the Health Officer be appointed to this position. It will be the duty of this officer to keep all records of births, deaths, and marriages for the city and to communicate them to the State authorities as required.

The question of an isolation hospital has been suggested to the council several times. This is a question that will sometime require action. We are getting along all right but no one can tell when we will be confronted with a case of Small Pox or Scarlet Fever in some boarding or rooming house or hotel and then what will we do with the patient? This Isolation Hospital will never be a monetary asset only in that it will take away chances of infectious disease spreading and thus entailing personal financial loss.

If the work of this office continues to increase in the next year as it has in the past year from practically nothing to a great deal of detail and work, needs of assistance in the department must be considered.

A step forward in the right direction in Public Health Work for the benefit of the community will soon be a compelling necessity in the employment of a public Health Nurse. Auburn must keep abreast of the times in her health problems as in other things. This city needs the services of a nurse and another year should see this innovation.

I would call to your minds that you are spending only about twenty-five cents per capita for health purposes while other communities and eminent authorities say that efficient health work can not be carried on under less than expenditure of \$1.00 per capita.

I respectfully submit the above for your approval.

L. F. HALL, M.D.,  
*Health Officer, Auburn.*

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

*To the Municipal Officers of the City of Auburn:*

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Auburn Public Library, herewith submits his report of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library for the year ending January 10, 1921.

*Receipts*

City of Auburn, annual appropriation,	\$5,400 00
Cash in hands of Librarian January 10, 1920,	3 82
Cash on deposit in the Nat'l Shoe & Leather Bank, Jan. 10, 1920,	69 65
State of Maine	400 00
Coupons on bonds	168 00
Fines and Charges	357 93
Waste Paper	52 99
Subscriptions	4 00
Destroyed books	1 35
Lost Books	9 15
Lost Magazines	15
Notes Payable	750 00
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	\$7,217 04

*Expenses*

Salaries:		
Librarian	\$ 982 50	
Assistants	1,559 89	
Janitor	546 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,088 39
Fuel	\$ 181 91	
Lights	121 11	
Purchase of Books	1,156 35	
Periodicals	192 20	
Binding	270 61	
Newspapers	31 00	
Supplies	136 07	
Express, Freight and Trucking	14 40	
Incidentals	73 21	
Building and Grounds	1,919 66	
Discount	7 50	
Cash in hands of Librarian	4 78	
Cash on hand	15 00	
Cash on deposit	4 85	24 63
	<hr/>	\$7,217 04

The invested funds of the Library consist of the following securities:

1—\$1,000.00 First mortgage 5% bond, No. 1803 of the Syracuse Lake Shore and Northern Railroad Company.

1—\$1,000.00 First mortgage 5% bond No. 2074 of the Puget Sound Power Company.

1—\$1,000.00 First mortgage 5% gold bond, No. 142 of the Bar Harbor and Union River Power Company.

3—\$100.00 First mortgage 6% bonds of the Brown Manufacturing Company.

The children's room was fitted up at the expense of \$510.91. We believe that this money was well spent and gives the needed relief to the first floor of the building.

The painting of the building cost over \$300.00; the mason work over \$400.00, and the newspaper files which were built in the basement to accommodate the bound files of the Lewiston Journal, approximately \$235.00. In November we had a book-case collapse in the basement which cost over \$80.00 to replace. The repairs on the roof which were not thought of a year ago, but which became absolutely necessary, cost \$323.00. The extra assistance in the Library and the increased pay cost us \$845.90.

Last year we asked for \$5,900.00. The City appropriated \$5,400.00. The deficit now as near as we can tell is about \$1,200.00, represented by unpaid bills amounting to \$450.00, and Note Payable of \$750.00. We were assured in the fall that the City would give us \$500.00 more towards these unpaid bills this year; that has not been done, but we are assured that our next year's appropriation will be increased enough to cover it.

We stated to the City Council that we believed \$7,000.00 was necessary for the coming year to furnish the City of Auburn with such a library as it should have. To this should be added the \$500.00 promised for last year's bills.

You will be interested to note that we have paid out on the building and grounds the past year over \$1,900.00 for permanent improvements. In the near future we shall have to install a new boiler in the basement; just how long we can make the present one last we do not know.

Respectfully submitted,

REUEL W. SMITH,  
*Treasurer, Public Library.*

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

*To the Municipal Officers of the City of Auburn.*

The Librarian herewith presents the thirtieth annual report of the Auburn Public Library, covering the year 1920.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Number of volumes in the Library Jan. 1, 1920,	22,520
added during the year,	841
removed during the year,	201
in the Library at the end of the year,	23,160
pamphlets recorded Jan. 1, 1920,	3,292
added during the year,	115
recorded Dec. 31, 1920,	3,407
newspapers and periodicals regularly received for a part or the whole year,	90
days the Library has been open,	289
(holidays) the Library has been closed	8½
days the Library was closed for repairs and changes in the building,	16
new borrowers registered this year,	979
borrowers whose cards have been in use during the last four years,	9,525
notices sent for overdue books,	895
volumes charged during the year,	61,571
Monthly average,	5,131
Daily average,	213
Per cent. juvenile	25.8
Per cent. adult fiction,	55.2
Per cent. non-fiction,	23.7
Estimated number of visitors for the year,	65,120
Monthly average,	5,426
Daily average,	225

Circulation totals are not the sole measure of the progress of a library, but it always is gratifying to report an increase. The gain over last year in number of books taken out for home use is 6,479. No record is kept of the number of books which are consulted in the library. A corresponding increase, however, has been evident throughout the year. The registration of 979 new borrowers indicates, too, a widening use of the library.

The much needed changes that were presented last year, and now so nearly completed, are much appreciated.

On the second floor of the building a new room for the children has been opened. It is a delightful place, with many sunny windows, tastefully decorated walls, attractive posters, and children's favorite books and magazines. The room is equipped as a library in itself, with charging desk, card catalogue, and open shelves. Miss Brown, the children's librarian brings to the work enthusiasm and special training. The circulation from this department for the year has been 15,930 and 665 boys and girls have borrowed books from it. This is but the beginning. For

now with some one always with them to guide them in their reading by preparing special lists, by story telling and by little personal talks, the room has been opened with the hope of a happier and richer childhood and worth while results for the future.

It has been possible also to relieve the crowded condition of the rooms on the main floor. All of the reference books have been brought together on the shelves formerly occupied by the children's books. This makes a quiet place for a general reference room. The large room contains the books most often used by high school students, bound periodicals, magazine indexes, and books recommended by their teachers for book reports. Only one change has been made in the reading room. The broad case in the corner relieved of reference books has been devoted to the music.

Another addition made to the library is the bound newspaper room on the lower floor. A part of the store room has been utilized for this purpose and suitable stacks have been built. These are occupied by bound volumes of the Lewiston Journal, which Mr. Staples has deposited for the library's use. Other improvements, too, have been made both on the inside and outside of the building. Among them may be mentioned the steps leading from Spring Street, which add much by way of convenience and architectural effect.

Although much has been done for the building itself, the library's collection of books has been increased by many of the best new publications. Reference books, leading biographies, late fiction, juvenile books, and a fitting proportion of the other classes have been purchased this year. New sets of the works of Charles Dickens and Sir Walter Scott have been added. As only a few open shelves have been given to the fiction, it is hoped that a new case may be placed in the delivery room, one case to be used for late fiction, the other for standard.

The usual amount of publicity has been given to the books. The bulletin board attracts attention to the new non-fiction. Lists of all new books have been published; bibliographies have been prepared on subjects that would be of special interest this year, such as the Pilgrims and the observance of the Tercentenary, Maine in history, in literature, etc., and books of interest to new voters.

The library has co-operated with the schools, whenever it could be of assistance. Deposits of books have been sent to four rooms of the Lincoln Building for the day school and one for the evening school. Additional books have been purchased to meet the calls that come from those attending the vocational evening schools. An unlimited number of books are lent to teachers for their school work.

Many books have been given to the library this year. Two maps or plans connected with the history of Auburn have been presented by Judge Morrill. Still other gifts have been offered, if a suitable case could be provided where exhibits might be protected.

Because of the extension of the work this year, an extra assistant was needed during four hours of the day. Miss Gertrude May was appointed for this place. In all the varied activities of the library, the members of the staff have joined heartily and belief in the work has helped them to meet the increasing demands upon them.

In looking over the records of the library since its founding thirty years ago, I find that the institution has had many true friends. Its steps of advancement have been directed by those who have believed in it as an agency for the promotion of efficiency, culture, and general well being. At the end of this year when it has been made possible for the whole of the building to be devoted to this purpose, I wish to make appre-

ciative acknowledgement of the efforts of the Trustees in bringing this accomplishment to pass.

In concluding, I cannot help saying that there is still an aim beyond—to extend the pleasure and benefit of the library to every part of Auburn.

The problem is complicated by an unusually scattered population, but with a book fund that will permit the duplication of books, family loan libraries may carry to the children and adults of the remotest districts of Auburn that which is so freely offered and so easily available to all residents of the city.

**REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR**

Auburn, Maine, January 1, 1921.

*To the Honorable City Council of the City of Auburn:*

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit the following report in conformity to the requirements of the Charter and for the year ending December 31, 1920.

One action against the City of Auburn is now pending in the Superior Court, viz.: Inhabitants of Mechanic Falls against the Inhabitants of the City of Auburn, for pauper supplies furnished one Edward D. Dixon, wife Ella R. Dixon, and minor children, Evelyn, Herman and Sylvanus. This claim, in my opinion, is without foundation and I have advised that any responsibility for the support rests upon other than the City of Auburn. The City should prepare to contest this action at the return term, viz.: the first Tuesday of February, A. D. 1921.

The case of the City of Westbrook against the Inhabitants of the City of Auburn for pauper supplies furnished one Joe Lebarge to an amount in excess of \$1600 has been advantageously settled. The claim was deemed a legal and just one, and settlement was made for pauper supplies furnished from sixty days prior to notification, thus alleviating the City of Auburn of more than half the amount claimed by the City of Westbrook. This settlement was made possible by the careful attention rendered by the Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor.

Four suits have been commenced against the City of Lewiston for pauper supplies, all having been settled except that against Zepherin Ouelette on which there is a small balance due.

The quo warranto proceedings brought in the name of the Attorney General, Henry E. Goss, Relator, vs. Emil Freve, was dismissed after hearing before Justice Morrill of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A recent testimonial of the carefully drawn contract agreements for street construction under the City Manager Plan is evidenced by settlement of the claim of the City of Auburn against the Collins Construction Company and the Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York as Guarantor, the latter making settlement upon their indemnity bond for repair work made necessary by improper construction to the sum of \$848.

It is unnecessary for me to add in this report that many ordinances have been prepared for the approval of you gentlemen of the Council, as these have been duly passed upon and written into the records of the City of Auburn, and are the guide-posts for the conduct of future affairs by those who come within our limits.

I will not at this time attempt to suggest the matters of advice rendered to the several departments of the City, but suffice is to say that I have endeavored at all times when called upon to investigate all matters brought to my attention from whatever department of the City and report thereon.

May I urge upon each and every department, if possible, more painstaking attention to detail and more careful consideration of the requirements of the Charter and Public Laws of Maine, as only in proportion to such observance can we anticipate a fair estimate of the value of Charter and legislative enactments.

May I, in closing, pay tribute to the hearty co-operation of you gentlemen of the Council and of the City Manager and subordinate City Officials, rendering my duties most pleasant at all times.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

CARL F. GETCHELL,  
*City Solicitor for the City of Auburn.*



