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



**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**January 1, 1925 to December 31, 1925**

**PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER CO., AUBURN, ME.**

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# CITY OFFICIALS, 1925



## COUNCIL

Charles S. Cummings, *Mayor*

Frank L. McGibbon, Ward 1

A. A. Roberts, Ward 3

Charles F. Adams, Ward 2

Irving W. Groves, Ward 4

George C. Bolduc, Ward 5

*Clerk*, George W. Bumpus

*City Solicitor*, Fred H. Lancaster

*Auditor*, Laurence P. Bearce

*Treasurer*, Willis P. Atwood

*Collector*, Charles M. Starbird

## ASSESSORS

E. A. Whitney, *Chairman*

D. R. Briggs

H. J. Wagg

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Mrs. Mabel H. Bedell, *Chairman*

A. A. Garcelon

G. B. Hodgdon

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor C. S. Cummings *Ex-officio*

George S. Barton, *President*

John A. Sloeum

Fred B. Greenleaf

Mrs. Myrtle Pierce Williams

Herbert W. Getchell

Adrien D. Richard

Mrs. Carrie Peables Cushman

Lewis T. Brown

Mrs. J. A. Ness

Edward F. Kenney

## PLANNING BOARD

W. E. Lawless, *Chairman*

G. E. Huskins

H. E. Bumpus

*Superintendent of Schools*—G. R. Gardner.

*Judge of Municipal Court*—Harry Manser.

*Recorder of Municipal Court*—A. E. Verrill.

*Health Officer*—Dr. Leo F. Hall—Dr. C. E. Williams.

*Superintendent of Streets*—I. B. Safford.

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

*Chief of Police*—H. W. Rowe.

*City Engineer*—Clyde H. Stevens.

*Clerk of Charities Department*—L. P. Bearce.

*Police Matron*—Mrs. Mabel Roberts.

*Municipal Nurse*—Miss Hildred Whitney

*Inspector of Conveyances*—H. W. Rowe.

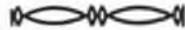
*Inspector of Buildings*—F. R. Libby.

*Electrician*—J. C. Keene.

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

*Superintendent of City Farm*—Rex Bridges.

# REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1925

Because of a serious accident sustained by Manager Wilson followed by a more serious illness the Mayor was requested by the Council to perform all the duties and exercise all the authority of City Manager and Purchasing Agent for the remainder of the year.

**REPORTS.** The report of each official in charge of a department is submitted herewith, excepting the report of the Superintendent of Schools which is made direct to the School Committee. These reports indicate progress in every department and reflect the constant demand on the part of the people for better roads, more sewers, additional street lights and sidewalks, increased fire and police protection and efficiency in every department.

**SCHOOLS.** A new schoolhouse has been built at Perkins Ridge and one is in progress at Stevens Mills. Considerable preliminary work has been done in preparation for a new building at East Auburn.

**FIRE ALARM STATION.** A new fire alarm station has been built to the expense of \$15,586.32; also a greatly needed police garage.

**CHARITIES.** The demand for charity has been unusual. The clerk to the Overseers of the Poor reports eighteen inmates at the City Farm during the year. There was one death and five removals, leaving on December 31, twelve inmates. Temporary relief has been given to sixty-two families numbering from one to twelve members. Nine unfortunate children were given board for a whole or fractional part of the year.

**CITY DUMPS.** The noisome condition of the various dumps used by the city is such that we began late last summer to burn all refuse collected in the New Auburn section. A similar disposition will soon have to be made of waste collected in other sections of the city as well as of that which is hauled away by private concerns.

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.** The following figures from the Assessors' Office are of more than passing interest.

## VALUATION

Resident, Real Estate	\$11,873,535
Non-Resident, Real Estate	2,725,800
Resident, Personal Estate	4,005,725
Non-Resident, Personal Estate	261,735
Total	<hr/> \$18,866,795

## CITY OF AUBURN

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Number of Polls taxed, 5548—Exempt, 192.  
 Total Commitment, \$639,249.02—Tax Rate, 33 mills.  
 Total Sprinkling Tax, \$16,206.03—Rate of Sprinkling, 2 mills.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Stock in trade valuation	\$2,060,995
Machinery (not taxed as real estate)	351,665
Autos (2338) Valuation	884,990
Musical Instruments (2184) Valuation	230,495
Furniture Valuation	292,475
Live Stock Valuation	153,215
Live Stock Valuation (Exempt)	19,539
Number Horses and Mules 956 Taxed	
Number Cows and Oxen 1994 Taxed	

**INFORMATION.** There is hardly any information concerning municipal affairs as they have been conducted for the past year that is not contained in the reports herewith submitted. The various departments are organized for the service of the people and are always ready to give such information as citizens may desire.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. CUMMINGS,  
 Mayor and Acting City Manager.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 1926.

To the City Manager,  
 Auburn, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit to you, and through you to the City Council and citizens of Auburn, my report as Tax Collector for the year ending January 1, 1926.

Yours truly,

CHARLES M. STARBIRD,  
 Tax Collector.

## TAX OF 1925

Commitment	\$639,249 02	
Supplemental No. 1	372 43	
Supplemental No. 2	458 62	
Sprinkling commitment	16,206 03	
Sprinkling supplemental No. 1	44 73	
Sprinkling supplemental No. 2	6 30	
	<hr/>	
	\$656,337 13	
Interest collected in 1925	229 55	
	<hr/>	
		\$656,566 68
By Treasurer's Receipts	\$622,026 50	
Abatements	2,313 34	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926	990 88	
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		\$625,330 72
	<hr/>	
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		\$ 31,235 96

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## TAX OF 1924

To Collect	\$ 28,162 16	
Cash on hand Jan. 4, 1925	336 43	
Interest collected in 1925	368 94	
	<hr/>	\$ 28,867 53
By Treasurer's receipts	\$ 18,004 64	
By Abatements	370 29	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925	368 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,743 83
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		<hr/> \$ 10,126 70

## TAX OF 1923

To Collect	\$ 9,486 86	
Interest collected in 1925	28 92	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,515 78
By Treasurer's receipts	608 02	
By Abatements	116 88	
	<hr/>	724 90
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		<hr/> \$ 8,790 88

## TAX OF 1922

To Collect	\$ 4,412 31	
Interest collected in 1925	7 19	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,419 50
By Treasurer's receipts	154 29	
By Abatements	54 00	
	<hr/>	208 29
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		<hr/> \$ 4,211 21

## TAX OF 1921

To collect	\$ 3,379 03	
Interest collected in 1925	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,380 38
By Treasurer's receipts		16 85
		<hr/>
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		\$ 3,363 53

## TAX OF 1920

To collect	\$ 3,966 75	
Interest collected in 1925	64	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,967 39
By Abatements	17 55	
By Treasurer's receipts	6 64	
	<hr/>	24 19
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		<hr/> \$ 3,943 20

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## TAX OF 1919

To collect	\$ 1,598 50	\$ 1,598 50
By Abatements	3 00	
By Treasurer's receipts	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6 00
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926		\$ 1,592 50

## TAX OF 1918

To collect	\$ 2,406 79
Nothing collected.	

## TAX OF 1917

To collect	\$ 2,429 57
Nothing collected.	

## TAX OF 1916

To collect	\$ 1,974 62
Nothing collected.	

## TAX OF 1915

To collect	\$ 1,779 28
By Treasurer's receipts	2 00
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Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	\$ 1,777 28

## 1925 SIDEWALKS

To Collect	\$ 1,966 48
By Treasurer's receipts,	1,016 01
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Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	\$ 950 47

## 1924 SIDEWALKS

To Collect	\$ 926 22
By Treasurer's receipts	\$ 868 49
Abated by Council	22 75
Abated by Error	2 82
	<hr/>
	\$ 894 06
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	\$ 32 16

## OLD SIDEWALKS

To collect	\$ 3,139 49
Interest collected in 1925	13 93
	<hr/>
By Treasurer's Receipts	\$ 3,153 42
	966 72
	<hr/>
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	\$ 2,187 70



## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1925, Balance on Hand	\$ 31,655 10
December 31, 1925, Rec'd from all sources during year 1925,	1,109,937 45
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	\$1,141,592 55
December 31, 1925, Auditor's Vouchers paid during 1925	1,020,008 01
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December 31, 1925, Balance on Hand	\$ 121,584 54
Allocated as follows:	
Deposited in National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$ 20,658 34
Deposited in First Auburn Trust Company	100,826 20
Auditor's Receipt for Cash	100 00
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Total	\$ 121,584 54
December 31, 1925 Auditor's Balance	\$ 3,165 29
Auditor's Vouchers unpaid	118,416 25
Treasurer's Check	3 00
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	\$ 121,584 54

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS P. ATWOOD,  
City Treasurer.

## REPORT OF CITY AUDITOR

January 1, 1926.

To the City Manager,  
Auburn, Maine.

Dear Sir:

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, 1925.

Yours truly,

LAURENCE P. BEARCE,  
City Auditor.

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1925

	Receipts	Disbursements
ABATEMENTS		
Personal Property		\$ 3 20
Real Estate		97 85
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		\$ 101 05
ADMINISTRATION		
Council and City Clerk		
Salary of Clerk		\$ 1,500 00
Clerk Hire		400 00
Fees	\$ 1,070 95	
Licenses	763 73	

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Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		478 43
Telephone and Telegraph and Miscellaneous		24 73
	<u>\$ 1,834 68</u>	<u>\$ 2,403 16</u>
Mayor's Office		
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 3 16
		<u>\$ 3 16</u>
Manager's Office		
Salary		\$ 4,375 06
Clerk Hire		520 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		60 59
Telephone and Telegraph		29 81
Liability Bond Premium		9 50
Auto and Operation		357 14
Traveling Expenses		43 91
		<u>\$ 5,396 01</u>
Purchasing Department		
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 35 97
		<u>\$ 35 97</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,834 68	\$ 7,838 30
BUILDING INSPECTION		
Labor		\$ 89 10
Fees	65 50	252 30
	<u>\$ 65 50</u>	<u>\$ 341 40</u>
CHARITIES		
Administration		
Telephone and Telegraph		\$ 7 05
Transportation		41 07
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		10 85
		<u>\$ 58 97</u>
Outside Relief		
Professional Services		\$ 32 00
Refunds (Cities and Towns)	\$1,662 25	
Refunds (State)	2,457 53	
Refunds (Individual)	594 56	
Mother's Aid	1,665 00	2,733 00
Insane Relief		37 85
Insurance		4 98
Board and Care of Persons		575 27
Fuel		1,553 77
Transportation		38 40
Rent		1,375 31
Clothing		105 43
Provisions		3,501 44
Drugs, etc.		23 75
Burials		103 75
Dependent Children (State)		1,549 62
Cartage		20 00
	<u>\$ 6,379 34</u>	<u>\$ 11,654 57</u>

TOTAL CHARITIES—ADMINISTRATION		
AND OUTSIDE RELIEF	\$ 6,379 34	\$ 11,713 54
City Farm and Almshouse		
Salary of Superintendent		\$ 1,500 00
Labor	94 50	1,702 06
Special Services		3 00
Sales of Produce	2,917 44	
Sale of Stock and Equipment	3,291 74	
Refunds (Individual)	804 60	
Refunds (State)	391 00	
Equipment and Land Rental	50 75	
Telephone and Telegraph		80
Light		127 08
Repairs to Buildings		2,680 11
Maintenance of Equipment		221 26
Horse Shoeing		101 94
Stock		1,054 00
Fuel		743 46
Drugs, etc.		48 85
Clothing		2 00
Provisions		1,481 47
Forage		1,738 15
Fertilizer and Seeds		277 90
Supplies and Equipment		624 30
Laundry		64 98
Veterinary Services		154 18
Ice		19 00
Advertising		5 00
Rental of Equipment		16 00
Insurance		31 66
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	\$ 7,550 03	\$ 12,597 20
CIVIL SERVICE		
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 8 40
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Memorial Day		\$ 200 00
Ball Grounds		30 00
Spanish War Veterans		50 00
Dental Clinic		350 00
Decorations		75 00
July Fourth Celebration		300 00
Maine Publicity		500 00
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		\$ 1,731 53
BANK STOCK TAX		
	\$ 5,768 43	
CORPORATION TAXES FROM STATE	2,154 59	
COUNTY TAX		\$ 39,110 82
CURRENT TAXES	606,232 66	
DAMAGES	6 50	639 92
DEBT REDEMPTION		
Sinking Fund	9,750 00	19,500 00
Serial Bond and Note Payment		21,000 00
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	\$ 9,750 00	\$ 40,500 00
DELINQUENT TAXES		
	\$ 18,388 40	

## EDUCATION

## Administration

Salary of Superintendent		\$ 3,749 94
Clerk Hire		1,094 90
Labor on Supplies		25 22
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		659 05
Sales and Refunds	\$ 7 02	
Grants	800 00	
Telephone and Telegraph		109 59
Bond Premium and Insurance		11 65
Transportation and Operation of Auto		558 42
Equipment		138 61
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	\$ 807 02	\$ 6,347 38

## Common Schools

Instruction		\$ 89,400 92
Clerk Hire		352 50
Janitors		7,821 66
Special Services		1,041 74
Tuition	50 00	
Rent	25 00	145 00
Sales and Refunds	90 97	
Grants	32,336 35	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		66 52
Telephone and Telegraph		209 89
Light		569 72
Transportation		9,456 19
Freight and Cartage		285 60
Equipment		995 22
Maintenance of Equipment		112 71
Textbooks		3,343 88
Supplies		2,880 87
Fuel		7,943 01
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	\$ 32,502 32	\$124,625 43

## Evening Schools

Instruction		\$ 909 00
Grants	\$ 464 99	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		25 50
Textbooks and Supplies		17 34
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	\$ 464 99	\$ 951 84

## High School

Instruction		\$ 48,896 27
Clerk Hire		260 36
Janitors		1,522 84
Special Services		48 50
Tuition	\$ 4,986 46	
Sales and Refunds	110 59	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		76 30
Telephone and Telegraph		67 34
Light and Power		169 68
Freight and Cartage		83 40
Equipment		497 83
Maintenance of Equipment		27 05
Textbooks		2,023 93

Supplies		1,225 46
Fuel		585 69
Rent		25 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 5,097 05	\$ 55,509 65
Manual Arts		
Instruction		\$ 11,055 77
Sales and Refunds	\$ 592 68	
Grants	3,769 33	
Light and Power		224 76
Equipment		2 00
Maintenance of Equipment		16 28
Freight and Cartage		27
Lumber and Supplies		1,237 36
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	\$ 4,362 01	\$ 12,536 44
School Property Maintenance		
General City Buildings		\$ 6,889 87
General Rural Buildings		2,178 43
High School		583 50
Insurance		3,782 35
Sales and Refunds	54 07	
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	\$ 54 07	\$ 13,434 15
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 43,287 46	\$213,404 89
ELECTIONS		
Salaries		\$ 1,242 25
Election Officers		455 00
Clerk Hire		247 60
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		751 81
Equipment and Maintenance		114 41
Construction and Repair Booths		49 14
Lunches		17 15
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,877 36
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT		
Salary		\$ 1,999 92
Salary of Assistant		121 20
Fees	\$ 195 00	
Traveling Expenses		21 50
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		23 35
Operation of Auto		1,002 30
Maintenance of Equipment		1 50
Supplies and Equipment		46 57
Telephone and Telegraph		23 93
Light		31 77
Fuel		122 60
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	\$ 195 00	\$ 3,394 64
ENGINEERING		
Salary of Engineers		\$ 312 08
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		11 98
Telephones and Telegraph		6 15
Supplies and Equipment		26 38

## CITY OF AUBURN

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Tax Map

212 25

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\$ 568 84

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

## Assessor's Office

Salaries of Board

\$ 2,716 40

Clerk Hire

245 90

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies

131 80

Telephone and Telegraph

6 15

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\$ 3,100 50

## Auditor's Office

Salary

\$ 2,750 00

Clerk Hire

518 00

Outside Auditor

75 00

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies

147 47

Telephone and Telegraph

9 17

Bond Premium

1 90

Traveling Expenses

1 90

Recording and Collecting Tax Deeds

67 23

Maintenance of Equipment

4 68

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\$ 3,575 35

## Tax Collector's Office

Salary

\$ 1,800 00

Clerk Hire

186 01

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies

390 51

Telephone and Telegraph

8 27

Bond Premium

38 00

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\$ 2,422 79

## Treasurer's Office

Salary

\$ 120 00

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies

14 80

Telephone and Telegraph

45

Bond Premium

38 00

Rental of Safe Deposit Box

10 00

Certification of Bonds and Notes

356 16

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\$ 539 41

Lewiston and Auburn Railroad (Clerk)

\$ 12 50

## TOTAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

\$ 9,650 55

## FIRE PROTECTION

Salary of Chief

\$ 1,820 00

Regular Men

16,355 00

Part Time Men

7,233 93

Specials and Substitutes

728 40

Refunds

76 00

Sales

186 65

Rental of Equipment

216 50

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies

9 73

Telephone and Telegraph

143 18

Light

405 89

Fuel		940 03
Laundry		91 46
Ice		9 42
General Supplies		205 59
Gasoline and Oils		467 77
Maintenance of Trucks and Equipment		893 09
Board and Care Teams		521 93
Bonds and Licenses		1 90
Stock and Equipment		3,333 50
Traveling Expenses		36 61
Rental of Equipment		166 00
Fire Alarm System		
Labor		249 45
Maintenance	\$ 212 50	
Bell and Clock Rental		37 25
Equipment		284 82
Material		2,551 93
Insurance		146 60
Power		115 38
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 691 65	\$ 36 548 86
GARBAGE REMOVAL		
Labor		\$ 1,369 50
Maintenance of Equipment		117 19
Board and Care of Teams		664 84
Supplies and Equipment		13 72
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,165 25
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Salary of Health Officer		\$ 3,213 00
Nurse		1,200 00
Plumbing Inspector		300 00
Professional Services		12 00
Licenses	\$ 69 00	
Refunds	857 37	
Sales	14 56	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		67 93
Medical Supplies		262 00
Telephone and Telegraph		13 95
Provisions, Fuel, etc.		313 63
Equipment		225 00
Maintenance of Equipment		3 50
Vital Statistics		110 25
Ice		45 13
Gas		98
Milk Samples		4 85
Traveling Expenses and Operation of Auto		575 45
Burying Animals		23 60
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	\$ 940 93	\$ 6,371 27
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
Administration		
Salary of Superintendent		\$ 3,000 00
Clerk Hire		1,273 00
Sales	\$ 1,889 82	

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Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	92 02	
Telephone and Telegraph	36 81	
Light	158 16	
Bond Premium	1 90	
Operation of Auto	140 19	
Fuel	140 84	
Janitor's Supplies	13 06	
Maintenance of Equipment	12 50	
Supplies and Equipment	3 90	
Insurance	35 38	
Traveling Expenses	2 30	
	<u>\$ 1,889 82</u>	<u>\$ 4,910 06</u>
<b>Bridges</b>		
Labor	\$ 905 30	
Material	1,371 89	
Hired Teams and Trucks	24 10	
		<u>\$ 2,301 29</u>
<b>Catchbasins</b>		
Labor	\$ 819 15	
Material	68 81	
		<u>\$ 887 96</u>
<b>Cleaning</b>		
Sweepers (Regular)	\$ 3,740 30	
<b>Culverts and Drains</b>		
Labor	\$ 35 85	
Material	1,554 38	
Refunds	135 65	
	<u>\$ 135 65</u>	<u>\$ 1,590 23</u>
<b>Fences</b>		
Labor	97 75	
Material	198 38	
Rental of Equipment	2 30	
		<u>\$ 298 43</u>
<b>Forestry</b>		
Labor	\$ 797 25	
Material	91 02	
Rental of Equipment	1 10	
Destroying White Pine Blister	298 00	
		<u>\$ 1,187 37</u>
<b>Maintenance of Equipment</b>		
Hand Tools	\$ 117 73	
Harness	263 80	
Wagons and Implements	2,181 57	
		<u>\$ 2,563 10</u>



New Equipment		
Hand Tools		\$ 1,437 28
Wagons and Implements		796 08
Blankets, etc.		6 00
Motor Equipment		7,971 29
Harness		6 67
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		\$ 10,217 32
Operation of Teams and Autos		
Stableman		\$ 1,586 40
Veterinary Services and Supplies		37 16
Board of Horses	\$ 355 25	\$ 3,801 02
Shoeing		652 43
Motor Equipment		13,115 59
Miscellaneous Stable Expenses		4 80
Waste, Grease and Oils		7,988 93
Rental of Equipment	5,894 97	
Repairs and Rental of Garage		1,035 09
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	\$ 6,250 22	\$ 28,221 42
Sanding Walks and Snow Removal		\$ 5,246 30
Sidewalk Maintenance		
Labor		\$ 61 75
Material		87 00
		<hr/>
		\$ 148 75
Street Maintenance		
City Streets (Labor)		22,873 84
City Streets (Material)		1,791 35
City Streets (Hired Teams and Trucks)		281 50
Rural Labor		17,097 96
Rural Roads (Material)		258 58
State Patrol		711 30
Pavement	17 50	294 50
Refunds	343 07	
Rental of Equipment		65 40
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	\$ 360 57	\$ 43,374 43
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,636 26	\$104,687 46
INTEREST		
Bank Balances	\$ 640 76	
R. R. Stock	2,250 00	
Municipal Bonds and Notes		21,265 00
Temporary Loans		6,723 02
Taxes	655 42	
Tax Deeds	250 14	
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	\$ 3,796 32	\$ 27,988 02
LAW		
Salary of Solicitor		\$ 500 00
Fees, etc.		109 40
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		\$ 609 40

## CITY OF AUBURN

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LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 107 20	\$ 3,633 20
LIBRARY	\$ 500 00	\$ 8,500 00
MUNICIPAL BLACKSMITH SHOP		
Labor	\$ 17 65	\$ 1,555 00
Supplies		407 43
Shoeing	789 58	
Wagon Repairs, etc.	1,070 20	
Equipment		60 06
	<u>\$ 1,877 43</u>	<u>\$ 2,022 49</u>
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salary of Judge		\$ 1,500 00
Salary of Clerk		1,600 00
Fees	\$ 913 97	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 148 10
Telephone and Telegraph		53 40
	<u>\$ 913 97</u>	<u>\$ 3,301 50</u>
PARKS		
Edward Little High School		\$ 203 25
Maine Central Railroad		114 55
City Building		34 27
New Auburn		157 63
Pettengill		1,581 43
Auburn Athletic Association Park		155 79
		<u>\$ 2,246 92</u>
POLICE PROTECTION		
Salary of Marshal		\$ 2,600 00
Patrolmen		20,061 15
Matron		720 00
Sunday Officer		199 50
Specials and Substitutes		82 50
Dog Officers		319 05
Municipal Court Fees	\$ 923 37	
Superior Court Fees	361 44	
Public Auto Licenses	96 25	
Refunds	185 81	
Special Services		8 40
Bond Premium		1 90
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		86 71
Telephone and Telegraph		159 85
Light		54 39
Rent		107 00
Board of Prisoners		22 25
Transportation		78 66
Operation of Auto and Motorcycle		646 69
Traffic Signs		521 49
Fuel		62 28
Janitors Supplies and Laundry		38 13
Supplies and Equipment		297 69
Maintenance of Equipment		136 99
Alarm System		
Labor		37 00

Material		979 13
	<u>\$ 1,566 87</u>	<u>\$ 27,220 76</u>
PROPERTY		
Auburn Hall		
Salary of Janitor		\$ 828 00
Rent (60 Court Street)	\$ 1,625 00	
Rent (64 Court Street)	1,500 00	
Rent (68 Court Street)	1,500 00	
Rent (70 Court Street)	155 00	
Rent (Hall)	1,893 41	
Refunds and Sales	152 90	
Rent (Lodge Rooms)	420 00	
Light		210 50
Repairs		279 54
Insurance		436 43
Fuel		988 17
Janitor's Supplies		12 75
Maintenance of Equipment		7 35
Water Rent		57 00
	<u>\$ 7,246 31</u>	<u>\$ 2,819 74</u>
City Building		
Salary of Janitor		\$ 1,609 00
Light		674 31
Repairs		655 27
Insurance		234 06
Fuel		674 54
Janitor's Supplies		58 02
Rent (Band Room)	144 75	
Rent (Waterboard Rooms)	500 00	
	<u>\$ 644 75</u>	<u>\$ 3,905 20</u>
PROPERTY (OTHER)		
Armory Block		
Cafe, Tenement and Office		
Rent (Armory and Barber Shop)	\$ 377 28	
Rent (Cafe at 40 Hampshire Street)	505 48	
Rent (Tenement 48 Hampshire Street)	112 77	
Insurance		656 62
Repairs		831 62
Light		105 52
Water Rent		32 00
Fuel		67 90
Janitor		5 00
	<u>\$ 995 53</u>	<u>\$ 1,698 66</u>
Engine Houses		
Repairs		\$ 544 63
Insurance		166 28
		<u>\$ 710 91</u>
River Road Storehouse		534 18
Fountain		15 36
Land Rental	195 00	

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384 Court Street	475 00	100 33
36 Manley Street	540 00	132 79
Flag Pole		36 00
Oak Street House	275 00	158 84
Troy Street Stables and Shop Repairs	4 43	234 43
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TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY	\$ 2,484 96	\$ 3,621 50
REFUSE REMOVAL		
Labor		\$ 6,410 70
Supplies		214 77
Maintenance of Equipment		4 15
Rental of Equipment		519 50
Board and Care of Horses		387 45
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		\$ 7,536 57
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Salary		\$ 90 00
Fees	\$ 186 72	186 72
Supplies		19 22
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	\$ 186 72	\$ 295 94
SEWER SERVICE		\$ 5,000 00
SPRINKLING		
Assessments	\$ 15,564 29	
Horse Drawn		
Labor		\$ 213 90
Maintenance of Equipment		191 71
Hired Teams and Trucks		1,917 05
Motor		
Labor		\$ 24 00
Maintenance of Equipment		37 45
Oiling		
Labor		\$ 1,267 50
Material		8,578 35
Rental of Equipment		480 00
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	\$ 15,564 29	\$ 12,709 96
STATE TAX		\$130,424 79
STREET LIGHTS		
Urban	\$ 16 50	\$ 13,204 62
STONE CRUSHER		
Rental of Equipment	300 00	
Maintenance of Equipment		
Labor		21 60
Material		272 66
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	\$ 300 00	\$ 294 26
TAX DEEDS	\$ 2,311 07	\$ 5,115 70
WATER SERVICE		\$ 3,000 00

1924 CASH BALANCE AND ACCOUNTS	\$ 31,816 15	
OPERATION TOTALS	\$781,213 97	\$757,701 85
CHESTNUT STREET CUT-OFF		
Labor and Engineering		\$ 844 25
Hired Teams and Trucks		240 00
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		\$ 1,084 25
CROSSWALKS AND CATCHBASINS		
Labor		\$ 530 50
Material		576 91
Rental of Equipment		44 50
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		\$ 1,151 91
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION		
Streets (Hard Surface)		
Hampshire Street and Gamage Avenue		
Labor		\$ 8,547 30
Material		4,516 06
Rental of Equipment		1,534 30
Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 10,000 00	
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TOTAL HARD SURFACE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 10,000 00	\$ 14,597 66
STATE AID CONSTRUCTION		
Manley Road		
Labor		\$ 4,560 35
Material		304 21
Grants	\$ 7,567 56	
Rental of Equipment		2,703 00
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	\$ 7,567 56	\$ 7,567 56
Poland Road		
Labor		\$ 153 00
Material		430 00
Rental of Equipment		116 00
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		\$ 699 00
East Auburn Road		
Labor		\$ 283 80
Material		35 50
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		\$ 319 30
Mechanic Falls Road		
Labor		\$ 76 50
Material		706 75
Hired Teams and Trucks, etc.		58 00
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		\$ 841 25
TOTAL STATE AID CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,567 56	\$ 9,427 11
PROPERTY PURCHASES AND SALES		
Fire Alarm Building		
Sales and Refunds	\$ 146 03	

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Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	15,500 00	
Labor		\$ 3,853 33
Material		\$ 6,849 12
Rental of Equipment		86 70
Contract		2,651 58
Equipment		1,830 18
Miscellaneous		315 41
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	\$ 15,646 03	\$ 15,586 32
 Addition to Goff Hill Station		
Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 15 50	
Labor		18 00
Material		105 01
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	\$ 15 50	\$ 123 01
 Gravel Pit		
Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 14,000 00	
Land		\$ 14,006 80
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	\$ 14,000 00	\$ 14,006 80
 Gamage Avenue Lot (Gravel Pit)	\$ 505 00	
 Municipal Garage		
Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 2,000 00	
Labor		\$ 818 25
Material		1,296 13
Contract		560 76
Rental of Equipment		1 60
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	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,676 74
 Webster School Lot	\$ 142 55	
Marston's Corner School Lot		\$ 325 00
 Perkins' Ridge School		
Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 3,000 00	
Refunds (Insurance)	800 00	
Labor		1,428 35
Material		1,799 37
Rental of Equipment		75 60
Maintenance of Equipment		466 66
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	\$ 3,800 00	\$ 3,769 98
 Stevens' Mills School		
Sales and Refunds	\$ 2 45	
Labor		\$ 3,245 28
Land		1,800 00
Insurance		75 00
Contract		60 25
Rental of Equipment		47 34
Material		4,626 41
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	\$ 2 45	\$ 9,854 28
 TOTAL PROPERTY PURCHASES	\$ 36,111 53	\$ 46,342 13

## SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Engineering and Labor		\$ 1,980 60
Assessments Previous to 1925	\$ 1,821 28	
Assessments 1925	1,016 01	
Material		1,375 22
Rental of Equipment		605 00
Contract		243 89
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	\$ 2,837 29	\$ 4,204 71

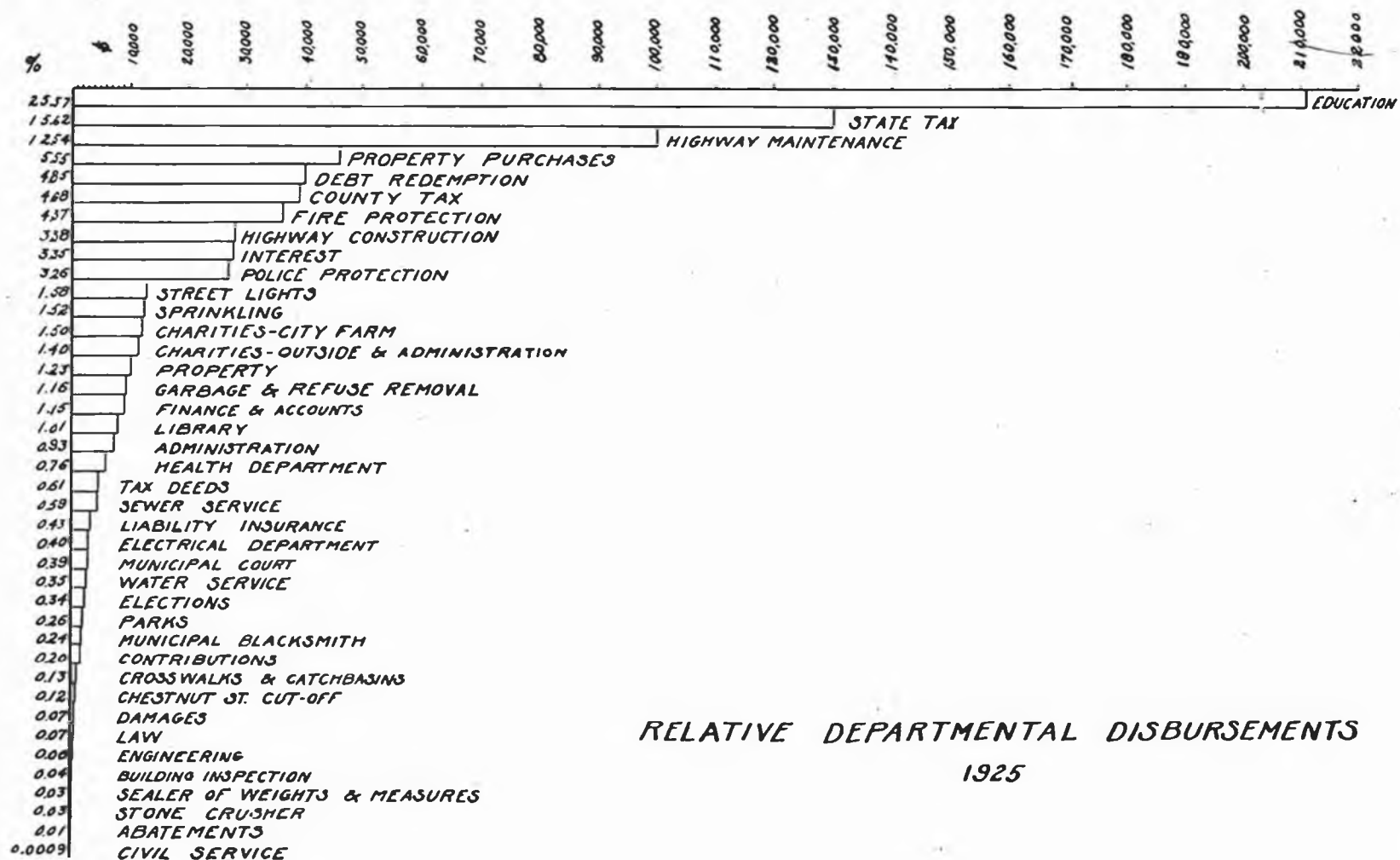
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVE- MENTS	\$ 56,516 38	\$ 76,807 77
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TEMPORARY LOANS	\$350,000 00	\$350,000 00
TAXES AND TAX DEEDS	20 38	20 38
STOCK	231 36	272 16
DOG LICENSES	841 00	841 00
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	64 00	64 00
SOLDIERS' BURIAL	300 00	300 00
PENSIONS	2,450 68	2,450 68
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	\$353,907 42	\$353,962 86

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DIS- BURSEMENTS	\$1,191,637 77	1,188,472 48
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1924		\$ 3,165 29
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	\$1,191,637 77	\$1,191,637 77





**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET****Resources**

Land and Buildings	(Schedule A)	\$755,668 00
Highway Improvements	(Schedule B)	590,596 53
Equipment and Supplies	(Schedule C)	183,614 44
Lewiston & Auburn Railroad Stock		75,000 00
Invested in Water Works	(Schedule D)	30,000 00
Tax Deeds		13,409 30
Municipal Sinking Fund	(Schedule F)	633 56
Uncollected Taxes	(Schedule G)	70,886 68
Sidewalks	(Schedule H)	3,169 33
Annunciator and Stock		55 44
Cash in Bank		3,165 29
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		\$1,726,198 57

**Liabilities**

Municipal Bonds	(Schedule D)	\$529,500 00
Municipal Notes	(Schedule E)	34,000 00
Municipal Proprietary Interest		1,162,698 57
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Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$1,726,198 57

**SCHEDULE A**  
**LAND AND BUILDINGS**

	Land	Buildings	Total
Alarm Station		\$ 13,610 00	\$ 13,610 00
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
City Farm Piggery		4,030 00	4,030 00
Goff Hill Fire Station	1,000 00	5,120 00	6,120 00
Gravel Pits	16,925 00		16,925 00
Land on Eighth Street	200 00		200 00
Land on Main St. South of Grand Trunk	1,000 00		1,000 00
Land and Building on No. River Road	1,000 00	800 00	1,800 00
Land (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
Municipal Garage		2,675 00	2,675 00
New Auburn Fire Station	2,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
New Auburn Park	1,000 00		1,000 00
One-third Interest in Park, Corner Court and Railroad Streets	2,000 00		2,000 00
Pettengill Park	5,700 00		5,700 00
Supt. of Streets Office and Tenement	2,000 00	3,600 00	5,600 00
Troy Street Stables	1,500 00	1,800 00	3,300 00
<b>Total Misc. Property</b>	<b>\$113,825 00</b>	<b>\$153,735 00</b>	<b>\$267,560 00</b>

## SCHOOL PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Total
Chamberlain School	\$ 9,200 00	\$ 24,000 00	\$ 33,200 00
Danville Junction School	25 00	1,975 00	2,000 00
East Auburn School	50 00	1,350 00	1,400 00
Franklin School	1,200 00	10,000 00	11,200 00
Edward Little High School	11,600 00	43,730 00	55,330 00
Lincoln School	1,000 00	14,000 00	15,000 00
Merrill Hill School	800 00	12,000 00	12,800 00
Webster School	27,314 00	100,000 00	127,314 00
Park Hill School	500 00	5,000 00	5,500 00
Washburn School	3,700 00	43,667 00	47,367 00
Washington Street School	35 00	1,400 00	1,435 00
Gowell School Lot	1,642 00		1,642 00
West Auburn School	25 00	1,400 00	1,425 00
Wilson School	3,500 00	12,000 00	15,500 00
Lake Street School	8,601 00	99,502 00	108,103 00
Poland Road Lot	2,875 00		2,875 00
Marston's Corner School Lot	325 00		325 00
Perkins Ridge School	100 00	3,770 00	3,870 00
Stevens Mills School	1,800 00	8,052 00	9,852 00
Rural Schools	470 00	31,000 00	31,470 00
Unused School Property	65 00	435 00	500 00
Total School Property	\$74,827 00	\$413,281 00	\$488,108 00
Total City Property			\$755,668 00

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

Bridges	Dec. 31, 1924	1925 Additions	Dec. 31, 1925
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 Street Bridge	7,474 00		7,474 00
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Granite Curbing in Place	\$100,477 00		\$100,477 00
	\$ 43,897 24		\$ 43,897 24
<b>Pavements</b>			
Bituminous Macadam	\$132,717 88	\$14,597 66	\$ 147,315 54
Grouted Granite Block	72,320 48		72 320 48
Sand Filled Granite Block	28,000 00		28,000 00
Brick	74,286 58		74,286 58
Water Bound Macadam	1,033 96		1,033 96
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	\$308,358 90	\$14,597 66	\$ 322,956 56
<b>Sidewalks</b>			
Tar	\$25,000 00		\$25,000 00
Brick	27,000 00		27,000 00
Cement	67,061 02	4,204 71	71,265 73
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<b>Total Highway Improvements</b>			<b>\$ 590,596 53</b>

## SCHEDULE C

	Total	Supplies	Material	Equipment
Administration Offices	\$ 1,136 00	\$ 127 00	\$	\$ 1,009 00
Charities—Adm. Offices	40 00	10 00		30 00
Charities—City Farm	8,800 61	1,715 26	50 00	7,035 35
City Electrician and Alarm Station	14,624 50			14,624 50
Education	44,877 00	20,577 00		24,300 00
Elections	561 37	25 00		536 37
Engineering	464 00	1 00		463 00
Finance and Accounts Offices	813 90	111 55		702 35
Fire Alarm and Whistle System	14,931 00			14,931 00
Fire Department	37,265 30	171 71		37,093 59
Garbage Removal	790 50			790 50
General Government Property	1,408 85	321 75		1,087 10
Health Department	797 89	45 15		752 74
Highway Department	36,625 00	97 10	800 00	35,727 90
Municipal Blacksmith Shop	630 75	144 00		486 75
Municipal Court	432 75	240 00		192 75
Police Department and Alarm System	5,339 92	62 57		5,277 35
Sealer of Weights and Measures	213 10	5 10		208 00
Street Lights	13,862 00			13,862 00
Total Movable Property	\$183,614 44	\$23,654 19	\$850 00	\$159,110 25

**SCHEDULE D**  
**MUNICIPAL BONDS**

**Refunding Loans**

3½% due July 1, 1925	\$ 500 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
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**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, 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

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\$307,500 00

**School Loan**

4 % due Nov. 1, 1926	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1927	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1928	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1929	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1930	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1931	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1932	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1933	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1934	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1935	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1936	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1937	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1938	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1939	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1940	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1941	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1942	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1943	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1944	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1945	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1946	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1947	5,000 00
4 % due Nov. 1, 1948	5,000 00

4	% due Nov.	1, 1949		5,000 00	
4	% due Nov.	1, 1950		5,000 00	
4	% due Nov.	1, 1951		5,000 00	
4	% due Nov.	1, 1952		5,000 00	
4	% due Nov.	1, 1953		5,000 00	
				\$140,000 00	

## Consolidated Bonds

4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1926	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1927	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1928	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1929	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1930	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1931	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1932	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1933	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1934	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1935	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1936	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1937	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1938	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1939	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1940	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1941	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1942	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1943	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1944	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1945	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1946	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1947	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1948	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1949	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1950	2,600	00
4	%	due	Aug.	1, 1951	2,600	00
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					\$	52,000 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	\$ 30,000 00
			<u>529,500 00</u>

**SCHEDULE E****MUNICIPAL NOTES**

Municipal Building Notes	\$ 7,000 00	
City of Auburn Fire Notes	18,000 00	
City of Auburn School Notes	8,000 00	
City of Auburn Public Property	1,000 00	
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**SCHEDULE F****MUNICIPAL SINKING FUND**

Deposit National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$ 633 56
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**SCHEDULE G****UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

1915	\$1,777 28	
1916	1,975 14	
Estimate Net for Collection 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 2,501 61	
1917 \$2,328 57 Net 75%	1,821 42	
1918	2,406 79	
1919	1,592 50	
1920	3,943 20	
1921	3,363 53	
1922	4,211 21	
1923	8,790 88	
1924	10,492 60	
1925	31,762 94	
	<hr/>	\$70,886 68

**SCHEDULE H****UNCOLLECTED SIDEWALK TAXES**

Previous to 1925	\$ 2,218 86	
1925	950 47	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,169 33



## CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Lovina Wakefield	\$ 222 24
John E. True	121 38
Stephen Emery	114 69
E. A. Lane	277 60
S. W. Ingalls	115 90
A. B. Bray	122 90
Nancy M. Hill	265 27
Augusta G. Kingsley	129 28
Francena Robinson	109 47
Asa Garcelon	101 65
Lydia M. Hanson	235 60
Sarah S. Preble	167 21
Marion W. Stevens	185 22
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	\$2,168 41

## FRANK BOOMER FUND

Cash in Bank	\$2,095 68.
30 Shares Pennsylvania R. R. Co.	
10 Shares Northern Pacific Ry. Co.	
10 Shares Great Northern Ry. Co.	
125 Shares Compania Swift International	
5 Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Common	

February 15th, 1926.

I have examined the books of accounts, balance sheet and the receipts and disbursements of the City of Auburn, Maine, as kept by Laurence P. Bearce, and I find the same to be correct and true. The balance sheet reflects a true condition of the affairs of the City of Auburn.

I also audited the books and records of the Tax Collector, Charles M. Starbird, and I find the same true and correct.

GEORGE A. ARNOLD,  
Auditor, Auburn, Maine.

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the City Manager,  
Auburn, Maine.

I herewith submit to you and through you to the City Council, the report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

### STATIONS AND PERSONNEL

At the Central Station there are seven men including the Chief.  
At the New Auburn Station, two men.  
At the Auburn Heights Station, two men.  
Assistant Engineers, three men.  
In Hook and Ladder Company, fourteen men.  
In Hose Company, twenty men.  
Substitutes, three men.  
Fire Police, three men.

### APPARATUS

Two Motor Pumps.  
Two Comb. Motors.  
One Horse Drawn Aerial.  
One Chief's Car.  
One Reserve Engine.  
One Reserve Hose Motor.  
One City Service Truck.  
Two Hose Pungs for winter use.

During the year the Department has responded to the following alarms:

False	8
Chief	14
Bell	25
Still or Telephone	194
Total	241

Of this number the Department has responded to 13 calls outside the city, one in Lewiston.

Hose laid during the year, 51,300 feet.  
Chemical used during the year, 3,105 gallons.  
Gasoline used during the year, 826 gallons.

### FIRE LOSS AND INSURANCE

Value of buildings and contents	\$1,455,658 00
Insurance on buildings and contents	1,138,155 00
Estimated loss on buildings and contents	94,269 33
Insurance paid on buildings and contents	93,769 33
Loss over Ins. paid on buildings and contents	500 00

\$1,979.83 of the loss given was from fires where the Department wasn't called.

### INSPECTION

The annual inspection was made by the Chief and Board of Engineers including all factories, school houses, public buildings, and fire

escapes. Inspections are also made during the year by the Chief and members of the department of alleys and premises where rubbish and inflammable material is likely to collect.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Repairs have been made on both pumpers. New water pipes throughout the Central Station.

### NEW EQUIPMENT

A pair of horses, a thousand feet of hose, and a new two-way.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to recommend there be a new floor laid at the Central Station, and the roof repaired, a thousand feet of hose, also Motor Hook and Ladder Truck to take place of the horse drawn now in use.

In conclusion I wish to thank the City Manager, Mayor and Council for the co-operation they have given this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BLETHEN

Fire Chief.

January 2, 1926.

## REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Hon. Charles S. Cummings, Mayor,  
Acting City Manager,  
Auburn Maine.

Dear Sir:

My first report as Health Officer must necessarily be incomplete, as I entered upon my work in April and found no record of work for March, and little for the preceding two months.

The following report for the remaining nine months of 1925 is respectfully submitted:

There has been an unusual number of cases of contagious diseases, mumps giving the greater number; but diphtheria cases have been more numerous than average, while there have been more than the average number of cases of scarlet fever. Cases of chicken-pox, measles, german measles and whooping-cough have been reported in less numbers.

A very important part of the health work of the city is that of the school nurse. We are fortunate in having one in that position who not only examines for health conditions, all the pupils of the city proper, but carries with such work a devotion and an enthusiasm which results in great good from her "follow up work"; that is, pupils with defects are not only referred to parents, but are induced to have such defects, as far as possible, corrected. If necessary, glasses are provided, diseased tonsils and adenoids are removed and deformities corrected, in many cases because of sympathetic co-operation between nurse, pupils and parents. When the expense is too great for parents to bear the nurse usually succeeds by inducing them to pay part of the expense and by raising the remainder by appeal to other agencies for assistance. Such work not only tends to improvement in health and comfort of pupils but results in much better work in their studies, thus enabling

them to get much better school training, which in turn results in greater wage earning ability during after life.

It is earnestly recommended that this work of the school nurse be extended to include the rural schools.

An earnest attempt to have all cows furnishing milk to the city, tuberculin tested has been made with the result that 2490 cattle in 292 herds have been so tested, 21 of which have been condemned and disposed of. In accomplishing this more than 140 farmers and dairymen have been visited by me.

As previously stated it is recommended that the work of inspecting pupils by the school nurse be extended to the rural schools. This will call for an increase in salary proportionately with the increase in work: and for providing a car to allow for reaching these schools promptly in answer to calls, and regularly.

There should be a secretary for the health office. There is much outside work to be done and while the Health Officer is doing this work the office must now be neglected so that people who call there on business must be disappointed and annoyed because no one is present to give information or assistance.

An inspector of milk should be appointed as was customary up to a year ago.

The time required for collecting and caring for samples of milk would be more profitably employed in other necessary work. It is recommended further that the one who does this work in Lewiston be employed if possible, as the two cities are practically one district.

Infectious diseases occurring during the year: Scarlet Fever, 33; Diphtheria, 41; Measles, 8; Mumps, 99; Chicken-pox, 24; Tuberculosis, 11; Pneumonia, 10; Influenza, 2; Whooping-cough, 20; Typhoid Fever, 3; Infantile Paralysis, 2; German Measles, 8; Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, 1.

Milk collected and tested by Dr. Andrews.

Permits, applications, certifications, etc., filed and issued:

School certificates issued, 147.

Health certificates filed, 398 (since July).

Plumbing license applications, 13 (since July).

Miscellaneous:

Placed under quarantine, 84.

Fumigations performed, 78.

Places under observation quarantine, 15.

Calls on sick in quarantine, 135.

Calls made as city physician, 69.

Inspections made:

Stores, 81.

Dairies, 52.

Frankfort Vendors, 1.

Pop-corn Vendors, 1.

Cottages at Lake Auburn, practically all.

City farm, 8.

Dumps, 31.

Private houses, 5.

Slaughter houses, 3.

• Bakeries, 5.

With State Dairy Inspector, 15 dairies.

Work for Physician of the city:

Consultations given, 18.

Called and took specimens to be examined, 26.  
Diphtheria Immunizations given for them, 27.  
Antitoxin furnished free, 30.  
Cared for their patients, 5.

Plumbing:

Conferences with plumbers, 5.  
Plumbing ordered repaired, 5.  
For plumbing inspector: 1 test.

School work:

Special examinations of scholars at request of teachers, 40.  
Excluded from school, 15.  
School certificates issued, 137.  
School certificates refused, 16.  
Examined for school certificates, 153.  
Schools visited, 28.  
Toilets unsanitary, 1.  
Seen with truant-officer, 2.  
Looked up at request suspicious of infectious diseases, 10.  
Meeting with committee from school board, 1.  
Water supply ordered corrected at city school, 1.

Orders issued for changes:

Warnings to quarantined homes, 8.  
As to disposal of garbage by individuals, 7.  
Store keepers, 5.

People examined physically:

For Insanity, 4.

Venereal Work:

Venereal treatment administered, 11.  
Sent to treatment by physician, 10.  
Investigated reports of disease, 16.

Unreported cases of infectious disease traced out, 8. First aid treatment administered to city employees, 22.

Ordered to:

Connect to public sewer, 4.  
Clean up at Lake Auburn, 3.  
Test cattle for Tuberculosis, 2490.  
Clean up property, 3.  
Discontinue sink spout on ground, 5.  
Look after swill, 5.  
Clean up restaurant, 1.

Conferences:

On dumps, 4.  
On water, 4.  
With Milk men, 3.  
On building of cesspools, 3.

Dumps cleaned up, 4.

Hospital treatment obtained, 3.

Families supplied with provisions, etc., while quarantined, 2.

Dead animals disposed of, 12.

Fumigating material furnished people, 6.

Dumps poisoned for rats, 1.

Lectures given, 1.

Baby show with Red Cross, 1.  
Looked up for State Department, 3.  
Looked up for outside Health Agencies, 3.  
Calls at request of Lewiston Health Department, 3.  
Advice to outside health officers, 3.  
Funeral held up, 3.  
Dirty milk traced out to source, 1.  
Letters on nuisances, 5.  
Consulted by relatives of possible insane people, 4.  
Heresay cases of possible infectious diseases traced, 38.  
Complaints made to sewer board, 4.  
Calls on farmers on Tuberculin testing of cattle, 140.  
Out of Town on Health affairs, 2.  
Clinics attended, 2.  
Convention attended, 2.

Calls received from State officials:

State Department of Health, 15.  
State Dairy Inspector, 3.  
State Department of Agriculture, 1.  
Visited with Plumbing Inspector for decisions, 5.  
Laboratory Work done outside.

Work of the Plumbing Inspector:

Tests for plumbing, 93.  
Inspections of work but not tested, 78.  
Consultations over proposed work, 132.

Work done for city as follows:

New Houses, 53.  
New work, old houses, 40.  
Repair work, 79.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WILLIAMS, M. D.,  
Health Officer.

## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Auburn, Maine, January 1, 1926.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Auburn:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report as Building Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

Total Number Permits Granted	145 —
Total Number Inspected	50

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. LIBBY,  
Building Inspector.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS—1925

The winter of 1925 was an easy one for the street department as there was very little snow compared to the previous two years, and the little that we had fell in small amounts making its disposal a relatively simple matter. A considerable portion of the time of the winter crew was used in getting out stone from the waste feldspar at Mt. Appetite and hauling same and storing it for spring use at the intersection of Minot and Fairview Avenue. In the early spring as soon as the snow went off this material was used to surface several roads and streets, the most important being Seventh Street in New Auburn, Granite Street and Turner Street through the "Sullivan Heights" section.

For the first time in this City an effort was made by the Street Department to keep the streets open for winter motor traffic. This was done by the use of a "home made" piece of equipment, consisting of the old sprinkler truck, with the tank dismounted and fitted with a small plow, purchased the previous winter, the other parts of this equipment consisting of pieces of discontinued road machines and hose reels. Those who happened to live on level streets can testify that this piece of equipment worked very satisfactorily especially when it was assisted by a tractor pushing from behind. It was not very efficient on grades or on drifted country roads, because of its lack of power and weight. This equipment was assembled by the Department in an effort to meet as far as was within our power, the rather insistent demand from the public, that the streets be kept passable for motor vehicles and so that the fire department might function with its motor equipment. It was not anticipated by the Department that we could keep all the streets open but we felt that by its use we might open a sufficient number so that the fire department might reach almost any section. On account of the hills and grades in New Auburn we were able to do very little there.

During the early spring we also quarried rock on the "Franklin" property, in preparation for crushing for use in the paving work done on Gamage Avenue and Hampshire Streets.

In the spring the Road, commonly called the Holdbrook Road, leading from West Auburn to the Minot line was regraded, ditched and graveled, thus eliminating one of the bad entrances to the City. The "Bird Flat" Road so-called was also greatly improved during the year, by the addition of gravel.

With the purchase of two additional tractor driven road machines, making a fleet of four, the country roads were divided as equally as possible into four sections with one machine to each section. By this means practically every mile of road in the City was machined, during the spring, before they became so dried out, that machining lost considerable of its effectiveness. These four machines were kept going all summer and fall in these sections, constant and persistent, patrolling being the only method known of keeping earth and gravel roads in any kind of shape under the constantly increasing motor traffic to which they are subjected these days. We also made a more determined effort to keep the drive around the Lake in better condition than in the past. To do this we rebuilt the old Seagraves Fire Truck by replacing the old six cylinder, air-cooled motor with a four cylinder, water cooled, tractor motor, thus obtaining a very serviceable 2½ ton truck behind which was hauled a road machine. This equipment was kept almost constantly on the Lake Drive all summer and fall.

The permanent construction for the year was done on Hampshire Street and Gamage Avenue, a much needed improvement. This consists of an asphalt macadam surface on a stone base. The stone base about 2600 tons (65 carloads) was hauled from Mt. Apetite, a distance of four miles. The cost of this improvement was about \$15,000, \$5,000 of which came from taxes and \$10,000 from bond issue.

The Third Class State money was expended this year on the so-called "Manley Road" leading from the Mechanic Falls Road toward Littlefield's Corner, a distance of 4000 feet, connecting with the Third Class Road built in previous years, so that now there is a continuous improved road from the Mechanic Falls Road to Marstons Corner. The amount of money expended this year was \$7,575.00.

Sidewalks were built this year by the City Forces again at a cost of \$1.80 per square yard, a slight increase over last year's cost due to the fact that more grading was involved, and some of it required rock excavation.

The "State Aid Money" amounting to about \$6,500.00 was not used this season, but has been held in reserve for use during 1926. It is expected that during 1926 the State will complete their section of Center Street from East Auburn to a point near Dartmouth Street, so that in order that Center Street should not be closed at two different times, the City should complete at the same time its section extending from Turner Street to the point where the State section ends, a distance of about one mile. The estimated cost of the City's portion is \$30,000. State Aid funds can be used for this purpose and can be built up as follows: The City can raise \$14,625 which is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  times the minimum amount of \$3,250, to which the State will add an equal amount \$14,625 plus 20% of the increase over the minimum of \$3,250 or \$2,843.75. The joint fund will then amount to \$32,093.75 of which the City will furnish \$15,625, and the State, \$17,468.75.

The "Beech Hill" Road, extending from the State Road, past the Golf Club to Littlefields Corner was improved during the season of 1925, by the blasting out of several ledges and boulders, thereby widening and straightening and by the addition of gravel hauled from Danville Junction.

Such bridges as needed replanking and repairing have been attended to and the steel bridges have been painted.

I wish to thank the City Manager and City Council for their hearty co-operation and assistance during the year and it is only by such co-operation that anything of value can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. SAFFORD,  
Supt. of Highways.

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

Auburn, Maine, January 18, 1926.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Auburn City Council:

The Auburn City Planning Board, also acting as Park Commissioners and Tree Wardens, hereby submits its annual report for the year 1925.

### TREES

It has become apparent that the removal of shade trees from the various streets within the City limits will result seriously, as time goes



on, unless a plan to replace them with young trees is systematically followed, the expense for which must be authorized by the City Council.

During the year 1925 The Board of Tree Wardens have felt it wise to allow the removal of fifty shade trees throughout the City because of their decayed and unsightly appearance. It is argued that the cause of our trees dying is on account of electric wires passing through them and the macadamizing of streets and sidewalks which prevents moisture from reaching their roots. It is the aim of The Board, therefore, to advise that a reasonable open space about the roots of the trees be maintained and that electric wires be insulated where passing through their tops. Under these circumstances shade trees may be protected somewhat from the causes now effecting decay.

### SCHOOLHOUSE SITES AND BUILDINGS

The Planning Board has been called upon, during the year 1925, to devote much time and consideration to the matter of selecting schoolhouse sites at Steven's Mills and East Auburn. The Board was able to negotiate for a schoolhouse lot at Steven's Mills, which was readily approved by the School Board, at a reasonable purchase price, and the so-called Steven's Mills Schoolhouse is now being erected upon this site which is located at the corner of the Minot Corner and Hotel Roads.

An appropriate site for the schoolhouse at East Auburn has not been definitely decided upon. Several lots are under consideration and The Planning Board hopes in due time to recommend the acquiring of such a lot as will meet with the approval of The School Board.

### PARKS AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board, acting as Park Commissioners, report that little progress has been made during the past year in finally developing the so-called New Auburn Park. During the ensuing year, with the appropriation asked for in the Budget, it is hoped that this small park area may be nearly brought to completion.

Edward Little Park has been maintained in such an attractive condition as to elicit praise and commendation.

The so-called Maine Central Park, during last season, was enclosed with a wire fence and used as a children's playground. It is the opinion of The Board that such use is of doubtful wisdom in that the park had within it a fountain, beautiful shade trees, and an attractive grassed surface. It was in appearance an oasis in the center of an industrial and commercial section of the City on a main thoroughfare where travelers pass by steam and electric railways, automobiles and other vehicles. To continue the use of said park in the same manner as last season will render it unfit for the purpose for which it was originally designed. The Board feels now, as when it made its report on July 11, 1925, that this small area should be kept in an attractive appearance and used for leisure park purposes. It is felt that there are other locations nearby where a children's playground can be maintained so as not to mar the beauty of this particular spot.

Pettengill Park has become very popular, especially for winter sports, and doubtless will be as attractive for recreational purposes in summer as its development will permit. The skating rink, ski-jump, and toboggan-chute structures invite many people from within and out of town during the winter months. Provided that the sewer may be extended to the southerly end of the park to take care of the sewerage

in the brook, it is thought that the Kiddies Wading Pool and the Junior Athletic Field may be nearly completed during the coming season with the appropriation asked for in the Budget. With the sewerage in the brook as it now exists it would be a menace to health as well as inconvenient to those who would like to enjoy park privileges during the summer. It is hoped that the City Council will lend its influence in securing the extension of this sewer as suggested. The removal of a quantity of earth from the section where the Junior Athletic Field is to be constructed will be undertaken immediately, it is understood, by the Street Department, and used for filling and widening Winter Street at a point on an easterly section of the park opposite the skating rink, thus serving two purposes.

### STREETS

It was recommended by The Planning Board on Sept. 14, 1925, that in the course of time Conant Avenue be extended easterly across Granite Street, continuing on across Lake Street so as to intersect with Shepley Street. It is deemed wise to call the attention of the Council to the rapid growth in this locality and in granting building permits that this matter be kept in mind.

The Board has been called upon during the last season to renumber Harvard Street. The matter was attended to and the plan of numbering was reversed. Formerly, the numbering began at Coburn Street to run southerly, thus leaving the extension of Harvard Street northerly from Coburn without appropriate numbers. Now, according to the plan suggested by The Board and accepted by The Council, the numbering begins at Whitney Street, running northerly across Coburn Street to Newell Avenue. Other numbers on various streets were found to be conflicting and confusing to the Board of Registration. The Planning Board, with the assistance of the City Engineer, has corrected these conditions as far as known.

### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

Previously, the Planning Board has recommended and a former City Council has directed that the wall of stone adjoining the property of Amos G. Fitz on the westerly side of Gamage Avenue be removed so as to permit the construction of a sidewalk from Western Promenade along the westerly side of Gamage Avenue to Oakland Street. There is a swell into the street from the Fitz lawn about four feet in depth which should be removed and a convenient place for disposing of the rock would be under the Dennison Street Bridge which would minimize the cost of carting and at the same time help fill the gulch.

In reference to filling the ravine under the Dennison Street Bridge the attention of the Council is called to the fact that in 1921 one Mrs. Luella M. Penley and other abutting property owners gave, without cost to the City, the privilege of filling this gulch and constructing a roadway in place of the now-existing iron bridge. The Penley agreement called for the work to be completed in seven years from 1921. Thus it would appear that the privilege extends for only two years longer. Recommendation was made by the Planning Board, during 1925, that a suitable culvert be constructed beneath this said bridge and the filling operation be commenced, as the limitation of time as per the agreement was in September, 1928. Already some filling has been done but it is urged that the work of completing the fill be carried on as fast as possible in order not to lose the rights under the Penley agreement.

It is also recommended that the completion of the fill uniting Parker and Chestnut Streets be made at the very earliest possible time, as the agreement affecting this portion of the Penley gully fill is contingent upon the right to fill the Dennison Street gulch.

The Board further recommends that attention be given to a matter, heretofore suggested by it, that consideration be given to the purchase of a site appropriate for City stables, store-house, and the housing of a piece of fire-fighting apparatus on east Turner Street where a siding can be obtained upon the railroad, thus merging three important features in one plant. If such undertaking was carried out, it would be feasible to dispose of the present City-stable property. It is believed that the price obtainable for the same would nearly equal the cost to carry out the plan suggested in a new location.

Other matters of past, present, and future concern, not necessary to be included in this report, will be brought, from time to time, to the attention of The Council when deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. LAWLESS,  
H. E. BUMPUS,  
GEO. E. HUSKINS,  
The Auburn Planning Board.

## REPORT OF CITY ELECTRICIAN FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

To the Manager, Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit my report to you for the past year.

This year has been very busy and we have accomplished many things. The largest is the alarm station built at the rear of the City Building of cement and brick. This building houses the police and Fire Alarm System that in the past was located at Auburn Hall and the Central Fire Station.

During the construction of this building conduit was placed in the floors and wall to take care of the City's alarm systems for many years. This fireproof building removes a great risk and is a big step to a cheaper rate of insurance.

Many improvements have been made on the Fire Alarm System by replacing the old wire with new. Seven alarm boxes have been cleaned, tested and painted. One box has been installed at East Auburn. This is the longest run but it covers a lot of nice homes.

We have had a great many thunder and lightening storms in the past year, some of them causing trouble to the alarm circuits. The troubles have been repaired promptly and a few lightning protectors installed that will help care for the coming summer.

We have fifty-two Fire Alarm Boxes in the city and by replacing a few of these older type boxes with new and adding a few more the city will be well covered.

Red lights have been installed that can be seen at night showing the location of the alarm boxes.

The Police Alarm has worked very satisfactorily during the past year with the exception of one box that was replaced by a new later type five call box. Two more boxes were added to the system, making eight boxes.

This has been a smaller year for electric wiring than some years in the past but a number of new homes have been wired.

I have issued 186 permits for wiring jobs and collected \$195 for inspection fees. Repair work on electric wiring and bells has taken a lot of time and during the vacation three schoolhouses have been wired and some changes made in the Edward Little High School building. A few changes in the electrical equipment in this school will make it much better and safer.

Respectfully,

J. C. KEENE,  
City Electrician.

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Auburn, Me., Dec. 31, 1925.

To the Corporators of the Auburn Public Library:

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 11, 1926.

### Receipts

Cash on deposit Jan. 10, 1925	\$18 09	
Cash in hands of librarian Jan. 10, 1925	1 08	\$19 17
City of Auburn, annual appropriation		\$8,500 00
Coupons on bonds		168 00
Fines and Charges		437 23
Lost Books		17 88
Destroyed books		1 00
Subscriptions		13 00
Papers and magazines		13 84
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		\$9,170 12

### Expenses

Salaries:		
Librarian	\$ 1,380 00	
Assistants	3,326 20	
Janitor	600 00	\$ 5,306 20
Purchase of books		1,615 80
Building and Grounds		239 14
Fuel		730 18
Binding		155 35
Lights		224 08
Express, freight and trucking		5 72
Periodicals		196 35
Supplies		249 49
Insurance		174 00
Incidentals		245 58
Cash in hands of librarian		1 41
Cash on deposit		26 82
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		\$9,170 12

The invested funds of the Library consist of the following securities the same as last year:

1—\$1,000 00 First mortgage 5% bond No. 1803 of the Syracuse Lake Shore & 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.

A comparison of the expenses this year with last year indicates that wages have been increased about five per cent. About three hundred dollars more has been spent on books. The item "Building and Grounds" is mainly for the Thermostat we put in the 31st of December, 1924, and did not pay for till this year.

The amount spent for fuel is less than last year, but we have not fuel enough on hand to carry us till the first of June, whereas last year's fuel carried us to the first of May this year. The amount spent for binding, lights and periodicals has been practically the same for several years. The insurance bills coming this year will be less than last year.

For many years we have been badly handicapped for want of stack room. During the summer Miss Lunt with the other help made a thorough rearrangement of the books in order to avoid the increase in the stack at this time. These changes involved a great deal of labor and cannot with profit be carried much further.

Again I repeat we must have a new stack room and have it very soon. As yet the third floor has not been put into a stack room.

The new floor in the stack room for the stack will probably cost about thirty-five hundred dollars.

The amount of money appropriated by the City for our Library is about forty cents per inhabitant; the average amount spent throughout New England by cities the size of Auburn is about sixty cents per inhabitant, whereas the so-called proper amount is one dollar per inhabitant.

We feel we should have an increase of appropriation; that the City should put in at least fifty cents per inhabitant, which would be an appropriation of ten thousand dollars. The amount spent for overhead would be about the same and after that is paid we could have the balance for books and periodicals. We feel we should have at least three thousand dollars for books each year, but of course the amount we can spend is limited by the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

REUEL W. SMITH,  
Treasurer.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Auburn Public Library and Members of the Auburn Public Library Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting this, the thirty-fifth Annual Report of the library, it is hoped that the account of time and funds expended may merit responsive accord and an extension of the service.

Number of volumes in the library at beginning of year	25,911
added during year	1,151

lost or withdrawn during year	569
in the library at end of year	26,493
pamphlets in the library at beginning of year	3,865
pamphlets accessioned during the year	107
pamphlets removed during year	20
accessioned pamphlets in library at end of year	3,952
newspapers and periodicals currently received	114
days the library has been open	304
holidays the library has been closed	9
new borrowers registered this year	1,046
borrowers registered since new registration began Sept. 1, 1923	6,142
volumes lent for home use	87,350
Increase in circulation over last year	3,530
Monthly average	7,279
Daily average	287
Per cent juvenile	24
Per cent adult fiction	53
Per cent adult non-fiction	23
Per cent adult and juvenile non-fiction	31
Estimated number of visitors	91,200
Monthly average	7,600
Daily average	300

From a librarian's creed are taken these words—"I believe in books: in the power of books to teach, the gift of books to inspire, the efficacy of books to restore and give joy." Such has been the thought in the plans and purpose of the institution this year.

The chief enterprise which the public library is undertaking at the present time is adult education. From figures given at the last meeting of the American Library Association, estimates show that only one-fifth of the population of the United States is provided for by the public school system and sixty-four per cent of school children never get beyond the eighth grade. It is evident that if there is to be an intelligent citizenship, other agencies must be concerned with further education. Leaders assert that the American Public library system is the largest ready made instrument for adult education in the world.

The Auburn Library is participating in this work. It has obtained the courses of reading published by the American Library Association also those prepared by some of the colleges for their alumni. Books recommended by the Federation of Women's Clubs and other lists compiled by authorities on various subjects are available. Short bibliographies on the important questions of the day have been furnished. These have been printed in the Lewiston Daily Sun. Lists of the library's new books or selected best books have been sent to the Young Women's Christian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, the American Legion rooms, Cushman and Hollis shoe factory, and the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Books entitled "English for New Americans" have been purchased to assist those who have taken a course in the evening schools or are studying with a tutor. All through the year special collections have been brought into prominence. They appeared under the headings: "Our Own Land," "Our Own Times," "Maine Products—the Achievements of Her Sons and Daughters," "Maine Literary Products," "Books Connected with the Bowdoin Institute," "Observers of Nature," "The International Mind Alcove," "Books for Sunday School Classes and Young People's Societies." An exhibit of books pertaining

to the work of the church school was placed in the Elm Street church during the Androscoggin Conference of Sunday School teachers.

As the library has a good selection of books on art through the kindness of the Auburn Art Club, National Art Week was made the occasion for presenting interesting phases of the subject: art in the home, art and religion, art and business, art and the child, friends in the art world.

American Education Week was observed with particular regard to good citizenship and education. Effective posters executed by Miss Weeks and placed in stores and public buildings gave publicity to the books.

For the schools, the usual reference work has been done. The latest edition of the Americana was added to the Reference Room, in part for their benefit. Magazine files have been augmented. Books for debaters have been purchased and twenty-five books in the French language to be used as outside reading for the high school classes in French. The course in the use of reference books and other library aids have been given to the pupils of the second year of the junior high school.

Realizing the distance that many students must go to obtain the books that are so necessary now to supplement text-books, the library offers to each teacher a collection for her class-room. To avoid the depletion which sometimes results, it was decided to pay for the loan of Maine State traveling libraries. This year nine school libraries were provided, seven from the Auburn library and two from the State.

As a school project, there was co-operation in making Book Week a success. Through the interest of the Art Department of the schools, the pupils prepared posters for the occasion. Classes in English wrote about their favorite books. This work of the young people was displayed in the library and drew many visitors. During the week there were reserved copies of standard books for children and aids in book selection.

At the end of the school year, a letter was sent to every school in the city with the invitation to enjoy the public library during the vacation.

In the Children's Room there are 1,405 registered borrowers. The number of volumes issued for home use was 21,019 of which 7,102 are classed as non-fiction. United States history is as popular with many boys as fiction. One boy upon being asked if he was taking out his book for school use, replied, "no, reading them for the fun of it, Gen'ral Grant's in this one." A set of biography entitled "True Stories of Great Americans" is much enjoyed by boys. The work of the Children's Room is an excellent basis for adult education. The girl who wishes to make the Christmas candy for the family, or to find a piece to speak, the boy who desires to make a doll's bed for his sister, to teach his dog to carry things, or is anxious to understand his new chemistry set—all come to the library for a book. Boys and girls, remembering how happily their problems have been solved, will gain still greater benefit from the library as they grow older. Indeed, now, when they attain the junior high school age, it is with sparkling eyes and straightening shoulders that they receive the assurance that they may use the adult department.

The Story Hour on Saturday afternoons during the winter attracts an interested group of children. By request of the children, one Story Hour was conducted by the children themselves. In vivid style they told about the boy who stopped the leak in the dike, the Pied Piper of Hamelin and Jason and the Golden Fleece, occasionally relating a story from their own imagination. Several times during the summer a Story Hour was held on the play-grounds of the city, thereby introducing the

library to some children who never had shared in the pleasures of the Children's Room.

This last summer, on account of the lack of stack room a re-arrangement of the library became necessary. All the books, class by class, were carefully considered. Many worn-out volumes were discarded. Duplicates and other books not in common use were carried down stairs, across the boiler room and placed on temporary shelves in the basement corridor and storeroom. These volumes were marked to indicate their new position in the building and a like record made on the shelf-list that the location of all books might be known without the library attendants leaving the main floor. The need of provision for the third floor of the stack room has been presented in previous reports. Again it is urgently stressed.

At this time, I wish to mention a suggestion which has been made to the library—that room be made in the building for the collections of the Androscoggin Historical and Antiquarian Society. This would render them more accessible to visitors and beneficial to the schools. Surely, it is most fitting that the library should be the home where are preserved the traditions of the city, a center of culture where may be fostered love of the beautiful in art, as well as a source of education and inspiration.

This year an effort has been made by all members of the staff to give more efficient service to the library. Miss Weeks attended a summer school in art, the value of which to the library is seen in attractive posters and lettering. Miss Beckler attended the Conference of New England Libraries, and Miss Whitehouse, the Institute conducted by the Maine Library Commission. The librarian attended both these conferences and visited the Library of Congress, the New York public library, and the Newark public library.

In closing, I desire to express to the Trustees my appreciation of their helpful interest and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIANA LUNT,  
Librarian.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Auburn, Maine, December 31, 1925.

C. S. Cummings,  
Mayor and City Manager,  
City of Auburn.

I am submitting to you the activities of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

Including Inventory of supplies and equipment, eighty-eight breaks, and Larceny, cases have been reported and recorded on the record book kept for that purpose, you note value of goods stolen and value of goods recovered on another sheet, where you will find other figures to show that the patrolmen, have efficiently performed their duties.

I wish to thank you for your ever ready advice and co-operation in helping me in the duties of my office. Also I extend to the officers of this department, my many thanks for their hearty co-operation.



## RECORD OF OFFENCES

Assault and Battery	20
Assault	1
Adultery	2
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	4
Breaking and Entering	2
Committed to Insane Hospital	5
Cruelty to Animals	
Cheating by False Pretense	3
Deserter from U. S. Army	1
Driving Past a Street Car discharging passengers	2
Driving to left of traffic beacon	23
Depositing grass in the street	1
Discharging a revolver unlawfully	1
Driving away from an accident without making self known	1
Embezzlement	1
Forgery	2
Having liquor in possession without a Federal permit	1
Having mash in possession which would produce Intoxicating liquor	1
Intoxication	79
Intoxication and Disturbance	14
Illegal Manufacture of liquor	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Larceny	24
Lewd and Lascivious Co-habitation	2
Larceny by Embezzlement	1
Malicious Mischief	6
Manslaughter	1
Maintaining House of Ill Fame	1
Non-Support	5
Nuisance	1
Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Liquor	13
Operating with cut out open	1
Operating without a license	5
Obtaining Goods under false pretense	1
Passing Auto on brow of hill	1
Unlawful possession of liquor	7
Uttering Fraudulent check	2
Unlawful Transportation of liquor	2
Unlawful Possession of Intoxicating Beer	1
Receiving stolen goods	1
Reckless driving of Auto	6
Riding bicycle on sidewalk	3
Removing and concealing personal property	2
Rape	1
Search and Seizure	3
Speeding of Autos	58
Single sale of liquor	1
Safe Keeping	2
Selling Mortgaged property	1
Track Walking	2
Threatening to commit an offence	2
Taking Auto without permission from owner	1
Threatening to do violence	1
Violation of parole	1
Violation of Light law	1
Vagrancy	3

## CASES DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS

Appealed	21
Bound over	16
Bound Over to keep peace	2
Committed to jail	59
Continued for sentence	5
Committed to Insane Hospital	5
Committed to State School for boys	1
Discharged	16
Delivered to officers of other cities	17
Forfeited Bonds	1
Given time to pay fine	10
Mittimus held	3
Nol Prossed	8
Paid and Discharged	132
Placed on Probation	10
Placed on file	12
Sentence suspended	11
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## NATIONALITY OF THOSE ARRESTED

Americans	137
Canadians	3
English	4
Finnish	1
French	120
Greeks	3
Hebrews	12
Irish	40
Italian	3
Indian	1
Norwegian	1
Polish	2
Swede	1
South American	1
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Number of lodgers for year	150
Number of Autos licensed for year	77
Received for same	\$96 25
Paid City Treasurer	96 25

## Miscellaneous

Goods reported lost or stolen, to the value of	\$7,636 33	
Goods found and returned, to the value of	6,031 00	
Goods not recovered, value of	1,605 33	
Accidents attended and Complaints answered		240
Doors found unlocked after closing hours		94
Chemical called, Times		2
Goods found outside after closing hours		1
Value of same	\$3 00	
Dangerous places found in streets and reported		56
Dogs and Cats shot		20
Horses shot		1

Lost children found and returned to parents	16
Boys rescued from Island	2
Loose horses returned to owner	2
Runaway Girls found and returned to parents	1
Officers fees due city, from Auburn Municipal Court, from July 1st, 1925, to Jan. 1st, 1926	\$265 66

See Auditor's report for expenditures and receipts.

HARRY W. ROWE,  
Chief of Police.

Auburn, Maine.

## REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR

To the Mayor and City Council  
Auburn, Maine:

I hereby submit for your consideration my second annual report as City Solicitor of the City of Auburn.

During the past year the legal work for the City considerably more than doubled over that of the preceding year, although we had very little litigation over City affairs. We brought no suits with the exception of a Bill in Equity against N. F. Woodbury to restrain him from further completing his apartment house in violation of our Building Code. Justice Morrill granted a temporary injunction restraining him from further completing his building. Further hearings in this matter will soon be held as to the final disposition of this case.

Several small claims have been adjusted to save litigation, but on the whole I consider the City of Auburn most fortunate in concluding the year 1925 with so little litigation.

During the year I served on various Committees with the City Manager, Mayor, etc., with the purpose of investigating the matters referred to us, all of which are well known to your Honorable body and which are not of sufficient importance to report in full.

It has been a real pleasure to have worked with the Mayor and Council during the past year and I thoroughly appreciate the confidence you have placed in me, for if I recall correctly, every recommendation or opinion I have given has been sustained and approved by your Honorable body.

Most respectfully submitted,

F. H. LANCASTER, City Solicitor.

**REPORT OF  
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
1925**

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Auburn:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

During the year ending December 31, 1925, I have tested and sealed the following:

480	Scales of all kinds
917	Weights
63	Liquid Measures
178	Measuring Pumps

The scales and measuring devices, pumps, etc. in this city are in a very accurate and satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. WILLARD,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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## REPORT OF AUBURN WATER DISTRICT

The Auburn Water District was able to pay \$43,000.00 on Bonds which came due during 1925.

An auxiliary reservoir was constructed on Merrill Hill to hold a reserve supply while the old reservoir was cleaned and repaired. On refilling the old reservoir, it was found that leakage amounting to 125,000 gals. per day had been stopped. This had reduced the power bill about \$150.00 per month.

A new foundation was put under the Storehouse on So. Goff St. and the roof shingled.

3802 feet of mains were laid during 1925.

There were 67 new house connections made. One new hydrant was set: Turner St. near residence of Harold White.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE J. COOK, Superintendent.

December 31, 1925.

## REPORT OF AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

This year the Auburn Sewerage District laid 3065 feet of Sewers. This was the total of 15 different jobs varying from a small lateral sewer 8" in diameter to the large trunk Sewer in the gully, 48" in diameter.

The outstanding work of the year was the relaying of the old Sewer on Hampshire St. between Turner and Spring Sts. with a 24" vitrified pipe imbedded in concrete.

Work was continued on the Linden St. Brook Sewer. 353 feet was constructed this year.

200 ft. of 33" Sewer was built along the brook at Center St. above Newell Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE J. COOK, Superintendent.

December 31, 1925.