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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY OF AUBURN
MAINE



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
January 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926

PRESS OF
MERRILL & WEBBER COMPANY
AUBURN, MAINE

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CITY OFFICIALS, 1926



COUNCIL

Fred R. Walton, *Mayor*

Frank L. McGibbon, Ward 1

Lloyd H. McFadden, Ward 3

Fred P. Taylor, Ward 2

Everett B. Gilman, Ward 4

Hector O. LaFayette, Ward 5

Clerk, George W. Bumpus

City Solicitor, Fred H. Lancaster

Manager, F. W. Ford, Jr.

Auditor, George A. Arnold

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*

G. B. Hodgdon

Helena C. Rogers

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor Fred R. Walton *Ex-officio*

George S. Barton, *President*

Adrien D. Richard

John A. Slocum

Mrs. Carrie Peables Cushman

Fred B. Greenleaf

Chas. W. Eaton

Mrs. Myrtle Pierce Williams

Mrs. J. A. Ness

Herbert W. Getchell

Edward F. Kenney

PLANNING BOARD

H. E. Bumpus, *Chairman*

S. G. Smith

C. C. Abbott

Superintendent of Schools—G. R. Gardner.

Judge of Municipal Court—Neal A. Donahue.

Recorder of Municipal Court—A. E. Verrill.

Health Officer—Dr. C. E. Williams—Dr. L. J. Dumont.

Superintendent of Streets—F. W. Ford, Jr.

Chief of Fire Department—C. H. Blethen—V. E. Cargion.

Chief of Police—H. W. Rowe.

City Engineer—Clyde H. Stevens.

Clerk of Charities Department—G. A. Arnold.

Police Matron—Mrs. Josephine M. Coombs.

Municipal Nurse—Miss Hildred Whitney.

Inspector of Conveyances—H. W. Rowe.

Inspector of Buildings—C. E. Thomas.

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



Auburn, Maine, December 31, 1926.

Honorable Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

I am submitting herewith the City Manager's report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1926. You will find therein summaries covering the major activities of the various departments together with full reports of the City Auditor, the Treasurer and the Tax Collector.

It is not my intention to lengthen this report with any review of details of the year's work but there are several facts which may well be mentioned at this time.

On January 1st our bonded indebtedness was \$563,500.00. By December 31st it had been reduced to \$521,400.00, that is, \$42,100.00 was paid off, of which \$500.00 was paid from the sinking fund set up in previous years. During the five years previous we had increased our debt at the rate of \$7,200.00 per year. Our tax rate was increased from 33 to 35 mills but from the above noted figures it may be seen that 2½ mills were used in reducing the debt leaving 32½ mills to carry on the City's business.

Our interest charge has been reduced approximately \$1,500 per year by so reducing the debt.

The income estimated for the year was \$810,896.63. The budget appropriations less the reserve fund amounted to \$805,896.63. Our actual income received was \$811,434.90 and the departmental expenditures came to \$810,017.53. When it is considered that we have a balance of \$4,821.51 due from the State which was estimated to be received this past year; that our disbursements for the relief of the needy were over \$2,500 more than ever before; that the cost of building the Stevens Mills school was \$4,489.70 in excess of the 1925 estimate; and that over \$1,000 extra had to be spent by the Health Department on two hospital cases it will be seen that savings had to be made in other departments of approximately \$13,000 in order to end up the year with a balance of \$1,224.21 with which we closed our books.

Our sprinkling area was increased by placing oil on 7¾ miles of road hitherto not done. This required approximately 18,000 additional gallons of road oil. The special tax levy made for the sprinkling is I believe unsuited to our needs and in the budget for the coming year it has been eliminated and a certain amount added to the Highway budget so that oil and tar may be applied to conform to the needs of the streets. These are purely road construction and maintenance materials and a definite city and rural road program can now be commenced that will show very definite results in a two or three year period.

A new schoolhouse was built at Penley's Corner in addition to the completing of the Steven's Mills School. This construction work was carried on by our own labor.

A new contract was drawn up with the Androscoggin Light Company

whereby the City procures a rate of 6c a kilowatt hour for the lighting of its buildings in place of the 8c rate previously paid. This will constitute a saving of approximately \$400 per year.

The City Farm came within \$2,293.63 of paying for itself a fact that speaks volumes for its superintendence.

95 5/10% of the tax levy was collected. With the business depression that Auburn has been undergoing this is the most creditable showing by the tax collector.

Laurence P. Bearce, City Auditor for several years past resigned in May to enter business and George A. Arnold, an experienced accountant was appointed in his place.

The reorganization of the Health Department following the return of Dr. C. E. Williams to private practice and the appointment of Dr. Ludovic J. Dumont has provided a greater health service and at a very slight increase of cost.

Chief Blethen of the Fire Department retired in November after having given many years of loyal service to the city. Vearned E. Cargion who replaced him as Chief is now building up the department toward a Class B insurance as fast as possible within the City's means.

A snow removal program has been commenced and if a heavy tractor is procured to reinforce the track plows now in service it is hoped to keep at least 150 miles of road open to motor traffic the entire winter. More miles will be kept open if we have only an average snowfall.

Coming as I did to Auburn in February, a complete stranger to its individual problems and to its people, my work was materially lessened by the fine spirit of co-operation which was given to me by the City Council, by the department heads and personnel, and by the people of Auburn. Our problems have been studied and decided, I believe, for the best interests of Auburn as a whole and not for any individual or group interests. I wish to thank at this time those who have helped to make what progress we have made. By such co-operation Auburn can advance and grow to a city of which we all may feel justly proud.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. FORD, JR.,
City Manager.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

E. A. WHITNEY, Chairman

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

VALUATION

Resident, Real Estate	\$12,147,720
Non-Resident, Real Estate	3,832,270
Resident, Personal Estate	3,908,370
Non-Resident, Personal Estate	252,980
Total	\$19,141,340

Number of Polls taxed, 5620—Exempt, 192.

Total Commitment, \$686,807.43—Tax Rate, 35 mills.

Total Sprinkling Tax, \$16,032.67—Rate of Sprinkling, .00185 mills.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Stock in trade valuation	\$2,030,780
Machinery (not taxed as real estate)	332,600
Autos (2338) Valuation	849,775
Musical Instruments (2184) Valuation	203,340
Furniture Valuation	292,465
Live Stock Valuation	138,720
Live Stock Valuation (Exempt)	21,199
Number Horses and Mules 858 Taxed	
Number Cows and Oxen 1774 Taxed	

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

CHAS. M. STARBIRD, Collector

TAX OF 1926

Commitment	\$686,807 43	
Supplemental	747 38	
Sprinkling Commitment	16,032 48	
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	\$703,587 48	
Interest collected in 1926	343 09	
	<hr/>	\$703,930 57
By Treasurer's Receipts	\$670,082 28	
By Abatements	2,460 90	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1927	788 75	
	<hr/>	\$673,331 93
Balance uncollected January 1, 1927		\$ 30,598 64

TAX OF 1925

To collect	\$ 31,235 96	
Cash on hand January 1, 1926	990 88	
Interest collected in 1926	241 31	
	<hr/>	\$ 32,468 15
By Treasurer's Receipts	16,204 68	
By Abatements	301 99	
Cash on hand January 1, 1927	365 00	
	<hr/>	16,871 67
Balance uncollected January 1, 1927		\$ 15,596 48

TAX OF 1924

To collect	\$ 10,126 70	
Interest collected in 1926	6 99	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,133 69
By Treasurer's Receipts	136 31	
By Abatements	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 151 31
Balance uncollected January 1, 1927		\$ 9,982 38

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TAX OF 1923

To collect	\$ 8,790 88	
Interest collected in 1926	54	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,791 42
By Treasurer's Receipts	7 08	
By Abatements	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 10 08
Balance uncollected January 1, 1927		\$ 8,781 34

TAX OF 1922

To collect	\$ 4,211 21
Nothing collected.	

TAX OF 1921

To collect	\$ 3,363 53
Nothing collected.	

TAX OF 1920

To collect	\$ 3,943 20
Nothing collected.	

TAX OF 1919

To collect	\$ 1,592 50
Nothing collected.	

TAX OF 1918

To collect	\$ 2,406 79
By Treasurer's Receipts	2 00
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Balance uncollected January 1, 1927 \$ 2,404 79

TAX OF 1917

To collect	\$ 2,428 57
By Treasurer's Receipts	2 00
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Balance uncollected January 1, 1927 \$ 2,426 57

TAX OF 1916

To collect	\$ 1,974 62
Nothing collected.	

TAX OF 1915

To collect	\$ 1,777 28
Nothing collected.	

1926 SIDEWALKS

To collect	\$ 2,448 70
By Treasurer's Receipts	1,651 15
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Balance uncollected January 1, 1927 \$ 797 55

OLD SIDEWALKS

To collect	\$ 3,170 33
By Treasurer's Receipts	909 93
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Balance uncollected January 1, 1927 \$ 2,260 40

TREASURER'S REPORT

WILLIS P. ATWOOD, Treasurer.

January 1, 1926, Balance on Hand	\$ 3,165 29
December 31, 1926, Rec'd from all sources during year 1926	1,149,605 47
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	\$1,152,770 76
December 31, 1926, Auditor's Vouchers paid during 1926	1,034,409 41
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	\$ 118,361 35

Allocated as follows:

Deposited in National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$ 5,421 32
Deposited in First Auburn Trust Company	112,840 03
Auditor's Receipt for Cash	100 00
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Total	\$ 118,361 35
December 31, 1926, Auditor's Balance	\$ 1,224 21
Auditor's Vouchers unpaid	117,134 14
Treasurer's Check	3 00
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	\$ 118,361 35

REPORT OF CITY AUDITOR

GEORGE A. ARNOLD, City Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1926

	Receipts	Disbursements
ABATEMENTS		
Personal Property		\$ 5 16
Real Estate		8 25
Poll		10 88
Springling		25 82
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		\$ 50 11
ADMINISTRATION		
Council and City Clerk		
Salary of Clerk		\$ 1,500 00
Clerk Hire		520 00
Fees	\$ 1,381 88	
Licenses	217 55	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		603 20
Telephone and Telegraph and Miscellaneous		37 60
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	\$ 1,599 43	\$ 2,660 80
Mayor's Office		
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 15 45
Salary of Acting Manager		437 49
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		\$ 452 94

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Manager's Office

Salary		\$ 4,375 01
Clerk Hire		516 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		65 27
Telephone and Telegraph		35 33
Liability Bond Premium		9 50
Operation of Auto		202 46
Traveling Expenses		51 45
Equipment		212 10
Maintenance of Equipment		1 19
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		\$ 5,468 31

Purchasing Department

Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		\$ 87 14
Telephone and Telegraph		14 85
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		\$ 101 99

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION

\$ 1,599 43	\$ 8,684 04
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BUILDING INSPECTION

Labor		\$ 144 00
Transportation		12 43
Fees	\$ 89 00	
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	\$ 89 00	\$ 156 43

CHARITIES

Administration

Telephone and Telegraph		\$ 5 20
Transportation		19 94
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		9 72
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		\$ 34 86

Outside Relief

Professional Services		\$ 85 50
Refund (Cities and Towns)	\$ 1,838 80	
Refund (State)	2,168 08	
Refunds (Individual)	69 50	
Mothers' Aid	1,471 00	2,766 00
Insane Relief		46 90
Insurance		39 08
Board and Care of Persons		1,897 82
Fuel		2,218 32
Transportation		57 34
Rent		2,411 06
Clothing		110 54
Provisions		4,945 46
Drugs, etc.		25 22
Burials		144 87
Dependent Children (State)		692 06
Water Rent		11 00
Light		3 52
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	\$ 5,547 38	\$ 15,454 69

TOTAL CHARITIES—ADMINISTRATION
AND OUTSIDE RELIEF

	\$ 5,547 38	\$ 15,489 55
City Farm and Almshouse		
Salary of Superintendent		\$ 1,500 00
Labor	\$ 8 50	1,948 27
Special Services		10 00
Sales of Produce	3,263 63	
Sale of Stock and Equipment	4,756 87	
Refunds (Individual)	1,052 00	
Equipment and Land Rental	288 00	
Telephone and Telegraph		2 85
Burials		94 95
Light		138 68
Repairs to Buildings		406 07
Maintenance of Equipment		353 85
Horse Shoeing		95 25
Stock		616 02
Fuel		1,158 44
Drugs, etc.		31 18
Provisions,		1,841 52
Forage		2,016 30
Fertilizer and Seeds		297 11
Supplies and Equipment		694 99
Laundry		70 40
Veterinary Services		149 58
Ice		4 16
Advertising		8 81
Rental of Equipment		2 00
Insurance		175 00
Operation of Truck		47 20

Frank Boomer Fund

\$ 9,369 00	\$ 11,662 63
\$ 180 50	\$ 180 50

CONTRIBUTIONS

Memorial Day	\$ 200 00
Ball Grounds	30 00
Spanish War Veterans	50 00
Dental Clinic	350 00
Playgrounds	150 00
July Fourth Celebration	500 00
Maine Publicity	500 00
Chamber of Commerce	50 00
	\$ 1,830 00

BANK STOCK TAX	\$ 5,286 54	
CORPORATION TAXES FROM STATE	2,335 79	
COUNTY TAX		\$ 39,110 82
CURRENT TAXES	654,765 61	
DAMAGES		10 69
DEBT REDEMPTION		
Sinking Fund	2,250 00	18,000 00
Serial Bond and Note Payment		23,600 00
	\$ 2,250 00	\$ 41,600 00
DELINQUENT TAXES	\$ 16,102 49	

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EDUCATION

Administration		
Salary of Superintendent		\$ 3,800 00
Clerk Hire		1,201 78
Labor on Supplies		24 62
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		508 49
Sales and Refunds	\$ 4 75	
Grants	800 00	
Telephone and Telegraph		131 44
Bond Premium and Insurance		4 75
Transportation and Operation of Auto		639 40
Equipment and Maintenance of Equipment		17 87
Freight and Cartage		77
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	\$ 804 75	\$ 6,329 12
Common Schools		
Instruction		\$ 99,923 89
Clerk Hire		752 00
Janitors		8,123 85
Special Services		799 59
Tuition	\$ 166 67	
Rent	54 00	
Sales and Refunds	92 05	
Grants	32,197 46	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		42 14
Telephone and Telegraph		330 90
Light		508 02
Transportation		9,745 25
Freight and Cartage		251 18
Equipment		968 58
Maintenance of Equipment		194 03
Textbooks		3,011 24
Supplies		2,744 92
Fuel		7,457 03
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	\$ 32,510 18	\$ 134,852 62
Evening Schools		
Instruction		\$ 855 00
Grants		
	\$ 1,140 00	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		17 50
Textbooks and Supplies		9 14
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	\$ 1,140 00	\$ 881 64
High School		
Instruction		\$ 43,346 76
Clerk Hire		755 75
Janitors		1,566 04
Special Services		156 20
Tuition	\$ 4,327 85	
Sales and Refunds	96 68	
Grants	200 00	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		112 95
Telephone and Telegraph		89 79
Light and Power		156 34
Freight and Cartage		44 79

Equipment		254 77
Maintenance of Equipment		25 35
Textbooks		2,305 04
Supplies		1,131 75
Fuel		624 32
Rent		25 00
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	\$ 4,624 53	\$ 50,594 85
Manual Arts		
Instruction		\$ 11,272 42
Sales and Refunds	\$ 4,328 58	
Light and Power		232 52
Equipment		49 72
Maintenance of Equipment		149 26
Freight and Cartage		1 17
Lumber and Supplies		1,169 57
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	\$ 4,328 58	\$ 12,874 66
School Property Maintenance		
General City Buildings		\$ 4,304 89
General Rural Buildings		3,669 00
High School		299 15
Insurance		1,164 97
Sales and Refunds	\$ 4 45	
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	\$ 4 45	\$ 9,438 01
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 43,412 49	\$ 214,970 90
ELECTIONS		
Salaries		\$ 2,025 50
Election Officers		600 00
Clerk Hire		346 00
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		429 72
Equipment		2 00
Construction and Repair Booths		78 08
Telephone		1 35
		<hr/>
		\$ 3,482 65
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT		
Salary		\$ 1,999 92
Fees	\$ 140 00	
Sales	33 27	
Traveling Expenses		19 50
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		21 53
Operation of Auto		278 02
Repair Parts		29 15
Supplies and Equipment		64 46
Telephone and Telegraph		84 73
Light, Heat and Power		340 90
Annunciator	290 75	21 85
Fire Alarm System		
Labor		452 05
Material		874 48
Insurance		80 00
Rental of Equipment		20 75
Power		80 19

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Inspection of Alarm	47 26
Police Alarm System	
Labor	1 00
Material	87 22

\$ 464 02	\$ 4,503 01
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ENGINEERING

Salary of Engineers	\$ 478 75
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	31 33
Telephone and Telegraph	2 25
Supplies and Equipment	11 42
Tax Map	104 25
Maintenance of Equipment	47 02

\$ 675 02

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Assessors' Office

Salaries of Board	\$ 2,750 00
Clerk Hire	254 08
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	195 43
Telephone and Telegraph	17 20
Transportation	47 00
Maintenance of Equipment and Equipment	15 06

\$ 3,278 77

Auditor's Office

Salary	\$ 2,549 96
Clerk Hire	542 00
Outside Auditor	75 00
Sales	\$ 3 38
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	293 22
Telephone and Telegraph	20 69
Bond Premium	1 90
Equipment	41 60
Recording and Collecting Tax Deeds	1 50
Maintenance of Equipment	16 05
Check Insurance	63 75

\$ 3 38	\$ 3,605 67
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Tax Collector's Office

Salary	\$ 1,800 00
Clerk Hire	57 50
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies	383 46
Telephone and Telegraph	4 00
Bond Premium	38 00

\$ 2,282 96

Treasurer's Office

Salary	\$ 120 00
Bond Premium	38 00
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	10 00
Certification of Bonds and Notes	67 50

\$ 235 50

Lewiston and Auburn Railroad (Clerk)	\$ 12 50
TOTAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS	\$ 3 38
	\$ 9,415 40

FIRE PROTECTION

Salary of Chief		\$ 1,820 00
Regular Men		17,474 50
Part Time Men		7,082 44
Specials and Substitutes		162 16
Sales	\$ 139 65	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		17 54
Telephone and Telegraph		199 78
Light		270 52
Fuel		1,361 95
Laundry		83 94
General Supplies		149 68
Gasoline and Oils		269 22
Maintenance of Trucks and Equipment		509 62
Board and Care Teams		632 94
Bonds and Licenses		1 90
Equipment		610 82
Traveling Expenses		41 36
Miscellaneous		3 50
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	\$ 139 65	\$ 30,691 87

GARBAGE REMOVAL

Labor		\$ 1,485 00
Maintenance of Equipment		159 59
Board and Care Teams		603 72
Supplies and Equipment		28 52
Rental of Equipment		336 50
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,613 33

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salary of Health Officer		\$ 3,033 60
Nurse		1,200 00
Plumbing Inspector		300 00
Clerk Hire		210 50
Sanitary Inspector		148 00
Licenses	\$ 86 00	
Refunds	738 48	
Sales	1 00	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		107 64
Medical Services and Supplies		1,213 15
Telephone and Telegraph		25 85
Provisions, Fuel, etc.		302 72
Equipment		18 25
Maintenance of Equipment		30 64
Vital Statistics		24 75
Ice		28 75
Gas		44
Milk Samples		40 32
Traveling Expenses and Operation of Auto		580 38
Burying Animals		61 00
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	\$ 825 48	\$ 7,325 99

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Administration		
Salary of Superintendent		\$ 375 00
Clerk Hire		1,467 50

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Sales	\$ 1,937 37	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		208 62
Telephone and Telegraph		8 63
Light		255 90
Operation of Auto		373 59
Fuel		107 50
Janitors Supplies		8 56
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	\$ 1,937 37	\$ 2,805 30
 Bridges		
Labor		\$ 1,233 74
Material		879 68
Hired Teams and Trucks		21 52
Advertising		20 75
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		\$ 2,155 69
 Catchbasins		
Labor		\$ 1,328 70
Material		70 60
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		\$ 1,399 30
 Cleaning		
Sweepers		\$ 4,977 60
Material		492 00
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		\$ 5,469 60
 Culverts and Drains		
Labor		\$ 666 20
Material		902 20
Refunds	\$ 34 88	
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	\$ 34 88	\$ 1,568 40
 Fences		
Labor		\$ 75 00
Material		36 34
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		\$ 111 34
 Forestry		
Labor		\$ 839 15
Material		40 34
Maintenance of Equipment		4 65
Destroying White Pine Blister		271 20
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		\$ 1,155 34
 Maintenance of Equipment		
Hand Tools		\$ 132 39
Harness		167 19
Wagons and Implements		1,873 54
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		\$ 2,173 12
 New Equipment		
Hand Tools		\$ 788 36
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		\$ 788 36

Operation of Teams and Autos		
Stableman		\$ 1,600 00
Veterinary Services and Supplies		28 12
Board of Horses	\$ 113 75	2,982 73
Shoeing		646 34
Motor Equipment		12,958 45
Waste, Grease and Oils		7,790 10
Rental of Equipment	5,822 60	
Repairs and Rental of Garage		1,169 05
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	\$ 5,936 35	\$ 27,174 79
Sanding Walks and Snow Removal		
		\$ 8,760 26
Sidewalk Maintenance		
Labor		\$ 223 25
Material		28 00
Contract		235 62
		<hr/>
		\$ 486 87
Street Maintenance		
City Streets (Labor)		\$ 18,265 29
City Streets (Material)		778 89
City Streets (Hired Teams and Trucks)		365 20
Rural Roads (Labor)		17,943 91
Rural Roads (Material)		252 39
State Patrol		712 30
Pavement	\$ 64 16	\$ 444 25
Refunds	77 38	
Rental of Equipment		87 25
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	\$ 141 54	\$ 38,849 48
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
	\$ 8,050 14	\$ 92,897 85
INTEREST		
Bank Balances	\$ 308 57	
R. R. Stock	2,250 00	
Municipal Bonds and Notes	150 00	\$ 21,852 77
Temporary Loans		7,206 89
Taxes	592 53	
Tax Deeds	1,144 99	
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	\$ 4,446 09	\$ 29,059 66
LAW		
Salary of Solicitor		\$ 500 00
Fees, etc.		480 90
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		\$ 980 90
LIABILITY INSURANCE		
		\$ 4,046 58
LIBRARY		
		\$ 8,500 00
MUNICIPAL BLACKSMITH SHOP		
Labor		\$ 1,377 00
Supplies		418 06
Shoeing	\$ 643 40	
Wagon Repairs, etc.	1,391 90	

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Maintenance of Equipment		10 00
Rental of Equipment	4 50	
Sales	10 28	
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	\$ 2,050 08	\$ 1,805 06

MUNICIPAL COURT

Salary of Judge		\$ 1,500 00
Salary of Clerk		1,600 00
Fees	1,290 05	
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		149 35
Telephone and Telegraph		75 10
Insurance and Miscellaneous		19 40
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	\$ 1,290 05	\$ 3,343 85

PARKS

Edward Little High School		\$ 240 95
Maine Central Railroad		5 28
City Building		50 00
New Auburn		37 50
Pettengill		2,146 13
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		\$ 2,479 86

POLICE PROTECTION

Salary of Marshal		\$ 2,400 00
Patrolmen		20,695 75
Matron		719 71
Sunday Officer		203 50
Specials and Substitutes		117 50
Janitor Service		36 40
Dog Officer		384 50
Municipal Court Fees	\$ 577 35	
Superior Court Fees	885 82	
Public Auto Licenses	52 50	
Refunds	10 20	
Sales	66 90	
Special Services		51 40
Bond Premium		1 90
Postage, Printing, Adv. and Office Supplies		106 47
Telephone and Telegraph		172 33
Light		32 92
Rent		143 00
Board of Prisoners		35 61
Transportation	\$ 12 40	77 01
Operation of Autos and Motorcycle		443 10
Traffic Signs		1,123 09
Fuel		20 50
Janitors Supplies and Laundry		28 71
Supplies and Equipment		112 25
Maintenance of Equipment		28 32
Gas Beacons		1,325 00
Exchange of Auto and Motorcycle		844 50
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	\$ 1,605 17	\$ 29,103 47

PROPERTY

Auburn Hall

Salary of Janitor		\$ 832 00
Rent (60 Court Street)	\$ 1,500 00	
Rent (64 Court Street)	1,500 00	
Rent (68 Court Street)	1,500 00	
Rent (70 Court Street)	500 00	
Rent (Hall)	1,142 50	
Rent (Lodge Rooms)	420 00	
Refunds and Sales	29 22	
Light		218 93
Repairs		491 50
Insurance		657 89
Fuel		888 57
Janitors Supplies		25 61
Water Rent		57 00
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	\$ 6,591 72	\$ 3,171 50

City Building

Salary of Janitor		\$ 1,602 50
Light		618 03
Repairs		578 99
Insurance		92 92
Fuel		657 19
Janitors Supplies		46 62
Rent (Engineering Room)	\$ 174 67	
Rent (Waterboard Rooms)	500 00	
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	\$ 674 67	\$ 3,596 25

PROPERTY (OTHER)

Armory Block

Cafe, Tenement and Office		
Rent (Armory and Barber Shop)	\$ 373 33	
Rent (Cafe at 40 Hampshire Street)	560 00	
Rent (Tenement 48 Hampshire Street)	39 00	
Repairs		\$ 408 89
Light		91 13
Water Rent		28 00
Fuel		76 25
Janitor		20 00
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	\$ 972 33	\$ 624 27

Engine Houses

Repairs	\$ 851 24	
Insurance	26 59	
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	\$ 877 83	

Fountain

	\$ 13 60	
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River Road Storehouse

Repairs	45 40	
Insurance	115 00	
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	\$ 160 40	

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Old City Building	\$ 20 59	\$ 20 59
Garage Avenue Lot		3 75
384 Court Street	460 00	14 00
36 Manley Street	540 00	115 96
Oak Street House	275 00	14 98
Troy Street Stables and Shop Repairs		247 56
Land Rental	120 00	
TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY	\$ 2,387 92	\$ 2,092 94
REFUSE REMOVAL		
Labor		\$ 5,867 05
Incinerating Furnace		236 84
Maintenance of Equipment		1 90
Rental of Equipment		460 00
Miscellaneous		4 78
		\$ 6,570 57
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Salary		\$ 90 00
Fees	\$ 192 28	192 28
Supplies	.	16 58
	\$ 192 28	\$ 298 86
SEWER SERVICE		\$ 5,000 00
SPRINKLING		
Assessments	\$ 15,661 97	
Horse Drawn		
Labor		\$ 545 20
Maintenance of Equipment		67 56
Oiling		
Labor		1,941 70
Material		11,623 01
Rental of Equipment		1,601 68
	\$ 15,661 97	\$ 15,779 15
STATE TAX		\$130,424 79
STREET LIGHTS		14,449 45
STONE CRUSHER		
Labor		\$ 492 88
Material		817 29
		\$ 1,310 17
TAX DEEDS	\$ 7,357 90	\$ 8,251 20
WATER SERVICE		3,000 00
1925 CASH BALANCE AND ACCOUNTS	\$ 2,946 05	
OPERATION TOTALS	\$795,624 80	\$758,615 05

CHESTNUT STREET CUT-OFF

Labor and Engineering		\$	840	00
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		\$	840	00
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CROSSWALKS AND CATCHBASINS

Labor		\$	432	25
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Material			507	47
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Rental of Equipment				80
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		\$	940	52
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STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

East Auburn Road (First Class)

Labor		\$	5,420	21
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Material			2,286	53
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Refunds	\$ 15,362	58		
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Rental of Equipment			504	00
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Maintenance of Equipment			122	20
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Contract			24,742	17
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	\$ 15,362	58	\$ 33,075	11
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Manley Road (Third Class)

Labor		\$	4,557	62
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Material			121	14
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Rental of Equipment			2,770	30
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Grants	\$ 7,449	16		
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	\$ 7,449	16	\$ 7,449	06
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Mechanic Falls Road (Work Contracted for and
Paid for by State)

Labor		\$	2,018	10
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Refunds	\$ 2,037	10		
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	\$ 2,037	10	\$ 2,018	10
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TOTAL STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

	\$ 24,848	84	\$ 42,542	27
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PROPERTY PURCHASES AND SALES

Stevens Mills School

Labor			3,064	20
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Material			4,312	93
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Rental of Equipment			85	00
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Equipment			1,774	82
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Contract			2,888	21
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Insurance			112	50
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Transportation			95	25
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		\$ 12,332	91	
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Perkins Ridge School

Equipment		\$	201	69
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Proceeds Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$	30	02	
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	\$	30	02	\$ 201
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Penley's Corner School

Advertising		\$	5	33
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East Auburn School Lot		\$ 25 00
Fire Alarm Station		
Material		\$ 3 72
Proceeds Bond Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 59 71	
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	\$ 59 71	\$ 3 72
Jordan Pasture (Rental)		\$ 30 00
American Legion Lot and Building	\$ 20,000 00	\$ 21,500 00
Sale of Gravel Pit	\$ 205 00	
Webster School Lot		
Proceeds Bonds Issue and Accrued Interest	\$ 142 55	
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TOTAL PROPERTY PURCHASES AND		
SALES	\$ 20,437 28	\$ 34,098 65
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION		
Engineering and Labor		\$ 207 00
Assessments Previous to 1926	\$ 909 93	
Assessments 1926	1,651 15	
Material		14 75
Contract		4,777 43
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	\$ 2,561 08	\$ 4,999 18
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVE-		
MENTS	\$ 47,847 20	\$ 83,420 62
TEMPORARY LOANS	\$ 350,000 00	\$ 350,000 00
STOCK	195 82	759 85
DOG DAMAGES	73 00	73 00
DOG LICENSES	1,408 91	1,033 00
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	13 42	13 42
SOLDIERS BURIAL	300 00	300 00
PENSIONS	2,745 84	2,769 84
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	\$ 354,736 99	\$ 354,949 11
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DIS-		
BURSEMENTS	\$1,198,208 99	\$1,196,984 78
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1926		\$ 1,224 21
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	\$1,198,208 99	\$1,198,208 99

YOUR TAX DOLLAR

What Your Tax Dollar Did

During the Year Ending December 31, 1926

	Expense	Income	Taxation (net cost)	Proportionate Part of \$1.00
Abatements			50.11	.00008
Administration	8,684.04	1,500.43	7,084.61	.01
Building Inspection	156.43	89.00	67.43	.0001
Adm. and Outside Relief	15,489.55	5,547.38	9,942.17	.014
City Farm	11,662.63	9,369.00	2,293.63	.003
Contributions	1,830.00		1,830.00	.002
County Tax	39,110.82		39,110.82	.058
Damages	10.60		10.60	.00002
Debt Redemption				
Serial Bonds and Notes Payment	23,600.00		23,600.00	.03
Sinking Fund Deposit	18,000.00	2,250.00	15,750.00	.02
Education	214,970.90	43,412.49	171,558.41	.26
Elections	3,482.65		3,482.65	.005
Electrical Department	4,503.01	464.02	4,038.99	.006
Engineering	675.02		675.02	.001
Finance and Accounts	9,415.40	3.88	9,412.02	.013
Fire Protection	30,691.87	139.65	30,552.22	.046
Garbage Removal	2,613.33		2,613.33	.003
Health	7,325.99	825.48	6,500.51	.009
Highway Maintenance	92,897.85	8,050.14	84,847.71	.13
Interest				
Municipal Bonds and Notes	21,852.77	2,250.00	19,602.77	.03
Temporary Loans	7,206.89	2,196.09	5,010.80	.007
Law	980.90		980.90	.001
Liability Insurance	4,046.58		4,046.58	.0055
Library	8,500.00		8,500.00	.01
Municipal Court	3,343.85	1,200.05	2,053.80	.0025
Parks	2,479.86		2,479.86	.0037
Police Protection	29,103.47	1,605.17	27,498.30	.04
Property				
City Administration Bldg.	3,596.25	674.67	2,921.58	.004
Refuse Removal	6,570.57		6,570.57	.01
Sealer of Weights and Meas.	298.86	192.28	106.58	.0001
Sewer Service	5,000.00		5,000.00	.007
State Tax	130,424.79		130,424.79	.197
Stone Crusher	1,310.17		1,310.17	.002
Street Lights	14,449.45		14,449.45	.02
Tax Deeds	8,251.20	7,357.90	893.30	.001
Water Service	3,000.00		3,000.00	.004
Catchbasins	940.52		940.52	.001
Sidewalk Construction	4,999.18	2,561.03	2,438.10	.004
State Aid Construction	33,075.11	15,362.58	17,712.53	.02
Chestnut Street Cut Off	840.00		840.00	.001
Property Investments and Sales	34,098.65	20,437.28	13,661.37	.02

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**Resources**

Land and Buildings	(Schedule A)	\$ 739,590 00
Highway Improvements	(Schedule B)	632,274 86
Equipment and Supplies	(Schedule C)	178,925 46
Lewiston & Auburn Railroad Stock		75,000 00
Invested in Water Works	(Schedule D)	30,000 00
Tax Deeds		13,936 71
Municipal Sinking Fund	(Schedule F)	148 94
Sale of American Legion Lot	(Schedule G)	20,000 00
Uncollected Taxes	(Schedule H)	84,795 26
Sidewalks	(Schedule I)	3,057 95
Annunciator and Stock		628 16
Cash advanced for State		24 00
Cash in bank		1,224 21
Total Resources		<u>\$1,779,605 55</u>

Liabilities

Municipal Bonds	(Schedule D)	\$ 494,400 00
Municipal Notes	(Schedule E)	27,000 00
Municipal Proprietary Interest		1,258,205 55
		<u>\$1,779,605 55</u>

SCHEDULE A
LAND AND BUILDINGS

	Land	Buildings	Total
Alarm Station		\$ 13,610 00	\$ 13,610 00
Armory	\$ 3,500 00	4,500 00	8,000 00
Auburn Hall	12,000 00	35,000 00	47,000 00
Central Fire Station	12,000 00	14,000 00	26,000 00
City Building	20,000 00	20,000 00	40,000 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	4,000 00	5,000 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	1,600 00	2,600 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	2,400 00	4,400 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	4,000 00	5,500 00
Total Misc. Property	\$101,825 00	\$151,915 00	\$253,740 00

SCHOOL PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Total
Chamberlain School	\$ 9,200 00	\$ 24,000 00	\$ 33,200 00
Danville Junction School	25 00	1,500 00	1,525 00
East Auburn School	50 00	1,350 00	1,400 00
Franklin School	1,200 00	9,000 00	10,200 00
Edward Little High School	11,600 00	82,000 00	93,600 00
Lincoln School	1,000 00	10,000 00	11,000 00
Merrill Hill School	800 00	8,000 00	8,800 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	20,000 00	23,700 00
Washington Street School	35 00	2,600 00	2,635 00
Gowell School	1,000 00	1,700 00	2,700 00
West Auburn School	25 00	1,800 00	1,825 00
Auburn Plains School	25 00	1,200 00	1,225 00
Eveleth School	25 00	1,200 00	1,225 00
Haskell's Corner School	50 00	1,200 00	1,250 00
Hotel Road School	25 00	1,200 00	1,225 00
Jordan School	25 00	1,200 00	1,225 00
Littlefield's Corner School	35 00	1,400 00	1,435 00
North Auburn School	35 00	1,800 00	1,835 00
Penley's Corner School	25 00	3,500 00	3,525 00
Plummer School	25 00	1,600 00	1,625 00
Rowes Corner School	50 00	4,000 00	4,050 00
Wilson School	3,500 00	10,000 00	13,500 00
Lake Street School	8,601 00	90,000 00	98,601 00
Poland Road Lot	2,875 00		2,875 00
Marstons Corner School	325 00	2,500 00	2,825 00
Perkins Ridge School	100 00	3,770 00	3,870 00
Stevens Mills School	1,800 00	20,000 00	21,800 00
Unused School Property	35 00	325 00	360 00
Total Movable Property	\$ 74,005 00	\$411,845 00	\$485,850 00
Total City Property			\$739,590 00

SCHEDULE B

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

	Dec. 31, 1924	1925 Additions	Dec. 31, 1925
Bridges			
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	7,000 00		7,000 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	\$105,115 00		\$105,115 00
	\$ 43,897 24		\$ 43,897 24
Pavements			
Bituminous Macadam	\$147,315 54	\$ 33,075 11	\$180,390 65
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
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	\$470,934 84	\$ 33,075 11	\$504,009 95
Sidewalks			
Tar	\$ 25,000 00		\$ 25,000 00
Brick	27,000 00		27,000 00
Cement	71,265 73	\$ 4,999 18	76,264 91
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Total Highway Improvements			\$632,274 86

SCHEDULE C

	Equipment	Supplies	Total
Administration Offices	\$ 1,195 50	\$ 127 00	\$ 1,322 50
Charities—Adm. Offices	30 00	10 00	40 00
Charities—City Farm	8,255 10	2,210 58	10,465 68
City Electrician and Alarm Station	14,645 50		14,645 50
Education	27,025 00	21,250 00	48,275 00
Elections	564 12		564 12
Engineering	463 00	1 00	464 00
Finance and Accounts Offices	674 35	111 55	785 90
Fire Department	35,261 33	255 36	35,516 69
Fire Alarm and Whistle System	13,927 50		13,927 50
Garbage Removal	790 50		790 50
General Government Property	684 10	321 75	1,005 85
Health Department	796 27	133 90	930 17
Highway Department	27,875 25	489 00	28,364 25
Municipal Blacksmith Shop	762 75	75 00	837 75
Municipal Court	185 75	248 50	434 25
Police Department and Alarm System	6,428 35	52 35	6,480 70
Sealer of Weights and Measures	208 00	5 10	213 10
Street Lights	13,862 00		13,862 00
Total Movable Property	\$153,634 37	\$ 25,291 09	\$178,925 46

SCHEDULE D
MUNICIPAL BONDS

Refunding Loans

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, 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

\$280,000 00

School Loan

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

\$135,000 00

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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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		\$ 49,400 00

4 % due Jan. 20, 1933	\$ 30,000 00	\$ 30,000 00
		<u>\$494,400 00</u>

ANNUAL REPORT

SCHEDULE E

MUNICIPAL NOTES

Municipal Building Notes	\$ 6,000 00	
City of Auburn Fire Notes	15,000 00	
City of Auburn School Notes	6,000 00	
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SCHEDULE F

MUNICIPAL SINKING FUND

Deposited National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$ 148 94
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SCHEDULE G

SALE OF AMERICAN LEGION LOT (OLD CITY BUILDING)

Deposited Savings Account (First Auburn Trust Co.)	\$ 20,000 00
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SCHEDULE H

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1915	\$ 1,777 28	
1916	1,974 62	
Estimate Net for collection 66% ³ / ₄	\$ 2,501 27	
1917 \$2,426.57 Net 75%	1,819 92	
1918	2,404 79	
1919	1,592 50	
1920	3,943 20	
1921	3,363 53	
1922	4,211 21	
1923	8,781 34	
1924	9,982 38	
1925	15,596 48	
1926	30,598 64	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 84,795 26

SCHEDULE I

UNCOLLECTED SIDEWALK TAXES

Previous to 1926	\$ 2,260 40	
1926	797 55	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 3,057 95

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

(On Deposit Auburn Savings Bank)

Lovina Wakefield	\$ 231 20
John E. True	126 26
Stephen Emery	119 29
E. A. Lane	288 80
S. W. Ingalls	120 56
A. B. Bray	122 92
Nancy M. Hill	275 97
Augusta G. Kinsley	134 48
Francena Robinson	110 37
Asa Garcelon	105 73
Lydia M. Hanson	240 10
Sarah S. Preble	173 95
Marion W. Stevens	192 68
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	\$ 2,242 31

FRANK BOOMER FUND

Cash in Bank	\$ 2,350 32
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	

JOHN H. POLLARD FUND

Cash in Bank	
National Shoe & Leather Bank	\$ 153 73

March 22, 1927.

I have examined the books of accounts, balance sheet and the receipts and disbursements of the City of Auburn, Maine, as kept by George A. Arnold, 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 have also audited the books and records of the Tax Collector, Charles M. Starbird, and I find the same true and correct.

BERNARD G. EVERETT,
Auditor.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

VEARNED E. CARGION, Chief

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

False	5
Chief	18
Bell	37
Still or Telephone	208

Total	268
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Of this number the Department has responded to two calls in Lewiston.

Hose laid during the year, 28,550 feet.

Chemical used during the year, 2,103 gallons.

Gasoline used during the year, 695 gallons.

FIRE LOSS AND INSURANCE

Value of buildings and contents	\$764,350 00
Insurance on buildings and contents	574,150 00
Estimated loss on buildings and contents	40,923 90
Insurance paid on building and contents	40,231 90
Loss over insurance paid on building and contents	692 00
\$481.34 of the loss given was from fires where the Department was not called.	

INSPECTION

The annual inspection was made by the Chief and Board of Engineers including all factories, schoolhouses and public buildings and fire escapes. Inspections were also made during the year by the Chief and Board of Engineers of alleys and premises where rubbish and inflammable material was likely to collect.

IMPROVEMENTS

The tires on both Pumpers have been changed around and new tube linings on all wheels.

The Central Station has been painted throughout on the main floor. We have installed a new fountain for drinking, to take the place of the tin cups.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Five hundred feet of new hose has been purchased also several miscellaneous tools and pieces of small equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

A complete line of new rubber coats for all men connected with the Department should be obtained. I also make a request for at least two more permanent men.

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

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

DR. LUDOVIC J. DUMONT, Health Officer

This report will necessarily be incomplete as when I took my oath of office, November 8, 1926, there were no available records found in this office.

On October 20, 1926. Miss Elizabeth B. Tighe of Auburn was appointed Clerk.

On November 4, 1926. Mr. Ralph B. Skinner of Auburn, was appointed Sanitary Inspector.

There were 54 calls made on Infectious disease Cases; one Mental Case, made one call pertaining to sewerage; gave a Health Talk to Auburn Teachers; inspected one unsanitary rent, five School buildings and made the following inspections with the Sanitary Inspector.

Bakeries, 5; Industrial Plants, 6; Restaurants, 4; Hotel, 1; Grocery Stores, 9; Confectionery Stores, 3; Creamery, 1; Lodging Houses, 3; Drug Store, 1; Nuisance complaint investigated, 1; Nuisance abated, 1.

The following Laboratory Work was done during the remainder of the year.

Smears for GC., 3 Negative; 1 Positive; Swabs for Diphtheria, 17 Negative; Sputum for Tuberculosis, 2 Negative; Widal Reaction for Typhoid Fever, 1 Positive.

The Sanitary Inspector has made the following inspections: Industrial Plants, 10; Dance Halls, 3; Slaughter Houses, 2; Drug Stores, 11; Grocery Stores, 92; Barber Shops, 17; Confectionery Stores, 29; Restaurants, 33; Hotels, 1; Bakeries, 6; Lodging Houses, 4; Fish Market, 1; Pool Rooms, 3; Variety Stores, 3; Schools, 5; Creamery, 1; Dairies, 27; Dumps, 2; Nuisance complaints investigated, 4; Nuisances abated, 2. Fumigated two Schools, Five Houses and called on three Infectious Disease Cases.

The following Births and Deaths were recorded.

Births: Males, 119; Females, 126; Total: 245. Deaths: Males, 86; Females, 91. Deaths under one year of age: Males, 12; Females, 12; Total: 201.

During the months of November and December the following diseases were reported.

Chickenpox, 55; Diphtheria, 4; Measles, 21; Pneumonia, 5; Scarlet Fever, 6; Whooping-Cough, 12; Typhoid Fever, 1.

We sincerely thank you for your co-operation with us in our department.

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

CHARLES E. THOMAS, Inspector

Building inspections have been made as follows:

Number of permits granted	181
Permits requiring charged inspection	58
Permits not requiring inspection	123

Money collected for inspections and turned over to Auditor, \$89.00.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

F. W. FORD, JR., Supt. of Streets

Late winter snows and a late spring delayed the road program until well into the month of May.

The biggest single item of weakness here in Auburn is insufficient drainage. Year after year it has been necessary to gravel here and there in order to allow traffic over the roads deep in clay and slime. So much of this work was required as to leave only a small percentage of our funds for proper construction. This was especially true last spring.

During the summer many catch basins, culverts and ditches were placed and another spring, the money annually spent on these places can go to eliminating other costly spots.

A few streets were scarified, harrowed and resurfaced with tar. This work was limited, however, by the condition of the steam roller that has long outlived its usefulness. Other roads were patched and oiled and many hills in New Auburn were oiled for the first time. By a definite program in the use of tar and oil, scarifying when necessary, patching all surface breaks and using a second application of binder if required, all residential streets can be brought to very good condition in a two or three year period. Also we can extend a little further into the outskirts each year and hold each piece of newly surfaced road.

The rural districts require culverts and ditches over *all else* and, with a heavy tractor and grader this work can be carried on. Then we can follow with our gravel.

The outstanding work of the year was the construction of Center Street from Turner Street to East Auburn. Toward this piece over three miles in length, the State paid approximately \$76,000.00 while the City contributed \$15,021.00. A mile of the Manley road was constructed and this road can be completed in 1927.

The State has accepted Summer Street to West Auburn as a first class state aid road and work will be commenced in 1927 at the cemetery entrance and extend northward.

By discarding the old Kelly truck, the Seagraves truck and the Oldsmobile there was saved sufficient money to purchase a three ton International truck. With our long hauls the cost of delivery of materials can be cut nearly in thirds.

Another year a second truck should be purchased and then seven of our horses can be eliminated and four Ford trucks done away with. Also a new roller, a heavy grader, and a heavy tractor should be obtained. These units will pay for themselves in a year to a year and a half and give far greater service than we have ever had before.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

HARRY E. BUMPUS, Chairman
STANTON G. SMITH
C. C. ABBOTT

TREES

Various requests for the removal of trees were received and acted upon when it appeared that such trees were a menace to public safety or were causing damage to city and private sewer systems.

The majority of trees removed as a menace to public safety, were so called soft maples which have a tendency to split and break. Those removed because of sewer damages were the above mentioned soft maples

and populars whose root systems are unusually harmful where they may come in contact with sewers or water pipes.

The Planning Board was instrumental in the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the future planting of any species of trees not approved by the Planning Board. The Poplar group and Soft Maples were the trees specifically mentioned in this ordinance.

SCHOOL-HOUSES

After examining a number of sites for a school at East Auburn, the Planning Board agreed to the purchase of the Whitman lot by the School Board.

PARKS

The Planning Board again allowed the use of the Railroad Park for a summer play ground, operated under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A.

Arrangements were made with the City Manager for the construction of a Junior Athletic Field at Pettingill Park. Work started on this project early in December and considerable progress made before weather conditions interfered.

The usual winter activities in Pettingill Park were again carried on from December 20th to February 15th. Ice conditions were generally good and skating proved more popular than ever. The Toboggan slide was in almost constant operation both afternoon and evenings. We are glad to report that no accidents occurred on the slide proper. There was a marked increase in the use of the ski tower. The American Legion were again allowed the privilege of the Park for their Winter Carnival.

STREETS

On application from property owners on Cleveland Avenue a plan for the improvement of that street was approved. The Planning Board also sanctioned the exchange of land with C. Wilson for the purpose of enlarging the entrance at Pettingill Park.

REPORT OF ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH C. KEENE, Electrician

Many changes were made in the Police and Fire Alarm circuits caused by the telephone company renewing their poles on Main, Court, Lake, Cook, Whitney, Goff and Shepley Streets. A great many single poles were renewed in other places. In the coming year it is planned to make other improvements that will better the condition of our alarm circuits.

All the Fire Alarm boxes have been inspected at regular times and painted. We have several boxes of the old red type that should be changed for the non-interfering kind as soon as possible. These boxes are not reliable and will not pass the inspection of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

In the month of December we installed a bell alarm at Lewiston Central Fire Station. This being done, is a big step for a cheaper insurance rate. It assures our Fire Department of quick assistance in case they need help.

The Police Alarm system has given very little trouble during the past year. We have a few very old type boxes that should be replaced with the modern fire call boxes. Also the desk at Police headquarters should be changed for one with the flashlight system. If these changes

were made and a few flashlights installed at different places the small Police Department could do much more efficient work, as they could be reached from headquarters at any time. All boxes have been tested, painted and found O.K. with the exception of those spoken of.

The electric wires and equipment in the City's buildings have given little trouble. We still have a few places that should be rewired for safety.

One hundred eighty four permits were issued for electric wiring and \$134.50 was collected for these inspections.

All public buildings, blocks, stores, factories and tenement houses were inspected with the Fire Chief and Engineers and a few changes recommended.

Indirectly the Forestry Department has been handled through this office for the past year and has proved to be satisfactory.

We removed one oak, one ash, ten elms, sixteen poplars, thirty-eight maples and trimmed forty-eight others as well as taking care of a great many dead limbs.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

REUEL W. SMITH, Treasurer

Receipts

Cash in hands of librarian Jan. 10, 1926	\$	1	41	
Cash on deposit Jan. 10, 1926		26	82	
				\$ 28 23
City of Auburn, annual appropriation		8,500	00	
Rental collections		174	87	
Fines and charges		449	03	
Subscriptions		13	00	
Coupons on bonds		172	20	
Bonds		307	50	
Destroyed books		2	00	
Lost books		11	20	
Lost magazines			85	
Gift from Miss Annie F. Pollard		5	00	
Waste Paper			85	
				9,636 50
				\$ 9,664 73

Expenses

Salaries:		
Librarian	\$	1,380 00
Assistants		3,547 90
Janitor		718 17
Bonds		300 00
Accrued interest on bonds		4 08
Purchase of books		1,956 70
Building and grounds		37 22
Fuel		501 63
Lights		299 86
Express, freight and trucking		2 01
Periodicals		203 19
Supplies		255 88
Binding		137 20

Incidentals	273 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,617 24
Cash in hands of librarian Jan. 10, 1927	2 72	
Cash on deposit Jan. 10, 1927	44 76	
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		\$ 9,664 73

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 & 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 5% bonds of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Last Spring the Brown Company called their bonds which we held at \$102.50 and we had to surrender them. The proceeds from these bonds I invested in bonds of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company purchased at par and accrued interest. This will reduce the income from the bonds slightly but hundred dollar items in bonds are not easy to pick up.

A year ago we established a rental collection of new books and you will note that the returns from this collection amounted to one hundred seventy-four dollars and eighty-seven cents. There have been approximately one hundred volumes in the collection which have cost on an average of just under two dollars apiece.

The amount spent for books this year is about three hundred fifty dollars more than last year, much of the increase going onto the rental collection.

The amount charged for fuel to date is less than last year but the fuel will not carry us till summer.

In the early summer the Maine Library Association met here and your officers did what they could to make it a success, arranging for the use of the rooms in the Y. M. C. A. for the meetings.

At the risk of becoming tiresome I must again refer to the condition of the stacks. For several years we have needed new stacks; the need is imperative now. This year in the manager's preliminary budget an appropriation was included to cover it. As it is now, the Library is out of shape, the books out of place and the work in the Library is seriously handicapped by the lack of stacks. The additional floor can be put into stacks for from thirty-five hundred to four thousand dollars, and we feel this an imperative need and one that the City Government should grant without delay.

The card index has been rewritten this year and the worn out cards replaced by fresh ones. This involves a great deal of work and too much credit cannot be given to Miss Lunt for doing the same.

A year ago I called attention to the fact that the appropriation for this Library was only about forty cents per capita whereas the average for the cities of New England is about sixty cents, whereas the amount which should be appropriated by the cities is said to be one dollar. We feel the Library is handled economically and that everything has been done to obtain value for our money, and we feel we are justified in asking for an increase from the City Government every year, and that this coming year an appropriation of ten thousand dollars would be reasonable with a special appropriation of four thousand dollars to put into new stacks.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Thirty-Sixth Annual Report

GEORGIANA LUNT, Librarian

Number of volumes in the library, January 1, 1926	26,493
added during the year	1,186
removed during the year	115
in the library at end of the year	27,564
Number of pamphlets recorded January 1, 1926	3,952
accessioned during the year	69
removed during the year	8
at the end of the year	4,013
Number of newspapers and periodicals regularly received for a part or the whole year	116
days the library has been open	304
holidays the library has been closed	9
borrowers registered during the year	1,058
borrowers registered since September 1, 1923	7,164
volumes charged during the year	90,519
Increase in circulation over last year	3,169
Monthly average	7,543
Daily average	298
Per cent juvenile	24.5
adult fiction	53.7
adult non-fiction	21.6
juvenile and adult non-fiction	29.7
Number of mounted pictures charged	2,051
Estimated number of visitors for the year	94,110
Monthly average	7,842
Daily average	310

A favorite poster displayed by the library is entitled, "Bringing a New Visitor to the Auburn Public Library." The scene is the upper hall of our building. Two children stand at the entrance to the Children's Room. The older one is bending slightly forward, her hand resting on the arm of the younger one as she presents her to a delightful new world. Indeed, the Children's Room is a gateway to the world of books. To those who enter and acquire the love of books, it means pleasure, optimism, enlightenment, and inspiration throughout their lives.

At times, the Librarian submerged in petty details and checked by the lack of resources does not see the vision so clearly or feel the idealism in her work so deeply. But this year there came a stimulating and broadening experience. It was a great privilege to attend the fiftieth anniversary conference of the American Library Association at Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Twenty-five hundred interested librarians, a comprehensive program, the international character of the conference, the surroundings of the historic city, the messages from federations and associations expressing their dependency upon libraries to meet their cultural needs and to assist in the great work of character and nation building—all these revealed anew the importance of each day in the attainment of a great purpose.

A few items about this convention may not be out of place in this report. From the subject, "Art in the Small Library," came the emphasis on the influence of even a little art and on the accomplishment of one beautiful thing for the library each year.

An important mission of the library was brought out in the inter-

national sessions. Library delegates or diplomatic representatives from twenty-five countries were present. They stressed the thought that on this ground the nations could unite—the spread of culture and civilization—and thus help in attaining the great end of peace and brotherhood.

Most illuminating was an afternoon devoted to "Work with the Foreign Born." Among the speakers was one of the Presidents of the Foreign Language Service Bureau of New York City. At this time some new books in easy English with adult appeal were recommended. One session was given to the publications of America's greatest publisher, the United States government.

Besides the exhibits at the headquarters of the conference, there was an interesting one at the Sesqui-Centennial grounds. Two thousand books of recognized worth selected by the American Library Association had been brought together—an education in itself.

The conference closed with the retiring President's address in which he warned librarians not to let aims and tendencies which are merely material take the place of culture and the finer spiritual qualities of their work. Miss Beckler shared with the librarian the benefit of attendance at these meetings.

During the year the customary methods of spreading information about the books and service of the library have been used, and a few new ones have been tried. For a week the library had a window display in the Auburn Chamber of Commerce through the courtesy of its Secretary. There were books representing nearly every interest. Posters, labels, and statistics helped the invitation to accept its privileges.

Lists of new books have been sent to the newspapers, to several organizations and to some manufactories. The Reading with a Purpose Series, The Viewpoints in Travel, Biography and Drama Series, The Reference Shelf, and other courses of reading have been provided.

A rental collection has been established to furnish extra copies of new fiction. During the year 131 volumes have been purchased for this purpose. From these \$175 have been received and forty-four of the books have been transferred to the regular collection. A deposit of books has been placed in the home of Mrs. Lola R. Strout for the people of East Auburn. Mrs. Strout reports much interest in her "branch."

To the schools the public library is indispensable. The new methods of teaching require much supplementary reading, and the library must meet the needs in the various courses of the curriculum. Thirteen classroom libraries have been sent to schools in the outlying districts. The work of the evening schools has been assisted by books on naturalization and citizenship and stories in simple English.

The usual plans for Children's Book week were carried out. This occasion has become a real help to mothers and teachers as well as a delight to the children. The Librarian has received word from the compilers of the "Survey of Libraries in the United States" that a description of the Auburn Library's activities for Children's Book Week of last year is to be published by the American Library Association. This year, as an additional method of acquainting mothers with the best books for children, the members of the staff accepted invitations to speak at some of the clubs. The Librarian reviewed some of the new books for the Mothers' Club of the High Street Congregational Church. At the Friday Club, Miss Weeks talked about illustrators of children's books and Miss Whitehouse told some stories.

An important piece of work which has been in progress during the year as time would permit is the typing of new cards and the revision of subjects headings for the catalogue. During the summer Mrs. Alice Fletcher was employed as typist.

In June the library was host to the Maine Library Association for its

annual meeting. The Auburn Librarian presided over the meetings as President of the Association. Appreciation is expressed here to the Trustees for their interest—to Mr. Arthur G. Staples and Mr. James E. Philoon for their helpful addresses, and to the others for assistance in making the convention enjoyable.

Many gifts of books and subscriptions to magazines have been received. A Christmas gift was a five dollar bill to be expended for some desired addition to the library. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, from which the adult department receives several new books each quarter of the year, has begun a Junior International Mind Alcove for the Children's Room. Library bequests are increasing all over the country. This is in recognition of the valuable service that is being rendered by public libraries.

The records of our library have shown a steady progress. Out of a population of 17,000 there have been 7,164 borrowers since the last registration of September 1, 1923. With a book stock of 27,564 volumes, the circulation figures have reached the mark of 90,519 volumes borrowed this year for home use. But this has been accomplished under adverse conditions. Books still are stored in basement rooms and halls regardless of their classified order. It is hoped that a special appropriation for the necessary equipment of the stack room may not longer be deferred. No other institution is more representative of the interests of the whole community than the library, and a prompt and efficient service is greatly to be desired.

I wish to thank all those who by gifts, service, or counsel have contributed to the strengthening of the Auburn Public Library this year.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

H. W. ROWE, Chief

We have noted value of goods stolen and value of goods recovered and there are other figures below to show that the patrolmen have efficiently performed their duties.

Seized liquors to the amount of one hundred and twenty-one gallons of alcohol, twenty-three quarts of rum and whiskey have been turned over to the Sheriff, according to law. Two hundred and nineteen quarts of strong beer and fifty gallons of mash for the manufacturing of strong beer, has been spilled, according to law.

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 OFFENSES

Assault and Battery	17
Assault	1
Assault with intent to Rape	3
Assault with a dangerous weapon	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	6
Begging	2
Bathing in Lake Auburn	1
Committed to Insane Hospital	2
Cheating by false pretense	3
Carrying a concealed weapon	1
Cutting corners	2
Desertion	1
Driving without a license	7

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Driving past a Street Car discharging passengers	3
Driving to left of a Traffic Beacon	4
Driving away from an accident without making himself known	1
Embezzlement	1
Evading Taxi Fare	1
Forgery	2
Intoxication	108
Intoxication and Disturbance	20
Illegal Manufacture of liquor	2
Indecent Exposure	1
Illegal Transportation without a Federal Permit	1
Illegal Possession of liquor	5
Illegal Transportation	1
Larceny	12
Lewd and Lascivious Co-Habitation	2
Malicious Mischief	2
Non Support	10
Nuisance	1
Operating a motor vehicle under influence of liquor	8
Obstructing Sidewalk	3
Operating a motor vehicle not properly lighted	1
Passing worthless check	1
Polygamy	1
Unlawful Possession of liquor	6
Uttering fraudulent check	1
Unlawful Transportation of liquor	2
Uttering a forged instrument	1
Using title of Doctor not being registered	1
Receiving stolen goods	6
Reckless driving of Auto	8
Speeding of Autos	43
Single sale of liquor	1
Selling food on the street without a permit	1
Selling mortgaged property	1
Transporting a woman outside of state for immoral purpose	1
Threatening to committ an offence	1
Taking Auto without permission from owner	2
Threatening to do violence	1
Taking indecent liberties with a female child	2
Violation of health law	2
Violation of parking law	1
Violation of plumbing law	1
Vagrancy	4
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CASES DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS

Appealed	29
Bound over	21
Committed to Jail	64
Continued for sentence	8
Committed to Insane Hospital	2
Discharged	8
Delivered to Officers of other cities	11
Case dismissed	1
Defaulted cash bail	1
Forfeited Bonds	2
Given time to pay fine	33
Mittimus (Held)	6

Nol Prossed	5
Paid and Discharged	115
Placed on Probation	6
Put under bonds to keep the peace	1
Placed on file	1
Suspended sentence	10
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NATIONALITY OF THOSE ARRESTED

Americans	129
Canadian	1
French	110
Greek	3
German	1
Hebrews	10
Irish	56
Italian	5
Lithuanian	3
Negro	1
Polish	4
Swede	1
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Number of lodgers for year	200
Number of Autos licensed for year	44
Received for same	\$ 55 00
Paid City Treasurer	55 00

Miscellaneous

Goods reported lost or stolen, to the value of	\$5,112 21	
Goods found and returned, to the value of	4,286 96	
Goods not recovered, value of	825 25	
Accidents attended and complaints answered		214
Doors found unlocked after closing hours		104
Goods found outside after closing hours		3
Value of same	\$ 5 00	
Dangerous places in street found and reported		34
Dogs and cats shot		62
Lost children found and returned to parents		20
Loose horses returned to owner		4
Goods placed in safe keeping		2
Stolen Autos found		8
Bicycle found on street, returned to owner		1
Fire put out without calling Chemical		1

REPORT OF POLICE MATRON

JOSEPHINE M. COOMBS, Matron

I have made one hundred fifty calls besides investiatiing all cases which were brought to my attention, working in hearty co-operation with Chief Rowe and Mr. Arnold. Many letters were written in reference to unfortunate individuals. Ten cases were investigated regarding girls and I talked with them by request of their parents or Chief Rowe.

On March 18th we put on a Drama and Dance for Charity and realized \$170.45 clear of all expenses of which \$83.80 is now on hand, the difference of which was expended on deserving cases.

Thirty-five calls were made before Thanksgiving so that direct information could be had of the conditions of certain families. There were forty-four Thanksgiving dinners sent out, ten of which were paid through the kindness of an Auburn citizen and four from churches, others through contributions from several schools.

At Christmas time many new and useful garments were received together with an order on the Auburn Cash Fuel Company for five tons of coal from a prominent Auburn resident to give to deserving families. There were sixty-four dinners sent out, thirty-four of which were from this Department. Through the kindness of the Knights of Malta a Christmas tree was held at their hall and the Dames of Malta furnished the entertainment. The tree had gifts for the eighty-six small children and refreshments of ice cream, candy and cookies were served.

Fifty-four Dollars (\$54.00) was also received from five different sources of which Twenty-nine Dollars was used for clothing and dinners and Twenty-five Dollars was put into the Drama Fund.

I wish to thank the City Council and all who have been so kind to me in the performance of my duties.

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR

FRED H. LANCASTER, Solicitor

During the year many important matters were referred to me for consideration such as legal opinions on different city matters and the drafting of several new ordinances, the nature of which I will not take the time to describe in detail as they are all more or less familiar.

The September term of the Supreme Judicial Court, our office successfully defended a \$10,000 slander suit brought by N. F. Woodbury against Frank L. McGibbon, our Councilman from Ward One. This case, while a personal action against one of the Councilmen, was an action taken against him for remarks made in a City Council meeting, made, as he says, in the pursuance of his duty. The disposal of this case helped to substantiate advice given your Council to the effect that remarks made by a Councilman in pursuance of what he believes to be his duty and made in public interest without malice that no action can be maintained for slander.

The case of William T. Gillespie, who brought an action against the City of \$1,000 because of damage done to his personal property because of the storm of 1925, was non-suited after a trial in the Supreme Court.

These two cases above mentioned were the only cases of importance in which I have had to appear at Court in the defense of the City.

We have, however, settled many important matters, with particular reference to the claim of the Frank Irving Cooper Corporation against the City in the sum of \$12,000.00. This claim arose from the transaction made by a City Council several years ago, but the liability was handed down to the present Council for adjustment. Honorable Fred R. Walton, your Mayor, and Honorable Fred W. Ford, Jr., your City Manager, ably assisted in the conference in Boston with the Attorneys of the Frank Irving Cooper Corporation, and we effected a settlement for the sum of \$2,000, contingent, however, upon certain action that may be taken with the next five years.

It would appear to me that a city the size of Auburn had been most fortunate this year in having so little real litigation, as aside from the \$2,000 to the Frank Irving Cooper Corporation, we have paid no other claims.

The year 1926 has been a year of real progress to the City of Auburn and my association with your Mayor, City Manager and City Council has been most friendly and I greatly appreciate the fact that I have had full

co-operation in my work with the city officers above mentioned, and I appreciate the confidence they have displayed in me by taking my advice in matters referred to me for opinions and advice.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

F. G. WILLARD, Sealer

During the year the following were tested and sealed:

466 Scales of all kinds
904 Weights
60 Liquid Measures
75 Gasoline Measuring Pumps
157 Oil Measuring Pumps
\$188.78 in fees were collected.

REPORT OF CITY FARM

REX BRIDGES, Superintendent

On December 31, 1926 there are thirteen inmates at the City Farm, nine of whom are male and four female. Of the male inmates, eight are over sixty years of age, five are feeble minded, two blind, three sick in bed and three requiring assistance in dressing. There are four women over sixty years of age, one of whom is feeble minded, one is sick in bed and two requiring assistance in dressing. During the year there have been four who have passed away.

During the year Grube B. Cornish of the State Board of Charities and Corrections visited our institution and he reports the following: Kitchen: very good, Dining room: very good, Sitting rooms: very good, Sleeping rooms: very good, Refrigerator: very good, Care of food supplies: excellent, Sufficiency and suitability of food: satisfactory, Report on character of beds and bedding, whether comfortable: yes, Clean: yes, Free from vermin: yes, General state of repair and cleanliness of buildings: excellent.

Our expenditures for the year were \$11,662.63 and our income from the sale of produce, stock and refunds from individuals for inmates' board a total of \$9,369.00, thereby making a net cost of \$2,293.63 for operation of the City Farm for the year 1926. The average cost per inmate being 43.2 cents per day.



