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of the

Municipal Officers

of the Town of

BINGHAM, MAINE



Year Ending February 15th

1944

**PRESS OF
INDEPENDENT-REPORTER CO.
SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**

JUN 17 1944

TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

EVA D. BACHELDER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

MAURICE ALKINS

C. N. ROBINSON

C. W. DUTTON

Tax Collector

J. L. ANDREWS

Treasurer

J. L. ANDREWS

School Committee

KATHLEEN F. DOE

EDMUND C. MELCHER

CLIFFORD E. KEENE

Health Officer

CHESTER W. HAMMOND, Expired June, 1943

Constables

OLON T. ROBINSON

WALTER E. ROBINSON

CLIFFORD E. KEENE

CLARENCE W. DUTTON

CALVIN CARY

J. LAFOREST ANDREWS

Road Commissioner

LEON H. ATWOOD

Superintendent of Schools

HOLLIS P. INGALLS

Ballot Clerks

EVA D. ATWOOD

MYRTIE CUMMINGS

Public Weigher
P. A. WOODARD

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

ALTON ROBINSON
MAURICE ALKINSALTON B. CARL
ERNEST W. POOLERFire Ward
CLAYTON E. ANDREWS

Fence Viewers

WALTER E. ROBINSON

HAROLD C. DOE

CLAUDE GOODRICH

Budget Committee

ORRIN J. HILL, Chairman

EDMUND C. MELCHER
WALTER E. ROBINSON
EARL R. TAYLOR
SIMEON J. WHITNEY
CONY N. ROBINSON
MAURICE ALKINS
ROBERT C. MOORE
CHARLES A. FOSS
ALLAN P. ROBINSON
HAROLD C. DOE
LEON H. ATWOOD
HAROLD COLLINS
DONALD WHITMANJ. LAFOREST ANDREWS
CLARENCE W. DUTTON
CLAYTON E. ANDREWS
OMAR A. SAWYER
HOWARD L. BOWEN
ALTON B. CARL
WILLIAM W. DURGIN
EVA D. BACHELDER
KATHLEEN F. DOE
CLIFFORD E. KEENE
JOHN CASSIDY
ELMER INGRAHAM
ALLAN QUIMBYTree Warden
EDMUND C. MELCHER

Fire Wardens

EDMUND C. MELCHER

ORRIN J. HILL

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

To the Citizens of the Town of Bingham:

We submit herewith the Annual Report of the standing of your Town for the year ending Feb. 15, 1944.

Again we are pleased to state that financially this has been another successful year, with the bank balance increased to \$7,212.69, the largest balance at the end of the season that this board has been able to report even though \$1,000.00 during the year had been expended directly from our Treasury on our Bonds. Our assets are the most liquid because of net gain in appropriations totaling \$1,817.20 and because of less uncollected taxes and sale of Town owned property.

The decrease in net liabilities for the year as shown on your financial statement amounts to \$2,950.83 and the \$2,000.00 on our bonded indebtedness has been paid. \$1,000.00 by taxation and \$1,000.00 from Treasury as authorized at the last annual Town meeting. Because of the sizable amount of our bank balance the budget committee is recommending that the \$2,000.00 due in 1944 be paid directly from the Treasury and not by taxation. This, of course, will help to keep the rate of taxation down for the coming year, should the citizens so vote.

Your Town debt is now \$24,325.00; less than half of what it was in 1933 and the interest on our bonded debt this year will only be \$840.00 as against \$2,200.00 some years ago.

In a survey that the State of Maine, through its Bureau of Taxation, has been making in the past five years, they find that Bingham has been carrying fairly true valuations while many other towns were not. Because of this we are pleased to report that we were granted a substantial reduction in both our State and County Tax.

The annual municipal audit was made by the State Department of Audit as required by Statute.

At the last session of Legislature we were successful, with the aid of our Representative, to secure three Special Road Resolves.

one for Mahoney Hill, which was expended in 1943, and two to be expended in 1944; one on the Brighton Road and one on the McIntyre Road.

Again we take this opportunity to thank all other Town Officers, the Budget Committee and the Citizens for their support. The cooperation and harmony among us all is reflected in the standing of your Town.

Respectfully,

MAURICE ALKINS,

C. N. ROBINSON,

C. W. DUTTON.

Selectmen of Bingham

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures

	Approp.	Misc. Receipts	Total	Orders Drawn	Un- Expended	Over- drawn
Memorial Day	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$	
Hydrant Rental	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Bond Issue	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Bingham Union Library	150.00	15.00	165.00	165.00		
Bridges	300.00		300.00	293.77	6.23	
Highways and Culverts	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,449.62		299.62
Patrol Maintenance	744.00		744.00	744.00		
Snow Roads and Sidewalks	2,500.00	12.70	2,512.70	2,948.96		436.26
Sidewalks	475.00		475.00	504.40		29.40
3d Class Maintenance	230.00		230.00	219.75	10.25	
Cutting Bushes, 3d Class	50.00		50.00	55.20		5.20
Cutting Bushes	200.00		200.00	202.60		2.60
*Civilian Defense	270.53	129.03	399.56	254.97	144.59	
Cemetery	250.00	63.07	313.07	252.75	60.32	
Fire Department	1,175.00	304.00	1,479.00	1,271.42	207.58	
Fire Hose	225.00		225.00	225.00		
Interest on Bond Issue	910.00		910.00	910.00		
Bandstand	12.00		12.00	13.00		1.00
Public Health Nurse	162.00		162.00	162.00		
Miscellaneous Acct.	2,500.00	1,058.81	3,558.81	3,377.35	181.46	
Town Poor	2,500.00	375.00	2,875.00	2,343.10	531.90	

Street Lights	618.00		618.00	618.00		
Treasurer's Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00		
**Schools, High and Common	8,143.73	4,488.63	12,632.36	12,977.46		345.10
Schools, Industrial Arts	1,467.21	1,000.00	2,467.21	2,467.21		
Schools, Repairs and Insurance	791.19	11.41	802.60	785.94	16.66	
Superintendent of Schools	400.00		400.00	373.61	26.39	
Aid, Dependent Children	500.00		500.00	536.32		36.32
Night Watch	700.00		700.00	525.00	175.00	
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	\$28,398.66	\$7,457.65	\$35,856.31	\$35,651.43	\$1,360.38	\$1,155.50
*Due Civilian Defense Acct. (Leaving unexpended \$186.61)					42.02	
**Due Schools—Tuition (Leaving unexpended \$256.89)					601.99	
Overlay					1,241.86	
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					\$ 3,246.25	
Schools unexpended						273.55
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					1,429.05	1,429.05
					<hr/>	
Net Gain from Appropriations					\$1,817.20	

OTHER ITEMS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
NOT APPLYING TO THE WARRANT

	Receipts	Orders
Receipts and expenditures on appropriation sheet	\$ 7,457.65	\$35,651.43
State tax		5,804.13
County tax		1,160.07
Special Resolve—road	599.90	599.90
Town of Dover-Foxcroft—Hiram Cochrane	22.50	
Town of Stockholm—Alexina Roy	201.35	233.32
Town of Stockholm—adjusted poor account	99.85	
School accounts—tuition—acc. receivable	698.66	
Pleasant Ridge Plantation—accts. receiv.	155.26	
L. S. Bray—Cemetery Trust fund	100.00	
Mae Tupper—Cemetery Trust fund	200.00	
State poor account	1,104.40	1,984.43
O.P.A.—Rationing expense		77.79
Salvage account	606.39	615.89
Temporary loans	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bond issue from treasury		1,000.00
	\$13,245.96	\$49,126.96
Less schools—unexpended 1942-43	12.75	
	\$13,233.21	

RECONCILIATION WITH TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand last settlement	\$ 5,522.10	
Miscellaneous receipts as above	13,233.21	
Received from J. L. Andrews,		
Taxes 1935	18.24	
Taxes 1936	14.71	
Taxes 1937	16.71	
Taxes 1938	3.00	
Taxes 1939	3.36	
Taxes 1940	7.26	
Taxes 1941	221.81	
Taxes 1942	705.43	
Taxes 1943	34,502.07	
Auto taxes to commitment	937.48	
Auto taxes after commitment	1,154.27	
		<u>\$56,339.65</u>
Less orders drawn	49,126.96	
		<u>\$ 7,212.69</u>
Checks in closed banks	\$ 91.61	
Cash on hand	7,121.08	
		<u>\$ 7,212.69</u>

Financial Standing of the Town of Bingham

Outstanding notes and bonds at interest ..	\$24,325.00
Cemetery Trust funds in Treasurer's hands	1,675.00
Excise tax since commitment	1,154.27
Salvage account	233.20
	\$27,387.47
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 7,212.69
Due from J. L. Andrews:	
Taxes, 1938	77.01
Taxes, 1939	52.26
Taxes, 1940	155.60
Taxes, 1941	147.53
Taxes, 1942	241.82
Taxes, 1943	300.71
Due from Pleasant Ridge, Civ. Defense	42.02
Due Frank Grover; Knowles house	75.00
Due Town Poor account, current year	233.32
Due Town Poor account, previous years ..	362.45
Due on State Poor account	1,568.97
Due school account, tuition	601.99
Equity in Spearrin house	531.73
Mosher land	100.00
Estimated costs and interest on taxes	25.00
	\$11,728.10
Liabilities above available resources Feb. 15, 1944	\$15,659.37
Liabilities above available resources Feb. 15, 1943	\$18,610.20
Decrease in net liabilities for year ending Feb. 15, 1944	\$ 2,950.83

General Government

VALUATIONS APRIL 1, 1943

Real estate, resident	\$439,470.00
Real estate, non-resident	189,805.00
	<u>\$629,275.00</u>

Personal estate, resident	\$81,529.00
Personal estate, non-resident	38,755.00
	<u>\$120,254.00</u>

\$749,529.00

Rate of taxation \$45.00 per \$1,000.00
 Tax on valuation of \$749,529.00 less

Poll and excise tax	\$33,728.78
Poll tax, 358 polls @ \$3.00	1,074.00
Excise tax at time of commitment	1,801.94

Total commitment	\$36,604.72
Supplementary tax	222.00

\$36,826.72

TOWN PROPERTY

Fire Engine	\$ 5,000.00
Fire station and outfit	2,640.00
Machinery and tools	100.00
Road machine and sander ..	850.00
Three safes	200.00
Storehouse and lot	800.00
Gravel pit	100.00
High school building	20,000.00
Lot on Owens Street	500.00
School building No. 1	3,000.00
Lot on Main Street	650.00

School building No. 2	2,500.00	
Land north and east of this building	650.00	
Playground and athletic field	2,000.00	
Mosher land	100.00	
		————— \$39,090.00

OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES

Serial Bonds, due \$2,000.00 per year	\$24,000.00	
Juliette Adams Est. Note No. 8	225.00	
Nellie Murray Est. Note No. 10A	100.00	
		————— \$24,325.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Amount raised	\$ 2,500.00	
State of Maine, bank stock tax	45.90	
Fred Ellis, old lumber	5.00	
State of Maine, bear bounty	10.00	
State of Maine, R. R. & Tel. tax	4.06	
State of Maine, dog license refund	64.45	
Mayne McLaughlin, bal. house account	35.00	
Eva D. Bachelder, misc. licenses	4.00	
C. N. Robinson, salary refund	25.00	
M. Alkins, misc. licenses	11.00	
M. Alkins, Frank Grover house account ..	325.00	
M. Alkins, Tel. refund	28.20	
J. L. Andrews, int. on taxes	132.20	
J. L. Andrews, costs on taxes	9.00	
J. L. Andrews, sup. tax, 1942	138.00	
J. L. Andrews, sup. tax, 1943	222.00	
		————— \$ 3,558.81

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

12 Bingham Water Dist., lock-up	\$	1.50
12 Bingham Water Dist., Knowles house		3.50

15	M. Alkins, postage, Town Report	6.00
22	W. W. Berry, office sup.	1.90
24	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ..	1.00
25	Independent-Reporter Co., Town Re- ports	124.21
26	M. Alkins, postage, Town Reports ..	7.84
31	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. service	7.60
32	Maine Municipal Association, dues ..	35.00
34	Maine Bond & Casualty Co., bond ..	25.00
42	C. W. Dutton, posting Warrants, etc. ..	5.50
45	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	3.10
46	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up	1.00
61	Marks Printing House, office sup.	18.95
62	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	9.00
66	Haines Drug store, office sup.	1.50
76A	C. N. Robinson, salary, Selectman	25.00
81	Int. on Temporary loan	17.44
83	Costs on Tax Deeds, J. L. Andrews ..	7.50
87	Chester Cool, rental town dump	60.00
88	Clayton E. Eames, legal services	10.00
89	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ...	1.00
96	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ...	4.50
108	E. C. Andrews, tax gravel pit	1.15
121	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	7.50
130	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ...	1.00
124	C. W. Dutton, Selectman salary	150.00
125	M. Alkins, Selectman salary	60.00
131	Elbie Curtis, labor town dump	8.00
132	Forest Cates, labor town dump	8.00
134	Allen Quimby Veneer Co., tractor, dump	50.00
136	C. N. Robinson, Selectman salary	75.00
141	J. L. Andrews, bank service charge ..	.21
151	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ...	8.90
125	M. Alkins, clerical service	50.00
152	J. L. Andrews, collectors comm.	250.00
156	M. Alkins, clerical service	30.00
164	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up	1.00
173	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co. service	7.50
174	J. L. Andrews, bank service charge ..	1.13
182	Bingham Water Dist., lock-up	1.50
201	Marks Printing House, office sup.	5.00
211	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up	1.00
230	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	9.05

247	Depositors Trust Co., check-books ...	4.25
249	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ...	1.00
255	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	3.80
266	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	12.12
278	J. L. Andrews, collectors comm.	100.00
281	Wm. McIntyre, labor town dump	2.40
285	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ..	1.00
293	Fred L. Tower Co., office sup.	7.00
297	Frank Savage, bear bounty	10.00
300	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	7.60
316	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	10.85
324	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up ...	2.00
328	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	1.25
338	M. Alkins, Selectman salary	145.00
353	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	1.30
354	C. N. Robinson, Selectman salary ...	75.00
358	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	4.95
367	Federal Trust Co., services on bonds .	10.00
369	Treasurer of State, Municipal audit ..	189.53
373	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up	1.00
383	P. E. Gilbert, M. D., recording birth ..	.25
395	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	4.00
398	Florence Murray, Int. Note No. 10A ..	4.00
399	B. F. Adams, Int. Note No. 6	9.00
404	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co., service ..	3.60
408	Town of Bingham, Int. perm, school fund	63.00
415	Preble & Robinson, rent of hall	10.00
416	S. J. Whitney, Ins. fire hall	39.24
	Insurance Fire Truck	5.00
	Insurance Store House	24.84
418	Bingham Water Dist., lock-up	1.50
433	Central Maine Power Co., lock-up	1.00
436	M. Alkins, misc. mileage	10.00
437	C. N. Robinson, misc. mileage	10.00
438	C. W. Dutton, misc. mileage	10.00
440	A. A. Dinsmore, Ins. bandstand	8.90
441	M. Alkins, clerical services	200.00
	Expenses, Augusta, Special Resolve ..	10.50
	Services, tax liens	5.00
	Deed, Carl McLaughlin house	2.00
	Expenses, Waterville, Temp. Loans ..	5.00
442	Eva D. Bachelder, clerk's salary	25.00
	Clerk's sup.	20.31

443	W. W. Berry Co., office sup.	2.11	
445	M. Alkins, Selectman salary, balance ..	95.00	
	Balance clerical service	120.00	
	Expenses Maine Municipal Association	11.60	
	Deed, Knowles house	2.00	
	Expenses, Augusta, 3 trips, Re. Doctor	17.50	
448	J. L. Andrews, collector's comm.	176.65	
	Disc. on taxes	659.99	
	Abatements, 1935	18.24	
	Abatements, 1936	14.71	
	Abatements, 1937	16.09	
	Abatements, 1943	61.45	
	Tax, McLaughlin account	9.50	
451	M. Alkins, postage	6.34	
			\$ 3,377.35
	Unexpended Balance		\$ 181.46

STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised \$ 618.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

24	Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 51.50	
46	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
89	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
130	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
164	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
203	Central Maine Power Co. ..	51.50	
249	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
285	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
306	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
342	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
373	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
400	Central Maine Power Co.	51.50	
			\$ 618.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Amount raised	\$	270.53
E. C. Melcher		45.00
Town of Moscow		84.03
	<u> </u>	\$ 399.56

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

4	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$	6.61
30	Hammond Press		12.25
31	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		9.70
62	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		9.97
96	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		15.87
122	F. P. Ball M. D.		38.20
151	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		12.87
173	Moosehead Tel & Tel. Co.		14.62
230	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		4.63
244	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		7.34
245	S. D. Warren Co.		15.76
266	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		5.30
300	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		11.97
316	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		2.38
321	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		7.34
325	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		2.25
358	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		9.47
395	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		12.72
404	Moosehead Tel. & Tel. Co.		10.72
421	Hollis J. Ingalls		45.00
		<u> </u>	\$ 254.97
	Unexpended balance		\$ 144.59

NIGHT WATCH

Amount raised	\$	700.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

157	Federal Trust Co.	\$	500.00
183	C. W. Dutton		10.00

184 Calvin Carey	5.00	
445 M. Alkins	10.00	
		\$ 525.00
		\$ 175.00
Unexpended balance		\$ 175.00

LIGHTS FOR BAND STAND

Amount raised \$ 12.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

24 Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 1.00	
46 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
89 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
130 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
164 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
199 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
249 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
285 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
302 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
336 Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
373 Central Maine Power Co.	2.00	
400 Maine Central Power Co.	1.00	
		\$ 13.00
		\$ 1.00
Overdrawn		\$ 1.00

SERIAL BOND PAYMENT

Amount raised	\$ 1,000.00	
Voted to pay from treasury	1,000.00	
		\$ 2,000.00
Paid by order No. 298 Federal Trust Co.		\$ 2,000.00

INTEREST ON BOND ISSUE

Amount raised	\$ 910.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

65 Federal Trust Co.	\$ 455.00	
283 Federal Trust Co.	455.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 910.00

TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT

Smith, White and Stanley, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Paid by order No. 283 to Federal Trust Co.	\$ 2,000.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Amount raised	\$ 25.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

196 American Legion	\$ 25.00
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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Amount raised	\$ 162.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

439	\$ 162.00
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COUNTY TAX

Paid by order No. 153 County of Somerset \$ 1,160.07

STATE TAX

Paid by order No. 272 Treasurer of State .. \$ 5,804.13

BINGHAM UNION LIBRARY

Amount raised	\$	150.00	
State of Maine		15.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 165.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

123 Bingham Union Library	\$	75.00	
248 Bingham Union Library		15.00	
419 Bingham Union Library		75.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 165.00

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Amount raised	\$	250.00	
Lafe Bray advance interest		1.25	
Depositor's Trust Co., interest		50.50	
Augusta Trust Co., dividend, check acct. ..		11.32	
		<u> </u>	\$ 313.07

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

12 Bingham Water District	\$	4.50	
133 Payroll		39.40	
135 Archie Kelley		2.50	
182 Bingham Water District		4.50	

209	Coll. Internal Revenue60	
256	Elbie Curtis	62.00	
287	Archie Kelley	77.50	
288	Archie Kelley	16.00	
291	Arthur J. Tupper	36.25	
418	Bingham Water District	4.50	
445	M. Alkins	5.00	
			\$ 252.75
	Unexpended balance		\$ 60.32

TREASURER'S SALARY

Amount raised	\$ 200.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

152	J. L. Andrews	\$ 50.00	
278	J. L. Andrews	50.00	
448	J. L. Andrews	100.00	
			\$ 200.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$ 1,175.00
Town of Moscow	304.00
	\$ 1,479.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

12	Bingham Water District	\$ 1.50
24	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25
55	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25
84	Clayton Andrews	52.66
86	S. J. Whitney	125.00
89	Central Maine Power Co.	6.25
130	Central Maine Power Co.	52.25
139	Bingham Fire Dept.	71.20
164	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25

182	Bingham Water District	1.50	
199	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
220	Clayton Andrews	59.59	
249	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
268	Bingham Fire Dept.	52.00	
285	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
302	Central Maine Power Co.	6.90	
334	Clayton Andrews	44.87	
335	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	35.95	
336	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
359	Bingham Fire Dept.	80.60	
373	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
400	Central Maine Power Co.	5.25	
418	Bingham Water District	1.50	
427	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	15.00	
428	Clayton Andrews	62.40	
429	Shell Filling Station	25.00	
430	S. J. Whitney	72.40	
446	Bingham Fire Dept.	397.60	
450	S. J. Whitney	107.00	
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			\$ 1,271.42
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	Unexpended balance		\$ 217.58

FIRE HOSE

Amount raised	\$ 225.00
Amount Expended — Orders Drawn	
85 Justin A. McCarthy Co.	\$ 225.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Amount raised	\$ 750.00
Amount Expended — Orders Drawn	
182 Bingham Water District	\$ 375.00
418 Bingham Water District	375.00
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	\$ 750.00

Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 15, 1944

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1943	\$ 5,430.49
Funds in closed banks	91.61
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	\$ 5,522.10

J. L. Andrews, Collector

1943 Auto tax	\$ 1,148.01
1944 Auto tax	943.74
1943 Regular tax	\$34,502.07
1942 Supplementary tax	222.00
1943 Interest	91.08 34,815.15
1942 Regular tax	525.43
1942 Supplementary tax	318.00
1942 Interest	16.69 860.12
1941 Regular tax	221.81
1941 Interest	24.43
1941 Costs	9.00 255.24
1940 Regular tax	7.26
1939 Regular tax	3.36
1938 Regular tax	3.00
1937 Regular tax	16.71
1936 Regular tax	14.71
1935 Regular tax	18.24

State of Maine

Poor account	\$ 1,104.40
Library stipend	15.00
Snow roads	12.70
Bank stock interest	45.90
Tuition (Concord)	918.00
Bear bounty	10.00
Industrial Arts & Domestic Science ..	1,000.00
Special Resolve funds	599.90
State School funds	1,865.73
Dog license refund	64.45
R. R. & Tel. tax	4.06 5,640.14

Town of Bingham		
Interest on Perm. School fund		63.00
Town of Moscow		
Tuition	1,449.28	
Fire Department	304.00	
Civilian Defense	84.03	1,837.31
Pleasant Ridge Plantation		
Tuition	393.52	
Civilian Defense	155.26	548.78
Caratunk Plantation		
Tuition		241.76
Town of Embden		
Tuition		45.00
Town of Palermo		
Tuition		90.00
Lyford Beane		
Tuition		32.34
H. L. Bowen		
School Supplies		37.60
H. P. Ingalls		
School Supplies	20.73	
Bingham Century Club	5.00	
Refund M. M. Pub. Co.	1.83	27.56
R. M. Quint		
School Supplies		22.16
Smith, White & Stanley		
Temporary loan		2,000.00
Depositor's Trust Company		
Interest cemetery trust fund		50.50

Mayne McLaughlin		
House account		35.00
E. C. Melcher, Chairman		
Civilian Defense		45.00
L. S. Bray		
Cemetery Trust fund		101.25
Maud Baker Estate		
Cemetery Trust fund		200.00
Fred Ellis		
Mosher account		5.00
Augusta Trust Company		
Cemetery account		11.32
Eva D. Bachelder		
Licenses		4.00
C. N. Robinson		
Refund misc. account		25.00
Maurice Atkins		
Licenses	11.00	
Frank Grover, Knowles house	325.00	
Telephone refund	28.20	
H. M. Hastings account	375.00	739.20
Wilder Rollins, Chairman		
Salvage and Scrap		606.39
Town of Dover-Foxcroft		
Poor account		22.50
Town of Stockholm		
Poor account		301.20
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		\$56,339.65

Credits

State tax	\$ 5,804.13
County tax	1,160.07
Other orders drawn	42,162.76
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	\$49,126.96
Checks in closed banks	91.61
Cash on hand	7,121.08
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	\$56,339.65

Respectfully,

J. L. ANDREWS, Treasurer

Tax Collector's Report

Bingham, Maine, Feb. 15, 1944

To the Honorable Selectmen of Bingham:

Allow me to submit the following report of taxes collected for the years, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943.

1935 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	18.24
Abatements allowed	\$	18.24	
Amount turned over to the treasurer			18.24

1936 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	14.71
Abatements allowed	\$	14.71	
Amount turned over to the treasurer		\$	14.71

1937 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	16.71
Taxes collected	\$.62	
Abatements allowed		16.09	16.71
Amount turned over to the treasurer			16.71

1938 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	80.01
Taxes collected	\$	3.00	
Amount turned over to the treasurer			3.00
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Amount still delinquent		\$	77.01

1939 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	55.62
Taxes collected	\$	3.36	
Amount turned over to the treasurer			3.36
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Amount still delinquent		\$	52.26

1940 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	162.86
Taxes collected	\$	7.26	
Amount turned over to the treasurer			7.26
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Amount still delinquent		\$	155.60

1941 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943		\$	369.34
Interest collected			24.43
Costs collected			9.00
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		\$	402.77

Taxes collected	\$ 221.81
Interest collected	24.43
Costs collected	9.00
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Amount turned over to the treasurer	255.24
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Amount still delinquent	\$ 147.53

1942 Report

Amount delinquent as shown by report of Feb. 15, 1943	\$ 947.25
Interest collected	16.69
Supplementary taxes collected	138.00
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	\$ 1,101.94
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Taxes collected	\$ 705.43
Interest collected	16.69
Supplementary taxes collected	138.00
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Amount turned over to the treasurer	860.12
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Amount still delinquent	\$ 241.82

1943 Report

Total commitment	\$36,604.72
Less auto tax	1,801.94
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	\$34,802.78
Supplementary tax	222.00
Interest collected	91.08
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	\$35,115.86
1943 Auto tax collected before commitment	937.48
1943 Auto tax collected after commitment ..	210.53
1944 Auto tax collected before Feb. 15, 1944	943.74
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	\$37,207.61

Taxes collected	\$33,780.63	
Supplementary taxes collected	222.00	
Interest collected	91.08	
Discounts allowed	659.99	
Abatements allowed	61.45	
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	\$34,815.15	
Auto tax collected	2,091.75	
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Amount turned over to Treasurer		\$36,906.90
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Amount still delinquent		\$ 300.71

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. ANDREWS, Collector

Abatements

1935

Howard Morine	\$	6.94	
Leon Roberts		11.30	
		18.24	\$ 18.24

1936

Leon Roberts	\$	8.48	
Pearley Tyler		6.23	
		14.71	\$ 14.71

1937

William Miller	\$	1.56	
Leon Roberts		11.53	
A. St. Peter		3.00	
		16.09	\$ 16.09

1943

Reginald Atwood	\$	3.00	
Mabel Ball		6.75	
Fred Cates		3.00	
F. H. Colby Heirs		9.00	
Clifford Cooley		3.00	
Emile Fecteau, Jr.		3.00	
E. E. Folsom		3.00	
D. E. Howes		3.00	
Wallace Keaton		3.00	
Forest Longley		3.00	
Edward Lowe36	
Mayne McLaughlin		3.00	
Emerson Miller		3.00	
H. O. Morrison34	
D. E. Powell		3.00	
Herbert Taylor		3.00	
Henry Washburn		3.00	
Harry Williams		3.00	
David Withee		3.00	
		61.45	\$ 61.45

Delinquent Taxpayers

1943 DELINQUENTS

Anthony Archer	\$ 3.00
Mylon Austin	3.00
Floyd Boyington	80.77
Rena Boyington	8.10
Mabel Boyle	2.25
Perley Brown	3.45
Perley and Mabel Brown	42.95
George Brown	3.67
Louis Cote	3.36
Albert Dionne	3.54
Joseph Fortin	3.00
Oscar Hutchins	3.00
C. V. Kihlmire	7.05
George LaPierre	3.36
Vina Laweryson67
Henry Malloy	3.36
George Martin	3.00
Charles McKenzie	3.36
Mary Meredith	22.50
William Miller	7.56
Verne O'Donald	3.00
Emil Pearson	3.00
Thomas and Florida Roderick	38.25
Stanley Steward	3.90
Dexter Strout	3.81
Maynard Strout	3.45
Fred Toulouse	3.00
Agnes Hunnewell	21.60
Dana McFarland	2.25
Earl Toner	4.50
Donald West	3.00
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	\$ 300.71

Poor Department

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised	\$ 2,500.00
Received refund, Hastings acct.	375.00
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	\$ 2,875.00

H. Martin Hastings	\$ 579.11
Elizabeth Mulhall	121.00
Wilbur Flanders	619.13
Nelson Brooks	148.07
Ernest Dunton	103.20
Eva Hunnewell	198.94
Wallace Moulton	72.00
Daniel Patience	483.15
Vagrants	18.50
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	\$ 2,343.10

Unexpended balance	\$ 531.90
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TOWN POOR — OTHER TOWNS

Alexina Roy, Stockholm	\$ 233.32
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STATE POOR

Samuel Dawes	\$ 554.15
Charles Wilson	357.95
Maurice Cahill	89.75
Ervin Steward	470.00
Francis Fortin	440.00
Irma O'Neal	7.50
Edward Brack	19.80

Melvin L. Leavitt	28.28	
Mrs. Louis Cote	15.00	
Delbert Durgin	2.00	
		<u>\$ 1,984.43</u>
Received from State this season		1,104.40
		<u>\$ 880.03</u>

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Amount raised	\$ 500.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

109 State of Maine	\$ 30.00	
215 State of Maine	30.00	
336 State of Maine	443.62	
445 M. Alkins	32.70	
		<u>\$ 536.32</u>
Overdrawn		\$ 36.32

Road Commissioner's Report

HIGHWAYS AND CULVERTS

Amount raised \$ 1,150.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

77	Payroll	\$ 74.74
80	Payroll	43.70
99	Payroll	102.50
106	Leon Atwood	9.60
107	Payroll	82.88
119	Payroll	75.25
129	Payroll	144.97
138	W. H. Hinman Inc.	10.00
140	Payroll	103.83
145	Payroll	147.43
146	Leo Hill	34.46
149	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	5.24
158	Payroll	221.75
166	Payroll	94.41
172	S. J. Whitney	3.78
179	Payroll	13.83
178	A. J. Tupper	8.00
187	Payroll	46.00
188	Mont Bean	2.00
189	A. B. Carl	6.00
200	Payroll	8.00
208	Payroll	14.80
209	Coll. Int. Revenue	16.01
320	S. D. Warren Co.	127.64
346	Waterville Iron Works	13.00
356	Payroll	31.00
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		\$ 1,449.62
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	Overdrawn	\$ 299.62

BRIDGES

Amount raised \$ 300.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

217	S. J. Whitney	\$ 6.60
219	Payroll	23.75
221	Payroll	16.50
225	S. J. Whitney	7.00
243	Payroll	62.00
246	Payroll	65.60
251	Payroll	28.00
254	S. D. Warren Co.	9.77
264	Payroll	23.70
275	Payroll	50.85
		\$ 293.77
	Unexpended balance	\$ 6.23

SNOW ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

Amount raised	\$ 2,500.00
State of Maine	12.70
	\$ 2,512.70

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

2	Payroll	\$ 103.27
18	Payroll	69.08
28	Taylor Bros	412.80
36	S. D. Warren Co.	17.00
42	Dutton Hotel	6.00
47	Payroll	68.94
53	Frank Savage	35.00
58	Payroll	20.00
60	Dutton Hotel	3.00
70	S. D. Warren Co.	2.10
74	Taylor Bros.	406.80

76	Payroll	17.29
78	Lynn Foss	16.00
82	Coll. Int. Revenue	7.82
100	Claude Goodrich	26.50
105	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	1.00
162	John Cassidy	15.00
209	Coll. Int. Revenue21
289	Payroll	83.20
303	Payroll	92.00
305	Payroll	93.60
311	Payroll	84.40
315	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	40.00
318	Payroll	20.80
339	Mrs. Mont French	2.25
340	Elbie Curtis	23.80
341	Payroll	64.30
356	Payroll	85.80
364	Payroll	83.55
370	Payroll	84.60
374	Payroll	75.85
381	Payroll	82.50
385	Taylor Bros.	400.00
386	Leo Hill	20.00
393	Payroll	95.00
401	Payroll	48.10
403	Payroll	51.80
405	Leo Hill	4.00
406	Taylor Bros.	146.80
423	Payroll	38.80
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		\$ 2,948.96
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Overdrawn		\$ 436.26

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD — MAHONEY HILL

Legislative grant	\$ 600.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

311	Payroll	\$ 84.40
318	Payroll	160.60

323	Payroll	157.90	
333	Payroll	173.60	
341	Payroll	23.40	
			\$ 599.90
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	Unexpended		\$.10

SIDEWALKS

Amount raised \$ 475.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

187	Payroll	\$ 48.00	
208	Payroll	43.20	
213	Milton Reynolds	2.50	
214	Walter P. Fentiman	138.06	
219	Payroll	57.60	
223	Archie Kelley	52.50	
224	John J. Tarrío	16.00	
225	S. J. Whitney	137.70	
264	Payroll	1.95	
270	W. E. & E. E. Andrews	6.89	
			\$ 504.40
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	Overdrawn		\$ 29.40

CUTTING BUSHES

Amount raised \$ 200.00

Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

179	Payroll	\$ 73.20	
209	Coll. Internal Revenue80	
219	Payroll	16.20	
221	Payroll	66.80	
251	Payroll	40.80	
264	Payroll	4.80	
			\$ 202.60
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	Overdrawn		\$ 2.60

CUTTING BUSHES — THIRD CLASS ROAD

Amount raised	\$	50.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

200 Payroll	\$	33.60
208 Payroll		21.60
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	\$	55.20
Overdrawn	\$	5.20

THIRD CLASS ROADS — MAINTENANCE

Amount raised	\$	230.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

163 Payroll	\$	167.98
166 Payroll		47.19
209 Coll. Internal Revenue		4.58
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	\$	219.75
Unexpended balance	\$	10.25

PATROL MAINTENANCE

Amount raised	\$	744.00
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Amount Expended — Orders Drawn

352 Treasurer of State	\$	490.80
405 Taylor Bros.		253.20
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	\$	744.00

Report of Cemetery Trust Funds

Book No.	Cemetery Lot	Amount
2534	Robert and John Burns	\$ 150.00
2573	Alvin Merrill	100.00
2574	Howard Chase	100.00
2575	Foster Smith	100.00
2576	Town of Bingham	100.00
2577	Sewell Baker	50.00
2578	Calvin Colby	50.00
2579	Edwin Baker	50.00
2580	Mrs. May Bacon	100.00
2581	Arthur N. Burke	100.00
2582	Edwin S. Baker	100.00
2583	Sewell Baker	100.00
2584	Sarah F. Baker	100.00
2585	Perley Bickford	100.00
2586	Calvin Colby	100.00
2587	A. C. Dinsmore	200.00
2588	W. B. Goodrich	100.00
2589	Elwin Goodrich	100.00
2590	James Hughes	150.00
2591	Ben Holden	100.00
2592	James Mahoney (one-half) John and Lucy Ham	200.00
2593	Olen Savage	400.00
2594	Dr. Frank Spalding	100.00
2595	J. B. Thompson	200.00
2596	Gustavis Witham	150.00
2597	Rose L. Williams	200.00
2598	Hosea Whipple	100.00
5332	Frank Carney	100.00
	Enoch and Carrie Osgood	200.00
	Simon Cates	100.00
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	Joseph Whitney	100.00
	Hiram Pierce	100.00
	John Lander	200.00
	Arthur Durgin	100.00
	Levi Goodale	100.00

Timothy Stevens	100.00
Eugene P. Webster	150.00
Albert P. Murray	175.00
David McIntire	150.00
Oscar S. Knowlton	150.00
Carl Smith	150.00
Thomas Riley	150.00
Charles Bray	100.00
Eva Baker	200.00
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	\$ 6,175.00

Report of Bingham Fire Dept.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Bingham:

Gentlemen:

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

ALARM FIRES

1943

Feb. 19—Perley Moulton, chimney
 Mar. 4—Box 21, False
 Apr. 22—Baker Street, Grass
 Apr. 23—Walter Fentiman, Grass and Shed
 Apr. 27—Lyford Beane, Hovel
 Apr. 27—Harold Collins, House
 May 16—Addie Beane, Chimney
 May 29—Pelkey, Chimney
 May 31—S. J. Whitney, Rubbish
 June 25—Mrs. Grant, Barn
 Oct. 2—Auto Accident
 Oct. 18—A. B. Carl, Barn
 Nov. 11—Chas. Pierce house
 Nov. 17—School Building
 Nov. 28—Eugene Campbell, Chimney
 Dec. 1—Wilber Flanders, Chimney
 Dec. 13—F. S. Hunnewell, Chimney

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Jan. 13—Irenne Blais, Chimney
 Jan. 13—Wm. McIntyre, Chimney
 Jan. 13—L. Jandreau, Chimney
 Jan. 16—Walter Sterling, Chimney
 Jan. 22—Mrs. L. Reynolds, Chimney
 Jan. 22—Robert Hunnewell, Chimney
 Jan. 27—Mr. Merrill, Chimney
 Jan. 28—False Alarm

SILENT CALLS

Feb. 15—Broken Wire
Feb. 15—H. L. Bowen, Chimney
Mar. 3—Leon Roberts, Chimney
Mar. 6—Eugene Campbell, Chimney
Apr. 23—Leroy Cates, Grass
Apr. 29—Edward Berry House, Chimney
May 21—Austin Tibbets, Chimney
June 25—New England Tel. Co.
June 27—Herbert Payson, Jr., Chimney
Aug. 7—Edward Leahy, Chimney

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Jan. 1—Sadie Beane Chimney
Jan. 16—Donat Chasse, Chimney
Jan. 22—O. R. Brackett, Chimney
Jan. 23—R. M. Savage, Chimney

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E. ANDREWS, Chief

Salvage Report

To the citizens of Bingham, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge and Concord we wish to submit the following report of salvage activities in this area. Since organization of this committee in September 1942, the following materials have been collected and diverted through their proper channels as your aid to the war effort.

MATERIALS COLLECTED AND RECEIPTS

Rags	1,592 lbs.
Tin	3,130 lbs.
Paper	8,125 lbs.
Rubber	20,003 lbs.
Scrap Iron and Steel	398,560 lbs.
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Weight	431,410 lbs.
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Money Received	\$ 886.94

In addition the following materials have been handled: Household Waste Fats 953 lbs.
Silk and Nylon Hosiery 98 lbs.

Total Weight	432,461 lbs.
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Money Received	\$ 886.94

Expenditures

Longellow School Pleasant Ridge	\$ 24.60
Stanley Beane Post, American Legion	12.30
Moscow Schools	47.00
Bingham Grade Schools	50.00
Bingham High School and Junior High ..	175.00
Bingham Branch of American Red Cross ..	75.00
War Chest Fund	25.00
Local Civilian Defense	45.00

School Moving Picture Projector	85.00	
Caratunk Salvage Committee (for 1942 scrap sold by this committee)	19.10	
The Forks Salvage Committee (for 1942 scrap sold by this committee)	55.10	
Expenses, phone calls, posters, printing ..	40.64	
Total expenditures		\$ 653.74
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Balance in Salvage fund		\$ 233.20

We wish to express our hearty thanks and appreciation to those who have so generously cooperated, through their donations, by their actual services and for the trucks, tractors and other equipment which was loaned us. Only through such splendid cooperation are we able to report to you the sizable amounts of waste or discarded but vital materials, which once again, have been placed in action when so urgently needed.

Respectfully,

BINGHAM SALVAGE COMMITTEE

Wilder C. Rollins, Chairman	Hollis J. Ingalls, Vice Chairman
O. J. Hill	Edmund C. Melcher
Percie E. Durgin	Leo Hill
Maurice Alkins	Louise Melcher
A. R. MacDougall	Rudolph Quint
Wilmont Doyle	Mrs. Wilmont Doyle

Report of Public Health Nurse

This year more than ever greater emphasis should be placed on health. In the Armed forces health is essential for victory. Is not health on the home front necessary too if we are to win the fight for freedom?

We as individuals and family units must rely on our own resources more and more. It is within our line of duty to avail ourselves of the help made possible through our Bureau of Health, public health education clinics, and child health conferences. Our sons on the fighting front are often stripped of every weapon except their own bodies. Each soldier realizes the importance of keeping this, his most valuable weapon, in perfect condition. We on the home front must realize the health and endurance of the nation is only as strong as the health of each individual in it.

Scarcity of doctors, nurses, wartime restriction on travel and rationing, of foods means that maintenance of good health standards on the home front is becoming increasingly more difficult but not impossible, if our communities use the health recourses at their command.

Your public health nurse carries an ever increasing load as she continues to cope with the health problems of your community. This year she has been able to increase her services with the help given by the Health Committee.

Through the cooperation of the Health Committee and the Bureau of Health a skin testing program was held in March with three hundred and sixty-three children and adults of Bingham receiving the test. As a follow-up, an X-ray clinic was held in June with seventy-four children and adults receiving a chest x-ray. A few people who reactive positively to the skin test received a chest x-ray elsewhere, making the total number being x-rayed greater.

In September, two child health conferences were held sponsored by the Health Committee with Dr. Manchester acting as

examining physician. Each child was given an opportunity of receiving a physical examination and being immunized against Smallpox and Diphtheria. Thirty-two infants and pre-school children were examined and a large percentage of these received the Smallpox vaccine and Diphtheria Toxoid.

Your Health Committee, headed by Mrs. Earl Taylor, will appreciate suggestions by you on how they may better serve the community.

During the past year the public health nurse has visited your town, making home visits and stressing the importance and general principles of prenatal and postpartum care for the mothers and the need of health supervision for the infant and pre-school child, including medical and dental care, immunization and guidance in nutrition and mental hygiene.

The schools have been visited. Through nurse-teacher conferences, the nurse is able to inform the teacher of the home conditions and the family problems involving health and the teacher in turn, through her close relationship with the children, is able to bring to the nurse's attention any defects or disabilities that they may have. Home visits were made to discuss problems of this nature with the parents.

Crippled children follow-up work has been done in your town and children have received invitations to attend the Pediatric clinic and Crippled Childrens' clinic held in Waterville. These clinics are sponsored by Bureau of Health for diagnostic and corrective purposes.

A Red Cross Home Nursing Course is being taught, starting in January, in the Bingham High School. This course will include the Senior, Junior and Sophomore girls. The local Red Cross Chapter has been active in promoting this course.

Let me take this opportunity in expressing my appreciation of the help given me by the townspeople of Bingham during the past year.

GRACE J. HUNT

Bureau of Health Nurse

Town Clerk's Report

Births recorded in the Town of Bingham for the year 1943

- Jan. 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bushey, a daughter.
 Jan. 20—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Steward, a daughter.
 Feb. 23—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carl, a daughter.
 Mar. 7—To Mr. and Mrs. Irene Blais, a son.
 Apr. 9—To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beane, a daughter. (Concord.)
 Apr. 18—To Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Strout, a daughter.
 May 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Owens, a daughter.
 May 5—To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malloy, a son.
 June 25—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams, a son.
 July 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Roy, a daughter.
 July 25—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Levasseur, a son.
 July 25—To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Janderau, daughter.
 Aug. 6—To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Shaw, a son.
 Aug. 10—To Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, a daughter.
 Aug. 14—To Mr. and Mrs. Randall Stuart, a daughter.
 Sept. 23—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bigelow Jr., a son.
 Sept. 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Roy, a daughter.
 Oct. 18—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atwood, a daughter.
 Oct. 19—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Atwood, a son.
 Oct. 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunnewell, a daughter.
 Nov. 8—To Mr. and Mrs. Casper Hooper, a daughter.
 Nov. 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw, a son.
 Dec. 8—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hovey, a son.
 Dec. 19—To Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Steward, a daughter.
 Dec. 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nicholas, a son.

Marriages recorded in the Town of Bingham for the Year 1943

- Feb. 11—Maynard Stuart to Ruth Hunnewell.
 Feb. 11—Randall Stuart to Beverly Spaulding.
 Feb. 27—Ernest L. Cates to Murida Conners.
 May 15—Wilfred J. Dugas to Ruby C. Baker.
 June 19—George S. Giberson to Rowena E. Goff.

June 22—Richard Cool to Lela McLaughlin (Concord.)
 June 26—Theron E. Rounds to Calla M. Whorff.
 July 3—Bernard E. Gordon to May Newbegin. (Concord.)
 Nov. 6—Emmanuel M. Foster to Frances I. Stuart.
 Nov. 16—Lewis S. Pierce to Hilda M. Howe.
 Nov. 20—Erland Ricker to Leona Laweryson.
 Nov. 25—Phillip Curtis to Rubie Greenlaw.
 Dec. 5—Elwin Davis to Evelyn Doyle.
 Dec. 24—Forrest Pinkham to Sybil M. Dillon.

Deaths recorded in the Town of Bingham
 for the Year 1943

Jan. 10—Estelle Martha Hilton, aged 72.
 Apr. 16—Maurice Cahill, aged 58.
 Apr. 12—Kay L. Steward, aged 2 months.
 Apr. 21—Albert R. Reynolds, aged 64.
 May 12—Emil Dionne, aged 42.
 May 14—Ray C. Brown, aged 62.
 June 6—Sarah Gherke, aged 42.
 July 6—Joseph Fitzmaurice, aged 93.
 July 12—Gerald H. Giberson, aged, 23.
 July 12—Maude Baker, aged 68.
 Aug. 20—Annie E. Moore, aged 81.
 Aug. 24—Charles Fentiman, aged 88.
 Sept. 20—George W. Brown, aged 79.
 Nov. 9—Daniel Hilton, aged 81.
 Dec. 8—Robert Hovey, 10 hours.
 Dec. 8—Arthur Clark, aged 61.
 Dec. 27—Leander R. Hussey, aged 84.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA D. BACHELDER, Town Clerk

Superintendent of Schools Report

To the Superintending School Committee and other Citizens of
the Town of Bingham:

I am indeed pleased to offer you, this, my first Annual Fiscal Report of the Bingham Schools for 1943-44, along with this and next year's expenditures and program.

We have been most successful in retaining the majority of our very efficient teaching personnel and to find very capable replacements for the three teachers lost. In such critical times as these it is most difficult to obtain good teachers, due to higher paying positions in Defense Work, in out-of-State teaching, and loss to the Armed Forces. Thus we can plainly see that to keep present teachers we must expect to increase their wages to meet the mounting cost of living as is being done in all other fields. This next year promises to be an even more difficult year for hiring teachers. Certainly the number of teachers is on the decrease at the present, with our Normal School enrollment at a new low. I believe the loyalty and hard work of our present staff of teachers warrants a logical increase in wages.

Mr. John Kassay, a graduate of Bates College, comes to us with a long and successful teaching experience and very well recommended. Miss Elsie Hight, a graduate of Nasson College, who replaced Miss Ayers, is doing a splendid piece of work in the Home Economics Department and with her Nutrition Course. Mrs. Evelyn Atwood, who returned to her old position, vacated by Mrs. Brown, has, we regret, been forced to leave. We were very fortunate in obtaining Miss Helen Nourse, a graduate of Oberlin College, to replace Mrs. Atwood. We are most fortunate to have our complete Elementary staff with us again this year. Also our Secondary teachers of last year Mrs. Hannay and Mr. Quint who have so clearly shown their value by their conscientious work of the past. At a time when Education is so important to our children, we must exert every effort to see that they get the kind of Education for which the Free World is now fighting.

We are continuing our Pre-Induction in the High School and have added a Junior Red Cross Home Nursing Course for the

girls. We are most grateful to Miss Grace Hunt, R. N., State Health Nurse, for teaching the Home Nursing Course and to The Bingham Good Health Committee for sponsoring the program for Prevention of Colds in our Schools. Mr. Kassay and Mr. Quint are teaching the Pre-Induction Courses.

Due to labor shortage we were not able to complete our repair program on our schools. We did, however, succeed in having the interior of the McKinley School painted. This next year we wish to paint the interior of the High School and the roofs of the High School and the McKinley School.

Our change in Elementary Arith. textbooks, started by Mr. Bowen has been completed this year along with the New English and Literature textbooks. Thus our textbook situation is now in excellent condition. We do, however need more library books and Reference Books, which we hope to get this coming year.

The results of our Fall Testing program were, in most instances very good, showing a normal improvement over the tests given last Spring. This program, to show any great value must be carried on over a number of years.

In closing this report, I wish to thank those who have made this, my first year as your Supt. a happy and I believe a successful one. I especially wish to thank the members of the Superintending School Committee, Teachers, Students, Parents and Town Officials who have helped to make this a successful year in such trying times. I also wish to thank the members of the Salvage Committee and the students and friends who have worked so hard to make possible our new Motion Picture Machine.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLIS P. INGALLS

School Report

1943-1944

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 8,143.73	
Tuition:		
Moscow	\$ 1,449.28	
Pleasant Ridge	393.52	
Concord 918.00-661.16	256.84	
(Account Receivable)		
Caratunk	241.76	
Embden	45.00	
Palermo 90.00-37.50 .	52.50	
(Account Receivable)		
Lyford Beane	32.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,471.24
State School fund		1,821.63
State Census supplement		44.10
Permanent School fund		63.00
Unexpended balance, 1942-43		1.34
Refund, Mr. Ingalls, Mr. Quint and		
Class of 1943		82.32
Bingham Century Club		5.00
	<hr/>	\$12,632.36
Credit from Concord, Palermo and		
Embden, Account Receivable		601.99
	<hr/>	\$13,234.35

Expenses

Instruction:

John J. Kassay	\$ 1,283.31
Hollis P. Ingalls	905.45
Geraldine B. Hannay	1,085.96
Evelyn R. Atwood	488.80
Helen I. Nourse	152.75
Dora S. Brown	454.75
Marguerite B. Russell	983.17
Marguerite E. Kelley	990.67

Gladys G. Reynolds	983.17	
Thelma C. Earle	990.67	
Laura A. Hunnewell	943.17	
Collector of Int. Revenue	52.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,314.43
Fuel		849.50
Janitor services		892.00
Conveyance		662.84
Laboratory		60.25
Library		70.25
Supplies		493.95
Books		389.01
Water and Lights		245.23
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		\$12,977.46
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Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1944		\$ 256.89

HOME ECONOMICS AND MANUAL TRAINING

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 1,467.21	
State Aid	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,467.21

Expenses

R. M. Quint	\$ 1,463.45	
Elsie L. Hight	559.35	
Priscilla E. Ayers	444.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,467.21

REPAIRS AND INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 791.19	
Unexpended 1942-43	11.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 802.60

Expenses

Repairs	\$ 516.21	
Insurance	269.73	
		<u>\$ 785.94</u>
Unexpended Feb. 15, 1944		\$ 16.66

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Expenses

Salary	\$ 373.61
Unexpended Feb. 15, 1944	<u>\$ 26.39</u>

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN F. DOE

E. C. MELCHER

C. E. KEENE

Superintending School Committee

Hollis P. Ingalls, Superintendent of Schools

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Somerset, ss.

State of Maine.

To J. LaForest Andrews, a Constable in the Town of Bingham
in the County of Somerset:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bingham, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Colby Theatre, in said town on Monday, the 6th day of March, A. D. 1944 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the Following Articles, to wit:

Art. 1—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2—To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers as printed.

Art. 3—To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 4—To choose Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 5—To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 6—To receive bids for the collection of taxes, choose a Tax Collector, fix compensation for the ensuing year, and pass all necessary votes respecting same.

Art. 7—To choose one or more members to the Superintending School Committee.

Art. 8—To see if the Town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner and pass all necessary votes respecting same.

Art. 9—To choose all other Town Officers.

Art. 10—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for elementary and secondary schools, including teachers' wages, fuel, janitors' services, conveyance, textbooks, reference books and school supplies for desk or laboratory use.

1943 Appr. \$9,610.94

Recommended \$12,229.23

Amount Raised

Art. 11—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$400.00

Recommended \$400.00

Amount Raised

Art. 12—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs and insurance on school houses for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$791.19

Recommended \$1,270.00

Amount Raised

Art 13—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for civilian defense for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$270.53

Recommended \$75.00

Amount Raised

Art. 14—To see if the town will elect or instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of one or more members to oversee Bingham Athletic Field during the 1944 season.

Art. 15—To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for building and repairing highways and culverts for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$1,150.00

Recommended \$1,500.00

Amount Raised

Art. 16—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for patrol maintenance for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$744.00

Recommended \$744.00

Amount Raised

Art. 17—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building and repairing of bridges for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$300.00

Recommended \$300.00

Amount Raised

Art. 18—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for breaking snow roads and sidewalks for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$2,500.00

Recommended \$3,000.00

Amount Raised

Art. 19—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the cutting of bushes for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$200.00 Recommended \$200.00
Amount Raised

Art. 20—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of improved section of Third Class Roads.

1943 Appr. \$230.00 Recommended \$230.00
Amount Raised

Art. 21—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on improved section of Third Class Road.

1943 Appr. \$50.00 Recommended \$50.00
Amount Raised

Art. 22—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for sidewalks for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$475.00 Recommended \$500.00
Amount Raised

Art. 23—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270.00 for rental of offices for the Ration Board to March 1, 1944.

Recommended \$270.00
Amount Raised

Art. 24—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the relief of poor.

1943 Appr. \$2,500.00 Recommended \$2,000.00
Amount Raised

Art. 25—To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of the double York Lot adjoining the Bingham Athletic Field on the corner of Rollins St. and Milford Ave.

Recommended

Amount Raised

Art. 26—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting.

1943 Appr. \$618.00

Recommended \$618.00

Amount Raised

Art. 27—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for hydrant rental.

1943 Appr. \$750.00

Recommended \$750.00

Amount Raised

Art. 28—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Fire Department.

1943 Appr. \$1,175.00

Recommended \$1,175.00

Amount Raised

Art. 29—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for purchase of Fire Hose.

1943 Appr. \$225.00

Recommended \$225.00

Amount Raised

Art. 30—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children.

1943 Appr. \$500.00

Recommended \$500.00

Amount Raised

Art. 31—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors and for Memorial Day exercises.

1943 Appr. \$25.00 Recommended \$25.00
Amount Raised

Art. 32—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bingham Union Library.

1943 Appr. \$150.00 Recommended \$250.00
Amount Raised

Art. 33—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Interest on Permanent Loans and Bond Issue.

1943 Appr. \$910.00 Recommended \$840.00
Amount Raised

Art. 34—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to cover serial bonds due in 1943.

1943 Appr. \$1,000.00 Recommended \$2,000.00
from Treasury
Amount Raised

Art. 35—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses.

1943 Appr. \$2,500.00 Recommended \$2,500.00
Amount Raised

Art. 36—To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$162.00 for public health nursing in Bingham, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.

1943 Appr. \$162.00 Recommended \$162.00
Amount Raised

Art. 37—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.

1943 Appr. \$250.00

Recommended \$250.00

Amount Raised

Art. 38—To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Town Treasurer.

1943 Appr. \$200.00

Recommended \$200.00

Amount Raised

Art. 39—To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

1943 Appr.

Recommended \$50.00

Amount Raised

Art. 40—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes Chapter 11, Sections 62, 63, 64.

Art. 41—To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for night watch for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$700.00

Recommended \$500.00

Amount Raised

Art. 42—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Band Stand for the ensuing year.

1943 Appr. \$12.00

Recommended \$20.00

Amount Raised

Art. 43—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Art. 44—To see if the town will vote to instruct the tax collector to use the method prescribed in Chap. 244 Maine Public Laws 1933 and acts amendatory thereto for collection of delinquent taxes.

Art. 45—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to make temporary loans in anticipation of taxes and to issue and negotiate notes therefor, or renewals thereof, or any notes in place of the original notes when paid, to an amount which at any time shall not exceed in the aggregate the total tax levy of the preceding municipal year, all such notes to mature and to be paid during the municipal year in which they are issued out of money raised during such current year by taxes, in accordance with the provisions of R. S. Maine 1930, Section 83, Chapter 5, as amended.

Art. 46—To see if the town will elect a budget committee to assist the Selectmen, in recommending to the next annual Town meeting, the necessary appropriations of money for the ensuing year.

Art. 47—To choose a Fire Ward for the ensuing year.

Art. 48—To choose a Tree Warden for the ensuing year.

Art. 49—To see if the town will fix a time when the taxes are due and payable.

Art. 50—To see what discount the town will allow for payment of taxes prior to August 1, 1944 and what rate of interest the town will charge after October 1, 1944.

Art. 51—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting including the passing of any and all votes that may be considered necessary to carry into effect any and all votes passed under the warrant.

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

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

Given under our hands at Bingham, this 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1944.

MAURICE ALKINS

C. W. ROBINSON

C. W. DUTTON

Selectmen of Bingham, Maine