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Report Town of Blaine, Maine October 14, 1938 to March 24, 1939

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To the Citizens of the Town of Blaine:

The Municipal Finance Board regrets that it is unable to print a regular town report. The reason for this failure is due to the fact that it has been impossible to complete the audit of the town books and, therefore, it has no accurate means of determining the status of any of the several accounts, including the exact status of the uncollected taxes.

We are submitting herewith a brief account of the financial transactions since October 14, 1938, when the Municipal Finance Board began its administration of the financial affairs of the town. It is apparent from this statement that Blaine has sufficient income to operate on a cash basis and pay its own way if it remains free of the obligations to pay old debts out of current assets.

It may be fairly stated that tax collections would have been better had it not been for two reasons, namely: (1) the great influx of Town Orders on taxes prior to October 14, 1938, when it became generally known that Town Orders would not be accepted in payment of taxes in the event that the Emergency Municipal Finance Board assumed the administration of the town's affairs; (2) lack of a complete audit to determine the exact status of the tax accounts which has resulted in an inability to effectively settle back taxes.

It is the earnest hope of the Board to begin the new fiscal year in a spirit of cooperation with the citizens and taxpayers of Blaine, with all striving to re-
duce expenditures of the town to the minimum as well as to create a fund to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

Shortly after town meeting the taxpayers of Blaine will receive a form to be filled out and returned to the Assessors stating the amount and description of their property, real estate and personal. It is seriously suggested that everyone make a special effort to fill out this form and return it promptly. This is one important method by which the Assessors can fairly determine the respective valuations for the ensuing year.

Very sincerely,

The Emergency Municipal Finance Board

By: James P. Archibald, Town Commissioner

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**Assets:**

By cash received:

- Excise Tax $ 577.27
- 1936 Tax 1,069.85
- 1937 Tax 2,702.79
- 1938 Tax 5,888.47
- State School Fund 2,235.07
- State Special Project 222.50
- Gardiner Corey 34.00
- State of Maine Paupers 28.00

$12,757.95

**Expenditures:**

- Incidental Account 458.59
- Town Officers' Salaries 422.50
Town Officers' Expenses 76.71
Fire Protection 301.10
Street Lights 38.40
Winter Roads 25.55
Poor Relief 718.50
State Pauper Account 64.84
Wood Account 3.00
Auditor’s Salary 93.90
Hydrant Service 27.00
Registration of Vital Statistics 4.25
Teachers’ Salaries 2,354.54
Janitors’ Salaries 231.00
Conveyors’ Salaries 1,164.95
Superintendent’s Salary 82.25
School Supply Account 53.36
School Repair Account 496.58
School Fuel Account 442.72
High School Tuition 2,385.00
Text Book Account 122.60

9,567.43

Balance on hand, March 24, 1939 $3,190.52

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Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for the maintenance of State and State Aid Highways during the ensuing year within
Town Officers’ Expenses  76.71  
Fire Protection  301.10  
Street Lights  38.40  
Winter Roads  25.55  
Poor Relief  718.50  
State Pauper Account  64.84  
Wood Account  3.00  
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the limits of the town under the provision of sections nine and eighteen of chapter 28, of the revised statutes of 1930.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for the maintenance of roads during the winter season of 1939-40.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise, and raise $306.00, for the maintenance of third class roads. To be used in conjunction with the State apportionment for the construction of Third Class roads in the Town of Blaine in 1939.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise to pay for lighting the streets in Blaine and Robinson Villages.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to plow such roads as may be accepted by the State Highway Department for snow removal or designated by the Selectmen during the winter of 1939-40.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for the purpose of plowing the roads referred to in Article 13.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for Welfare and Dependent children as follows: Town Poor; Town Poor Relief Labor; Dependent children; Board and care of children committed to the State.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for Education as follows: Superintendent of Schools' Salary; Common Schools; High School Tuition; Common School Text Books; Com-
School Supplies; Common School Repairs.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to create a sinking fund to be designated "Accounts Payable" to be used for the sole purpose of paying the outstanding town indebtedness.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for the purpose described in Article 17.

Art. 19. To see if the town will fix a time when taxes shall be due and payable, and will vote to make any discount on taxes paid, at such time or times as it may determine, and if so, what per cent; also fix a time and rate of interest to be added upon taxes unpaid.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, and raise for the following purposes: discounts; abatements.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to bring writs of entry for the recovery and possession of such parcels of land as have been conveyed to the town for the non-payment of taxes and the time of redemption having expired.

Art. 22. 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. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise, and raise the sum of $ .05, or any part thereof, per