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OF THE

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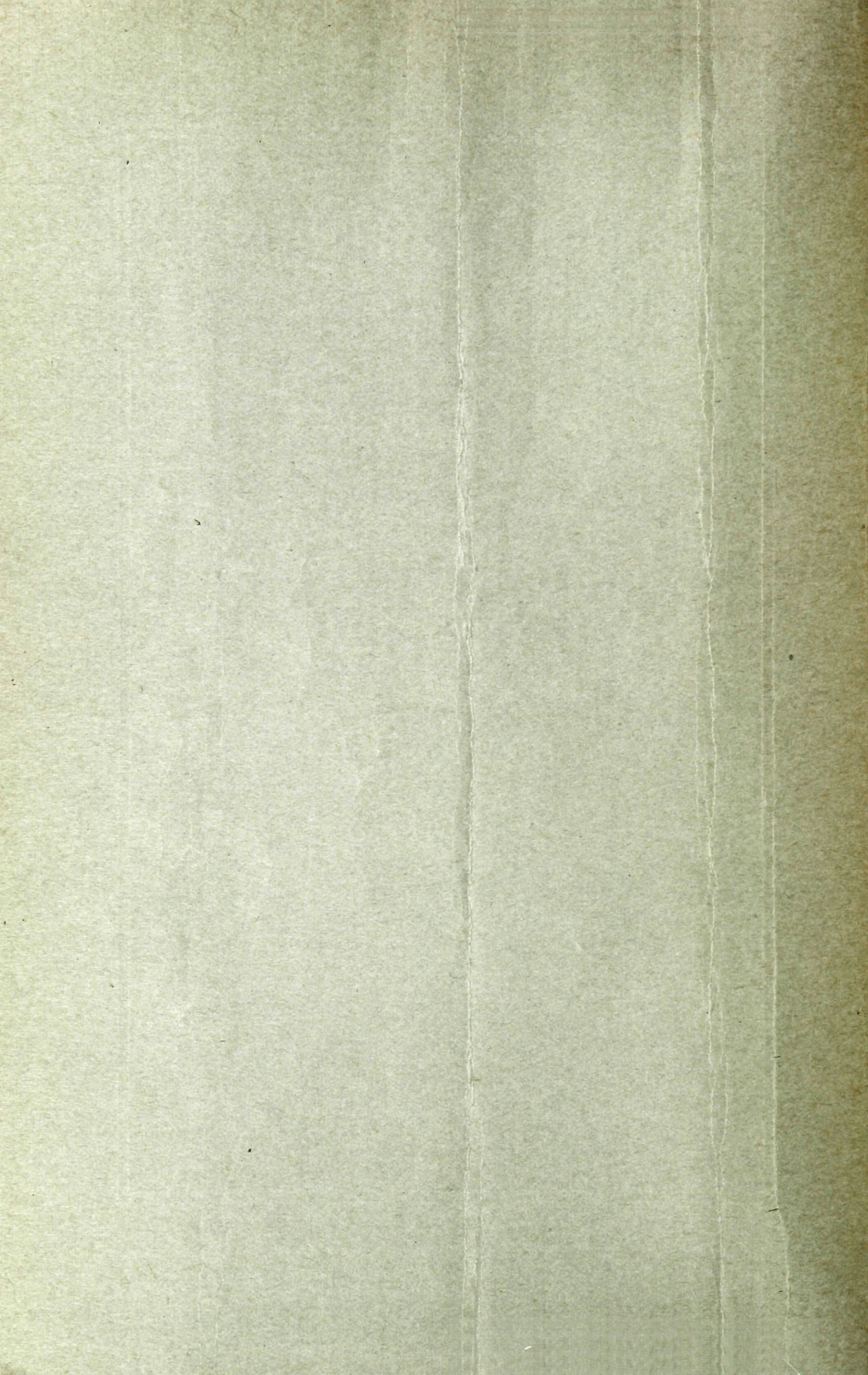
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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF BELGRADE

MODERATOR

E. F. YEATON

TOWN CLERK

E. H. MOSHER

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

L. A. BARTLETT E. L. FOSTER A. P. WATSON

TREASURER

E. H. MOSHER

COLLECTOR

E. W. ROGERS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

R. N. GUPTIL W. T. LARKIN C. R. SAWYER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

T. W. McQUAIDE

ROAD COMMISSIONER

JAMES WATSON

CONSTABLE

LESLIE BICKFORD

SEXTON

C. B. STUART

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

E. W. TOWLE GEO. A. P. BUCKNAM ROY YEATON

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

F. C. FOSTER

FIRE WARD

CHAS. H. MILLS

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Belgrade:

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1918.

RESIDENT REAL ESTATE

Land values	\$145,115 00
Building values	202,040 00
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	\$347,155 00

NON-RESIDENT REAL ESTATE

Land values	\$61,705 00
Building values	96,565 00
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	\$158,270 00
Personal estate, resident	\$96,240 00
Personal estate, non-resident	34,995 00
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	\$131,235 00

Total valuation	\$636,660 00
Amount of tax on above	\$16,556 60
291 polls at \$3.00	873 00
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	\$17,429 60

Rate .026

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1917

State tax	\$3,954 06
County tax	1,066 85
Town charges	1,000 00
Support of common schools	1,350 00
Summer roads and bridges	3,500 00
Special appropriation	300 00

Reference library for High school	\$ 75 00
Play ground for Washington school	100 00
Schoolhouse at Lake	600 00
Maintenance State Aid road	550 00
State Aid highway	533 00
Winter roads, 1916-17	2,000 00
Cemetery purposes	150 00
For electric lights	200 00
School books	300 00
Repairs for schoolhouses	300 00
Superintendent of schools	135 00
Support of High school	850 00
Overlay	462 25
Excess	3 44
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Total commitment	\$17,429 60

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

LIVESTOCK

NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
297 Horses	\$ 92 32	\$27,420 00
12 Colts, 3 to 4 years	103 33	1,240 00
14 Colts, 2 to 3 years	77 50	1,085 00
17 Colts, under 2 years	54 12	920 00
511 Cows	31 49	16,070 00
28 Oxen	61 89	1,733 00
133 3-year-olds	28 08	3,735 00
12 30 months old	25 17	302 00
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		\$52,505 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$ 8,750 00
Launches and boats	22,500 00
Logs and lumber	4,900 00
Wood and bark	3,000 00
Motorcycles, 2	150 00
Automobiles, 54	11,800 00
Musical instruments, 63	5,775 00
Furniture	4,650 00

Portable mill	\$ 1,750 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate	3,500 00
Other property	11,955 00
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Total	\$78,730 00

LIST OF UNTAXABLE LIVESTOCK

	NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
2 year old heifers and steers	207	\$20 61	\$4,266 00
1 year old heifers and steers	238	13 50	3,214 00
Sheep	414	3 00	1,242 00
Swine	129	17 48	2,255 00
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			\$10,977 00

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO FEB. 14, 1917

L. A. Bartlett, services as selectman	\$98 00
E. L. Foster, services as selectman	76 00
A. P. Watson, services as selectman	60 00
E. H. Mosher, services as town clerk	15 00
Knowlton & McLeary Co., town reports	44 00
Maine Farmer Co., moth cards	2 00
Perley Alexander, gathering moth nests	10 00
Philip Chandler, gathering moth nests	7 50
C. H. Mills, gathering moth nests	2 00
C. O. Page	5 00
Robert Pray	6 00
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	\$325 50

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Appropriation, 1917 \$150 00

EXPENDED FOR MOWING AND RAKING YARDS, REPAIRING BUILDING, ETC.

Paid Greenwood Stevens	\$10 50
Geo. A. P. Bucknam	49 50
Geo. A. P. Bucknam, laying shingles	15 00
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	\$75 00
Paid Geo. A. P. Bucknam, for care of cemeteries	\$21 02

Paid Geo. A. P. Bucknam, pumping water	\$12 00	
Roy Yeaton, carting shingles, and stagings	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 02
Paid E. H. Mosher, supplies	\$38 98	
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		\$150 00

INTEREST RECEIVED FROM BEQUESTS

J. C. Mosher	\$ 4 00	
Fannie Rockwood	12 00	
Sadie Clough	8 00	
Cora A. Hammond	4 00	
J. C. Crooker	8 00	
L. W. Batchelder	15 00	
J. S. Dudley	12 00	
A. W. Rollins	25 00	
K. K. Stuart	4 00	
Samuel Greely	4 00	
J. M. Chandler	6 90	
David Austin	48 00	
Theresa M. Libby	49 00	
Jessie Knox	4 00	
C. M. Weston	4 00	
Charles E. Morrill	8 00	
Parker Hutchins	4 00	
Knowlton and Taylor Penney	4 00	
Reuben Wentworth	4 00	
David Blaisdell	4 00	
Simon Guptill	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$235 91

AMOUNT EXPENDED

J. C. Mosher	\$ 4 00
Fannie Rockwood, repairing lot	12 00
Sadie Clough	8 00
Cora A. Hammond	4 00
J. C. Crooker	8 00

C. W. Batchelder, repairing lot	\$15 00
J. S. Dudley	12 00
A. W. Rollins, grading lot	25 00
K. K. Stuart	4 00
Samuel Greely	4 00
J. M. Chandler	6 90
David Austin	8 00
David Austin acct. of foundation for monument in Nahum Austin lot	15 00
Grading Nahum Austin lot	25 00
Theresa M. Libby, repairing lot	15 00
Resetting tablets and filling in depressions in lots	34 00
Jessie Knox	4 00
C. M. Weston	4 00
Charles E. Morrill	8 00
Parker Hutchins	4 00
Knowlton and Taylor Penney	4 00
Reuben Wentworth	4 00
David Blaisdell	4 00
Simon Guptill	4 00
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	\$235 90

GEO. A. P. BUCKNAM,
ROY A. YEATON,

Cemetery Committee.

ABATEMENTS FOR YEAR 1917

W. K. Perkins, gone to France	\$ 3 00
Page Pulsifer, not of age	3 00
Charles Stratton, paid in Augusta	3 00
C. B. Hutchins, paid in Leeds	3 00
R. G. Towle, paid in Mt. Vernon	5 60
Robain Arsnauld, paid in Rumford	78 00
A. F. Drummond, paid in Waterville	2 60
Haskell Hall, paid in Waterville	2 60
C. F. Johnson, paid in Waterville	7 80
L. M. Kunecut, abatement on boat	2 60

H. W. Mitchell, paid in Waterville	\$5 20	
Fred Perkins, paid in Augusta	3 90	
	<hr/>	\$120 30

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR 1917-18		
On account of Jane Mignault	\$231 85	
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PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS		
On account of James Chapman	\$19 94	
Anna C. Shaw	50 25	
	<hr/>	\$70 19
Due from Solon on account of A. M. Davis	\$36 55	
Augusta on account of Mamie Gordon	34 00	
New Sharon on account of James Chapman	19 94	
Augusta on account of Anna C. Shaw	50 25	
	<hr/>	\$140 74

SHEEP ACCOUNT

Paid C. H. Chandler on account sheep killed by dogs	\$17 00
Received from State on account same	\$17 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Electric lights	\$154 60
Percy H. Yeaton, constable	3 00
C. H. Mills, fire ward	25 00
C. H. Chandler, ballot clerk	2 00
Fred Wing, repairing hearse	10 00
F. C. Foster, sealer of weights and measures	6 00
F. C. Foster, board of health	1 90
L. E. Reynolds, reporting births and deaths	4 50
L. E. Reynolds, examination of blind	4 00
E. F. Yeaton, board of health	1 00
L. R. Bickford, constable	12 00
J. M. Cummings, election clerk	2 00

T. W. McQuaide, expenses as Supt. of schools	\$ 28 87	
E. L. Bachelder, election clerk	2 00	
E. H. Mosher, recording births and deaths	18 28	
E. H. Mosher, stationery, etc.	20 42	
E. H. Mosher, food for tramps	2 26	
W. T. Larkin, election clerk	2 00	
Belgrade Grange, rent of hall	25 00	
E. F. Yeaton, moderator	3 00	
James Lombard, rent of land	2 00	
O. H. Gowell, truant officer and care of tramps	17 00	
B. F. Maher, legal services	35 00	
E. H. Mosher, making cemetery deed	50	
E. W. Rogers, collector's salary	210 00	
L. A. Bartlett, expenses, stationery, Tel., etc.	39 50	
E. L. Foster, expenses, stationery, etc.	15 00	
A. P. Watson, expenses, stationery	7 00	
		\$653 83

RECAPITULATION

Paid bills accrued prior to Feb. 14, 1917	\$325 50	
Abatements, 1917	120 30	
Support of poor	302 04	
Miscellaneous expenses	683 83	
		\$1,431 67

HIGHWAY ORDERS DRAWN

Prince Sawtelle, summer 1915	\$ 1 35	
H. A. Bickford, summer 1916	10 50	
H. A. Bickford, winter 1916-17	1,389 89	
James Watson, winter 1916-17	535 42	
James Watson, summer 1917	2,847 61	
James Watson, winter 1917-18	947 92	
James Watson, State Aid road	1,103 08	
State on account patrol work	600 00	
Tractor and oil	1,065 50	
Freight	25 55	
		\$8,526 82
Total highway orders drawn		\$8,526 82
Total school orders drawn		\$6,300 93
Total town orders drawn		1,553 67

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS

Summer, 1917	\$3,500 00	
Snow, 1916-17	2,000 00	
Special appropriation	300 00	
Received from Central Maine Power Co.	137 00	
State Aid highway by town	533 00	
State Aid highway by State	622 42	
Maintenance by town	550 00	
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		\$7,642 42
Total highway orders drawn		8,526 82
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Overdrawn		\$884 40

RESOURCES

Cash in treasury	\$270 92	
Due from Augusta on account Mamie Gordon	34 00	
New Sharon on account James Chapman	19 94	
Augusta on account Anna C. Shaw	50 25	
Solon on account Angus Davis	36 55	
Mt. Vernon on account common schools	147 50	
Rome on account common schools	188 68	
Rome on account High school	58 00	
Rome on account Lakes schoolroom	44 45	
Sidney on account High school	10 00	
State on account dog tax refunded, est.	100 00	
Due on account tax deeds	286 88	
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		\$1,247 17

LIABILITIES

Due L. A. Bartlett, services as selectman	\$ 100 00
E. L. Foster, services as selectman	78 00
A. P. Watson, services as selectman	66 00
E. H. Mosher, services as town clerk	15 00
Printing brown tail moth cards	2 00
Outstanding treasury notes	2,000 00

Due D. C. Lambert, on account Jane Mignault	\$45 00	
Printing town reports, estimated	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,346 00
Liabilities above resources		<hr/> \$1,103 83

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BARTLETT,

E. L. FOSTER,

A. P. WATSON,

Selectmen of Belgrade.

REPORT OF TREASURER

*Town of Belgrade in account with E. H. Mosher, Treasurer for the
Year 1917*

DR.

To paid treasury notes	\$5,800 00
Interest	273 63
Town orders	1,553 67
School orders	6,300 93
Road orders	8,526 82
State tax	3,954 06
County tax	1,066 85
State treasurer, dog tax	124 00
State pensions	63 00
Treasurer's commission	75 00
For taxes bid off by the town	206 50
Cash in treasury	270 66
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	\$28,215 12

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Cash on hand March 5, 1917	\$ 295 03
Rec'd from E. W. Rogers, collector	17,429 60
State treasurer, school fund and mill fund	2,013 70
State treasurer, R. R. & Tel. tax	17 10
Account State pensions	63 00
From State treasurer, account High school	500 00
For improvement State roads	622 42
Cash and gave treasury notes	6,300 00
From town of Sidney on account schools	227 24
Town of Rome on account schools	185 65
Acme Amusement Co., for license	20 00
Lot Bickford, reimbursement on account Chas. Bickford	10 00

Rec'd from State treasurer, dog tax refunded	\$ 53 38
State treasurer, account domestic animals killed by dogs	169 00
Central Maine Power Co., account roads	137 00
For sale of burial lot	25 00
From town of Oakland on account Anson Quimby	13 00
C. F. Anderson for license for pictures	10 00
E. H. Mosher, dog tax, 1917	124 00
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	\$28,215 12

Road Commissioners' Reports

SUMMER OF 1917

James Watson and team	\$470 25
Frank Tibbetts and team	211 83
Nathan Bailey	53 50
Merle Bickford	60 75
Will Stevens	103 75
Elmer Mosher	61 12
Ernest Yeaton	111 74
Raymond Yeaton	4 00
Elmer Morrill	3 00
Lawrence Minot	42 75
Peter LeVasseur	24 76
Perle Percival	63 12
Richard Fowler and team	10 00
J. W. Fowler and team	10 00
George Stoddard and team	7 50
Harry Knowles and team	10 00
Edd Knowles and team	10 00
C. R. Sawyer	12 50
Charles Watson	72 63
Page Pulsifer	20 25
Harry Hewitt	4 88
Stephen Berry	7 00
Charlie Stuart	4 00
Percy Yeaton	71 37
Steve Blaisdell	3 00
John Richards	5 00
Ray Hammond	3 00
Floyd Yeaton	18 00
Clarence Kinney	1 75
L. L. Castle	14 85
George Castle	4 50
Foster Bros.	8 50
Green Stevens	2 50
F. A. Scribner	5 00

E. C. Lord	\$ 1 50
Hortense Herson	2 00
Leslie Bickford	5 40
Eli Wadleigh	9 25
Pray Bros.	18 50
Wallace Bickford and team	97 90
Howard Bickford and team	105 25
Harold Bickford	12 20
Carlton Cook	60
Will Spaulding	8 00
Al Furbush	14 50
Jim Stevens	8 50
Elias Stevens	5 50
Oscar Stevens	4 50
A. M. Alexander	1 00
Anson Quimby	31 00
Dennis Cook	13 00
Will Ellis	11 00
Carl Spencer	2 00
Wilbur Judkins	3 00
Joseph Ashland	12 50
Albert Ashland	6 66
Hiram Patten	6 00
James Stevens	14 25
Asa Stevens	7 00
C. W. Moody	11 00
Roy Sprague	5 00
Frank Lord	22 75
Charles Mills	4 00
C. H. Wyman	56 15
R. B. Wyman	24 75
Harry Mills	39 65
Edd Page	16 00
J. W. Alexander	11 00
H. Alexander	95 50
W. L. Withers	15 00
James Chapman	1 00
F. E. Clement	20 00
Wil-on Clement	26 27
L. A. Bartlett	7 38

J. McCormie	\$ 3 50
C. M. Conant Co.	9 60
Leslie Damren	4 15
F. E. Bunker	6 25
W. D. Damren	5 60
Brooks Hardware Co.	6 18
Charles Ellis	8 00
Minnie Cook	2 60
Annie Foster	2 10
R. N. Guphill	12 50
Arsnault & Tucker	129 14
James Watson	25 00
J. C. Scates	17 86
Steve Berry	14 80
Mrs. J. C. Hewitt	5 80
L. L. Castle	20 00
Fred Scribner	5 10
F. B. Albee	16 30
E. H. Mosher	43 72
Berger Manufacturing Co.	226 70
S. C. Goodwin	6 95
James Watson, ten gal. oil can	2 50
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Total amount expended	\$2,847 61

WINTER OF 1916-1917

James Watson and team	\$61 50
Will Abbott and team	9 00
Frank Tibbetts	6 75
Elmer Mosher	17 00
Ernest Yeaton	17 00
Raymond Yeaton	15 00
Roy Yeaton	5 00
Page Pulsifer	2 00
Fred Bickford	12 00
Charles Watson	3 00
Lawrence Minot	2 00
Percy Yeaton	21 00
Willis Childs	9 00
C. R. Sawyer	5 00
Charlie Chandler	2 00

Philip Chandler	\$ 2 00
Arthur Mosher	2 00
George Yeaton	1 50
Floyd Yeaton	3 75
E. E. Dunn	12 50
Albert Ashland	9 45
Mrs. G. G. Bartlett	15 05
A. N. Wadleigh	50
Arthur Piper	16 45
A. C. Dudley	10 70
Joseph Ashland	19 10
Eli Wadleigh	16 00
Wesley Knowles	6 50
Frank Pray & Son,	3 00
Rodney Tibbetts	33 75
John Tibbetts	14 76
Pray Bros.	28 00
Leslie Bickford	16 25
A. J. Bickford	6 50
Ilko Knowles	25 50
J. W. Penney	4 95
Everett Johnson	5 00
Albert Johnson	6 00
O. H. Gowell & Son	12 80
Abbott Bros.	27 25
W. J. Spaulding	14 50
Edd Knowles	8 80
R. N. Guptill	25 61

\$535 42

JAMES WATSON, *Road Commissioner.*

WINTER SNOW BILLS 1917-1918

W. H. Knowles	\$ 36 00
Walter Knowles	36 00
C. B. Stuart	30 00
Rodney Tibbetts	43 50
H. A. Nelson	5 00
Wesley Knowles	11 00

Fred Bickford	\$ 14 00
John Stanley	27 58
Harry Bickford	32 50
R. B. Randlett	66 97
H. C. Mills	49 00
Merle Bickford	6 25
Ralph and Clinton Bickford	5 00
Leroy Cook	56 04
Wallace Bickford	46 50
Howard Bickford	70 50
Edward Burgess	19 38
Herbert Alexander	121 76
Herbert Bickford	13 50
Frank Tibbetts	48 00
C. R. Sawyer	36 00
Percy Yeaton	14 00
Lawrence Minot	8 12
Raymond Yeaton	10 00
Albert Furbush	39 50
Perley Alexander	13 00
E. H. Mosher	24
Harry Branch	15 00
Chas. H. Miller	8 25
W. F. Stratton	5 83
C. H. Wallace	21 00
A. R. Damren	13 50
I. W. Stevens	15 00
O. W. Nelson	10 00

\$947 92

JAMES WATSON, *Road Commissioner.*

WINTER OF 1916-1917

L. A. Cook	\$34 26
Anson Quimby	10 80
Oland Richardson	16 56
Jay Merrow	25 78
A. M. Alexander	7 25
C. A. Rowe	21 00

C. H. Wyman	\$13 50
Harry Mills	24 25
Clifford Rollins	1 75
H. A. Bickford	92 23
M. H. Childs	9 44
E. A. Wallace	26 38
E. S. Willey	3 00
Perley Alexander	10 50
Fred Bickford	4 00
E. L. Bachelder	7 00
John Smith	6 00
Fred Scribner	75
W. P. Sawtelle	43 23
G. G. Stevens	10 63
I. W. Stevens	9 00
E. C. Lord	9 60
Philip Chandler	20 44
W. H. Ellis	7 87
Charles Woodward	6 13
R. B. Wyman	13 50
James Stevens & Sons	31 16
John Stanley	40 97
Albert Furbush	10 00
A. E. Page	36 75
Walter Gleason	63 00
W. O. Willey	24 28
F. W. Pray & Son	38 00
C. O. Page	24 00
F. C. Judkins	7 90
B. S. Damren	6 00
H. L. Alexander	4 00
W. H. Knowles	31 25
C. B. Stuart	35 75
Leslie Bickford	3 00
Walter Knowles	19 00
Sidney Goodwin	7 00
John Steyens	9 00
Geo. Eldridge	11 38
E. A. Merchant	1 75
Harry Bickford	35 13

Foster Bros.	\$27 50
M. M. Larkin	14 60
W. T. Larkin	21 40
M. K. Stevens	7 00
Edward Burgess	5 35
W. L. Withers	65 25
Preston O. Willey	13 45
W. E. Farnham	45 00
C. H. Chandler	10 80
Charles Willey	3 00
Charles Moody	2 65
C. L. Spencer	1 00
Hiram Patten	2 62
E. A. McCartney	5 25
Clarence Chase	12 20
F. J. Lord	74 75
E. E. Chandler	5 25
Ernest Yeaton	7 00
Charles Ellis	4 37
D. A. Cook	18 91
Willis Stevens	12 25
Forest Stevens	8 82
Ernest Stevens	20 00
Frank L. Tibbetts	20 25
B. H. Roberts	13 00
Herbert Alexander	20 25
Wilbur Judkins	5 25
Percy Chute	2 00
Frazier Hawkins	2 00
James Tukey	6 00
H. H. Adams	6 00
W. A. Wallace	13 75
E. A. Mills & Son	22 00
O. H. Gowell & Son	12 80
W. C. Mills	4 00

\$1,389 89

H. A. BICKFORD, *Road Commissioner.*

SUMMER 1916

C. J. Anderson	\$2 50
E. A. Wallace	5 00
J. W. Carrol	3 00

 \$10 50

 H. A. BICKFORD, *Road Commissioner.*

SUMMER 1915

E. L. Bachelder	\$1 35
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 W. P. SAWTELLE, *Road Commissioner.*

STATE AID ROAD

James Watson	\$ 73 00
James Watson and team	121 16
Will Stevens	58 33
Elmer Mosher	54 53
Ernest Yeaton	58 75
L. L. Castle	39 57
Geo. Castle	37 07
Peter LeVasseur	4 50
Frank Tebbetts and team	122 83
B. S. Damren	51 17
Peralie Percival	7 50
Robert Pray	40 67
W. E. Farnham and team	74 13
Earl Lord	28 34
Geo. Bucknam	6 00
Clarence Kelley	14 29
Chas. Wallace and team	57 13
Arthur Alexander and team	55 30
F. A. Scribner, gravel	93 75
Foster Bros., clay	15 30
James Watson, lumber	3 00
Berger M'fg Co.	62 40
E. H. Mosher, hardware	18 03
S. C. Goodwin	1 15
Brooks Hardware Co.	5 18

 \$1,103 08

 JAMES WATSON, *Foreman.*

Report of the Superintending School Committee

We recommend the following appropriations for next year, viz:

Common schools	\$1,950 00
High school	1,050 00
Text-books and supplies for common and High schools	375 00
Repairs	350 00
High school library	50 00
Medical inspection	25 00

R. N. GUPTILL,
W. T. LARKIN,
C. R. SAWYER,

Superintending School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee of Belgrade:

In accordance with the provisions of the school law I herewith submit to you, and to the citizens of Belgrade, my annual report for the town year 1917-18.

The school census of April 1, 1917, showed 298 persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years. There were enrolled in the schools during the year 269 pupils, 228 in the common schools and 41 in the High school.

HIGH SCHOOL

The examination for the High school, held last June, was taken by 14 ninth grade and 6 eighth grade pupils; 12 of the ninth grade pupils were passed. Four tuition pupils were also admitted to High school on certificates from other towns. This is the largest entering class we have had for several years.

The High school has been in charge of the same teachers for almost four years and it is to be hoped that the class which graduates next June will be able to complete their work under the same teachers they began with four years ago.

The work of the school is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The interest in High school, on the part of common school pupils, is growing and the interest in higher education, on the part of the High school pupils, shows a gratifying increase. The standard of the school, on the whole, will compare favorably with other schools of the same type in the State.

In one respect, however, we have been somewhat deficient in past years. Public speaking has always been considered an important feature of High school work, but we have never been able to get our pupils interested in it until recently when the Freshman class broke the ice and held a public speaking contest a few weeks ago. As it was the first entertainment of the kind and a new idea to our people, however, it did not receive the support which it merited, but

the members of the Freshman class have the satisfaction of knowing that to them has fallen the honor of putting Belgrade High school "on the map" in the matter of public speaking, and we have no doubt they will be able to keep it there.

COMMON SCHOOLS

With the exception of the Whittier school, which lost four weeks of the spring term on account of measles, we have had from 31 to 33 weeks of school. The winter terms of the Lowell and the Whittier schools were somewhat broken up on account of measles but the terms were extended to make up the lost time. The attendance at the Franklin school was badly shattered during the fall term on account of measles and the fear of smallpox.

The winter terms of both schools at the Lakes were extended several weeks as we will be obliged to have a short spring term to close by May 15, at which time our lease on the grammar room expires.

Several schools have been in charge of the same teachers for the full year and most of the others have had the same teachers for both terms of the present school year. With one or two exceptions the teachers have all had previous experience.

This has been a very hard year in the operation of our schools. Increased costs, the difficulty of getting supplies, the increasing scarcity of teachers, the epidemics of sickness throughout the year and the unparalleled severity of the winter have all contributed toward interfering with successful school work. In spite of these handicaps, however, the schools have made good progress and the work of the pupils, in the aggregate, shows steady improvement.

The eye and ear test was given, as usual, during the year. We must continue to urge upon parents the importance of this matter. When a simple schoolroom test shows defective sight or hearing, it should have immediate medical attention.

Repairs for the year include painting the McKinley and Lincoln schools, building an extension to the woodshed of the Depot school and building a new toilet to connect with the schoolroom. The pupils of that school now have a clean toilet with facilities for a reasonable privacy in its use and under the constant supervision of the teacher. It is to be hoped that the pupils of the other schools in the town will soon be able to enjoy the same blessing.

At the last regular town meeting the sum of \$600.00 was appro-

priated to build another schoolroom at the Lakes. When we came to get bids for the work it was found that, owing to the advanced prices, it would cost considerable more than the original estimate. A special town meeting was then called to explain this situation and to secure further instructions. At this meeting representatives of the Belgrade Hotel Co. presented a request that further action be deferred until the next regular town meeting, at which time they would present a proposition to the town with a view to the removal of the present school building to another location. The town then voted to defer action on the matter of building until the next regular town meeting and authorized the school committee to rent a room for school purposes. A room was rented from Mr. A. A. Fairbanks and, in spite of the severe winter, the children have been quite comfortable therein. Owing to the present high cost of building and the unsettled conditions generally, we would recommend that this arrangement be continued for the present at least.

An appropriation of \$100.00 was also made a year ago to provide a play ground for the Washington school. As the ground adjacent to the schoolhouse could not be bought, however, and the one other suitable location is not for sale at present, it would seem that the matter will have to rest there for the present.

APPROPRIATIONS

Your school committee has recommended the following appropriations for next year, viz:

Common schools	\$1,950 00
High school	1,050 00
Text-books and supplies for common and High schools	375 00
Repairs	350 00
High school reference library	50 00
Medical inspection	25 00

This totals practically the same as last year's appropriations but the items are apportioned differently.

The common school appropriation is larger than last year as our expenses are bound to be very much higher. Our balance to carry forward is \$125.00 less than last year; our wood will cost \$200.00 more than last year; only one-half year's operation of the grammar room at the Lakes is included in this year's expenses, whereas next year will show a full year's operation, which will add \$200.00 more. But the greatest item of increase will be teachers' wages. When it

comes to the question of teachers' wages no man can tell definitely just what we are up against, but it is going to be a serious matter. We are facing the greatest shortage of teachers the State has ever known and the results will be the same as in every other class of help — a big advance in wages. This will be especially true in the case of experienced teachers and that is the kind we are obliged to have in the majority of our schools. If we should be obliged to make an average increase of only \$1.00 a week it would add \$350.00 a year to our expenses. By adding these several items of increase to last year's appropriation we have a total of \$2,225.00 required for this year. We have asked for only \$1,950.00, however, hoping that luck may favor us somewhere and enable us to pull through with that amount.

Our High school account is about \$60.00 overdrawn. Deducting this amount from the \$1,050.00 asked for would leave us very little more than our expenses last year.

In the matter of text-books and supplies for common and High schools the \$375.00 asked for this year will buy us even less than the \$300.00 appropriated last year.

Our repairs account is about \$60.00 overdrawn. After this is deducted from the \$350.00 asked for it will leave us about the same as last year's appropriation.

For High school reference library we have asked for \$25.00 less than last year.

No appropriation has been requested for superintendent's salary as the State Department of Education has suggested that this item be included in the town charges account.

We have asked for an appropriation of \$25.00 for medical inspection. This will constitute a sort of a health insurance for all the children. It will enable us to have a sanitary inspection of the general condition of all the schools and a personal medical inspection of each child in the schools at least once a year. It will also protect the general health of the children by placing a school physician at the service of the teacher in case a pupil shows symptoms of some contagious disease and the occasion requires an immediate medical inspection to safeguard the health of the other children in the school. This plan has been in use for several years in an adjoining town and has given excellent results.

In conclusion I desire to thank the residents of Belgrade for the courtesies extended to me during my four years of work in your schools.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. McQUAIDE, *Superintendent of Schools.*

SCHOOL STATISTICS

School	Teacher	Term	Weeks in term	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Supt's Visits	Wages
Lincoln	Angie O. Bartlett	Spring	12	11	10	3	\$ 9 00
	Angie O. Bartlett	Fall	12	10	8	3	9 00
	Angie O. Bartlett	Winter	7	9	6	2	9 00
McKinley	Una B. Shattuck	Spring	12	13	12	3	10 00
	Frances Spaulding	Fall	12	15	13	4	9 00
	Frances Spaulding	Winter	8	10	8	2	9 00
Franklin	Zoe R. Day	Spring	12	29	25	4	11 00
	Zoe R. Day	Fall	12	24	19	5	11 00
	Viola Roscoe	Winter	8	16	13	4	12 50
Whittier	Hattie Ward Johnson	Spring	8	17	16	3	9 00
	Mildred E. Page	Fall	12	13	12	4	9 00
	Mildred E. Page	Winter	8	16	12	2	9 00
Lowell	Winnifred Boothby	Spring	12	15	11	4	10 00
	Muriel S. Blake	Fall	12	12	11	4	10 00
	Ethel C. Foster	Winter	8	10	9	2	10 00
Adams	Mildred E. Page	Spring	13	10	9	3	8 00
	Florence A. White	Fall	12	10	8	4	9 00
	Florence A. White	Winter	8	9	7	2	9 00
Washington	H. D. Taylor	Spring	12	18	15	4	11 00
	Rachel Sturtevant	Fall	12	18	15	4	12 00
	Rachel Sturtevant	Winter	8	16	12	2	12 00
Lakeside	Ethel C. Foster	Spring	12	14	12	4	9 00
	Leona G. Smith	Fall	12	11	10	4	10 50
	Leona G. Smith	Winter	8	11	9	2	10 50
New Century	Nora M. Chandler	Spring	12	38	33	4	11 00
Lakes Primary	Nora M. Chandler	Fall	11	21	18	5	11 00
	Nora M. Chandler	Winter	12	20		3	11 00
Lakes Grammar	Una B. Shattuck	Fall	11	12	10	4	12 00
	Una B. Shattuck	Winter	12	12		3	12 00
High	J. C. Haggerty	Spring	10	25	22	4	25 00
	Helen E. Russell	Spring					13 50
	J. C. Haggerty	Fall	14	30	27	5	26 39
	Helen E. Russell	Fall					15 00
	J. C. Haggerty	Winter	11	29		4	26 39
	Helen E. Russell	Winter					15 00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS

RESOURCES

Balance last year	\$ 363 13
Town appropriation	1,350 00
Rec'd from State	2,013 70
Mt. Vernon, tuition	147 50
Rome, tuition	188 68

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EXPENSES

TEACHERS' WAGES

Mildred Page	\$284 00
Angie O. Bartlett	279 00
Una B. Shattuck	360 00
Zoe R. Day	264 00
Nora M. Chandler	385 00
Winnifred Boothby	120 00
Ethel C. Foster	188 00
Harold D. Taylor	132 00
Hattie W. Johnson	72 00
Leona G. Smith	210 00
Muriel S. Blake	120 00
Rachel Sturtevant	240 00
Frances Spaulding	180 00
Viola Roscoe	100 00
Florence White	180 00

\$3,114 00

JANITOR SERVICE AND CLEANING

Beulah Brooks	\$ 5 25
Albert Johnson	5 00
John Cook	10 00
Floyd Alexander	6 00
Evelyn Stratton	2 00

Richard Pray	\$6 00
Roland Mills	8 00
Lubert Roberts	7 50
Mrs. Dora Bickford	3 00
Mrs. Calvin Brooks	6 00
Edwin Kinney	9 60
Everett Tillson	3 00
Rachel Sturtevant	6 00
Verne Stevens	4 20
Ada Tibbetts	3 00
Reginald Emmons	2 00
Guy French	2 75
James C. Tukey	4 80
Maynard Furbush	3 20
Luvita Bickford	4 00
Frances Spaulding	3 20
Ivan Sprague	2 40
Elmer Morrill	3 00

 \$109 90
FUEL

George Yeaton	\$10 00
H. Damren	2 00
John McKinnion	3 75
J. S. Tukey	20 00
Charles Stuart	5 00
Harry Hewitt	16 00
R. N. Guptil	23 00
Roy A. Yeaton	36 00
John Cummings	2 50
Mrs. Calvin Brooks	4 50
Edwin Kinney	1 50
Everett Tillson	75
Asa Stevens	15 00
Reginald Emmons	50
Guy French	75
A. E. Page	8 00
Maynard Furbush	75
Frances Spaulding	75

Luvita Bickford	\$ 75	
H. Alexander	5 00	
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		\$156 50

CONVEYANCE

A. E. Baker	\$ 8 00	
Fred Patten	24 00	
L. A. Cook	128 00	
J. W. Fowler	150 00	
W. T. Larkin	112 00	
E. L. Bachelder	20 00	
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		\$442 00
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		\$3,822 40
Balance	\$240 61	

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

RESOURCES

Balance last year	\$ 4 24	
Town appropriation	300 00	
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		\$304 24

EXPENSES

HIGH SCHOOL

Ginn & Co.	\$35 70	
E. E. Babb & Co.	9 91	
American Book Co.	13 79	
Maine Library Com.	2 50	
Dowling School Supply Co.	6 60	
H. H. Hay's Sons	3 25	
Howard & Brown	4 54	
Harter School Supply Co.	1 85	
Atkinson, Mentzer Co.	3 98	
D. C. Heath & Co.	4 90	
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		\$87 02

COMMON SCHOOLS

C. J. Anderson	\$ 2 05
Ginn & Co.	28 78
E. E. Babb & Co.	29 79
American Book Co.	56 83
American Crayon Co.	6 60
Dowling School Supply Co.	16 14
Silver, Burdett & Co.	20 26
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	4 25
Franklin Journal	3 75
Educational Supply Co.	2 71
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	5 82
T. W. McQuaide	16 95
Boston Paper Board Co.	3 00
Smith & Sale	1 80
U. S. Food Admin.	3 60
L. Bartlett	1 95
E. H. Mosher	7 70
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	\$214 98
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	\$302 00
Balance	\$2 24

REPAIRS

RESOURCES

Town appropriation	\$300 00
Overdrawn last year	85 98
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For use this year	\$214 02

EXPENSES

Pray Bros.	\$54 19
E. A. Merchant	3 91
Scates & Hanson	40 36
Leslie Bickford	16 25
E. G. Childs	39 73
Elmer Mosher	25 00
C. J. Lundstrom Mfg. Co.	6 05
J. W. Alexander	85

Noyes & Nutter Mfg. Co.	\$ 1 35	
E. H. Mosher	84 58	
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		\$272 27
Overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$58 25

LAKES SCHOOLROOM

RESOURCES

Town appropriation	\$600 00	
Due from Rome	44 45	
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		\$644 45

EXPENSES

Sears, Roebuck & Co.	\$79 50	
Maine Central R. R. Co.	11 54	
Noah Clough	2 00	
E. E. Babb & Co.	10 08	
E. A. Cummings	20 90	
E. H. Mosher	25 18	
T. W. McQuaide	3 58	
A. A. Fairbanks	25 00	
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		\$177 78
Balance		<hr/>
		\$466 67

HIGH SCHOOL

RESOURCES

Town appropriation	\$850 00	
Rec'd from State	500 00	
Town of Sidney	78 00	
Town of Rome	58 00	
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		\$1,486 00
Overdrawn last year		<hr/>
		35 17
For use this year		<hr/>
		\$1,450 83

EXPENSES

J. C. Haggerty	\$925 00
Helen E. Russell	513 00
Ernest White, fuel	1 25
Floyd Yeaton, fuel	7 00
James Watson, fuel	3 00
W. G. Childs, fuel	8 00
F. B. Albee, fuel	20 00
Ernest White, janitor	22 00
Floyd Yeaton, janitor	14 00
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	\$1,513 25
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Overdrawn	\$62 42

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Town appropriation	\$75 00
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EXPENSES

Funk & Wagnalls Co.	\$ 2 96
Barnes & Noble	14 25
Harper Bros.	3 90
A. S. Barnes Co.	1 76
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	8 76
A. C. McCleery	1 87
D. Appleton & Co.	2 81
Silver, Burdett & Co.	5 58
MacMillan Co.	12 31
T. W. McQuaide	2 84
Ginn & Co.	7 90
J. B. Lippincott Co.	2 95
American Book Co.	6 84
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	\$74 73
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Balance	\$ 27

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

RESOURCES

Balance last year	\$ 18 00	
Town appropriation	135 00	
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		\$153 00
T. W. McQuaide, salary		135 00
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Balance		\$18 00

WASHINGTON SCHOOL PLAY GROUND

Town appropriation		\$100 00
Balance	\$100 00	

TOWN WARRANT

To L. R. Bickford, Constable of the town of Belgrade,

GREETING.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Belgrade qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Belgrade Grange Hall in said town on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First — To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third — To see if the town will vote to have one or more Road Commissioners.

Fourth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Fifth — To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in section 19 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Sixth — To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$533.00) for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 18, chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Seventh — To see whether the town will vote to raise money and what sum for the maintenance of State and State Aid highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of sections 9 and 18 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, or under the provisions of section 21, chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Eighth — To see if the town will appropriate and raise extra money for State Aid Highway in order to take advantage of section 21, chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 as amended by section 5, chapter 258, Public Laws of 1917, which provides for towns making additional appropriations and receiving additional aid and a bonus, and, if so, what sum.

Ninth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for snow bills of the winter 1917-18.

Tenth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Eleventh — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

Twelfth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the purchase of school books for the ensuing year.

Thirteenth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Fourteenth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of a free High school for the ensuing year.

Fifteenth — To choose one member of cemetery committee.

Sixteenth — To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for cemetery purposes.

Seventeenth — To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for electric lights to light the streets at Belgrade Depot for the coming year.

Eighteenth — To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for electric lights to light the streets at Belgrade Lakes for the coming year.

Nineteenth — To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for electric lights to light the street at North Belgrade from Anderson's theatre to E. E. Rollins' store.

Twentieth — To see if the town will vote to pay the school committee for their services for the ensuing year.

Twenty-first — To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to sand the road beginning at the end of State road in front of E. E. Rollins' store and running to Mill bridge.

Twenty-second — To see if the town will vote to grant and raise five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be used by the Lakeside Campmeeting Association toward building a private way from North Belgrade station to their Camp Ground, said private way to be laid out by the County Commissioners and kept in repair by said Lakeside Campmeeting Association without any further cost to the town of Belgrade.

Twenty-third — To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be given to Mrs. Cora E. Yeaton for injuries received by stepping in a hole in the road on West road last winter.

Twenty-fourth — To see if the town will vote to accept two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) from Aubrey B. Butler for the perpetual care of the lot of Annie Rachel Ricker, No. 17 in Range 2 of the Pine Grove cemetery No. 2.

Twenty-fifth — To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to hire money for the use of the town, if necessary.

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

Given under our hands at Belgrade this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1918.

L. A. BARTLETT,
E. L. FOSTER,
A. P. WATSON,

Selectmen of Belgrade.

