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ANNUAL REPORT

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For the Municipal Year

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THE COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.
MACHIAS, MAINE

ASSESSORS REPORT FEBRUARY 21, 1949

Resident Valuation	\$ 2,834.00	
Non-Resident Valuation	38,632.13	
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Total		\$11,466.13
Assessed on the Valuation of		
Town	\$3,273.72	
6 Polls at 3.00	18.00	
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Total Assessment		\$3,291.72

Appropriations 1948-49

State Tax	\$ 435.08	
County Tax	270.00	
Fire Tax	135.00	
School	300.00	
Town Debt	50.00	
Insurance	25.88	
Roads & Bridges	250.00	
Maintenance State Aid Road	260.00	
State Aid Construction	450.00	
Support of Poor	500.00	
Tuberculosis Fund	10.00	
Snow removal	150.00	
Administration	250.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
Superintendent	65.00	
Repairs	75.00	
Overlay	55.76	
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Total Tax		\$3,291.72
Resident Tax	\$ 238.11	
Non-Resident Tax	3,054.61	
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Total Tax		\$3,292.72

Tax Rate .079 Mills

WALLACE FARNSWORTH
 W. H. FARNSWORTH
 ELI OAKES
 Assessors Town of Beddington

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by Town	\$250.00	
Overdrawn 1947	84.55	
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Amount Available		\$165.15
	Expended	
Ella Schoppee	\$124.00	
W. L. Farnsworth	70.99	
Herman Harrington	2.25	
Fred Grant	11.10	
Clyde Merritt	9.50	
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Total		\$217.81
Overdrawn		52.39
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		\$165.45

MAINTENANCE OF S. A. ROAD

Raised by Town	\$260.00	
Expended	210.00	
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Unexpended		\$50.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Raised by Town	\$150.00	
Received from State	381.00	
Unexpended 1947	617.28	
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Amount Available		\$1,148.28

	Expended	
Clyde Merritt, Contract	637.56	
Clyde Merritt, Hour Contract	3.88	
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Total	\$641.44	
Unexpended	506.84	
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		\$1,148.28

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Raised by Town	\$450.00
Expended	450.00

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE

Received from State	\$286.52
Expended	286.52

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Raised by Town	\$75.00	
Unexpended 1947	49.76	
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Available		\$124.76

CEMETERY

Raised by Town	\$10.00	
Unexpended 1947	10.00	
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Available		\$20.00

BANK NOTE

Received from Union Trust Co.	\$500.00
Paid with Interest	\$507.22

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$50.00	
Received from Bank Stock	2.40	
Interest on School Fund	12.06	
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INSURANCE

Raised by Town	\$25.88
Paid Homer Worcester	\$25.88

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS

Raised by Town	\$10.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$10.00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR

Raised by Town	\$500.00	
Overdrawn 1947	31.10	
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Amount Available		\$468.90
	Expended	
State Treasurer, Milo Oakes	\$542.00	
Town of Columbia, Milo Oakes	3.90	
Fred E. Grant, Lyndon Small	10.13	
Town of Cherryfield, Lyndon Small	30.00	
Dr. Frank Sammis, Lyndon Small	15.00	
Dr. L. A. Betteridge, Lyndon Small	15.00	
Roland Stanley, Lyndon Small	60.00	
W. Farnsworth, Lyndon Small	40.00	
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		\$716.03
Overdrawn		247.13
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		\$468.90

WALLACE FARNSWORTH
Overseer of Poor

ADMINISTRATION

Raised by Town	\$250.00	
Overlay	55.76	
Interest	1.24	
Excise tax	93.19	
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	\$400.19	
Overdrawn 1917	68.00	
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Available		\$332.49
	Expended	
Marks Printing House, Supplies	\$14.95	
Teague Publishing Co., reports	37.35	
Wallace Farnsworth, Elections	18.00	
W. H. Farnsworth, Elections	18.00	
Eli Oakes, Elections	12.00	
Octavia Hart, Elections	18.00	
Dorothy Farnsworth, Elections	18.00	
Branham Co., supplies	2.25	
Union Trust Co., Service Charge	1.72	
Machias Valley News, posting notice	1.50	
Allan Sawyer, Auditor	35.00	
W. H. Farnsworth, Assessor	6.00	
Flora Farnsworth, Clerk & postage	12.00	
Octavia Hart, Treasurer & postage	35.50	
Dorothy Farnsworth, Collector & postage	34.63	
W. L. Farnsworth, Selectman, Overseer & Assessor	50.00	
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Total	\$314.90	
Unexpended	17.59	
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		\$332.49

SUPERINTENDENT

Raised by Town		\$65.00
	Expended	
Frances Strout	\$61.88	
Unexpended	3.12	
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TAX ACCOUNT

State Tax	\$435.08
Paid	435.08
County Tax	270.00
Paid	270.00
District Tax	135.00
Paid	135.00

ABATEMENTS

Unexpended 1947	\$2.16
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BEAR BOUNTY

Received from State Treas.	\$135.00
	Expended
Russell Campbell	\$15.00
Theodore Cotton	15.00
Dorothy Farnsworth	15.00
James Perkins	30.00
Herber Willey	15.00
Robert Cram	45.00
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	\$135.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Amount Committed for Collection	\$3,292.72
Amount Collected on Com- mitment	\$3,278.01

Excise Tax 1948	19.49
Excise Tax 1949	20.00
Taxes 1917	4.60
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Paid Treasurer	\$3,322.10

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS 1948

Clarence Larrey ^{Larrey}	\$3.00
Russell Campbell	3.00
Thomas Pickering	3.95
Adjustment for Eben Oakes	4.76
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	\$14.71

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS 1947

John Willey	\$4.00
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DOROTHY FARNSWORTH
Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending February 21, 1949

Balance in Bank	\$ 878.81
Received from Dorothy Farnsworth, Coll.	3,322.10
Received from State:	
Special Appropriation	286.32
Snow Removal	381.00
Bank Stock Tax	.64
Bear Bounties	135.00
State School Fund	155.90
Union Trust Co.	500.00
Union Trust Co., Int. on Preferred Stock	.60
Union Trust Co., Stock Dividend	1.80
Union Trust Co., For Common Stock	120.00

Machias Savings Bank, Interest	12.06	
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		\$5,794.48
Town Warrants	\$5,204.45	
Balance in Bank	590.03	
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		\$5,794.48

OCTAVIA S. HART
Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
of Beddington 1948-49

To The Superintending School Committee
And Citizens of Beddington:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Beddington School.

Superintending School Committee

Mrs. Dorothy Farnsworth	Term Expires 1949
W. H. Farnsworth	Term Expires 1950
Mrs. Octavia Hart	Term Expires 1951

Financial Statement

Credits

Appropriation	\$300.00	
State School Fund	155.05	
Refund from State School Fund	.85	
Interest on Town Debt	50.00	
Interest on School Fund	12.06	
Unexpended Balance, 1947-48	209.71	
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		\$727.67

Debits

Mrs. Lena Torrey	\$700.00
Clerk's Salary	18.41

Fuel	44.00	
Rent	2.00	
Textbooks & Supplies	22.27	
		<u>\$786.71</u>
Overdrawn		<u>\$59.04</u>
Estimated Budget 1949-50		
Debits		
Overdrawn 1948-49	\$59.04	
Teacher's Salary	700.00	
Clerk's Salary	25.00	
Fuel	50.00	
Cleaning	10.00	
Textbooks & Supplies	30.00	
Rent	2.00	
		<u>\$876.04</u>
Credits		
State School Fund	\$157.50	
Interest on School Fund	12.06	
Interest on Town Debt	50.00	
		<u>\$219.56</u>
Necessary Appropriation		<u>\$656.48</u>
Recommended Appropriation		\$660.00

The enrollment in the school at the opening in September was: Grade II, 2; Grade III, 1.

The school financial statement shows total credits of \$727.67 with expenditures of \$786.71 and an overdrawn amount of 59.04. By law the overdrawn account will be carried forward into next year's budget. The overdrawn account is the result of the town of Bedding-

ton receiving less money from the State School Fund than had been anticipated. The State Department of Education has ruled that because your school is operating on a half-time basis that you shall receive approximately one-half subsidy in place of the full subsidy you would receive if your school operated at full time. The above ruling was made known to us this past Summer, and therefore your Superintendent recommended to the School Committee that the best procedure was to operate on the budget as set up until another Town Meeting, even though it would from necessity produce a small overdrawn account.

Owing to the small enrollment of your school it is necessary that in your annual Town Meeting or at a special Town Meeting you vote upon an article to approve keeping the Beddington school open. Investigation shows that the present plan of operation is the most economical unless we can pay tuition to another town for your pupils and finance their conveyance, or board and room at a figure which is considerably less than you are now paying your teacher, or until such time that the State Department of Education refuses to grant us the special permission of operating your school on the basis of one-half time. Your School Committee and Superintendent at this time feel that the only policy is to plan to continue under the present set-up even though we may be forced to change to a full time school later on, or if it seems more advisable at a later date to transport or board your pupils elsewhere. The budget estimates for the coming school year have been prepared with the above idea in mind. If we continue to operate according to the present set-up the amount recommended should take care of the school expenses for the year 1949-50.

As was predicted a year ago the amount will of necessity be somewhat greater than last year. This is due to three things—no unexpended amount to carry

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forward as was true last year; an overdrawn account of \$59.04; the fact that anticipated subsidy from the State will be on a one-half time basis like your school.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the school committee, teachers, citizens, and pupils for the cooperation they have accorded me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS L. STROUT
Supr. of School

WALLACE FARNSWORTH
W. H. FARNSWORTH
ELI OAKES,
Selectmen of Beddington