

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Town Officers and Agents

OF THE

Town of Chichester

TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of the School Board, Treasurer  
and Superintendent

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1925

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TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator

JOHN L. T. SHAW

Selectmen

LEON A. SANBORN                      ABRAHAM L. WEST  
JOHN C. LANGMAID

Clerk

HARRY S. KELLEY

Treasurer

WALTER S. LANGMAID

Tax Collector

FREDERICK B. SHAW

Highway Agents

EDWARD S. EDMUNDS                      JAMES P. CLIFFORD  
DENNIS J. FREDERICK

Auditors

WALTER C. BATCHELDER              EDWARD F. CALLAHAN

Health Officer

GEORGE L. BEALS

Constables

ENIE F. GRADY                              JOHN E. WALKER  
SAMUEL B. MUNSEY

Supervisors

ALBERT M. BAILEY                      ALVIN E. SANBORN  
CHARLES T. LANE

Hearse Agent

JOHN L. SATURLEY

Board of Education

CHARLES W. LAKE                      MARY S. EDMUNDS  
EDITH M. TOWLE

Superintendent of Schools

L. B. BADGER

School Treasurer

HARRY S. KELLEY

Truant Officer

EDWARD F. CALLAHAN

Librarian

SADIE A. LANGMAID

Trustee of Trust Funds

JOHN L. T. SHAW                      HAZEN M. LEAVITT  
CHARLES A. LANGMAID

TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chichester in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Chichester on Tuesday, the 15th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for same.
3. To see if the town will vote to pay three per cent discount on all property taxes paid on or before July 1, 1925.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$375, the State to give \$375, for town road maintenance.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$100, the State to give \$100 for State Aid maintenance.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,200, the State to give \$4,800 for Trunk line maintenance.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$2,000, the State and Federal to contribute \$8,000 for the Trunk line construction.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum for an Old Home Day celebration in 1925.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$600, the Forestry department to furnish \$150 to fight the white pine blister rust.

Given under our hands and seal this 21th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

L. A. SANBORN,  
A. L. WEST,  
J. C. LANGMAID,

*Selectmen of Chichester.*

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A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

L. A. SANBORN,  
A. L. WEST,  
J. C. LANGMAID,

*Selectmen of Chichester.*

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS IN 1924

Two dollars on each poll tax	\$584.00
State and County tax	400.00
Town officers salaries	700.00
Town officers expenses	200.00
Town Hall	35.00
Police department	12.00
Election and registration	25.00
Health department	20.00
Vital statistics	25.00
Library	100.00
General expenses of the department	250.00
Memorial Day	15.00
Interest	400.00
Town poor	250.00
Road to Perry's home (Highway appropriations)	50.00
White pine blister control	600.00
Town highways (Summer)	2,000.00
Town highways (Winter)	500.00
Part of 1922 trunk line appropriations	1,500.00
State Aid maintenance	100.00
Town Road maintenance	375.00
Trunk Line maintenance	1,200.00

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1925

Town officers salaries	\$700.00
Town Officers' expense and printing	300.00
Town Hall	35.00
Police department	10.00
Election and registration	20.00
Health	10.00
Vital statistics	20.00
Libraries	100.00
General expense of department	75.00
Memorial	15.00
Interest and discount	400.00
Town poor	500.00
Town Highways (Summer)	2,000.00
Town Highways (Winter)	500.00
State and County tax	400.00
Balance due on 1922 appropriations for trunk line	1,500.00
Schools (estimate)	5,000.00

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1925

*Inventory, April 30, 1924*

Polls, 292.	
Acres, 12,504.	
Real Estate, less exemptions	\$366,142.00
Horses, 172	14,400.00
Oxen, 10	835.00
Cows, 317	16,170.00
Neat stock, 47	1,845.00
Sheep, 31	184.00
Hogs, 2	35.00
Fowls, 8,886	11,120.00
Portable mills, 10	4,400.00
Wood and lumber	44,975.00
Stock in trade	4,600.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	300.00
Mills and machinery	100.00
	\$465,106.00

Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes \$15,413.18

Tax rate, \$3.00 per hundred.

Soldier's Exemptions

323 Acres real estate and personal property \$8,108.00

## REPORT OF HARRY S. KELLEY, TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending January 31, 1925

Received license fees for:		
66 Male dogs, @ \$2	132.00	
12 Female dogs @ \$5	60.00	
	192.00	192.00

Paid:		
Edson C. Eastman Co., book and stamps	\$3.45	
Harry S. Kelley, making 78 licenses	15.60	
W. S. Langmaid, treasurer	172.95	
	192.00	192.00
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Received from auto permits	\$836.55
Paid W. S. Langmaid, treasurer	\$836.55
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HARRY S. KELLEY, *Town Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1924	\$651.85
Received on Town notes	2,000.00
Received of H. S. Kelley, Town clerk:	
Auto permits	836.55
Dog licenses	172.95
Received from Selectmen:	
Tax on Walter Locke place	19.54
Tax on Mrs. Alice Willis place	24.35
Tax on L. E. Howland place	54.00
Town of Alton, use of steam drill	75.00
Received from Merrimack county:	
For poor away from farm	180.16
Received from highway department	2,051.31
Received from State treasurer:	
Bounty on hedge hogs	3.60
From forest fires	3.15
Tax on interest and dividends	53.32
Insurance tax	6.75
Railroad tax	1,380.43
Savings bank tax	1,866.78
Received from F. B. Shaw, collector, in 1923	1,771.67
Received from F. B. Shaw, collector, in 1924	13,351.43
Received from S. B. Munsey, collector, in 1921	20.00
Received from F. B. Shaw, collector, in 1922	24.42
Received from J. K. Towle, collector, in 1920	3.40
Received from F. B. Shaw, interest on 1923 taxes	44.58
Received from F. B. Shaw, interest on 1924 taxes	5.25
 Total receipts	 \$24,600.49

EXPENDITURES

Paid on orders drawn by selectmen	\$19,999.57
Cash in treasurers hands Jan. 31, 1925	\$4,600.92
DUE THE TOWN	
Cash in treasurer's hands	\$4,600.92
Tax levy, 1923	45.16
Tax levy, 1924	2,061.75
Due from J. M. Prescott, use of steam drill	17.40
Due from Walter M. Locke, taxes bought by town	23.08
Tax levy, 1924 bank stock tax	22.25
 Total amount due town	 \$6,770.56

LIABILITIES

Town notes	\$4,000.00
Parsonage fund	864.66
Due State (overpaid maintenance)	246.61
	\$5,111.27
 Surplus of town	 \$1,659.29

W. S. LANGMAID,  
*Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Treasurer of the Town of Chichester for the year ending January 31, 1925, and found them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

EDWARD F. CALLAHAN,  
WALTER C. BATCHELDER,  
*Auditors.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER IN MERRIMACK COUNTY FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1925

### ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$4,600.92
Accounts due to the Town—	
(a) From J. M. Prescott, use of steam drill	17.40
(b) From Walter Locke on taxes bought by town	23.08
Taxes not collected:	
(a) Levy of 1923	45.16
(b) Levy of 1924	2,061.75
(c) Levy of 1924, Bank stock tax	22.25
Grand Total	\$6,770.56
Net Debt—January 31, 1924	\$2,191.24
Surplus, January 31, 1925	1,659.29
Decrease of debt	3,850.53

### LIABILITIES

Due to State, overpaid on maintenance account	\$246.61
Long Term Notes Outstanding	4,864.66
Total Liabilities	\$5,111.27
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	1,659.29
Grand Total	\$6,770.56

## RECEIPTS

### Current Revenue

#### From local taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1924	\$13,953.18
Less discount and abatement, 1924	242.94
Less uncollected, 1924	1,464.75
Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$12,245.49
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 220 @ \$5	1,100.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	1,602.03
Total of above collections	\$14,947.52
Tax sales redeemed	78.35

#### From State:

For highways	346.61
For Trunk Line maintenance	1,704.70
Interest and dividend tax	53.32
Insurance tax	6.75
Railroad tax	1,380.43
Savings bank tax	1,866.78
Fighting forest fires	3.15
Bounties	3.60

From County:	
For support of poor	180.16
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	172.95
Interest received on taxes	49.83
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	836.55
Received from Town of Alton, use of steam drill	75.00
Total current receipts revenue	<u>\$21,705.70</u>
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	
during year	\$2,000.00
Refunds, Abatements	115.84
Discount on taxes	127.10
Total receipts other than current revenue	<u>\$2,242.94</u>
Total receipts from all sources	<u>\$23,948.64</u>
Cash on hand February 1, 1924	651.85
Grand Total	<u>\$24,600.49</u>

#### PAYMENTS

##### Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	\$732.99
Town officers' expenses	81.00
Election and registration expenses	6.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	33.54
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department, including care of tramps	1.50

Fire department, including forest fires	21.10
Pine Blister rust control	600.00
Bounties	3.00
Health:	
Health department	3.50
Vital statistics	19.60
Highways and Bridges:	2,635.94
State Aid maintenance	82.15
Trunk Line maintenance	2,559.73
Town maintenance	381.86
Special Highway appropriations	50.00
General expenses of highway department	218.05
Libraries	100.00
Charities:	
Town poor	430.78
County poor	180.16
Patriotic Purposes:	
Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	15.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Trustee of Trust Funds	10.00
Cemeteries	10.62
Unclassified:	
Taxes bought by town	84.20
Abatements refunded	115.84
Discount on taxes	127.10
Total current maintenance expenses	<u>\$8,503.66</u>
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$16.66
Paid on long term notes	291.88
Total interest payments	<u>\$308.54</u>



Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Town construction	271.06	
Total outlay payments		\$271.06
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,000.00	
Total indebtedness payments		\$2,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State	\$1,426.00	
Taxes paid to County	1,141.31	
Payments, \$2 on each poll tax	610.00	
Payments to school districts	5,739.00	
Total payments to other Governmental divisions		\$8,916.31
Total payments for all purposes		\$19,999.57
Cash on hand January 31, 1925		4,600.92
Grand Total		\$24,600.49

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

L. A. Sanborn, selectman	\$115.00
A. L. West, selectman	100.00
J. C. Langmaid, selectman	100.00
W. S. Langmaid, treasurer	35.00
H. S. Kelley, clerk	30.00
H. S. Kelley, issuing auto permits	37.00
A. E. Sanborn, supervisor	20.00
F. B. Shaw, collector, 1923-24	226.99
C. T. Lane, supervisor (2 years)	40.00
A. M. Bailey, supervisor	20.00
	\$723.99

#### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Ladies Aid, dinners	5.40
Ladies Benevolent Society, dinners	6.25
Register of Deeds, looking up records	2.00
H. H. Sanborn, dinners at Primary, proceeds for base ball club	2.45
L. A. Sanborn, paid N. H. Assessor dues	4.00
Selectmen, expenses of treasurer, collector and selectmen at assessors meeting at Manchester	19.35
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	11.26

L. A. Sanborn, express, telephone and supplies	8.79
Selectmen, meeting tax commissioner at Concord	9.00
F. B. Shaw, expenses for sale of Locke's Howland's and Willey's places	8.25
F. B. Shaw, tax bills and postage	4.25
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	\$81.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

S. B. Munsey, services as constable	\$6.00
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TOWN HALL

W. S. Langmaid, wood	\$4.00
Harriman and Freese, insurance	6.24
Chichester Telephone Co., rental	18.30
W. S. Langmaid 1/2 cord fitted wood	5.00
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	\$33.54

POLICE DEPARTMENT

E. F. Grady, services at Spring primary and Fall elections	9.00
W. S. Langmaid, care of tramp	1.50
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	\$10.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

W. S. Langmaid, fire warden, fire expenses	\$6.30
C. R. Call, watching Thompson fire	5.00
Edgar Towle, watching Thompson fire	5.00
F. W. Schneider, watching brush fire	2.40
C. H. Lovejoy, watching brush fire	2.40
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	\$21.10

PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

J. H. Foster, "State Forester"	\$600.00
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BOUNTIES

Earl Bishop, 1 hedgehog	\$ .20
Edwin Winslow, 1 hedgehog	.20
Howard Burton, 6 hedgehogs	1.20
Ernest Davis, 1 hedgehog	.20
J. C. Langmaid, 3 hedgehogs	.60
William Etheridge, 3 hedgehogs	.60
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	\$3.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G. L. Beals, services as Health officer	\$2.00
G. L. Beals	1.50
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	\$3.50

VITAL STATISTICS

L. D. Gilmore, returning births and deaths, 1922-23-24	\$12.75
H. S. Kelley, returning births, deaths and marriages	4.60
W. H. Mitchell, returning births and deaths, 1923-24	2.25
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	\$19.60

LIBRARY

Sadie A. Langmaid, librarian	\$25.00
F. B. Shaw, treasurer, used to purchase books, etc.	75.00
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	\$100.00

TOWN POOR

Paid Board of Mrs. N. Stockman at County Farm	\$261.44
Board of Walter Brown at County Farm	169.34
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	\$430.78

COUNTY POOR

Paid J. G. Cate, board of Henry Oxford	\$75.50
J. G. Cate, care of Oxford during sickness	22.75
H. S. Kelley, supplies for Oxford	13.91
L. D. Gilmore, 2 visits	6.00
L. A. Sanborn, telephone calls and use of car	5.00
Harold M. French, burial and digging grave	57.00
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	\$180.16

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Henry M. Sanborn, decorating soldiers' graves	\$15.00
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CEMETERIES

Paid E. S. Edmunds, mowing cemetery and building gate	\$10.62
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ABATEMENTS

Paid R. U. Carpenter, public watering trough	\$3.00
E. S. Edmunds, public watering trough	2.00
S. B. Munsey, collector in 1921:	
Nathalie Adams	5.00
Leon Barry	5.00
Ernest A. Ford	5.00
Alvin Marston	5.00
John K. Towle, collector, 1920:	
E. A. Ford	2.00
Alice Hutchinson, balance 1920 taxes	1.40

F. B. Shaw, collector, 1923:

Frank B. Hatch, soldiers over tax	2.00
Burleigh Jones, soldiers over tax	2.00
Jennie B. Edmunds	5.00
Sarah J. Seavey, over 70	5.00
Charles Winslow, paid in Concord	5.00
George Lougee, soldier	3.47
Annie Mitchell	6.12
Olive Hawkins (building burned)	5.60
Mary F. Haines, soldiers widow	5.00

F. B. Shaw, collector, 1924:

Charles Bishop	5.00
Franklin Harvey, soldier	5.00
Frank B. Hatch, soldier	17.00
Hattie Jackson, soldier's widow	5.00
Orrin Marston, soldier	11.25
Helen A. Parker	5.00
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	\$115.84

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

F. B. Shaw, 1923 taxes on Alice Willey's place	\$19.60
1923 taxes on Luke E. Howland's place	47.00
1923 taxes on Walter M. Locke's place	17.60
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	\$84.20

DISCOUNT ON 1924 TAXES

Paid F. B. Shaw, collector	\$127.10
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Paid J. L. T. Shaw, trips to Concord and making reports	\$10.00
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INTEREST

Trustee of trust funds, interest on note	\$51.88
W. S. Langmaid, interest on note	60.00
Mary F. Langmaid, interest on note	60.00
J. L. T. Shaw, interest on note	60.00
C. A. Langmaid Est., interest on note	60.00
National State Capital Bank, interest on temporary loan	16.66
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	\$308.54

GENERAL EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT

Thompson & Hoague, supplies on steam drill	\$2.28
C. G. Daniels, repairs on road machine, sharpening tools	15.00
W. S. Langmaid, plank for road machine and drawing road machine to blacksmith	2.00
Lew A. Cummings Co., printing reports	163.40
Evans Printing Co., ballots and postage	15.10
H. S. Kelley, paid auto service bureau	15.27
S. B. Munsey, assistance moving steam drill to Alton	5.00
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	\$218.05

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION ON PERRY ROAD

Paid C. C. Perry for repairing same	\$50.00
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TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

C. W. Lake	\$946.51
F. H. Gray	332.25
S. B. Munsey	1,662.83
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	\$2,941.59

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

C. W. Lake	\$82.15
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TOWN ROADS, WINTER

Charles T. Lane	\$51.00
H. H. Frost	93.06
F. M. Edgerly	58.37
E. S. Edmunds	108.00
J. P. Clifford	111.52
D. J. Frederick	59.59

TOWN ROADS, SUMMER

P. J. Clifford	\$944.90
E. S. Edmunds	770.59
D. J. Frederick	359.89
Deering & Hill, bridge plank	45.00
Selectmen, scraping and painting 1/2 bridge at Webster mills	34.02

TOWN CONSTRUCTION

Paid M. S. Sanborn and team	\$39.68
G. A. Towle and team	29.95
M. S. Sanborn, 92 loads gravel	9.20
E. S. Edmunds and team	30.34
W. S. Langmaid and team	7.00
C. W. Edmunds and team	3.50
E. C. Call	15.84
Ralph Sanborn	10.51
Fisher W. Edmunds	12.84
Alfred Sanborn	11.34
L. A. Sanborn	18.44
J. C. Langmaid	20.34
Edgar Towle	14.34
E. F. Callahan	6.00
Herbert Stockman	3.00
Orrin Marston	2.33
S. B. Munsey, sanding on Langmaids Hill	3.33
F. W. Schneider, sanding on Langmaids Hill	1.67

G. A. Towle, sanding on Langmaids Hill	1.67
Ray Bishop, sanding on Langmaids Hill	1.67
Dan Reed, sanding on Langmaids Hill	1.67
Penn Metal Co., 24 ft. Culvet pipe	26.40

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\$271.06

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

National State Capital Bank, temporary loans	\$2,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State tax	\$1,426.00
County tax	1,141.31
\$2.00 on each poll tax	610.00
H. S. Kelley, school treasurer	5,739.00

The foregoing accounts are respectfully submitted,

L. A. SANBORN,  
A. L. WEST,  
J. C. LANGMAID,  
*Selectmen of Chichester.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

1924 Town appropriation	\$600.00	
State aid	150.00	
Total available	<hr/>	\$750.00
Crew wages	\$739.17	
Expenses	9.80	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$748.97
Balance Town and State funds		1.03
Town balance, 82c.		
State balance, 21c.		
Area covered, 1,792 acres.		
Average cost per acre	\$0.417.	
Currant and gooseberry bushes removed,	28,231.	

J. H. FOSTER,  
*State Forester.*

REPORT OF F. M. EDGERLY, ROAD AGENT

March 29, 1924, Received of town treasurer on order of the selectmen	\$58.37
Paid for breaking after January 31:	
Leslie Winslow	\$2.10
C. C. Perry	12.25
Harry Marshall	4.02
W. Battis	1.80
H. L. Sanborn	3.30
E. M. Reed	21.00
E. J. Lake	3.80
William Lake	3.80
W. S. Langmaid	1.32
F. M. Edgerly	.84
W. C. Batchelder	4.14
	\$58.37

REPORT OF CHARLES T. LANE, ROAD AGENT

FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH, 1924

Received of town treasurer on order from selectmen, April 29, 1924	\$51.00
Expenditures	
Charles T. Lane and team	\$30.00
Walter M. Locke	1.00
Arthur T. Green	6.00
Everett C. Rice and team	8.00

Clifton Rice	1.00
Ernest Martel	3.00
Harold C. Hilliard	1.00
Ralph Hilliard	1.00
	\$51.00
Total	

REPORT OF HIRAM H. FROST ROAD AGENT

Received from Treasurer on orders from the selectmen:

March 29	\$87.70
August 30	5.36
	\$93.06

Expenditures  
February and March

J. Denis	\$21.54
A. L. West	2.18
H. West	6.40
C. Stevens	1.68
C. A. Towle	1.68
I. Kimball	17.86
Maurice King	4.92
Smith Sanborn	2.68
Vaughn Bailey	2.68
G. Towle	3.80
E. Towle	1.12
J. Packer	4.72
Frank Grady	3.66
A. Herbert	.84
H. H. Frost	11.94
Smith Sanborn	2.68
Oliver Griffin	2.68
	\$93.06

From March 1924 to January 31, 1925

Received from town treasurer on order of selectmen:

1924	
April 15	\$150.00
April 26	75.00
May 10	125.00
June 20	125.00
June 28	115.00
July 26	78.26
Aug. 30	55.00
Sept. 27	80.00
Jan. 31.	75.33
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	\$878.59

EXPENDITURES  
For Washout in Lane District

March

Paid C. W. Edmunds	\$23.00
F. W. Edmunds	1.50
B. A. Jones	11.66
R. E. Sanborn	6.00
E. W. Callahan	6.00
E. S. Edmunds	9.00
Vaughn Bailey	14.00
Merton Bailey	6.00
F. M. Edgerley	8.33
F. W. Schneider	13.50
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	\$98.99

April

Paid E. S. Edmunds	\$32.50
F. W. Schneider	18.00
C. W. Edmunds	21.00

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W. S. Langmaid	13.50
Joe Gallien	5.00
R. E. Sanborn	6.00
Merton Bailey	6.00
A. G. Morrill	1.00
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	\$103.00

May

Paid Maurice King	\$3.11
E. S. Edmunds	47.15
F. W. Schneider	16.99
Merton Bailey	3.00
F. M. Edgerley	3.00
W. S. Langmaid	15.55
C. W. Edmunds	15.55
F. W. Edmunds	6.67
R. E. Sanborn	6.67
Earl Bishop	3.67
Ray Bishop	6.67
M. C. Lake	9.73
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	\$137.76

June

Paid W. S. Langmaid	\$30.00
G. A. L. Towle	14.00
E. S. Edmunds	37.89
A. M. Baker	7.67
F. A. Baker	7.67
E. K. Towle	13.67
F. W. Schneider	14.00
M. C. Lake	7.00
Ira Kimball	7.00
C. W. Edmunds	14.00

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Merton Bailey	6.00
John McDonald	9.67
F. W. Edmunds	3.00
Vaughn Bailey	7.00
E. M. Reed	26.00
C. R. Sanborn, 49 loads gravel	4.90

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\$209.47

July

Paid W. S. Langmaid	\$10.00
Vaughn Bailey	7.00
C. W. Edmunds	7.00
E. S. Edmunds	16.61
Walter Dow	3.00
D. R. Towle	3.00
F. W. Edmunds	3.00
F. W. Schneider	3.00
A. E. Sanborn	1.50
F. M. Edgerley	17.50
F. M. Edgerley, 20 loads gravel	2.00

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\$73.61

August

Paid W. I. Runnels	\$6.00
E. S. Edmunds	21.23
W. S. Langmaid	8.89
C. W. Edmunds	6.22
P. J. Clifford	2.67
Jim Chalker	2.67
J. C. Langmaid	1.67
John Mitchell	1.67
F. W. Edmunds	2.67

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\$53.69

September

Paid W. S. Langmaid	\$7.77
C. W. Edmunds	15.56
E. S. Edmunds	17.00
J. S. Sanborn	10.00
Merton Bailey	6.00
E. C. Moses	3.00
F. W. Schneider	6.00
E. W. Callahan	6.00
Vaughn Bailey	3.00
Mrs. G. F. Edmunds, 58 loads gravel	5.80

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\$80.13

October

Paid E. S. Edmunds, man and team	\$7.00
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November

Paid E. S. Edmunds	3.11
Harry Osborn	1.33
C. W. Edmunds	2.50

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\$6.94

January, 1925

Paid on Winter breaking:	
E. S. Edmunds	\$18.00
W. S. Langmaid	9.00
C. W. Edmunds	11.44
F. W. Edmunds	5.33
W. I. Runnels	5.33
Alfred Sanborn	4.00
A. G. Morrill	2.33
E. C. Call	1.67
Charles Call	1.67



Norman Call	1.67
E. C. Moses	1.00
Ira Kimball	31.11
F. M. Edgerley	1.67
Gerald Pickard	1.67
E. W. Callahan	4.33
E. M. Reed	3.12
A. M. Bailey	2.33
Esterbrook	2.33

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\$108.00

REPORT OF D. J. FREDERICK, ROAD AGENT

Received from treasurer on order from selectmen as follows:

March 29, received	\$100.00
April 26, received	150.00
May 31, received	100.00
1925	
January 31, received	69.48
Total receipts	\$419.48

March

Paid D. J. Frederick, 18 hours \$5.94

April

Paid Earl Griffin, 2 days	\$6.00
Leon Martell, 2 days	6.00
Clifton Rice, 2 days	6.00
H. S. Kelley, gasoline used in tractor	8.00
Ralph Hilliard, 10 days	30.00
Ernest Martell, 3 days	9.00
A. T. Green, 2 days	6.00
H. C. Hilliard, 8 days and 5 hours	25.50

Joseph Gallien, 19 hours	38.00
Charles T. Lane and team, 32 hours	24.90
Mrs. E. C. Green, 11 hours	3.66
E. C. Rice and team, 44 hours	34.24
D. J. Frederick, 91 hours	33.00

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\$230.30

May

Paid D. J. Frederick, 20 hours \$6.66

June

Paid D. J. Frederick, 34 hours	\$15.96
C. H. Twombly, 27 hours	9.00
A. T. Greene, 27 hours	9.00
C. T. Lane and team, 3 days	21.00
E. C. Rice and team, 2 days	14.00
Fenton Dahm, 11 hours	3.25
Mrs. E. C. Green, 1 day	3.00

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\$75.21

July

Paid C. F. Lane and team, 5¼ hours	\$4.00
E. C. Rice and team, 9 hours	7.00
Ernest Martell and horse, 13½ hours	7.00
D. J. Frederick, 9 hours	3.00

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\$21.00

November

Paid D. J. Frederick, 15 hours	\$4.95
C. T. Elliott, 4½ hours	1.50

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\$6.45

December	
Paid D. J. Frederick, 7 hours	\$2.31
D. J. Frederick, expense on road machine, trip to Pittsfield	1.25
Dynamite cape and fuse	3.07
Telephone call	.20
Five and one-half days at town house	7.50
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	\$12.02

January—Breaking	
Paid Clifton Rice, 14 hours	4.62
C. H. Twombly, 24 hours	7.88
C. T. Elliott, 16 hours	5.28
C. L. Seawood, 21 hours	6.93
H. C. Hilliard and team 27½ hours	21.39
R. R. Hilliard, 12½ hours	4.12
Earl Griffin, 8 hours	2.62
Spoore, 6½ hours	2.14
Blake Adams, 6½ hours	2.14
D. J. Frederick, 3 hours	.99
H. C. Hilliard, 4½ hours	1.48
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	\$59.59

#### REPORT OF P. J. CLIFFORD, ROAD AGENT

Received of W. S. Langmaid, town treasurer, on order by  
selectmen:

From March 15, 1924 to January 31, 1925

April 15, received	\$150.00
April 25, received	35.00
May 10, received	450.00
May 31, received	77.00

June 28, received	88.00
Aug. 30, received	70.00
Nov. 29, received	75.00
Jan. 31, 1925, received	111.42
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	\$1,056.42

November	
Paid, Herbert West, 3 days	\$9.00
A. S. West, 3 days	9.00
Ernest Dennis, 3 days, 2½ hours	9.84
L. J. Dennis with team, 3 days, 2½ hours	22.85
P. L. Towle with team, 19¼ hours	15.00
Edd Lake, 10½ hours	3.50
P. J. Clifford, 2 days	6.00
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	\$75.19

January, 1925, Breaking and Shoveling Snow

Paid P. J. Clifford, 5 days	\$15.00
James Chalker, 19½ hours	6.50
Harry Osborne, 15 hours	5.00
Earle Corliss, 3 hours	1.00
C. C. Perry, 3 hours	1.00
W. C. Batchelder, team, 4½ hours	3.50
Beezer Eastman, team, 4½ hours	3.50
Harry Marshall, team, 5 hours	3.89
John Mitchell 10½ hours	1.33
Guy Mitchell, 6 hours	2.00
Ernest Dennis, 39 hours	13.00
Lodor Dennis, team, 3 days, 2½ hours	22.80
Lodor Dennis, 9 hours	3.00
George Towle, 1 day	3.00
Howard Burton, 2 days	6.00
Harold French with team, 9½ hours	7.50

Herbert West, 25 hours	8.35
Charles Towle, team, 7 hours	3.15
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	\$111.52

June

Paid P. J. Clifford, drawing grade with truck	\$7.00
P. J. Clifford, 1 day	3.00
John Mitchell, 1 day	3.00
Harry Marshall's team, 1 day	4.00
James Chalker, 4½ hours	1.50
David Moses, 9½ hours	3.17
L. J. Dennis with team, 6 days	42.00
Ernest Dennis	.66
Joe Auger, 1 day	3.00
John French, 29 loads of gravel	2.90
P. J. Clifford with truck, 1 day	7.00
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	\$77.23

August

Paid P. J. Clifford, blasting rocks, 4½ hours	\$2.00
James Chalker, 3½ days	10.50
P. L. Towle with team, 4½ hours	3.50
P. J. Clifford, 4 days, 4 hours	12.00
John Mitchell, 3½ days	10.50
Edgar Towle, 1 day, ½ hour	4.50
George Towle, 2 days, 1½ hour	15.17
Kenneth Lake, 1 day	3.00
C. W. Lake, drawing grade, 1 day	7.00
P. J. Clifford, 6 hours	1.71
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	\$69.88

May

Paid John Mitchell, 2½ days	\$10.50
E. C. Rice, team drawing gravel, 1 day	7.00
P. J. Clifford, 43 loads of gravel @ .10	4.30
P. L. Towle, team on machine, 2 days	14.00
P. L. Towle, drawing gravel, 1 day	7.00
L. J. Dennis, team on machine, 2 days	14.00
L. J. Denis, drawing gravel, 1 day	7.00
George Towle, team on machine, 2 days	14.00
George Towle, drawing gravel, 1 day	7.00
Smith Sanborn, team on machine, 2 days	14.00
Edgar Towle, leveling, 2 days	6.00
Edd Lake, with team, 6 hours	4.62
Edd Lake, with team, ½ day	3.50
P. J. Clifford, 6 days	18.00
W. J. Etheridge, 4 days	12.00
D. R. Towle, 2 days	6.00
John Mitchell, 4 days	12.00
J. B. Packer, 1 day	3.00
Joe Auger, 1 day	3.00
Alfred Herbert, 1 day	3.00
Ellie Richerson, 30 loads of gravel @ .10	3.00
John Langmaid, laying over Culvert, 2 days	6.00
Edd Lake, team, drawing rock for Culvert, ½ day	3.50
Edd Lake, team, drawing rock for Culvert	1.38
John B. Packer, team, 3 hours	2.00
P. J. Clifford, drawing grade with truck, 4½ hrs.	3.50
P. J. Clifford, putting in culvert at Osgood, 4½ hrs.	1.50
E. C. Rice, scraping Bear hill, 1 day	7.00
P. J. Clifford, 1 day	3.00
E. C. Rice, scraping Centre road & Beals, 1 day	7.00
P. J. Clifford, 1 day	3.00
John Mitchell, 4½ hours	1.50
P. J. Clifford, 1 day	3.00
P. L. Towle, scraping Horse Corner, 2 days	14.00

David Moses, 9½ hours	3.17
Griffin's Road:	
W. S. Langmaid with team, 5 hours	3.89
Eugene King, with team, 5 hours	3.89
C. W. Edmunds with team,	3.89
E. S. Edmunds with team	3.89
F. W. Edmunds, 7 hours	2.33
Ralph E. Sanborn, 7 hours	2.33
F. W. Schneider, 5 hours	1.67
Earle Bishop, 7 hours	2.33
Ray Bishop, 7 hours	2.33
M. C. Lake, 5 hours	2.22
E. S. Edmunds, 5 hours	1.67
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	\$437.91

March

Paid P. J. Clifford, 38 hours	\$12.67
John Dennis, 7 hours	2.33
W. J. Etheridge	3.00
W. C. Batchelder, with team, 4½ hours	3.50
John Mitchell, turning water on Shaw's hill	1.00
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	\$22.50

April

Paid P. J. Clifford, 12 days, 2½ hours	\$36.83
D. R. Towle, 9 days	27.00
W. S. Langmaid, team and man, 4 days	28.00
George Towle with team, 1½ day	10.50
Edgar Towle, 4 hours	1.32
David Moses, 12 hours	4.00
E. S. Edmunds with team 1 day	7.00
Fred Schneider, 1 day	3.00
Joseph Huge, 2 days	6.00
L. J. Denis with team, 1 day	7.00
Howard Burton, 10 hours	3.33

P. L. Towle with team, 5 days	35.00
Ed. Lake with team, 5 days	35.00
Arthur Marston, 3 days	9.00
Nathan Marston, 2 days	6.00
L. J. Denis, 1 day, 3½ hours	9.73
Oliver Griffin with team, ½ day	3.50
Oliver Griffin, man, 1 day	3.00
Eugene King with team, ½ day	3.50
Lesley Winslow, 1 day	3.00
W. J. Etheridge, 4½ days	13.50
H. S. Kelley, 4 lbs. spikes and axle grease	.67
Orrin Marston, 3 hours	1.00
P. J. Clifford, repair of road machine	3.00
P. J. Clifford, raking rocks	2.31

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\$262.19

May

Paid F. B. Shaw with team, 3 days	\$21.00
W. B. Batchelder with team, 3 days	21.00
C. W. Lake with team, 3 days	21.00
B. A. Jones with team 3 days	21.00
W. J. Etheridge, 6 days	18.00
P. J. Clifford, running road machine, 6 days	21.00
D. R. Towle, 5 days	15.00
F. A. Baker, 3 days	9.00
A. F. Baker, 3 days	9.00
Clifton Rice, 3 days	9.00
William Lake, 6 hours	2.00
B. A. Jones, team drawing gravel, 1 day	7.00
Edd Lake, 3 hours	1.00



This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chichester, N. H., Feb. 14, 1925.

JOHN L. T. SHAW,  
HAZEN M. LEAVITT,  
*Trustees of Trust Funds,  
Town of Chichester.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the securities and accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1925, and find them as herein reported and supported by proper vouchers.

Chichester, N. H., Feb. 21, 1925.

EDWARD F. CALLAHAN,  
WALTER C. BATCHELDER,  
*Auditors,  
Town of Chichester.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CHICHESTER, N. H.

1925

### *Receipts*

State aid	\$469.20
Income from local taxation:	
(a) For the support of elementary schools	4,169.00
(b) For the payment of high school and academy tuition	550.00
(c) For salaries of district officers	81.00
(d) For the payment of per capita tax	192.00
(e) Alterations of old buildings	200.00
From sources other than taxation:	
(a) Dog licenses	147.00
(b) Elementary school tuitions	288.00
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Total receipts	\$6,096.20
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1923	1,149.94
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Grand Total	\$7,246.14

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1923—June 30, 1924.

*Payments.*

1. Salaries of District officers:	
Josephine Langmaid, school board	\$20.00
Charles W. Lake, school board	20.00
Mary S. Edmunds, school board	20.00
Harry S. Kelley, school treasurer	10.00
Blanche H. Edmunds, auditor	1.00
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	\$71.00
2. Superintendent's excess salary	\$83.33
3. Walter S. Langmaid, taking school census	10.00
Census cards, R. E. Lane	2.78
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	\$12.78
4. Expenses of Administration:	
L. B. Badger—	
1-6 expenses at Keene and Plymouth	\$1.62
L. B. Badger, telephone, postage, envelopes	19.71
L. B. Badger, expenses of administration	5.49
Josephine C. Langmaid, telephone and postage	1.50
Edson C. Eastman, school warrants	.26
E. E. Babb, record book	1.67
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	\$30.25
5. Teachers—	
Frances Towle, 36 weeks	\$756.00
Mildred Emerson, 36 weeks	648.00
Thelma Daniels, 36 weeks	792.00
Edith M. Towle, 3 weeks	54.00

Loretta Jeannotte, 32 weeks	768.00
Eva Jordan, 13 weeks	234.00
Catherine McKay, 23 weeks	552.00

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\$3,804.00

6. Text Books—

E. E. Babb	\$1.29
L. B. Badger	2.32
J. B. Lippincott & Co., 50 H. & A. Spellers	23.46
Ginn & Co., 5 primary arithmetics	2.31
Silver, Burdette & Co., 5 Progressive Readers, 2 English Books	3.27
Ginn & Co., 30 Frye and Atwood Geographies Book I	28.80
12 Frye and Atwood Geographies Book II	19.08
American Book Co., Text Books	15.75
Silver, Burdette & Co., Text Books	35.34
American Book Co., 3 Hamilton Standard Arithmetics	1.51
MacMillan Co., Text books	6.13
Silver, Burdette & Co., Text books	7.38

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\$146.64

7. Scholars' Supplies:—

Edward E. Babb, supplies	\$15.77
World Book Co., supplies	9.11
L. B. Badger, supplies	1.00
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	18.17
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	3.75
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	26.14
L. B. Badger	.25
Darling School Supply Co.	15.11
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	4.85

Teachers' College, Standard tests	12.70
E. E. Babb & Co., chalk and outline maps	1.80
Valley Times, report cards	5.70
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	\$114.35
8. Flags and Appurtenances:	
H. P. Maxfield, flag rope	\$3.50
F. C. Adams, repairing flag pole, at Kelley's Corner	1.30
E. E. Babb & Co., 1 flag and postage	2.37
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	\$7.17
9. Other Expenses of Instruction:	
E. E. Babb & Co., maps	\$18.70
Modern Supply Co., history maps and standard	37.50
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	\$56.20
10. Janitor Service:	
Sybil Mitchell, 36 weeks	\$18.00
Fred Marston, 36 weeks	18.00
Gerald Edmunds, 36 weeks	18.00
Mildred Emerson, 36 weeks	18.00
Eva Jordan, 12 weeks	6.00
John Packer, 23 weeks	11.50
Fred Marston, picking up shingles	.75
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	\$90.25
11. Fuel:	
Edward C. Moses, 1 cord wood	\$9.50
C. A. Langmaid, 1/2 cord fitted wood	6.00
Leodore Dennis, sawing wood and putting in shed	4.00
Albert Dame, 2 cords wood	20.00
C. W. Lake, hauling 10 cords wood	15.00
Mary J. Carpenter, 10 cords wood	90.00

Edward C. Moses, 1/2 cord wood and sawing	5.00
Orrin Marston 1 cord kindling	5.00
Allan Goodwin, sawing wood	3.00
Walter Dow, sawing wood	3.00
Phillip Clifford, 7 cords wood	52.50
Earl Griffin, sawing wood	3.00
Edward C. Moses, sawing wood	3.75
C. W. Lake, fitting wood	.50
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	\$220.25
12. Janitors' Supplies:	
E. E. Babb & Co., 1 doz. corn brooms	\$7.84
H. S. Kelley, janitors' supplies	2.06
Orrin Marston, 1 cord kindling	5.00
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	\$14.90
13. Minor Repairs and Expenses:	
H. C. Lovejoy, labor and material at Horse Corner and Center	\$57.60
C. D. Towle, labor at Horse Corner and Center	14.70
H. S. Kelley, nails, roofing and shingles	36.77
C. W. Lake, curtains, stove door and supplies	10.50
C. W. Lake, waste baskets, paint, etc.	32.45
Earl Griffin, cleaning school house	3.00
J. G. Cate, labor at Pine Ground school	11.00
Thompson & Hoague, 1 gal. paint	3.85
E. E. Babb & Co., minor repairs	3.25
E. M. Bartlett, repairing and paint at Pine Ground	25.00
L. B. Badger, minor repairs	1.17
E. E. Babb, minor repairs	4.24
F. C. Adams, labor and glass at Kelley's Corner	3.02
E. E. Babb, minor repairs	.50
E. E. Babb, 1 stone water cooler	4.44



E. M. Bartlett, labor at Center and Pine Ground	11.00
H. P. Maxfield, glass and mdse.	1.50
L. B. Badger, minor repairs	.35
H. S. Kelley, minor repairs	6.14
Bickford and Huckins, lumber	11.04
C. W. Lake, hauling lumber	1.00
W. Carpenter, 1 door for Horse Corner	4.75
Frank French, procuring and hanging door	2.00
E. S. Edmunds, cleaning stove pipe at Center	1.00
H. P. Maxfield, coat hooks, pulleys, etc	2.75
Pittsfield School District	4.00
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	\$256.92
14. L. D. Gilmore, medical inspection	\$50.00
15. Transportation of Pupils: Mrs. Dan Reed, 36 weeks	\$216.00
16. High School Tuition:	
Union School District, 1/2 year's tuition for 11 pupils	\$385.00
Colby Academy, tuition for Lawrence Perry	70.00
Pittsfield School District, 1/2 year's Tuition for 4 pupils	140.00
Pembroke Academy, tuition for Alice Hutchinson	25.00
Union School District, Tuition for 11 pupils, 1/2 year	385.00
Pittsfield School District, 1/2 year's tuition for 3 pupils	105.00
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	\$1,110.00
17. Alteration of old buildings: H. S. Kelley. shingles, nails, etc.	\$70.00
18. Per capita tax	\$192.00

19. Bills from previous years: Albert S. Dame, 2 cords wood	\$20.00
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Total payments for all purposes \$6,566.04

CHARLES W. LAKE,  
MARY S. EDMUNDS,  
EDITH M. TOWLE,

*School Board.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the School District of Chichester and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

EDWARD F. CALLAHAN,  
*Auditor.*

A true copy.

CHARLES W. LAKE.

## ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the School Year from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926

1. Salaries of district officers and truant officer	\$81.00
2. Superintendent's excess salary and expenses of administration	150.00
3. Support of elementary schools (\$5 tax)	3,875.41
4. Tuitions in high schools and academies	1,300.00
5. Alterations, repairs and new equipment	200.00
6. Tax for state wide supervision (\$2 per capita)	190.00
	\$5,796.41

### EXPLANATION

1. The salaries of the district officers and of the truant officers are determined by the district.

2. The superintendent's excess salary is established by the supervisory union and has been set at \$116.67 for next year. The expenses of administration include the clerical and office expenses of the school board, district treasurer, and superintendent.

3. For the support of elementary schools a tax of \$5 on \$1,000 of the equalized valuation must be raised in order to get any aid from the state. The big item here is teachers' salaries. Good teachers cost the *district* no more than poor teachers, for the total cost of the schools for instruction and operation in excess of the "\$5 tax," which was \$4,166.55 this year, is paid by the state, providing only that each item of the expenditures is reasonable and approved by the State Board of Education. Other items here are text books, supplies, fuel, janitors, transportation, medical inspection, minor repairs to buildings and equipment, and elementary tuition of pupils going to school out of town.

4. It is expected that eighteen or nineteen Chichester boys and girls will attend high schools or academies next year. The tuition rate is usually \$70 per year so that about \$1,300 will be needed for this item.

5. The law states that "the school board of every district shall provide *standard* elementary schools" and that "a standard school is one—equipped with approved furniture, books, maps and other necessary appliances." The desks and seats at the Center school could not be approved by any sensible person. The school board cannot perform its duty in this regard unless the district furnishes the money. A definite policy of building and equipment improvement should be adopted and carried out. A certain amount should be raised each year for this purpose. The buildings and equipment are badly in need of repairs more extensive than the \$25 per building allowed by the state will accomplish.

6. A tax of \$2 per pupil is required by law for state wide supervision.

CHARLES W. LAKE,  
MARY S. EDMUNDS,  
EDITH M. TOWLE,  
*School Board.*

REPORT OF HARRY S. KELLEY, TREASURER  
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the year ending June 30, 1924.

Received of the Selectmen:	
Voted by town	\$5,000.00
Per capita tax	192.00
Dog licenses	147.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
Proportion of School Fund	469.20
Received of Town of Pittsfield, tuition	180.00
Received of Town of Epsom, tuition	108.00
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Total receipts	\$6,096.20
Cash on hand July 1, 1923	1,149.94
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Grand total	\$7,246.14
Paid, orders drawn by School Board	\$6,566.04
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Cash on hand June 30, 1924	\$680.10

HARRY S. KELLEY,  
*Treasurer.*

Chichester, N. H., July 11, 1924.

I hereby certify that I have examined the financial accounts of the Treasurer of the School District for the year ending June 30, 1924, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

EDWARD F. CALLAHAN,  
*Auditor.*

STATISTICAL TABLE  
For Year Ending June 30, 1924.

School	Teacher	Annual Salary	Half Day Sessions	Half Days Lost	Number of Weeks	Boys	Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Number of Tardinesses	Visits by Citizens	Visits by Superintendent	Number Not Tardy
Kelly's Corner	Mildred Emerson	\$648	340	20	36	5	7	11.6	10.7	92.5	2	43	17	2
Pine Ground	Thelma Daniels	792	340	20	36	11	20	24.0	22.9	95.1	18	64	19	2
Bear Hill	Loretta Lemotte	864	342	18	36	5	8	10.5	9.7	92.5	26	7	18	0
Center	Frances Towle	756	339	21	36	10	11	17.9	16.1	89.3	55	40	20	0
Horse Corner	Eva Jordan, (13 weeks) Catherine McKay	648 864	344	16	36	7	3	10.0	9.3	93.3	12	40	18	0
	Totals					38	*47	74.0	68.7	92.8	113	175	92	4

\*Unrepeated

To the Chichester School Board:

I take pleasure in submitting herewith my second annual report as superintendent of your schools. I shall aim to state briefly some of the accomplishments of the past year and to point out some of the problems to be met in the near future.

#### *Teaching Force.*

In my report last year I mentioned the changes in the teaching force from the previous year and also the changes during the year. At the close of the year three of the teachers decided to go elsewhere: Miss Jeannotte, Miss McKay, and Miss Towle. Miss Doris Spiller of Gorham was elected to take Miss McKay's place at Horse Corner and Miss Alberta Taft of Winchester, a graduate of Keene Normal School, took Miss Towle's place.

It is interesting to note from a comparison of the table with the one for last year that from 1922-23 to 1923-24 (1) the number of half days lost per school decreased from 20.2 to 19.0, which is an increase in the time schools were actually in session of 1.2 half days; (2) the total enrollment remained the same; (3) the per cent of attendance increased 1.7 per cent; (4) the number of tardinesses decreased from 193 to 113, and (5) the number of pupils neither absent nor tardy increased from one to four.

This year I have included in the statistical report the number of visits to the schools by citizens and by the superintendent. In 1922-23 the total number of visits by citizens to all Schools was 190, and in 1923-24, 175, and the total number of visits by the superintendent was 62 in 1922-23 and 92 in 1923-24, an increase of six visits per school. I hope that parents and other citizens will keep up their good record. An interest in the schools expressed by going to them and observing the work done by the children encourages them to do better.

#### *Promotion.*

At the end of the year three pupils were promoted to Grade II, five to Grade III, seven to Grade IV, ten to Grade V, seven

to Grade VI, five to Grade VII, ten to Grade VIII, and thirteen to high school. The names of the pupils who completed the elementary school work follow: Charles Burton, Gerald Edmunds, Scott Edmunds, Dorothy Ford, John Grady, Mary Kelley, Phyllis Lake, Martha Leaver, Alice Marston, Ethel Packer, Christopher Perry, Norman Rice, and Merwin Shaw.

#### *Teachers' Meetings.*

At the monthly teachers' meetings the chief problem worked upon was the development of a detailed curriculum, or program of studies, for our schools. When we realize that the curriculum is a list, or series, of activities through which the needs of life are satisfied, arranged in that sequence which fits them to the progressively expanding interests and capacities of pupils—placing those activities in the first grade which first-grade children can experience with profit and satisfaction in meeting their needs, those in the fourth grade meeting the needs of fourth grade children and so on—we get an idea of the difficulty of the task. Teachers loyally spent much time and effort in getting to these meetings and taking part in the work.

#### *Marking System.*

The marking system adopted and put into effect during the year is scientifically sound, and has been used with satisfaction throughout the country. By this system the mark given a pupil is based, not upon some arbitrary standard of perfection, but upon what he accomplishes as compared with what other pupils accomplish who are working on problems of the same difficulty. Scientific investigation has shown that about seven per cent of all pupils' work is truly "excellent," twenty-four per cent is not equal to the best yet is better than the average and "highly satisfactory," thirty-eight per cent is "average," twenty-four per cent is "poor but passable," and seven per cent is unsatisfactory, very poor and a "failure." These five groups of work are marked A, B, C, D, and E re-

spectively. These letters have absolutely no connection with the per cents in the old percentage system of marking, but they shown what group a child is placed in according to the quality of his work as compared with that of other pupils of his same grade. For example, if a pupil gets a mark of B in spelling for the month, it means that in every ordinary group of one hundred pupils of his grade about twenty-three others do about the same quality of work, seven do considerably better and sixty-nine do less well.

#### *Methods.*

Early in the fall of 1923 a method in spelling was adopted that was entirely different from the one formerly in use. There are two important features of the method now in use: (1) testing to find out what words of the most common ones each pupil does not know how to spell and having the pupil study only those words, and (2) regular testing and review of words previously studied. The method is economical because a pupil spends no time studying words he will seldom use or words he already knows how to spell, and it is thorough because he is tested five times on every one of the approximately six hundred words for his grade—once before he studies, twice during the week he studies it first, and twice in one week one month after he studied it first.

In reading the Progressive Road to Reading method has been adopted. This method makes use of the study of the sound of the letters and groups of letters, and it is giving good results in oral reading.

In geography the Frye-Atwood series of text books was adopted. The pupils are now interested in learning, not about the exact location and population of unimportant and far distant towns and cities nor about the exact height of all the peaks in the Rocky Mountains, but about the lives of boys and girls, and men and women in neighboring and typical towns and cities, and about the effect of mountains, rivers, valleys, etc., upon the occupations and ideals of these people.

At the beginning of school in September, 1924 several new adoptions were made: the Houston system in handwriting, and new text books in history in grades five and six, and in language in grades three to eight.

In handwriting the arm movement is insisted upon sufficiently to insure a smooth movement of the hand across the page and an uncramped letter formation. Marked improvement in even the unsupervised writing is already noticeable.

In history in grades five and six we are endeavoring to give an understanding of early civilization through interesting stories as a basis for the study of American history in the two upper grades.

In language we are focusing our efforts primarily on the problem of the correction of the pupil's habits already incorrectly formed and the establishing of new correct habits, and are teaching only such rules and technical grammar as is necessary for the pupil to properly understand these habits. The child is led into situations where he is likely to use incorrect language and required to express his ideas in correct form. We firmly believe this will result in a marked improvement in the pupil's everyday language habits and in his ability to express himself.

#### *Repairs and Equipment.*

A few important repairs have been made during the past year. The Kelley's Corner schoolhouse has been shingled, the Center schoolhouse has been shingled on one side and painted, and the Pine Ground shed has been repaired. The need for more satisfactory seats and desks at the Center, however, is still unmet. Good work in handwriting and neat papers in any written work cannot be expected of pupils so poorly provided for. I wish to repeat what was stated in my report last year: "A carefully studied policy of progressive development of school buildings and schoolrooms should be adopted. In addition to the minor repairs, such as cleaning, oiling of floors, painting, and shingling that should be made every year, a few hundred dollars should be invested in

such improvements as new desks, blackboards, schoolroom heaters, chemical toilets, and remodeling. If Chichester boys and girls are to have opportunities equal to those for boys and girls in other parts of the state and country, this must be done." We are giving them better books, better supplies, better teachers and more time in school, and they need better physical conditions under which to study.

According to present indications there will be but three Chichester pupils at Kelley's Corner next year, as there are now. It is uneconomical to maintain this school with so few pupils. Again I state as I did last year that the scheme of building a modern two-room schoolhouse near the junction of the Bear Hill and State roads and consolidating the Kelley's Corner, Bear Hill and Pine Ground schools should be carefully considered.

*Summary.*

In summarizing, the main accomplishments of the past year have been (1) an increase in the actual time the children are in school, and (2) an increase in the efficiency of the instruction because of careful study on the part of the teachers through teachers' meetings of the selection of the content matter of the subjects taught and of the methods of instruction. The main problems to be met in the near future are, first, the continual development of a program of studies, or curriculum, for the schools, worked out in detail as regards both content and method, and, second, the improvement of the physical factors of the child's school environment (a) by furnishing better equipment and (b) by further consolidation.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the loyal support of the School Board, the teachers, the parents, and the pupils in the work of the schools during the past year. We are all working for the same thing—the education of our

boys and girls—and it is only by *doing* in co-operation that we can accomplish the desired end.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. BADGER,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for year ending June 30, 1924.—

*Kelley's Corner*

Mae Marston

William Marston

*Pine Ground*

Eva Marston

Fred Marston

*Bear Hill*

None.

*Center*

None.

*Horse Corner*

None.

# VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Chichester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1924.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex and condition		Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Sex	Living or Stillborn						
Jan. 5	Chichester	Hazel Blanche	F	T	Rose Parent	All white	Chichester	Farmer	Chichester	Boston, Mass
Feb. 2	"	Ernest Henry	M	T	Rose J. LePlant	"	"	Laborer	Boston, Mass	Canada
28	"	Rose Arlene	F	T	Harriet F. Bullard	"	"	"	Chichester	Merrimack
3	"	Harold A.	F	T	Lotta A. Herrick	"	"	Farmer	Eastport, Me	Fitchburg, Mass.
May 22	"	Ira Ernest	F	T	Josephine D. Griffin	Loudon	Loudon	"	East Concord	Concord
26	"	N. Sherman	M	T	Helena M. Hartford	Fembroke	Fembroke	"	Concord	Boston, Mass.
7	"	George William	M	T	Marion E. Shaw	Rye	Rye	"	Rye	Chichester
Aug. 23	"	Lynnetta Rose	F	T	Blanche Z. Towle	Chichester	Chichester	Carpenter	Chichester	Chichester
"	"		F	T	Angie A. Hall	"	"	"	Switzerland	Casco, Me.
					John E. Walker					
					Orrin N. Marston					
					Henry E. Osborne					
					Albert M. Bailey					
					Charles DeGrasse					
					Charles Welch					
					Clarence E. Chase					
					N. Sherman Rand					
					Charles K. Call					
					John E. Walker					

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 HARRY S. KELLEY, Town Clerk.

### Marriages Registered in the Town of Chichester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1924.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage		Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
			Age	Color							
Feb. 10	Pembroke	Charles R. Call	Chichester	21	Carpenter	Chichester	William P. Call	Chichester	Carpenter	1	Alfred T. Hillman
		Blanche Z. Towle	"	19	At home	"	Eva Normand	Chicago, Ill.	Housewife	1	Pembroke, N. H.
Apr. 1	Pittsfield	Edgar Aaron Stevens	"	18	Teamster	Contoocook	George A. L. Towle	Chichester	Farmer	1	Clergyman
		Ruth Pike	Epsom	17	Waitress	Epsom	Clara Towle	Boston, Mass	Housewife	1	C. Wendall Wilson
Oct. 11	Pittsfield	Llewellyn W. Towle	Chichester	22		Chichester	Marg'ret M Donald	Prince Edward Is.	Housewife	1	Pittsfield, N. H.
		Elsie M. I. Collins	Boston, Mass.	23		Chichester	George I. Pike	Epsom	Farmer	1	Clergyman
Nov. 2	Epsom	Ira A. Kimball	Chichester	45	Farmer	Deerfield	P. LeClaire Towle	Chichester	Farmer	2	Alfred T. Hillman
		Alice C. Hutchinson	"	50	Housewife	Pembroke	Eva Rogers	Loudon, Eng.	Housewife	1	Pembroke, N. H.
Nov. 29	Chichester	Harold E. French	"	23	Poultry	Chichester	William Collins	Worcestershire,	Clergyman	1	Clergyman
		Margarite Towle	Allenstown	18	Teacher	Bow	Annie Grey Flood	Brisbane, Aust'lia	Housewife	2	George C. Junkins
							Fred Kimball		Farmer	2	Epsom, N. H.
							Nettie A. Hartford		Farmer	2	Clergyman
							Frank P. Robinson		Farmer	2	
							Ellen L. Fowler		Farmer	2	
							Frank D. French	Bristol	Farmer	1	Addison F. Gifford
							Agnes Greeley	Franklin	Housewife	1	Chichester, N. H.
							Adin Fowler		Farmer	1	Clergyman
							Agnes Fowler	Suncook	Housewife	1	

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HARRY S. KELLY, *Town Clerk.*

### Deaths Registered in the Town of Chichester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1924

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, married or widowed		Father	Mother		
Jan. 3	Chichester	Frank T. Lane	66	11	7	Chichester	M	W	M	Farmer	Chichester	Epsom	Anthony K. Lane	Sally Yeaton
Feb. 2	Pittsfield	Samuel A. Kendall	77	1	5	Dublin	M	W	F	Farmer	Leominster	Dublin	Henry A. Kendall	Harriett Capleton
6	Chichester	Charles Bailey	54	11	3	Chichester	M	W	F	Farmer	Maine	Chichester	Eben Bailey	Frances Mason
Mar. 3	"	John F. Payne	72	9	19	Belmont	M	W	F	Farmer	"	Gilford	Charles Payne	Deborah Bennett
" 5	"	Emma M. Leavitt	77	1	22	Concord	F	W	W	Retired	New Hamp	New Hamp	Timothy Sullivan	Emeline Loverin
" 14	"	Frank P. Robinson	78	4	5	Pembroke	M	W	F	Farmer	Pembroke	Chichester	Edward Langmaid	Mary Lane
Apr. 19	"	Charles A. Langmaid	72	4	6	Chichester	M	W	F	Farmer	Chichester	Hampton Falls	Joshua Batchelder	Mary Jane Blake
May 6	"	Charles F. Batchelder	79	2	26	"	M	W	F	Merchant	Sanford, Me.	Concord	Charles Welch	Sarah Goel
" 22	"	— Welch	0	0	0	"	F	W	F		Concord	Concord	Charles Welch	Josephine D. Griffin
Aug. 11	"	Lena E. Frederick	57	3	15	Mohawk, N. Y.	F	W	S	Housewife	Ireland	Canada	Charles Egan	Mary Duffy
Sept. 17	"	Mary A. Denis	44	8	11	Great Falls	F	W	M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Edw. Desrublaux	Anglaes Tellier
Oct. 9	"	Mary E. Cate	71	1	21	Orford	F	W	M	Housewife	Northwood	"	Daniel Matthews	Mary Tricky
" 17	"	Emma J. Edmunds	70	4	3	Chichester	F	W	W	Housewife	Chichester	Pembroke	Charles Stanyan	Sarah F. Mann
Nov. 20	"	Annie G. Vincent	70	6	5	Walpole, Mass	F	W	M	Housewife	England	Providence R.I.	Aaron Hutchinson	Mary Fisher
" 20	"	George E. Giles	63	7	16	Northwood	M	W	M	Salesman	"	"	Curtis Giles	Ellen
" 21	"	John Henry Oxford	75	7	16	Portsmouth	M	W	S	"	"	"	"	"

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