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# Budget of the Town of Langdon for Year 1918.

# and actual revenue of 1917 with estimate of revenue for 1918

### Source of Revenue

From the State		
Railroad Tax	\$ 13.36	\$ 13.00
Saving Bank Tax	190.72	176.82
School Fund	261.75	261.75
Literary Fund	38.16	38.16
For Forest Fires	9.08	12.45
For State Aid Maintenance	63.68	83.00
For Trunk Line Maintenance	403.20	786.34
Balance due from 1916	131.21	
Interest on Taxes	11.44	
For Poll Taxes	162.00	162.00
For State Aid Highway Construct	tion 410.00	438.75
From County for Pauper Account		46.19
	\$ 1,694.60	\$ 2,018.46

# Purposes of Expenditures

FOR THE WEAR LADING

	Actual Expenditures 1917	Estimated Expenditures 1918
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 300.63	\$ 325.00
Expenses	58.75	75.00

Election Expenses		35.00
Care and Supplies Town Hall	4.13	7.00
Board of Health salaries and expen	nses 13.85	15.00
Vital Statistics	4.00	6.00
Highways and Bridges	694.02	800.00
Snow Bills	173.99	220.00
State Aid Maintenance	77.89	166.00
Trunk Line Maintenance	547.23	1,549.26
Highway Dept. General Expenses	48.74	30.00
Libraries Tax	21.40	21.40
For Town and County Poor	46.19	50.00
For Cemeteries Improvement	100.00	50.00
Salaries of Sexton and expenses	32.95	35.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	42.22	45.00
Interest on Long-time Notes	52.22	18.00
State Aid Highway Construction	772.23	789.75
Paid on Long-time Notes	584.31	100.00
State Taxes	399.19	376.00
County Tax	577.91	577.19
To School District	1,891.91	1,910.00
		\$ 7,200.60
Estimated Revenue		2,018.46
Budget to be raised by property tax		\$ 5,182.14

A tax rate on present valuation of \$2.19 on \$100.

Every appropriation of \$1000 in addition to estimate of this budget will raise the tax rate 43 cents per \$100. valuation.

### TOWN WARRANT

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

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

- Art. 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- Art. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
- Art. 3. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of Highway and Bridges, and make appropriation of the same.
- Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for State Aid Highway Construction, and make appropriation of the same.
- Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for State Aid Maintenance, and make appropriation of the same.
- Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Trunk Line Maintenance, and make appropriation of the same.
- Art. 7. To see what action the town will take toward improving the appearance of the Cemeteries, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

- Art. 8. To elect a Trustee of the Trust Funds for the term of three years.
- Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to bor row money in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To elect a delegate to attend the Constitutional Convention to be holden in Concord, in June next,
  - Art. 11. To allow accounts.
- Art. 12. To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

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

WILLIAM HALL,
ERNEST F. BATCHELDER,
EDWIN H. CLARK,
Selectmen of
Langdon.

A true copy-Attest:

ERNEST F. BATCHELDER, EDWIN H. CLARK, Selectmen of Langdon.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 181,687.00
Horses, 136,	15,874.00
Ass, 1,	10.00
Oxen, 6,	420.00
Cows 304	20,074.00
Neat Stock, 75,	4,205.00
Sheep, 107,	964.00
Hogs, 6,	173.00
Fowls, 2575,	2,318.00
Automobiles 5	1,960.00
Portable Mills, 3,	302.00
Wood and Lumber,	1,210.00
Stock in National Bank,	327.00
Money on hand or at Interest,	6,055.00
Mills and Machinery,	1,000.00
	\$ 236,569.00
Soldiers' Exemptions,	1,826.00
	\$ 234,743.00

### TAXES ASSESSED APRIL 1 1917

State tax	\$ 352.50
State tax special	47.00
County tax	577.19

State aid highway construction	328.50
Trunk line maintenance	125.00
State aid highway maintenance	35.00
Town charges	650.00
Highways and bridges	700.00
School tax	1,550.00
Library tax	21.40
For improvement of cemeteries	100.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Overlay	121.82
	\$ 4,658.41
Poll Tax 81	162.00

Rate of Taxation, \$1.92 on each \$100.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

# Receipts

Cash in treasury February 15 1917	\$ 467.86
Tax Collector taxes	4,671.17
Tax Collector interest on taxes	11.44
Selectmen borrowed money	1,900.00
Town Clerk for dog licenses	55.80
State highway department appropriation	326.15
State trunk line maintenance	534.41
State aid maintenance	63.68
State forest fire bills	9.08
State railroad tax	13.36
State Savings Bank tax	190.72
State literary fund	38.16

State school fund	261.75
State bounty on hedgehogs	3.40
Wm Hall dynamite	1.02
	\$ 8,548.00

### Disbursements

Selectmen's orders	\$ 7,404.22
Outstanding orders	3.85
State tax	399.50
County tax	577.19
Cash on hand January 31 1918	163.24
	\$ 8,548.00

# ALFRED S. AYER, Town Treasurer

### TOWN OFFICERS

Walter H Smith selectman  Herbert H Lakin selectman  William Hall town clerk  Edwin H Clark apprizing real estate  Alfred S Ayer town treasurer  E W Henry perambulating town lines use of horse  E F Batchelder apprizing real estate and expenses to Claremont  George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots  Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918		
Herbert H Lakin selectman  William Hall town clerk  Edwin H Clark apprizing real estate  Alfred S Ayer town treasurer  E W Henry perambulating town lines use of horse  E F Batchelder apprizing real estate and expenses  to Claremont  George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots  Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	Villiam Hall selectman \$	60.00
William Hall town clerk Edwin H Clark apprizing real estate Alfred S Ayer town treasurer E W Henry perambulating town lines use of horse E F Batchelder apprizing real estate and expenses to Claremont George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	Valter H Smith selectman	40.00
Edwin H Clark apprizing real estate Alfred S Ayer town treasurer E W Henry perambulating town lines use of horse E F Batchelder apprizing real estate and expenses to Claremont George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	Ierbert H Lakin selectman	35.00
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George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	F Batchelder apprizing real estate and expenses	
Mrs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	Claremont	16.25
	George H Royce finding town lines and showing lots	2.00
Herbert A Holmes tax collector 5	Irs H J LaSelle librarian to January 31 1918	14.38
	Herbert A Holmes tax collector	50.00

William Hall apprizing real estate William Leighton auditor  AMOUNT OF EXPENSES  William Hall postage and telephone Expenses to Claremont and Manchester E L Elliott printing town reports and tax cards Edson C Eastman for town bonds and order book Edson C Eastman ledger and stationary William Miller Son Co order book  58.75		
AMOUNT OF EXPENSES  William Hall postage and telephone 4.50 Expenses to Claremont and Manchester 10.50 E L Elliott printing town reports and tax cards 31.95 Edson C Eastman for town bonds and order book 1.50 Edson C Eastman ledger and stationary 7.55 William Miller Son Co order book 2.75		
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William Hall postage and telephone  Expenses to Claremont and Manchester  E L Elliott printing town reports and tax cards  Edson C Eastman for town bonds and order book  Edson C Eastman ledger and stationary  William Miller Son Co order book  4.50  10.50  1.50  2.75		
Expenses to Claremont and Manchester  E L Elliott printing town reports and tax cards Edson C Eastman for town bonds and order book Edson C Eastman ledger and stationary  William Miller Son Co order book  1.50 2.75		
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
William B Whitney \$ 686.14		
Edwin H Clark 7.88		
\$ 694.02		
Appropriation \$ 700.00		
Balance \$ 5.98		
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SNOW BILL		
W C Kempton winter of 1917 \$ 9.70		
M F Bragg snow bill and snowing bridge 10.10		
W C Kempton to January 31 1918 33.00		
Alfred S Ayer snowing Prentiss bridge 2.00		
Emery W Hall 18.62		
William Roberts 2.75		
Glen Bascom 8.00		
Sanford H Lawrence 13.50		

William Kirkpatrick	7.50
Frank Pelton	4.50
Walter P Davis	6.50
George Chandler	4.75
George Porter bill of 1916	1.20
Edwin H Clark	7.50
L E Durling	9.00
Joseph Jadkowski	4.50
Herbert H Lakin	11.50
William B Whitney	19.37
	\$ 173.99
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### GENERAL EXPENSES

H C Metcalf bill of tools	10.74
United Construction Co guide boards	16.50
Good Roads Machine Co repairs on scraper	11.90
H C Metcalf post hole digger	3.00
William H Wilson for water service	3.00
William Hall to express paid on boards	1.58
William Hall for cash for dynamite sold	1.02
E E LaSelle for transporting dynamite	1.00
	\$ 48.74
Total expenditure for road maintenance	\$ 916.75

### STATE AID HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

William Hall foreman	n				\$ 57.88
Ernest F Batchelder	team	and	labor		80.81
Emery W Hall	6 6	6.6	6.6	•	56.77
Ervin A Tuttle	6.6	6.6	6.6		79.42

William H Ormsby	labor	42.08
Charles Benware	6 6	43.00
Henry J LaSelle	6.6	35.96
Robert Smith	6 6	55.00
George T Woodell	6.6	37.77
Daniel D Bryant	6.6	30.27
William Gay	6.6	38.46
Emery W Henry	6 6	20.96
Henry J Ormsby	6.6	39.68

\$ 604.06

# Material

William B Whitney 453 feet hemlock	\$ 11.77	
Herbert A Holmes gravel	1.40	
Nella R Bates "	19.10	
H C Metcalf cement	2.55	
George T Woodell repairs on picks		
and drills	9.65	
Mrs Louise Mousley posts	5.00	
William Hall damage to boat	2.50	
Howard Hardware Co caps and fuse	6.50	
Mrs A B Lucas oil	1.17	
F O Cross dynamite	25.70	
_		85.34
State paid for culverts		64.80
for engineer		19.05
•	_	\$ 773.25
Credit by dynamite sold		1.02
		\$ 772.23

Appropriation Appropriation		\$ 410.00 328.50	
			738.50
Overdra	fṫ		\$ 33.73
S	TATE AID MA	AINTENANCE	
	-		\$ 61.68 12.21 35.00 35.00
Paid Fre	ed J Reed	_	\$ 143.89 77.89
			\$ 66.00
Balance in sta Balance in tow Received from Paid by town	vn treasury		\$ 33.00 33.00 63.68 14.21
			\$ 143.89
TF	RUNK LINE M	IAINTENANCE	
Appropriation Appropriation Extra appropr	•	b 15 1917	\$ 33.79 375.00 125.00 31.35 31.35
			\$ 596.49

# Expended

F J Reed	\$ 252.70	
F O Cross	62.70	
Bert E Foster	231.83	
		547.23
Balance		\$ 49.26
Balance in town treasury	<b>\$</b> 12.32	
Balance in state treasury	\$ 36.94	
MEMORIAL	DAY	
Amount Appropriated		\$ 50.00
Paid Winslow Colburn tre	easurer	50.00
LIBRARY '	TAX	
Paid Elizabeth B Prentiss librar	ry trustee	\$ 21.40
FIRE WAR	DEN	
George H Royce Lamb fire		\$ 18.15
Fire on Mountain Nov 11		24.90
		\$ 43.05
Received from state		\$ 9.08
Due from state		12.45
DOLLAMING HOD II	I D C D I O C C	
BOUNTIES FOR H	TEDGEHOGS	
Ernest F Batchelder		\$ 1.40
Edwin H Clark		1.20

William Hall	.80
Received from state	\$ 3.40 3.40
BOARD OF HEALTH	
H A Holmes chairman	\$ 13.85
PAUPERS	
P B Stevens professional services for Wm Gay F J Marvin supplies Edwin H Clark stove wood Mrs Thomas Bushway rent of house 1½ months  Due from Sullivan County support Wm Gay  VITAL STATISTICS  William Hall recording Dr P B Stevens reporting	13.44 19.00
CEMETERIES	
Alfred S Ayer burial Ann J Ferguson Cutting grass in cemetery Burial of Robert Huntley Post and setting same Burial of Mrs Davis Burial of Mrs Julius Porter	\$ 5.00 11.20 6.00 1.75 4.00 5.00 \$ 32.95

### Appropriation for cemetary improvement \$100.

H C Metcalf paint and supplies	\$ 4	3.50
William Hall paint for iron fence	4	4.00
E W Henry labor	2	7.63
A S Ayer "	2	4.87

100.00

\$ 132.95

The greater part of the appropriation was used in repairing and painting the fence around the Lower Cemetery and about \$20.00 more is needed to complete painting it one coat. The fence needs another coat of paint to attain the best results.

### ALFRED S. AYER, Sexton.

### LEGAL EXPENSES

J M Barton retainer fee Mousley and Hill estate	\$ 5.00
Percent of amount collected	5.00
Albert Clark auto hire	10.05
	\$ 20.05

### TOWN HALL EXPENSES

C L Walker insurance	\$ 3.38
Nella R Bates wood	.75
	\$ 4 13

# INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAID ON PERMANENT NOTES

Sarah A Porter interest due Feb 15 1917	\$ 18.00
Sarah A Porter interest due Feb 15 1918	18.00
Conn River National Bank	16.22
Conn River National Bank note	584.34
Total payment on permanent loans	\$ 636.34

# Interest and Principal on Money Borrowed in Anticipation of Taxes

Interest paid to the National Bank of Bellows Falls \$ 42.22 Notes paid to the National Bank of Bellows Falls 1,900.00 Total payments temporary loans \$ 1,942.22

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON JANUARY 31 1918

### Assets

Cash on hand	\$ 163.24
Due from State Aid Highway Maintenance	33.00
Due from Trunk Line Maintenance	36.94
Due from State balance of fire bill	12.45
Due from County for support of William Gay	46.19
	\$ 291.82

### Liabilities

To school district dog licenses 1917 State and town joint highway acounts balance	\$ 55.80
in state treasury	69.94
Unexpended balance in town treasury	45.32
Sarah A Porter note	400.00
	\$ 571.06
Total liabilities \$ 571.06	
Total assets 291.82	
Net debt	\$ 279.24

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Bridge plank	\$ 34.16
Dynamite	1.00
Culvert pipe	18.00
Express	.80
Scraper repairs	2.25
Bolts and spikes	1.30
Oil	.12
Burning brush	10.00
Labor men and team	626.39
	\$ 694.02
Balance in treasury	5.98
	\$ 700,00

W. B. Whitney, Road Surveyor

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON ON JANUARY 31, 1918.

	Bal of Income on hand at end of year		\$7 47	5 %	5 86	5 35	4 85	5 32		
I	Expended during year		\$5 27	5 78	1 47	1 23	1 23	1 47	21 60	
	Income during		\$ 8	80 %	4:04	4 04	4 04	3 80	09 8	
	Bal on hand at beginning of year		\$4 66	3 66	3 29	2 54	2 04	2 99	13 00	
ı	Rate of Interest		.1	цə	I, C	9d	t	at	117	v'
I	Amt of Principal		\$200	200	100	100	100	93	200	200
	ested		Savings Bank of Walpole	;	:	: .	:	:	:	:
	How Invested		Bank o	,	:	*	:	:	:	
	H	1	Savings	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	Purpose of Creation		Cemetery Fund Emma Washburn	Mary Sartwell	Charles Winch	Martha Ann Bowles	Elisha Garfield	Mary E Holden	Henry Prentiss	Leander G Hill
	urpos		Func		:	:	:	:	:	:
			Cemetery	3	:	:	:	:	:	:
	Date of Creation		June 1 1916	June 1 1916	Feb 13 1915	June 16 1907	March 28 1911	Feb 27 1908	Jan 2 1904	

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

JOHN L. CHANDLER, HERBERT A. HOLMES, CHARLES A. JEFTS, This to certify that I have examined the securities of Langdon Cemetery funds and accounts of said trustees and find them correct as given above.

WILLIAM A. LEIGHTON, Auditor.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on hand February 15 1917 Library tax	\$ 16.27 21.40
	\$ 37.67
Credit	
August 3 1917 12 volumes purchased February 12 1918 6 volumes purchased February 21 1918 6 volumes purchased Cash in treasury February 28 1918	\$ 8.79 6.97 6.45 15.46
	\$ 37.67

ELIZABETH B. PRENTISS, Secretary and Treasurer

## RECAPITULATION

Town Officers	\$ 300.63
Expenses	58.75
Town Hall insurance and wood	4.13
Highways and Bridges	694.02
Snow bills	173.99
Highway general expenses	48.74
State Aid Highway Construction	772.23
State Aid Highway Maintenance	77.89
Trunk Line Maintenance	547.23
Memorial Day	50.00
Library tax	21.40
Fire Warden	48.05
For Bounties	3.40

Board of Health	13.85
Town Poor	46.19
Vital Statistics	4.00
Improvement of Cemetery	100.00
Service and expenses of Sexton	32.95
Legal expenses	20.05
Notes and interest long time notes	636.56
Interest and principal short time notes	1,942.22
To School Fund	1,891.91
To State for Taxes	399.50
County Tax	577.19
	\$ 8,459.88
H A Holmes abatement Leon Mousley Tax	4.88
	\$ 8,464.76
Less paid by State	83.85
Amount of Selectmen orders	\$8,380.91

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HALL,
ERNEST F. BATCHELDER,
EDWIN H. CLARK,

Selectmen of
Langdon.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer and Selectmen of the town of Langdon and find them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. LEIGHTON, Auditor.

### SCHOOL TREASURERS REPORT

### Receipts

Balance February 15 1917		\$ 83.70
Received from tax collection		1,550.00
Selectmen 1917 dog license money		42.00
Proportion school fund		261.75
Literary fund	,	38.16
		\$ 1,975.61

### Disbursements

Paid on School Boards orders	\$ 1,657.56
Cash on hand to balance	318.05
	\$ 1 975 61

# MRS NELLA R. BATES, School Treasurer

### LIABILITIES

Notes outstanding Sarah A Porter	\$100.00
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### Inventory of School District Property January 31 1918

No 1 Country school house	450.00
No 2 Country school house	350.00
No 3 2-story 2 rooms playroom and furnace room	1,000.00
No 4 Country school house	400.00
Furniture and apparatus	100.00
8	2.300.00

### Revenue

Literary fund For district superintendent For support of schools For high school tuition rebate State aid average attendance Town tax for schools Dog licenses General fund cash on hand at beginning of year		38.16 77.50 144.00 14.00 26.25 ,550.00 42.00 83.70 ,975.61
Expense and Outlay		
Salaries of school board Salaries of other district officers Superintendents salary and expenses Principal and regular teachers salaries Scholars supplies Janitor service Fuel Repair and replacement of equipment High school and academy tuition Elementary school tuition Insurance Interest on note Payment on note  General fund on hand at end of January 31 1918	\$ 1	15.00 5.00 112.50 ,112.00 55.31 44.00 47.00 18.90 104.50 24.00 8.10 11.25 100.00 ,675.56

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

### WILLIAM B. WHITNEY, Auditor.

### Estimate For Fiscal Year

Money required by law	\$ 352.50
For books and supplies	40.00
High school tuition	80.00
School officers	20.00
Repairs	20.00
For payment on note and interest	110.00
Additional amount needed	1,077.50
	\$ 1,700.00

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

We respectfully submit this our fourth annual report, being the sixteenth in the series, to the school board and the citizens of the town of Langdon.

We have given below the statistical table usually given which covers the school work to the beginning of this school year. You will notice that we have disregarded

the term as a unit and that the following includes the three terms in the year unit. The new teachers are inserted in connection with their respective position.

School	Teacher	Total enrollment	Average attendance	Percent of attendance	No. weeks
Grammar	Roseland Tilden (Annie Wellman)	21	10	59	36
Primary	Zoa Stebbins (Gladys Bullard)	20	10	66	36
Hill	Adelaide Wolfel Eunice Pond (Mary Houghton)	10	7	71	32

The teachers are all new this year. They are graduates of the Keene Normal School, and we are fortunate in securing teachers who take up the work so well and fit into the community activities. You will notice the low average attendence due to the scarlet fever epidemic. In the village about five weeks was lost in the best part of the year. The number of weeks includes these and the same is not considered in the percent of attendance.

The broken condition of the school last year weakened the grades somewhat. The work of the last part of the year and that of this year has redeemed much of the lost work and we have organized the school in the first six grades to conform rather closely to the new state program. More has been done than in the other years we have served you in developing the text books to meet the requirements and, in general, to modernize the schools. The fundimental work seems to be well done and the outlook for the future seems bright.

We hear much of taking out some of the work of the schools to meet the emergencies of the times. The mistake has been made in the countries of our allies in Europe of taking away from the coming generations the legacies of the ages and breaking down those institutions upon which the coming generation must depend when the war is over. Officials who have charge of educational matters in this country warn us of the danger and urge us, in spite of the burdens we have to bear, to do what we can to hold what we have. We must secure good teachers, if we can, call to other occupations is loud and the renuneration larger for the present than in their present profession. The running expenses of the schools must be larger, if we maintain the schools as they are. With all the dreary prospects before us we must at least continue the legitimate work of the schools in the present crisis.

We expect to use the schools as a means to reach the homes and bring to these homes the calls of the nation and the state for aid, if it is needed, and to spread the information which the departments of the government which have charge of the conservation of our supplies and the production during the coming summer entrust to us. As this information and the calls come for aid may we have the co-operation of the citizens of Langdon in making the work a success. Each pupil should have a garden this year. It should have in it something which has food value and as far as possible, the crops which can be used in the coming winter. If the work is with the county club workers it will be as well, but we expect to have the teachers take a large share of the work in the spring in stimulating the children to greater activity in the work of production and in the actual supervision of their work. We hope this is no fad

but a sincere desire to do more to make the schools do something to meet the needs of the times and to have the children feel that they have a work to do at this time. We shall bring to the teachers the materials and try to instruct them in the movements as they come from time to time. We hope to maintain as high a standard as possible in the essentials and to look out for the educational welfare of the children under our supervision.

Another problem we have to face is the change of the school year. The money raised at the next school meeting is to be used for the schools of the town for the school year beginning Sept. 1st. 1918 and ending Aug. 31st. 1919. If the balance is not large enough to finish the present school year there should be, according to the new law, an appropriation to cover that time. It looks as though the funds could be raised on the notes of the town and thus not make the whole burden of taxes come at one time. The report of the finances of the school district here given by your board is to show the financial condition of the district that you may provide for the future intelligently. The books must be kept open until Sept. 1st. 1918 and the report then made to the state will be that printed in the report next year. This report will contain two appropriations and the expenditures from Feb. 15th. 1917 to Sept. 1st. 1918. There will be another school meeting in the spring of 1919. when another appropriation can be made but it will still continue a deficiency unless some way is provided for funds to cover the period from the first of February until the last of August, providing there is not a balance sufficient for this need.

We wish to thank the people of Langdon for their

cooperation in the work of the year. The teachers have done much to make the schools what they are and deserve your support. The teachers and the school board have given me loyal support. We hope that we have been able to aid them and that the schools of Langdon may meet the needs of the times and develop each year as we meet new problems and new conditions.

E. J. BEST, Superintendent.

# VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Langdon, H. H. for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Mother's Birthplace	Rockingham Vt Sullivan Circleville Texas Austria Calais Me
Father's Birthplace	Walpole Grantham N Y Hartland Vt Austria Ludlow Vt
Occupation of Father	Teamster Farmer Papermaker Farmer
Parents Residence	nobgas.I IIA
Color	All White
Maiden Name of Mother	VergeinaELivernore Carric E Green Perl C Miller Mary Kiziow Anna M Glidden Anna M Glidden
Name of Father	Charles H Bushway Willard C Kempton Albert S Ayer Joseph Trybuski Sanford H Lawrence Anna M Glidden Sanford H Lawrence Anna M Glidden
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Name of Child (if any)	Feb. 15 Coraline J Bushway July 6 Seth W Kempton 26 Albert Miller Aver Sept. 22 Peter A Trybuski Oct. 2 Mertill H Lawrence 2 Mildred A Lawrence
Date 1917	Feb 15 July 6 Sept 25 Oct 2

Marriages Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by whom married	Oliva Brown Clergyman Alstead N H
No. of Mar	1 1
Birthplace of Parents	Moncton N B FoxboroMass
Names of Parents	Moncton N B Jean-ette Hamilton FoxboroMass Henry Morse " " " Anary Morse " " " "
Birthplace of Each	Moncton N B FoxboroMass
Occupation dosed to	Machinist Stenographer
Color	White
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of Groom Residence	FoxboroMass
Name	Delbert A Turner Bessie M Morse
Date Place of Name	Aug 12 Langdon
Date 1917	Aug 12

Deaths Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1917.

	Maiden Name of Mother			Ann Gibson Pent C Miller Betsey Carr Augusta L Reed Sibel Palmer Mary Boyden Emma D Reynolds
Name of Father			John Kickpatrick Albert S Aver Elisha Hundey Samuel King Martin Buscom Lemuel Huntoon Luther Heriman Julias Porter	
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	Name of Deceased		Deceased	April 20 Albert Miller Ayer August 21 Sept 19 April 23 Concord October 5 RockinghamVt Sibel P Guild Dec 26 Alstead Mary Heirman Jenna May 26 Medford Mass Alice M A Butters
	Place of Death		Death	Concord RockinghamVt Alstead Medford Mass
	Date 1917		1917	April 20 July 26 August 21 Sept 19 April 23 Concord October 5 Rockingbar Dec 26 Alstead May 26 Medford N

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

# WILLIAM A. HALL, Town Clerk.







