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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Madbury

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer

AND

School Board

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING

January 31, 1924

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Town Officers for 1923

Moderator

Frank E Tibbetts

Town Clerk

John Demeritt

Selectmen

Ellery M. Felker

Eloi A. Adams

Treasurer

William H. Knox

Collector of Taxes

Albert D. Emerson

Auditors

Henry L. Felker

Frank E. Tibbetts

School Board

Clarence G. Felker

Jennie M. Demeritt

Thomas Laton

John Demeritt, *Treas.*

Treasurer's Account

Current Operation and Maintenance Expenses.

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$182.75
2. Town officers' expenses	95.68
3. Town Hall expenses	24.95
5. Forest Fires	87.40

Health and Sanitation:

7. Vital statistics	6.50
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Highways and bridges:

8. State aid maintenance	436.21
9. Trunk line maintenance	845.99
10. Trunk line construction	760.72
11. Town maintenance (Sum.)	981.32
Town maintenance (Win.)	696.01

Unclassified:

13. Damage by dogs	25.00
14. Merchants Nat. Bank	1,500.00
15. Interest	179.83

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

16. To state	973.50
17. To county	563.89
18. To Forestry Department	400.00
19. To school district	2,171.84

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAIL 1. *Town Officers' Salaries:*

Ellery M. Felker, selectman (Chairman)	\$45 00	
Eloi A. Adams, selectman	25 00	
John Demeritt, town clerk	16 00	
Wm. H. Knox, town treasurer	15 00	
Albert D. Emerson, collector of taxes	40 00	
Frank E. Tibbetts, auditor	2 00	
Henry L. Felker, auditor	2 00	
Frank E. Tibbetts, Moderator	3 00	
Frank E. Tibbetts, Janitor	8 00	
John Demeritt, auto permits	15 75	
Ellery M. Felker, tax commis- sion	3 00	
Eloi A. Adams, tax commission	3 00	
Eloi A. Adams, Health Officer	2 00	
George MacGunnigle, Super- vision	3 00	
		\$182 75

DETAIL 2. *Town Officers' Expenses:*

Paid Ellery M. Felker, expenses	2 22	
William H. Knox, expenses	3 01	
John Demeritt, expenses	3 15	
Albert D. Emerson, expenses	7 00	
E. C. Eastman, supplies	12 80	
J. B. Page Printing. Co., printing town reports	67 50	
		\$95 68

DETAIL 3. *Town Hall Expenses:*

John H. Rowe, oil . . . . .	.95	
Frank Tibbetts, wood	24 00	
		\$24 95

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

DETAIL 5. *Forest Fires:*

April 14. Hopey Farm

Albert Emerson, man 3 hrs.	\$1.20
Mrs. Albert Emerson, 1 hr.	.40
Elmer Felker, man 3 hrs.	1.20
Clarence Felker, man 3 hrs.	1.20
Arthur Fernald, man 3 hrs.	1.20
Austin Hopey, man 2 hours	.80
Charles Langmaid, man 3 hrs.	1.20
Frank Clay, man 3 hrs.	1.20
George Tibbetts, man 2 hrs.	.80
Charles Tibbetts, man 2 hrs.	.80
Harold Tibbetts, man 2 hrs.	.80
William Tibbetts, man 2 hrs.	.80
Frank Finnerty, man 2 hrs.	.80
Frank Finnerty, auto	1.00
Howard Hartford, auto from Dover	2.00
W. H. Knox, Warden	2.00
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	\$17.40

Sept. 17-18, Kelley's Wood Lot

Afternoon

Frank Finnerty, auto	1.00
Wilbur Hodgen, man 2 hrs.	.80
James Daley, team	1.00
Elmer Canney, man 2 hrs.	.80
William Libby, man 2 hrs.	.80
Charles Dame, man 2 hrs.	.80
L. F. Bickers, man 2 hrs.	.80
Ellery Felker, man 2 hours	.80
Ellery Felker, auto	1.00
Frank Tibbetts, 3 men 2 hrs.	2.40

Arthur Price, man 2 hrs. ....	.80	
W. H. Elliott Co., 8 men 2 hrs.	6.40	
Henry Knox, D. Warden, 3 hrs.	1.20	
Henry Knox, auto.	1.00	
Roger Ham, 2 men 2 hrs.	1.60	
Frank Leighton, man 2 hrs.80	
Charles Kingman, man 2 hrs.80	
W. H. Knox, Warden, auto.80	
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		\$23.60

Night

John Hanscom, auto.	1.00	
Arthur Brown, man 1¼ hrs.50	
Joseph Cole, 2 men 1¼ hrs.	1.00	
Ellery Felker, auto.	1.00	
Harry Locke, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
Fred Gerrish, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
John Varney, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
William Hodgden, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
L. F. Bickers, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
Frank Finnerty, auto.	1.00	
John Spinney, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
Thomas Laton, man 1¼ hrs. ....	.50	
Frank Tibbetts, 4 men 1¼ hrs.	2.00	
Henry Knox, D. Warden, 1¼ hours.50	
Henry Knox, auto.	1.00	
W. H. Knox, Warden.	1.00	
Frank Leighton, man 1¼ hrs.50	
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		\$13.00

Sept. 18

L. F. Bickers, man 8 hrs.	3.20	
John Spinney, man 8 hrs.	3.20	
Frank Finnerty, man 8 hrs.	3.20	
W. H. Knox, Warden.	2.00	
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		\$11.60
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		\$48.20

Oct. 12, B. & M. R. R. Pasture		
Town of Durham Fire Truck	10.00	
Ellery M. Felker, auto	1.00	
Henry B. Knox, auto	1.00	
Frank Finnerty, auto	1.00	
L. F. Bickers, watchman 10 hrs.	4.00	
Charles Norman, watchman, 12 hours	4.80	
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		\$87.40

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DETAIL 7: *Vital Statistics:*

A. E. Grant, M. D. reporting births and deaths	\$1.50	
Disinfecting Thomas Laton House	5.00	
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

DETAIL 8. *State Aid Maintenance:*

Depot Road

Paid James H. Daley, D. T.	\$34.50	
James H. Daley, man	3.00	
A. Price, D. T.	5.40	
A. Price, gravel	1.80	
L. F. Bickers, man	1.20	
A. Proctor, gravel	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$49.65
Paid Fred E. Everett, Com- missioner		386.56
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		\$436.21

DETAIL 9. *Trunk Line Maintenance:*

Barrington Road

Paid John H. Hanscom, D. T.	25.80	
John H. Hanscom, gravel	2.20	
W. C. Hall, man.	12.45	
John H. Hanscom, man.	11.40	
	<hr/>	\$51.85

Durham Road

Paid Eloi A. Adams, D. T.	\$14.40	
Levi Hamel, D. T.	120.00	
Dan Coleman, man.	4.20	
Levi Hamel, gravel	8.25	
Levi Hamel, man.	16.50	
Gardner Gerrish, D. T.	1.80	
E. A. Adams, man.90	
	<hr/>	\$166.05
Paid Fred E. Everett, Commis- sioner		628.09
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		\$845.99

DETAIL 10. *Trunk Line Construction:*

Paid Fred E. Everett, Commis- sioner for construction	\$760.72
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DETAIL 11. *Town Highway Maintenance:*

Paid North East Metal Culvert Co., culvert.	\$18.00
Atlantic Road Machine Co. blade	10.50
E. J. York, lumber, Canney Bridge	207.82
Pacific Mills, stringers, Can- ney Bridge.	12.00
E. J. York, lumber, Ricker Bridge	34.10

District No. 1

	Summer	Winter
Paid Frank Prescott		\$1 50
Roscoe H. Simpson		2 70
Harry Willand		1 20
Roscoe H. Simpson		13 50
Roscoe H. Simpson	\$6 30	4 95
Phillip Watson		2 16

District No. 2

Paid Horace W. Jenkins	\$12 90	\$9 60
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District No. 3

Paid George B. Clark		\$8 40
Levi Hamel	\$145 10	4 80
William Lavasseur	13 50	
Gardner E. Gerrish		9 75
Gardner E. Gerrish		14 85

District No. 4

George Jaber		\$5 10
George E. Tibbetts	\$5 10	
Dana Crockett		27 60
Arthur Guphill		20 70
James H. Dailey	98 10	64 80
Arthur Price	44 40	28 20
George T. Dailey	7 80	12 60

District No. 5

Elmer L. Canney	\$12 70	\$57 90
John Crowley		14 40
Urban Stimpson	1 20	6 00

District No. 6

George McGunnigle	\$30 90	\$3 10
George T. Dailey	14 40	
L. F. Bickers	3 40	4 70

District No. 7

Frank E. Tibbetts		\$29.10
Frank E. Tibbetts		17.40
George W. Hodgden	1.80	6.00
L. F. Bickers	2.10	

District No. 9

Austin M. Hopey	\$31.20	\$100.55
Walter C. Hopey		34.80
Walter C. Hopey		10.80
Albert D. Emerson	14.10	36.30

District No. 10

Herbert L. Drew	\$6.90	\$5.40
G. S. Drew	1.50	1.80
Frank H. Drew	11.40	6.00
B. V. Drew	3.60	
W. N. Baxter		23.60
George D. Nute		5.85
Arthur L. Fernald	7.80	10.20

District No. 11

Charles Woodus	8.10	
Charles Woodus	12.75	
Charles A. Tibbetts	2.70	
Charles G. Sanders		3.75
Frank W. Sanders	53.70	
Charles G. Sanders		1.80
Frank Finnerty	10.00	3.00
Ellery M. Felker	3.60	1.95

District No. 12

Clifton W. Hall		\$6.15
John H. Hanscom	\$47.65	
Warren C. Hall		11.10

Arthur Brown		6.60
Lewis Norman	25.20	
Herbert Norman		46.80
Herbert L. Drew	21.60	
Frank H. Drew	6.00	
Fred Ross	4.80	
Henry L. Felker	18.80	5.40
Charles Richardson	1.20	

District No. 13

Harold H. Hayes	\$6.60	3.15
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	\$981.32	\$696.01

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT

DETAIL 12. *State Aid Construction:*

None

DETAIL 14. *Damage by Dogs:*

Paid heirs of Thomas N. Fernald, sheep		\$25.00
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DETAIL 15.

Paid Merchants' National Bank, note	\$1,500.00	
Interest	54.83	
Int. on note of Mary Esty	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,679.83

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVS.

DETAIL 16.

Paid State tax.....	\$973 50
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DETAIL 17.

Paid County tax.....	\$563 89
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DETAIL 18.

Paid Forestry Dept., Pine Tree Blister Rust.....	\$400 00
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DETAIL 19.

Paid School District.....	\$2,171 84
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STATEMENT OF JOINT FUNDS

State Aid Construction

Balance		\$618 50
State Treasury	\$231 94	
Town Treasury	386 56	
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	\$618 50	
Expended by State		\$618 50

Balance		
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State Aid Maintenance

Balance	\$328 46	
State contributed.....	100 00	
Town contributed.....	100 00	
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		\$528 46
Exended by town.....	\$49 65	
Expended by State.....	339 74	
Balance	\$139 07	
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		\$528 46

Town Treasury.....	\$139.07	
State over expended.....	75.51	

Trunk Line Construction

State contributed.....	\$1,224.00	
Town contributed.....	816.00	\$2,040.00
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State over expended.....	36.16	
Expended by State.....		\$2076.16

Trunk Line Maintenance

Balance.....		
State treasury.....	\$282.63	
Town treasury.....	188.39	\$471.02
Town contributed.....	600.00	
State contributed.....	1,200.00	1,800.00
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		\$2,271.02
Expended by town.....	\$217.90	
Expended by State.....	2,147.05	\$2,364.95
State over expended.....	\$93.93	

Abatements

1922 List

Joseph Viola.....	\$2.00	
Bennie Viola.....	2.00	
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1923 List

Amasa Ross.....	\$2.62	
Sarah J. Clark.....	5.00	
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Due the Town

A. D. Emerson, list 1921	\$143 11	
A. D. Emerson, list 1922	298 31	
A. D. Emerson, list 1923	1,570 69	
Walter Hopey, forest fire	10 00	
State Forester, forest fire	35 00	
Cash on Hand		893 68
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		\$2,950 79

Due from the Town

State Aid Maintenance		139 07
Mrs. Mary Esty, acc't. note		900 00
Schools		1,690 17
Special Tax Soldiers' Bonus		348 00
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		\$3,077 24
Indebtedness		126 45

Notes

Mrs. Mary Esty	\$2,500 00
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Trust Funds in Strafford Savings Bank

Jenkins Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Literary Fund	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$450.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1923	154 42	
State, County, Town and School taxes, 1921	28 68	
State, County, Town and School taxes, 1922	738 65	
State, County, Town and School taxes, 1923	6,681 71	
State Treasurer, State Aid Maintenance, error 1922	50 00	
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	624 64	
State Treasurer, railroad tax	657 21	
State Treasurer, forest fires	3 70	
John Demerritt, auto permits	295 60	
Rent of hall	4 00	
John Demerritt, dog licenses	69 60	
Strafford Savings Bank, interest on Literary Fund	10 62	
Strafford National Bank, interest	2 44	
Somersworth National Bank	4 00	
Merchants' Savings Bank loan	1,500 00	
	\$10,825 27	

Expenditures

Detail	1. Town officers' salaries	182 75
Detail	2. Town officers' expenses	95 68
Detail	3. Town Hall expenses	24 95
Detail	5. Forest fires	87 40
Detail	7. Vital Statistics	6 50
Detail	8. State Aid Mainten-	

	ance	436.21	
Detail 9.	Trunk Line Maintenance	845.99	
Detail 10.	Trunk Line Construction	760.72	
Detail 11.	Town H'way Maintenance:		
	Summer	981.32	
	Winter	696.01	
Detail 14.	Damage by dogs	25.00	
Detail 15.	Merchants' National Bank Note	1,500.00	
	Interest	179.83	
		<hr/>	\$5,822.36
	Brought forward		
Detail 17.	County tax	563.89	
Detail 16.	State tax	973.50	
Detail 18.	Pine Tree Blister	400.00	
Detail 19.	Schools	2,171.84	
	School Treasurer:		
	Cash on hand, Jan. 31st, 1924	893.68	
		<hr/>	\$10,825.27

WILLIAM H. KNOX,

Treasurer.

ELLERY M. FELKER,

ELOI A. ADAMS,

Selectmen of Madury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK E. TIBBETTS,

HENRY L. FELKER,

Auditors.

Statement of Financial Condition of the Town, January 31, 1923

State, county, town, school, and road taxes assessed for the year 1923		\$8,260 02
State, county, town, school, and taxes, collected for 1923	6,681 71	
State, county, town, school and road taxes abated for 1923	7 62	
State, county, town, school, and road taxes outstanding for 1923	1,570 69	
		\$8,260 02

Dog Licenses

From Town Clerk 1923		\$69 60
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School Money, 1923

Raised by vote	\$3,500 00	
Dog Licenses	69 60	
Balance, 1922	306 79	
Interest on Literary Fund	10 62	
		\$3,887 01

Less

Paid John Demerritt, school treas- urer	\$2,171 84	
Damage by dogs	25 00	
		\$2,196 84

Due Schools		\$1,690 17
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WILLIAM H. KNOX,

Treasurer.

Town Budget for the Year 1923

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Railroad tax	\$650 00	
Savings Bank tax	625 00	
Auto permits	275 00	
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1924	899 68	
Outstanding taxes, Feb., 1924	2,013 11	
Amount to be raised by taxation	9,392 54	
	\$13,855 33	

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' salaries	\$150 00	
Town Officers' expenses	35 00	
Election and registration	85 00	
Town Hall expenses	30 00	
Forest fires	40 00	
Health Department	10 00	
Vital Statistics	5 00	
	\$355 00	

State Aid Maintenance

Amount due from town	\$214 50	
Amount called for 1924	300 00	
	\$414 50	

Trunk Line Maintenance

Amount called for 1924	600 00	
	\$1,000 00	

State Aid Construction

Amount due from Town	\$421 50
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Trunk Line Construction

Amount called for, 1923	816.00
Town Highways, $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of Inv.	720.08
Outstanding road bills.....	100.00
Note and interest.....	1,900.00
State tax.....	700.00
County tax.....	625.00
Due schools, 1923.....	1,690.17
Soldiers' Bonus.....	340.00
To be set aside for permanent im- provements	273.00
Schools, 1923	3,500.00
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	\$12,855.33
Estimated assessed valuation for ensuing year.....	\$270,000.00
Tax rate per \$100.00 valuation	3.43

Inventory 1923, Town of Madbury

Land and buildings	\$243,790.00
Horses, 98	9,965.00
Oxen, 12	600.00
Cows, 210	9,855.00
Neat stock, 82	2,930.00
Sheep, 33	165.00
Hogs, 2	36.00
Fowl, 1435	2,183.00
Gasoline saws, 3	400.00
Wood and lumber	17,087.00
Money on hand or at interest	1,675.00
Stock in trade	100.00
	\$271,786.00
Soldiers' exemption	2,150.00
	\$269,636.00
No. of taxable polls	162
Rate of taxation for all purposes \$2.62 per \$100.00 valuation.	

Financial Report of the School Board and Treasurer for the Year Ending February 15, 1924

Receipts

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1923	502.45
Received from town Treasurer	2,171.84
Received from town of Barrington	114.75
Received from Arthur W. Turner	11.25
Received from town of Barrington	33.75
Received from State Treasurer acc't State Board of Equaliza- tion	532.12
Received from Class '27, N. H. U. for damage to Center School House	20.00
	\$3,386.16

Expenditures

Salary of School Board	\$45.00
Salary of School Treasurer	10.00
Salary of District Clerk	5.00
Salary of District Officer	5.00
Salary Truant Officer, 1922-1923	30.00
School Teachers	1,600.00
Transportation	702.00
Tuition to Dover Schools	415.00
Tuition to Durham Schools	55.00
Fuel	62.00
Janitor Service	10.00

State Capita Tax	156 00
Supts. salary and Clerk hire	92 33
Medical Inspection	12 50
School Supplies	104 75
Miscellaneous	45 22
Cash in treasury Feb. 10, 1921	40 86
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	\$3,386.16

JOHN DEMERRITT,
Treasurer School Board

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK E. TIBBETTS,
HENRY L. FELKER,
Auditors.

Expenditures

George W. Pinkham, transportation of school children	72.00
Arthur W. Turner, 1 cord wood for North School	11.00
Mary Carroll, teaching District No. 4	85.00
Stella D. Wentworth, teaching District No. 2	80.00
J. E. Wignot, tuition to Dover Schools:	
High School, 5 pupils at \$18.50	\$92.50
Primary School, 3 pupils at \$8.50	24.00
James H. Daily, Truant Officer	15.00
Clara R. Henderson, Substitute teaching	30.24
Mary Carroll, teaching Dis. No. 4	85.00
Stella P. Wentworth, teaching District No. 2	80.00
George W. Pinkham, transportation	72.00
J. E. Wignot, tuition to Dover Schools:	
High School	
4 pupils at \$16.50	\$66.00
Primary	
3 pupils at \$8.00	24.00
L. F. Norton, 14 ft. wood	17.50
C. L. Jenness Hardware Co., glass for North School . . . . .	.92
Inez Stockbridge, cleaning North School House	1.00
Ginn & Co., oil for spraying	

floors	1.51
Benj. Sanborn Co., school supplies	.69
Marian Wentworth, substituting for one week at North School	21.46
Mary Carroll, teaching District No. 4 to May 1st.....	63.54
Stella P. Wentworth, teaching District No. 4	49.76
Stella P. Wentworth, teaching District No. 2	85.00
Mary Carroll, teaching District No. 4 to June 1st.....	85.00
Stella P. Wentworth, teaching District No. 4	80.00
Mary Carroll, teaching District No. 4.....	85.00
Edward H. Quimby, 1 Record Book	2.00
George W. Pinkham, transport- ation	72.00
George W. Pinkham, transport- ation	72.00
George W. Pinkham, transport- ation	72.00
L. J. Batchelder, tuition of John Sanders	55.00
Edwin J. York, Shingles for Hayes School House	23.06
Mrs. E. T. Mullen, Medical Inspection	12.50
J. Herbert Seavey, flag rope, 1 broom, North School.....	1.43
Benj. Sanborn Co., school sup- plies	1.77
D. C. Heath & Co., school supplies	3.93
O. R. McCoy, telephone charges	1.95
Scott Foresman Co., text books	3.20

J. L. Hammet Co., 6 ink wells	1.06
O. R. McCoy, School supplies	3.70
Raymond Gerrish, 10 weeks building fires Center School	10 00
Inez Stockbridge, 12 hours work at 40c, North School	4 80
Clara Biddle, teaching District No. 4	75.00
Evelyn Price, teaching District No. 2	80.00
Walter C. Hopey, transportation	68.40
J. Herbert Seavey, school supplies	1.70
C. E. Brewster Co., School supplies	4 65
Evelyn V. Price, teaching District No. 2	80 00
Clara Bridle, teaching District No. 4	75 00
Walter C. Hopey, transportation	68.40
Tuition to Dover Schools:	
High School, 7 pupils at \$26 00	182.00
Primary, 3 pupils at \$9.00	27 00
Houghton Mifflin Co., school supplies	1.36
John C. Winston Co., school supplies	4 34
Arlo Publishing Co., school supplies	2.05
Ginn & Co., school supplies	1.05
Silver Burdett Co., school supplies	3.85
D. C. Heath Co., school supplies	.91
J. L. Hammet Co., school supplies	45.72
O. R. McCoy, printing	4 36
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards	1 02

P. H. Burroughs, Supt. excess salary,	76.94
Clerk hire.....	15.39
George E. Farand, Per State Cap- ita Tax.....	156.00
L. M. Norton, 2 cords hard wood, North School.....	20.00
Clara Bridle, teaching North School	75.00
Evelyn V. Price, teaching District No. 2	80.00
Walter C. Hopey, transportation Paid J. L. Hammet Co., Invoice Sept. 21—Sept. 29.—Oct. 15...	68.40
American Book Co., Inv. Oct. 23	3.04
Silver Burdett Co., Inv. Oct. 19	5.54
J. L. Hammett Co., Inv. Nov. 3 and Nov. 23.....	1.21
Ginn & Co., Invoice No. 2	6.69
Iroquois Co., supplies.....	.48
Clarence Kay, 1 cord pine wood North School	1.36
George Brown, sawing wood, Dis- trict No. 4.....	7.00
J. Herbert Seavey, glass for Cen- ter School—\$1.90; hinges for North School, \$.33.....	1.50
Evelyn V. Price, teaching District No. 2	2.23
Clara Bridle, teaching North Dist.	80.00
Walter C. Hopey, transportatio of children.....	75.00
William H. Freeman, Sept. 1, 1½ hours, fixing ceiling Center School, \$1.50; Dec. 9, 2 hours work, \$2.00	68.40
Evelyn V. Price, teaching Dist.	3.50

No. 2	80.00
Clara Bridle, teaching District No. 4	75.00
Walter C. Hopey, transporta- tion of school children	68.40
Arthur Price, 1 cord pine wood ..	5.00
J. Herbert Seavey, lock for North School House	3.40
J. L. Hammet Co., Order 427 ..	.49
Thomas J. Laton, salary as mem- ber School Board	15.00
Jennie M. Demerritt, salary as member of School Board	15.00
Clarence G. Felker, salary as member of School Board	15.00
John DeMerritt, salary as School Treasurer	10.00
John DeMerritt, salary as Dis- trict Clerk	5.00
James H. Dailey, Truant Officer	15.00

\$3,345.30

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL BOARD
FOR YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1924

Salary of District Officers.....	\$60.00
Superintendent's Salary.....	90.00
Truant Officer and School Census.....	16.00
Expenses of Administration.....	30.00
Teachers' Salaries.....	1,650.00
Text Books.....	80.00
Scholars Supplies.....	75.00
Flag and Appurtances.....	5.00
Janitor Service.....	65.00
Fuel.....	90.00
Water, light and Janitor Supplies.....	12.00
Minor repairs and Expenses.....	100.00
Medical Inspection.....	25.00
Transportation of pupils.....	684.00
High School Tuition, (9 at \$70.).....	630.00
Elementary School tuition.....	75.00
Per Capita Tax.....	136.00
	\$3,823.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Estimated Balance July 1, 1924.....	\$300.00
Literary Fund.....	10.62
Dog License.....	50.00
State Aid.....	146.92
Balance from Taxation.....	3,315.46
	\$3,823.00

EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
MADBURY FROM JULY 1, 1922 TO
JUNE 30, 1923

Salary of District Officers.....	\$60 00
Superintendent's Salary.....	64 12
Truant Officer and School Census	15 00
Expenses of Administration	26 34
Teachers' Salaries.....	1,650 00
Text Books.....	91 76
Scholars Supplies.....	64 33
Flags and Appurtances.....	
Other expenses of Administration	
Janitor Service.....	10 00
Fuel	81.25
Water, light and janitor supplies	
Minor repairs and expenses....	61 91
Medical Inspection.....	12 50
Transportation of pupils.....	720 00
High School Tuition.....	313 50
Elementary School tuition.....	88 50
Per Capita Tax.....	134 00
	\$3,393 21
Cash on hand July 1, 1923	\$6 66

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923

Town voted to raise for Schools	\$3,000 00
Town voted Deficiency appro- priation	75 00
Elementary School tuition	126 00
Literary Fund	10 62
Overdraft	16 24
Cash on hand July 1, 1922	55 21
	\$3,399 87
	\$3,393 87

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board:

The boys and girls of Madbury are having a better chance for good schooling than ever before. The improvements the people have made in the school buildings, the effects of supervision, the hiring of qualified and permanent teachers and the maintenance of thirty-six weeks of school are steadily bringing up the quality of education in Madbury to be nearly equal to that of the more favored places in the state.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL LAW

After four and one half years of operation, it is apparent to the people of the state that the school law is doing what it promised, that is, equalizing the educational opportunities throughout the state and giving to pupils in rural communities an education on nearly as good as that to be had in the cities and villages. Schooling has been improved for the pupils if they have had more of it during the school year. The number of schools having a short school year, twenty to thirty-four weeks, has been reduced from 924 in 1919 to only twelve in 1923. Instead of thirty-two weeks as in 1918, Madbury now has thirty-six weeks, an increase of four weeks per year which means a total gain of almost a year of schooling during the eight years of the elementary course.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING

There has been even a greater gain in improving the quality of teaching. The demand for good teachers has increased the enrollment in New Hampshire Normal Schools from 240 in 1918 to 607 in 1924 and in Summer Normal Classes from 188 in 1919 to 513 in 1923. The per cent of fully trained teachers has increased from thirty-one to forty-one per cent and of partly trained teachers from thirty-one to forty-six per cent of the total number of teachers in the state. At the same time the number of untrained teachers has been reduced from thirty-four to only eleven per cent of the entire number.

Under the old system it was the usual thing in the rural districts to hire a different teacher every term. Many teachers were dissatisfied or were unqualified and unsatisfactory and had to move from district to district. Think of the loss to your children of changing teachers every term! It takes most of the term for a new teacher to learn the needs of her pupils and to discover their ability and progress in the several studies. In 1919 for the two schools in Madbury four different teachers were employed. Three of these had no training for their work beyond a high school education. Since that time Madbury has had better teachers and I believe the people will support the School Board in getting and retaining good teachers. Five years ago 540 New Hampshire teachers broke up their schools by changing their positions during the school year. Only 187 did so in 1923. In the face of these facts can anyone doubt that New Hampshire children are getting better teaching?

OTHER GAINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS

These are not the only improvements resulting from the school law of 1919. Sixty-six of the poorer towns unable to provide supervision of their schools, now have supervision equal to that of the cities. Every public school in the state receives on the average twenty visits during the year from the superintendent in addition to the average number of two visits a year formerly made by school board members. Every superintendent is a college graduate who has a satisfactory personal and professional record, who has passed searching professional examinations, who has taught school successfully five or more years and gives all his time to school supervision.

The number of pupils in high schools has increased from 12,000 to over 17,000, a gain of forty per cent in five years. The number in evening schools has increased from 1,514 to 3,855. Care of the health of the children in schools has spread from thirty per cent of the schools to all of the schools in the state.

There has been throughout the state a marked improvement in school buildings. The number of first-class school buildings has increased from 100 to 265; of good buildings from 200 to 425; of fair buildings from 300 to 325; while the number of unsuitable buildings has been reduced from 500 to 85.

THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALIZATION

These and many other improvements in the schools, especially in rural schools, are the result of the principle of equalization of school opportunities throughout the state. The people of the state have been convinced that the principle is right. There is no way to stop or prevent the increase of population and the accumulation of the wealth of the state in towns and cities. But there is a way for the more prosperous communities to give to the children of rural communities equal opportunities

in education. Rural children can have equal opportunities when they have standard buildings, standard equipment care of the health of pupils, qualified teachers and adequate supervision.

INCREASE IN SCHOOL COSTS NO MORE THAN OTHER COSTS

There has been a misunderstanding on the part of some people with regard to the cost of these improvements since they have been brought about during the years when there has been a great rise in prices of labor, food and other commodities. School costs would have increased anyway. They would have increased almost as much without supervision and without the improvements that have been accomplished. Equalization and supervision have given the rural children good schools in standard buildings under qualified teachers for about the same money that would have been paid for unsatisfactory schools and qualified teachers.

The people of Madbury have come to the front in improving their buildings and in hiring good teachers. I am confident that they now wish you to go ahead with the few minor things remaining to bring the Madbury schools up to a satisfactory rural standard.

I call your attention to the following needs, some of which ought to be met during the coming year;

1. Purchase for the Center School of modern single desks of sizes suitable for the pupils.—Cost about \$330. Half the pupils in this school are in seats that are either too large or too small for them, causing discomfort to them and the possibility of spinal injury or deformity. All are suffering in their studies and mental habits from the interference that comes from being crowded into double seats with other pupils where a slight movement by any one of four disturbs all four pupils.

2. Purchase of an inexpensive galvanized iron jacket for the stove at the North School.—Cost about \$20. In rural schools where these are used, they work wonders in providing an even temperature throughout the room, in warming up the room quickly in the morning, in making the coldest side of the room comfortable and in doing away with the cold drafts on the floor so common in rural schools.

3. Improving the toilet facilities at the North School so as to make them sanitary and comfortable.—Estimated cost \$25.

4. Employment of a regular janitor for each school.—Cost about \$54 for both schools.

I wish to express my appreciation of the universal good feeling of the people of Madbury toward the schools and toward the superintendent. May I thank the members of the Board for your constant interest in the schools and for your helpful cooperation in the many problems that may come up during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. McCOY,

Superintendent of Schools.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

For Year Ending December 31, 1923

BIRTHS

- Mar. 9. Alberto Bastiarelle, son of Sebato Bastiarelle and Eleonora Soave.
- June 16. Phylis A. Dulude, daughter of Leo A. Dulude and Virginia Dube.
- Aug. 6. Son of Benedetto Viola and Filomena Diplodo.
- Sept. 23. Avis E. Baxter, daughter of Nahum W. Baxter and Alta M. Mattox.
- Sept. 14. Edward C. Hamel, son of Levi Hamel and Rosa M. Virmette.
- Sept. 19. Russell L. Ross, son of Fred W. Ross and Pearl Drysdale.

MARRIAGES

- Aug. 29. In Newmarket, N. H., by Rev. Clinton Wentworth Caswell, Robert Carl Sanders of Madbury and Mariam Dudley Cram of Lee.

DEATHS.

- Feb. 7. At Madbury, Sarah B. Foss, aged 83 years, 11 months and 5 days. Daughter of Benjamin and Mary Willey of Newmarket, N. H.
- April 16. At Madbury, Samuel C. Rowe, aged 83 years, 3 months, and 6 days. Son of Samuel Rowe of Meredith, Maine and Eliza Mirrow of Milton, N. H.

- July 16. At Madbury, Sarah J. Clark, aged 55 years, 9 months and 4 days. Daughter of Samuel Gordon and Jane Hunter of Canada.
- Dec. 10. At Dover, N. H., Etta M. Pettingill, daughter of Seth W. Rowe and Margaret Boston.
- Feb. 2. At Madbury, Louisa E. Rowe, aged 71 years, and 27 days. Daughter of Amos P. Wormwell of Strong, Maine and Cynthia Kempton of Philips, Maine.

