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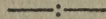
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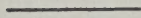
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

For Year Ending January 31, 1925

VALUATION OF TOWN OF NELSON,

APRIL 1, 1924

Land and buildings,	\$317,880 00
Horses, 46,	4,338 00
Oxen, 6,	515 00
Mules, 2,	50 00
Cows, 56,	3,085 00
Neat stock, 4,	130 00
Sheep, 28,	182 00
Fowls, 590,	590 00
Boats, 28,	525 00
Wood and lumber,	120 00
Stock in trade,	3,000 00
Mills and machinery,	4,000 00
Total exclusive of soldiers' exemptions,	<u>\$334,415 00</u>

Polls 3 @ \$3.00.
Polls 109 @ \$5.00.
Total poll tax, \$554.00.

Money due from state from interest on dividend tax, \$10 21
Amount of taxes committed to collector,
including poll taxes, \$8,950 68

Average rate per cent of taxation, \$2.51.

Amount exempted to soldiers, \$7,530 00

AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED

Town charges,	\$700 00
Highway and bridges,	1,500 00
Breaking roads,	400 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
State aid,	495 00
State aid maintenance,	300 00
Support of library,	25 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Old Home day,	100 00
Cemetery,	15 00
Repair Nelson-Harrisville road,	300 00
White pine blister rust,	100 00
Forest road,	100 00
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	\$5,060 00
Schools,	2,200 00
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	\$7,260 00

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF NELSON
IN CHESHIRE COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1925

CERTIFICATE

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

February 18, 1925.

FRANK E. UPTON,
ALBERT GEORGINA,
GORDON F. TOLMAN,
Selectmen.
MILLARD F. HARDY,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer,	\$3,620 45
Accounts due to the town:	
Due from state:	
(a) Bounties,	5 60
(b) Trunk line construction,	26 19
(c) Trunk line maintenance,	117 37
Other bills due town:	
(a) Balance State Forestry Department,	6 87

Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1924,	444 98	
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Total assets,		\$4,221 46
Excess of liabilities over assets,		152 78
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Grand total,		\$4,374 24

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

Due to school districts:

(a) Dog licenses,	\$104 55
(b)	1,200 00

State and town joint highway accounts:

(a) Unexpended balance in state treasury,	143 56
(b) Unexpended balance in town treasury,	76 13

Long term notes outstanding:

Cement bridges, 2,000 00

Trust funds, amount of principal used by town: 850 00

Total liabilities,		4,374 24
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Grand total,		\$4,374 24

RECEIPTS

Current revenues:

From local taxes:

Property tax committed
to collector, 1924, \$8,396 68

Less discount and abatement, 1924,	8,396 68	
Less uncollected, 1924,	7,951 70	
1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected,	\$7,951 70	
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 3 @ \$3; 109 @ \$5,	554 00	
3. Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	553 48	
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Total of above collections,		\$9,059 18
From state :		
5. For highways :		
(a) For state aid maintenance,	587 99	
(d) For trunk line construction,	709 18	
6. Interest and dividend tax,	21 98	
9. Savings bank tax,	160 56	
13. Bounties,	59 60	
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		\$1,539 31
From local sources except taxes :		
16. Dog licenses,	104 55	
19. Rent of town hall,	7 00	
20. Interest received on taxes,	22 18	
26. Permits for the registration of motor vehicles,	347 09	
27. Construction foreman overpayment 1920, 11 loads gravel,	1 10	
Demeritt Fisher Co., part of Bridge expenses,	151 10	
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		\$652 22
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Total current receipts revenue,		\$11,250 71

Total receipts from all sources,	\$11,250 71
Cash on hand February 1, 1924,	2,550 08
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Grand total,	\$13,800 79

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expense:

General government:

1. Town officers salaries,	\$310 00	
2. Town officers expenses,	235 97	
3. Election and registration expenses,	63 15	
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$623 62

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps,	3 50	
8. White pine blister rust (S. forests),	100 00	
9. Bounties,	65 20	
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Health:

11. Health department, including hospitals,	11 00	11 00
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Highways and bridges:

14. State aid maintenance,	903 95	
16. Town maintenance, highways,	2,207 64	
18. General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs,	149 86	
	<hr/>	\$3,261 45

Libraries:		
19. Libraries,	\$50 50	\$50 50
Charities:		
20. Town poor,	\$147 90	\$147 90
Patriotic purposes:		
22. Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises,	\$25 00	\$25 00
Recreation:		
24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts,	\$100 00	\$100 00
Public service enterprises:		
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire,	\$15 00	\$15 00
Total current maintenance expenses,		<u>\$4,403 17</u>
Interest:		
32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	\$150 00	
34. Paid on bonded debt,	29 75	
Total interest payments,		<u>\$179 75</u>
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
37. Highways and bridges— Trunk line construction,	\$1,217 15	
Total outlay payments,		<u>\$1,217 15</u>
Indebtedness:		
45. Payments on long term notes,	\$1,000 00	
Total indebtedness payments,		<u>\$1,000 00</u>

Payments to other govern- mental divisions:	
50. Taxes paid to state,	\$793 00
51. Taxes to county,	514 39
53. Payments to school districts,	2,072 88
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Total payments to other governmental divisions,	\$3,380 27
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$10,180 34
Cash on hand January 31, 1925,	3,620 45
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Grand total,	\$13,800 79

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$2,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	100 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings,	600 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings,	200 00
Equipment,	390 00
8. Schools, lands and buildings,	3,000 00
Equipment,	200 00
Hearse house and burial equipment,	500 00
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Total,	\$6,990 00

I hereby certify I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Auditor.

DETAIL STATEMENT

Payments for the Year Ending January 31, 1925

General government:

Detail 1. Salaries of principal town officers:

Frank E. Upton, selectman,	\$75 00
Albert Georgina, selectman,	50 00
Gordon F. Tolman, selectman,	45 00
Homer F. Priest, town clerk,	35 00
Millard F. Hardy, treasurer,	25 00
William W. Dunn, tax collector,	75 00
Charles Flood, police officer,	2 00
Charles Flood, overseer of poor,	3 00

\$310 00

Detail 2. Town officers expenses:

Homer F. Priest, automobile fees,	\$12 00
Charles Flood, meeting county commission,	2 25
Homer F. Priest, blanks,	1 50
Homer F. Priest, refund for overpayment,	1 00
Frank E. Upton, meeting tax commission,	4 00
Frank E. Upton, perambulating Nelson-Hancock line,	4 00
Albert Georgina, perambulating Nelson-Hancock line,	4 00
Gordon F. Tolman, perambulating Nelson-Han- cock line,	4 00
Frank E. Upton, telephone, postage, stationery, warrants,	5 79
Frank E. Upton, reassessing 2 days,	8 00
Insurance on law books,	2 50
Insurance on town hall,	25 00
A. H. Chase, check lists,	4 05
N. H. Association of Assessors, dues 1924,	2 00
A. H. Chase, tax book,	2 25

Town officers, bonds,	26 50
Printing town reports,	95 20
W. W. Dunn, postage and printing,	10 00
Gordon F. Tolman, reassessing,	4 00
Gordon F. Tolman, meeting tax commission,	4 00
Albert Georgina, meeting tax commission,	4 00
Albert Georgina, postage and telephone,	1 93
Albert Georgina, reassessing 2 days,	8 00

\$235 97

Detail 3. Election and registration:

Charles Flood, supervisor,	\$12 15
Charles Flood, registrar,	3 00
Charles Flood, ballot clerk,	2 00
Charles Flood, making out check lists and posting,	4 00
Joseph Spinner, ballot clerk,	6 00
W. W. Dunn, moderator,	6 00
John Priest, ballot clerk,	6 00
M. D. Tolman, supervisor,	9 00
M. D. Tolman, ballot clerk,	3 00
Everett Wilder, ballot clerk,	6 00
Bernard Richardson, ballot clerk,	6 00

\$63 15

Detail 4. Care of town hall:

M. D. Tolman, janitor,	\$9 75
M. D. Tolman, cleaning yard,	4 75

\$14 50

Detail 5. State aid maintenance:

W. L. Guillow,	\$903 95
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Detail 6. Protection of persons and property:

Selectmen, bounties,	\$65 20
White Pine Blister Rust extermination,	100 00

Charles Flood, feeding tramps,	1 50
Albert Georgina, feeding tramps,	2 00

\$168 70

Detail 7. Town maintenance of highways:

John F. Priest, road agent,	\$1,528 18
John F. Priest, special appropriation,	300 00
John F. Priest, culverts,	100 36
Good Roads Machine Co., scraper blade,	9 50
A. H. Ash, gravel spreader,	40 00
Town of Sullivan, planking line bridge,	30 71

\$2,008 75

Detail 8. Breaking roads:

John F. Priest,	\$272 65
Clarence Bridge,	76 10

\$348 75

Detail 9. Education:

Alice C. Scott, support of library,	\$25 00
Delia H. Osgood, librarian,	13 00
Sarah E. Mansfield, librarian,	12 00
Delia H. Osgood, wick for stove,	50

\$50 50

Detail 10. Patriotic purposes:

Fred M. Murdough, Memorial Day,	\$25 00
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Detail 11. Public service enterprises:

M. D. Tolman, mowing cemetery,	\$15 00
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Detail 12. Outlay for new construction:

Albert Georgina, trunk line construction,	\$1,200 00
Albert Georgina, bill of 1923,	17 15

\$1,217 15

Detail 13. Taxes paid to state:	
Due from 1924 poll taxes,	\$218 00
State tax 1924,	575 00
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	\$793 00
Detail 14. Taxes paid to county:	
Jerome E. Wright, county treasurer,	\$514 39
Detail 15. Payment to schools:	
Ernestine Fisher, treasurer,	\$2,072 88
Detail 16. Parks and playgrounds:	
M. F. Hardy, Old Home Day,	100 00
Detail 17. Indebtedness:	
Keene National Bank, town note,	\$1,000 00
Detail 18. Interest:	
Keene National Bank,	\$150 00
Grace M. Priest, interest on trust fund,	29 75
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	\$179 75
Detail 19. Health department:	
Wayland Tolman, health officer,	\$11 00
Detail 20. Town charges:	
Overseer of poor,	\$147 90

I hereby certify I have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched:

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Auditor.

REPORT OF STATE FORESTER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1924 town appropriation,	\$100 00	
State aid,	25 00	
Total available,		\$125 00
Crew wages,	\$109 11	
Expenses,	7 30	
Total expended,		\$116 41
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Balance town and state funds,		\$8 59
Town balance,	\$6 87	
State balance,	1 72	
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed,		1,053
Pine infections located,		493
Acreage covered,	2,905	
Cost per acre,	\$0 040	

It will be seen by the above statement that there is a balance due the town of \$6.87. The Forestry Department recommends that this be left in its hands and added to the appropriation which it feels it would be wise for the town of Nelson to make in order that this important work may be continued.

The Forestry Department is glad to be able to report to the Board of Selectmen that in addition to the area covered with town and state funds, a much larger area was covered through the cooperation of two individuals, namely, Mrs. W. H. Elliot and Mrs. Ella A. Lightfoot. The town areas as seen by the foregoing statement amounted to 2,905 acres and the area put under control through the cooperation of these two individuals amounted to 6,400 acres.

During the course of control work Mr. F. J. Baker, the county blister rust agent, located many spot infections and severe larger outbreaks of blister rust on white pine. The most

severe infection was found in the vicinity of Spoonwood Pond, where a rough estimate of the abundance of the disease showed approximately 92 percent of pine infected. Another bad outbreak was discovered on the so-called Old Stoddard Road. This infection was due to 200 black currants which were found nearby at an old, deserted farm. While the amount of the town funds would not permit work in this part of the town, nevertheless these bushes were destroyed by Mr. Baker. During the course of investigation throughout the town, he found that a considerable number of wild currant and gooseberry bushes were present along the Harrisville road in the vicinity of Tolman pond, but owing to the lack of funds these had to be left.

The Forestry Department realizes that it is likely that there are a number of residents of Nelson who feel that Blister Rust is not serious and that it is unnecessary for the town to continue this work. The Forestry Department wishes to call to the attention of such persons the fact that such an impression must be a mistake for a majority of the voters in 167 towns in New Hampshire have by appropriating funds for blister rust control agreed with the Department that blister rust is a serious menace to white pine growth. There still remains in Nelson a considerable area of pine that ought to receive protection similar to the area already worked. It is, therefore, recommended that an article be inserted in the town warrant calling for an appropriation of at least \$400.00 so that this necessary work may be continued.

It is also recommended that this report be read at town meeting in order that the voters may learn of the true facts regarding blister rust and the work being carried on in its control.

Yours very truly,

J. H. FOSTER,
State Forester.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF NELSON

	Amount voted to be raised	Amount actually expended	Estimate for ensuing year
Highways and bridges,	\$1,500 00	\$1,528 18	\$1,500 00
Town charges,	700 00	782 52	600 00
Breaking roads,	400 00	348 75	200 00
Library,	25 00	50 50	50 00
Old Home Day,	100 00	100 00	50 00
Cemetery,	15 00	15 00	15 00
Schools,	2,200 00	2,072 88	2,000 00
State tax,	575 00	575 00	575 00
County tax,	514 39	514 39	514 39
Note,	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Interest,		179 75	129 75
Suppression of White Pine Blister Rust,	100 00	93 13	200 00

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF NELSON

For Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1925

Date of Creation	Trust Funds	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Balance of In- come on hand at beginning of year	Income Dur- ing year	Expended Dur- ing year	Balance of In- come on hand at end of year
1902	Melville Cemetery Trust Fund			\$200.00	3½	\$41.98	\$8.46	\$3.20	\$47.24
1903	Bancroft Cemetery Trust Fund			100.00	3½	48.09	5.24	1.60	51.73
1906	Whitney Cemetery Trust Fund		Loaned	50.00	3½	10.64	2.05	.78	11.91
1908	Charles Atwood Cemetery Trust Fund		Town	50.00	3½	14.80	2.23	.78	16.25
1909	Flora Bryant Cemetery Trust Fund		of	50.00	3½	19.44	2.39	.78	21.05
1910	Russell Kittredge Cemetery Trust Fund		Nelson	100.00	3½	19.00	4.06	1.60	21.46
1921	James Derby Cemetery Trust Fund			300.00	3½	13.84	10.85	4.66	20.03
1923	Wilson Cemetery Trust Fund		Cheshire County Sav- ing Bank	100.00	4	1.67	4.08	1.60	4.15

GRACE M. PRIEST,
JOHN F. PRIEST,
WAYLAND P. TOLMAN,

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS

SNOW BILL, 1924-1925

FEBRUARY

John F. Priest, 3 days,	\$10 50
Hubert T. Priest, 1½ days,	5 25
Theodore M. Priest, ½ day,	1 75
Homer F. Priest and team, 2 days,	14 00
Homer F. Priest, ½ day,	1 75
Wilmer C. Tolman and team, 1½ days,	10 50

 \$43 75

MARCH

John F. Priest, 4 days,	\$14 00
Maurice D. Tolman, 1⅔ days,	5 83
Percy Flood, 1 day,	3 50
Wilmer C. Tolman and team, 1 day,	7 00
Homer F. Priest and team, 3 days,	21 00
John Holbrook, ½ day,	1 75
Albertis Wilder, ½ day,	1 75
Emery Tarbox, ½ day,	1 75
John Cowan, 1 day,	3 50
Hubert T. Priest, 2 days,	7 00
Edward Towne and team, 7 hours,	5 46
Donald Warner, 7 hours,	2 80
Willie Guillow, 7 hours,	2 80
Thomas Rowe, 1 day,	3 50
Leander Patrick, ½ day,	1 75
Oren L. Farwell, 5 hours,	2 00
Clarence Bridge and team, 1 1/3 days,	9 33
Frank Upton, 23 hours,	9 20

Albert Jackson, 1 1/3 days,	4 67
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\$108 59

APRIL

Edward Towne and team, 1 hour,	\$ 78
Clarence Bridge and team, 4 hours,	3 12
Wayland Tolman, 2 hours,	80
Homer F. Priest, 1 1/2 days and team,	10 50
John F. Priest, 1 1/2 days,	5 25

\$20 45

JANUARY

Albertis Wilder and team, 17 hours,	\$15 30
Theodore M. Priest and team, 3 days,	24 00
Eliot Priest, 4 hours,	60
Homer Priest, Jr., 4 hours,	60
Hubert T. Priest, 1 1/2 days,	5 63
Thomas Rowe, 1 1/2 days,	5 63
W. Wallace Dunn, 7 hours,	2 94
Leander Patrick, 2 hours,	84
Frank E. Upton, 10 hours,	4 20
Wilmer C. Tolman and team, 1 1/2 days,	10 50
Gordon F. Tolman, 1 day,	3 50
Maurice D. Tolman, 11 hours,	4 62
Albert W. Jackson, 11 hours,	4 62
John F. Priest, 4 1/2 days,	16 88

\$99 86

Amount expended,

\$272 65

REPORT OF JOHN F. PRIEST, ROAD AGENT,
TOWN OF NELSON, 1924

APRIL

John F. Priest, 6 1/2 days labor,	\$24 38
Homer F. Priest, 1 day with team,	7 50
Theodore M. Priest, 2 days labor,	7 50

Hubert T. Priest, 1 day labor,	3 75
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\$43 13

MAY

John F. Priest, 23½ days labor,	\$88 13
John F. Priest, dynamite,	10 35
John F. Priest, drag,	3 45
John F. Priest, eavener,	1 50
Homer F. Priest, 1 day with truck,	12 00
Homer F. Priest, 12 days with team,	90 00
Harry R. Green, 1,000 ft. plank,	40 00
Theodore M. Priest, 8½ days with team,	63 75
Hubert T. Priest, 4½ days labor,	16 88
Percy Flood, 2½ days labor,	9 38
Albert W. Jackson, 11 days labor,	41 26
William W. Dunn, 3 days with team,	22 50
Albertis W. Wilder, 6 days, 3½ hours with team,	47 76
Clarence W. Bridge, 1 day with team,	7 50
Charles W. Flood, plank and labor,	1 00
Walter Hutchins, 3 days labor,	11 25
Maurice Guillow, 3 days labor,	11 25

\$477 96

JUNE

John F. Priest, 24 days labor,	\$90 00
John F. Priest, 4 culverts (Forest Road),	100 36
Homer F. Priest, 8 days with team,	60 00
Homer F. Priest, 2½ days with truck,	30 00
Homer F. Priest, 48 loads gravel,	4 80
Homer F. Priest, use of plow,	1 50
Leander Patrick, 1 day labor,	3 75
Theodore M. Priest, 19½ days with team,	146 25
John Holbrook, ½ day labor,	1 88
Hubert T. Priest, 7 days' labor,	26 26
Albert W. Jackson, 14 days labor,	52 50

Parke H. Struthers, 2 days labor,	7 50
William W. Dunn, 3 days with team,	22 50
William W. Dunn, use of plow,	50
William W. Dunn, 6½ hours labor,	2 73
Walter Hutchins, 5½ hours labor,	2 30
Maurice Guillow, 5½ hours labor,	2 30
Maurice D. Tolman, 3½ days labor,	13 13

\$568 26

JULY

John F. Priest, 8 days labor,	\$30 00
Homer F. Priest, 1 day with team,	7 50
Homer F. Priest, 1½ days with truck,	18 00
Homer F. Priest, 42 loads gravel,	4 20
Homer F. Priest, bolts, etc.,	2 15
Albert W. Jackson, 4 days labor,	15 00
Theodore M. Priest, 6 days with team,	45 00
Maurice D. Tolman, 2 days labor,	7 50

\$129 35

AUGUST

John F. Priest, 9½ days labor,	\$35 63
Theodore M. Priest, ½ day labor,	1 88
Theodore M. Priest, 8½ days with team,	63 75
Homer F. Priest, 11½ days with truck,	18 00
Homer F. Priest, 53 loads gravel,	5 30
Homer F. Priest, 684 ft. plank,	27 36
Homer F. Priest, 15 lbs. spikes,	1 05
Albert W. Jackson, 4½ days labor,	16 88
Hubert T. Priest, 6½ days labor,	24 38

\$194 23

SEPTEMBER

John F. Priest, 3½ days labor,	\$13 13
Harry R. Green, 593 ft. plank,	23 72
Homer F. Priest, ½ day with truck,	6 00

Albert W. Jackson, 4 days labor,	15 00
Theodore M. Priest, 3½ days with team,	26 25
Hubert T. Priest, 3 days labor,	11 26
George Cady, 12 loads gravel,	1 20
Elizabeth B. Smythe, 20 loads rock,	2 00

\$98 56

OCTOBER

John F. Priest, 5½ days labor,	\$20 62
Theodore M. Priest, 7½ days with team,	56 25
Hubert T. Priest, 3 days labor,	11 25
William W. Dunn, 2½ hours labor,	1 05

\$89 17

NOVEMBER

John F. Priest, 2½ days labor,	\$9 38
Homer F. Priest, oak posts,	2 50
Homer F. Priest, 10 loads gravel,	1 00
Theodore M. Priest 2 days with team,	15 00

\$27 88

Total,	\$1,628 54
Less appropriation for culverts,	100 00
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	\$1,528 54

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HOMER F. PRIEST,
Auditor.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR HILL IN EAST PART OF
TOWN

Homer F. Priest, 12 days with team,	\$90 00
Homer F. Priest, 1 day team without driver,	3 75
Homer F. Priest, sharpening drills,	1 00
John F. Priest, 9 days labor,	33 75
John F. Priest, dynamite, etc.,	9 65
Hubert T. Priest, 3 days labor,	11 25
Albert W. Jackson, 8 days labor,	30 00
Percy Flood, 7 days labor,	26 25
Joseph Skinner, 4 days labor,	15 00
Frank E. Upton, 5 days labor,	18 75
Wilmer C. Tolman, 2 days with team,	15 00
Clarence F. Bridge, 4 days with team,	30 00
Mrs. Spaulding, 71 loads rock and gravel,	7 10
Mrs. George Giffin, 85 loads rock and sand,	8 50

\$300 00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Money Available	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1923,	\$149 29	\$74 64	\$223 93
Appropriation, 1924,	600 00	300 00	900 00
Total fund,	\$749 29	\$374 64	\$1,123 93

EXPENDITURES

December	1923	\$14 00
April	1924	66 63
May	1924	126 35
June	1924	113 93
July	1924	95 88
August	1924	94 09
September	1924	105 04
October	1924	117 93

November 1924	170 10		
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	\$903 95		
Paid by State for Engineering and Inspections,		\$43 93	
Nov. 26 State to town pay- ment,			\$250 00
Payment due town,			337 99
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Totals	\$903 95	\$43 93	\$587 99
	587 99	587 99	
Actual expenditures,	315 96	631 92	
Balances,	58 68	117 37	

TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Money Available	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1923,	\$0 87	\$0 64	\$1 51
Appropriation, 1924,	742 50	495 00	1,237 50
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Total fund,	\$743 37	\$495 64	\$1,239 01

EXPENDITURES

Sept. 30 A. L. Georgina,	\$534 00		
Sept. 27 A. L. Georgina,	506 86		
Oct. 4. A. L. Georgina,	146 51		
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	\$1,187 37		
Paid by State: Engineer- ing and inspections,		\$8 00	
Nov. 26. State to town pay- ment,			\$200 00
State payment due town,			509 18
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Totals,	\$1,187 37	\$8 00	\$709 18
	\$709 18	709 18	
Actual expenditures,	478 19	717 18	
Balances,	17 45	26 19	

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Money Available	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1923,		\$10 58	\$10 58
Total fund,		\$10 58	\$10 58

EXPENDITURES

Date	Item	Paid by town	Paid by state	State to town
October 4.	A. Georgina,	\$10 58		
Balances,				

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES

Lucius H. Bassett,	\$19 45
Hattie Bridge Estate,	47 69
Jessie M. Bridge,	5 00
Albert Cram,	42 65
Mrs. Albert Cram,	5 00
D. W. Drugg,	5 02
Charles S. Flood,	5 00
Percy Flood,	28 21
S. E. and L. A. Osgood,	33 00
Sarah E. Osgood,	5 00
Lizzie A. Osgood,	5 00
Carroll C. Osgood,	23 82
George N. Robbins,	33 61
Frances Struthers,	3 00
Parke Struthers,	23 08
Mildred Sturthers,	5 00
Towne and Robbins,	50 20
Edward M. Towne,	15 04
Hattie Towne,	5 00
Grace Towne,	5 00
Maurice D. Tolman,	8 76
E. Blaine,	3 76
Leonard B. Yardley,	10 04
W. F. Gerard,	2 51

WILLIAM W. DUNN,
Tax Collector.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Repair fund on hand February 1, 1924,	\$6 75
Library fund on hand February 1, 1924,	2 21
Received from town treasurer,	25 00
Received from Mrs. Osgood fines,	22
Received from Mrs. Mansfield, fines,	1 50
	\$28 93
Expended for books,	27 17
	\$1 76
Number of volumes purchased during year,	30
Number of volumes issued from Nelson library,	495
Number of volumes issued from Munsonville Branch,	395

We are grateful for gifts of books given. 6 by Ralph Page, 6 by Mrs. Clarence Wellington of Keene and 18 by Mr. Melville.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE SCOTT,
CORA J. TOLMAN,
FRANCES R. UPTON,

Trustees.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Nelson:

I herein submit my second annual report as superintendent of your schools. In it, I shall make a brief survey of some of the accomplishments, needs and objectives of the past year.

Throughout the extent of our republic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, school officers and interested citizens have asked themselves what vehicle or connecting link has brought us as a nation from the "Yesterdays," the time when we rode in wagons, plowed with oxen, harvested with the sickle or cradle, threshed with the flail, read by candle light, to the luxuries and modernized activities of the "Todays" when we ride in automobiles and airplanes, upheave the fields with tractors, harvest and thresh with the same operation, read and acquire knowledge by electric light and radio.

Out of the shadows of the past, comes the answer, yet wearing the scars of struggle and the stripes of toil, but bearing in triumph the wisdom of all ages. We call her education, the torch that enlightens the world, fires the imagination of man and gives wings to the visions of youth, saturates the dreams of the aged and renders might to hand and brain. We, having confidence in this parent of progress, creator of culture and moulder of destiny, look forward with assurance to the "Tomorrows" of our Democracy, believing that education will provide for us the foundations of our future progress, that she will give the youth of our land the backbone of morals. Indeed, we trust our system of free education will become the conservator of the American home, the essential of citizenship and the inspiration for living. The school is our workshop. Here we must stir the ambitions, stimulate ideals and forge the keys that open the door of opportunity to our children.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Dr. H. S. Williams, medical examiner for the Nelson schools, submits the following results of his examinations given last October.

Number of cases of defective vision,	2
Number of cases of defective hearing,	1
Number of cases of orthopedic defects,	1
Number of cases of defective teeth,	17
Number of cases of hypertrophied tonsils,	19
Number of cases of adenoids,	10
Number of cases of defective breathing,	1
Number of cases of unvaccination,	8

In looking over reports for several years, I note too few corrections from year to year. Herein we fail to realize the greatest benefits from our medical inspection. Either parents should feel themselves responsible to see that defects reported to them by the physician were corrected or a school nurse employed who would attend to the follow up work, if we are to enjoy the full blessings of medical advice.

If arrangements could be made to unite a sufficient number of towns for the purpose of employing a full time nurse, a compensation of \$1.50 per pupil would be paid by the state.

Medical inspection in the schools serves a two-fold function. First, to find out the physical defects of the children and as far as possible secure such treatment as will remedy the defects. This is the curative part of medical inspection. The second function is positive. It seeks not only to cure, but also to secure action and habitual practice in the rules which secure right and healthy living. It is not enough to cure physical weakness and disease. The boys and girls must be taught how to live in accordance with the principles of good health.

SCHOOL WORK

Of the seven objectives of education promulgated by the National Teachers' Association and broadcasted over the United States, we have placed emphasis particularly on the first, second, fourth and seventh, viz: (1) "Health," (2) "Grasp of Fundamentals," (3) "Good Citizenship" and "Ethical Character." Reading, writing, arithmetic, English, geography, history and spelling comprise the backbone of our course of study. The efficiency with which these fundamental subjects

are taught determines the strength or weakness of our schools.

Both Miss Mabel May at Munsonville and Miss Hazel Fiske at Nelson have continued in their respective schools. Both have rendered excellent service to the children and community, maintaining good discipline and obtaining excellent results from their children. During the year 1923-1924, the following standard tests were given to pupils above second grade: Thorndike-McCall Reading, Ayres Spelling, Charter's Diagnostic Language, Gregory's American History, Gregory-Spencer Geography, and Stanford's Achievement test.

The results obtained with a few exceptions, exceeded the standards established for the various grades. At the close of the year, June 13, 1924, the following pupils completed their eighth grade and were given diplomas of graduation: Raymond H. Barrett, Richard O. Upton and Frances M. Upton. Messrs. Barrett and Upton are continuing their studies in the Keene High School. Miss Upton is taking an additional year of post-graduate work at the Nelson school.

From the statistics given in this report, we note that in per cent of attendance Nelson has exceeded the per cent for the District but fallen a little below the rate for the State. This is due largely to sickness during the winter at the Munsonville school. The Nelson school maintained the remarkable rate of 98 per cent for the year. However, the per cent of attendance has been very good during the past five months of the present year in both schools and if continued can easily exceed the rate of district or state for the year 1924-1925. Certainly, this goal is well worth your best efforts.

Indeed, punctuality and regular attendance are habits essential to the foundations of a successful life and have a direct bearing upon school progress and promotions.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the School Board, teachers, parents and citizens for their co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H., February 11, 1925.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD 1923-1924

The school at Nelson was taught by Miss Hazel Fiske of Dublin, N. H. This was Miss Fiske's first year of teaching. Her work was very satisfactory and she was engaged for another year.

The school at Munsonville was taught by Miss Mabel E. May of this town. Miss May has taught this school for six years. She is a very successful teacher. We are fortunate to be able to secure her services.

HONOR ROLL

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy

First Term	Second Term	Third Term
Toivo Kaija	Delia Farwell	Delia Farwell
Reino Kaija	Toivo Kaija	Donald Green
Ellen Kaija	Dorothy Priest	Dorothy Priest
Estha Kaija	Eliot Priest	Eliot Priest
Dorothy Priest	Homer Priest	Homer Priest
*Eliot Priest	Frances Upton	Frances Upton
*Homer Priest	Richard Upton	Roger Upton
Winona Scott	Roger Upton	
*Frances Upton		
Richard Upton		

*Perfect attendance for year.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR, 1923-1924

Number of pupils enrolled in school in town,	34
Number of non-resident pupils enrolled,	2
Number of half-days schools were in session,	344

Number of half-days schools were closed holidays,	16
Average membership for the year,	32.36
Average attendance for the year,	29.94
Per cent of attendance for Nelson,	93.5
Per cent of attendance for the district,	91.5
Per cent of attendance for the state,	93.9
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy,	4
Number of visits made by school board,	9
Number of visits made by superintendent,	27
Number of visits made by citizens,	80
Number of tardinesses,	40

FINANCIAL REPORT

For School Year Ending June 30, 1924

RECEIPTS

From selectmen, raised by taxation:

For support of elementary schools,	\$1,529 00	
For high school and academy tuition,	370 00	
For payment of per capita tax,	76 00	
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Total,		\$2,000 00

From sources other than taxation:

Dog licenses, from selectmen,	\$72 88	
Elementary school tuition,	34 00	
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Total,		\$106 88
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Total receipts from all sources,		\$2,106 88
Cash on hand beginning year, July 1, 1923,		215 01
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Grand total,		\$2,327 89

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers,	\$25 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	71 44
Expenses of administration,	6 84

Instruction:

Teachers' salaries,	1,224 00
Text books,	30 35
Scholars' supplies,	30 12
Other expenses of instruction,	4 15

Operation and maintenance of school plant:

Janitor service,	36 00
Fuel,	113 00
Janitor supplies,	1 58
Minor repairs and expenses,	15 79

Auxiliary agencies and special activities:

Medical inspection,	24 00
High school and academy tuition,	370 00
Per capita tax,	76 00

Total payments for all purposes,	\$2,028 27
Cash on hand at end of year June 30, 1924,	293 62
Grand total,	\$2,321 89

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATE

For Year 1925-1926

To meet statutory requirements:

For high school,	\$280 00
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For per capita tax,	56 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	72 00

For general school purposes:

Salaries of district officers,	\$40 00
Support of elementary schools, \$5 tax estimate,	1,752 00
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	\$2,200 00

MILDRED S. GREEN,
ADA B. UPTON,
ETTA M. TOLMAN,
School Board.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Nelson, N. H.

 RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1924,	\$49 68	
Received selectmen, dog licenses for 1923,	72 88	
Received for elementary tuition,	36 50	
Received of selectmen Feb. 1, 1924, to July 1, 1924,	1,000 00	
Received of selectmen July 1, 1924, to Feb. 1, 1925,	1,000 00	
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		\$2,159 06

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by order of the School Board		
February 1, 1924 to July 1, 1924,	\$862 96	
July 1, 1924 to February 1, 1925,	1,115 02	
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		\$1,997 98
Cash in treasury, February 1, 1925,		\$181 08

ERNESTINE FISHER,

 School Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast, properly vouched.

FRED A. SCOTT, Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1889, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report I hereby submit the following:

Birth Registered in the Town of Nelson, N. H. For the Year
Ending December 31, 1924

Born December, 29; Female, living, 1st child, to Walter Hutchins and Agnes S. Guillow; occupation of father, wood-chopper; birthplace of father, Canada; birthplace of mother, Nelson; age of father, 25; age of mother, 17.

Death Registered in the Town of Nelson For the Year Ending
December 31, 1924

Died November 11, Ellen F. Storey, age 79 years, 9 months, 22 days; born in Fitchburg, Mass; female; widowed; birthplace of father, Ashburnham, Mass.; birthplace of mother, Fitchburg, Mass.; name of father, John Brooks; name of mother, Jane Bartlett.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Town Clerk.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Nelson in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at town hall in said Nelson on Tuesday, the tenth 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 the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to continue the present highway system, or take any action in relation thereto.
4. To see what sums of money the town will raise for building and repairing highways and bridges, or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise such amounts as recommended by the New Hampshire Highway department.
6. To see if the towns will raise the sum of \$100.00 to cut brush along highways or take any action relating thereto.
7. To see if the town will raise money to build cement bridges or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see what sum of money town will raise for reducing town debt.

9. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for road construction.

10. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for state road maintenance.

11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for support of library.

12. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate money for Old Home Day.

14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for care of cemetery.

15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for suppression of white pine blister rust.

16. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

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

FRANK E. UPTON,
ALBERT GEORGINA,
GORDON TOLMAN,

Selectmen of Nelson.

A true copy of warrant—attest:

FRANK E. UPTON,
ALBERT GEORGINA,
GORDON TOLMAN,

Selectmen of Nelson.

