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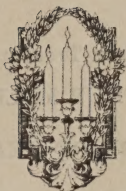
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TOWN OFFICERS

1920

Moderator, GEORGE F. CRANE

Town Clerk, FRANK L. HANSON

Selectmen

GEORGE B. BARTLETT

EMMETT S. ROBINSON

JOHN G. PIKE

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR M. LEAR

BOARD OF HEALTH

JOHN S. SMART, Chairman

Board of Selectmen

Tax Collector, JOHN S. SMART

Constable, JOHN S. SMART

Road Agents

W. E. HOWE

H. L. SMITH

AMOS TRUDEAU

Fire Warden, GEORGE F. CRANE

INVENTORY

Taxes Assessed for all Purposes APRIL 1, 1920

Lands and Buildings,	\$ 187,525
95 Horses,	11,150
14 Oxen,	1,780
173 Cows,	11,860
121 Neat Stock,	6,225
31 Sheep,	310
270 Fowls,	270
1 Portable Mill	1,000
Wood and Lumber,	6,536
Money on Hand,	1,750
Stock in Trade,	1,425
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	\$ 229,831
Amount exempted to Soldiers,	2,400
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 227,431

TAXES ASSESSED

FOR ALL PURPOSES

State Tax	\$ 675.00
War Service	90.00
County Tax	553.50
Town Charges	500.00
Highways and bridges	2,000.00
State Aid Maintenance	180.00
Trunk Line Maintenance	1041.25
State Aid Construction	340.50
Town Debt	300.00
Control White Pine Blister	125.00
Snow Roller	200.00
Library Books	25.00
Water tub at Mill Village	25.00

SCHOOLS

\$5 per Thousand on Inventory	1142.05
\$2 per Scholar	110.00
Repairs of School House	200.00
Salaries	45.00
High School	160.00
Overlay	100.00
Total	\$ 7812.80

76 Polls @ \$5.00

7 Polls @ \$3.00

Total \$ 351.00

Rate of Taxation per Hundred, \$ 3.40.

Abatements, List of 1919, \$ 27.04

Abatements, List of 1920, \$ 8.80

CONDENSED BUDGET

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government	Actual 1920	Est. 1921
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 274.82	\$ 275.00
Town Officers' expenses	145.64	150.00
Election and registration expenses	27.00	20.00
Care and supplies for town hall	54.48	55.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police department	8.00	8.00
Fire department	1.00	1.00
Moth extermination, white pine blister	125.00	

Health

Health department	5.00	5.00
Vital statistics	2.30	4.00

Highways and Bridges

State aid maintenance	180.00	200.00
Trunk line maintenance	1041.25	300.00
Town maintenance	2531.08	1300.00

Libraries

Libraries	67.52	68.00
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Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day	6.40	
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Public Service Enterprises

Public scales	76.10	
Cemeteries	4.00	25.00

Interest

Interest on temporary loan	115.46	30.00
Interest on long term notes	76.25	65.00

New Construction

State aid construction	340.50	343.50
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Indebtedness

Long term note	300.00	300.00
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Payment to other Governmental Divisions

State taxes	917.00	917.00
County taxes	553.50	553.50

School district	1727.25	1800.00
Effect on Tax Rate		
Assessed valuation 1920		\$ 229,831.00
Estimated assessed valuation ensuing year		215,349.00
Amount required by budget to be raised by property tax		6,420.00
Tax rate ensuing year per \$ 100.00 of valuation		2.98

Every appropriation of \$ 1,000.00 in addition to the estimate of this budget, will raise the tax rate 34 cents per \$ 100.00 in valuation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 267.79	
1920 Taxes uncollected	1828.68	
Joint Highway accounts, unexpended balance in State treasury.		
State Aid construction fund	16.52	
White Pine blister rust, unexpended balance with Forestry		
Commission	.21	
Sullivan County, county bill	6.00	
Total		\$ 2119.20

Excess of Liabilities over assets, net debt	\$ 389.76
Net debt Jan. 31, 1920	389.30
Net debt Jan. 31, 1921	389.76
Increase of debt	.46

LIABILITIES

Citizens National Bank, notes	\$ 1600.00	
Mary F. Pike, notes	500.00	
F. A. Butler, note	200.00	
Unexpended appropriations,		
State Aid construction fund	13.22	
Snow Roller	170.74	
Water tub	25.00	
Total		\$ 2508.96

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for dog licenses	\$ 52.20	
Auto permits	56.31	
Total		\$ 108.51
Paid to town treasurer		\$ 108.51

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920	\$ 591.96
Received of F. L. Hanson, primary filing fees	5.00
Received of F. L. Hanson, dog tax	52.20
Received of F. L. Hanson, Motor vehicle registration	56.31
Received of E. S. Robinson, Temporary loan	250.00
Received of Citizens national bank, temporary loan	2600.00
Received of State treasurer, forest fire	.50
Received of State treasurer, Hedgehog bounty	26.40
Received of State treasurer, Trunk line maintenance	313.45
Received of State treasurer, State aid construction	783.24
Received of State treasurer State aid maintenance	2679.66
Received of state treasurer, savings bank tax	139.37
Received of J. G. Pike, rent of hall	71.00
Received of J. G. Pike, use of scales	1.70
Received of J. S. Smart, 1919 taxes	983.61
Received of J. S. Smart, interest on 1919 taxes	32.46
Received of J. S. Smart, 1920 taxes	6366.32
Received of J. S. Smart, interest on 1920 taxes	6.45
Total Receipts	\$ 14,959.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by the order of the selectmen	\$ 14,691.84
Balance in treasury	\$ 267.79

Respectfully submitted

A. M. Lear

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From local sources

Property and poll taxes, current year	\$ 6366.32
Property and poll taxes, previous year	983.61

From the State

Trunk line maintenance	2679.66
State aid maintenance	313.45
State aid construction	783.24
Savings bank tax	139.37
Forestry Department, fire warden	.50
Bounties	26.40

From local sources, except taxes

Dog licenses	52.20
Rent of town hall	71.00
Town scales	1.70
Motor vehicle registration	56.31
Primary fees	5.00
Interest on 1919 tax levy	32.46
Interest on 1920 tax levy	6.45

Receipts other than current revenue

Temporary loan, anticipation of taxes	2850.00
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Total \$ 14367.67

Cash on hand at beginning of year 591.96

Total \$ 14959.63

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government

Town officers' salaries	\$ 274.82
Town officers' expenses	145.64
Election and registration expenses	27.00
Expenses of town hall	54.48

Protection of Persons and Property

Police department	8.00
Fire department including forest fires	1.00
Moth extermination, white pine blister	125.00
Bounties	26.40

Health

Health department	5.00
Vital statistics	2.30

Highways and bridges

State aid maintenance	483.17
Trunk line maintenance	3897.27
Town maintenance	1308.26
Breaking roads	1222.82
State aid construction	1381.94

New equipment 29.26

Libraries 67.52

County poor 6.00

Patriotic purposes 6.40

Public enterprises

Public scales	76.10
Cemeteries	4.00

Interest 191.71

Indebtedness payments

Temporary loans	1850.00
Long term notes	300.00

Payments to other Governmental Divisions

Taxes paid to state	917.00
Taxes paid to county	553.50
Payments to school district	1727.25
Total	<u> </u> \$ 14691.84

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1—Town Officers' salaries

G. B. Bartlett, selectman	\$ 60.00	
E. S. Robinson, selectman	30.00	
J. G. Pike, selectman	20.00	
A. M. Lear, treasurer	15.00	
F. L. Hanson, clerk	20.00	
J. S. Smart, collector	110.82	
G. B. Bartlett, overseer of the poor	6.00	
J. G. Pike, perambulating town line	8.00	
F. L. Hanson, motor vehicle registration	3.50	
Hial F. Nelson, auditor,	1.50	
Total	_____	\$ 274.82

Detail 2—Expenses

Argus Press, printing town reports	\$ 54.00	
C. W. Rounseval, returning transfers	5.06	
E. C. Eastman, blanks	2.06	
A. M. Lear, revenue stamps,	2.50	
A. M. Lear, postage and stationary	.40	
O. F. Lear Co., dinners for election officers, primary	3.40	
F. L. Hanson, stationary and postage,	8.42	
John Gillingham, one half expenses surveying Newbury line	10.00	
Mabel Pike, conveying selectmen to Newbury	6.00	
G. B. Bartlett, dinners for election officers, fall	1.75	
G. B. Bartlett, blanks, postage and telephone	6.05	
J. M. Barton, town counsel for 1919 and 1920	21.00	
J. M. Barton, counsel for school board	10.00	
J. G. Pike, expenses to the tax commission meeting	5.00	
E. S. Robinson, expenses to the tax commission meeting	5.00	
G. B. Bartlett, expenses to the tax commission meeting	5.00	
Total	_____	\$ 145.64

Detail 3—Election and Registration expenses

H. M. Booth, supervisor	12.00	
J. S. Smart, supervisor	8.00	
G. B. Bartlett, supervisor	4.00	
G. F. Crane, moderator	3.00	
Total		\$ 27.00

Detail 5—Expenses of Town Hall

J. G. Pike, janitor	\$ 33.00	
H. G. Lear, janitor	3.00	
Inez Scranton, cleaning hall	2.25	
E. S. Robinson, wood	10.00	
J. G. Pike, supplies	6.23	
Total		\$ 54.48

Detail 6— Police Department

J. S. Smart, dog warden	8.00	
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Detail 7—Fire Department including forest fires

G. F. Crane, fire warden	1.00	
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Detail 8— Moth Extermination

Forestry department, white pine blister rust	125.00	
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Detail 9—Bounties

G. B. Bartlett, hedgehogs	21.80	
E. S. Robinson, hedgehogs	3.80	
J. G. Pike, hedgehogs	.80	
Total		\$ 26.40

Detail 11—Health Department

F. P. Claggett, visiting school	5.00	
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Detail 12— Vital statistics

F. L. Hanson, recording vital statistics	1.80	
F. P. Claggett, births and deaths	.50	
Total		\$ 2.30

Detail 13—State aid maintenance

J.G.Pike, patrolman	\$ 411.98	
E. Nichols, labor	35.28	
A. Parks, labor	8.11	
A. Parks, gravel	5.00	
E. S. Robinson, posts and rails	20.00	
Silsby and Johnson,	2.80	
Total		\$ 483.17

Detail 14—Trunk line maintenance

J. G. Pike, patrolman	\$ 312.61	
H. Hewson, labor	25.33	
E. Nichols, labor	25.88	
W. E. Howe, labor	10.00	
Silsby and Johnson, paint, oil and spikes	45.63	
J. G. Pike, paint	26.25	
E. S. Robinson, posts and rails	27.59	
F. A. Rogers, nails	.30	
F. P. Huntley,	3423.68	
Total		\$ 3897.21

Trucks, paid by state	992.01
Culverts, paid by state	52.44
Paint, paid by state,	12.50
Engineering, paid by state	29.65
Unpaid bills of 1919, paid by state	42.11

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Detail 15—Highways

Horton L. Smith, Division

H. L. Smith and Sons	\$ 285.35	
E. C. Foss	1.75	
Harvey Royce	26.46	
H. M. Richardson	3.50	
A. W. Nelson	7.00	
W. H. Royce	21.00	
Total		\$ 345.06

A. Trudeau Division

A. Trudeau and team	\$ 129.19	
A. Trudeau 2nd	113.61	
A. Trudeau 3rd	33.93	
B. Hawkins	60.68	
H. P. Morey	26.85	
J. Mellen	21.38	
W. S. Hall	21.38	
G. B. Bartlett	15.80	
A. R. Knight	7.00	
C. Bennett	5.46	
Total		\$ 435.28

(157.20 of above expended on Russell hill.)

Bills of 1919 unpaid, paid by state	42.75
Engineering paid by state	5.25

W. E. Howe Division

W. E. Howe,	\$ 57.00
H. B. Babb	38.47
G. F. Crane	33.39
A. Parks	3.50
A. R. Norton	3.00
C. W. Crane	3.50
A. Trudeau 2nd	7.00
A. Trudeau 3rd	3.50
M. Terriell	9.00
J. Fancy	10.50
J. G. Pike,	2.93
W. H. George	7.00
E. S. Robinson	7.00
A Pike	10.50
I. G. Crane	3.50
W. L. Whipple	2.40
Total	————— \$ 202.19

Bridges

H. L. Smith, lumber	\$ 72.00
E. S. Robinson lumber	20.80
Total	————— \$ 92.80

Detail 18—

General expense and highway bills ordered by Selectmen

F. A. Rogers, dynamite, caps and fuse	\$ 26.04
H. M. Booth, repairs on scraper	1.50
E. B. Nichols, labor	7.00
G. B. Bartlett, labor	17.50
H. Gagnon, labor	30.00
C. W. Crane, labor	25.67
I. G. Crane, labor	20.23
G. F. Crane, labor	5.46
J. Fancy, labor	3.90
H. B. Babb, labor	45.11
A. Babb, labor	31.90
O. S. Lear Co., Nails	1.84
J. S. Smart, housing tools	1.50
H. H. Chatfield, sign boards for schools	2.28
Geoffrion Garage, painting school signs	9.00
E. T. Scranton, water tub	4.00
Total	————— \$ 232.93

Detail 16—Breaking Roads

H. B. Russell	\$ 9.60
John Fancy	67.00
Harry Farley	1.85
Glendon Chapman	21.80
Charles Chapman	76.00
Ed. Nichols	9.86
Harvey Royce	14.60
Fréd Teague	79.50
Hamil Creamer	14.50
F. A. Butler	52.00
Ivan Scranton	5.62
J. E. Fortune	1.50
Joe Hall	23.50
B. Hawkins	29.50
H. P. Morey	13.50
A. Trudeau	79.22
Fred Jordan	43.50
G. E. Rich	40.00
J. McAllister	33.50
H. Busnach	48.70
Carl Bennett	45.75
M. Richardson	10.64
E. W. Quimby	4.94
Jacob Koski	15.58
Fred Wood	5.28
G. B. Bartlett	44.46
Belknap Bartlett	12.92
Neal Teague	65.25
E. C. Foss	30.02
George Ayotte	12.00
Leva Ayotte	12.00
G. Roberts	12.00
F. L. Hanson	4.50
J. G. Pike	7.50
Frank Smith	2.34
W. H. George	3.00
Albert Pike	9.00
H. Gagnon	7.33
G. F. Crane	22.17
E. LaBombard	15.00
H. B. Babb	50.47
Alfred Babb	25.11
Amos Gilbert	12.00

B. Dandrow	3.67	
Shepard and Morse	30.04	
A. W. Nelson	35.16	
H. F. Nelson	7.00	
H. L. Smith	50.89	
H. G. Lear	1.55	
Total		\$ 1222.82

Detail 17—State aid construction

G. B. Bartlett and team	\$ 138.77	
H. L. Smith and team	121.78	
V. Pegar and team	103.98	
E. T. Scranton and team	95.98	
A. Trudeau 2nd and team	99.54	
A. G. Wood and team	73.33	
A. Parks and team	64.88	
J. Fancy and team	64.88	
C. W. Parkins and team	40.00	
A. Trudeau and team	12.44	
L. J. Smith, labor	60.89	
R. Smith, labor	60.89	
A. Trudeau, labor	53.77	
J. Mellen, labor	43.99	
M. Richardson, labor	47.99	
H. M. Richardson, labor	36.44	
C. W. Crane, labor	59.99	
A. W. Maxner, labor	37.77	
W. S. Hall, labor	24.44	
B. Hawkins, labor	39.55	
C. W. Parkins, gravel	51.00	
A. G. Wood, gravel	38.00	
G. B. Bartlett, gravel, lumber and spikes	9.04	
A. Trudeau, sharpening tools	.60	
Thomas Riley, sharpening tools	.50	
Silsby and Johnson, twine for grade line	1.50	
Total		\$ 1381.94

Engineering paid by state	3.80
Orders given by selectmen of 1919,	31.42

Detail 18

E. S. Robinson, bolts and irons	25.00	
S. Richmond, shaft for snow roller	\$ 4.26	
Total		\$ 1417.17

Detail 19—Libraries

Althine F. Lear, treasurer	\$ 25.00	
Georgia Gotcha, librarian	26.96	
Leona Whipple, librarian	8.07	
O. S. Lear Co., supplies	.74	
W. B. Dandrow, one half cord wood	6.75	
Total		————— \$ 67.52

Detail 21—County poor

A. R. Norton, carrying C. Parks to county farm	\$ 6.00
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Detail 22—Patriotic purposes

Memorial fund	\$ 6.40
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Detail 26

F. P. Rowell, sheathing	\$ 3.60	
H. H. Chatfield, lumber	3.60	
Silby and Johnson, bolts and screws	1.20	
E. S. Robinson, cement and lumber	4.01	
E. S. Robinson, labor	8.00	
C. E. Waldron, labor	27.00	
D. Parker, labor	20.00	
W. E. Howe, cement	6.00	
J. G. Pike, scale book and locks	2.69	
Total		————— \$ 76.10

Detail 27—Cemeteries

G. F. Crane, sexton	\$ 4.00
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Detail 33—Interest

Mary F. Pike, interest on note	\$ 25.00	
F. A. Butler, interest on note	10.00	
Citizens National Bank, interest on notes	156.71	
Total		————— \$ 191.71

Detail 44—Indebtedness Payments

Citizens National Bank, temporary loans	\$ 1600.00	
E. S. Robinson, temporary loans	250.00	
Citizens National Bank	300.00	
Total		————— \$ 2150.00

Detail 50—State Treasurer

State tax	\$ 675.00	
War service tax	90.00	
Additional poll tax	152.00	
Total		————— \$ 917.00

Detail 51— County Treasurer	
County tax	\$ 553.50
Detail 53—Payments to School District	
Money raised by taxation	\$ 1675.05
Dog licenses for 1920	52.20
Total	————— \$ 1727.25

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I the undersigned Auditor of the town of Goshen, have examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer and other town officers and find them correctly cast and vouchers satisfactory.

HIAL F. NELSON, Auditor

TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN, JAN. 31, 1821.

Date of Creation—Feb. 27, 1904.

Purpose of Creation—Zemira Marshall Cemetary Fund,
for care of cemetary lot.

How Invested—Savings Bank.

Amount of Principal—\$75.00.

Rate of Interest—4 per cent.

Balance of income at beginning of year—\$26.27.

Income during year—\$4.08.

Balance of income on hand at end of year—\$30.35.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Our library has had another year of prosperity and usefulness in our community. Mrs. J. B. Gocha, was our faithful and efficient librarian until she resigned on leaving town in November. We were so fortunate however, as to secure the services of Mrs. W. L. Whipple, a former librarian, whose work has always given excellent satisfaction.

Our thanks are due Mrs. F. W. Pierce of Pawtucket, R. I. for 55 volumes presented to the library last summer, also to Mr. and Mrs. John McCrillis, of Newport for a fine set of the National Geographic Magazine; also to Mrs Alice E. Woodbury of Florida for a beautiful silver plaque, of the head of Lincoln. The Good Housekeeping magazine is on our reading table each month, through the kindness of Mrs. A. P. Carll of Plymouth, Mass., and an interesting weekly paper, The Dearborn Independent, is sent us by its publishers. Twenty new books have been purchased and more are expected soon. Additional shelf room is greatly needed.

EMILY C. BLOSSOM
ALTHINE F. LEAR
LILLIAN A. SMART
GRACE A. BARTLETT
WALTER R. NELSON

Library Committee

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Money in treasury at beginning of year	\$ 3.06	
Received of town treasurer	25.00	
Total receipts		\$ 28.06
Expended for books		26.70
Balance in treasury		\$ 1.36

ALTHINE F. LEAR, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Teachers' salaries, \$ 15.00 and \$ 17.00 per week	\$ 1776.40
Bonus on Miss Pratt's salary	36.00
Transportation of Pupils	513.00
Fuel	61.11
Janitor service	50.55
Text books and supplies	184.67
Repairing school houses, material and labor	135.66
Salaries of District officers	32.50
Excess salary of Superintendent	50.00
Per capita tax on school children	132.00
Miscellaneous expenses	6.36
Total	<hr/> \$ 2978.25

WILLIE E. HOWE
ELMER FOSS
H. L. SMITH

School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

FROM SEPT. 1, 1919--SEPT. 1, 1920

RECEIPTS

Money in treasury Sept. 1, 1919	\$ 4.33	
Received from town treasurer	1731.01	
Received from state treasurer	1271.95	
Total receipts		\$ 3007.29

EXPENDITURES

Paid Josephine M. Pratt, for teaching in Div. 1	\$ 615.00
Paid Josephine M. Pratt, bonus on salary	36.00
Paid Josephine M. Pratt, for janitor service	15.00
Paid Stuart Gorman, for janitor service	1.00
Paid Mildred F. George, for teaching in Div. 2	543.00
Paid Mildred F. George, for janitor service	16.50
Paid Mildred F. George, for labor	3.00
Paid Isabel E. Adams, for teaching in Div. 2	543.00
Paid Florence Scranton, janitor work in Div. 5	518.05
Paid American Book Co., for text books	22.27
Paid Silver Burdette & Co., for text books	32.59
Paid The MacMillan Co., for text books	32.09
Paid Ginn and Co., for text books	43.81
Paid Appleton and Co., for text books	2.40
Paid B. H. Sandorn and Co., for text books	4.92
Paid John C. Winston Co., for Dictionaries	10.97
Paid Charles Scribner's Sons for text books	19.39
Paid Ed. E. Babb and Co., for stamp	2.33
Paid Edson C. Eastman Co.,	.32
Paid W. E. Howe, for conveying pupils from Div. 4 to Div. 1	263.80
Paid E. T. Scranton, for conveying pupils from Div. 3 to Div. 5	245.20
Paid John W. Plummer, pupils' tax at \$ 2.00 each	132.00
Paid Mrs. E. S. Perkins, for Superintendent's excess salary	50.00

Paid W. R. Nelson, salary as member of School board	11.00	
Paid H. B. Russell, member of School Board	6.00	
Paid Mrs Lillian K. Morgan, member of School board	2.50	
Paid Althine F. Lear, salary as School treasurer	5.00	
Paid A. W. Maxner, salary as truant officer	6.00	
Paid H. B. Russell, salary as District clerk	1.00	
Paid H. F. Nelson, Auditor	1.00	
Paid W. R. Whitney, for wood	11.11	
Paid George B. Bartlett, for wood	20.00	
Paid Horton L. Smith, for wood	26.67	
Paid F. A. Rogers, for lumber	45.21	
Paid F. P. Rowell, for 2M shingles	15.00	
Paid H. H. Chatfield, bill	4.00	
Paid Rogers and Robb, for padlock	.90	
Paid O. S. Lear, for school supplies	2.19	
Paid H. B. Russell, for school supplies	3.19	
Paid H. B. Russell, for paper and curtains	9.86	
Paid H. B. Russell, hauling shingles and other labor	9.25	
Paid J. B. Gotcha, for hauling lumber	6.00	
Paid W. H. Royce, labor on school houses	35.44	
Paid E. D. Abbott, for labor in Div. 2	6.33	
Paid A. G. Wood, for labor in Div. 5	1.50	
Paid Harry Richardson, for labor	1.00	
Paid H. B. Russell, for postage & telephone	1.72	
Paid W. R. Nelson, for postage & telephone	4.64	
Paid Eva M. Russell, cleaning school houses	2.50	
Paid Inez Scranton, cleaning school houses	3.00	
Paid H. B. Russell, for lawyer's fee	2.00	
Paid E. T. Scranton, for labor in Div. 5	4.00	
Flags to decorate Soldiers' graves	3.00	
Paid R. W. Johnson for printing contactts	1.00	
For Revenue stamp for treasures's bond	.50	
Total		\$ 2978.25
Money in treasury		29.04
Total		\$ 3007.29

ALTHINE F. LEAR, Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Goshen:

I hereby submit my second report of your schools for examination and approval.

I have now been with you four and a half terms. I am just getting my work well under way and commence to see some improvements.

This year has been exceptionally good for school work so far as weather is concerned. Pupils are beginning to take some interest in their work and are trying harder to be present each day. Some schools have very few absences and almost no one tardy.

Improvements Made

The windows in Number Five schoolhouse have been put into the east and south sides of the building and the desks and seats made to face the west side. This brings the light over the pupils left side and back, which is a great improvement over the former arrangement of cross lights. Hyloplate blackboards have been installed and several wall maps have been added, thus adding much to the efficiency of the school.

The out buildings have been made much more sanitary and decent.

The desks and seats have been arranged according to size, thus making them much more comfortable for the pupils.

The windows in the Center schoolhouse have been installed in the west and north sides, making the same improvements as above. Hyloplate blackboards have been put in. The stove has been changed to a better position in the room, but needs to have a jacket and ventilator.

The toilets have been connected with the schoolhouse and made more sanitary and decent for the use of children.

Wall maps have been placed upon the walls. Desks and seats have been rearranged according to their sizes.

Wall maps have been placed on the walls of the Corner school-rooms.

Improvements Needed

The stove in the Center school house, should be jacketed and

a pipe ventilator installed.

The Corner school house should have the windows properly installed; hyloplate blackboards should be installed; the out-buildings must be made more sanitary and decent.

I recommend the installing of two Kaustine Chemical toilets for this house. If at any time they should not be needed in this building, they can easily be taken to another. We have lately installed two of these toilets in Newport village where you can see them. I have installed several of these toilets in towns where I have formerly worked, and they have always given the best of satisfaction.

The walls and ceilings of all the schoolhouses should be tinted and whitened respectively as soon as all repairs are finished.

Fresh air inlets should be installed under each stove when they are placed in their proper positions.

Proper window shades should be installed as fast as the windows are properly placed.

A little money spent along the above lines to make the children comfortable, adds much to the efficiency of the schools. Often the physical conditions under which the children are compelled to work, takes away the most the teacher is trying to teach them, thus wasting more or less of the money paid her, as well as the pupils' time.

Teachers

We were fortunate to retain Mrs. Mildred George and Miss Josephine Pratt for another year. Their schools are steadily improving under their instruction.

The school in Number five has made the greatest improvement of any school in any district except, possibly, the Guild school. This does not necessarily mean that Miss Beard is the best teacher, but it does mean that she is proving herself mistress of the situation. There was a much greater opportunity for improvement in this school than any other in your town. There has been a revolution in the spirit and attitude of the pupils. They are working and taking some interest in their work. They are learning to be courteous and respectable to teachers, superintendent and each other. If they have learned nothing else this year, money has been well spent; but they have. They are showing advancement in their books and are beginning to make respectable recitations. There is order and system in the school. The room is kept neat and tidy; the teacher is careful about the heat and ventilation.

The superintendent enjoys visiting the school and feels that he

has the goodwill and cooperation of the teacher and pupils.

I hope every parent in this school jurisdiction will make an effort to visit it.

Of course, there are many things not just as we want them yet, but we will have them as we want them in time. It is not best to try to do too much at once.

If our untrained teachers can arrange it to attend the summer school at one of the Normal schools next summer, and continue to do as well as they are doing now, there is no doubt but what we shall want them another year.

Text Books and Supplies

No great changes have been made in text books. Quite a number of new readers have been added and several more will be needed. The State Board demands that a great many books be read, believing that it is only through the ability to read understandingly that we are able to learn from books.

We carry the books from one school to another, thus saving the expense of buying books enough of any one set of readers for all the pupils in one grade in town to be reading at the same time. This makes it possible to have several more sets for the same money.

All books are stamped, numbered and covered and a careful record kept of them.

Pupils and teachers are trying hard to keep down the expense of books and supplies.

Books have advanced very much in price, during the last two years, especially the last year. Paper has been very high and sometimes hard to get.

Transportation and Consolidation

One of the hardest things a superintendent has to do is to convince parents that it is much better for their children to go a few miles farther to school and to attend a larger school with fewer classes in a room under one teacher. The average layman does not seem to comprehend that a teacher with thirty pupils in two or three grades can accomplish more than a teacher with fifteen pupils in seven or eight grades can.

I realize it is useless for me to suggest that one three room building some where in Mill Village with three teachers and all the pupils in Goshen in this building would add more than one hundred per cent to the efficiency of the school of Goshen. I know of no town so well adapted by nature for a consolidated school as in Goshen. Such an arrangement would add much to the value of your farms and prosperity. Your pupils could there be thoroughly fitted to enter any high school and could

even be given one year's work in high school right at home. The nearer we come to doing this the better will be our schools.

The tendency everywhere in progressive towns is toward consolidation. This does not necessarily mean the saving of money. It may even cost more but it is worth more. What can a town give its children in exchange for wisdom?

Our means of transportation should be comfortable in all kinds of weather. The expense of a covered vehicle is not so very much more than an open one and adds much to the comfort of the pupils.

School Meeting

I had the privilege of attending your annual school meeting last spring, and was very much surprised and disappointed with the same. The people seemed to take the whole thing as a large joke.

To me there is nothing more sacred than children. I have none of my own but I have always worked with and for them and no one loves them more than I do. To me a school meeting is as sacred as any gathering can be and far more important than a town meeting. Are not your children more important than your roads and bridges.

Should we not come to school meeting determined to do the very best we can for the children. Should not the very best and ablest men and women be put on to the School Board and be willing to serve there, not for pay, nor for what they may get out of it, but for the good they may do the children.

Should not matters pertaining to schools be thoroughly discussed, not for the sake of finding fault with Board, teachers or superintendent, but for the welfare of the children and the improvement of our schools.

I hope the voters of Goshen will come to school-meeting this year determined to do their very best for their children.

Attendance

Our attendance has not been as regular as it should have been. Parents do not seem to realize how essential it is that their children should be at school all the time school is in session. Each time they miss a recitation they are set back just that much; but that is not all. They not only lose much themselves but they retard the whole class. I know it is hard for parents to realize this fact because when they went to school it did not make very much difference whether they were out now and then or not. The writer attended school in his boyhood days under the same conditions but the teaching is entirely different now and each recitation under an efficient teacher.

means advancement.

In a few instances we have had to enforce the attendance law at the expense of the parents. There are other cases where we shall be obliged to do the same soon unless the children are more regular in attendance. We always hate to compel a parent to go to the expense of having the law enforced upon him. Thinking that some may not know what the law is we are having a section of it included. By reading carefully, you will see that it is breaking the law just as much for a pupil to be tardy as it is to be absent.

"Sect. 14. Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, or of a child under the age of sixteen years, unless such child shall have completed the course of study prescribed for the elementary school, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time the school is in session, unless the child be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined ten dollars for the first offence and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district.

But why need we say so much and put the state and town to so much expense to get children into school? All this is done for the welfare of the children. One would think parents would be by far the most interested of any one to have their children in school and this is true of the large majority of parents; but there is a small minority who for one reason or other do not appreciate how essential it is for children to have an education, that they may successfully compete with others in the future. Your fathers and mine could get along fairly well without much book knowledge but our children cannot. Times have changed and are still changing very rapidly. The man or woman without an education will fair slim in the next generation. I can see where some children will look back when they are grown up and curse their parents for not allowing them or ever compelling them to attend school when they were children.

A very few parents keep their children from school just to

try to show their authority. Such parents, however, are very few and usually very ignorant.

In closing I want to thank all who have in any way tried to make the schools better. I ask for your further help and co-operation. I hope to get better acquainted with parents and citizens that we may the better work together. We are all working with the same aim in view, viz, to give the boys and girls of Goshen the best school possible with the means that we have. We may not always agree as to what is best or the best way to get it, but we can compromise and wish together.

W. H. S. ELLINGWOOD,

Financial Statement

Payments

Salaries of district officers	\$ 26.50	
Superintendent's excess salary	50.00	
Truant officer's and school census	6.00	
Expense of administration	6.67	
Principals' and teachers' salaries (day schools)	1805.90	
Text books	170.75	
Scholars' supplies	3.82	
Other expenses of instruction	11.50	
Janitor service	53.55	
Fuel	66.11	
Water light and janitors' supplies	4.29	
Minor Repairs and Expenses	86.75	
Transportation of pupils	507.20	
New equipment	45.21	
Tax for state supervision (\$2 per capita)	132.00	
Total Payments for all purposes		\$ 2976.25
Total cash on hand, August 31, 1920		31.04
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 3007.29

Receipts

For qualified teachers (from Selectmen)	\$ 120.00	
High School tuition rebate	49.59	
Equalization (state aid)	1271.95	
For the support of the elementary schools	1295.65	
Text books	13.00	
Scholars' supplies	12.00	
Salaries of district officers	45.00	
Per capita tax	132.00	
Dog licenses (from Selectmen)	63.77	
Total receipts from all sources		\$ 3002.96
Total cash on hand, September 1, 1919		4.33
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 3007.29

Deaths Registered in the Town of Goshen, N. H., for the year Ending December 31, 1921

Date	Name of Deceased	Age			Birthplace	Sex	Condition	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days								
3-13	James J. Egan	88	4	10	Ireland	M	Wid	Farmer	Ireland	Ireland	Patrick Egan	Sarah Higgs
4-13	Luther C. Abbott	88	11	2	Pelham, Mass.	M	Wid		Brookfield, Mas	Pelham Mass	Cheney Abbott	Rachel Chapin

Births Registered in the Town of Goshen, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date of Birth 1920	Name of child	Sex	No.	Father's name	Maiden name of mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1-8	Andrew	M	L	6	Andrew Koski	Alma Randala	Loom fixer	Finland
3-8	Harold	M	L	1	Harold L. Hewson	Alice M. Gotcha	Laborer	Finland
6-13	Doris M.	F	L	2	Charles W. Parkins	Martha Malcolm	Farmer	Cambridge, Boston, Mass
6-14	Louis Albert	M	L	3	Geo. E. Ayotte	Alice M. Roberts	Farmer	Nova Scotia
11-25	Gordon C	M	L	6	Arthur W. Nelson	Ada M. Hooper	Farmer	Nashua, N. H.

All White. All born in Goshen.

Mariages Registered in the Town of Goshen, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date, 1920	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom - Bride	Residence	Age	Occupation of Bride - Groom	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition
Mar. 4	Newport	John S. Smart	Goshen,	7	Carpenter	Goshen,	Samuel Smart Betsy Gee	Hopkinton, Lyme, Con	Mason	2
		Lillian A. Jones	Goshen, N. H.	57		Unity	Alfred A. Gilmar Harriet M. Booth	Unity, N. H. Unity, N. M	Farmer	2
Aug. 22	Goshen,	William C. Chadwick	Osterville	21	Laborer	Osterville	Allen Chadwick Mabel C. Kelley	Osterville, M Osterville, M	Carpenter	1
		Clara R. Thornton	Worcester	16		Grantham,	Harry Thornton Edith Kempton	Grantham, N. Grantham, N.	Laborer	1
Aug. 25	Goshen,	Joseph C. Lewis	Goshen	73	Farmer	Hopkinton	Warren Lewis Mary Chase	Woodstock, V Springfield,	Farmer	3
		Eva H. Kohl	Pomroy, O.	65		Noble Co.	George C. Sly			3
		Edward O. Corey	Goshen, N. H.	70	Mechanic	Bradford,	Julia A. Lovak Jos. R. Corey	Martha's Vn Plainfield, N.		3
Nov. 6	Newport,	Esther M. Wakefield	Newport, N. H.	69		Newport,	Mary A. Pierce Daniel W. Pike	Plainfield, N., Attleboro, M		1
		Elber W. Hurd	Goshen, N. H.	59	Farmer	Goshen,	Mary F. Reed	Attleboro, M	Farmer	2
		Cora B. Bolis	Newport, N. H.	38		Newport,	Ira Hurd Sophia Maxfield	Sunapee, N. Goshen, N.	Farmer	1
						Newport,	Lafayette Mason	Swanton, V	Laborer	2

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