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ANNUAL

TOWN

REPORT

FREEDOM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1923

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF

FREEDOM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Fiscal Year Ending January 31st

1924

The Webb-Smith Printing Co.
Cornish, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS, 1924.**Moderator**

EDWIN HUCKINS

Town Clerk

PERLEY K. TOWLE

Treasurer

ALMON R. BENNETT

SelectmenJOSEPH H. MITCHELL
EDWIN HUCKINS

C. M. TOWLE

Board of HealthDR. E. B. ANDREWS
J. H. MITCHELL

C. M. TOWLE

EDWIN L. HUCKINS

Tax Collector

WILLIAM A. BENNETT

Auditor

JOHN J. BRADBURY

Road Agents

FRED STUART

DARIUS HERRIMAN

Library TrusteeNELLIE ALLARD
BERTHA DREW

CHARLOTTE MILLIKEN

SupervisorsALDO A. LOVERING
FRED STUART

EUGENE HOPKINS

Fire Warden

JOHN E. PERKINS

TOWN WARRANT.

The State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in said Freedom, on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13) 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 of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for cutting bushes.
4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the use of hydrants.
5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lighting.
6. To see if the town will vote to buy a light road machine and appropriate money for the same.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the extermination of the white pine blister.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Old Home Week.
9. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a new moving picture booth to meet the requirements of the underwriters.
10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to apply on the town debt.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise money to repair the roof of the roller house.

12. To see if the town will vote to except State Aid for the construction of roads and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State roads.

14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for summer highways.

15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking winter roads.

16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for decorating soldiers' graves.

17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the public library in addition to the amount required by law.

18. To see what action the town will take about grading around the town hall.

19. To bring in your ballot upon the question as whether the amendment proposed by the convention to revise the constitution shall be approved.

Given under our hands and seal, twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

L. G. BURNHAM,
J. H. MITCHELL,
CHARLES M. LORD,

Selectmen of Freedom.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

TAXES ASSESSED FOR ALL PURPOSES.

State tax,	\$ 816.50
County tax,	1,195.69
Town charges,	800.00
Cutting bushes,	125.00
Use of hydrants,	300.00
Street lights,	360.00
Town debt,	2,000.00
State Aid construction,	672.00
State Aid maintenance,	1,200.00
Road Machine,	200.00
White pine blister,	400.00
Old home week,	50.00
Picture booth,	300.00
Roller house,	150.00
Special construction,	700.00
Summer highways,	1,200.00
Winter roads,	1,300.00
Soldiers' graves,	15.00
Public library,	50.00
Grading town hall	50.00

School Money

Superintendent extra salary,	90.00
High school tuition,	410.00
School officers' salary,	59.00
Medical inspection,	15.00
Beda Gray, tuition,	45.00
School money, by law,	2,435.61
To State, 2 per capita tax,	152.00
Per cent tax,	502.48
Overlay,	645.27
To State 2 per capita tax,	566.00
	<hr/> \$16,804.55

INVENTORY, APRIL 1, 1923.

283 polls @ \$5.00,	\$1,415.00	
9 polls @ \$3.00,	27.00	
		\$ 1,442.00
Land and buildings,	363,075.00	
142 Horses,	13,245.00	
1 Mule,	100.00	
2 Ponies,	175.00	
14 Oxen,	1,735.00	
231 Cows,	9,207.00	
45 Neat stock,	2,290.00	
41 Sheep,	236.00	
600 Fowl,	600.00	
11 Portable mills,	3,180.00	
2 Boats,	150.00	
Wood and lumber,	40,545.00	
Stock in trade,	7,025.00	
Aqueduct,	700.00	
		\$443,705.00

CONDENSED BUDGET.

According to Chapter 129, of laws of 1917, the Selectmen are required to make up a budget for the ensuing year, post and publish the same. A copy was posted with the Warrants as required, and one placed on file, a condensed copy, which appears below.

	1923	1924
Town officers' salaries,	\$ 312.00	\$ 400.00
Town officers' expenses,	118.00	200.00
Election and registration,	41.00	100.00
Care and supplies of town hall,	336.89	336.89
Fire protection,	350.70	300.00
Janitor service,	116.00	125.00
Police department,	5.00	5.00
Hedgehog bounties,	11.40	10.00
Health department,	24.00	30.00
Highway and bridges, summer,	1,383.21	1,400.00

State Aid maintenance,	2,441.10	1,200.00
Town maintenance,	1,537.65	1,200.00
Street lighting,	360.00	360.00
General expense of town,	595.55	400.00
Public library,	50.00	26.40
Town poor,	10.00	
Patriotic purposes,	15.00	15.00
Soldiers' aid,	564.00	560.00
On temporary loan, interest,	217.64	
On long term notes,	359.14	500.00
On State Aid construction,	1,242.22	700.00
Vital statistics,	11.30	11.30

EFFECT OF TAXES RATE.

Assessed valuation, 1923,	\$443,705.00
Estimated decrease in valuation,	25,000.00
Amount required by budget to be raised by property tax,	14,494.18

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY
TAX COMMISSION.

From property and poll taxes,	\$16,332.23
From the State:	
State Aid maintenance,	727.81
State Aid construction,	386.69
State Aid special construction,	1,228.09
Savings bank tax,	252.46
From local sources except taxes:	
Dog license,	8.00
Town hall,	393.00
Receipts other than current revenue, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes:	
Rochester Trust Co.,	7,550.00
Cash in hands of treasurer, Jan. 31, 1923,	2,570.25
Precinct tax,	502.48
W. C. Brooks, auto permit,	47.91

P. K. Towle, auto permit,	591.75
Rochester, overdrawn,	1.00
C. M. Towle, overdrawn,	4.00
J. H. Mitchell, overdrawn,	4.00
Bounties,	6.22
	<hr/> \$30,406.46

**CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE, GENERAL
GOVERNMENT.**

Detail

1 Town officers' salaries,	\$ 317.00
2 Town officers' expenses,	118.29
3 Election and registration,	41.00
4 Expense of town hall,	336.89
5 Fire protection,	350.70
6 State Aid maintenance,	2,006.08
7 Summer highway,	1,383.21
8 General expense of town,	595.55
9 Winter highway,	1,537.65
10 State Aid construction,	1,242.22
11 Street lights,	360.00
12 Town poor,	10.00
13 Public library,	50.00
14 Patriotic purposes,	15.00
15 Board health,	24.00
16 Vital statistics,	11.30
17 Cutting bushes,	112.16
18 Interest,	576.78
19 Bounties,	10.40
20 Notes, short term,	8,850.00
21 State tax,	816.50
22 County tax,	1,195.69
23 Precinct tax,	502.48
24 Abatements,	257.61
25 Schools,	3,268.61

26	Watering troughs,	27.00
27	Paid State 2 per capita tax,	564.00
28	Special road tax,	1,950.89
29	Repairing roller house,	163.65
30	White pine blister,	400.00
31	Prospect property tax, 1922-1923,	604.14
32	Old home week,	50.00
33	Road machine,	198.25
	Overdrawn orders,	8.00
		<hr/> \$27,955.05

Detail 1

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

J. H. Mitchell, selectman,	\$ 60.00
Charles M. Towle, selectman,	50.00
Edwin L. Huckins, selectman,	40.00
William A. Bennett, collector,	100.00
Perley K. Towle, town clerk,	35.00
Almon R. Bennett, treasurer,	25.00
John J. Bradbury, auditor,	2.00
Alonzo E. Durgin, constable,	5.00
	<hr/> \$317.00

Detail 2

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

Edison C. Eastman, tax book and paper,	\$ 8.37
L. G. Burnham, postage,	5.00
W. C. Brooks, auto permits,	.75
W. C. Brooks, postage,	2.80
E. C. Eastman, books,	9.49
E. L. Huckins, tax committee meeting,	7.42
C. M. Towle, tax committee meeting,	7.42
J. H. Mitchell, tax committee meeting,	7.42
C. M. Towle, looking over timber, postage, telephone,	11.30
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., paper,	1.30

Edwin Huckins, looking over timber,	6.00
J. H. Mitchell, looking over timber,	7.00
W. P. Farmer, assessors' fees,	4.00
Automobile service book,	3.50
P. K. Towle, auto permits,	16.25
P. K. Towle, dog licenses,	7.00
Stationery and postage,	3.78
A. E. Durgin, investigation,	2.00
A. R. Bennett, postage,	2.49
	\$113.29

Detail 3

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION.

Pioneer Publishing Co., ballots,	\$8.00
Eugene Hopkins, supervisor,	5.00
Aldo A. Lovering, supervisor,	5.00
Fred C. Stewart, supervisor,	5.00
E. L. Huckins, moderator,	5.00
Archie Brown, gatekeeper,	3.00
A. E. Durgin, gatekeeper,	3.00
Wesley Milliken, ballot clerk,	3.00
Arthur Bennett, ballot clerk,	3.00
Eugene M. Drake, ballot clerk,	3.00
Almon R. Bennett, ballot clerk,	3.00
	\$46.00

Detail 4

TOWN HALL EXPENSES.

Freeman Fox, sawing and housing wood,	\$ 2.50
A. M. Hayes, sawing and housing wood,	3.22
C. M. Towle, wood,	78.25
Town hall lights,	81.53
George Fox, janitor,	68.78
A. M. Hayes,	47.50
Internal revenue,	25.00
R. L. Grendle, supplies,	1.57

F. R. Otis, supplies,	1.54	
E. L. Mills, insurance,	20.00	
A. A. Lövering, water tax,	4.00	
Arthur Mitchell, clearing vault,	3.00	
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		\$336.89
Wood on hand,	\$48.00	

RECEIPTS OF HALL RENT.

From George Fox,	\$224.50	
From A. M. Hayes,	168.50	
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		\$393.00

Detail 5

FIRE PROTECTION.

Use of hydrants,	\$300.00	
Merrimac Chemical Co.,	8.80	
F. R. Otis,	3.20	
Harrie Hill, expense on acid,	2.85	
John E. Perkins, forest fire,	25.85	
Badger fire extinguisher,	10.00	
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		\$350.70

Detail 6

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

North East Metal Culvert Co.,	\$108.68
F. R. Otis, nails,	2.16
J. H. Mitchell, labor,	800.80
Wilbur Harmon, labor	294.08
Elmont Gilman, labor,	13.15
Joseph Tyler, labor,	91.77
Vern Conner, labor,	38.48
H. L. Weeks, labor,	76.73
George F. Huckins, lumber,	21.39
Harrie Hill, cartage,	4.60
Harry Pearl, labor,	136.99
A. E. Durgin, labor,	13.00

M. J. Milliken, labor and gravel,	9.90
Harrison Judkins, labor,	3.00
Fred Weed, labor,	62.50
Guy Libby, labor,	6.00
Fred Weed Jr., labor,	21.50
Freeman Fox, labor,	11.49
Simeon Edwards,	5.66
Leon Beck,	5.66
L. G. Burnham,	13.00
Andrew Doherty,	6.00
Clarence Godfrey,	23.33
Archie Brown,	20.32
Elmer Harmon,	13.00
Floyd Chase, labor,	45.66
C. M. Towle,	24.00
George Philbrick,	15.20
Melvin Watson,	12.00
S. O. Huckins, cement,	16.00
S. D. Baker, blacksmith,	23.23
F. C. Tyler, marl,	13.95
Harry Cutting, marl,	5.64
George H. Jones, lumber,	15.51
George N. Towle, gravel,	3.70
Mrs. F. P. Towle, gravel,	2.40
L. J. Allard,	3.70
J. I. Drew,	2.90
E. L. Hopkins, split stone,	2.00
E. L. Mitchell, split stone,	2.00
Bert Judkins, use of lumber,	1.50
Charles Clark, posts,	7.50
Arthur Bennett, labor,	6.00
	—————\$2,006.08

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

State contribution,	\$1,200.00
State unexpended, 1922,	.50

Town contribution,	1,200.00	
Town unexpended, 1922,	.50	
		<u>\$2,401.00</u>
Expended by State,	\$ 435.02	
Expended by Town,	1,897.40	
Expended by Town, for culverts,	108.68	
		<u>\$2,441.10</u>
Overdrawn, by orders,		\$40.10

Detail 7

TOWN HIGHWAY

F. L. Stewart, Agent.

H. L. Weeks,	\$12.00
Fred Steward,	40.50
Randall Stanley,	3.00
George Davis,	21.00
Edwin Meserve,	16.50
L. H. Brooks,	19.50
Curtis Libby,	24.00
F. W. Brooks,	29.34
Burley Rounds,	12.00
R. M. Brooks,	18.00
Harrison Judkins,	3.00
Andrew Doherty,	3.00
John Godfrey,	6.00
Fred Godfrey,	12.00
W. A. Bennett,	6.00
A. R. Bennett,	6.00
Archie Brown,	9.00
Henry Sanborn,	3.00
Harold Mitchell,	2.70
Sidney Baker,	4.50
F. W. Brooks,	6.00
F. C. Stewart,	60.13
Stewart Bros.,	18.00
George Davis,	26.00

Burley Rounds,	20.00
H. L. Weeks,	7.33
Curtis Libby,	18.00
George Philbrick,	18.00
L. M. Brooks,	17.00
Edwin Meserve,	17.33
Randall Stanley,	6.00
Guy Rounds,	3.00
Archie Brown,	5.35
Wesley Wentworth,	19.88
Stewart Bros.,	9.00
Floyd Chase,	6.00
Albion Pease,	4.50
Andrew Doherty,	3.00
Henry Sanborn,	3.00
John Giles,	7.00
C. M. Towle, gravel,	1.60
George Davis,	18.83
Fred Stewart,	28.50
Clarence Godfrey,	12.84
Minnie Towle,	11.10
Stewart Bros.,	1.67
A. E. Durgin, gravel,	4.00
	\$604.50

D. L. Harriman, Agent.

William Pascoe,	\$ 44.00
Gardner Nason,	18.00
Guy Libby,	30.66
Joseph Mills,	30.00
D. L. Harriman,	112.46
George Philbrick, cartage,	1.40
Guy Libby,	19.50
Melvin Watson,	15.00
Frank Frost,	9.00
L. G. Burnham,	84.50
D. L. Harriman,	97.50

Fred Weed,	3.00	
Edwin Huckins,	18.00	
George Demeritt,	16.75	
Jesse Drew,	3.00	
F. K. Drew,	6.00	
Eugene Hopkins,	9.00	
Guy Libby,	9.00	
E. L. Huckins,	9.00	
Floyd Chase,	3.50	
North East Metal Co.,	84.60	
Joseph Burk,	5.00	
George Demeritt,	12.00	
Jesse Drew,	1.50	
A. P. Merrow, plank,	1.92	
		\$644.29

BRIDGES

C. M. Towle, Cram's bridge,	\$34.00	
F. W. Brooks, lumber, Danford bridge,	15.84	
Asel Lovering, Falls bridge,	9.00	
Forest Leavitt, lumber, Falls bridge,	75.58	
		\$134.42

Detail 8

GENERAL EXPENSE

Frank W. Brooks, lumber,	\$ 6.26
Webb-Smith Printing Co.,	96.67
Freeman Fox, work on fountain,	12.50
Robert Grant, work on fountain,	18.00
Almont Gilman, work on fountain,	3.50
C. M. Towle, work on fountain,	15.00
Henry Sanborn, work on fountain,	4.00
Sidney Baker,	9.75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.,	172.00
S. O. Huckins, cement, sign boards,	11.90

R. L. Grindle, supplies,	2.85
R. L. Grindle, supplies,	3.10
E. L. Mills, schoolhouse insurance,	26.25
Smart & Smart, legal advice,	5.00
Frank Davis, tramp to Ossipee,	3.00
C. M. Towle, dead man in Squire,	38.25
C. M. Towle, tax commisssion meeting,	25.58
C. M. Towle, tiling for fountain,	17.00
C. M. Towle, setting sign post and putting up signs,	16.00
Clarence Wyman, work on signs,	11.00
W. A. Bennett, tax commission meeting,	22.49
J. H. Mitchell, postage,	2.50
Sidney Baker, blacksmith,	5.40
S. O. Huckins, cement,	12.50
Raymond Conner, painting sign,	3.25

PERAMBULATION TOWN LINE

J. H. Mitchell,	15.00
C. M. Towle,	15.00
C. M. Towle, use of auto,	7.00
E. L. Huckins,	14.00
E. L. Huckins, telephone,	.80
	\$595.55

Detail 9

WINTER ROAD.

R. M. Brooks,	\$165.00
W. H. Pascoe,	187.20
C. M. Towle,	83.75
J. H. Mitchell,	70.00
R. M. Brooks,	75.00
Curtis Libby,	105.00
F. W. Brooks,	255.00
Mark Huckins,	150.00
L. G. Burnham,	130.00
W. H. Pascoe,	24.00

L. H. Brooks,	1.00
F. W. Brooks,	17.50
Eugene Hopkins,	.90
Guy Libby,	1.38
William Watson,	88.11
Stewart Bros.,	3.83
Burley Rounds,	.70
W. H. Pascoe,	17.00
Frank Drew,	5.00
	<hr/> \$1,380.37

WINTER ROAD OF 1923-1924.

F. W. Brooks,	\$80.00
B. F. Allard,	59.72
Curtis Libby,	17.56
	<hr/> \$157.28

Detail 10

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Elmer Harmon,	\$153.88
Mark Huckins,	131.92
C. M. Towle,	172.77
C. M. Towle, man, and money paid out,	86.43
Edwin Huckins,	61.83
Fred Weed,	61.66
Guy Libby,	61.66
Joseph Mills,	64.98
Joseph Tyler,	28.66
Amos Mills,	72.33
John Thompson,	54.00
Richard Weed,	58.66
Archie Brown,	52.83
Jesse Drew,	24.00
Jesse Drew, gravel,	21.80
Frank Tyler, marl,	14.10
Vern Conner, marl,	15.20

S. O. Huckins, dynamite, cement, fuse caps,	62.09	
C. M. Towle, cartage,	6.00	
Floyd Chase,	37.42	
		<u>\$1,242.22</u>
State appropriation, 1922,	\$117.57	
State appropriation, 1923,	403.20	
Town appropriation, 1923,	672.00	
Town appropriation, balance, 1922,	195.94	
		<u>\$1,388.71</u>
Expended by State,	\$516.83	
Expended by Town,	855.53	
		<u>\$1,242.22</u>
		<u> </u>
Unexpended,		\$16.35
Balance due from State,	\$ 3.94	
Balance in Town,	12.41	
		<u> </u>
Balance,		\$16.35

Detail 11

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriated by town,	\$360.00	
Orders drawn on same,		\$360.00

Detail 12

TOWN POOR.

W. A. Bennett, for W. B. Shaw,	\$10.00
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Detail 13

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mrs. Nellie Bennett,	\$50.00
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Detail 14

J. W. Chamberlin, G. A. R.,	\$15.00
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Detail 15

BOARD OF HEALTH.

E. B. Andrews, health meeting,	\$24.00
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Detail 16

VITAL STATISTICS.

J. M. Leavitt, recording births and deaths,	\$1.00
E. B. Andrews, recording births and deaths,	3.00
W. C. Brooks, recording births and deaths,	2.25
P. K. Towle, recording births and deaths,	5.05
	<u> </u>
	\$11.30

Detail 17

CUTTING BUSHES.

Joseph Mills,	\$ 6.00
Guy Libby,	6.00
Frank Frost,	6.00
George Demeritt,	6.00
Eugene Hopkins,	6.00
Randall Stanley,	13.50
L. H. Brooks,	8.00
Stewart Bros.,	18.33
L. G. Burnham,	13.50
John Giles,	13.50
Jesse Drew,	6.00
Clarence Godfrey,	9.33
	<u> </u>
	\$112.16

Detail 18

INTEREST.

Rochester Trust Co.,	\$217.64
L. G. Burnham,	41.66

W. A. Bennett,	20.00	
George A. Demeritt,	77.50	
Mrs. J. L. Sargent,	7.00	
John Giles,	25.00	
Arthur A. Bennett,	60.00	
Fred L. Godfrey,	42.98	
Lilla Bennett,	35.00	
Mary Towle,	50.00	
		\$576.78

Detail 19

HEDGEHOG BOUNTIES.

E. L. Huckins,	\$1.20	
C. M. Towle,	5.80	
J. H. Mitchell,	3.40	
		\$10.40

Detail 20

NOTES, SHORT TERM.

Rochester Trust Co.,	\$8,000.00	
L. G. Burnham,	500.00	
Fred L. Godfrey,	350.00	
		\$8,850.00

Detail 21

COUNTY TAX.

County tax,		\$1,195.69
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Detail 22

STATE TAX.

State tax,	\$816.50	
2.00 per capita tax, 282 polls,	564.00	

Detail 23

PRECINCT TAX

A. A. Lovering, treas.,	\$502.48	
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Detail 24

ABATEMENTS.

F. W. Brooks, lumber, paid in Ossipee,	\$120.96	
Melvin Watson, war veteran,	30.74	
Ernest Stanley,	6.85	
Clara Stanley,	5.00	
Horace Nason, claims res. in Mass. and paid,	5.00	
Clara Mason, claims res. in Mass. and paid,	5.00	
George I. Philbrick, over 70,	5.00	
William Watson, over 70,	5.00	
F. C. Tyler,	5.00	
Kate Milliken, over 70,	5.00	
Alvina Dorkin,	5.00	
George Judkins,	5.00	
Otis Glidden, paid in Malden,	5.00	
Herbert Pray, paid in Ossipee,	5.00	
Bert Welch, left town,	5.00	
Winfield Douglass, left town,	5.00	
		\$223.55
F. C. Tyler, 1922 tax,	\$ 5.00	
Melvin Watson, 1922 prop. tax,	29.06	
		\$34.06

Detail 25

SCHOOL.

School treasurer,	\$3,268.61
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Detail 26

PUBLIC WATER.

Joseph Burke,	\$3.00
L. H. Brooks,	1.50
Edwin Meserve,	1.50
M. J. Milliken,	2.00
A. L. Mills,	2.50

M. B. Godfrey,	2.50
Guy Libby,	2.50
William Watson,	2.50
Frank McKinley,	1.50
L. J. Allard,	2.50
Ernest Sargent,	2.50
A. B. Pease,	2.50
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	\$27.00

Detail 27

White Pine Blister,	\$400.00
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Detail 28

SPECIAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

George A. Demeritt, gravel,	\$ 52.50
George A. Demeritt, labor,	81.67
E. L. Hopkins,	104.17
Ernest Stanley,	106.17
George Philbrick,	383.38
Fred Bradley,	210.00
Hiram Philbrick,	154.45
Robert Grant,	98.67
Wesley Wentworth,	72.92
Arthur Bennett,	32.50
Harry Bragdon,	89.67
S. O. Huckins,	34.84
Melvin Watson,	186.23
Vern Conner,	85.17
Vern Conner, marl,	31.80
Jesse Nason,	133.33
Leon Beck,	29.67
John Thompson,	30.00
John Stokes, marl,	12.00
Jesse Drew, gravel,	4.00
F. C. Tyler, marl,	14.85
S. D. Baker, blacksmith work,	2.90
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	\$1,950.89

TOWN OF FREEDOM

23

State appropriation,	\$1,400.00	
Town appropriation,	700.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,100.00
Orders given by town,	\$1,950.89	
State,	171.91	
	<u> </u>	\$2,122.80
Overdraft,		\$22.80

Detail 29

ROLLER HOUSE.

Amount raised by town,		\$150.00
Guy Weymouth, express on roofing,	\$ 7.50	
Emery Waterhouse,	121.06	
Emery Waterhouse,	4.54	
Eugene M. Drake, nails,	2.50	
C. M. Towle, labor and express,	28.05	
	<u> </u>	\$163.65
Overdraft,		\$13.65

Detail 30

PROPERTY BOUGHT FOR TAXES.

Forest Product Co., 1922 tax,	\$302.92	
Forest Product Co., 1923 tax,	301.22	
	<u> </u>	\$604.84

Detail 31

OLD HOME WEEK.

Old Home Week,		\$50.00
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Detail 32

ROAD MACHINE.

Town raised,		\$200.00
North East Metal Co.,		198.25
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Detail 33

Money raised for picture booth,	\$300.00
The same is in the treasurer's hands,	300.00
Money raised to grade around town hall,	50.00
This amount is in the treasurer's hands,	50.00

FINANCIAL STANDING.

LIABILITIES.

Mary H. Towle, note,	\$1,800.00
George A. Demeritt,	1,550.00
Mary Sargent,	175.00
Arthur Bennett,	1,200.00
Fred L. Godfrey,	500.00
W. A. Bennett,	400.00
Lilla Bennett,	700.00
John Giles,	500.00
Ada Clement,	350.00
A. R. Bennett,	600.00
Sarah Davis,	500.00
Etta Young,	500.00
Phil Bennett,	500.00
Jennie Taylor,	1,000.00
Dog tax due school district,	81.00
	—————\$10,356.00

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2,934.50
Due from W. A. Bennett, collector,	280.86
Due from State hedgehog bounties,	10.40
Due from State one-half gravel pit,	200.00
One-half gravel pit owned by town,	200.00
Forest product land,	604.14
Due from State forest fire,	25.85
	—————\$4,255.75

Town indebtedness,	\$6,100.25
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Town indebtedness, Jan. 31, 1923,	\$8,013.62
Town indebtedness, Jan. 31, 1924,	6,100.25
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Reduction of debt for 1923,	\$1,913.37
Interest also paid,	576.78
Paid winter roads of 1923-1924,	157.28
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Total reduction of debt in year ending Jan. 31, 1924,	\$2,647.43

JOSEPH H. MITCHELL,
CHARLES M. TOWLE,
EDWIN L. HUCKINS,
Selectmen of Freedom.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS, 1923.

Rec'd as credit from A. T. Durgin,	\$3,054.79
William C. Brooks, auto permits,	47.91
Perley K. Towle, auto permits,	591.75
Perley K. Towle, dog license,	88.00
Rochester Trust Co., notes,	3,500.00
Jennie B. Taylor, note,	1,000.00
Mary H. Towle, note,	800.00
Phil A. Bennett, note,	500.00
Etta M. Young, note,	500.00
Sarah Davis, note,	500.00
Ada B. Clement, note,	150.00
A. R. Bennett, note,	600.00
Rochester Trust Co., overdrawn check,	1.00
Town hall rent,	393.00
State Aid maintenance,	727.81
State Aid construction,	386.69
State Aid special construction,	1,228.09
State savings bank tax,	252.46
Overdrawn amount State Aid const.,	4.00
Overdrawn amount Perambulating Line,	4.00

Hedgehog bounties,	6.20	
Taxes for 1923,	16,553.85	
		\$30,889.55
Paid orders,		27,955.05
		\$2,934.50
Balance,		

A. R. BENNETT, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have this day, February 5, 1924, examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, and find them properly cast and vouchers for the same.

JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

LIBRARY REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January 31, 1924,	\$36.72	
Received from town,	50.00	
Received from fines,	3.98	
		\$90.70

EXPENDITURES.

To Rose Foss, services as librarian, from Jan. 1, 1923, to Nov. 10, 1923,	\$22.00	
To Lois Eaton, services as librarian from Nov. 10, 1923, to Jan. 31, 1924,	6.00	
Postage,	.04	
New books,	35.00	
Cash in treasury,	27.66	
		\$90.70

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE ALLARD BENNETT,
CHARLOTTE M. MILLIKEN,
BERTHA H. DREW,
JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Freedom, N. H., for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1924.

Nancy Skillings fund,	\$100.00	
Unexpended balance, 1923,	5.00	
Interest on fund,	2.13	
		\$107.13

Paid Beedy Philbrick, labor on lot,	\$ 2.00	
Trust fund,	100.00	
Unexpended balance,	5.13	
		\$107.13

Nancy Burns fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on fund,	8.50	
		\$208.50

Paid Beedy Philbrick, cutting grass,	\$ 1.50	
W. A. Bennett, labor on fence,	2.00	
Beedy Philbrick, labor,	4.00	
W. A. Bennett, labor,	1.00	
Trust Fund,	200.00	
		\$208.50

Eliza J. Alley fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on fund,	4.00	
		\$104.00

Paid Beedy Philbrick grading and seeding lot,	\$ 4.00	
Trust fund,	100.00	
		\$104.00

Bradbury and Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on fund,	8.00	
Balance unexpended, 1923,	5.00	
		\$213.00

Paid Beedy Philbrick, cutting grass, and labor on cemetery,	\$ 4.00	
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Paid R. L. Grindall, paint,	1.00	
Paid W. A. Bennett, painting fence and labor with team,	8.00	
Trust fund,	200.00	
		\$213.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BENNETT,
Treasurer of Trustees.

WESLEY R. MILLIKEN,
WILLIAM A. BENNETT,
JOHN FOSS,
Trustees of Trust Funds for the
Town of Freedom, N. H.

JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

To the Selectmen of Freedom, N. H.:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed at the June session, 1877, I hereby submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1924:

AUTOMOBILE PERMITS, 1923.

Charles M. Towle,	\$24.23	W. A. Bennett & Son,	21.13
Phil A. Bennett,	18.14	Bert Welch,	2.20
Ralph L. Grindle,	14.62	Guy F. Weymouth,	54.00
Mildred P. Goss,	33.07	Amos L. Mills,	6.77
Manson B. Godfrey,	6.63	Bertha Nason,	2.75
Edward C. Pervear,	12.81	Verne P. Ramsdell,	23.88
Frank K. Drew,	2.63	George Eastman,	3.85
Ozro F. Parsons,	10.66	Ruth M. Meserve,	8.47
Curtis E. Libby,	6.63	Fred C. Stuart,	15.22
Frank W. Brooks,	2.75	George F. Huckins,	14.88
Frank W. Brooks,	10.12	William Bennett,	2.45
John W. Stokes,	5.10	Victor O. Hayes,	2.48
Lewis G. Burnham,	28.68	T. Joseph Burke,	9.43
Frank H. Davis,	3.57	Raymond F. Williams,	2.20

Charles M. Towle,	9.12	Bert Welch,	3.75
Jesse D. Hurd,	2.75	Fred C. Bradbury,	13.63
John C. Libby,	6.68	George I. Philbrick,	3.85
Jesse D. Drew,	3.98	Maude Lincoln,	23.88
Joseph Tyler,	3.00	Harry S. Ross,	2.98
Eugene M. Drake,	14.62	Ethel Weymouth,	11.76
Alonzo E. Durgin,	1.80	Everett C. Lord,	1.75
George R. Weed,	2.63	Beedy Philbrick,	2.45
Stanley Towle,	23.34	Frederick H. Adams,	2.20
Harvey D. Stuart,	2.20	Frank O. Bradbury,	16.32
Harvey J. Lord,	8.08	Fred C. Bradbury,	6.48
Edgar L. Mills,	6.96	Daniel A. Brooks,	23.40
Arthur P. Merrow,	15.05	Mark P. Huckins,	4.56
Elwin L. Hopkins,	6.63	Warren Judkins,	.60
Winslow H. and Ar-		Frank Watson,	.92
chie Brown,	2.63	Clarence Godfrey,	1.23
John P. Godfrey,	1.80	Nora O. Otis,	2.17
Ernest A. Leavitt,	2.48	Guy Weymouth,	4.00
Harry W. Pearl,	5.15	Jan. 23, 1924.	
Dr. E. B. Andrews,	11.56	Elwin C. Thurston,	8.42
Arthur A. Bennett,	15.22	Mark P. Huckins,	10.88
		Total,	\$639.66

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES, 1923.

Feb. 1, 1923, in Brownfield, Maine, by Charles Hill, notary public, Ernest F. Sargent and Hattie M. Day. Ernest F. Sargent: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 24 years; color white; occupation, farmer; birthplace, Brownfield, Maine; first marriage; father, Frank L. Sargent; mother, Ida S. Robinson. Hattie M. Day: Residence, Brownfield, Maine; age, 15; color, white; occupation, home; birthplace, Brownfield, Maine; first marriage; father, Nehemiah Day; mother, Nellie H. Drown.

Feb. 28, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by William C. Brooks, Justice of the Peace, John Henry Thompson and Flora M. Ray. John Henry Thompson: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 48; color, white; occupation, farmer; birthplace, Porter, Maine; first marriage; father, Alonzo Thompson; mother, Hannah R. Boston. Flora M. Ray: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 33; color, white; occupation, housekeeper; birthplace, Effingham, N. H.; second marriage; widowed; father, John M. Chase; mother, Harriet Stokes.

July 4, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by John E. Perkins, Justice of the Peace, Wallace Wilson Robinson and Mabel A. Murray. Wallace Wilson Robinson: Residence, Portland, Maine; age, 49; color, white; occupation, physician and surgeon; birthplace, Portland, Me.; second marriage; father, Edward B. Robinson; mother, Julia Barber. Mabel A. Murray: Residence, Portland, Me.; age 39; color, white; occupation, teacher; birthplace, Portland, Me.; 1st marriage; father, William Murray; mother, Hannah Leahy.

July 13, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by Nelson M. Heikes,

clergyman, Abisha Thomes and Sarah S. Wilbur. Abisha Thomes: Residence, Cornish, Me.; age, 54; color, white; occupation, general laborer; birthplace, Baldwin, Me.; second marriage; father, John Thomes; mother, Eunice Thomes. Sarah S. Wilbur: Residence, Cornish, Me.; age, 44; color, white; occupation, housekeeper; birthplace, Mount Vernon; fourth marriage; father, George E. W. Albee; mother, Augustus Pearl.

September 30, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., John E. Perkins, Justice of the Peace; William Pidgeon and Gladys B. Perry: William Pidgeon: Residence, Canada; age, 30; color, white; occupation, mechanic; birthplace, Canada; first marriage; mother, Margaret Caron. Gladys B. Perry: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 21; color, white; occupation, housekeeper; birthplace, Deerfield, N. H.; second marriage; father, Herbert Fogg; mother, Lizzie Witham.

November 3, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by Nelson M. Heikes, clergyman, Sydney D. Baker and Eva W. Cole. Sydney D. Baker: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 22; color, white; occupation, blacksmith; birthplace, Manchester, Mass.; first marriage; father, John Baker; mother, Hattie Francilla. Eva W. Cole: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 20; color, white; occupation, housework; birthplace, Freedom, N. H.; first marriage; father, Edson Cole; mother, Winnifred P. Smith.

October 31, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by Nelson M. Heikes, clergyman, Arthur A. Bennett and Nellie M. Allard. Arthur A. Bennett: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 37; color, white; occupation, undertaker and embalmer; birthplace, Freedom, N. H.; first marriage; father, William A. Bennett; mother, Lizzie Godfrey. Nellie M. Allard: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 37; color, white; occupation, clerk; birthplace, Eaton, N. H.; first marriage; father, Lewis C. Allard; mother, Ella L. Ferren.

November 26, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., by Nelson M.

Heikes, clergyman, Wilfred Velleux and Annie Munroe. Wilfred Velleux: Residence, Ossipee, N. H.; age, 27; color, white; occupation, lumberman; first marriage; father, Tom Velleux; mother, Addie Courchaine. Annie Munroe: Residence, Ossipee, N. H.; age, 19; color, white; occupation, home; birthplace, Effingham, N. H.; first marriage; father, Norman Munroe; mother, Annie Helpard.

December 31, 1923, in Wolfboro, N. H., by Rev. Frank L. Long, clergyman, Jefferson C. Lovering and Christine Jones. Jefferson C. Lovering: Residence, Freedom, N. H.; age, 29; color, white; occupation, lumberman; birthplace, Freedom, N. H.; first marriage; father Charles O. Lovering; mother, Julia Judkins. Christine Jones: Residence, Wolfboro, N. H.; age, 30; color, white; occupation, laundress; birthplace, Eaton, N. H.; first marriage; father, Charles G. Jones; mother, Effie E. Dennett.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy, according to my best knowledge and belief.

PERLEY K. TOWLE, Town Clerk.

JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

BIRTHS, 1923.

April 26, 1923, to Clarence Wyman and Ella Judkins, a daughter; occupation father, farmer.

April 27, 1923, to Harvey Stuart and Laura M. Smith, a son; occupation father, teacher.

May 23, 1923, to William J. Perkins and Ethel May Nason, a daughter; occupation father, chauffeur.

May 7, 1923, to Arthur L. Meserve and Ruth M. Huckins, a daughter; occupation father, chauffeur.

August 8, 1923, to Nelson Peters and Nellie A. Thurston, a daughter; occupation father, caretaker.

October 30, 1923, to Curtis Libby and Bertha Sargent, a son; occupation father, farmer.

September 10, 1923, to Walter C. Nutter and Abby W. Walker, a daughter; occupation father, mechanic.

November 13, 1923, to Perley K. Towle and Josephine S. Tarbox, a daughter; occupation father, teacher.

January 17, 1924, to Henry Littlefield and Ada Lord, a son; occupation father, lumbering.

January 18, 1924, to Edward C. Knox and Alice E. Smith, a son; occupation father, laborer.

January 30, 1924, to Elmer Weed and Amy Allard, a daughter; occupation father, lumberman.

February 1, 1923, to Jesse B. Nason and Bertha M. Beck, a daughter; occupation father, teamster.

March 2, 1923, to Ralph M. Brooks and Hattie Stuart, a son; occupation father, farmer.

March 7, 1923, to Frank W McKinley and Velona Brooks, a son; occupation father, farmer.

DEATHS, 1923.

February 23, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., Albert Edwin Brooks, age 3 mos. 14 days.

March 1, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., Maurice McBride, age 64 yrs.

March 6, 1923, in Effingham, N. H., Pearl Watson, age 3 mos. 10 days.

March 23, 1923, in Parsonsfield, Me., Sarah Stackpole, age 79 yrs. 10 mos. 13 days.

January 28, 1923, in Eaton, N. H., Abbie Mary Towle, age 56 yrs. 1 mo. 21 days.

May 8, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., Charles E. Meloon, age 73 yrs. 3 mos.

May 9, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., John Haines, age 56 yrs. 2 mos. 27 days.

July 22, 1923, in Farmington, N. H., Libby, 0 yrs. 0 mos. 0 days.

July 23, 1923, in Boston, Mass., Harmon, 0 yrs. 0 mos. 0 days.

August 1, 1923, in Freedom, N. H., Elias I. Towle, age 78 yrs. 3 mos. 16 days.

October 1, 1923, in Madison, N. H., Vera Hayes, age 9 yrs. 7 mos.

October 10, 1923, in Conway, N. H., Adelaide Parsons, age 71 yrs. 10 mos. 24 days.

January 4, 1924, in Somerville, Mass., Mary Smith Ferren, placed in tomb, age 84 yrs. 2 mos. 14 days.

January 9, 1924, in Freedom, N. H., Eugene B. Hopkins, age 70 yrs. 8 mos. 9 days.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy, according to my best knowledge and belief.

PERLEY K. TOWLE, Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I have examined this day the foregoing account of the Town Clerk and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM.

School Board.

Alice E. Weeks, term expires 1924.

Arthur A. Bennett, term expires 1925.

Abby W. Nutter, term expires 1926.

Superintendent of Schools.

HAROLD C. WINGATE

Medical Examiner

E. B. ANDREWS, M. D.

The school board herewith submits to the citizens of the school district of Freedom the following report:

The report gives the financial standing of the district for the preceding school year, July 1, 1922, to June 30, 1923, also a report of receipts and disbursements for the present school year from June 30, 1923, to February 11, 1924.

We believe our schools are doing better work each year under the supervision of our able Superintendent, Mr. Harold C. Wingate, and we appreciate the interest he is taking to help bring our Village Elementary schools up to the standard.

We were fortunate to be able to retain our teachers for the present school year and the good work they are doing proves their efficiency, and the school board appreciates the work done by superintendent and teachers, also the kindness of citizens and parents who have aided in making our schools a success.

The report includes the report of our superintendent, also of the Medical Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE E. WEEKS.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FREEDOM
SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1922, and Ending
June 30, 1923.

RECEIPTS.

From State: Equalization (State Aid),	\$ 385.63
From Selectmen, raised by taxation,	\$2,435.61
For High School tuition,	410.00
For Salaries of district officers,	59.00
For Payment of per capita tax,	152.00
For High School tuition (Special),	45.00
For Medical Inspection,	15.00
For Superintendent excess salary,	90.00
	\$3,206.61
Total amount received from taxation,	
From sources other than taxation,	
1922	
Oct. 8. Note A. T. Durgin,	125.00
1923	
June School money advanced by se-	
lectmen to complete school year,	800.00
	\$925.00
	\$4,517.24
Total receipts from all sources,	
Total cash on hand at beginning of year,	
July 1, 1922,	49.34
	\$4,566.58
Grand total,	

PAYMENTS.

Salaries of district officers,	\$ 59.00
Superintendent's excess salary,	90.00
School census,	5.00
Expenses of administration,	18.32
Teachers' salaries,	1,440.00
Tutoring Huston pupils,	39.00

Text-books,	25.74
Scholars' supplies,	32.84
Expenses of instruction,	14.00
Janitor service,	135.00
Fuel,	9.00
Water and janitor supplies,	5.85
Minor repairs and expenses,	35.40
Transportation of pupils,	1,471.50
High school and academy tuition,	409.95
High school tuition (previous year),	60.00
Elementary school tuition,	142.00
Other special activities and tuition,	150.00
Payment of principal of debt,	125.00
Payment of interest on debt,	18.00
Tax for State-wide supervision,	152.00
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$4,437.60
Total cash on hand June 30, 1923,	128.98
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Grand total,	\$4,566.58

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

ALICE E. WEEKS,
Chairman School Board.

H. C. WINGATE, Superintendent.
JOHN J. BRADBURY, Auditor.

LIABILITIES.

Freedom Precinct (water),	\$ 4.00
Medical inspection,	15.00
Janitor service, order 301,	15.00

Notes Outstanding.

Almont T. Durgin,	175.00
Almont T. Durgin,	125.00
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	\$334.00

ASSETS.

Balance June 30, 1923,	\$128.98	
Excess of liabilities over assets,	205.02	
		<u>\$334.00</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL
ACCOUNTS.

From July 1, 1923, to February 11, 1924.

RECEIPTS.

1923.

July 1. Balance from last year,	\$ 128.98
Oct. 3. From town,	300.00
Oct. 31. From town,	300.00
Nov. 24. From town,	800.00
Dev. 19. From town,	500.00

1924.

Jan. 7. From State (Equalization),	1,207.39
Jan. 16. From town, dog tax,	62.00
Jan. 16. From town,	506.61

Total receipts,	<u>\$3,804.98</u>
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PAYMENTS.

Superintendent's salary:

Harold C. Wingate,	\$1,445.45
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Teachers:

Anna W. Heikes, 20 weeks,	440.00
Phil A. Bennett, 20 weeks,	440.00

School District Officers:

Alice E. Weeks, member of school board,	20.00
Arthur A. Bennett, member of school board,	15.00
Abby W. Nutter, member of school board,	10.00
Almon Bennett, treasurer,	10.00

J. J. Bradbury, auditor,	2.00
Albert Phinney, clerk,	2.00
Mrs. Wilbur Harmon, janitor services, 20 weeks,	79.00
Transportation of Pupils:	
John J. Bradbury, 20 weeks,	220.00
J. Harold Mitchell, 20 weeks,	188.60
T. Joseph Burke, 20 weeks,	200.00
Clarence D. Godfrey, 17 weeks,	212.50
L. G. Burnham, 18 weeks,	36.00
Guy F. Libby, 3 days Hóustons,	6.00
State per capita tax,	144.00
School census,	5.00
Text-books,	46.17
Scholars' supplies (Bills),	63.63
Flag and appurtenances,	7.13
Expenses of instruction (Bills),	6.39
Freedom Precinct,	4.00
Minor repairs and expenses (Bills),	28.61
Medical inspection, 1923-1924,	30.00
Almon Bennett, unpaid order 301,	15.00
High school and academy tuition:	
Madison High School,	93.32
Pupils	
Madeline Giles,	
Beatrice Giles,	
Dorothy Huckins,	
Grace Godfrey,	
Parsonsfield Seminary,	30.00
Pupils	
Reta Bradbury,	
Hazel Hazel Weeks,	
Fuel:	
Stuart Bros., 3 cords dry wood,	36.00
Guy F. Libby, 2 cords dry wood,	24.00
D. L. Harriman, 1 cord kindling,	6.00
Chas. M. Towle, 2 cords dry wood,	24.00

For sawing, H. Mitchell,	4.73
For kindling and piling wood, janitor,	6.00
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Total expenditures,	\$2,599.53
Feb. 11. Balance on hand,	\$1,205.45

All bills rendered, are paid to date.

ALICE E. WEEKS,
Chairman School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board of Freedom:

It is seldom that a year passes in Freedom without some epidemic making a serious inroad upon school attendance. This year has been no exception to the rule; on the contrary the whooping-cough epidemic that occurred during the fall term of 1923 was widespread, and by the nature of the disease the isolation of the children was for a long period. In addition to the whooping cough there were scattered cases of measles, and at the beginning of the present term the enforcement of the vaccination law has produced intermittent attendance for a period.

It is generally unwise to close schools when the so-called children's diseases visit a community. The State Board of Health advises strongly against it. Under any conditions these diseases rarely subside for a period of weeks, and experience has shown that keeping the schools closed does not materially lessen the prevalence of the sickness.

Nevertheless by the poor attendance, our teachers have been placed under a tremendous handicap in their efforts. The results for the year cannot possibly reach as high standards as we had hoped to attain. It also means that parents have an added responsibility to see that their children attend school regularly—every session that the child's physical condition permits it—from now on.

No graduation took place at Freedom last year. In June of the present year there will doubtless be a moderately large group to receive diplomas, as the eighth grade enrolls twelve pupils. A number of these pupils plan to attend high school, which will mean a substantial increase in the number of pupils enrolled in high schools from this district next year. A list of the present high school enrollment is appended to this report. When we consider the special effort that the Freedom boys and girls must make to get this education, much credit is due them, and also the parents for their interest in the matter.

Occasionally one hears it said, usually among the older generation, that the schools of today are not as efficient in the fundamental studies as those of years ago. Your superintendent has had the opportunity, in connection with a certain State requirement, to test out the truth of this assertion with respect to Freedom eighth grade pupils. The studies used were arithmetic and spelling. In 1846 examinations were given in these subjects at Springfield, Mass., to test out ninth-grade pupils of the average age of fifteen years and six months. These tests were again given to ninth-grade pupils at Springfield in 1905. The scores in arithmetic averaged $29\frac{1}{2}\%$ in 1846 and $65\frac{1}{2}\%$ in 1905; in spelling the scores were $40\frac{1}{2}\%$ in 1846 and 51% in 1905.

In November of the present school year these two tests were given to the Freedom eighth-grade pupils of an average age of fourteen years. The arithmetic test was the same in every particular as the old Springfield examination. The spelling test was somewhat revised to meet the needs of modern vocabularies, but the words used were of the same degree of difficulty as those used at Springfield. The scores of the Freedom pupils in both examinations averaged over 80%, rating much higher than those secured by ninth-grade pupils at Springfield, Mass., either in 1846 or 1905. The results of these tests will serve to assure you that when the

program of studies for our elementary schools has been enlarged and enriched, it has not been done at the expense of the fundamentals.

During the present year a slight addition to the school equipment has been made, by the purchase of a teacher's desk chair for the lower room and six folding chairs for the general use of both rooms. In a previous report I have suggested the need of a set of wall maps for the use of the higher grades, and I wish to re-iterate the suggestion. Mr. Bennett has tried to supply this want by make-shift arrangements. The need still exists, however, and money used for this purpose would be wisely expended.

It is very gratifying to know that Freedom has once more been granted her full apportionment of State Aid money for school expenditures. Last year and the year previous the total amount received was respectively \$385.63 and \$505.12. This year the school treasurer has received a State check for \$1,207.39.

In closing, let me thank the members of the Freedom Woman's Club for their generous contribution of hot cocoa to the lunches of the children who must remain at the schoolhouse during the noon period. I also appreciate the hearty co-operation of the teachers in this matter. This hot, nourishing drink makes a very material difference in the quality of the work of the children in the afternoon session.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. WINGATE, Supt.

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1922-1923.

School	Grades	Teacher	No. of weeks	Post Secondary Education	State Approval
Village	I-III	Jennie B. Harwood	16		License
Village	I-III	Anna W. Heikes	20	Farmington Normal*	License
Village	IV-VII	Phil A. Bennett	20	Tuft's College (1 Semester); Keene Summer School, 1920; Plymouth Summer School, 1923	License

* Graduate.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS, 1922-1923.

School	Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance
Village	I-III	27	25	87½
Village	IV-VII	35	33	91½
		62	58	89½

MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES, 1922-1923.

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	6	11	10	9	11	0	13	0

Roll of Honor, 1922-1923.

ONE TERM

Doris Drake	Archie Judkins
Edna Evans	Barbara Lincoln
Frances Furbush	Chester Lord
Muriel Furbush	Albert Lovering
Ona Gindle	Lahlia Lovering
Annie Judkins	Gladys Nason
	Roy Philbrick

TWO TERMS

Nelson Lovering	Eva Sanborn
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THREE TERMS

Lois Eaton	Helen Lord
	Clifford Milliken

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1923-1924.

Reta Bradbury, Parsonsfield Seminary.
 Beatrice Giles, Madison High School.
 Madeline Giles, Madison High School.
 Grace Godfrey, Madison High School.
 Beda Gray, Lyndon Academy.
 Jennie Harriman, Brewster Academy.
 Dorothy Huckins, Madison High School.
 Avis Mills, Brewster Academy.
 Hazel Weeks, Parsonsfield Seminary.

Health Supervision, District Summary, 1922-1923.

Examiner—Dr. E. B. Andrews.

Number of pupils examined, 54.

	No. of cases found	No. of cases reported to parent	No. of cases in which treatment was received
Malnutrition	7	2	
Defective Vision	8	5	2
Defective Hearing	2		
Defective Teeth	30	3	5
Hypertrophied Tonsils	19	19	3
Unvaccinated	24		

TRANSPORTATION, 1923-1924.

Route	Name of Conveyor	Where conveyed	No. of pupils	Length of route in miles	Cost per week
Swett Hill	Clarence Godfrey	Village	5	4	12.50
Young's Hill	Mrs. Mitchell	Village	5	3½	9.43
Cushing's Corner	John J. Bradbury	Village	7	4½	11.
Ossipee Lake	J. T. Burke	Village	3	3	10.
	L. G. Burnham	W.Ossipee	1		2.

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