



# ANNUAL REPORT

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#### DIRECTORY

Selectmen

RICHARD F. CHANDLER PERLEY R. HEAD JOHN L. CHANDLER

Treasurer
WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER

Town Clerk
HARRY M. CHANDLER

Tax Collector
MADISON O. CHARLES

Moderator MADISON O. CHARLES

Highway Surveyor PRESTON CHANDLER

Supervisors of Check List
WILLIS C. BRYANT CHARLES S. CHANDLER
HARRY BEMIS

Constable
PRESTON CHANDLER

Auditor
HARRY M. CHANDLER

#### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chatham, County of Carroll, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at said Chatham on Tuesday, the ninth 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 appropriations of the same.
- 3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges and breaking snow for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State aid as provided for in Section 4, Chapter 35, Laws 1895.
- 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five dollars for State aid construction.
- 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five dollars for State aid maintenance.
- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to shingle the Town House.
- 8. To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

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

R. F. CHANDLER, P. R. HEAD, J. L. CHANDLER,

Selectmen of Chatham.

A true copy of Warrant.
Attest:—

R. F. CHANDLER, P. R. HEAD, J. L. CHANDLER,

Selectmen of Chatham.

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#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Real estate, resident,	\$ 30,295.00	
Real estate, non-resident,	156,460.00	
Horses, 91,	11,080.00	
Oxen, 8,	1,050.00	
Cows, 184,	10,405.00	
Neat stock, 31,	2,000.00	
Sheep, 8,	100.00	
Hogs, 5,	105.00	
Fowls, 90,	125.00	
Automobiles and vehicles, 21,	7,150.00	
Portable mills, 1,	2,000.00	
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade,	29,300.00	
Money on hand or at interest,	120.00	
Mills and machinery,	150.00	
	\$	\$250,340.00
Tax rate, \$1.60 per \$100.		
Resident assessment less polls,	\$1,502.08	
Non-resident assessment,	2,503.36	
Poll, 78,	234.00	
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APPROPRIATIO	NS.	

State tax,	φ 000.00
County tax,	419.34
Expenses of town, including highway	y and
bridges,	1,500.00
Schools appropriations,	1,296.62
Overlay,	143.48
	\$4,239,44

#### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

\$35.00
18.00
20.80
19.50
20.00
33.92
32.00
6.00
6.00
16.21
3.00

Drs. G. H. and J. Z. Shedd, returning 1 birth, George H. Guptill, care of Town House, Seth Hanscom, watering trough, 1918-1919,	.25 3.00 6.00
ABATEMENT OF TAXES 1919.	
Noves A. Fife, poll tax,	\$3.00
Seth Thomas, poll tax,	3.00
Arthur Pickering, poll tax,	3.00
Vance Meader, poll tax,	3.00
Willis C. Bryant, on bull,	1.20
ORDERS DRAWN FOR STATE ROAD CONSTR	UCTION
Richard F. Chandler,	\$ 84.75
Willie A. Stone,	105.00
Seth Webb,	169.22
E. S. Lang,	62.81
George H. Anderson,	148.56
Dana A. Weeks,	122.50
Preston Chandler,	84.00
Lorenzo B. Sanborn,	50.75
Ira Rarsha,	19.25 19.25
Albert Wiley, Leon T. Hill,	87.12
Clarence Heath,	43.75
Clifton Hill,	43.75
Perley R. Head,	66.31
Calvin T. Stiles,	17.50
Alvin Head,	34.81
Ralph Hill,	26.06
Fred Garland,	7.00
Frank Pickering,	23.39
STATE AID MAINTENANCE ORDERS.	
Preston Chandler, road agent,	\$694.99
TOWN MAINTENANCE ORDERS.	
Preston Chandler,	\$704.24
SCHOOL ORDERS DRAWN TO John L. Chandler, school treasurer,	\$1,564.58
John D. Chandrer, School treasurer,	41,001.00

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD F. CHANDLER,
PERLEY R. HEAD,
JOHN L. CHANDLER,
Selectmen of Chatham.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF CHA	тнам.
Cash in hands of Treasurer, \$478.70  Due from State, bounty on wild animals, 68.60  Joint highway accounts, unexpended bal-	
ances in State Treasury, 91.98 Taxes not collected, levy of 1919, 282.92	
Grand total,	\$922.20
Liabilities.	
Accounts owed by the Town, \$465.97	
Orders outstanding, 25.00	
State and Town joint highway accounts:  (a) Unexpended balances in State Treasury, 91.98  (b) Unexpended balances in Town Treasury, 73.59	
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Total liabilities, Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus),	\$656.54 265.66
Excess of assets over habilities (surplus),	\$00.00
Grand total,	\$922.20
Receipts.	
From local taxes: Amount committed to Collector, 1919, \$4,239.44 Less discounts and abatements, 1919, 4,226.24 Less uncollected, 1919, 3,943.32 Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected, \$3,943.32 Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected, 860.43	
Total of above collections,	84,803.75
From State for highways:	
For State aid maintenance, \$274.01	*
For State aid construction, 613.12	
Savings bank tax, 6.88	
State aid for education, 62.00	
Bounties, 67.40	
Dog licenses, 31.80	
Income from trust funds, 13.83	
Permit for registration of motor vehicles, 66.50	
Check National forest reserve, 24.67	
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Grand total, \$6,444.89

\$5,963.96 479.93

Total receipts from all sources, Cash on hand at beginning of year, Feb. 1, 1919,

\$6,443.89

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Town officers' salaries,	\$126.93	2
Expenses town hall and other town building	s, 3.00	)
Bounties,	68.60	)
State aid maintenance,	694.99	9
Town maintenance,	704.24	<del>1</del>
Printing town reports, books and blanks,	19.2	1
Highways and bridges—State aid con-		
struction,	1,106.73	3
Total outlay payments,		\$1,106.73
Payments to trustees, trust funds,	\$502.58	
Total indebtedness payments,		- \$503.58
Payments to other Governmental Divisio	ns:	·
Taxes paid to State,	\$ 880.0	0
Taxes paid to County,	419.3	4
Payments to School Districts,	1,439.5	8
Total payments to other Govern	100	_
mental Divisions,		\$2,738.92
Total payments for all purposes,		\$5,965.19
Cash on hand at end of year, Jan. 31, 1920,		478.70

#### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Grand total,

Town Hall, lands and buildings,	\$1,600.00
Furniture and equipment,	100.00
Road machine,	150.00
Three snow rollers,	300.00
Total,	\$2,150.00

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,
PERLEY R. HEAD,
JOHN L. CHANDLER,
Selectmen of Chatham.

#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I hereby submit the following report of licensing of dogs for the year beginning May 1, 1919, and ending May 1, 1920: Tax on 4 dogs uncollected in 1918, collected

since settlement, \$8.00
Whole number of dogs, 12
Male dogs, full time, 10, 20.00
Female dogs, full time, 2 (one spayed), 7.00

---- \$35.00

I have paid the same to Wellington P. Chandler, Town Treasurer, less my fee for licensing,

3.20

\$31.80

#### HARRY M. CHANDLER, Town Clerk.

I hereby submit the following report of permits issued for registration of automobiles to date for year 1920:
Whole number of permits issued,

Amount received for 5 permits, \$66.50

I have paid the same to Wellington P. Chandler, Town

Treasurer.

HARRY M. CHANDLER,

HARRY M. CHANDLER, Town Clerk

#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Marriages registered in Chatham for the year ending January 31, 1920.

May 19, 1919, in Chatham, by Harry M. Chandler, Elmer R. Eastman of Chatham and Grace L. Keef of Chatham.

January 11, 1920, in North Conway, N. H., by M. W. Russell, Merton A. Charles of Chatham and Mabel R. Rogers of Chatham.

Births registered in Chatham for the year ending January 31, 1920.

April 19, 1919, Archie Dana and Louise E. Weeks, a daughter.

August 23, 1919, to Willis C. and Ethel B. Bryant, a daughter.

September 7, 1919, to Frederick G. and Ruby Garland, a son, Clyde Frederick.

September 26, 1919, to Elmer R. and Grace L. Eastman, a son.

October 20, 1919, to Roger M. and Bernice M. Emerson, a daughter, Pauline.

Deaths registered in Chatham for the year ending January 31, 1920.

February 26, 1919, John Roy, aged 65 years.

June 4, 1919, Edson H. Guptill, aged 69 yrs. 8 mos. 15 days.

July 22, 1919, Albert F. Eastman, aged 70 yrs. 11 mos. 7 days.

August 18, 1919, Hannah Emerson, aged 98 yrs. 7 mos. 11 days.

January 13, 1920, Benjamin Johnson, aged 84 yrs. 10 mos. 20 days.

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

HARRY M. CHANDLER, Clerk.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Assessment for 1919,	\$4,239.44
Cash in treasury,	479.93
Due from Collector for 1918,	701.89
Balance of dog tax for 1918,	7.20
Dog tax for 1919,	24.60
Bounties on wild animals,	67.40
Highway dept. State aid maintenance,	274.01
Highway dept. State aid appropriation,	613.12
Savings Bank tax,	6.88
Proportion of school fund,	62.00
From National Forest Reserve,	24.67
Automobile tax,	66.50
Geo. B. James, tax for 1918,	158.54
Interest on deposits (U. S. Trust Co.),	13.83
2	\$6,740.01
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Paid by order of Selectmen,	\$4,679.05
Paid State Treasurer,	880.00

Paid by order of Selectmen,	\$4,679.05
Paid State Treasurer,	880.00
Paid County Treasurer,	419.34
Due from Collector for 1919,	282.92
Cash in treasury,	478.70
	\$6,740.01

Respectfully submitted,
WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,
Treasurer.

Feb. 5, 1920.

### MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1919.

Preston Chandler, man, 114 hours at .38 8-9, Preston Chandler, horses, 21 hours, .33\frac{1}{3},	\$44.33 7.00	Ø51 99
Richard F. Chandler, man, 41 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Richard F. Chandler, horses, 41 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}	\$13.67 13.67	\$51.33
George Guptill, man, $57\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , George Guptill, horses, $64\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ ,	\$19.17 21.50	.27.34
Albert Willey, man, 30 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Albert Willey, horses, 22\frac{1}{2} hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$10.00 7.50	40.67
Dana A. Weeks, man, 23 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Dana A. Weeks, horses, 23 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	7.67 7.67	17.50
George Anderson, man, 23 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, George Anderson, horses, 28 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	7.67 9.33	15.34
Leon T. Hill, man, 25 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Leon T. Hill, horses, 28 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	8.33 9.33	17.00
Perley R. Head, man, 14 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Perley R. Head, horses, 14 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	4.67 4.67	17.66
Wellington P. Chandler, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3} Wellington P. Chandler, horses, 9 hours at .35		9.34
Edwin H. Johnson, man, 28 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Forest M. Hill, man, 20 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},		9.33 6.67
M. O. Charles, man, 34 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Perley Brown, man, 64\frac{1}{2} hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Dean Charles, man, 36 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Will Abbott, man, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},		11.33 21.50 12.00 9.00
Lucian K. Smith, man, 18 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Ira Jewell, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Morrill P. Jewell, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, One road machine blade,		6.00 3.00 3.00 12.00
One road machine brade,		1.0.00

Edwin S. Lang, housing road machine,	2.00
Eber J. Johnson, blast drills,	9.75
Publishers' Paper Co., 300 8-ft. bridge plank,	90.24
Preston Chandler, man, 35 hours at 38 8-9,	13.61
Preston Chandler, horses, 19 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	6.33
Preston Chandler, 300 ft. bridge stringers,	3.00
Preston Chandler, 136 ft. bridge plank,	4.08
Lucian K. Stiles, man, 22 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	7.33
Olin R. Hanscom, man, 16 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	5.33
Will Abbott, man, 7 hours at .331/3,	2.33
Herbert Andrews, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	3.00
Aborn Head for removing trees,	2.00
Publishers' Paper Co., 1,000 ft. bridge plank,	35.00

#### ROLLER BREAKING ROADS AFTER JAN. 31, 1919.

Preston Chandler, two trips with four horses and	
housing rollers,	\$22.00
Orlin R. Hanscome, two trips on roller,	12.00
Charles S. Chandler, two trips on roller,	12.00
W. A. Stone, two trips on roller,	12.00
Dana A. Weeks, two trips and housing roller,	13.50
Arthur Andrews, two trips with four horses and extra	
man,	24.00

#### ROLLER BREAKING ROADS IN 1920 TO JAN. 31.

Preston Chandler, three trips with four horses,	\$30.00
Orlin R. Hanscom, two trips on roller,	12.00
W. A. Stone, two trips with two horses,	12.00
Richard F. Chandler, one trip with two horses,	6.00
Wellington P. Chandler, one trip with two horses,	6.00
Perley R. Head, two trips with four horses,	20.00
Dana A. Weeks, two trips with two horses,	12.00
Total,	\$704.24

PRESTON CHANDLER, Road Agent.

#### MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD FOR 1919.

Preston Chandler, man, 189 hours at .38 8-9, Preston Chandler, horses, 138 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$73.50 45.99	
George Anderson, man, 40 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, George Anderson, horses, 44 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$13.33 14.66	\$119.49
Perley R. Head, man, 22 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Perley R. Head, horses, 22 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$7.33 7.33	14.66
Leon T. Hill, man, 22 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , Leon T. Hill, horses, $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ ,	\$7.33 5.88	13.21
Morrill P. Jewell, man, 84 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Morrill P. Jewell, horses, 66 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$28.00 22.00	50.00
Olin R. Hanscom, man, 36 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Olin R. Hanscom, horses, 28 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$12.00 9.33	21.33
George Guptill, man, 57 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , George Guptill, horses, 57 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ ,	\$19.00 19.00	38.00
Richard F. Chandler, man, 75 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Richard F. Chandler, horses, 75 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$25.00 25.00	50.00
Albert Wiley, man, 8 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Albert Wiley, horses, 8 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$2.67 2.67	5.34
Willis C. Bryant, man, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Willis C. Bryant, horses, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	\$9.00 9.00	18.00
Lucian K. Stiles, man, 75 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Harry Bemis, man, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Forest M. Hill, man, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Edwin H. Johnson, man, 22 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Harold Eastman, man, 5 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Perley Brown, man, 124 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, William Abbott, man, 30 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Madson O. Charles, man, 44 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, Dean Charles, man, 36 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},		24,99 9.00 9.00 7.33 1.67 41.32 10.00 14.67 12.00

Walter P. McKeen, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	3.00
Ira Jewell, man, 26 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ ,	8.66
Lonvill Emerson, man, 27 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	9.00
Merrill J. Smith, man, 7 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	2.33
Robert K. Eastman, 115 posts at .05 per post,	5.75
Publishers' Paper Co., 1,500 ft. spruce plank, 2x6, at	
\$30.00 per M,	45.00
One road machine blade,	12.00
Preston Chandler, man, 53 hours at .38 8-9, \$20.61	
Preston Chandler, horses, 33 hours at .33\frac{1}{3}, \qquad 10.99	
Preston Chandler, 5 gallons paint, \$2.55 per gal., 12.75	
Preston Chandler, 1 gallon oil, 1.00	
Preston Chandler, 30 lbs. spikes at .07 per lb., 2.10	
	17.45
Lucian K. Stiles, man, 43 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	14.33
Ira Jewell, man, 7 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	2.33
Olin R. Hanscom, man, 9 hours at .33\frac{1}{3},	3.00
Edwin H. Johnson, man, $13\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ ,	4.50
Robert K. Eastman, man, 45 hours at .333,	15.00
Morrill P. Jewell, man, 21 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , 6.99	
Morrill P. Jewell, horses, 21 hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , 6.99	
	13.98
George Anderson, man, $35\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , \$11.83	
George Anderson, horses, $26\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $.33\frac{1}{3}$ , 8.83	
	20.66
Total,	\$694.99

PRESTON CHANDLER, Road Agent.

#### SCHOOL REPORT.

#### Expenditures Spring Term, 1919.

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District No. 1. Sadie Flint, teaching and conveying scholars nine weeks,	\$126.00
District No. 3.	
Alice Charles, teaching nine weeks,	90.00
District No. 4.	
Lucretia Chandler, teaching nine weeks,	90.00
District No. 5.	
Mildred Merrill, teaching nine weeks,	90.00
Books and supplies,	42.00
Long distance telephone,	2.40
Janitor service,	9.50
E. E. Hastings, Academy tuition, winter	
1918, spring 1919,	30.00

### Total spring term,

\$479.96

#### FALL TERM.

Sadie Flint, teaching and conveying scholars	
16 weeks, Green Hill,	\$256.00
Alice Charles, teaching and conveying	
scholars 16 weeks, Chatham Center,	272.00
Lucretia Chandler, teaching fifteen weeks	
North Chatham,	225.00
Harvey Chandler, conveying scholars, North	
Chatham school,	130.00
Books and supplies,	71.00
E. E. Hastings, Academy tuition, three	
students,	45.00
John W. Plummer, State Treasurer, State-	
wide supervision,	114.00
Superintendent S. M. Felch, cash paid serv-	
ices July and August,	22.97
Superintendent S. M. Felch, cash paid, extra	
salary,	25.00
Pearl Bemis, services on School Board,	15.00
Morrill Jewell, services on School Board,	8.00
John Chandler, services as Treasurer,	6.00
John Chandler, postage,	1.00

Pearl Bemis, enumeration cards, enumera-	
tion of children,	6.00
Pearl Bemis, telephone, North Conway,	1.00
Pearl Bemis, postage, freight, supplies,	3.10
FUEL.	
Arthur Andrews, 3 cords wood,	30.00
Morrill Jewell, 4 cords wood,	40.00
Louville Emerson, 3 cords wood,	30.00
M. O. Charles, 3 cords wood,	30.00
Wellington Chandler, wood,	4.00
Theodore Stiles, hauling wood,	3.00
Theodore Street, naturing wood,	9.00
REPAIRS.	
Hutchins & Webb, windows, frames and	
supplies,	\$20.15
JANITORS.	
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Lucretia Chandler, services, North Chatham,	\$3.00
Louise Head, services, Green Hill,	3.00
Edson Keef, services, Chatham Center,	3.00
Mrs. Beaudoin, cleaning Green Hill school-	
house,	3.00
Addie Guptill, cleaning Chatham Center	
schoolhouse,	3.00
Robert Eastman, cleaning North Chatham	
schoolhouse,	3.50
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Total fall term,	\$1,311.50

#### FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS, 1919.

Town raised,	\$1,375.00
Received from State,	70.88
Dog tax,	18.00
Tuition from Conway,	60.00
Balance from last year,	87.92

Total,

\$1,611.80

#### EXPENDITURES FOR 1919.

Teachers' wages,	\$1,017.00
Conveyances,	262.00
Books, supplies, telephone, postage,	121.34
Janitor services, cleaning schoolhouses,	28.00
Enumeration of children,	6.00

Academy tuition,	75.00
Mr. Felch, services as superintendent, part pay,	47.97
State-wide supervision,	114.00
Pearl Bemis, services School Board,	15.00
Morrill Jewell, services School Board,	8.00
John Chandler, services as Treasurer,	6.00
Repairs,	20.15
Fuel,	137.00

Total,

\$1,796.46

## Honor List of Pupils not absent for the Fall Term of sixteen weeks

Kenneth Small Florence Bryant Evelyn Hall Dorris Harvey Anne Charles Walton Charles Albert Charles Evangeline Dyer

Special mention to be made of Kenneth Small, age 9 years 11 months, who has not missed a day of school.

PEARL BEMIS,
MORRILL P. JEWELL,
School Board, Chatham.

#### REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Citizens of Chatham School District:—

In accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the Educational Act of 1919, we present the following budget of the necessary expenses for the support of schools for the year:

1st—A tax of \$5.00 on a thousand dollars of the valuation of the town, approximately \$1,250.00.

2nd—For the payment of High School tuitions, \$135.00.

3d—For the payment of the superintendent, \$2.00 per capita \$100.00.

4th—For the payment of District Officers, \$45.00.

5th—For necessary repairs on school houses, \$800.00.

Respectfully,

PEARL BEMIS,
MORRILL P. JEWELL,
School Board of Chatham.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board and Citizens of Chatham:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit my first report of the condition of the schools of Chatham.

As a State officer it was my duty to inspect and report the condition of your schoolhouses. I have reported to the School Board that considerable repairs and remodeling will be necessary in order to pass the minimum requirements of the State. The house at North Chatham, and the one at Green Hill will need the most altering. The Center house, with small outlay, will pass the requirements.

We found it impossible to get a teacher for all of the schools, and decided to close the house at District No. 5, and convey the pupils, and this has worked well. It is not my policy to close schools, when it is possible to continue, that are up to the State requirement, as each district has a pride and affection for its school, and this is a feeling to be commended and fostered.

The three schools now in operation are doing good work, and you are fortunate to have qualified teachers living in your community who are willing to remain, and at a salary less than they could command in other places.

Thanking you all for your kind help in the work I have undertaken in your midst, I am

Yours respectfully,

L. M. FELCH.



