

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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OF

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

We hereby submit a report of our financial transactions as selectmen during the past year and our vouchers therefor, together with a statement of the condition of the town.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1919

Lands and buildings,	\$279,800 00
Horses, 67,	8,285 00
Oxen, 2,	325 00
Cows, 72,	4,865 00
Neat stock, 11,	575 00
Sheep, 68,	668 00
Fowls, 152,	171 00
Vehicles, 15,	4,650 00
Portable mills, 3,	1,200 00
Boats and launches, 7,	100 00
Money at interest,	1,643 00
Stock in trade,	20,650 00
Mills and machinery,	3,000 00
Wood and lumber,	285 00
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	\$326,214 00

Amount exempted to soldiers,	\$3,000 00
Average rate per cent of taxation, \$2.25.	
Polls, 65, tax \$195.00.	
Amount of taxes committed to the collector, including poll taxes,	\$7,540 08

AMOUNT RAISED APRIL 1, 1919

State tax,	\$1,342 00
County tax,	753 93
Town charges,	400 00
Highways and bridges,	1,600 00
Forest road,	37 50
Bridge at Long pond,	300 00
Library,	25 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Old Home Day,	50 00
Breaking roads,	200 00
State aid maintenance,	350 00
State aid construction,	487 50
Care of cemetery,	15 00

ABATEMENTS

Poll tax of John Anderson, 1918,	\$2 00
Poll tax of Charles Griffin, 1918,	2 00
Poll tax of Ville Hovoli, 1918,	2 00
Poll tax of Lewis Page, 1918,	2 00
Poll tax of John Salmi, 1918,	2 00
Poll tax of Otti Lampl, 1918,	2 00
Poll tax of F. Wualcla, 1918,	2 00
Philip Faulkner (trustee) on Chas. Robbins place, 1918,	3 56
Poll tax of Melvin Hale, 1919,	3 00
Poll tax of Frank Manner, 1919,	3 00
Poll tax of John Salmi, 1919,	3 00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE TOWN OF NELSON**

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1920

Certificate

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 our knowledge and belief.

Date February 14, 1920.

FRED M. MURDOUGH,
EVERETT E. SCOTT,
WILMER C. TOLMAN,
Selectmen of Nelson.

WILLARD T. HARDY,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer,	\$2,900 77
Accounts due the town:	
Due from state:	
(a) Joint highway accounts, unex- pended balances in state treas- ury, maintenance,	166 09
(b) State aid construction,	566 19
Taxes not collected,	469 53
Total assets,	\$4,102 58

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

State and highway joint accounts:

(a) Unexpended balances in state
treasury, \$732 28

(b) Unexpended balances in town
treasury, 1,036 57

Due Long Pond bridge account, 275 65

Total liabilities, \$2,044 50

Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus), 2,058 08

Grand total, \$4,102 58

 RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From local taxes:

Amount committed to col-
lector, 1919, \$7,540 08

Less discounts and abate-
ments, 1919, 24 00

Less uncollected, 1919, 469 53

1. Property and poll taxes,
current year, actually col-
lected, \$7,046 55

2. Uncollected taxes of previous years,	\$326 21
Less abatements of previous year's taxes,	17 56
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Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	308 65
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Total of above collections,	\$7,355 20
From state:	
3. For highways:	
(a) For state and maintenance,	232 01
6. Savings bank tax,	174 13
11. Bounties,	16 40
From local sources except taxes:	
14. Dog licenses,	42 40
18. Interest received on taxes,	9 58
20. Income from trust funds,	2 75
22. Income from departments,	1 10
24. Automobile tax,	24 67
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Total current revenue receipts,	\$7,858 24
Cash on hand at beginning of year, Feb. 1, 1919,	1,916 73
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Grand total,	\$9,774 97

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses:

General government:

1. Town officers' salaries,	\$225 00
2. Town officers' expenses,	103 00
3. Election and registration expenses,	10 50
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	7 10

 \$345 60

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps,	25 02
9. Bounties,	16 40

41 42

Highways and bridges:

14. State aid maintenance,	612 38
16. Town maintenance,	1,669 14

 2,281 52

Libraries:

19. Libraries,	52 40
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Patriotic purposes:

22. Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises,	15 00
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Recreation:

24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts,	50 00
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Public service enterprises:

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire,	15 00
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Unclassified:

28. Damages and legal expenses,		60 50
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
38. Highways and bridges—town construction,		24 35
43. New equipment,		250 08
Payments to other governmental divisions:		
50. Taxes paid to state,	\$1,342 00	
51. Taxes paid to county,	753 93	
53. Payments to school districts,	1,642 40	
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Total payments to other governmental divisions,		3,738 33
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Total payments for all purposes,		\$6,874 20

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$2,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	100 00
2. Libraries, furniture and equipment,	600 00
4. Fire department, equipment,	25 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings,	200 00
Equipment,	395 00
9. Hearse house,	150 00
10. Hearse and burial equipment,	350 00
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Total,	\$2,820 00

DETAIL STATEMENT

Payments for the Year Ending January 31, 1920

General government:

Detail 1. Salary of principal town officers:

Selectman, F. M. Murdough,	\$50 00
Selectman, E. E. Scott,	45 00
Selectman, W. C. Tolman,	35 00
Town clerk, H. F. Priest,	25 00
Treasurer, M. F. Hardy,	20 00
Tax collector, W. W. Dunn,	50 00
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	\$225 00

Detail 2. Expenses:

Meeting tax commission, F. M. Murdough,	\$3 00
Meeting tax commission, E. E. Scott,	3 00
Going to Keene, W. C. Tolman,	3 00
Postage, H. F. Priest,	3 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	52 80
Automobile fees, H. F. Priest,	1 75
Cash overpaid on taxes, 1918,	95
Town officers bonds,	16 50
H. F. Priest, rebate on poll tax,	2 00
W. W. Dunn, attending assessors meeting,	7 50
Clarence Guillow,	3 50
Reassessing one day, F. M. Murdough,	3 00
Reassessing one day, W. C. Tolman,	3 00
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	\$103 00

Detail 3. Election and registration expenses:

Supervisor, A. W. Wilder,	\$5 00
Supervisor, C. S. Flood,	2 00
Supervisor, A. F. Flood,	1 50
Ballot inspector, Frank Upton,	2 00
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	\$10 50

Detail 4. Care of town hall:

Arthur Flood,	\$1 00
Maurice D. Tolman,	3 85
Sawing wood, E. M. Towne,	2 25
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	\$7 10

Detail 5. Police department:

Constable, Albert W. Cram,	\$5 00
Care of tramp, E. E. Scott,	2 25
Quilt and blankets, E. E. Scott,	13 65
H. F. Priest,	4 12
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	\$25 02

Detail 6. State aid maintenance, W. L. Guillow, \$612 38

Detail 7. Bounties:

F. M. Murdough, 16 hedgehogs,	\$3 20
E. E. Scott, 13 hedgehogs,	2 60
W. C. Tolman, 56 hedgehogs,	10 60
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	\$16 40

Detail 8. General expenses of highways:

Homer F. Priest, road agent,	\$698 20
Clarence F. Bridge, road agent,	691 37

Will Harris, bridge plank,	162 06
Will Harris, plank and work on sluice,	3 78
Town of Sullivan, planking Line bridge,	2 85
E. E. Scott, guide post,	1 00
W. C. Tolman, use of snow roller,	5 00
Clarence Bridge, breaking roads,	54 91
H. F. Priest, breaking roads,	49 97
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	\$1,669 14

Detail 9. Education :

Insuring library,	4 40
Support of library, Ada B. Upton,	25 00
Librarian, D. H. Osgood,	13 00
Librarian, S. E. Mansfield,	10 00
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	\$52 40

Detail 10. Patriotic purposes :

F. M. Murdough,	\$15 00
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Detail 11. Parks and playgrounds,

M. F. Hardy,	\$50 00
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Detail 12. Public service enterprises :

Maurice Tolman, mowing cemetery,	\$15 00
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Detail 13. Outlay for new construction :

Road machine,	\$245 00
Freight on road machine,	5 08
W. C. Tolman, material for Long Pond bridge,	24 35
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	\$274 43

Detail 14. Taxes paid to state,	\$1,342 00
Detail 15. Taxes paid to county,	\$753 93
Detail 16. Payments to school districts:	
H. F. Priest, school treasurer,	\$1,600 00
H. F. Priest, dog license,	42 40
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	\$1,642 40
Detail 17. Damages and legal expenses:	
Richard J. Wolfe, lawyer's fee,	\$54 50
G. L. Fish, damage to automobile,	6 00
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	\$60 50

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED A. SCOTT,
Auditor.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR FEB. 1, 1920, TO JAN. 31, 1921
COMPARED WITH
ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PRE-
VIOUS YEAR FEB. 1, 1919, TO JAN. 31, 1920

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual revenue previous year 1919	Estimated revenue ensuing year 1920	Decrease
From state:			
Savings bank tax,	\$174 13		
For highways:			
(a) For state aid maintenance,	\$232 01	\$466 00	\$50 00
From local sources except taxes:			
All licenses and permits except dog licenses,	24 67		
Interest received on taxes and de- posits,	9 58		
Income of departments: highways, sewers, etc.,	1 10		
From poll taxes,	195 00		
Revenue which must be paid to other governmental divisions:	42 40		
Amount raised by property taxes,	\$7,345 08		

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual expenditures previous year 1919	Estimated expenditures ensuing year 1920	Increase	Decrease
Current maintenance expenses:				
General government:				
Town officers' salaries,	\$225 00	\$225 00		
Town officers' expenses,	103 00	103 00		
Election and registration expenses,	10 50	10 50	\$29 60	
Care and supplies for town hall,	7 10	40 00	2 90	
Protection of per- sons and property:				
Police department,	25 02	10 00		\$15 02
Highways and bridges:				
	1,669 14	1,500 00		169 14
State aid maintenance, state's contribution,	306 19	300 00		
State aid maintenance, town's contribution,	306 19	300 00		
Education:				
Libraries,	52 40	52 40		
Patriotic purposes:	15 00	15 00		
Recreation:				
Parks and playgrounds,	50 00	50 00		
Public service enterprises:				
Cemeteries,	15 00	15 00		

	Actual expenditures previous year 1919	Estimated expenditures ensuing year 1920	Increase	Decrease
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:				
Highways and bridges:				
	\$24 35	275 65	275 65	
Road machine,	.250 08			
State aid construction, town's contribution,		489 00		
State aid construction, state's contribution,		293 40		
Payments to other governmental divisions:				
State taxes,	1,342 00	1,342 00		
County taxes,	753 93	753 93		
Payments to school districts,	1,642 40	2,600 00	1,000 00	

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS
OF NELSON, N. H.**

For Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1920

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Nelson, N. H., January 31, 1920.

JAMES E. RUFFLE,
WILMER C. TOLMAN,
FRED M. MURDOUGH,

Trustees.

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

FRED A. SCOTT,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NELSON, N. H.

ON JANUARY 31, 1920

Date of Creation	Trust Funds	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on hand at end of year
1902	Melville Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	\$200.00	4%	\$16.93	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$21.93
1903	Bancroft Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	4%	28.49	4.00	1.25	31.24
1906	Whitney Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	50.00	4%	5.29	2.00	1.00	6.29
1908	Charles Atwood Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	50.00	4%	8.57	2.00	1.00	9.57
1909	Flora Bryant Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	50.00	4%	13.87	2.00	1.00	14.87
1910	Russell Kittredge Cemetery Trust Fund	Trust Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	4%	4.66	4.00	1.25	7.41

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS

MARCH

H. F. Priest,	\$1 75	
Theodore Priest and team,	7 50	
		\$9 25

APRIL

H. F. Priest,	\$22 25	
Theodore Priest and team,	64 50	
M. D. Tolman,	21 00	
Percy Flood,	18 00	
Clarence Bridge and team,	21 00	
Frank Bridge,	3 00	
J. Thylander, iron work on scraper,	3 75	
Spikes,	60	
		\$154 10

MAY

H. F. Priest,	\$25 00	
Theodore Priest and team,	49 00	
M. D. Tolman,	10 50	
Percy Flood,	6 00	
J. Thylander, sharpening drills,	1 05	

Clarence Bridge and team,	14 00
Dynamite caps and fuses,	3 25
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	1 98

\$110 78

JUNE

H. F. Priest,	\$18 75
Theodore Priest and team,	70 00
M. D. Tolman,	9 00
W. H. Stoddard,	4 50
Herbert Priest,	2 50
James Priest,	9 00
Clarence Bridge and team,	7 00
P. Flood,	12 00
F. Bridge,	3 00
28 loads gravel,	2 80

\$138 55

JULY

H. F. Priest,	\$3 50
Theodore Priest and team,	10 50
James Priest,	3 00

\$17 00

AUGUST

H. F. Priest,	\$10 50
James Priest,	12 00

Theodore Priest and team,	59 00	
John Priest,	18 00	
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		\$99 50

 SEPTEMBER

Theodore Priest and team,	\$7 00	
John Priest,	3 00	
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		\$10 00

 OCTOBER

Theodore Priest and team,	\$52 50	
John Priest,	18 00	
H. F. Priest,	7 00	
Plow standard,	3 00	
Dynamite fuses and caps,	3 10	
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		\$83 60

 NOVEMBER

H. F. Priest,	\$5 25	
Theodore Priest and team,	10 50	
M. Tolman,	4 50	
John Priest,	7 50	
C. S. Wilkins, labor and plank,	5 04	
Dynamite caps and fuses,	1 92	
Sharpening drills,	50	
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		\$35 21
Wilmer C. Tolman, bridge plank and stringers,		\$23 20

FOREST ROAD

Theodore Priest and team,	\$14 00	
James Priest,	3 00	
P. Flood,	3 00	
H. F. Priest,	1 75	
J. P. Wester, gravel,	50	
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		\$22 25
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Expended,		\$703 44
Received from selectmen,		698 20
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Balance,		\$5 24

BREAKING ROADS

FEBRUARY, 1919

Theodore Priest and team,	\$7 50	
Arthur and Harold Flood,	2 97	
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		\$10 47

JANUARY, 1920

Theodore Priest and team,	\$16 60	
L. H. Bassett,	3 20	
W. C. Tolman,	9 20	
Theodore Priest for C. Bridge,	10 50	
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		\$39 50
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		\$49 97

Received from selectmen, \$49 97

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Road Agent.

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

FRED A. SCOTT,
Auditor.

ROAD AGENT'S ACCOUNT

APRIL, 1919

C. F. Bridge and team, 7 days,	\$49 00
C. F. Bridge, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 50
F. W. Bridge, 6 days, 7 hours,	20 34
F. W. Bridge and one horse, 1 day, 6 hours,	8 33
H. F. Priest and team, 2 days,	14 00
George Robbins and team, 1 day,	7 00
Everett Wilder and team, 1 day,	7 00
P. A. Flood, 2 days,	6 00
W. H. Stoddard, 1 day,	3 00
	\$116 17

MAY

C. F. Bridge and team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$31 50
H. F. Priest and team, 1 day,	7 00
F. W. Bridge, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	16 50
M. D. Tolman, 1 day,	3 00
	\$58 00

JUNE

C. F. Bridge and team, 10½ days,	\$73 50
C. F. Bridge, 1 day,	3 00
F. W. Bridge and 1 horse, 1 day,	5 00
F. W. Bridge, 10½ days,	31 50
H. F. Priest and team, 4 days,	28 00
Frank Gibson and team, 2 days,	14 00
Frank Gibson, 2 days,	6 00
R. P. Gibson, 5 days,	15 00
Everett Scott, 2 days,	6 00
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	\$182 00

JULY

C. F. Bridge and team, 3 days,	\$21 00
C. F. Bridge and 1 horse, 1½ days,	7 50
F. W. Bridge and 1 horse, 7 hours,	3 89
F. W. Bridge, 4½ days,	13 50
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	\$45 89

AUGUST

C. F. Bridge and team, 10½ days,	\$73 50
C. F. Bridge and 1 horse, 2½ days,	12 50
F. W. Bridge, 11½ days,	34 50
F. M. Murdough, 2½ hours,	84
H. F. Priest, 6 loads gravel,	60
F. W. Bridge, 50 feet hemlock stringers,	5 00
C. F. Bridge, bush scythe,	2 00

W. H. Stoddard, 4½ hours,	1 71
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	\$130 65

SEPTEMBER

C. F. Bridge and team, 7½ days,	\$52 50
E. W. Wilder and team, 3 days,	21 00
F. W. Bridge, 8 days,	24 00
C. F. Bridge, 1½ days,	4 50
W. H. Stoddard, 7 hours,	2 66
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	\$104 66

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

C. F. Bridge and team, 5 days,	\$35 00
C. F. Bridge, 3 days,	9 00
F. W. Bridge, 3 days,	9 00
A. W. Cram and 1 horse, 2 hours,	1 00
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	\$54 00

Amount expended,	\$691 37
Amount received of selectmen,	\$691 37

CLARENCE F. BRIDGE,
Road Agent.

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

FRED A. SCOTT,
Auditor.

BREAKING ROADS

JANUARY, 1920

C. F. Bridge and team, 5 days, 5 hours,	\$38 89
E. M. Towne and team, 6 hours,	4 68
F. W. Bridge, 3 days,	9 00
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	\$52 57
Received of selectmen,	\$52 57

CLARENCE F. BRIDGE,
Road Agent.

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Auditor.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Twenty-three volumes have been purchased for the library the past year. One book was given by E. N. Hardy, Ph. D.; also one by Mrs. W. H. Elliot. Four hundred and twenty volumes have been issued from the Nelson library and three hundred and eighty-five from the Munsonville branch.

The books received from Miss Mary Tolman have not been placed in the library for use as yet.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Repair fund on hand Feb. 1, 1920,	\$6 75
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1919,	7 30
Received from town treasury,	25 00
Received from Mrs. Osgood, fines,	74
Received from Mrs. Mansfield, fines,	55
	\$33 59
Paid W. H. Spalter for books,	\$8 73
Paid G. H. Tilden & Co., for books,	13 08
	\$21 81
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920,	\$11 78

Respectfully submitted,

EVA H. WILDER,
 ADA B. UPTON,
 MABEL E. DUNN,
 Library Trustees.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Nelson:

I submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I will first make brief mention of the educational program in the state and the new law which went into effect September 1, 1919, and then call attention to some of the most important needs and problems that require your immediate attention and action.

In his address at the School Board Conference in Concord last October, Governor Bartlett said, among other things: "To equalize school opportunities, and then to raise that equalized level, has been the thought uppermost in my mind in recommending and stimulating a revision of the school laws. . . . The sunlight of education must shadow no dark spots. It must shine with equal cheer and clearness in the poor kitchens under the far-off hills as in the rich and affluent centers."

The purpose of the new law is to make such equalization effective. By this law an organization is provided which is to administer the school affairs of the state on ordinary business principles. State-wide supervision is made compulsory, and provision is made for standardizing the schools of the state. A standard school is defined as "one (1) maintained for at least thirty-six weeks in each year, (2) in a suitable and sanitary building, (3) equipped with approved furniture, books, maps and other necessary appliances, (4) taught by an ap-

proved teacher, (5) directed and supervised by an approved superintendent, (6) with suitable provision for the health and physical welfare of all pupils." The law also provides for state aid to towns in which a tax of \$5 on \$1,000 of valuation does not yield sufficient money for maintaining such standard schools.

Such powers are given the State Board and its officers as are necessary to secure a degree of uniformity in procedure and in standards that will insure equality of opportunity to all the children in the state, and the duties of the superintendent in directing and supervising the work of the schools are defined; but the management of all school business in the districts is vested in the local school boards, with power to select the superintendent, teachers and other employes of the district, and to determine their salaries.

Among the requirements for a standard school, noted above, the fourth is now the most difficult to meet throughout the state, because of the shortage of teachers. Reliable information shows us that some twenty-two per cent of the teachers of the country have quit teaching in the past year. While there are many causes for this condition, it is generally agreed that the chief reason is inadequate pay, and any measures that may be taken to recruit teachers, especially in the rural districts, will fail unless considerably increased wages are paid. I do not mean to imply that we should appropriate more money for teachers and then pay it to incompetent or poorly trained teachers, but we must be ready to pay the price when good teachers are to be secured. If the district in its March meeting will vote an amount of money sufficient to cover a substantial increase in salaries the school board will then be in a position to retain good teachers longer and to take advantage of the first opportunity to secure well trained and competent teachers when changes have to be made. You have been especially fortunate this year in having such an ef-

ficient, experienced teacher as Miss May, and also in securing such a promising young teacher as Miss Gillis, and I would especially urge that efforts be made to retain them as long as possible.

Next to the need for increased salaries for good teachers, the most important problem is that of making the school buildings "suitable and sanitary." In preparing the budgets to be submitted at the March meeting, we shall need to make a careful estimate of the cost of such alterations as may be necessary in addition to those already made to make the buildings conform to the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education. These alterations cannot be stated in full detail until the board issues the revised and final regulations, but we know that among the requirements will be the following:

1. Provision for windows on the pupils' left hand, or left and rear, only, and in area equal to at least one-fifth of the floor area of the school room; walls and ceilings painted or tinted a light color; and light colored curtains.

2. A jacketed heater with some provision for drawing fresh air from outside, and means of securing good ventilation without direct drafts on the pupils.

3. Floors put in good condition and oiled or treated in some other manner to keep down the dust.

4. New or remodeled outhouses, opening from the school-room, or at least from within the school building and not opening from outside, with properly ventilated, fly-proof vaults and covered seats.

5. Good furniture and equipment.

6. Better facilities for washing, with soap and sanitary towels.

The work that has been done at the two buildings will, when completed, meet the first requirement. The jacketed heaters will greatly improve the heating and ventilating in both houses and should be installed before another winter. The

outhouse at the Munsonville school will require comparatively little change except for the building of a vault; but at the Nelson school the new outhouse that has been planned should be built as soon as practicable in the spring. The furniture is fairly satisfactory in both buildings, though it does not admit of adjustment to the size of the pupils fully.

In conclusion let me say that while it is most important that good teachers should be retained, the early provision for the improvements and alterations that the regulations of the State Board call for should be made. They are only such as will secure better accommodations and surroundings for the children, safeguarding their health and making it possible for the teachers to do still better work. The great purpose of education is the moulding of character and training for citizenship, and any provision that will materially aid in these aims should not be withheld. The state has committed itself to a program of education that is bound to have far-reaching results in training our future citizens, and we must all stand behind it loyally and earnestly.

I have been greatly helped by the earnest cooperation of your school board and their earnestness in carrying on the work of the schools has made the performance of my duties pleasant.

Respectfully,

VERNON S. AMES,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marlboro, N. H., Jan. 31, 1920.

SCHOOL REPORT

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

District No. 1—Spring term: Gustav Nordstrom, Elliot Priest, Richard Upton, Frances Upton. Fall term: Hubert Priest, Albert Jackson, Elliot Priest, Dorothy Priest, Richard Upton.

District No. 2—Spring term: Winona Lilla Scott.

FINANCES

RECEIPTS

Received from town,	\$1,600 00
Dog licenses,	42 40
Cash in treasury, balance Feb., 1919,	645 68
	\$2,288 08

EXPENDITURES

Salary of school board,	\$31 00
Salary of treasurer,	10 00
Salary of teachers,	882 00
Text books,	37 07
Supplies,	20 89
Janitor services,	32 98
Fuel,	99 38
Alterations on schoolhouses,	80 47
Tuition for Keene high school,	142 50
Tuition for Kimball Union Academy,	110 00
Miscellaneous,	1 27

Increase, superintendent's salary,	15 00
State tax on 40 pupils,	90 00
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	\$1,552 56
Balance on hand,	\$735 52

ESTIMATES

The following amounts should be raised to support the schools from August, 1920 to August, 1921:

Salaries of district officers,	\$48 00
Salary of teachers,	\$1,260 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	20 00
Expense of administration,	15 00
Text books,	60 00
Scholars' supplies,	70 00
Flags and appurtenances,	17 00
Janitor services,	36 00
Janitor's supplies,	7 00
Fuel,	100 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	50 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
To be assessed for high school tuition,	200 00
Tax for state-wide supervision,	60 00
New equipment,	30 00
Two jackets for stoves,	50 00
New outbuilding and uncompleted repairs,	600 00
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	\$2,648 00

Respectfully submitted,

CORA J. TOLMAN,
 SARAH F. TOLMAN,
 SUSIE E. GUILLOW,
 School Board.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Feb. 1, 1919, \$645 68

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by order of the School Board.

Teachers salaries:

Jennie B. Harwood, 4 weeks, No. 1,	\$60 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	44 00
Jennie B. Harwood, 4 weeks, No. 1,	60 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	44 00
Jennie B. Harwood, 6 weeks, No. 1,	90 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	44 00
	\$342 00

FUEL

W. O. Upton, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords, fitted, No. 1,	\$20 25
A. W. Wilder, sawing, No. 2,	5 00
Will Guillow, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords, No. 2,	34 13
	\$59 38

JANITOR SERVICE

Hubert T. Priest, 11 weeks, janitor, No. 1,	\$5 50
Mrs. Ryerson, cleaning, No. 2,	3 00
Mrs. Lulu Keough, cleaning, No. 1,	2 25
	\$10 75

SUPPLIES

Spencer Hardware Co., pail,	\$ 59	
Sarah F. Tolman, books,	3 12	
Harry R. Green, supplies,	1 10	
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		\$4 81

TUITION

Kimball Union Academy:		
James Priest, Ralph and Malcolm Green,	\$45 00	
Keene high school:		
Rodger, Francis and Doris Tolman,		
Edith Hall,	97 50	
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		\$142 50

SCHOOL OFFICER

Susie Guillow, 1918,	\$5 00	
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		\$564 44
Balance fiscal year beginning Sept. 1,	\$81 24	
Received town tax,	1,600 00	
Received dog license,	42 40	
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		\$1,723 64

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	\$60 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	60 00
Christine L. Gillis, 8 weeks, No. 1,	120 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	60 00
Christine L. Gillis, 4 weeks, No. 1,	60 00
Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	60 00
Christine L. Gillis, 4 weeks, No. 1,	60 00

Mabel E. May, 4 weeks, No. 2,	60 00	
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\$540 00

TUITION

Keene high school:

Doris and Francis Tolman, Katherine Upton,	\$45 00	
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Kimball Union Academy:

James Priest, Malcolm Green,	50 00	
James Priest,	15 00	

\$110 00

FUEL

Peter Keough, 3 cords wood, No. 1,	\$24 00	
Homer F. Priest, 2 cords wood, No. 1,	16 00	
Ernest H. Bridge, putting in wood, No. 2,	2 63	

\$42 63

SUPPLIES

Rumford Printing Co., 10 Constitutions of New Hampshire,	\$ 52	
I. McNutten and Co., 15 vols., Children's Hour,	25 00	
Cora J. Tolman, enumeration cards,	75	
W. H. Spalter, supplies and flag,	18 30	
W. H. Spalter, ink,	90	
O. L. Morse, Circle of Knowledge book,	8 95	

\$54 42

STATE SUPERVISION

John W. Plummer, treasurer, tax on 45 scholars,	\$90 00	
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Bernard F. Bemis, increase in superintendent's salary,	15 00	
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JANITOR SERVICE

Clinton Frazier, 5 weeks, No. 2,	\$5 50	
Hubert F. Priest, 12 weeks, No. 1,	6 00	
Maurice Guillow and Ernest Bridge, 7 weeks, No. 2,	3 50	
Minnie Ryerson, No. 2,	4 60	
	<hr/>	\$19 60

SALARIES OF SCHOOL OFFICERS

Sarah F. Tolman, school board,	\$5 00	
Susie E. Guillow, school board,	10 00	
Cora J. Tolman, school board,	11 00	
Homer F. Priest, clerk and treasurer,	10 00	
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REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

Homer F. Priest, material and labor, Nos. 1 and 2,	80 47	
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Balance,		\$735 52

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of Homer F. Priest, school treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MILLARD F. HARDY,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

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

No births recorded.

No marriages recorded.

Deaths recorded: Esther Luella Towne, Jan. 14, 1919. Age 12 years, 9 months. Place of birth, Nelson, N. H. Female, single. Father born Harrisville, N. H. Mother born, Nelson, N. H. Father's name, Edwin M. Towne. Mother's name, Hattie F. Robbins.

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

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Town Clerk.

(TOWN WARRANT)**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the town of Nelson in the county of Cheshire, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Nelson on Tuesday, the 9th 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 sums of money the town will raise for building and repairing highways and bridges or take any action relating thereto.
4. To see what sums of money the town will raise for the support of the library.
5. To see what sums of money the town will raise for Memorial Day.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise money for Old Home Day.
7. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for road construction.

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

9. To see if the town will vote to continue the present highway system, or take any action relating thereto.

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

11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the suppression of the white pine blister rust, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

12. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 117, Laws of 1917, on a section of the Cheshire Road, so-called, and appropriate, or set aside from the amount raised for highway work, the sum of \$150.00 for this purpose.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

FRED M. MURDOUGH,

EVERETT E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Nelson.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

FRED M. MURDOUGH,

EVERETT E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Nelson.

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