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ANNUAL REPORT

1924

OF THE TOWN OF

**BENNINGTON**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## Town Officers

OF

# Bennington, N. H.

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31

## 1924

Also Vital Statistics for Year Ending  
December 31, 1923

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ANTRIM, N. H.

H. Webster Eldredge, Book and Job Printer

1924





**TOWN OFFICERS**

Selectmen

HARRY W. BROWN  
JAMES H. BALCH  
JAMES J. GRISWOLD

Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

Road Agent

GEORGE M. HOLMES

Overseer of Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

Tax Collector

MAURICE C. NEWTON

Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON  
HENRY C. BARR  
CHARLES M. TAYLOR

Auditors

LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
H. A. EATON

Ballot Inspectors

HARRY S. DUNBAR  
FRANK J. NEWTON

## Library Trustees

FRANK G. TRAXLER  
 ALLAN GERRARD  
 HENRY W. WILSON

## Constables

GUST DODGE  
 GEORGE KING

## Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

## Trustees of Trust Funds

MARGARET J. TAYLOR  
 ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
 FRANK TRAXLER

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

## Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

## Janitors of Town Hall

GUST DODGE  
 GEORGE KING

## Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON

## Fire Wards

HENRY W. WILSON  
 GUST DODGE  
 LEON MESSER

## Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

ROBERT KNOWLES  
 H. A. CURTIS  
 FRED C. STARRETT



## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the  
County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified  
to vote in Town Affairs.**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the Eleventh 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 appropriate for Memorial Day.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for Highways and Bridges.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for lighting the Streets with Electricity.
6. To see what action the Town will take with regard to State Aid Construction, State Aid Maintenance and Trunk Line Maintenance.
7. To see what action the Town will take toward buying two hundred feet of Fire Hose.

8. To see what action the Town will take to suppress the White Pine Blister.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and legacies given to the Town by different individuals, the income to be used for the care of cemetery lots.

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Favor farm to Gillis Hill road.

11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Evergreen Cemetery.

12. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Road Machine and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-Large, Alternate Delegates-at-Large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democrat and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

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

HARRY W. BROWN

JAMES H. BALCH

JAMES J. GRISWOLD

Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY W. BROWN

JAMES H. BALCH

JAMES J. GRISWOLD

Selectmen of Bennington



### Inventory of Real and Personal Property

No. Polls, 16 @ \$3.00		
No. Polls, 298 @ \$5.00		
Land and Buildings	\$321,785	00
65 Horses	6,615	00
2 Mules	150	00
120 Cows	8,630	00
15 Neat Stock	1,020	00
13 Sheep	104	00
12 Hogs	125	00
50 Fowls	50	00
5 Vehicles	500	00
3 Portable Mills	300	00
Wood and Lumber	6,300	00
Money on hand	7,051	00
Stock in trade	204,574	00
Aqueducts	600	00
Mills and Machinery	379,000	00
	\$937,254	00
Amount of Taxes given Collector		\$19,596 32
Rate per cent of Taxation for all purposes		\$19.20 on
\$1,000.00.		

## Financial Report

Amount of Taxes given Collector		\$19,596 32
Paid Arthur F. Bell, 1923		19,470 89
Paid Arthur F. Bell, 1922		7 35
Over-tax, Over Age and Abated:		
Albert Brown, paid in Antrim	\$5 00	
Mrs. Albert Brown, paid in Antrim	5 00	
Angelo Christian, abated	5 00	
George H. Duncklee, over 70	5 00	
Arthur Georgion, abated	3 00	
John Grey, deceased	5 00	
Kastantina Georgion	5 00	
W. P. Harrington, over 70	5 00	
Joseph Jackson, abated	5 00	
Stella Jackson, abated	5 00	
Malamadi Kownelas, abated	5 00	
Arthur Kownelas, abated	5 00	
Maurice McKay, abated	5 00	
Stetenos Markatos, abated	5 00	
Celia Macdonald, abated	5 00	
Mrs. James Papas, abated	5 00	
Eliza Sawyer, abated	5 00	
Herbert Wilson, overtax	1 92	
Hiram Raleigh Est., overtax	9 60	
James Ross, overtax	15 36	
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		\$109 88
Uncollected		
James A. Thompson	\$4 80	
Charles H. Johnson	6 44	
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		\$11 20
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		\$120 08



## ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$10,959 64
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(b) State Aid Maint.	57 64
(c) State Aid Const.	656 81
Taxes not collected:	
(a) Levy of 1923	11 20
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Total Assets	\$11,685 29
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	16,448 21
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Grand Total	\$28,133 50
Net Debt—January 31, 1923	\$20,077 24
Net Debt—January 31, 1924	16,448 21
Decrease of Debt	3,629 03

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School Districts:	
(a) Dog licenses	\$ 89 40
(b) Balance 1923 appropriation	3,876 50
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
(a) Unexp'd bal. in State Treas.	656 81
(b) Unexp'd bal. in Town Treas.	57 64
State Aid. Maint.	\$ 57 64
Trunk Line Maint.	01
State Aid Const.	1,396 50
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	1,454 15
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	3,000 00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Water Works	19,000 00
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Total Liabilities	\$28,133 50
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Grand Total	\$28,133 50

## RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue:

## From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes committed to collector 1923	\$18,052 97
Less discounts and abatements, 1923	108 88
Less uncollected 1923	11 20
1. Property taxes, current year actually collected	\$17,930 89
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 16 @ \$3	48 00
3. Poll taxes, current year, actually collec'd, 298 @ \$5	1,490 00
4. Property and poll taxes, pre- vious years, actually collected	7 35
5. National Bank Stock taxes	2 00

Total of above collections	\$19,478 24
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## From State:

6. For highways	
(a) For State Aid. Maint.	\$223 39
(c) For Trunk Line Maint.	529 12
7. Insurance tax	3 00
8. Railroad tax	168 80
9. Savings bank tax	986 46
12. Fighting forest fires	7 75
13. Bounties	6 80

## From Local Sources Except Taxes:

16. Dog licenses	89 40
18. Fines and forfeits, municipal courts	88 00
19. Rent of town hall and coal sold	806 56
26. Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	864 46



27. Pool table licenses	22 22	
Forest Fires	17 70	
28. Balance Memorial Day Appropriation	35 00	
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Total Current Receipts Revenue		\$23,326 90
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
29. Long term notes during year	\$20,000 00	
36. Water Works	1,507 58	
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		\$21,507 58
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$44,834 48
Cash on hand February 1, 1923		7,556 80
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Grand Total		\$52,391 28

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## PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$644 78
2. Town officers' expenses	210 87
3. Election and Registration expenses	42 00
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,184 61

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department including care of tramps	97 89
7. Fire Department, including forest fires	822 50
8. Moth extermination	1 21
9. Bounties	6 80

#### Health:

11. Health department, including hospitals	37 29
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12. Vital statistics	4 05	
Highways and Bridges:		
14. State Aid maintenance	455 09	
15. Trunk Line maintenance	1,116 85	
16. Town maintenance	1,795 61	
17. Street lighting and sprinkl'g	640 08	
18. General expenses of highway dept., including watering troughs	577 20	
Libraries:		
19. Libraries	200 00	
Charities:		
20. Town poor	25 85	
21. County poor	32 00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
22. Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	162 00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
25. Appropriation to water works	919 20	
Unclassified:		
30. White Pine Blister	400 00	
31. Auto permits	23 75	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses:		\$9,399 63
Interest:		
32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 149 86	
33. Paid on long term notes	21,103 90	
Total Interest Payments		\$21,253 76
Indebtedness:		
44. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$1,000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$22,253 76



## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

50. Taxes paid to State	\$2,439 50	
51. Taxes paid to County	1,682 65	
53. Payment to School Districts	5,656 10	
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Total Payments to Other Govt. Divisions	\$9,778 25	
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$41,431 64	
Cash on hand January 31, 1924	10,959 64	
Grand Total	\$52,391 28	

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**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	300 00
2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	500 00
3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings	400 00
4. Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,200 00
Equipment	2,500 00
5. Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	300 00
Equipment	300 00
7. Water Supply	20,000 00
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Total	\$40,500 00

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**CERTIFICATE**

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

Date Feb. 13, 1924.

HARRY W. BROWN, Selectman.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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### Detail 1—Town Officers' Salaries

M. C. Newton, Tax Collector	194	78
James H. Balch, Selectman	100	00
James J. Griswold, Selectman	75	00
Harry W. Brown, Selectman	125	00
A. F. Bell, Town Clerk and Treasurer	150	00
		\$644 78

### Detail 2—Town Officers Expenses

James P. Melzer, Juror Notices	\$	55
Ezra Smith, Legal Advice		5 00
A. F. Bell, Stamps		5 00
M. C. Newton, Supplies		5 91
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies		14 41
W. P. Farmer, Dues N. H. Assn. of Assessors		2 00
H. W. Brown, Expenses of Selectmen at Tax Commission Meeting		17 40
Henry W. Wilson, Insurance on Bonds		16 20
J. Madison Howe, Tax Bills		1 10
Tribune Pub. Co., Tax Bills		4 85
H. W. Eldredge, Printing		118 00
J. J. Griswold, Stamps		5 00
Contoocook Valley Tel. Co., telephone		15 45
		\$210 87

### Detail 3—Election and Registration

Charles Taylor, Supervisor	\$	4 00
Henry C. Barr, Supervisor		20 00
George Edwards, Moderator		3 00
Henry W. Wilson, Supervisor		4 00
Frank J. Newton, Ballot Inspector		3 00

Harry S. Dunbar, Ballot Inspector	3 00	
H. W. Eldredge, Printing	5 00	
		\$42 00

#### Detail 5—Town Hall

A. & B. Electric Co., Lights	\$106 30	
H. W. Wilson, Insurance	130 25	
Gust H. Dodge, Care of Hall	73 00	
George H. King	213 20	
James Elliott, Coal	92 78	
F. A. Piper, Tuning Piano	3 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue Tax	50 00	
Nelson Downing Co., Coal	234 50	
B. & M. R. R., Freight on Coal	213 99	
George M. Holmes, Putting in Coal	57 59	
		\$1,184 61

#### Detail 6—Protection of Persons and Property

Gust Dodge, Police	\$ 4 24	
George King, Police	34 00	
J. B. Varick, Supplies	20 25	
H. W. Wilson, Insurance Lobby	6 00	
A. & B. Co., Electric Lights	11 00	
William Hanson, Services as Sheriff	4 00	
L. J. Parker, Police and Auto	18 40	
		\$97 89

#### Detail 7—Fire Department

A. & B. Co., Electric Lights	\$ 11 92	
E. H. Piper, Wood	10 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., Hose	514 50	
J. B. Varick, Acid Bottles	3 53	
H. W. Wilson, Forest Fires	15 00	
H. W. Wilson, Insurance Fire Truck	25 00	
H. W. Wilson, Insurance Engine Hall	26 60	
George King, Pay Roll and and Carkins' Fire	159 75	
Monadnock Paper Co., Blow Torch	7 64	
Fred Knight, Supplies	6 80	
G. O. Joslin, Supplies	9 24	
Harry Dunbar, Putting Batteries in Truck	2 15	



Lawrence Parker, Asst. Foreman	7 00	
H. W. Brown, Foreman and Supplies	23 37	
	<u>          </u>	\$822 50

**Detail 9—Moth Extermination**

B. & M. R. R., Freight	\$1 21	
	<u>          </u>	\$1 21

**Detail 10—Bounties**

H. W. Brown, Hedgehogs	\$6 80	
	<u>          </u>	\$6 80

**Detail 11—Health Department**

Henry W. Wilson, Health Officer and Supplies	\$18 67	
John T. Day, Supplies	18 62	
	<u>          </u>	\$37 29

**Detail 12—Vital Statistics**

A. F. Bell, Recording Births, Deaths, etc.	\$4 05	
	<u>          </u>	\$4 05

**Detail 13—State Aid Maintenance**

George M. Holmes, Patrolman	\$455 09	
	<u>          </u>	\$455 09

**Detail 14—Trunk Line Maintenance**

George M. Holmes, Patrolman	\$1,116 85	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,116 85

**Detail 15—Town Maintenance**

H. E. Wilson, Road Agent	\$178 89	
P. J. Warren, Breaking Roads	27 00	
G. O. Joslin, Supplies	64	
H. W. Wilson, Insurance	6 00	
George M. Holmes, Road Agent	1,583 08	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,795 61

**Detail 16—Street Lighting**

A. & B. Co., Electric Lights	\$640 08	
	<hr/>	\$640 08

**Detail 17—General Expenses**

Mrs. Charles R. Starr, Injuries on Sidewalk	\$ 67 00	
F. K. Black, Repairing Band Stand and Fire Basin in Square	398 70	
Wm. P. Harrington, Labor on Dump	10 50	
Chas. Thurston, Painting Band Stand	51 50	
H. W. Eldredge, Printing Notices	2 00	
Caughey & Pratt, Repairing Town Scales	32 50	
Allan Gerrard, care Town Clock	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$577 20

**Detail 18—Libraries**

Henry W. Wilson, Appropriation	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

**Detail 19—Town Poor**

G. O. Joslin, Auto J. Redland's Funeral	3 00	
F. A. Knight, Feed for Tramps	4 70	
H. W. Wilson, Overseer of Poor and Supplies	18 15	
	<hr/>	\$25 85

**Detail 20—County Poor**

G. O. Joslin, Auto to Grasmere	\$12 00	
R. E. Messer, Auto to Grasmere	12 00	
George H. King, Taking a Man to Grasmere	4 00	
L. J. Parker, Taking a Man to Grasmere	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$32 00

**Detail 21—Patriotic Purposes**

Leon Messer, Appropriation	\$150 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
Harrison Packard, Speaker at Pres. Harding's Memorial Service	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$162 00

**Detail 25—Water Works**

Monadnock Paper Mills, Supplies	\$ 8 20	
J. S. Childs, Interest on Loan	900 00	
H. W. Eldredge, Printing	9 00	
Calvin R. Wood, Copying Deeds	2 00	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$919 20
First National Bank Hillsboro and Amoskeag Savings Bank, Note and Interest		\$20,103 90
Paid on Present Long Term Notes		1,000 00

**Detail 26—White Pine Blister**

J. H. Foster, Appropriation	\$400 00	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$400 00

**Detail 27—Auto Permits**

A. F. Bell, Auto Permits	\$23 75	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$23 75

**Detail 28—Interest**

C. H. Philbrick, Note No. 28	\$ 16 00	
Adalette Dodge, Note No. 27	24 00	
Hillsboro First National Bank, Interest on Loan	109 86	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$149 86

**Detail 29—Temporary Loans**

Hillsboro First Nat'l Bank, Loan	\$1,000 00	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$1,000 00

**Detail 30—State and County Tax**

State Tax	\$1,281 24	
County Tax	1,682 65	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$2,963 89

**Detail 31—School District**

Margaret J. Taylor		
Balance on 1922	3,056 50	
Paid on 1923	2,500 00	



Dog Licenses

99 60

\$5,656 10

HARRY W. BROWN  
 J. HARVEY BALCH  
 JAMES J. GRISWOLD  
 Selectmen of Bennington

We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Road Agent, and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the Uniform Classification of the Tax Commission.

LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
 H. A. EATON

Auditors.

### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

	Paid Care		
	Receipts	of Hall	Supplies
February	\$61 45	\$28 75	
March	61 50	25 75	\$ 2 25
April	31 30	16 25	
May	31 50	11 00	6 08
June	45 00	16 00	2 85
July	58 00	18 00	2 15
August	52 50	18 50	
September	64 70	20 75	
October	70 00	21 75	6 35
November	57 50	27 00	50
December	52 90	22 00	18 87
January	39 40	19 25	2 15
	<u>\$625 75</u>	<u>\$245 00</u>	<u>\$41 20</u>

GEORGE H. KING, Janitor.

## ROAD AGENT'S ACCOUNT

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### Week Ending March 31, 1923

George M. Holmes, 2 days 2 hrs.	\$7 78
Herbert Wilson, 8 hrs.	2 65
Leon Messer and team, 4 hrs.	2 89
Will Taylor and team, 4 hrs.	2 89
Maurice Fournier, Jr., 4 hrs.	1 33
Maurice Fournier, 4 hrs.	1 33

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\$18 87

### Week Ending April 21, 1923

George M. Holmes, 1 day, 2 hrs.	\$4 28
Herbert Wilson, 4 hrs.	1 33
Maurice Fournier, 4 hrs.	1 33
Leon Messer and team, 4 hrs.	2 89

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\$9 83

### Week Ending April 28, 1923

George M. Holmes, 3 days	\$12 00
John Smiley, 3 days	10 50
Herbert Wilson, 2 days	7 00
Leon Messer and team, 2 days	14 00
Will Taylor, 2 days	14 00
George Brown, 1 day	3 50

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\$61 00

### Week Ending May 5, 1923

George M. Holmes, 4 days	\$16 00
John Smiley, 5 days	17 50
George Brown, 5 days	17 50
Will Taylor and team, 4 days, 4 hrs.	31 11
Leon Messer and team, 3 days	21 00
F. A. Knight, tools and supplies	2 68

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\$105 79

### Week Ending May 12, 1923

George M. Holmes, 1 day, 5 hrs.	\$6 23
George Brown, 1 day, 7 hrs.	6 21
Will Taylor and team, 1 day	7 00

Harvey Balch and team, 5 hrs.	3 88	
John Smiley, 5 hrs.	1 94	
Leon Messer and team, 5 hrs.	3 88	
	<hr/>	\$29 14

## Week Ending May 19

George M. Holmes, 1 day	\$4 00	
John Smiley, 1 day	3 50	
George Brown, 1 day	3 50	
Leon Messer and team, 1 day	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00

## Week Ending May 26

George M. Holmes, 1 day	\$4 00	
John Smiley, 2 days, 7 hrs.	9 71	
George Brown, 2 days, 4 hrs.	8 55	
Will Taylor and team, 1 day	7 00	
Victor Cossette, 1 day, 4 hrs.	5 05	
George O. Joslin, cement	4 00	
F. A. Knight, rakes and shovels	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 31

## Week Ending June 5

George M. Holmes, 3 days	\$12 00	
John Smiley, 2 days 6½ hrs.	9 52	
Victor Cossette, 2 days, 5 hrs.	8 94	
George Brown, 1 day, 6½ hrs.	6 02	
	<hr/>	\$36 48

## Week Ending June 9

George M. Holmes, 3 days	\$12 00	
George Brown, 3 days	10 50	
Victor Cossette, 3 days	10 50	
Ed. Newton, 3 days	10 50	
Will Taylor and team, 3 days	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$64 50

## Week Ending June 16

George M. Holmes, 6 days	\$24 00	
George Brown, 6 days	21 00	
Ed. Newton, 6 days	21 00	
Victor Cossette, 6 days	21 00	
Will Taylor and team, 6 days	42 00	
Leon Messer and team, 5 days	35 00	
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## Week Ending June 23

George M. Holmes, 3 days, 4 hrs.	\$13 77
Ed. Newton, 5 days	17 50
George Brown, 5 days	17 50
Victor Cossette, 4 days	14 00
Will Taylor and team, 3 days	21 00
Leon Messer and team, 1 day, 7 hrs.	12 44

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 \$96 21

## Week Ending June 30

George M. Holmes, 2 days, 1 hr.	\$ 8 44
Ed. Newton, 4 days, 5 hrs.	15 94
George Brown, 5 days	17 50
Victor Cossette, 5 days	17 50
Leon Messer and team, 4 hrs.	3 11

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 \$62 49

## Week Ending July 21

George M. Holmes, 2 days, 1 hr.	\$8 44
George Brown, 1 day, 5 hrs.	5 44
Victor Cossette, 1 day, 5 hrs.	5 44
Will Taylor, 5 hrs	3 89
Walter Smith, 1 hr.	38
Horse, G. M. H., 1 hr.	22
George W. Edes, shoveling snow March 8, 5 hrs.	1 94

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 \$25 75

## Week Ending July 28

George M. Holmes, 1 day	\$4 00
John Smiley, 1 day	3 50
George Brown, 1 day	3 50
Victor Cossette, 1 day	3 50
James Balch and team, 5 hrs.	3 89
Will Taylor and team, 1 day	7 00

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 \$25 39

## Week Ending August 4

George M. Holmes, 3 days	\$12 00
Victor Cossette, 3 days	10 50
George Brown, 3 days	10 50
James Balch and team, 1 day, 5 hrs.	10 88
Herbert Wilson and team, 1 day	7 00

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 \$50 88

## Week Ending September 8

George M. Holmes, 5 days, 4 hrs.	\$21 77
Victor Cossette, 5 days, 2 hrs.	18 27
George Brown, 5 days, 2 hrs.	18 27
Leon Messer and team, 6 hrs.	4 66
Perley Warren and team, 4 dys., 5 hrs.	31 89
Frank Newton, 4 days, 1 hr.	14 38
Will Taylor and team, 5 hrs.	3 89

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\$113 13

## Week Ending September 15

George M. Holmes, 4 days, 2 hrs.	\$16 88
George Brown, 4 days, 2 hrs.	14 77
Victor Cossette, 4 days, 2 hrs.	14 77
Frank Newton, 4 days, 2 hrs.	14 77
Perley Warren & team, 4 days, 2 hrs.	29 55
George Sargent, 2 days	7 00
To Caughey & Pratt, lumber, 200 ft. plank	8 25

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\$105 99

## Week Ending September 22

George M. Holmes, 4 days, 7 hrs.	\$17 78
George Brown, 4 days	14 20
Victor Cossette, 4 days	14 20
Frank Newton, 4 days, 2 hrs.	14 98
Perley Warren and team, 4 days	28 00
Will Taylor and team, 4 hrs.	3 11

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\$92 27

## Week Ending October 6

George M. Holmes, 4 days	\$16 00
John Smiley, 4 days, 4 hrs.	15 55
James Balch and team, 4 hrs.	3 11
Victor Cossette, 4 days	14 00
Frank Newton, 4 days	14 00

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\$62 66

## Week Ending October 13

George M. Holmes, 3 days	\$12 00
Frank Newton, 2 days, 1 hr.	7 39
John Smiley, 1 day	3 50
Leon Messer and team, 2 hrs.	1 55
Victor Cossette, 4 hrs.	1 55

James Colby, gravel	3 00	
Andy Cleary, gravel	2 80	
Fred Colby, gravel	6 55	
James Balch, gravel	80	
George A. Joslin, Tires	1 93	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	2 51	
Mr. St. Pierre, blacksmith work	2 65	
		<u>\$46 23</u>

## Week Ending November 3

George M. Holmes, 2 days	\$8 00	
Walter Smith, 2 days	7 00	
Horse, G. M. H., 2 days	4 00	
		<u>\$19 00</u>

## Week Ending November 10

George M. Holmes, 5 days	20 00	
Walter Smith, 1 day, 5 hrs.	5 45	
Horse, G. M. H., 1 day, 5 hrs.	3 11	
John Smiley, 5 days	17 50	
James Balch and team, 1 day	7 00	
Victor Cossette, 4 days	14 00	
Leon Messer and team, 4 days	28 00	
James Colby, gravel	1 00	
James Balch, gravel	1 30	
James Griswold, gravel	9 20	
L. A. Knight, oil and paint	3 50	
		<u>\$110 06</u>

## Week Ending November 24

George M. Holmes, 1 day	\$4 00	
John Smiley, 1 day	\$3 50	
		<u>\$7 50</u>

## Week Ending December 8

George M. Holmes, 1 day, 7 hrs.	\$7 11	
John Smiley, 8 hrs.	3 11	
Horse, G. M. H., 1 day, 7 hrs.	3 55	
Mose Fournier, gravel	2 00	
		<u>\$15 77</u>

## Week Ending December 15

George M. Holmes, 2 days, 2 hrs.	\$8 89	
Will Bonner, 1 day, 5 hrs.	5 45	

Horse, G. M. H., 1 day, 5 hrs.	3 10
George M. Holmes, 2 days, 3 hrs.	9 33
Victor Cossette, 1 day, 4 hrs.	5 05
Will Bonner, 1 day, 4 hrs.	5 05
John Smiley, 1 day, 4 hrs.	5 05
Will Taylor and team, 1 day, 4 hrs.	10 00
Leon Messer and team, 1 day, 4 hrs.	10 00
Horse, G. M. H., 2 days, 2 hrs.	4 44

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\$66 36

Week Ending December 22

George M. Holmes, 3 days, 4 hrs.	\$13 73
John Smiley, 3 days, 2 hrs.	11 27
Frank Newton, 3 days	10 50
Victor Cossette, 3 days	10 50
Leon Messer and team, 3 days	21 00
Will Taylor and team, 3 days	21 00
Horse, G. M. H., 3 days, 4 hrs.	6 89
James Colby, gravel	5 00

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\$99 94

Breaking Roads from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1

George M. Holmes, 6 hrs.	\$2 67
Horse, G. M. H., 6 hrs.	1 33
George M. Holmes, 8 hrs.	3 55
Horse, G. M. H., 8 hrs.	1 78
John Smiley, 5 hrs.	1 94
Herbert McCoy, 5 hrs.	1 94
Horse, G. M. H., 5 hrs.	1 11
George M. Holmes, 4 hrs.	1 77
Horse, G. M. H., 4 hrs.	89
John Smiley, 4 hrs.	1 55

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\$18 53

Monadnock Paper Mill, pipe

15 00

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\$33 53

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED

34 Males at \$2.00 each	\$68 00
4 Females at 5.00 each	20 00
5 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	10 00

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\$98 00

Less Clerk's fees

8 60

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\$89 40

ARTHUR F. BELL, Clerk.



## TRUSTEES OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY REPORT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1924

April 1, 1923, Cash on hand		\$70 12
Sept. 15, 1923, Recd. from Margaret Taylor Trust Fund Treas.		2 13
Sept. 15, 1923, Recd. from Margaret Taylor Trust Fund Treas.		332 09
Dec. 20, 1923, Recd. from Margaret Taylor Trust Fund Treas.		2 12
		\$406 46
June 11, 1923, Paid W. P. Harrington for work	\$19 06	
June 11, 1923, Paid R. E. Messer express	67	
June 12, 1923, Paid A. E. Holt for Lawn Mower	14 50	
July 6, 1923, Paid W. P. Harrington for work	10 50	
Aug. 13, 1923, Paid W. P. Harrington for work	12 25	
Aug. 14, 1923, Paid William Taylor for loam and work	29 00	
Oct. 13, 1923, Paid W. P. Harrington for work	52 54	
Nov. 17, 1923, Paid J. M. Holt for work	3 00	
Jan. 31, 1924, Paid for advertising lost Bank Books	5 50	
Jan. 31, 1924, Paid H. W. Wilson, labor and care Cemetery	10 00	
Jan. 31, 1924, Paid F. G. Traxler, Treas. of Trustees	5 00	
Jan. 31, 1924, Cash on hand	244 44	
		\$406 46

HENRY W. WILSON  
C. F. BURNHAM  
FRANK TRAXLER

Trustees.

## Report of Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

For Year Ending Feb. 1st, 1924

Dr.

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1923	\$22 04	
Sept. 15, 1923, Guy H. Veino, 2 lots No. 31 and 27	10 00	
Jan. 1st, 1924, By Margaret Taylor for Whitney lot for improve- ment	20 00	
	\$52 04	\$52 04

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Paid F. A. Taylor, work on Whitney lot	\$11 25	
Paid Harrington work on Whitney lot	4 09	
Paid W. C. Starrett letting on water and fixing faucet	1 25	
Paid John Smiley, work in cemetery 14 hrs.	4 94	
Paid Gus Brown, work in cemetery 14 hrs.	4 94	
Paid Victor Cossette, work in cemetery 14 hrs.	4 94	
Paid George Holmes and team, 6 hrs.	3 90	
Paid Walter Smith	2 50	
Cash to balance	14 23	
	\$52 04	\$52 04

C. H. PHILBRICK

JAMES J. GRISWOLD

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery.

**TRUSTEES AND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT OF THE  
G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY**

Year ending Jan. 30, 1924 is respectfully submitted.

Books numbered for circulation	7,008
By Gifts	
Miss Sarah Cosmon	1
Mr. and Mrs. Pierce	26
Was-Ki-Si-Da-Phi Club	36
Magazines	
Miss Bertha Cossette	
Mr. C. Dudley Kochersberger	
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierce	
Mrs. John D. Weston	
Number of cards issued	230
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923	\$1 90
Expenditure	\$1 12
“Oil-Matches—mending cloth-stain”	
Fines	6 33
Paid Mr. Henry W. Wilson	\$6 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1924	\$1 01

EMMA G. BARTLETT  
Librarian.

FRANK G. TRAXLER  
HENRY W. WILSON  
ALLAN GERRARD

Trustees

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**Treasurer's Report of G. E. P. Dodge Library**

1923		
Feb. 1, Cash on hand	\$169 18	
Received from Town Treasurer	200 00	
Received from Emma Bartlett	6 00	
	\$375 18	
Paid for Electric Lights	\$11 00	
Paid for Wood and putting in	40 00	

Paid for Expenses and Cash Paid Out	6 37	
Paid for Papers and Magazines	14 50	
Paid Emma Bartlett, Librarian	50 00	
Cash on hand February 1, 1924	253 31	
		\$375 18

HENRY W. WILSON  
Treasurer.

Approved:  
FRANK G. TRAXLER  
ALLAN GERRARD

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**FIREWARD'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING  
JANUARY 31, 1924**

Merrimack Engine No. 1 in good condition.

New Chemical Engine, the gift of Mr. A. J. Pierce, which is a great addition to our fighting equipment.

900 ft. of new rubber lined hose.

Ladders, Rubber Coats, Pails, Shovels, Fire Extinguishers in good condition.

The Company responded to several brush fires and the new Chemical is just the machine for brush fires; also they were called out to a house fire, the Carkin place, and did excellent service. If we had had hose enough to reach the place we could have saved more of the ell. We borrowed enough hose from Mr. Joslin and the Monadnock Mills to reach, which was 1,400 ft., and soon stopped the fire. We would recommend the town purchase 500 ft. more of hose, then we will have enough hose to reach any house in the village limits.

LEON MESSER  
HENRY W. WILSON  
Firewards



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ending July 1, 1923.

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer

### Receipts

From Selectmen raised by Taxation		
Support of Elementary Schools		\$5,031 50
From Other Sources		
(a) Dog Licenses		99 60
(b) Elementary School tuitions		48 00
(c) High School tuitions		1,325 00
Summary of School Treasurer's Report		
Cash on hand July 1, 1922		\$ 64 95
Received from Selectmen		6,356 50
Received from other sources		
Tuition	\$48 00	
Dog Licenses	99 60	
		147 60
Total for fiscal year July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923		\$6,569 05
School Board Orders paid		5,853 60
		\$715 45

### Payments

#### Administrations

(1) Salaries of District Officers	\$115 00	
(2) Supt. excess salary	83 33	
(3) Truant Officers and School Census	13 31	
(4) Expenses of Administration	3 68	
		\$215 32

#### Instruction

(5) Teachers' Salaries		2,750 00
(6) Text Books		45 77
(7) Scholars Supplies		149 52

(8) Flags	7 61
(9) Other Expenses of Instruction	15 24
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant	
(10) Janitor Service	277 50
(11) Fuel	185 96
(12) Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	19 95
(13) Minor Repairs and Expenses	359 93
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities	
(14) Medical Inspection	73 00
(15) Transportation of Pupils	437 60
(16) High School Tuitions	1,032 00
(17) Elementary	72 00
Fixed Charges	
(19) Insurance	2 20
Outlay for Construction	
(26) State-wide Supervision \$2 per Capita	210 00
Payment for all purposes	\$5,853 60
Balance on hand June 30, 1923	715 45
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	\$6,569 05
Paid Teachers	
Grammar School, Raymond Holden	
36 weeks	\$950 00
Intermediate School, Lulu M. Cilley	
36 weeks	900 00
Primary School, Mae Cashion	
36 weeks	900 00

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.

EMMA JOSLIN  
CHARLES TAYLOR  
Auditors

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the School Board of Bennington:

Herewith is submitted for your consideration my fifth annual report on the condition of your schools and the work done therein.

### Teachers

As has been the case for a number of years the only change in the teaching force occurred in the grammar room. Miss Guptill was secured for the position. The work of all the teachers is very satisfactory, indeed. They are enthusiastic and skillful, and the progress of the pupils is marked.

### Some Special Features

I am quite confident that, all things considered, the work done in the schools of Bennington will compare very favorably with that done in many a larger place. In many sections the idea has become so prevalent that the schools are neglecting the so called fundamental subjects, and that the children are coming out of our schools without being able to read, write, and cipher, as the saying is, and that the children of the present time are far below the children of former years in their ability to handle these subjects. I have never seen or heard of any proof to substantiate these statements. Whatever proof we have points in the other direction, namely, that these subjects are being better taught than ever before. Such statements are often made with little or no actual knowledge of the real work of the schools. In fact, the less we know of the actual workings of any organization the more certain are we that we can qualify as competent critics of that organization.

I am sure that the so called fundamental subjects are not being neglected in any measure in the schools of Bennington. In fact, more emphasis is being put upon them and they are being better taught than ever before, and, at the same time, proper attention is being given to many of the phases of education that have come into the curriculum within the past few years.

In January a test in spelling was given to all the grades in this supervisory union, each grade being given fifty words that had made up a part of the list of words studied since September. As the lists of words for each grade are uniform in all the schools a comparison could fairly be made. The schools of Bennington as a whole attained an average of 84.5%.

In the early part of the winter tests in spelling and arithmetic were sent out by the state department to be given to all eighth grade children in the state. In the spelling test an average of 74% would have been creditable. Our eighth grade attained an average of over 80%. The arithmetic test was the same that was given in Springfield, Mass., in 1846, to a group of ninth grade children, what would correspond in our school system to the first year in High School. This same test was given to our eighth grade. In Springfield an average of 29% was attained. Our eighth grade average was around 65%. Certainly spelling and arithmetic are being as well taught in Bennington in 1924 as they were in Springfield in 1846.

A new system of writing was adopted this year called the Houston system, one that is being used extensively over the New England states, and the one that is in use in our Normal Schools. While it has hardly been in use long enough to measure definitely the results as yet as a whole, I am positive that the results are going to be very satisfactory. Marked improvement is already noticeable in many individual cases. The aim of this system is not to produce fancy penmanship but to develop an easy legible style of handwriting.

Reading, perhaps the most important of the school subjects, especially in the lower grades, is being continued in all the grades, with special emphasis on silent



reading. The purpose of this silent reading is to teach the children to get the thought from the printed page. Many children can read words, but do not get the thought from what they read. The purpose of the systematic teaching of silent reading is to correct this.

A music teacher has been employed this year, Mrs. Putnam, of Hancock, a teacher of experience, having been secured for the position. This enables all the grades in the schools to benefit from the teaching of music. Much interest in the subject is being developed among the children, and very satisfactory results are being secured. Music instruction in the schools is no longer considered as one of the "frills," but has established itself as one of the very important subjects.

### Attendance

There were enrolled in the three schools last year 75 different pupils, the average membership was 72.7, the average attendance 67.9, and the per cent of attendance 93.4. This was the per cent attained by the state as a whole, and is very good considering the severity of last winter. Thirty-one cases of tardiness were reported. This is an average of only .4 based on the average membership.

The following names are on the registers without absent or tardy marks for the year:

Grammar:—Muriel Bell, Leola Eaton, Bernice Robertson.

Intermediate:—Harry Joslin.

Primary:—Agnes Diamond, Gladys Newhall, William Newhall.

### Finances

A simple analysis of the school finances may be of interest to the voters of the district. From the financial report we see that the total expenditure for schools for the year 1923-24 was \$5853.60. Of this amount 45.6% was expended for teachers' salaries. The percent for the state as a whole for this item was about 60%. Operating

expenses, including janitor salary, fuel, water, light and janitor supplies and repairs required 14.3%. Administration, including salaries of district officers, superintendent's salary, truant officer and school census, etc., took 3.6%. Transportation, high and elementary tuition, medical inspection took 27.5%. These are the main items of expense.

The expenditure per pupil in the elementary grades last year was \$63.31. The average over the state was \$63.07. Thus we see that we are running very close to the state average in most respects.

### Conclusion

Several activities of public interest have been given by the schools. Two plays were given by the grammar school to help defray the expenses of their graduation. The third grade held exercises in June to celebrate their entrance into the intermediate room. During the late fall a session of the schools was held in the evening in order to give parents, who are unable to visit school during the day an opportunity to observe what we are attempting to do in the different school subjects. This proved to be very instructive and interesting.

To all who, by their interest and cooperation have helped to make the school a success, may I express my hearty appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. PRIOR.

## Statistical Report for the Year Ending June 1923

School	Teacher	Education	Enrollment	Ave. Membership	Ave. Attendance	Per Cent Attendance	Tardiness	Official Visits	Other Visits
Grammar	Raymond Holden	Palmer High	16	15.3	14.8	96.7	4	17	7
Intermediate	Lulu M. Cilley	2 yrs. St. Lawrence Univ. Lawrence High	20	18.4	17.1	93	12	14	25
Primary	May Cashion	Keene Sum. Sessions Ft. Edward Collegiate Institute	43	39	36	92	15	15	19
Total			79	72.7	67.9	93.4	31	46	51

## SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1924-25

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Tuitions	\$1,400 00	
Text Books	250 00	
Salaries Town Officer	125 00	
Teachers' Salaries	3,000 00	
Janitor	300 00	
Fuel	300 00	
Transportation	360 00	
Insurance	10 00	
Medical Inspection	100 00	
Supt.'s Excess Salary	112 50	
Music	150 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Flags	5 00	
Per Capita Tax	210 00	
Repairs	50 00	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$6,472 00
Dog Tax		90 00
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		\$6,382 00



REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

From January 31, 1923, to January 31, 1924

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Brought From	Place of Interment
	g	o	d				
Sarah Lizzie Barney	57	4	5	January 2	Anarnice	Antrim	Antrim
Jacob Smith	79	11	28	February 25	Bronco Pneumonia	Woburn, Mass.	Woburn, Mass.
David P. Dunbar	77	3	23	February 5	Val Disease of Heart	Bennington	Bennington
George R. Dodge	70	3		March 4	Mitral Regurgatation	"	"
Calvin S. Brown	77			March 8	Exhaustion	"	"
Lenora D. Burnham	58	11		July 15	Carcenoma of Rectum	Nashua	"
Catherine E. Veino	68	6	5	September 18	Tumor of Spinal Cord	Nashua	"
George H. Wallace	62	9	20	November 28	Bron. Pneumonia	Boston, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Morris M. Cheney	63	4	23	December 22	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Antrim	Antrim
Edward Mulhall	68	10	17	July 30	Myocarditis	Bennington	Bennington
Report of Sexton of Mount Calvary Cemetery							
Rudolph Gilman	57	4	5	January 24	Influenza	Hancock	Bennington
Michael O'Malley	78			February 19	Bron. Pneumonia	Greenfield	"
William Cashion	88			April 6	Myocarditis	Hancock	"
Katherine Cody	67	4	9	August 11	Embolism	Peterboro	"
William S. Bailey	62	5	26	October 6	Lolar Pneumonia	Greenfield	"
Mary E. O'Malley	70	7	20	October 13	Chronic Myocarditis	Hancock	"
Richard Ed. Flynn				11 October 21	Result of Asphyxia	Greenfield	"
John Redling				October 23	Pul. Tuberculosis	Grasmere	"
Edwin Harrington	59			October 7	Hardening of Arteries		"

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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First quarter collected	\$396 92	
Second quarter collected	423 89	
Third quarter collected	404 82	
Last quarter collected	419 73	
		\$1,645 36
Paid labor and material	\$ 22 00	
Paid labor and material	19 55	
Paid labor and material	24 00	
Paid labor and material	72 23	
Paid Town Treasurer	1,507 58	
		\$1,645 36
Uncollected for year		\$25 16

Since the closing of the books Jan. 31st, some of this has been paid.

The citizens of the Town should take into consideration the fact that no department of the Town has been charged any water rent, viz., Hydrants \$250.00, Town Hall \$25.00, Watering Trough \$10.00, Cemeteries \$20.00, Schools \$25.00, making a total of \$330.00, and which would have been considerably more as the rates were to have been advanced.

In order to go on record we wish to print the following rules:

That owners of property are liable to the full extent of the water rent.

That the Town makes no repairs outside of the mains other than that connected to town property or which is town property.

That the Collector is charged with the collection of all water rents promptly and quarterly, and all parties are requested to co-operate and pay same within a reasonable time after bills are submitted. If your water is shut off because you are several quarters in arrears and you have to pay for letting it on again, you will be required to pay in advance.

The first bond for \$1,000.00 and due next April, has been paid out of the Town Treasury.

It is quite evident from above report that unless something out of the ordinary in the way of repairs and upkeep happens, the system will be paid for in less than twenty years as originally planned.

ARTHUR J. PIERCE

HARRY W. BROWN

ARTHUR F. BELL

Water Commissioners.

## Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, January 31, 1924

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Fund and Donor Name	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int't %	Income During Year	Expended During Year
May 1916	Abram A. Ramsey, Cem'y fd	Manchestef Savings Bank	\$ 600 00	4		
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	4	55 75	55 75
Feb. 1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	4	55 76	55 76
Mar. 1906	Helen P. Ramsey	" "	200 00	4		
July 1913	George L. Herrick	" "	200 00	4		
Mar. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green	" "	200 00	4		
Mar. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	" "	200 00	4	20 00	20 00
Apr. 1914	Abram A. Ramsey	" "	1766 16	4	162 49	162 49
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball	" "	150 00	4	13 77	13 77
Jan. 1916	Willard S. Carkin	" "	332 20	4	30 55	30 55
Feb. 1917	Augustus W. Gray	" "	100 00	4	9 18	9 18
Sept 1918	W. H. Darrah	" "	50 00	4	4 59	4 59
Jan. 1919	Clara R. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	4		
July 1919	Ann M. Eaton	Registered U. S. Bond, 108903	100 00	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 25	4 25
Dec. 1921	Edward I. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	4		
Oct. 1922	Horace Dinsmore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	4		
Mar. 1923	John D. Butler	" "	225 00	4		
Aug. 1923	Calvin S. Brown	" "	100 00	4		
Apr. 1923	J. D. & M. Butler, Lib'y fd	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1000 00	4		





**Budget of the Town of  
BENNINGTON, N. H.**

**Estimates of Revenue and Expend-  
itures for the Ensuing Year  
Jan. 31, 1924 to Jan. 31, 1925**

**Compared with Actual Revenue  
and Expenditures of the  
Previous Year  
Jan. 31, 1923, to Jan. 31, 1924**

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1923	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Year 1924	Increase	Decrease
<b>FROM STATE:</b>				
Insurance Tax	3 00	3 00		
Railroad Tax	168 80	168 80		
Savings Bank Tax	986 46	986 46		
For Fighting Forest Fires	7 75	7 75		
For Highways				
(a) For St. Aid Maint.	223 39	300 00	76 61	
(b) For Tr. Line Maint.	529 12	3300 00	2770 88	
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES</b>				
All Licenses and Permits				
except Dog Licenses	886 66	882 46	2 20	
Fines and Forfeits	88 00		88 00	
Rent of Town Hall				
and Other Buildings	650 75	650 75		
<b>FROM POLL TAXES</b>				
From other taxes except property taxes				
	1538 00	1538 00		
Revenue Applicable Only to New Const. and Impvts.:				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction		656 81	656 81	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes				
Water Works	20000 00			20000 00
Revenue Applicable Only to Paymts. on Indebtedness:				
Amt. taken from Sinking Funds to Pay Prin. of Debt				
	2000 00	2000 00		
Revenue Which Must be Pd. to Other Gov. Div.				
	9778 25	10623 25	845 00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
	36842 18	21119 28		
Amount Raised by Property Taxes				
	17930 89	17930 89		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>54773 07</b>	<b>39050 17</b>	<b>4349 30</b>	<b>20090 20</b>

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expt. previous Year 1923	Estimated Expt. Ensuin Year 1924	Increase	Decrease
Current Maint. Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	644 78	644 78		
Town Officers' Expenses	210 87	210 87		
Election and Regis. Exp.	42 00	60 00	18 00	
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	1184 61	1184 61		
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	97 89	97 89		
Fire Department	822 50	822 50		
Moth Extermination	1 21	1 21		
Health:				
Health Department	37 29	37 29		
Vital Statistics	4 05	4 05		
Highways and Bridges				
State Aid Maintenance				
State's Contribution	227 54	357 64	65 05	
Town's Contribution	227 55	357 64	65 05	
Trunk Line Maintenance				
State's Contribution	558 42	3300 00	2741 58	
Town's Contribution	558 43	1100 00	541 57	
Town Maintenance	1795 61	1795 61		
Street Lighting	640 08	640 08		
General Expense of				
Highway Dept.	577 20	100 00		477 20
Education:				
Libraries	200 00	200 00		



Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expt. previous Year 1923	Estimated Expt. Ensuing Year 1924	Increase	Decrease
Charities:				
Town Poor	25 85	25 85		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	162 00	150 00		12 00
Public Service Enterprise:				
Maint. Water Works	919 20	850 00		69 20
INTEREST:				
On Temporary Loans	149 86	104 86		45 00
On Long Term Notes	103 96			103 96
Outlay for New Const. and Permanent Impvts.:				
Highways and Bridges				
State Aid Construction				
State's Contribution		1218 41	1218 41	
Town's Contribution		2800 50	2800 50	
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt				
(a) Bonds	1000 00	1000 00		
(b) Long Term Notes	1000 00	1000 00		
Payments to Other Govt. Div.:				
State Taxes	2439 50	2439 50		
County Taxes	1682 65	1682 65		
Pay'ts to School Dist.	5656 10	6501 10		
<b>TOTAL EXPEND.</b>	<b>20969 08</b>	<b>24564 89</b>	<b>8295 07</b>	<b>707 30</b>





# VITAL STATISTICS

1923





Births Registered in the town of Bennington for Year ending Dec. 31st, 1923

Date	Name of Child	Living or sb.		No. of child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Lv	or sb.							
Feb. 2	Paul George	M		1	Paul G. Traxler	Dorothy M. Collins	Bennington	Paper Fin. Railroad	Bennington Windsor, N.H.	Keene, N.H. Pennington
Jul. 18	Nellie Margaret	F		2	John Gordon Dodge	Dorothy Taylor	"			
Dec. 13	Hazel Frances	F		5	Perley Cheever	Pearl Wing	"	Paper Mill	S. Lyndeboro	Pembroke, N.H

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1923**

Date and Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupat'n	Name, Res. and Office of Person by whom married
Apr. 1	Edwin G. Lacy	Benning'n	Mechanic	Bath, Me.	Fred'k A. Lacy A. E. Glendon	Bath, Me.	Mech'ic	Earl C. Osborne
Ben'ton	Edith Fournier	Benning'n	Packer	Benning'n	Morris Fournier Helen Quimby	Alton, N. H. Lowell, Ms.	Housew. Housew.	Bennington Minister
Apr. 16	John M. Cody	Benning'n	Laborer	Ireland	Michael Cody Ellen Coughlan	Ireland	Rail'r'd	Chas. C. Leddy
Hills'to	May A. Quimby	Benning'n	Housekpr.	Lowell Ms.	John Clark	Ireland Lowell, Ms. Scotland	At home Mill hd. Housew.	Hillsboro, N. H. Cath. Priest
July 28	Ed. T. Motherwell	Benning'n	Upholst'r	China, Me.	Th. E. Motherwell	China, Me.	Blks'mth.	Ed. D. Stevens
Ben'ton	Mabel Roderick	Benning'n	Housekpr.	Wat'ville, Me	Th. E. Toulouse Sophia Gilbert	France England	Housew. Labor'r	Franc'town, N. H. Jus. of Peace
Aug. 8	Bertram Nichols	Benning'n	Farming	S. Boston, Ms.	Henry M. Nichols Ella E. McCoy	Ackw'th, N. H. Sharon, N. H.	Ho. prop. Housew.	Earl C. Osborne
Ben'ton	Ella F. Gage	E. Wash'ton	Housekpr.	Hillsboro	Geo. Brockway Betsey Chesley	Brad'r'd, N. H. Barford, P. Q.	Farmer Housew.	Minister Bennington
Sept. 2	Thos. A. Bavelas	Chicopee, Ms.	Framehd.	Greece	P. Koligiante	Greece	Farmer	S. Angeledes
Ben'ton	A. Th. Ligatsica	Benning'n	At home	Greece	Th. Ligatsica Anna Kounelas	Greece Greece	Housek'r At home	Pas. Greek Ch. Nashua, N. H.
Nov. 10	Geo. Kalabakas	Benning'n	Mechanic	Greece	Jas. Kalabakas H. Papanathanasiou	Greece Greece	Barber Housek'r	Rev. Geo. Poulfos
Manch'r	Stelene Beckbeke	Manch'ter	Mill hand	Greece	Peter Beckbeke	Greece Greece	Mill hd. Housek'r	Pas. Greek Ch. Manchester
Nov. 15	Guy H. Veino	Benning'n	Car. prop.	Goffstown	Enos Veino Kath'ne Kolback	N. Scotia N. Scotia	Labor'r Housew.	Earl C. Osborne
Ben'ton	Helen Brooks	Benning'n	P. O.	Benning'n	John Fleming Anna Munhall	Benning'n Hanc'k, N. H.	Team'r Housew.	Bennington Minister

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1923

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth		Cause of Death
		Yrs	Mos	Days						Father	Mother	
Jan 1	Sarah Lizzie Barney	57	4	5	Deering	F	Bookkpr	Jas. S. Ellenw'd	Rachel D. Turner	Deering	Milford	Per. Anaemia
*Jan 24	Rudolph Gilman	42	5	25	N. Scotia	M	Farmer					Influenza
Feb. 25	Jacob S. Smith	79	11	28	Benning'n	M	Farmer	John C. Dodge	Lucretia Russell	Benning'n	Greenf'd	Bron. Pneum.
Mar. 4	George R. Dodge	70	3			M	Cutler					Liver Cong.
Mar. 8	Calvin S. Brown	77				M						Lobar Pneum.
*Apr. 6	William Cashion	88	1			M						Ch. Myocarditis
*Feb. 19	Michael O'Malley	78				M						Bron. Pneum.
Jul. 19	Lenora D. Burnhal	58	11		Franklin	F	At home	John F. Dodge	Georg'na Colby	Benning'n	Franklin	Car. of Rectum
*Jul. 29	Edward T. Muthall	68	10	17	Hancock	M	Plksmith					Myocarditis
Aug. 10	Katherine Cody	67	4	9	Hancock	F	At home	Jas. Cuddihy	— Welch	Ireland	Ireland	Enbolium
Sep. 15	Catherine E. Veinó	68	6	5	N. Scotia	F	Housew.	Edw. Colback		N. Scotia		Tumor spine
*Oct. 4	William S. Bailey	62	5	26		M						Lobar Pneum.
*Oct. 13	Mary E. O'Malley	70	7	20		F						Ch. Myocard.
*Oct. 21	Richard Ed. Flynn	70	7	11		M						Asphyxia
*	John Redling					M						Pul. Tuber'sis
Nov. 25	Geo. H. Wallace	62	9	20	Nashua	M	Retired	Chas. Wallace	Eliz'beth Gillson	Rindge	Groton, Ms	Arterio Scler.
Dec. 22	Morris M. Cheney	63	4	23	Deering	M	Postmas'	Luther Cheney	Ruth S. Ellinw'd			Pul Tuber'sis

\*Brought here for burial. See Sexton's Report.

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

ARTHUR F. BELL      Town Clerk.













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