

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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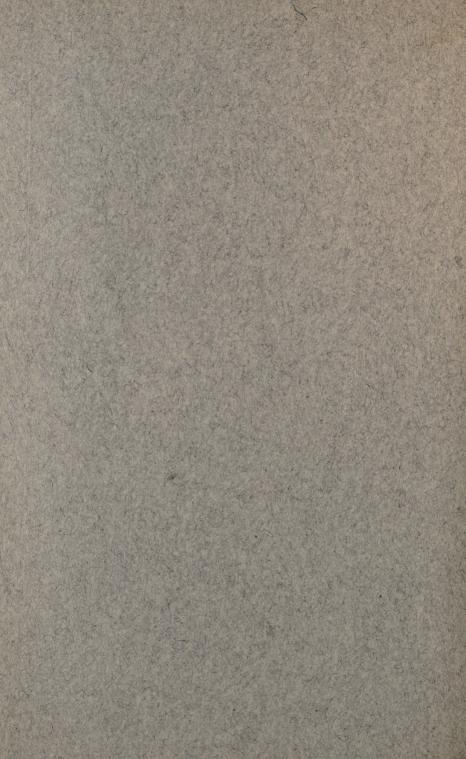
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# **Town Officers**

Moderator-Henry M. Currier.

Selectmen-Asa A. Carleton, George W. Harris, Charles C. Richardson.

Town Clerk-George P. Wood.

Town Treasurer – Fred A. Greeley.

Supervisors of Checklist-Richard H. Currier, Daniel G. Carleton, Daniel F. Atwood.

Representative to the General Court-Asa A. Carleton.

Constables – Fred A. Burton, John D. Jeannotte, Shirley R. Vining, William F. Koehler.

Auditors – Sherman Hobbs, Richard H. Currier, Birge C. Day.

Sealer of Weights and Measures-Charles W. Hobbs.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Edwin J. Atwood, C. Winthrop Hobbs, George M. Muldoon, Frank M. Carleton.

Library Trustees—Harold S. Frost, Sherman Hobbs, Philena Kezer.

Trustees of Cemeteries-Daniel M. Webster, Forrest E. Kelly, 1924; Fred A. Greeley, Arthur H. Peabody, 1925; George P. Wood, Fred S. Tillston, 1926. Sexton, Ernest W. Richardson.

Trustees of Trust Funds-George P. Wood, 1924; Charles W. Hobbs, 1925; Forrest E. Kelly, 1926.

Tax Collector-Carl M. Mansfield.

Highway Agents-L. A. O. Hirsch, Amos E. Wood.

Fence Viewers-Frank M. Carleton, Otis A. Gage.

Inspectors of Elections—Sherman Hobbs, Asa A. Carleton, Otis A. Gage, John D. Jeannotte.

Health Officer-James O. Titcomb.

Forest Fire Warden-Richard H. Currier.

Prosecuting Officers-The Selectmen.

## Town Warrant

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### [L. S.]

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in said Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Pelham on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at ten o'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 bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-large, Alternate Delegates- at-large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to National Convention of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

4. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and

bridges for the ensuing year and determine in what manner the same shall be expended.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and set apart the sum of money necessary to secure State aid for the permanent improvements of the highways under the law passed January session 1905.

6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the extermination of moths, beetles and white pine blister.

7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise in addition to the amount required by law, for the Public Library.

8. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cemeteries for the ensuing year.

9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

10. To choose two persons for three years for trustees of cemeteries.

11. To choose one person for three years and one person for one year for Trustee of the Public Library.

12. To choose one person for three years for Trustee of the Trust Funds of the town.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks when they make their annual appraisal in April.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money necessary to purchase a two tank chemical engine mounted on a Ford chassis, or act in any other way relative thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of two per cent, on 1924 taxes paid before September 1, 1924.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money necessary to purchase and install a lighting system in the Town Hall, and Library Building and take any other action relative thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to require a treasurer of the Trust Funds to furnish a bond, or take any other action relative thereto.

18. To see if the Town acting under the provisions of chapter 123 of laws 1919, will enter into a contract for the continued operation of the Street Railway leading from Hudson Center through the town of Pelham to point A in Salem for the public benefit and convenience upon such terms and conditions as may be authorized by a vote at said meeting, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose of making any payment specified in said contract and to see if the town will appoint a committee to negotiate such contract and report to an ajourned meeting. 19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Australian Ballot System at March Town Meeting.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this, Twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four.

> ASA A. CARLETON, G. W. HARRIS, C. C. RICHARDSON, Selectmen of Pelham.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

> ASA A. CARLETON, G. W. HARRIS, C. C. RICHARDSON, Selectmen of Pelham.

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## BUDGET

#### OF THE

# TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

JAN. 31, 1924 TO JAN. 31, 1925

COMPARED WITH

ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

JAN. 31, 1923 TO JAN. 31, 1924

	Actual Revenue	Estmated Revenue	
SOURCES OF REVENUE	Precious Year 1923	Ensuing Year 1924	Increase
E CLU			
From State: Railroad Tax	\$266.82	\$266.82	
Savings Bank Tax	123.97	123.97	
For Fighting Forest Fires	16.98	25.00	\$ 8.02
(a) For State Aid Maintenar		750.00	159.90
From Local Sources Except Taxes All Licenses and Permits exce			
Dog Licenses	1,210.00	1,300.00	90.00
Rent of Town Hall and Oth		205.00	
Buildings Interest Received on Taxes as	207.00	207.00	
Deposits	242.00	242.00	
From Poll Taxes	1,754.00	1,754.00	
From other taxes except proper	ty	02.04	
taxes (b) Received from tax sales	92.84	92.84	
(c) Abatements, 1922 tax	86.63		
Discounts, 1923 tax	187.61	187.61	
Revenue Applicable Only to New			
Construction and Improvement From State:	5.	•	
(a) For State Aid Highw	ay		
Construction	428.58	444.00	15.42
Revenue Which Must be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions			
Dog Fund	. 218.20	218.20	
0			
Total Revenues from all source		ΦE 611 44	0772 24
Except Property Taxes: Amount Raised by Property	\$5,424.73	\$5,611.44	\$273.34
Taxes:	16,850.42	17,255.70	405.28
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Total Revenues	\$22,275.15	\$22,867.14	\$678.62

	Actual	Estimated		
I OIG ODDO OI	Previous	s Expendit Ensuing		Decrease
EXPENDITURES	Year	Year	increase	Decrease
	1923	1924		
Current Maintenance Expenses:	;			
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$775.00	\$775.00		
Town Officers' Expenses	367.81	275.00		\$92.81
Election and Registration				
Expenses	18.50	50.00	\$31.50	
Care and Supplies for Town	1			
Hall	348.22	250.00		98.22
Protection of Persons and Pro	perty:			
Police Department	5.25	200.00	194.75	
Fire Department	193.66	100.00		93.66
Damages by Dogs	16.00			
Health:				
Legal Expenses	16.67			
Vital Statistics	12.00	10.00		2.00
State Aid Maintenance	12.00	10.00		2.00
State's Contribution	609.00	750.00	141.00	
Town's Contribution	609.00	750.00	141.00	
Town Maintenance	2,897.13	4,000.00	1,102.87	
	12.90	-1,000.00	1,102.07	
Street Lighting				
General Expense of Highway	1,775.77	200.00		1,575.77
Department	1,//5.//	200.00		1,070.77
Education:	400.00	400.00		
Libraries	400.00	400.00		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other		10.00	1 1 2	
Celebrations	8.82	10.00	1.12	
Public Service Enterprises:	104.00	FF 00		20.00
Cemeteries	104.00	75.00		29.00
Interest:				
Taxes Bought by Town Abatement of Tax	69.44			
Abatement of Tax	86.63			
Discount on Tax	187.61		· •	
On Principal of Trust Funds	5			
Used by Town	· 66.25	66.25		
Outlay for New Construction	and			
Permanent Improvements:				
State Aid Construction				
State's Contribution	428.58	444.00	15.42	
Town's Contribution	1,071.42	1,110.00	38.58	
Payments to Other Government	al			
Divisions:			•	
State Taxes	2,216.50	2,200.00		<b>216</b> .50
County Taxes	1,201.89	1,201.89		
Payments to School Districts		10,000.00	1,391.83	
a dyments to benoor protrieto				
Total Expenditures	23.106.23	22,867.14	3,058.07	2,107.96
rotai isspenditures	201200120	,		

# Selectmen's Report

## Summary Inventory

	Number	Value
No. of \$5.00 polls	451	
No. of \$3.00 polls	8	
No. of acres of real estate		\$636,445.00
No. of horses	157	13,725.00
No. of cows	681	37,735.00
No. of other neat stock	78	2,700.00
No. of hogs	9	250.00
No. of sheep	7	40.00
No. of fowls	6,972	. 10,458.00
No. of portable mills	2	3,000.00
Wood and lumber, not included	in	
stock and trade		52,010.00
Money on hand at int. or on depo	osit	625.00
Value of stock in trade		3,275.00
Equipment at ledge		1,000.00
Transmission lines		2,200.00
• Total property valuation		\$763,463.00
Amount exempted to soldiers r included in the above	not	4,500.00
Tay rate (1923) \$22.00 per the	reand	

Tax rate (1923) \$22.00 per thousand.

## TAXES ASSESSED

State tax	\$1,322.50
County tax	1,201.89
Town charges	
State aid construction	1,071.42
State aid maintenance	600.00
Highways and bridges	3,000.00
Public library	400.00
Payments to C. W. Hobbs, Jr. district	
school treasurer	9,608.17
· · · ·	\$17,203.98
Overlay	1,400.44
Total	\$18,604.42
Detail No. 1. Town Officer's Sal	aries
George P. Wood, town clerk	\$ 50.00
Fred A Greely town treasurer	50.00

Fred A. Greely, town treasurer	50,00
A. H. Peabody, selectman	175.00
Asa A. Carleton, selectman	150.00
George W. Harris, selectman	150.00
Carl M. Mansfield, tax collector	200.00

\$775.00

Detail	No.	2.	Town	Officer's	Expenses
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George P. Wood, stationery and postage	3.75
A. H. Peabody, telephone, postage	3.85
Edson C. Eastman, vouchers and postage	6.11
F. E. Cole, reports	185.70
Asa A. Carleton, stationery	6.00

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C. W. Classon, stamp	2.25
Butterfield Printing Co., ballots	14.00
F. E. Cole, printing tax bills	9.75
Edson C. Eastman, tax book	4.75
George P. Wood, auto permits	22.50
H. S. Frost, tax collector 1920	9.75
George P. Wood, dog collector 1920, and	
auto price list	. 9.85
George P. Wood, stationery, postage and	
auto price list	17.80
Auto permits 151 @ 25 c each	37.75
C. C. Richardson, expenses to hearings,	
trip to Grasmere, telephones	34.00

\$367.81

Detail No. 3. Election and Registration

Sherman Hobbs, election inspector	9.00
John D. Jeannotte, ballot clerk	<b>3.</b> 00
Otis A. Gage, ballot clerk	3.00
Milan Stickney, setting up ballot booths	3.50

\$18.50

Detail No. 5. Town Hall Expens	es
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C. M. Wyman, janitor services	96.00
Thorndike Coal Co., coal	72.50
Henry M. Currier, insurance	65.73
Gulf Refining Co., oil	7.70
Fred A. Bassett, repairing hall	88.29
W. D. Smith, wood for 1919	18.00

\$348.22

#### Detail No. 6. Police Department 5.25 W. R. Peterson, badges Detail No. 7. Fire Department Richard Currier, fire warden 33.95 New Hampshire Forestry Department, fire 63.00 extinguishers Talbot Chemical Co., acid 1.50 Talbot Chemical Co., chemical 3.00 Richard H. Currier, fire warden 88.70 Richard H. Currier, fire warden 3.51 \$193.66 Detail No. 10. Damage by Dogs D. M. Webster, 10 hens and 1 duck 16.00Detail No. 12. Vital Statistics H. O. Smith, M. D., reporting deaths and births 3.75 Arthur Wallace, M. D., recording vitals .75 George P. Wood, recording vitals 7.50 \$12.00

### Detail No. 14. State Aid Maintenance

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April	14.	Amos Wood, road agent	\$74.25
6.6	27.	Amos Wood, road agent	24.00
May	11.	Amos Wood, road agent	49.95
6.6	28.	Amos Wood, road agent	20.55
June	11.	Oscar Hirsch, road agent	15.50
* *	11.	Amos Wood, road agent	13.75

July	9.	Amos Wo	od, road ag	gent	9.00
Aug.	6.	Burnaham	116.50		
Sept.	3.	Amos Wo	od		15.85
6.6	3.	L. O. A. I	Hirsch		44.00
* *	17.	C. M. Wyr	man, cutting	g bushes	9.00
Oct.	15.	L. A. O. I	Hirsch, road	d agent	264.50
4.4	15.	C. M. Wyn	nan, cutting	bushes	12.00
6.6	23.	L. A. O. I	lirsch, road	l agent	39.50
6.6	29.	Edward H	. Morris, 1	oad work	36.00
Oct.	29.		man, road		9.00
6 G	29.	L. A. O. I	lirsch, road	l agent	53.40
Dec.	10.		Pollatto, c		
		work			400.00
					\$1,206.75
			State	Town	Total
Appr	opriat	ion, 1923	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Appr	opriat	ion, extra	9.90	9.90	19.80
	Tot	al	\$609.90	\$609.90	\$1,219.80
	Exr	enditures	609.90	609.90	1,219.80
Paid by State, engineering			\$19.80		
Paid to Town by State				590.10	
W. N. PRE					
				D	

Division Engineer.

Detail No. 16. Town Maintenance of Highway Amos E. Wood, Road Agent

April	· · ·	\$141.84
May		73.45
June		95.59
July		10.45

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	Richard H. Currier tonio Polatto	18.62 10.50 4.50 27.00 279.42
		\$661.37
	W. F. Marsh, Road Agent	
May September October November January December		\$133.00 81.34 28.50 180.11 130.35 100.00 \$653.23
	L. O. A. Hirsch, Road Agent	
April May June July August September October November December		\$103.40 330.59 374.00 55.50 284.18 138.19 129.10 148.50 19.00 \$1,582.46
	Detail No. 17. Street Lighting	

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Amos E. Wood

\$12.90

Detail	No.	18.	General	Expenses	of	Highway
			Departr	nent		

A Ducharme, repairs	\$4.80
Antonio Pollatto, Willow Street bridge	1,065.34
A. E. Lyford, engineer on bridge	50.00
	\$1,120.14
Snow Bill	
Foisie	\$131.75
Wood .	305.91
Hirsch	170.62
C. C. Richardson	18.00
George LaBlanc	4.62
Currier	9.00
Burton	4.95
Webster	10.78

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Detail No. 19. Public Library	
H. S. Frost, treasurer	400.00
Detail No. 22. Aid to G. A. R.	
C. W. Hobbs, Jr., supplies	8.82
Detail No. 27. Cemeteries	
Ernest W. Richardson, sexton, 13 graves	104.00
Ernest w. Michardson, sexton, 15 graves	104.00
Detail No. 28. Damages and Legal Expen	ses
F. M. Woodbury, Thomas B. Moran, legal	
services	16.67

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Detall No. 29			
Taxes bought by town			
	69.44		
Detail No. 30			
Abatement taxes of 1922 list	86.63		
ristement taxes of 1722 not	00.05		
Detail No. 31. Discount on Taxes			
Carl M. Mansfield, collector 1923 list	187.61		
Call M. Mansheld, conector 1725 list	107.01		
Detail No. 35. Interest			
Interest on trust fund notes to Jan. 31, 1924	66.25		
interest on trust fund notes to Jan. 51, 1924	00.25		
Detail No. 36. State Aid Construction			
State Town	Total		
Appropriations, 1924 \$433.20 \$1,083.00 \$1			
Expenditures - 428.58 1,071.42 1	,500.00		
Balance 4.62 11.58	16.20		

Faid by Iown:	
November 17, Carleton	\$974.40
November 24, Carleton	525.60
Paid by State to Town	428.58
	W. N. PRESCOTT,
	Division Engineer.

Data has Tax

Detail No. 50. Taxes Paid to State Polls Collected to January 31 101 polls, 1922 @ \$2.00 · · · 202.00 346 polls, 1923 @ 2.00 692.00 1,322.50 State tax

\$2,216.50

## Detail No. 51

Tax paid to county	1,201.89
Detail No. 53. Payments to School	Districts
Paid C. Winthrop Hobbs, school dist. treas	s. 9,608.17

## Abatement of taxes, 1922 List

Brantighm, Edgar J.	\$ 3.00
Brantighm, Julia	5.00
Blackman, Ruel A.	8.45
Cutter, Martina S.	3.00
Colman, Michael Jr.	5.00
Dohrety, Charles A.	3.00
Danuea, Mary	5.00
Danuea, Alfred	5.00
Geragosian, Avedes	5.00
Kendrick, Edgar F.	5.00
Day, Emma	5.00
Mansur, Jennie	5.00
Storm, Julia	5.00
Wilson, Ora	5.00
Pearson & Duckworth	11.00
Houston, William	8.18

\$86.63

## DOGS LICENSED YEAR ENDING, MAY 1, 1924

Acker, Wm., 1 female	\$ 5.00
Atwood, H. H., 1 female	5.00
Allard, G. Z., 1 male	2.00
Baril, A., 1 male	2.00
Beauchene, N., 1 male	2.00
Bigelow, S., 1 male	2.00
Bigelow, E. Q., 1 male	2.00

Bergeron, R. J., I s. female	2.00
Bolton, W. J., 1 male	2.00
Blackmun, J. M., 1 male	2.00
Brown, W. C., 1 male	2.00
Burton, F. A., 1 male	2.00
Clark, F. A. Mrs., 1 female	5.00
Coleman, J., 1 male	2.00
Coombs, E. L., 1 male	2.00
	5.00
Carleton, Asa A., 1 female	2.00
Carleton, Alice A., 1 male	2.00
Currier, H. M., 1 male	2.00
Currier, R. H., 1 male	2.00
Day, B. C., 1 male	4.00
Dalphond, J., 2 male	2.00
Ducharme, E. C., 1 male	5.00
Dutton, W. W. 1 female	2.00
Ellenwood, W. S., 1 male	2.00
Emerson, A. N., 1 male	5.00
Fenton, H. L., 1 female	2.00
Gage, Alice, 1 male	2.00
Gariepy, J., 1 male	2.00
Greenwood, A. 1 male	
Harris, A. Mrs., 1 male	2.00 2.00
Herbert, C. G., 1 male	2.00
Hobbs, S., 1 male	5.00
Hirsch, L. A. O., 1 female	
Houle, F. E., 1 female	5.00 2.00
Hubley, D. E., 1 male	5.00
Jack, C. H., 1 female	
Koehler, C. H., 1 male	2.00
Kent, C. D., 1 female, $\frac{1}{2}$ year	2.50
Koehler, W. S., 1 female, 1 male	7.00
Landry, L., 1 male	2.00

Lary, A., 1 male	2.00
Leblanc, Geo., 1 female	5.00
Lewis, H. E., 1 female, 2 males	9.00
Lees, R., 1 male	2.00
Lyon, F. W., 1 male	2.00
Leblanc, A., 1 female	5.00
Koper, Stanislaw, 2 males	4.00
Mansfield, C. M., 1 male	2.00
Merriam, C. H., 1 male	2.00
Meseth, J. G., 1 male	2.00
Morneau, A., 1 female	5.00
Muldoon, Bros., 1 male	2.00
Morrison, J., 1 male	2.00
Peabody, A. H., 1 male	2.00
Pearson, W. E., 1 male	2.00
Perry, E. E. Mrs., 1 male	2.00
Phelan, G. J. Mrs., 1 male	2.00
Quigley, P., 1 male	2.00
Raymond, E. G., 1 female	5.00
Rediker, G. W., 2 males	4.00
Ross, P., 1 male	2.00
Richardson, E., 1 female	5.00
Richardson, C. C., 1 female, 2 males	9.00
Reissmon, O., 1 male	2.00
Robarge, O., 1 male	2.00
Smith, W. D., 1 s. female	2.00
Smith, E. J., 1 male	2.00
Simpson, D. E., 1 male, $\frac{1}{2}$ year	1.00
Smith, Jos., 1 male	2.00
Saucier, O., 1 male	2.00
Simpson, B. F., 1 female, 1 male	7.00
Smietana, V., 1 male, 1/4 year	.50
Stys, Felix, 1 male	2.00

Sherburne, W. G., 1 ma	ale			2.00
Stanyon, E. E., 1 female				5.00
Titcomb, O. E., 1 male				2.00
Tallant, Eben, 1 male				2.00
Warden, H. A., 2 female	es			10.00
Woodbury, F. M., 1 mal	e, $1/_2$	year		1.00
Wood, A. E., 1 male				2.00
Wood, L. M. Mrs., 1 m	ale			2.00
Yaeh, Emil, 1 male				2.00
Zolkos, John, 1 male				2.00
93 D	ogs I	licensed	1	
66 Males	(a)	\$2.00		\$132.00
2 Males, $1/_2$ year	(a)	2.00		2.00
1 Male, 1/4 year		2.00		.50
21 Females	@	5.00		105.00
1 Female, $\frac{1}{2}$ year	(a)	5.00		2.50
2 Spayed females	@	2.00		4.00
				\$246.00
Stationery and postage			\$2.00	
89 Licenses @ 20 cents			17.80	
Paid treasurer or in hand	l of tl	he towr	<u> </u>	
clerk				\$19.80
				\$226.20
190 Motor vehicle perm	its w	ere issu	ied for	
1923, amounting to				\$1,213.11
		GEO	RGE P.	WOOD,
			Т	own Clerk.

# Treasurer's Report

The following report for the year ending, 1924, is respectfully submitted:	January 31,
Cash in Treasury	\$3,288.36
Received of collector, tax of 1922	3,140.17
Received of collector, int. on 1922 tax	141.25
Abatements allowed on 1922 tax	86.63
Tax sales of 1922 list	69.44
Received of collector, tax of 1923	15,262.61
Discount allowed on 1923 tax	187.61
Received of town clerk, auto permits	1,210.00
Received of town clerk, dog licenses	218.20
Received for rent of town hall	207.00
Received of collector Pothier, tax	69.44
Received of colletor Gendreau, tax	24.00
Received of collector Fram, tax	10.84
Received of State Treasurer, fire bill	16.98
Received of State Treas., Railroad tax	266.82
Received of State Treas., Savings Bank tax	123.97
Received of State Treas., State aid con-	
struction	428.58
Received of State Treas., State road main-	
tenance	590.10
Received from H. M. Currier, col. Henderson	ı
tax	23.40
Received from Union National Bank, int.	100.75
	\$25,466.15
Deid 125 and an investigation of the	23,094.97
Paid 125 orders issued by selectmen	20,004.97
Leaving balance in treasury	\$2,371.18

Cash in Treasury	
Shufelt Cemetery Fund	\$500.00
Dog Fund	218.20
General Fund	1,652.98
Uncollected taxes of 1923	\$2,371.18 3,154.20
FRE	\$5,525.38 D A. GREELY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Pelham, for the year ending January 31, 1924, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector, and find that the Selectmen have issued orders to the amount of \$23,094.97 and said orders were properly receipted, and we also find that the Treasurer has received \$25,-466.15 and has paid the above mentioned orders, leaving a balance in the treasury, January 31, 1924 of \$2,-371.18 and we also find that the collector has \$3,154.20 to collect.

> RICHARD H. CURRIER, CHARLES WINTHROP HOBBS, Auditors.

Pelham, N. H., February 11, 1924.

## **Trustees of Cemeteries**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer of the Trustees submit the following report for the year ending, January 31, 1924: 1923. Jan. 31. Balance on hand \$106.11 April 30. Received of Alexander I. Boisvert, for a lot in Gibson Addition 2.00Dec. 3. Received of George E. Pearson, for a lot in Gibson Addition 15.001924. Jan. 12. Received of Joseph Prescott, for a lot in Gibson Addition 2.00\$125.11 **Expenditures** 1923. Aug. 11. Paid Forest E. Kellev, for labor and material for repairing tombs at Gumpus Cemetery \$25.65 Sept. 14. Paid Fred A. Greely, for cleaning up Gumpus Cemetery 7.50 Nov. 5. Paid George P. Wood, for cleaning up Centre Cemetery 16.00 Nov. 8. Paid box rent at Old Lowell National Bank 5.00 \$54.15 Leaving a balance on hand Jan. 31, 1924 70.96 GEORGE P. WOOD. Treasurer.

## **Trust Funds**

## CERTIFICATE

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

> GEORGE P. WOOD, FORREST E. KELLEY, Treasurer.

February 15, 1924.

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The above Victory Bonds have been exchanged for Liberty Bonds.

## **Public Library**

#### **Trustees' Report**

There is nothing of moment to report concerning the library this year, but it may be well to mention a few outstanding facts.

Two lots of books have been bought for the library in 1923, and more should be and probably will be added soon.

Because we needed more room in the stock room, some racks have been built in the attic and many of the less used and obsolete volumes have been removed from the stock room and put in them, thus making more room for new books and still having them in a place when they are accessible if needed.

Although the library has enjoyed its usual degree of prosperity during the year, it has been particularly unfortunate in losing two of its trustees—Mrs. Lena A. Kezer and Harold S. Frost, both of whom have removed from town. This will make it necessary to elect two instead of one trustee at the coming Town Meeting.

Several gifts of books, magazines and other things have been made to the library and we desire to thank those who have given them.

Any suggestions in regard to the purchase of new books or the conduct of the general affairs of the library by those who are intrusted will be gratefully received and considered.

As there is nothing in view for the coming year that

will regain any additional money, perhaps a few minor repairs, the usual appropriation of \$400 is recommended.

SHERMAN HOBBS, Library Trustee.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Trustees of the Public Library:

The following report is respectfully submitted:	
Number of volumes in library	5,562
Number acquired during year by purchase	124
Number acquired by gift	75
Circulation books for year	5288
Largest circulation in one month, April	<b>4</b> 90
Smallest circulation in one month, June	<b>38</b> 2
Average circulation per month	440
Number of cards issued during year	46
Amount received in fines	\$7.53
Amount received from sale of old papers	\$1.61

Gifts received during year: National Geographic Magazine, Mr. Sherman Hobbs; The Dearborn Independent, Mr. Henry Ford; The Literary Digest, Mrs. G. W. Sherburne; Gifts of books and two pictures, Mrs. Katherine Cox of Haverhill, Mass.; books, stuffed animals and birds, Mr. F. H. Hillman of St. Petersburg, Florida; a gun carried in the Revolutionary War by Capt. Jesse Wilson of this town, Miss Samantha Wilson of Pelham.

> MARY E. HOBBS, Librarian.

# SUPPLEMENTARY FINDING LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PELHAM LIBRARY

(By authors) January 1923-1924

The Enchanted April	2319
Bailey, Temple, The Dim Lantern	2316
Braley, Berton, The Sheriff of Silver Bow	2317
Brand, Max, The Night Horseman	2318
Canfield, Dorothy, Rough Hewn	2283
Cody, H. A., Jess of the Rebel Trail	2284
Curwood, J. O., Barre, Son of Kazan	2285
Curwood, J. O., The Grizzly King	2286
Curwood, J. O., The Courage of Marge O'Doon	2287
Curwood, J. O., Nomads of the North	2288
Curwood, J. O., The Alaskan	2329
Connor, Ralph, The Gaspard's of Pinecroft	2328
Day, Holman, Joan of Arc of the North Woods	2289
Evarts, Hal G., Tumbleweeds	2290
Farnol, Jeffery, Peregrine's Progress	2291
Farnol, Jeffery, Sir John Dering	2330
Grey, Zane, Wanderer of the Wasteland	2292
Gale, Zona, Birth	2351
Hardy, Thomas, Far from the Madding Crowd	2293
Hendryx, James B., North	2294
Johnston, Mary, Croatan	2333
Kyne, Peter B., Never the Twain Shall Meet	2334
Lewis, Sinclair, Babbitt	2295
Lincoln, Joseph C., Fair Harbor	2296
Lincoln, Joseph C., Doctor Nye	2335
Lytton, Edw. Bulwer, Last Days of Pompeii	2322
Lytton, Edw. Bulwer, Harold, 2 Volumes	2323-24

Lutz, Grace L. H., Tomorrow About This Time	2331
Lytton, Edw. Bulwer, Last of the Barons	
2 Volumes	2325-26
Lytton, Edw. Bulwer, Rienzi	2327
Locke, Wm. J., The Lengthened Shadow	2336
MacGrath, Harold, The World Outside	2297
Marshall, Edison, The Isle of Retribution	2298
Marshall, Edison, The Strength of the Pines	2299
Mulber, Max, Memories	2320
Morley, Christophe, Where the Blue Begins	2337
Nicholson, Meredith, The Hope of Happiness	2338
Norris, Kathleen, Butterfly	2339
Pedler, Margaret, The Vision of Desire	2300
Porter, Gene Stratton, The White Flag	2340
Quick, Herbert, The Hawkeye	2352
Raine, Wm. McLeod, The High Grader	2301
Raine, Wm. McLeod, Oh, You Tex!	2302
Raine, Wm. McLeod, The Big Town Round Up	2303
Ruck, Berta, Sir or Madam	2304
Ruck, Berta, Sweethearts Unmet	2305
Roe, E. P., A Day of Fate	2321
Richards, Laura E., The Squire	2341
Richmond, Grace S., Rufus	2342
Sabatini, Rafael, The Sea Hawk	2306
Sabatini, Rafael, Fortune's Fool	2343
Sinclair, Bertrand W., Burned Bridges	2307
Sinclair, Bertrand W., Big Timber	2308
Terhune, Albert Payson, Black Caesar's Clay	2309
Terhune, Albert Payson, Buff-a Collie	2345
Terhune, Albert Payson, The Amature Inn	2353
Tracy, Lewis, The Pelham Affair	2310
Tarkington, Booth, The Fascinating Stranger	2344
Tompkins, Juliet Wilbor, A Line a Day	2346

Van Schaick, Geo., The Peace of Roaring River	2311
Walpole, Hugh, The Cathedral	2312
Wharton, Edith, The Age of Innocence	2313
Wharton, Edith, A Son at the Front	2347
White, Wm. Patterson, The Wagon Wheel	2314
Widdemer, Margaret, I've Married Marjorie	2315
Widdemer, Margaret, Graven Image	2348
Wilsie, Honore, The Exile of the Lariat	2349
Wright, Harold Bell, The Mine with the Open	
Door	2350

# JUVENILE FICTION

Story of Little Black Sambo	791
The Foolish Fox	792
Old Red Reynard the Fox	812
Almond, Linda S., When Peter Rabbit Went	
to School	793
Almond, Linda S., Peter Rabbit's Birthday	794
Almond, Linda S., Peter Rabbit and Jack the	
Jumper	795
Appleton, Victor, Tom Swift and His Electric	
Rifle	808
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Runabout	809
Baldwin, James, The Story of Siegfried	796
Blanchard, Amy E., The Awakening of Martha	813
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, The Spring Cleaning	814
Curtis, Alice Turner, A Yankee Girl at Shiloh	797
Carter, Russell Gordon, A Patriot Lad of Old	
Boston	815
Defoe, Daniel, Robinson Crusoe	798
Dix, Beulah, Turned About Girls	799

Duffield, Kenneth, The Little Wise Chicken	800
Darling, Esther Birdsall, Baldy of Nome	816
Day, Holman, Leadbetter's Luck	817
Eaton, Walter P., Boy Scouts at Crater Lake	801
Ellis, Edward S., True Stories about Indians	810
Frost, John, Thrilling Adventures Among Indians	811
Green, Fitzhugh, Mystery of the Eric	818
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Dr.

Cash	in tre	easury Jan. 31, 1923	\$181.85
Aug.	20.	Received 1923 appropriation	400.00
Nov.	13.	Old books and pamphlets sold	1.61
Dec.	22.	Book sold	2.25
Jan.	31.	Fines	7.53

\$593.24

## Cr.

Paid—

1 414	
De Wolfe & Fiske Co., books	\$97.78
Courier Publishing Co.	2.59
M. C. Stickney for sawing wood	3.75
Muldoon Bros. for lumber	1.71
De Wolfe & Fiske Co., books	97.68
W. D. Smith, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood	30.00
C. Winthrop Hobbs, janitor	75.00
Mary E. Hobbs, Librarian	75.00
Harry H. Atwood, supplies	7.40
	\$390.91
Cash in Treasury Jan. 31, 1924	202.33
	\$593.24
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Respectfully submitted,

SHERMAN HOBBS, Treasurer Protem.

# **Financial Report**

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1924

#### 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. February 20, 1924.

> ASA A. CARLETON, GEORGE W. HARRIS, C. C. RICHARDSON, Selectmen.

> FRED A. GREELEY, Treasurer.

## ASSETS

Casii.	
In hands of treasurer (Do	not in-
clude sinking funds)	\$2,371.18
Other Bills Due Town:	
Rent from town hall	32.00
Taxes not collected:	
Levy of 1923	3,154.20
Total Assets	\$5,557.38

Grand Total

Cash

\$5,557.38

Net Debt—surplus, January 31, 1923 \$3,903.08 Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1924 3,446.68

# Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School Districts:	
Dog licenses of 1923	\$218.20
Trust Funds, Amount of Principal	l
used by Town:	
Cemetery Trust Fund	1,392.50
Shufelt Cemetery Trust Fund	500.00
Total Liabilities Excess of assets over liabilities	\$2,110.70
(Surplus)	3,446.68
Grand Total	\$5,5

\$5,557.38

Receipts		
Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes committed to		
collector, 1923 \$18,604.	42	
Less discounts and		
Abatements, 1923 187.		
Less uncollected, 1923 3,154.	20	
Property taxes, current year,		
actually collected \$	13,508.61	
Poll taxes, current year, actual-	04.00	
ly collected 8 @ \$3	24.00	
Poll taxes, current		
year, actually col-	1 720 00	
lected 346 @ \$5		
Property and poll taxes, previ- ous years, actually collected		
Total of above collections	5,140.17	\$18,402.78.
	5,140.17	\$18,402. <b>7</b> 8 104.28
Total of above collections	9,140.17	
Total of above collections	3,140.17	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed	590.10	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State:		
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance	590.10 428.58 266.82	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires From Local Sources Except Taxe	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98 s:	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires From Local Sources Except Taxe Dog licenses	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98 \$: 218.20	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires From Local Sources Except Taxe Dog licenses Rent of town hall	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98 s: 218.20 207.00	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires From Local Sources Except Taxe Dog licenses Rent of town hall Interest received on taxes	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98 s: 218.20 207.00 141.25	
Total of above collections Tax sales redeemed From State: For State Aid Maintenance For State Aid Construction Railroad tax Savings bank tax Fighting forest fires From Local Sources Except Taxe Dog licenses Rent of town hall Interest received on taxes Interest received on deposits	590.10 428.58 266.82 123.97 16.98 s: 218.20 207.00 141.25	
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Abatements of 1922 taxes Discounts on 1923 taxes Tax Sales of 1922 list Henderson tax, 1920 list	86.63 187.61 69.44 23.40	
Total Current Receipts Reven	nue	\$22,177.79
Total Receipts From all Sou Cash on hand February 1, 1923	rces	\$22,177.79 3,288.36
Grand Total	-	\$25,466.15
Payments		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$775.00	
Town officers' expenses	367.81	
Election and registration expens	es 18.50	
Expenses town hall and other		
town buildings	348.22	
Protection of Persons and Propert	у:	
Police department, including		
care of tramps	5.25	
Fire department, including	102 ( (	
forest fires	193.66	
Damage by dogs	16.00	
Health: Vital statistics	12.00	
Highways and Bridges:	12.00	
State Àid maintenance	1,206.75	
Town maintenance	2,897.13	
Street lighting and sprinkling	12.90	
General expenses of highway	12.70	
entered experied of inginary		

department, including water-	
ing troughs 1,775.77	
Libraries:	
Library 400.00	
Patriotic Purposes:	
Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day	
exercises 8.82	
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire 104.00	
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses 16.67	
Taxes bought by town 69.44	
Abatements refunded, 1922 list 86.63	
Discount on taxes, 1923 list 187.61	
Tatal Comment Maintenance	
Total Current Maintenance	¢ 9 502 14
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$8,502.16
	\$8,502.16
	\$8,502.16
Expenses	\$8,502.16
Expenses Interest:	\$8,502.16
Expenses Interest: Paid on principal of trust	\$8,502.16
Expenses Interest: Paid on principal of trust	\$8,502.16 \$66.25
Expenses Interest: Paid on principal of trust funds used by town \$66.25 Total Interest Payments	
Expenses Interest: Paid on principal of trust funds used by town \$66.25 Total Interest Payments Outlay for New Construction and	
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Expenses Interest: Paid on principal of trust funds used by town \$66.25 Total Interest Payments Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements: Highways and budges—State	

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions: Taxes paid to State \$2,216.50 Taxes paid to County 1,201.89 Payments to School Districts 9,608.17 Total Payments to Other Gov-		
ernmental Divisions	\$13,026.56	
Total Payments for all Purposes Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1924	\$23,094.97 2,371.18	
Grand Total	\$25,466.15	
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY Description		
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$3,500.00	
Furniture and equipment	400.00	
Libraries, lands and buildings	8,000.00	
Furniture and equipment	3,000.00	
Fire Department:		
Equipment	100.00	
Highway Department, lands and buildings	300.00	
Equipment	350.00	
Schools, lands and buildings	15,000.00	
Equipment	2,000.00	
Total	\$32,650.00	

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

# THE SCHOOL BOARD

#### OF THE

# TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.

FROM

MARCH, 1922, TO SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1923

#### TOWN DISTRICT SCHOOL WARRANT

#### The State of New Hampshire

[L. S.]

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Pelham, qualified to vote in District affairs you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district, on the twenty-second day of March, 1924, at half past one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the Tuition of pupils attending High Schools or Academies. 9. To see how much money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of School houses and buildings.

10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum asked for to pay their proportion of the excess salary of the Superintendent.

11. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, Truant Officers, District Clerk, and all other District Officers.

12. To see how much money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the first year work of local High School.

13. To see if the District will vote to extend the course of the present High School one or more years, and if voted in the affirmative, to see how much money the district will raise and appropriate to carry this article into effect.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of February, A. D., 1924.

W. E. PEARSON, E. G. SHERBURNE, H. M. CURRIER, School Board.

A true copy of warrant attest.

W. E. PEARSON, E. G. SHERBURNE, H. M. CURRIER, School Board.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### To the School Board of Pelham.

#### Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure of presenting herewith my fifth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

#### Teachers

Your schools opened this year with three of your former teachers in service and with four new ones; two at the High and Junior High School, and new teachers at No. 1, and No. 4. Miss Griffin resigned at the beginning of the Christmas vacation and her place has been filled. I feel that the board has been very fortunate in the selection of its teachers this year, and that Pelham has been particularly favored in securing the services of a young man of the scholarship and personality of Mr. Phinney. I believe that the teaching force of Pelham is the strongest at the present moment that it has been at any time in the past five years.

#### Enrollment

The membership in your schools has dropped appreciably in the past year. Your average membership for the school year 1922-23 was 185, your present membership is 160. However, a survey recently made seems to indicate that the low-water mark has been reached. Pelham is too close to Nashua, Lowell and Lawrence to suffer much more in depletion of its population regardless of transportation facilities.

#### High School

Your one year high school is small again this year, having an enrollment of 9 and a present membership of 7 pupils. As long as secondary work for but one year is offered by the school, we cannot expect a membership of much more than a dozen or 15. But even with the small number we now have, I believe the school decidedly worth while. Seven pupils each year, should they continue through the other three years of secondary work, would give Pelham a high school attendance of about 50 pupils, a much larger number than this town has had in recent years at least.

I am afraid that some of the parents do not seriously enough consider our effort to maintain a high school. Twice in the three years of its existance the approval of the school has been held up for a time because of a low attendance percent. Approval of a small high school is absolutely essential. Without it the pupils on graduating have no rating when they apply for advanced standing in other high schools in the State. They cannot be certified for work beyond that of the first year when coming from unapproved schools. In such a contingency the time of the pupils is wasted as far as securing any advancement in another school is concerned. This fall the Pelham school was approved until January 31, 1924, with future approval conditional on the school showing an improvement in its attendance record. After repeated exhortations and warnings in this matter, I had to resort to drastic measures to secure the required improvement. One pupil, because of his poor attendance record, was dropped back into grade VIII. This was necessarily done to protect the other seven. The parents

should cooperate with us in trying to make this school a success.

#### The Marking System

A word of explanation at this time of our marking system may not be amiss. Lack of understanding the significance of the marks on the pupils' cards very frequently causes much uneasiness for the parents and leads to unpleasant situations for the teacher, and sometimes for other school officials.

We have adopted in our marking system a five point scale, with four grades above the passing mark, and one to indicate any degree of attainment, however poor, which is below such a standard. The vital point is the standard of attainment fixed for a passing mark. This should represent an absolute quantity and should not be subject to the caprice of any school official, whether teacher, superintendent, or board member. It should represent such attainment for each grade as is known to be secured, on promotion, by the pupils in the average school. To fix such a standard with any degree of certainty has been, up to very recent years, an impossibility. Any teacher or administrative officer could guess, but there has been no data for forming a reliable judgement. From the many and much used scales and standardized tests of today, the teacher or the superintendent can form a very definite idea of where the passing mark should be in the scale of attainment in any school subject.

When the crucial point has been fixed, the grading of those above the passing mark is a comparatively easy matter. In the five point scale, we give a mark of A, for the exceptional attainment, such as is found from the curve of normal distribution is secured by 7 per cent or 8 per cent of the pupils in schools in the aggregate. B, is given for the rest of the upper third, C, for the middle third, D, for that portion of the lowest third which is above the passing standard, and F, for all below passing.

The mark C, then, represents the attainment of the largest class, the great class of average ability, while B, is a mark which any parent should be proud to see on the child's card, and A, is for the exceptional few. Understanding this, it is inconsistent for a parent, claiming but average ability or behavior for his child, to expect marks of A and B. These are marks for pupils of more than average abilities or behavior. We have such pupils and we have provided this way in our marking system of expressing it.

This scheme for marking the attainment of pupils is the one used, or approximated, in nearly all school systems of today. It can be reduced to a per cent basis wherever there is an advantage in so doing.

#### Transportation

Fear of immediate discontinuance of the service of the Massachusetts North Eastern road has been temporarily allayed, but a prudent policy would seem to demand that we be prepared for such an event. Should the service be discontinued, transportation for pupils in grades VII and VIII could probably be secured, but at a much greater expense than is now incurred. Such discontinuance would, however, work a severe hardship for some families now sending, or wishing in the near future to send, children to the Nashua High School. Without the electric road, commuting would be out of the question, while the expense of boarding children away from home would be too great for some of our families, besides the undesirability of so doing. In such a contingency it would seem that the only solution of the problem, if Pelham children are to have the benefits of a secondary education, would be a four year high school in the town.

I believe that Pelham people should be prepared for such an emergency. A high school would be costly for the town, but the absence of the opportunity for a secondary education for Pelham children would be even more costly for the community. It would mean a condition which desirable citizens would not tolerate.

I am attaching to this report an extract from the last statistical report and also a report from your school nurse.

Thanking the board for the many considerations shown me which have made my work for the past year a pleasure, this report is,

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS DEWITT RECORD, Supt. of Schools, Union No. 27.

February 1, 1924.

Extra from General Statistics, 1922-23

Whole number of schools maintained	8
Different pupils registered in the district	216
Length of school years in weeks	36
Aggregate attendance in half days	53,767
Average attendance in all schools	169
Per cent of attendance	86
Number of pupils not absent nor tardy	4
Number of cases of tardiness	826

Average salaries of teachers	\$954
Number of visits made to all schools by board	
members	29
Number of visits made to all schools by super-	
intendent	178
Number of visits made to all schools by citizens	141
Number of Pelham pupils in a secondary school	
elsewhere than in Pelham	19
Number pupils examined	163
Number pupils found to have defective teeth	55
Number pupils found to have hypertrophied	
tonsils	39
Number pupils underweight (7 lbs. or over)	10
Number pupils unvaccinated	85
Number pupils found with defective vision	8
Number pupils found with defective hearing	
Number pupils found with pediculosis	10
Number pupils who have had treatment for teeth	15
Number pupils who have had treatment for	
vision	4
Number pupils who have had treatment for	
tonsils	3
Number pupils who have other defects	4
The problem of securing corrective treatment for	or the

The problem of securing corrective treatment for the pupils of Pelham is more difficult than in some towns due chiefly to the travelling facilities.

The pupils have responded well to health suggestions, and I find each year more interest is shown.

The black boards in some of the rural schools are very poor and I believe the pupils are greatly handicapped because of this. Aside from an epidemic of whooping cough at the Gumpus School, there have been very few contagious diseases.

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### MAUD H. PRISKE,

School Nurse.

# MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES, 1922-23

Gage Hill-

Trueing up and strengthening east wall

New outside door frame

Painting interior walls and woodwork two coats and drawing sash

Miscellaneous Small Repairs

Labor 28<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours @ .85c Labor 28<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours @ .55c

Gumpus----

Painting interior walls and wood work two coats and drawing sash

New floor in boys' entry

Labor  $17\frac{3}{4}$  hours @ .85

Labor 20 hours @ .55

Junior High-

New septic tank

#### On all School Buildings

Miscellaneous repairs, setting glass, puttying sash, painting porch roofs, patching plaster walls, night lock and bolts, oiling floors, repairing desks, repairing outbuildings.

C. B. Coburn, paint and oil	\$44.13
Sherburn Bros., lumber	11.46
Pratt & Forrest, lumber and door frame	18.33
Hardware	24.00
Midgley Steel & Wire Co.	20.23
Nashua Building Co., septic tank	65.00
E. G. Sherburn, labor 83 hrs. @ .85c	70.55
R. Sherburn, labor $59\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. (a) .55c	32.72
W. C. Brown, labor 8 hrs. @ .70c	5.60

\$292.02

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1924-25

Estimated amount \$5 on a M inventory	\$3,849.98
Estimated High School Tuition	2,000.00
District Officers	260.00
Interest and Notes, \$312.50 plus \$500	812.50
Repairs	250.00
Estimated for High School, first year	1,200.00
Superintendent's excess salary	175.00
Estimated per capita tax	450.00

# EXPENDITURES, 1922-23

Salaries—District Officers:	
C. W. Hobbs, moderator and treasurer	
\$24 plus \$6	\$30.00
F. A. Burton, truant officer	24.00
Mary E. Hobbs, clerk	6.00
Henry M. Currier	48.00

Paid---

Willis E. Pearson	60.00
Ernest G. Sherburn	48.00
	\$216.00
Feachers Salaries—Junior High:	
Bertha Hooke	\$1,300.00
Teresa Shea	1,100.00
No. 1. Rita Palmer	950.00
No. 2. Catherine Donovan	800.00
No. 3. Mary Winn	354.15
No. 3. Louie Merriman	525.00
No. 4. Frances McGill	954.00
No. 5. May McCarthy	900.00
	\$6,883.15
Text books	\$336.78
Supplies	304.59

# DEBT SERVICE-PAID AND UNPAID

Total Debt Outstanding-July 15, 1920

8 notes at \$500 each with interest @ $5\frac{1}{2}$	per cent
7 Notes at \$500 each with interest (a) 5	per cent
15 notes serial, 1 mature yearly.	
July 30, 1921-22-23	
Paid principal in three \$500 notes	\$1,500.00
July 30, 1921	
Interest on 8 notes at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	220.00
Interest on 7 notes at 5 per cent	175.00
July 30, 1922	

Interest on 7 notes at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	192.50
Interest on 7 notes at 5 per cent	175.00
July 30, 1923	
Interest on 6 notes at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	165.00
Interest on 7 notes at 5 per cent	175.00

\$2,602.50

#### Debt Outstanding July 30, 1923

- 5 notes (i 51/2) per cent, \$500 each to mature in 1, 6, 8, 10 and 11 years
- 7 notes (1 5 per cent, \$500 each to mature in 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 12 years.

# SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 1923

#### Dr.

To cash in treasury, June 30, 1922	\$1,764.64
Received-	
School District of Windham tuition	70.00
W. E. Pearson, transportation rebate	18.00
Extra tuition of pupil at Lowell High School	72.00
Town treasurer appropriation	7,533.07
Town treasurer dog tax (1921)	136.70
Indian Head National Bank, interest	47.08
State treasurer equallization	4,031.95

Total receipts

\$13,673.44

Cr.

Paid 165 orders issued by School Board \$12,525.47

Leaving a balance on hand June 30, 1923 \$1,147.97 CHARLES W. HOBBS,

District Treasurer.

#### Report of Auditors

We have this day examined the School District Treasurer's accounts and find that he has received \$13,673.44. And paid 165 orders issued by the School

Board amounting to

\$12,525.47

Leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,147.97

Pelham, N. H., July 13, 1923.

SHERMAN HOBBS, CLARENCE H. MULDOON, Auditors.

# Vital Statistics

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham for the year ending December 31, 1923

8	1
Birthplace of Mother	Lowell, Mass. Pelham Pelham N. Andover, Mass. Portugal. Lowell, Mass. Canada. Rass. Canada. Russia. Russia. Russia. Poland Russia. Pelham Austria. Austria. Austria.
Birthplace of Father	Cherokee, Iowa Pehham Pehham Pehham Pehham Pehham N. Andover, M. N. Andover, M. Portugal N. Canada Poland Lowell, Mass. Canada Poland Pola
Occupation of Father	Postman Motorman Motorman Farmer Farmer Farmer Carpenter Salesman Machines Farmer Machines
Maiden Name of Mother	Lucy Lyon Estella A. Wyman Estella A. Wyman Hannah Donnelly Caroline Souza Marie A. Bedard Marion Kyle Wictoria Levasseur Dulia A. Lawlor Dulia A. Lawlor Georgianna Rondeau Julia A. Lawlor Duris Tictomb Paulina Solmon Pawlina Solmon Pawlina Solmon Marie A. Gagnier Marie A. Gagnier
Name of Father	Wm. S. Koehler Asa A. Carleton Jonnie G. Carleton Jonn Sexton Joseph Silva Alexander F. Landry Alexander F. Landry Niliam H. Brady Niliam H. Brady Stephen Niesky John Zolkos Arthur F. Beaupre Arthur Hedard Arthur Hedard Anthrus Meincki Gorge W. Harris Andrew Meincki John J. Fortier Anter Rousseau Victor Smitean
Color	*****
No. of Child	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Living or Stillborn	
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Name of Child (if any)	4 Ethel A. Koehler 10 Helen L. Carleton 10 Helen L. Carleton 27 Mary Sexton 28 Mary Sexton 28 Benyer 29 Marie E. L. Landry 28 Bennice Landry 28 Bennice Landry 28 Bennice Landry 29 Janina Z. Zolkos 29 Janina Z. Zolkos 20 Marie P. G. Beadrad 7 Leslei I. Harris 20 Marie P. G. Beadrad 20 Marie P. G. Beadrad 20 Marie P. G. Beadrad 20 Marie P. G. Beadrad 20 Marie P. G. Beatrad 20 Solventer 20 Marie P. G. Beatrad 20 Solventer 20 Marie P. G. Beatrad 20 Solventer 20 Marie B. L. Landry 20 Solventer 20 S
Date of Birth	Jan. 10 Jan. 10 Jan. 27 Jan. 27 Jan. 27 Jan. 27 Jan. 27 July 28 July 2

Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham for the year ending December 31, 1923

Name, residence and official station of per- son by whom married	A. Gertrude Earle Minister of the Gospel Fred C. Rolls Clergyman Dhosi T. Kotundi, Priest of Alb. Orthi, Church George S. Morrill Henry H. French Arthur B. Peebles Clergyman J. N. Armitstea Lergyman Henry H. French Clergyman Henry H. French Clergyman
Number of Marriage	-00-0-00-00-000-000-
Place of Birth of each	Peabody, Mass. Pelham Drabania Dracut, Mass. Albania York, Maine York, Maine Somervile, Mass. Sydney, N. S. Boston, Mass. St. John, N. B. St. John, N. B. St. John, N. B. St. John, Mass. Richfield, N. J. Bowdoin, Mass. Richfield, N. J. Bowdoin, Mass.
Occupation of Groom and Bride	Steamfitter Dressmaker Parmer Housework Housework Farmer Farmer Steal worker At home At home Mason Mas
Age of each	29 26 26 27 27 29 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
Residence of each at time of Marriage	Pelham
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Wallace L. Galeucia Emily Dierig George F. Burton Gladys M. G. Mooney Christos C. Afezolous Thomada Jiancho Holton Z. Avery Holton C. Avery Antus S. Tholander Lawrence E. Sampson Lawrence E. Sampson Lilliam M. Davies. May Thompson Silas S. McCann Jennie O. Combs Midred L. Theall
Place of Marriage	, Mass
	July 5 Methuen July 25 Hudson. Aug. 8 Pelham . Aug. 12 Manches Sept. 16 Nashua. Oct. 4 Salem . Nov. 24 Hudson. Dec. 15 Hudson.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham, for the year ending December 31, 1923

Maiden Name of Mother	Estella A. Wyman Harriet Barnard. Unknown Lucy Needham Rebecca Atwood Rebecca Atwood Alma Morneau Ann Fox Ann Fox Ann Fox Ann Fox Betesy Bradford Sarah A. Hardy Betesy Bradford Sarah A. Hardy Betesy Richardson Betesy Richardson Annie Kapralean Annie Kapr
Name of Father	Asa A. Carleton Estella A. Wyman Whitten Hillman Harriet Barnard Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Amos Batchelder Rebecca Atwood Alax J. Boisvett Alma Morneau Jesse Wilson Sarah J. Wilson Alma Morneau Sarah J. Wilson Anon Stabile Photo Carr Anno Nor Carr Anno Stabile Photos Annono Stabile Anno Stabile Annono Stabile Annono Anno Annono
Occupation	Infant Infant Farmer Farmer Housewife Farmer Farmer Farmer Salesman Retired Housewife Fareman Retired Infant Infant Infant Housewife Housewife
Mar. Wid.	MOON MANANAAAN MANAAAN
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Place of Birth	89 10 4 Nashua, Me 1   7 89 11 16 Noston, Mass. 1   87 11 16 Noston, Mass. 1 1   87 11 16 Noston, Mass. 1 1   87 7 Pelham. 1 1   7 7 Pelham. 1 1   7 11 15 Georgetown, Mass. 1 1   86 3 22 Lowell, Mass. 1 1   86 23 Lawrence, Mass. 1 1 1   75 51 Lowell, Mass. 1 1 1   76 53 Lawrence, Mass. 1 1 1   76 53 Lawrence, Mass. 1 1 1   76 53 Cowell, Mass. 1 1 1 1   76 50 Champlain, N. Y. 1 1 1 1 1   76 50 Champlain, M. Y. 1 1 1 1 1 1
Age Y M D	9 9 10 4 1   10 3 11 15 1
Name and Surname of Deceased	Helen L. Carleton Mary F. Hillman Bidney Bartich Bidney Bartich Bidney Bartich Serena S. Stickney Serena S. Stickney Albert Bowert Albert Bowert Alvino Stabile Martin Cones Janes Antwood Marsh Ella Atwood Marsh Ella Atwood Marsh Bernison D. Collins Bartich Dennison D. Collins Bartich Bartin L. Jones Darnison D. Collins Bartich Dennison D. Collins Bartick Daren Alobis Dennison D. Collins Bartich Bartick Andibux Dennison D. Collins Bartick Daren Albolis Dennison D. Collins Bartick Daren Albolis Dennison D. Collins Bartick Daren Albolis Dennison D. Collins Bartick Daren Albolis Daren Al
Place of Death	Nashua Pelham Nashua Pelham Pelham Lowell, Mass
Date of Death	Jan. Jan. Jan. Jan. Jan. Jan. Jan. Jan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing records of the Vital Statistics of the Town of Pelham for the year ending December 31, 1923, are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE P. WOOD, Town Clerk.

