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1918/19

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

Town of Chester

Maine

FOR THE YEAR

1918 - 1919



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Report of Municipal Officers

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, YEAR 1918

Real estate, resident	\$44,640 00
Real estate, non-resident	36,000 00
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Total real estate	\$80,640 00
Personal estate, resident	\$18,265 00
Personal estate, non-resident	885 00
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Total personal estate	19,150 00
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Total value of the town	\$99,790 00
Value of land	\$61,657 00
Value of buildings	18,983 00

AMOUNT RAISED AT MARCH MEETING, 1918

For support of schools	\$700 00
incidental expenses	400 00
support of poor	175 00
school books	25 00
repairs on roads and bridges	600 00
State Aid Road	300 00
State Aid Road, extra under Sec. 21, Chap. 25	21 00
high school tuition	80 00
soldiers' dependents	150 00
State tax	600 46
County tax	190 89
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Total amount raised	\$3,242 35
Overlay	98 82
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Total amount assessed	\$3,341 17

Number of polls assesed, 81 at \$3.00	243 00
Number of polls not assesed 8.	

Amount assessed on property	\$3,098 17
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Number of dogs, male, 19.

Number of dogs, female, 0.

Number of dogs, female, incapable of producing young, 1.

Tax rate, .031.

Percentage for collecting, .04½.

J. L. WYMAN,
Collector.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Amount raised by town.....	\$400 00
Amount unexpended 1918.....	41 71
Amount rec'd from State, dog license refund..	1 87
Amount rec'd from State, poultry killed	138 00
Amount rec'd from State, R. R. & Tel. tax.....	8 45

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, books and supplies	\$ 19 35
The T. W. Burr Ptg. Co., town reports..	33 74
M. L. Davis, cruising Fleming's land.....	1 00
G. L. Savage, poultry killed by wild animals.....	11 00
P. A. Libby, services as school committee	5 00
P. A. Libby, causing 4 dogs to be killed....	8 00
P. A. Libby, posting 2 warrants.....	2 00
S. M. Nieveen, services as superintendent	55 00
Mrs. Malcolm Davis, poultry killed.....	22 50
Mrs. Virginia Clukey, poultry killed.....	8 50
Mrs. O. E. Stratton, poultry killed.....	4 50
Mrs. Ebin Ireland, poultry killed.....	35 00
Llewellyn Harmon, services as ballot clerk	2 00
Nathan Ireland, poultry killed.....	47 50

Paid Mrs. Milton Savage, poultry killed	5 00	
E. A. Philbrook, poultry killed	4 00	
school fund note	83 00	
George F. Way, M. D., reporting births and deaths	1 00	
M. H. Haynes, services as treasurer	15 00	
M. H. Haynes, services as town clerk	10 00	
M. H. Haynes, recording vital statistics	5 00	
M. H. Haynes, cash paid for postage	1 00	
M. H. Haynes, poultry killed by wild animals	10 00	
E. O. Somerby, services as municipal officer	50 00	
E. O. Somerby, express, freight and postage	4 00	
H. A. Whitney, ser. as municipal officer	30 00	
J. L. Wyman, abatements	32 72	
J. L. Wyman, collector's commission	114 30	
P. A. Scott, ser. as municipal officer	30 00	
Overdrawn		60 08
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	\$650 11	\$650 11

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE POOR

Amount raised by town		\$175 00
Amount overdrawn 1917	\$198 33	
Paid Mrs. Hatch Williams, board Frank Ireland	22 52	
Herbert Beatham, board of Alvarus Beatham	156 00	
B. B. Stevens, clothing for Alvarus Beatham	6 25	
W. E. Walcott, supplies Al. Beatham, 1917	2 85	
W. E. Walcott, clothing, Al. Beatham	3 95	
G. F. Way, M. D., services Al. Beatham	5 00	
Leon B. Clay, supplies Al. Beatham	30 93	
Overdrawn		250 83
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	\$425 83	\$425 83

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR COMMON SCHOOLS

Amt. raised by town.....		\$700 00
rec'd from State, school and mill fund ..		247 10
rec'd from State, common school fund ..		201 20
interest on school fund note.....		83 00
		\$1,231 30
Total.....		42 68
Overdrawn 1917.....		\$1,188 62
Amount available 1918.....		
Paid Lawrence and Huston Lancaster, banking		
No. 4 school.....	\$	2 00
June Lobbley, teaching No. 6 school,		
spring term.....		99 00
Katyerine Madden, teaching No. 4 school		121 00
Katherine Madden, bal. teaching winter		
term.....		63 00
Georgia Fleming, teaching No. 5 school,		
spring term.....		121 00
George L. Savage, transporting scholars..		67 50
Inez Ireland, janitor.....		2 75
Mrs. Llewellyn Harmon, janitor.....		2 75
Mrs. Llewellyn Harmon, cleaning school-		
house.....		3 00
Georgia Fleming, teaching No. 5, fall		
term.....		88 00
P. A. Libby, transporting scholars.....		60 00
Mrs. June Tash, teaching No. 6 school,		
part fall term.....		55 00
Mrs. June Tash, janitor.....		3 50
Elmer Archer, wood.....		15 00
Georgia Fleming, teaching No. 6 school,		
part term.....		70 00
Thelma Dunifer, teaching No. 4 school,		
fall term.....		121 00

Paid O. E. Stratton, transporting teacher.....	2 00	
Doris Harmon, janitor.....	2 25	
Katherine Madden, teaching No. 4, part winter term.....	60 00	
Georgia Fleming, teaching No. 6, winter term.....	77 00	
Georgia Fleming, janitor.....	1 00	
George Savage, transporting scholars.....	14 00	
P. A. Libby, transporting scholars.....	24 00	
P. A. Libby, hauling wood from No. 1 to No. 6.....	6 00	
J. L. Wyman, 3 cords wood.....	24 00	
Unexpended.....	83 87	
		\$1,188 62 \$1,188 62

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES ACCOUNT

Amt. raised by town.....	\$600 00
Amt. rec'd from State, maintenance fund.....	254 76

Paid Fred Sawyer, breaking roads, 1917.....	\$20 00
Willis Hamilton, breaking roads 1917.....	1 00
John Hamilton, breaking roads 1917.....	2 00
M. L. Davis, breaking roads 1917.....	3 30
Vern Scott, breaking roads 1917.....	6 00
H. A. Whitney, labor.....	3 25
C. M. Conant Co., point for road machine.....	9 50
Ivory Spencer, labor No. Lincoln ferry road.....	3 00
W. C. Ireland, labor No. Lincoln Ferry Road.....	9 00
Harry Fiske, plank.....	23 47
P. A. Libby, labor.....	5 50
A. C. Ireland, iron work.....	9 30
J. L. Savage, cutting bushes on Wyman Road.....	12 00

Paid Hiram Crocker, labor No. Lincoln Ferry Road.....	1 50	
State Highway Com., towns share patrol fund.....	367 40	
S. C. Fleming, breaking roads, 1917.....	10 00	
H. B. Johnson, spikes.....	53	
O. E. Stratton, repairs on road machine.....	1 00	
Ivory Spencer, labor.....	1 50	
Sylvester Smith, labor with team.....	22 50	
Bennie Savage, labor with team.....	12 00	
Harry Whitney, labor.....	13 50	
Wm. E. Whitney, labor with team.....	15 00	
Adelbert Lancaster, labor with team.....	37 50	
Albert Lancaster, labor.....	9 00	
Bennie Lancaster, labor.....	3 00	
E. O. Somerby, labor.....	18 00	
W. H. Keene, labor.....	18 00	
A. F. Sawyer, labor.....	6 00	
Eben Ireland, labor with team.....	36 00	
Chas. Michaud, labor with team.....	12 00	
Fred Davis, labor with team.....	12 00	
J. L. Wyman, labor with team.....	12 00	
Arthur Clukey, labor with team.....	12 00	
M. H. Haynes, labor with team.....	12 00	
A. S. Ireland, labor with team.....	12 00	
Willis Hamilton, labor with team.....	12 00	
J. G. Fleming, 54 loads gravel.....	5 40	
Reuben Savage, 44 loads gravel.....	4 40	
labor on Upper Woodville Road (see acct.)	100 00	
labor on Woodville Road, (see acct.).....	266 50	
E. J. Whitney, snow plowing 1917.....	15 00	
Overdrawn.....		\$300 29
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	\$1,155 05	\$1,155 05

UPPER WOODVILLE ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town		\$100 00
Paid A. H. Lancaster, labor	\$12 00	
Vern Scott, labor	12 00	
O. E. Stratton, labor	70 00	
Harry Fiske, plank	6 00	
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	\$100 00	\$100 00

WOODVILLE ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town		\$100 00
Paid Edwin Ireland, labor	\$ 8 00	
Melvin Ireland, "	40 00	
W. C. Ireland, "	5 50	
A. S. Ireland, "	77 00	
Ivory Spencer, "	9 00	
Harry Ireland, "	6 00	
Forrest Ireland, "	6 00	
A. S. Ireland, "	53 00	
M. H. Haynes, "	36 00	
Percy Haynes, "	14 00	
Harry Ireland, "	9 00	
W. H. Keene, "	3 00	
Overdrawn		166 50
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	\$266 50	\$266 50

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Amt. raised by town under Sec. 20	\$300 00
raised by town under Sec. 21	21 00
carried over from 1917 under Sec. 21	79 00
apportioned by State under Sec. 20	798 00
apportioned by State under Sec. 21	332 00
unexpended 1917	68 29
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Total joint fund	\$1,598 79

Paid Ivory Spencer, labor.....	\$ 55 50	
Johnnie Fleming, labor with team.....	51 00	
Parker Scott, labor.....	28 50	
The Berger Man'f'g Co., 2 metal culverts.....	74 15	
Vern Scott, labor with team.....	133 50	
A. H. Lancaster, labor with team.....	51 00	
Hiram Crocker, labor.....	58 50	
Ernest Tolman, labor.....	15 00	
H. F. Dewitt, labor of team.....	30 00	
W. C. Ireland, labor with team.....	123 00	
Arthur Clukey, labor with team.....	54 00	
A. S. Ireland, labor with team.....	99 00	
Harry Ireland, labor.....	25 50	
Willis Hamilton, labor.....	70 50	
Harry Whitney, labor.....	46 50	
E. O. Somerby, labor.....	92 75	
Fred Sawyer, labor with team.....	60 00	
Forest Ireland, labor.....	52 50	
Leroy Fleming, labor with team.....	52 50	
T. S. Fleming, labor with team.....	24 00	
C. H. Fleming, labor.....	25 50	
John Hamilton, labor with team.....	60 00	
Willis Hamilton, lumber.....	3 00	
S. C. Fleming, labor with team.....	129 00	
S. C. Fleming, rails.....	10 00	
H. B. Johnson, dynamite and cement.....	23 75	
Johnie Fleming, labor.....	18 00	
Wm. E. Whitney, labor with team.....	42 00	
Melvin Ireland, labor with team.....	72 00	
freight on culverts.....	3 18	
Cost of inspection.....	23 95	
Overdrawn.....		8 99
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	\$1,607 78	\$1,607 78

SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS' ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town		\$150 00	
Amount rec'd from the State		326 70	
Paid Mrs. Georgia Fleming	\$228 56		
Mrs. Harriet Fleming	177 56		
Mrs. Blanch Whitney	66 00		
Unexpended	4 58		
		<u>\$476 70</u>	<u>\$476 70</u>

DEPENDENT MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Amt. received from the State		\$44 00	
Paid Mrs. Virginia A. Clukey	\$198 00		
Overdrawn		\$154 00	
		<u>\$198 00</u>	<u>\$198 00</u>

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIR ACCOUNT

Amt. rec'd from State, equalization fund		\$230 00	
overdrawn 1917		24 39	
Amount available 1918		<u>\$205 61</u>	
Paid Willis Hamilton, labor	\$ 8 00		
Unexpended	197 61		
		<u>\$205 61</u>	<u>\$205 61</u>

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT

Amt. raised by town.....		\$80 00
rec'd from State.....		72 00
Paid Town of Winn.....	\$108 00	
Unexpended.....	44 00	
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	\$152 00	\$152 00

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT

Amt. raised by town.....		\$25 00
overdrawn 1917.....		7 59
available 1918.....		17 41
Paid American Book Co., books.....	\$ 3 38	
World Book Co., books.....	12 56	
Ginn & Co., books.....	8 04	
Overdrawn.....		6 57
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	\$23 98	\$23 98

CEMETERIES' ACCOUNT

Amount unexpended 1917.....		\$35 44
Paid H. B. Johnson, wire fence, spikes and staples.....	\$27 15	
Llewellyn Harmon, services as sexton.....	3 00	
J. L. Savage, labor and cash paid on fence	8 90	
M. H. Haynes, services as sexton.....	3 00	
Overdrawn.....		6 61
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	\$42 05	\$42 05

OUTSTANDING ORDERS

Order No.

231	Paid F. D. Sherrard.....	\$ 4 50
292	H. Wyman.....	75
379	Randal Scott.....	6 00
425	Sam Roberts.....	49 88
97	H. F. DeWitt.....	3 85
229	Sonie Hamilton.....	50 00
441	Del. Clark.....	46 36
458	C. H. Fleming.....	56 00
463	Alonzo Beatham.....	11 20
471	Allen Fleming.....	14 00
477	C. H. Fleming.....	7 48
490	Mrs. B. H. Clark.....	15 80
538	A. S. Ireland.....	2 60
561	J. L. Wyman.....	33 00
564	E. O. Savage.....	14 00
565	G. C. Clukey.....	14 00
578	Cora R. Crocker.....	3 00
580	Annie Carlton.....	40 00
647	Vernie Scott.....	38 50
747	Arthur Ireland.....	9 00
748	Harry Booker.....	11 37
939	Willis Hamilton.....	12 00
943	Katherine Madden.....	36 00
945	Etta Hamilton.....	34 00
954	Raymond Tash.....	9 00
957	Katherine Madden.....	18 00
963	Ed. Ireland.....	60 00
983	Pearl Ireland.....	12 00
984	Eben Ireland.....	1 00
1084	W. E. Whitney.....	12 00
1085	Arthur Clukey.....	2 00
1087	G. C. Clukey.....	7 50
1101	Clere Leeman.....	36 00
1103	Luda Hanscom.....	36 00
1112	Sylvester Smith.....	8 50

Order No.		
1118	Paid Clere Leeman.....	27 00
1129	J. G. Fleming.....	50 00
1140	Charles Tash.....	20 00
1142	Reuben Savage.....	27 50
1146	Ivory Spencer.....	2 00
1147	Edwin Ireland.....	42 00
1160	Herbert Beatham.....	18 00
1164	Ora Ireland.....	21 25
1167	Eben Ireland.....	42 50
1179	Eben Ireland.....	42 50
1188	Eben Ireland.....	15 00
1191	A. Ireland.....	16 50
1196	E. O. Somerby.....	67 50
1200	Raymond Tash.....	3 75
1205	Ed. Ireland.....	60 00
1221	Andrew Fleming.....	10 00
1222	W. E. Whitney.....	20 00
1223	Harry Whitney.....	10 00
1224	Eddie Whitney.....	28 34
1229	Llewellyn Harmon.....	7 50
1232	John Fleming.....	5 00
1238	Georgia Fleming.....	29 50
1253	Georgia Fleming.....	36 00
1345	E. O. Somerby.....	12 50
1353	June Lobbly.....	77 00
1356	Georgia Fleming.....	88 00
1365	Vernie Scott.....	12 00
1369	Parker Scott.....	28 50
1377	Vernie Scott.....	49 50
1382	W. C. Ireland.....	57 00
1384	Georgia Fleming.....	19 42
1385	Arthur Clukey.....	18 00
1388	Harry Ireland.....	10 50
1390	Mrs. Llewellyn Harmon.....	5 75
1393	Harry Whitney.....	22 50
1394	Geo. L. Savage.....	11 00
1397	Virginia Clukey.....	33 00

Order No.		
1398	Paid E. O. Somerby	33 25
1405	A. C. Ireland	5 15
1406	J. L. Savage	12 00
1409	Harriet Fleming	33 00
1410	Ivory Spencer	27 00
1413	Fred Sawyer	30 00
1416	A. S. Ireland	54 00
1417	Leroy Fleming	52 50
1418	Georgia Fleming	16 00
1420	Hiram Crocker	31 00
1422	T. S. Fleming	24 00
1423	C. H. Fleming	25 50
1424	Virginia Clukey	41 50
1425	Willis Hamilton	45 00
1426	John Hamilton	60 00
1427	Harry Ireland	6 00
1432	S. C. Fleming	133 00
1433	S. C. Fleming	10 00
1434	Fred Sawyer	21 00
1435	H. B. Johnson	24 28
1436	W. C. Ireland	66 00
1437	Vernie Scott	74 00
1438	John Fleming	18 00
1439	Harry Whitney	24 00
1440	Wm. Whitney	42 00
1441	S. C. Fleming	6 00
1445	Vernie Scott	10 00
1451	Georgia Fleming	44 00
1455	Mrs. E. J. Whitney	22 00
1457	Harriet Fleming	22 00
1481	J. G. Fleming	5 40
1484	Mrs. E. J. Whitney	22 00
1486	A. C. Ireland	5 65
1491	Mrs. E. J. Whitney	22 00
1492	Doris M. Harmon	2 25
1493	Llewellyn Harmon	5 00
1494	Harriet Fleming	22 00

Order No.		
5	Paid Harriet Fleming.....	12 56
8	Geo. L. Savage.....	14 00
9	Herbert Beatham.....	21 20
19	Herbert Beatham.....	21 00
21	George F. Way.....	5 00
		\$2,931 04

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

1917

Bennett, W. N., Co.....	\$12 60
Riverside Box & Lumber Co.....	29 40
Fleming, J. G.....	301 48
Fleming, Mrs. Ida M.....	310 38
	\$653 86

1918

Archer, E. E.....	\$ 6 97
Archer, Frank.....	5 02
Booker, Harry.....	17 26
Beatham, Guy.....	3 00
Fleming, J. G.....	234 28
Fleming, Mrs. Ida M.....	229 09
Fleming, Allen.....	20 05
Fleming, C. H.....	6 41
Fleming, Ora.....	5 33
Hatch, Mrs. Angie.....	11 46
Harmon, Llewellyn.....	3 93
Ireland, W. C.....	15 33
Ireland, Howard.....	9 20
Savage, George L.....	18 14
Savage, Reuben.....	28 36
Savage, Milton.....	3 00

Tash, Wm. H.	13 83	
Tash, A. J.	7 65	
Bennett, W. N., Co.	9 30	
Jones, N. M.	6 20	
Sawyer, Fred	25 79	
		679 60
		<u>\$1,333 46</u>

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

RESOURCES

Cash in the treasury	\$233 15	
Due from collector, 1917 tax	653 86	
collector, 1918 tax	679 60	
town of Woodville, acct. F. Ireland	111 61	
State, acct. soldiers' dependents	103 42	
State, acct. Mothers' Aid	33 00	
State, acct. poultry damage	10 00	
		<u>\$1,824 64</u>

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders	\$2,931 04	
Due collector, com. when 1918 tax is collected	36 03	
Due collector, com. when 1917 tax is collected	23 93	
Balance against the town		1,166 36
	<u>\$2,191 00</u>	<u>\$2,191 00</u>

We have examined the books of M. H. Haynes, treasurer, with the following results:

He has received from all sources	\$5,757 20
He has correct vouchers for	5,524 05

Leaving a balance in the treasury of

\$233 15

E. O. SOMERBY,	} Selectmen	
P. A. SCOTT,		of
H. A. WHITNEY,		Chester.

Report of Treasurer

By M. H. HAYNES, Treasurer

DR.

1918			
Mar.	6	Cash in treasury.....	\$ 262 75
April	8	Rec'd of E. O. Somerby.....	3 30
June	18	Rec'd from J. L. Wyman, coll., 1917	132 84
"	18	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	178 86
"	21	E. O. Somerby, road dept.	13 75
"	21	Harry Booker, road dept.	3 75
"	21	W. C. Ireland, road dept.	24 75
"	30	town clerk, dog license, 1918.....	15 00
July	3	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	331 28
"	31	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	319 48
Sept.	10	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	156 50
"	30	State, State Aid.....	33 00
Oct.	30	State, improvement on State Road	1,174 84
Nov.	16	State, equalization fund	230 00
'	16	State, bounty on 2 bears	10 00
"	16	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	408 94
Dec.	3	State, dog license refund	1 87
"	3	State, school and mill fund 1918.....	247 10
"	3	State, common school fund.....	201 20
"	3	State, R. R. & tel. tax..	8 45
"	13	State, aid for dependent mothers.....	11 00
"	24	State, highway dept.....	254 76

1919		
Jan. 11	Rec'd from State, free high school	72 00
Feb. 15	dependent families of soldiers and sailors...	326 70
" 23	State, domestic animals	138 00
Mar. 5	J. L. Wyman, coll., 1918	1,197 08
		<hr/> \$5,757 20

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Paid State tax, 1918.....	\$ 600 46	
County tax, 1918.....	190 89	
dog tax to State.....	15 00	
town orders.....	4,950 85	
	<hr/>	5,524 05
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Balance on hand.....		\$233 15

M. H. HAYNES,
Treasurer of Chester.

Warrant

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT SS.

To P. A. LIBBY, constable of the Town of Chester, in the County of
Penobscot, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Chester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the school house in District No. 2 on Monday the 17th day of March, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at this meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To listen to the report of the town officers for the past year.

ART. 4. To choose three selectmen for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose three assessors for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose three overseers of poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year and vote his compensation or commission for collecting.

ART. 9. To choose a member of the superintending school committee for a term of three years.

ART. 10. To choose all other necessary town officers.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to pay town charges and incidental expenses.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of schools.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of poor.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for repairs on roads and bridges.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for school books.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for cemeteries.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for school house repairs.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to build an outbuilding for the school in Dist. No. 6 and how much money they will raise for the same, also buy an addition to the school lot.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to change and straighten the road across the Keene Place, so called, now owned by Carp Bros. & Clark, and how much money they will raise for same.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 21. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$300. for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for ways, highways and bridges; the above being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate and raise an additional sum of money for State Aid Road under Section 21 of Chapter 25, Revised Statutes.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for aid for dependent mothers.

ART. 24. To see if the town will grant and raise a special sum of money for the North Lincoln Ferry Road and how much.

ART. 25. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for High School tuition.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to buy an addition to the cemetery lot in No. 1 and what sum of money they will vote for the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to give a discount, and charge interest on taxes paid before, or after a date to be fixed by the town.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for outstanding orders.

ART. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the school house in District No. 2 on Monday the 17th day of March at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 10th day of March, A. D. 1919.

E. O. SOMERBY,	}	Selectmen
P. A. SCOTT,		of
H. A. WHITNEY,		Chester.

Superintendent of Schools' Report

OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Chester:

I have the honor of submitting herewith the annual school report.

I assumed charge of your schools at the beginning of this present municipal year. I found your schools in a prosperous condition and a loyal school committee and loyal teachers too as co-workers. The evidence of the good work of my predecessor, Supt. Vinal H. Tibbetts was apparent.

During the spring term we maintained schools at No. 4 , No. 6, and No. 5 with the following teachers: Miss Katherine Madden, Mrs. Georgia Fleming, Miss June Lobley. Mrs. Fleming and Miss Lobley subsequently taught a summer term at No. 5 and No. 6 respectively. We opened the fall term with Mrs. Fleming at No. 6 and Miss Madden at No. 4. This term of school as was the case nearly everywhere else was very much broken up because of the prevailing epidemic. No. 4 was re-opened Feb. 24th and we plan to begin the school on the Ridge on the 7th of April.

I should like to have seen Supt. Tibbetts' suggestion of a centralized school at the corner of the road at Libby's carried out. I think the idea deserves your consideration. But I am not so sure that to move the school house at No. 1 to that location would be the thing to do. The three members of the Superintending School Committee went over the matter carefully and examined the old school house and came to the conclusion that the old building would not be what the people would be satisfied with, and that, even though modernized, it

would still be a patchwork affair when completed, and that it would be far the wiser plan, if the towns people want a school at that particular place, to build anew. I am not urging the idea this year as I understand that the proposition failed to get the needed support last year.

Now there was given to the town by the State from the Equalization Fund for the purpose of moving the old school house \$275.00 in 1917. This still remains but we have permission from the State Department to use the amount for sanitary outbuildings, and improved heating arrangements, for which the \$230.00 from the same fund was received last year. That leaves \$505.00 for that special purpose. I would therefore recommend that we make the improvements as required by the State Department. I would ask the town to add to this \$200.00 to take care of the woodshed called for in a special article and other general repairs. These repairs to be made at school houses Nos. 4 and 6. Surely if the State gives over five hundred we can afford to raise two hundred more.

As it is impossible any longer to hire teachers for nine and ten dollars per week (that being almost the price asked for board in some communities) we shall need to make a substantial increase in the common school appropriation. I would recommend nine hundred dollars. It is imperative as we can not afford to get along with poor instruction.

For books and supplies we recommend thirty dollars, and for High School tuition seventy-five dollars.

For financial statement see the report of the selectmen.

With due appreciation of your loyal support and co-operation this report is

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. NIEVEEN, Supt.

Chester, Maine, March 8, 1919.