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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Chester

Maine

FOR THE YEAR

1925-1926

Burr Bangor E8811



Report of Municipal Officers

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, YEAR 1925

Real estate, resident.....	\$27,467 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	91,211 00
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Total real estate.....	\$118,678 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$14,140 00
Personal estate, non-resident.....	1,890 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$16,030 00
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Grand total amount.....	\$134,708 00
Value of land.....	\$82,210 00
Value of buildings.....	18,468 00

AMOUNT RAISED AT MARCH MEETING 1925

Support of schools.....	\$700 00
Text-books and school supplies.....	50 00
High school tuition.....	30 00
School buildings and pay debt.....	900 00
Patrol work on road.....	700 00
Road 1 and 6.....	500 00
Woodville road.....	500 00
State-aid road.....	300 00
Mothers' aid.....	180 00

Incidentals.....	\$ 400 00	
Outstanding orders and interest.....	1,500 00	
Support of poor.....	750 00	
Interest on school fund note.....	83 00	
State tax.....	902 80	
County tax.....	244 89	
Cemeteries.....	150 00	
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Total amount raised.....		\$7,727 69
Overlay.....		354 79
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Total amount assessed on property.....		\$8,082 48
Number of polls assessed, 61.....		183 00
Number of polls not assessed, 6		
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Total amount assessed.....		\$8,265 48

Number of dogs, male, 15
Number of dogs, female, 2
Tax rate, \$60.00 on \$1,000.00
Percentage for collecting, \$.02

MARTIN H. HAYNES,

Collector.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Amount raised by town.....	\$400 00	
Overdrawn 1924.....		\$120 45
Overlay.....	354 79	
Rec'd from State dog tax refund.....	8 44	
R. R. and Tel. tax.....	8 69	
Amount raised for outstanding orders.....	1,500 00	
Unexpended 1924 outstanding orders.....	173 38	
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Available 1925.....		\$2,324 85

J. L. Wyman, comm. coll. 1921 tax.....	\$140 08
Chas. H. Swan, Supt.....	32 37
A. C. Ireland, repairs on road machine.....	15 50
Norway Advertiser, ptg. town reports.....	51 05
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.....	12 13
Thankful Ireland, services Board of Health, and formaldehyde.....	25 50
Chas. H. Swan, services as Supt.....	32 37
Thankful Ireland, services on Board of Health and formaldehyde.....	10 00
Bangor Daily News, printing notices.....	2 73
Thankful Ireland, services on Board of Health formaldehyde and tel. call.....	32 70
H. F. Dewitt, abatement.....	12 00
A. C. Ireland, abatement.....	6 00
S. B. Smith, repair on road machine.....	3 50
Pearl Warren, abatement.....	6 00
Raymond Tash.....	6 00
Thankful Ireland, services on Board of Health and telephone call.....	7 75
Geo. F. Way, medical aid Dyp.....	123 27
H. W. Ball, medical aid to Mrs. Gray	7 30
Chas. H. Swan, Supt.....	32 37
Thankful Ireland, services Board of Health	16 00
P. A. Libby, 3 car fares to Bangor.....	10 00
P. A. Libby, services as ballot clerk.....	5 00
H. A. Whitney, services assessor.....	45 00
Merton L. Davis, services assessor.....	45 00
P. A. Libby, services as assessor.....	100 00
F. D. Sherrard, medical aid for A. Clukey family and H. A Whitney family.....	122 30
F. D. Sherrard, medical aid to Elvira Smith.....	5 00
Thankful Ireland, formaldehyde for A. Clukey family.....	12 00
Geo. F. Way, recording vital statistics.....	2 00
J. L. Wyman, abatement P. Haynes' poll tax....	3 00
Geo. F. Way, medical aid to H. A. Whitney family.....	15 00

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M. H. Haynes, town clerk.....	\$ 15 00	
M. H. Haynes, recording vital statistics.....	6 00	
M. H. Haynes, posting notices.....	3 00	
M. H. Haynes, town treasurer.....	20 00	
M. H. Haynes, board of health.....	10 00	
O. E. Stratton, board of health.....	10 00	
Howard M. Cook.....	60 00	
Chas. H. Swan, Supt.....	32 37	
Snow bills, 1924-25-26.....	85 00	
Poor account.....	134 08	
Road 1 and 6.....	33	
Soldiers' account.....	90 00	
Unexpended.....	920 15	
	<hr/>	\$2,324 85

SOLDIERS' ACCOUNT

Ira Cram, E. M. Carll, burial.....	\$65 00	
E. M. Carll, services undertaker.....	10 00	
M. H. Haynes, digging grave.....	5 00	
Frank Reed, transporting casket and minister.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 00

POOR ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town.....	\$750 00	
Overdrawn 1924.....	162 75	
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Available 1925.....		\$587 25
Thankful Ireland, boarding Mrs. Gray.....	\$80 00	
Thankful Ireland, boarding M. Gray.....	55 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Elvira Smith.....	10 00	
Ora Ireland, cutting wood for M. Gray.....	6 00	
Thankful Ireland, boarding M. Gray.....	30 00	

P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	\$ 20 00	
Eben Ireland, hauling wood for M. Gray.....	5 00	
E. M. G. Hospital, bill M. Gray.....	111 50	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	15 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	15 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
Ora Ireland, cutting wood for M. Gray.....	6 00	
H. L. Annis, supplies for M. Gray.....	76 99	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	10 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
T. B. Reed, supplies to I. S. Spencer	3 02	
S. P. Soloman, clothes for M. Gray.....	9 85	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	20 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	15 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	15 00	
P. K. Davis, boarding Mrs. Smith.....	10 00	
State, for Beatham children.....	104 00	
Town Winn, supplies V. Michaud.....	3 97	
Overexpended carried to incidental.....		134 08
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	\$721 33	\$721 33

MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town.....	\$180 00	
Unexpended 1924.....	11 00	
Received from State.....	180 00	
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Available 1925.....		\$371 00
Virginia Clukey.....	\$ 30 00	
Virginia Clukey.....	30 00	
Virginia Clukey.....	30 00	
Virginia Clukey.....	30 00	

Virginia Clukey.....	\$30 00	
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Virginia Clukey.....	30 00	
Virginia Clukey.....	30 00	
Virginia Clukey.....	60 00	
Unexpended.....	11 00	
		\$371 00

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town.....	\$700 00	
Interest on school fund note.....	83 00	
Unexpended 1924.....	1,317 28	
State School fund.....	607 44	
Equalization fund.....	66 00	
		\$2,773 72
Available 1925.....		
Lottie G. Wheeler, teaching.....	\$ 72 00	
Phillip Leavett, wood	21 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	72 00	
A. H. Lancaster, transporting.....	50 00	
Virginia Clukey, cleaning schoolhouse.....	3 00	
Phillip Leavett, transporting	30 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	36 00	
Thankful Ireland, transporting.....	49 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	54 00	
Lottie G. Wheeler, teaching.....	108 00	
Thankful Ireland, transporting.....	25 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	54 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	36 00	
Grace E. Willey, janitor.....	4 00	
A. H. Lancaster, transporting.....	68 00	
A. H Lancaster, transporting.....	12 00	
Mrs. E. M. Davis, boarding L. Reed.....	42 00	

Thankful Ireland, transporting.....	\$ 10 00	
Margaret Clukey, janitor.....	4 00	
Albert Farrington, wood.....	24 00	
Mrs. P. A. Leavett, cleaning schoolhouse.....	5 00	
P. A. Leavett, transporting.....	9 25	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	60 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	40 00	
Doris Dexter, teaching.....	72 00	
L. Harmon, transporting.....	40 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	40 00	
Doris Dexter, teaching.....	72 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	40 00	
Lottie B. Wheeler, teaching.....	54 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	20 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	40 00	
Doris Dexter, teaching.....	54 00	
Edwin Ireland, transporting.....	100 00	
Edwin Ireland, transporting.....	20 00	
Alton Libby, putting wood in shed.....	2 00	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	80 00	
Grace E. Willey, janitor.....	4 00	
W. O. Ireland, ferrying pupils.....	16 70	
Grace E. Willey, teaching.....	100 00	
Grace E. Willey, janitor.....	5 00	
H. A. Whitney, sawing wood.....	4 00	
P. A. Libby, wood for school.....	17 25	
Lew Harmon, transporting.....	40 00	
Doris E. Dexter, teaching.....	72 00	
Doris E. Dexter, janitor.....	4 00	
Lew Harmon, transporting.....	60 00	
Doris E. Dexter, teaching.....	90 00	
Lew Harmon, transporting.....	30 00	
Lew Harmon, transporting.....	30 00	
Phil Leavett, kindling wood.....	5 00	
Phil Leavett, kindling wood.....	64 00	
Unexpended.....	709 52	
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	\$2,773 72	\$2,773 72

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Amount raised by town	\$30 00	
Received from State	80 00	
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Available.....		\$110 00
Mattanawcook Academy.....	\$ 60 00	
Town of Winn.....	60 00	
Overexpended.....		10 00
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	\$120 00	\$120 00

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIR ACCOUNT

Raised by town.....	\$900 00	
Overdrawn 1923 and 1924.....	847 27	
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Available for 1925.....		\$52 73
P. A. Leavett, glass.....	\$ 50	
Huston Lancaster, glass.....	2 75	
Lew Harmon, banking schoolhouse.....	7 50	
Unexpended.....	41 98	
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	\$52 73	\$52 73

WOODVILLE ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town.....	\$500 00	
Unexpended 1924.....	76 10	
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Available for 1925.....		\$576 10
I. S. Spencer, labor	\$ 7 50	
Howard Ireland, "	15 00	
Forrest Ireland, "	16 25	

Melvin Ireland,	labor.....	\$50 00	
I. S. Spencer,	“	15 00	
Forrest Ireland,	“	17 50	
Howard Ireland,	“	22 50	
Forrest Ireland,	“	2 50	
Howard Lovejoy,	“	7 50	
Forrest Ireland,	“	15 00	
Melvin Ireland,	“	75 00	
I. S. Spencer,	“	15 00	
Martin Ireland,	“	37 42	
A. S. Ireland, labor and gravel.....		55 75	
W. Ireland,	labor.....	30 00	
A. S. Ireland,	“	17 50	
Martin Ireland,	“	7 50	
Frank Reed,	“	10 00	
Frank Reed,	“	10 00	
Fleming and Reed, plank.....		20 64	
A. S. Ireland, labor.....		28 88	
W. C. Ireland, labor.....		15 00	
I. S. Spencer, labor.....		5 00	
M. H. Haynes, labor.....		10 00	
Unexpended.....		69 66	
		<u>\$576 10</u>	<u>\$576 10</u>

ROAD ACCOUNT, DIST. 1 AND 6

Raised by town.....	\$500 00	
Overdrawn 1924.....	274 53	
Available 1925.....		\$225 47

Eben Ireland,	labor.....	\$12 50
Obed Ireland,	“	37 50
Edwin Ireland,	“	11 25
Lorin Ireland,	“	1 25

Fred Tash, labor.....	\$ 2 50	
Orin Smith, ".....	7 50	
S. B. Smith, ".....	45 00	
J. H. and S. B. Smith, gravel.....	10 60	
J. H. Smith, labor.....	85 00	
Carp Bros. & Clark, gravel.....	7 70	
Eben Ireland, labor.....	5 00	
Overdrawn carried to incidental.....		33
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	\$225 80	\$225 80

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Raised by the town.....		\$50 00
Paid P. A. Leavett, broom.....	\$ 1 00	
Chas. E. Merrill & Co., books.....	2 53	
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	25 38	
Hinds, Hayden & Eldridge, Inc., sugges- tions to teachers.....	1 20	
Edward E. Babb & Co., books.....	7 43	
Edward E. Babb & Co., books.....	8 27	
Unexpended.....	4 19	
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

CEMETERY NOS. 1 AND 2 ACCOUNT

Raised by town.....	\$100 00	
Unexpended 1924.....	4 67	
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Available for 1925.....		\$ 104 67
P. A. Libby.....	\$ 20 00	
M. H. Haynes.....	15 00	
Unexpended 1925.....	69 67	
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	\$104 67	\$104 67

CEMETERY ACCOUNT 4

Raised by the town.....	\$50 00	
Overdrawn 1924.....	4 84	
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Available.....		\$45 16
Chas. Coombs.....	\$ 3 00	
Unexpended 1925.....	42 16	
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	\$45 16	\$45 16

BREAKING ROAD ACCOUNT

Phil Leavett, breaking road.....	\$ 5 00	
P. A. Libby, breaking road.....	5 00	
P. A. Libby, breaking road.....	20 00	
M. H. Haynes, breaking road.....	7 50	
Eben Ireland, breaking road.....	7 50	
1924 account.....	40 00	
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Total carried to incidental.....		\$85 00

STATE-AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Apportioned by town.....	\$300 00	
Apportioned by State.....	798 00	
Unexpended 1924.....	95	
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Available for 1925.....		\$1,098 95
Lew Harmon, labor.....	\$50 00	
Lew Harmon, ".....	7 50	
M. L. Davis, ".....	37 50	
Lew Harmon, ".....	40 00	
C. M. Conant & Co., culverts.....	104 40	

W. L. Harmon,	labor.....	\$	15	00
E. A. Lee,	“		20	00
Lew Harmon,	“		30	00
W. L. Harmon,	“		30	00
G. B. Davis,	“		10	00
P. H. Jordan,	“		41	50
P. K. Davis,	“		26	25
W. L. Harmon,	“		12	50
Fred Davis,	“		73	75
Chas. I. Coombs,	“		42	50
Tom Tibbetts,	“		10	00
Lew Harmon,	“		50	00
M. L. Davis.....			37	50
M. L. Davis.....			8	75
State-aid road acct. com.....			8	75
G. B. Davis,	labor.....		8	75
E. A. Lee,	“		11	25
A. W. Clukey,	“		45	00
P. K. Davis,	“		28	12
Lew Harmon,	“		36	12
G. B. Davis,	“		8	75
W. L. Harmon,	“		8	75
M. L. Davis,	“		8	75
E. A. Lee,	“		12	50
H. L. Haskell, dynamite.....			29	65
P. H. Jordan,	labor.....		13	75
H. A. Whitney,	“		33	12
Lew Harmon,	“		5	50
E. J. Whitney,	“		82	50
G. B. Davis,	“		6	87
S. C. Flemming,	“		58	75
J. L. Wyman,	“		3	75
			\$1,098	95
			\$1,098	95

ROAD PATROL ACCOUNT

Patrol Joint Fund was..... \$788 40

Expended as follows:

Patrolman's wages.....	\$950 40
Cost of extra help.....	281 50
Cost of material.....	32 55

The following work was done:

Cutting bushes.....	31 36
Dragging.....	574 95
Raking rocks.....	38 98
Work with road machine and grader.....	47 23
Cleaning ditches and culverts.....	139 59
Repairing end walls and culverts.....	2 56
Surfacing gravel.....	429 78

Expenditure on patrolled road.....	\$1,264 45
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State expenditure on patrol, road machine work, gravel surfacing and supervision.....	\$869 95
Town's expenditure on Patrol and Road machine work.....	538 40

PATROL ROAD ACCOUNT

Town raised.....	\$700 00
Unexpended balance of 1924.....	18 10

Available 1925.....	\$718 10
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Paid State on account of Patrol.....	\$538 40
Howard Ireland, labor.....	30 00
Lew Harmon.....	3 75
H. A. Whitney.....	3 75
Frank Reed, plank No. 2.....	6 80
Frank Reed, plank No. 4.....	9 44
P. A. Libby, putting in culvert.....	2 00
Unexpended.....	123 96

\$718 10	\$718 10
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THIRD-CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Received from State.....		\$599 17	
Overexpenditure.....		1 33	
Cost of inspecting.....		21 14	
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Total cost of road.....			\$621 64
G. B. Davis, labor.....		\$ 8 75	
W. L. Harmon.....		7 50	
Lew Harmon.....		15 00	
A. W. Clukey.....		30 00	
G. B. Davis.....		16 00	
W. L. Harmon.....		13 75	
C. M. Conant & Co., culvert.....		31 20	
Lew Harmon, labor.....		36 00	
W. L. Harmon, “.....		11 25	
L. A. Wyman, “.....		7 50	
M. L. Davis, “.....		37 50	
Fred Davis, “.....		76 25	
H. B. Lancaster, “.....		6 25	
Tom Tibbetts, “.....		8 75	
B. Lancaster, “.....		6 25	
J. L. Wyman, “.....		15 00	
M. B. Wyman, “.....		7 50	
Mrs. T. S. Ranney, gravel.....		45 80	
John Stratton, labor.....		20 00	
O. E. Stratton, “.....		37 50	
A. W. Clukey, “.....		52 50	
Pearl Jordan, “.....		60 00	
Tom Maxwell, “.....		18 75	
W. L. Harmon, “.....		6 25	
Lew Harmon, “.....		20 00	

OUTSTANDING ORDERS

Order No.		
249	Vera Fenalson.....	\$ 30 00
1223	Harry Whitney.....	10 00
434	Melvin Ireland.....	33 00
439	C. M. Conant Co.....	171 10
463	Harry Whitney.....	46 00
477	Forrest Ireland.....	40 50
478	Ivory Spencer.....	22 50
464	Harry Ireland.....	37 50
465	Forrest Ireland.....	27 00
484	Mrs. Eben Ireland.....	22 00
485	Pearl Ireland.....	4 50
490	Melvin Ireland.....	24 00
491	Melvin Ireland.....	12 00
508	P. A. Scott.....	107 00
531	Harry Nichols.....	12 00
535	Forrest Ireland.....	12 00
550	Mrs. Eben Ireland.....	22 00
556	Earl Kimball.....	56 00
557	Edna Runnells.....	126 00
635	Eugene Stratton.....	1 50
637	Orin Smith.....	1 50
650	Mrs. Eben Ireland.....	33 00
598	Ora Ireland.....	2 50
614	W. C. Ireland.....	5 00
622	A. E. Gray.....	33 00
657	Mary Carr.....	72 00
662	H. A. Whitney.....	80 00
673	A. E. Gray.....	99 00
682	Mary Carr.....	108 00
683	Mary Carr.....	4 00
693	Thomas Michaud.....	4 00
694	Wm. Whitney.....	7 00
697	H. A. Whitney.....	42 00
745	H. A. Whitney.....	10 25
275	Mary Carr.....	90 00

Order No.		
341	L. Harmon.....	\$ 10 00
342	H. A. Whitney.....	60 00
343	H. A. Whitney.....	28 75
344	W. E. Whitney.....	51 25
355	H. A. Whitney.....	27 50
358	W. E. Whitney.....	27 50
359	W. E. Whitney.....	6 00
361	H. L. Haskell.....	9 90
3	P. A. Scott.....	12 50
9	H. B. Johnson.....	20 30
10	W. E. Whitney.....	8 00
18	Eben Ireland.....	15 50
27	A. W. Clukey.....	12 50
38	William Whitney.....	5 00
39	W. E. Whitney.....	11 25
45	A. C. Fleming.....	15 00
56	Virginia Clukey.....	30 00

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163	A. H. Lancaster.....	\$ 30 00
165	Virginia Clukey.....	30 00
184	Melvin Ireland.....	30 00
218	A. S. Ireland.....	17 40
219	A. S. Ireland.....	7 50
230	W. E. Whitney.....	12 50
247	Forrest Ireland.....	20 00
260	Forrest Ireland.....	16 50
274	Samuel Patterson.....	7 50

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452	Grace E. Willey.....	\$ 72 00
453	Phil Leavett.....	5 00
457	A. H. Lancaster.....	50 00
483	Llewellyn Harmon.....	40 00

Order No.		
484	Thankful Ireland.....	\$ 25 00
491	Virginia Clukey.....	30 00
496	W. L. Harmon.....	30 00
502	Perley Davis.....	26 25
10	M. L. Davis.....	37 50
20	Perley Davis.....	28 12
35	H. A. Whitney.....	33 12
36	H. A. Whitney.....	3 75
39	Chas. Coombs.....	3 00
52	Llewellyn Harmon.....	5 50
81	M. B. Wyman.....	7 50
121	A. C. Ireland.....	6 00
141	W. O. Ireland.....	16 70
159	F. D. Sherrard.....	122 30
160	F. D. Sherrard.....	5 00
208	Edward E. Babb Co.....	8 27
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		\$2,335 21

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS 1924

Archer, E. E.....	\$ 5 75
Crocker, Wm. H. Est.....	10 20
Ireland, Perley.....	6 38
Leavett, Phillip.....	10 03
Pond, Maurice.....	5 55
Savage, Verner.....	6 83
Savage, Rueben.....	56 09
Savage, Milton.....	6 83
Tash, Augustin.....	3 00
Wyman, J. L.....	141 83
Non-resident 1924:	
Jordon, Mathew.....	4 59
Savage, Geo. L.....	15 30
Gray, Mertie.....	16 94
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	\$289 32

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Savage, Rueben.....	\$ 5 02	
Leavitt, Phillip.....	1 04	
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Resident:

E. E. Archer.....	\$ 5 30	
Chas. A. Beatham.....	5 70	
Wm. H. Crocker Est.....	12 00	
Hiram Crocker.....	3 00	
Vaughn Davis.....	3 00	
Loren Ireland.....	16 75	
Eben Ireland.....	27 30	
Eugene Jordon.....	6 00	
W. H. and J. O. Lovett.....	37 24	
Wilbur Stratton.....	12 00	
Reuben Savage.....	63 96	
Ida M. Tash.....	29 96	
J. L. Wyman.....	91 25	
Benjamin Lancaster.....	7 00	
Milton Savage.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$322 96

Non-resident 1925:

L. J. Butterfield.....	\$ 10 50	
M. H. Boyce.....	42 00	
Ora Fleming.....	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$103 50

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

Resources

Cash in the treasury.....	\$1,195 05	
Due from J. L. Wyman, 1922.....	6 06	
Due from J. L. Wyman, 1924.....	289 32	
Due from M. H. Haynes, 1925.....	426 46	
From the State, soldier acct.....	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,006 89

Liabilities

Outstanding orders.....	\$2,335 21	
Due J. L. Wyman for collecting 1922 tax	96 53	
Due J. L. Wyman for collecting 1924 tax	114 75	
Due M. H. Haynes, collecting 1925 tax.....	165 30	
	<hr/>	\$2,711 79
Balance against town.....		\$704 90

We have examined the books of Martin H. Haynes, Treasurer, with the following results:

He has received from all sources.....	\$11,163 09	
He has correct vouchers for.....	9,968 04	
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Leaves balance in treasury of.....		\$1,195 05

P. A. LIBBY,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
H. A. WHITNEY,		
M. L. DAVIS,		

Report of Treasurer

Receipts

1925		
Mar. 5	Balance in treasury.....	\$313 63
16	Rec'd from J. L. Wyman, coll. 1924	177 97
Apr. 6	J. L. Wyman, coll. 1924	44 88
May 9	J. L. Wyman, coll. 1924	143 45
9	State for dependent mothers.....	45 00
Jun. 20	Town clerk, licenses on dogs.....	21 00
Aug. 22	State for dependent mothers.....	45 00
Oct. 5	State dog license refund	8 44
5	State R. R. Tel. tax.....	8 69
5	State-aid road of 1925....	760 49
22	Bessie Smith on widow's fund.....	3 20
Nov. 3	State for dep. mothers....	45 00
28	State on third-class road	599 17
28	State on School fund.....	461 44
28	State on High school tuition.....	80 00
28	State on equalization fund.....	66 00
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Jan. 2	State School fund.....	66 00
Feb. 1	State for dep. mothers....	45 00
4	J. L. Wyman, coll. of 1922.....	47 91

Mar. 2	J. L. Wyman, coll. of 1924.....	\$ 181 80	
3	Mrs. E. M. Lancaster, tax 1923.....	60 00	
4	M. H. Haynes, coll. of 1925.....	7,839 02	
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Disbursements

State tax 1925.....	\$ 902 80	
County tax 1925.....	244 89	
License on dogs 1925.....	21 00	
Town orders.....	8,799 35	
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Total.....		\$9,968 04
Mar. 4, 1926 Balance.....		\$1,195 05

M. H. HAYNES, Treasurer.

School Report

To the members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Chester:

I submit herewith for your approval my fifth annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

The work in the schools this past year has been carried on in a very satisfactory manner. The teachers have been conscientious and faithful in their work and the scholars have made good progress. We feel that the teachers have done what they considered right in the various activities as they saw it and if mistakes have been made it has not been with any other intention than that it was best for the children.

The boarding situation in the lower part of the town is very unsatisfactory. The teacher has to board so far from the school that it is necessary for her to go back and forth on the school team, which does not allow any time for work being done before or after school. I feel that the people should take this matter into consideration in judging the work of the teacher.

The school in the upper end of the town has been broken up a great deal this past year on account of sickness, but has been maintained throughout the winter in order to have the required number of weeks for the school year. In spite of the severe winter very little time has been lost on account of the amount of snow, which goes to show that the schools in Chester can be maintained throughout the winter as in the other towns.

We would call your attention to the neglect of the parents in visiting the schools. Too often we are inclined to find fault with the school upon information coming from the outside without inquiring

into it from the teacher's point of view. Why not resolve that this coming year we will make an extra effort to make it a year of visitation? This not only acts as a stimulus for the teacher but gives the boys and girls an added incentive to do better work.

The attendance of the pupils could be much better than it has been in the past. It would seem that the parents should see to it that their children were in school every school day for the year. The distribution of the school funds from the State is partly based upon the aggregate attendance so that every day in school means more money for the town from the State funds. To this must be added the better results that will be obtained for the boys and girls.

Now that the repair bills upon the building in the lower part of the town have been paid, I would suggest that we turn our attention to the other building and put it in as fine a condition as the other one. It will soon be necessary to do this by law in the matter of connecting the outhouses and why not give the children a comfortable and attractive room in which to prepare themselves for their places in the world. These boys and girls of today are to be the men and women of tomorrow. Are we preparing them for the problems that are about to confront them by having plenty of light and ventilation to make them healthy?

In closing I wish to thank the members of the committee and parents for their cooperation this past year.

I submit for your consideration the following budget for the coming year:

Teachers' wages.....	\$1,296 00
Tuition.....	120 00
Fuel.....	150 00
Transportation.....	600 00
Janitor	72 00
Books and supplies.....	100 00
 Total.....	 \$2,338 00

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Receipts

State's Funds (estimated).....	\$ 607 44	
Equalization Fund.....	66 00	
Interest on School Fund.....	83 00	
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Total.....		\$756 44
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Necessary appropriation.....		\$1,581 56

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. SWAN,

Superintendent of Schools.