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# CHESTER

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Municipal Officers

OF THE

# TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE

Year Ending March 8

# 1927

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Advertiser Print, Norway, Maine

1927

# Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Chester for 1926-1927

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR 1926

Real estate, resident .....	\$28,540 00
Real estate, non-resident .....	90,744 00
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Total real estate .....	\$119,284 00
Personal estate, resident .....	\$11,145 00
Personal estate, non-resident .....	620 00
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Total personal estate .....	\$11,765 00
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Grand total amount .....	\$131,049 00
Value of land .....	\$100,146 00
Value of buildings .....	\$ 19,138 00

## AMOUNT RAISED AT MARCH MEETING, 1926

Support of schools .....	\$ 700 00
Textbooks and school supplies .....	50 00
High school tuition .....	30 00
Repairs on school buildings.....	150 00
Incidentals .....	300 00
Support of poor .....	1,000 00
Outstanding orders and interest.....	500 00
Dependent mothers .....	180 00
Roads and bridges .....	700 00
Woodville road .....	500 00
Roads in Districts 1 and 6.....	300 00
State aid road .....	300 00
Interest on school fund note.....	83 00
State tax .....	902 80
County tax .....	244 89
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Total amount raised .....	\$5,940 69
Overlay .....	87 56
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Total amount assessed on property.....	\$6,028 25
Number of polls assessed, 59, @ \$3.00.....	\$177 00
Number of polls not assessed, 5.	
	<hr/>
Total amount assessed .....	\$6,205 25

P25,709



Loring, Short & Harmon, town order book.....	3 75	
M. H. Haynes, town clerk.....	20 00	
M. H. Haynes, vital statistics .....	6 00	
M. H. Haynes, posting notices.....	5 00	
M. F. Haynes, board health, F. P. Archer.....	12 00	
M. H. Haynes, commissioner.....	100 00	
O. E. Stratton, services as selectman .....	45 00	
Dr. G. F. Way, recording deaths and births....	75	
H. M. Cook, advice to A. J. Tash in regard to the tax P. V. Power Co.....	2 00	
H. M. Cook, service in Chas. Smith suit .....	14 10	
Snow bills, winters, 1925 and 1926.....	41 58	
Edith M. Lancaster, services as selectman.....	100 00	
Edith M. Lancaster, carfare and exp. to Bangor.	15 00	
J. L. Wyman, ballot clerk.....	7 50	
F. D. Sherrard, M. D. acct. Frank Archer.....	32 00	
J. L. Wyman, abatement, A. Lancaster, Matthew Jordan, poll taxes .....	6 00	
J. L. Wyman, commission for col. 1926 taxes....	232 70	
Unexpended balance .....	301 25	
		\$2,293 61      \$2,293 61

OUTSTANDING ORDERS AND INTEREST

Amount raised by town .....	\$500 00	
Order No.		
635 Eugene Stratton .....	\$1 50	
463 H. A. Whitney.....	61 55	
745 H. A. Whitney .....	12 67	
342 H. A. Whitney .....	70 20	
Unexpended .....	354 08	
		\$500 00      \$500 00

POOR ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town .....	\$1,000 00	
Received from Chas. Smith for his mother's board .....	327 00	
		\$1,327 00

## Paid:

P. K. Davis, on account Mrs. Smith.....	\$ 130 00	
T. B. Reed, supplies, Ivory Spencer.....	15 82	
City of Oldtown, supplies, Wm. Tash family..	197 38	
City of Augusta, boarding Martin Smith.....	460 00	
Howard Annis, supplies, Ivory Spencer.....	27 00	
State Treasurer, acct. Beatham children.....	208 00	
Ralph Boyd, supplies, Victor Michaud.....	105 95	
H. E. Gordon, supplies, Victor Michaud .....	20 48	
Solomon Grindell, supplies, Victor Michaud..	5 52	
G. F. Way, M. D., med. att., Victor Michaud..	10 00	
F. D. Sherrard, M. D., Insulin, V. Michaud..	18 70	
F. D. Sherrard, M. D., acct. V. Michaud.....	25 00	
Unexpended balance .....	103 15	
		\$1,327 00
		\$1,327 00

## COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town.....	\$700 00	
Unexpended, 1925 .....	709 52	
Interest on school fund note.....	83 00	
State school fund .....	597 15	
		\$2,089 67
High school tuition .....	40 00	
		\$2,049 67

## Paid:

Llewellyn Harmon, transporting .....	\$ 55 00
Doris Dexter, teaching .....	306 00
Alice Ireland, transporting .....	35 00
Pearl Jordan, transporting .....	82 50
Edwin Ireland, transporting .....	380 00
Howard Lovejoy, transporting .....	112 50
Mrs. E. A. Tolman, transporting.....	65 00
Earl Hamilton, transporting .....	15 00
Alice Harmon, transporting .....	67 50

A. H. Lancaster, transporting .....	52 50	
Dora Dowe, teaching .....	617 60	
Doris Wilson, teaching .....	270 00	
Lillian McKenzie, teaching .....	162 00	
Llewellyn Harmon, wood for North Chester....	32 00	
Howard Lovejoy, glass, and sawing wood.....	11 00	
Lew Harmon, wood for No. Chester.....	18 00	
P. A. Libby, dry wood, South Chester.....	6 00	
Joseph Clukey, janitor .....	6 00	
Margaret Clukey, janitor .....	12 00	
John Libby, janitor .....	15 50	
Mrs. R. E. Savage, cleaning schoolhouse.....	4 00	
Virginia Clukey, cleaning schoolhouse.....	5 00	
Alice Ireland, cleaning schoolhouse.....	6 00	
W. H. Keene, sawing, splitting and putting wood in shed .....	18 00	
Joseph Clukey, banking schoolhouse.....	2 50	
Everett Harmon, banking schoolhouse.....	2 50	
M. H. Haynes, 1-2 cord wood, So. Chester.....	5 00	
A. W. Clukey, wood, No. Chester.....	32 00	
Reuben Savage, splitting wood, So. Chester....	4 50	
Overdrawn .....		350 93
	\$2,500 60	\$2,500 60

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Amount raised by town .....	\$ 30 00	
Received from State school fund.....	40 00	
		\$ 70 00
Overdrawn, 1925 .....		10 00
		\$ 60 00
Available for 1926.....	\$ 60 00	
Paid Town of Winn, George Davis.....	\$ 60 00	
	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND TEXTBOOKS

Amount raised by town .....	\$ 50 00
Unexpended balance, 1925.....	4 19
Available 1926 .....	\$ 54 19



## Paid:

E. E. Babb & Co., textbooks .....	\$ 21 30	
John C. Winston, textbooks .....	12 52	
J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies .....	29 00	
Globe Printing Co., rank cards .....	1 40	
Overdrawn .....		10 03
	<u>\$ 64 22</u>	<u>\$ 64 22</u>

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSE

Amount raised by town .....	\$150 00
Unexpended balance, 1925 .....	41 98
Amount available 1926 .....	<u>\$191 98</u>

## Paid:

J. L. Wyman, repairs at No. Chester .....	\$147 21	
J. L. Wyman, curtains and hanging same.....	17 00	
Unexpended balance .....	27 77	
	<u>\$191 98</u>	<u>\$191 98</u>

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT, DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

Unexpended 1925 .....	\$69 67
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## Paid:

M. H. Haynes, work in cemetery .....	\$ 3 00	
Unexpended balance .....	66 67	
	<u>\$69 67</u>	<u>\$69 67</u>

Unexpended in District No. 4 .....	\$42 16
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## Paid:

George Davis, 2 days work .....	\$ 5 00	
H. Lancaster, 2 days work with team .....	10 00	
Fred Davis, 3 days work with team .....	15 00	
Chas. Coombs, work and gravel .....	12 50	
Overdrawn, carried to incidentals .....		34
	<u>\$42 50</u>	<u>\$42 50</u>

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT, 1926

Amount raised by town .....	\$ 300 00	
Received from state .....	1,050 00	
Unexpended, 1925 .....	15 45	
		<u>\$1,365 45</u>
Paid, labor:		
Morris Jordan .....	\$ 41 40	
Harry Nichols .....	62 16	
Huston Lancaster .....	38 40	
Melvin Ireland .....	124 33	
Forest Ireland .....	56 16	
Ivory Spencer .....	38 16	
Pearl Jordan .....	55 33	
Howard Lovejoy .....	86 83	
Walter Keene .....	40 50	
Howard Ireland .....	67 33	
Ross Reed .....	75 37	
P. A. Libby .....	65 25	
Alton Libby .....	91 33	
Earl Hamilton .....	60 67	
Philip Leavitt .....	37 33	
Eben Ireland .....	90 00	
Eben Ireland, 589 leads gravel.....	58 90	
Leo Ireland .....	21 50	
Edwin Ireland .....	64 33	
Abram Ireland .....	112 33	
John Smith .....	42 00	
Cost of inspection .....	33 43	
Unexpended balance .....	2 40	
		<u>\$1,365 45</u> <u>\$1,365 45</u>

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Received from State .....

\$123 32

Paid, labor:

John Stratton .....	\$ 34 50
Ernest Lee .....	15 00
Lew Harmon .....	84 00
Merton Davis .....	22 50

Huston Lancaster .....	63 00	
Pearl Scott .....	45 00	
Harry Niles .....	87 00	
Lewis Wyman .....	13 50	
Murray Wyman .....	18 00	
J. L. Wyman .....	57 00	
William E. Whitney .....	30 00	
Harry Whitney .....	28 50	
Fred Davis .....	45 00	
A. H. Lancaster, 500 loads gravel.....	50 00	
Cost of inspection .....	20 80	
Overdrawn .....		5 48
	\$628 80	\$628 80

## ROAD ACCOUNT, DISTRICTS 1 AND 6

Amount raised by town .....		\$300 00
Paid, labor:		
Eben Ireland .....	\$185 70	
Loren Ireland .....	32 50	
Perley Davis .....	17 50	
Leo Ireland .....	47 50	
Edwin Ireland .....	10 00	
Obed Ireland .....	22 50	
Overdrawn .....		15 70
	\$315 70	\$315 70

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Amount raised by town .....		\$700 00
Unexpended balance, 1925 .....		123 96
Available 1926 .....		\$823 96
Paid:		
Melvin Ireland, labor .....	\$ 17 00	
Melvin Ireland, hauling plank .....	5 00	
Joe Solomon, labor .....	1 50	
Howard Lovejoy, labor .....	8 00	
Earl Hamilton, labor .....	4 00	
Huston Lancaster, labor .....	3 00	
A. S. Ireland, labor .....	23 00	
I. S. Spencer, labor .....	5 00	

William Whitney, labor .....	7 50	
Harry Whitney, labor .....	3 75	
P. A. Scott, labor .....	6 00	
W. H. Keene .....	10 00	
Ora Flemming, culvert plank .....	19 20	
Patrol main 50-50 road machine work.....	527 60	
A. C. Ireland, repairs on road machine.....	14 15	
Snow bills, winter 1925 and '26.....	120 72	
Unexpended balance .....	48 54	
		\$823 96
		\$823 96

WOODVILLE ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised at March meeting.....	\$500 00
Unexpended balance 1925.....	69 66
	\$569 66
Available 1926 .....	\$569 66

Paid:

Melvin Ireland, hauling lumber .....	\$ 5 00	
Melvin Ireland, labor .....	72 50	
Ivory Spencer, labor .....	2 50	
Howard Lovejoy, labor .....	25 00	
Earl Hamilton, labor .....	10 00	
Joe Solomon, labor .....	10 00	
A. S. Ireland, labor .....	42 50	
Forest Ireland, labor .....	8 75	
Morris Jordan, labor .....	2 50	
Huston Lancaster, labor .....	2 50	
Pearl Jordan, labor .....	5 00	
Harry Nichols, labor .....	7 50	
W. H. Keene, labor .....	2 50	
Elmer E. Archer, cutting bushes.....	72 50	
Harry Nichols, cutting bushes .....	8 75	
A. C. Ireland, repairs on road machine.....	2 75	
Ora A. Flemming, culvert plank .....	28 90	
A. S. Ireland, 90 loads of gravel.....	9 00	
Howard Ireland, labor .....	5 00	
Unexpended balance .....	246 51	
		\$569 66
		\$569 66

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SNOW BILLS ACCOUNT, DISTRICTS NO. 2, 3, AND 4  
WINTER, 1925 AND 1926

Paid:

P. A. Libby .....	\$12 50
Forest Ireland .....	6 25
Ivory Spencer .....	1 12
Earl Hamilton .....	9 38
Howard Ireland .....	9 38
A. W. Clukey .....	17 50
Llewellyn Harmon .....	7 50
T. S. Fleming .....	20 00
Howard Lovejoy .....	2 50
Melvin Ireland .....	12 50
Ben Lancaster .....	1 25
Huston Lancaster .....	2 08
A. S. Ireland .....	6 50
Wm. E. Whitney .....	4 38
Harry Whitney .....	1 88
P. A. Scott .....	6 00

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\$120 72

This amount was carried to Roads and Bridges Account.

OTHER SNOW-BILLS

John Smith .....	\$ 1 12
Besse Smith .....	1 12
Frank Reed .....	5 00
Ora Ireland .....	4 62
Loren Ireland .....	5 15
Eben Ireland .....	15 10
Leo Ireland .....	2 10
Edwin Ireland .....	5 56
Obed Ireland .....	1 81

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\$41 58

This amount carried to incidentals.

ROAD PATROL ACCOUNT, 1926

Patrol Joint Fund, \$777.60, expended as follows:

Patrolman's wages .....	\$938 00
Cost of extra help .....	305 25
Cost of material .....	41 12

The following work was done:

Cutting bushes .....	\$ 5 36
Dragging .....	468 33
Raking rocks .....	39 53
Cleaning ditches and culverts .....	164 15
Surfacing: gravel .....	607 00

Expenditure on patrol roads .....\$1,284 37

State's expenditure on patrol road, machine work, gravel surfacing, and supervision, \$894.82.

Town's expenditure on patrol and road machine work, \$527.60.

OUTSTANDING ORDERS

No. Order	Name	Amount
1223	Harry Whitney .....	\$ 10 00
439	C. M. Conant & Co. ....	171 10
464	Harry Ireland .....	37 50
508	P. A. Scott .....	107 00
556	Earl Kimball .....	56 00
557	Edna Runnells .....	126 00
637	Orrin Smith .....	1 50
598	Ora Ireland .....	2 50
614	W. C. Ireland .....	5 00
662	H. A. Whitney .....	80 00
682	Mary Carr .....	108 00
693	Thomas Michaud .....	4 00
694	William Whitney .....	7 00
697	H. A. Whitney .....	42 00
341	L. Harmon .....	10 00
343	H. A. Whitney .....	28 75
344	William 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

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27	A. W. Clukey .....	12 50
38	William Whitney .....	5 00
45	A. C. Flemming .....	15 00
39	William E. Whitney .....	11 25
56	Virginia Clukey .....	30 00

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\$1,048 55

## 1924

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	Forest Ireland .....	20 00
260	Forest Ireland .....	16 50
274	Samuel Patterson .....	7 50

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\$171 40

## 1925

483	Llewellyn Harmon .....	\$ 40 00
484	Thankful Ireland .....	25 00
491	Virginia Clukey .....	30 00
496	W. L. Harmon .....	30 00
502	Perley Davis .....	26 25
35	H. A. Whitney .....	33 12
36	H. A. Whitney .....	3 75
39	Charles Coombs .....	3 00
81	Murray B. Wyman .....	7 50

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\$198 62

## 1926

223	Doris Dexter .....	\$ 72 00
256	Perley Davis .....	10 00
302	Elmer Archer .....	15 00
304	Perley Davis .....	14 00
315	Leo Ireland .....	12 50
316	Leo Ireland .....	7 50
318	Loren Ireland .....	10 00

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319	Loren Ireland	2 50
322	Edwin Ireland	130 00
330	A. S. Ireland	6 50
364	Walter H. Keene	33 35
365	Walter H. Keene	7 15
368	Wm. E. Whitney	4 38
369	Harry Whitney	1 88
370	Wm. E. Whitney	7 50
371	Harry Whitney	3 75
372	Harry Nichols	21 66
373	Ross Reed	75 37
376	Alton Libby	6 00
379	Philip Leavitt	37 33
380	Eben Ireland	90 00
381	Eben Ireland	58 90
382	Leo Ireland	21 50
383	Edwin Ireland	64 33
384	Melvin Ireland	10 00
385	Forest Ireland	5 00
386	Harry Nichols	7 50
387	Melvin Ireland	88 33
388	Forest Ireland	18 66
389	Harry Nichols	3 00
390	Forest Ireland	3 00
391	Melvin Ireland	6 00
393	Abram Ireland	112 33
395	Ernest Lee	10 00
397	Arthur C. Ireland	20 40
409	Mrs. Ernest Tolman	15 00
411	Dora Dowe	100 00
412	Ernest Lee	15 00
431	William E. Whitney	30 00
432	Harry Whitney	28 50
492	A. C. Ireland	75 00
493	A. C. Ireland	19 50
499	M. H. Haynes	20 00
500	M. H. Haynes	6 00
501	M. H. Haynes	5 00
502	M. H. Haynes	12 00
1	M. H. Haynes	3 00
9	Town of Winn	180 00

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\$1,372 32



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 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, 1924

William Crocker estate .....	\$ 10 20	
Perley Ireland .....	6 38	
Morris Pond .....	5 55	
Verna Savage .....	6 83	
Reuben Savage .....	56 09	
Milton Savage .....	6 83	
Gustin Tash .....	3 00	
		<u>\$ 94 88</u>

## NON-RESIDENT

Myrtle Gray .....	\$ 16 94	
George Savage .....	15 30	
		<u>\$ 32 24</u>
		<u>\$ 127 12</u>

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Charles A. Beatham .....	\$ 2 70	
William H. Crocker estate .....	12 00	
Hiram Crocker .....	3 00	
Vaughn Davis .....	3 00	
Loren Ireland .....	16 75	
Eugene Jordan .....	6 00	
Reuben Savage .....	63 96	
J. L. Wyman .....	01 25	
Milton Savage .....	2 50	
		<u>\$201 16</u>

## NON-RESIDENT

M. H. Boyce .....	\$ 42 00	
Ora Flemming .....	2 88	
		<u>\$ 44 88</u>

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 \$246, 04

## LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT AID THEIR 1926 TAXES

Elmer E. Archer .....	\$ 10 28
Alonzo Beatham .....	3 00
M. H. Haynes .....	46 19

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Perley Ireland .....	5 30
Ora Ireland .....	3 00
Philip Leavitt .....	19 69
J. H. & S. B. Smith .....	51 51
Pearl Scott .....	49 88
Reuben Savage .....	13 83
Fred Tash .....	15 51

NON RESIDENT

John G. Flemming .....	78 40
Ida Flemming .....	143 06
Myrtle Gray.....	18 63
Emma Savage .....	2 30
George Savage .....	13 80
Ora Flemming .....	39 10

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN

Resources

Cash in treasury .....	\$327 33
Due from J. L. Wyman, 1924 taxes.....	127 12
Due from M. H. Haynes, 1925 taxes.....	246 04

\$700 49

Liabilities

Outstanding orders .....	\$2,790 89
Due J. L. Wyman, collector 1924 .....	114 75
Due M. H. Haynes, collector 1925 .....	65 30

\$2,970 94

Balance against town .....

\$2,270 45

We have examined the books of Georgia Fleming, Treasurer, with the following results:

She has received from all sources.....	\$9,612 53
She has correct vouchers for .....	9,285 19

Leaving balance in treasury of.....

\$327 33

EDITH M. LANCASTER,  
EARL HAMILTON,  
O. E. STRATTON,

Selectmen of Chester.

On April 7, 1926, we settled with M. F. Haynes, ex-treasurer of Chester.

At the settlement made on March 4, 1926, there was a balance in the treasury of .....\$1,195 05

Mar. 15. He received from Perley Ireland on his school house account ..... 25 00

Mar. 30. He received from the State on acct. Ira T. Cram ..... 90 00

Making a balance in treasury of .....\$1,310 05

He paid the following amounts.

Paid:	Order No.	
Mar. 9. City of Oldtown .....	210	\$216 56
9. F. D. Sherrard, M. D. ....	159	122 30
9. F. D. Sherrard, M. D. ....	160	5 00
9. S. B. Smith .....	216	8 25
9 S. B. Smith .....	212	6 00
9 P. H. Jordan .....	33	13 75
9 Edward E. Babb Co. ....	208	8 27
9 W. O. Ireland .....	141	16 70
15 P. K. Davis .....	215	10 00
15 Pearl Warren .....	218	5 00
15 John Smith .....	217	10 85
15 Ora Ireland .....	241	1 11
20 Mary Carr .....	275	105 30
20 Mary Carr .....	683	4 78
20 Mary Carr .....	657	86 76
20 A. E. Gray .....	673	118 31
20 A. E. Gray .....	622	39 93
20 Mrs. Eben Ireland .....	650	40 51
20 Mrs. Eben Ireland .....	550	27 83
20 Forest Ireland .....	535	15 04
20 Harry Nichols .....	531	15 04
20 Melvin Ireland .....	491	15 04
20 Melvin Ireland .....	490	30 48
20 Mrs. Eben Ireland.....	484	27 99
20 Pearl Ireland .....	485	5 22
20 Forest Ireland .....	465	34 42
20 Ivory Spencer .....	478	28 80

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20	Forest Ireland .....	477	51	84
20	Melvin Ireland .....	434	42	65
20	Fred Tash .....	242		83
20	A. H. Lancaster .....	457	52	87
20	Grace Willey .....	452	76	14
20	Perley Davis .....	20	29	38
				\$1,272 95
Leaving balance in treasury of .....				\$ 37 10

EDITH M. LANCASTER,

O. E. STRATTON,

Selectmen of Chester.

# Report of Treasurer

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## Receipts

<b>1926</b>			
Apr.	7	Balance in treasury.....	\$ 37 10
	15	Rec'd from State, dependent mothers.....	45 00
May	25	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	324 55
	27	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	746 13
June	29	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	328 41
July	1	M. H. Haynes, licenses on dogs....	19 00
	19	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	152 00
	19	State, dependent mothers.....	45 00
	30	Mr. Smith, for Mrs. Smith's board..	327 00
Aug.	4	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	511 64
Sept.	22	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	378 40
	22	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1924.....	10 00
Oct.	7	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	625 95
	15	State, improvement State roads.....	1,029 62
	30	State, third class roads.....	602 52
	30	State, dependent mothers.....	45 00
Nov.	17	State, dog license refund.....	8 56
	17	State, school fund.....	597 15
	17	State, R. R. Tel. tax.....	8 34
Dec.	10	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	1,001 75
	17	M. H. Haynes, collector, 1925.....	101 75
	24	State, damage to domestic animals..	456 00
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Jan.	3	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	296 40
	15	State, dependent mothers.....	45 00
	28	State, damage to domestic animals..	336 00
Feb.	9	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	50 00
	25	Earl Hamilton, for schoolhouse stove	7 00
	28	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	355 73
Mar.	1	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1922.....	5 00
	4	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	453 56
	8	J. L. Wyman, collector, 1926.....	662 97

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**\$9,612 53**

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Disbursements

State tax, 1926 .....	\$ 902 80
County tax, 1926 .....	244 89
License on dogs, 1926 .....	19 00
Town orders .....	8,118 50
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Total .....	\$9,285 19
March 8, 1927, balance .....	\$ 327 34

GEORGIA FLEMING, Treasurer.

# School Report

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Chester:

It is my pleasure herewith to submit to you my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Chester.

For the financial report of receipts and expenditures I would refer you to the reports of the selectmen.

I feel that the schools of Chester have been maintained in an efficient manner during the past year and good work has been done. The teachers have been industrious and have endeavored to put forth their best efforts on behalf of the children. It is true that we have had a number of changes in the teaching staff due to illness and opportunities offered for advancement. We do not feel that a teacher should be blamed for a change that is more congenial or more remunerative. We always stand ready to aid a teacher in securing a better position.

The schools of Chester have been in session during the same periods that the village and town schools have during the past year and the attendance has been gratifying. We have had an exceptional winter so far and no doubt this has had more or less to do with the result. I feel that any effort to curtail the length of the school year or to lower the standard of teachers should be discouraged.

The subject of public school education is a big one. There are many sides to every question; there are many who feel liberal towards the schools and those who feel the opposite. There are those who feel that we should be generous to the boys and girls of Chester and those who think that education is overdone. During the past year many problems have come to your committee. To each of these we have given the best of our thought and experience and have tried to settle each of them on the basis of what is best for the schools as well as for the taxpayers.

The building in North Chester was repaired this past summer so that the light comes from the left side of the pupil and has one-fifth of the floor space in glass, which meets the state requirements in regard to lighting for a standard building. We are now faced with furnishing connected toilets for this building. Let me urge you to take action at this meeting. I wish to call your attention to Sec. 2, Chap. 33, P. L. 1923 Chap. 169, which reads as follows:

Sec. 2. "It shall be the duty of all towns to complete a portion of the improvements hereinafter named each year, so that on and after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, all school buildings used for school purposes shall be provided with toilet facilities that shall be installed in such a manner and location as to insure privacy, cleanliness and supervision by teachers and shall meet the following minimum requirement.

(c) Privies located in attached buildings provided with separate compartments for sexes, accessible only by separate ventilated passages from school rooms or corridors and constructed in such a manner that the vault of the said privy shall be at least ten feet from the nearest schoolroom wall and adjacent to the outside wall of the building in which said privy is located, provided that when conditions make it necessary, the above specifications may be modified by written agreement of the state commissioner of education and the superintending school committee."

Sec. 4. Superintending school committees shall make provision for the cleaning of vaults and tanks and the repair and upkeep of accessories. Said committee shall annually cause an inspection to be made of the sanitary conditions in school buildings and shall cause to be reported to the town such construction, reconstruction or repairs necessary to meet the conditions of this act, and any town failing to meet the said conditions through neglect of its superintending school committee or neglect to appropriate funds for the purpose shall be liable to the penalties of section nineteen of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes."

From the above we find ourselves compelled to remodel this coming summer. The matter of amount to be appropriated is left to the voters who will have an idea of what it will cost to do this. I would recommend that a new building be constructed to house the wood and outhouses.

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

I would recommend the following budget for the coming year of thirty-six weeks:

Teachers' salaries .....	\$1,296 00
Tuition .....	60 00
Fuel .....	150 00
Transportation .....	750 00



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Janitors .....	75 00
Books .....	50 00
Supplies .....	50 00
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Total .....	\$2,431 00

Receipts

State fund (estimated) .....	\$600 00
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Necessary appropriation .....	\$1,831 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. SWAN,

Superintendent of Schools.