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**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
OF THE  
**SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITOR  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
AND  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 10, 1917**

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**(The Town of Litchfield Incorporated Feb. 18, 1795)**

**GARDINER:  
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1917**

# Report of Selectmen

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To the inhabitants of the town of Litchfield:

Your selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor hereby present their annual report for the municipal year ending February 10, 1917.

## VALUATION

Resident real estate	\$262,430 00
Non-resident real estate	61,157 00
Resident personal estate	48,430 00
Non-resident personal estate	1,415 00
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Total Valuation	\$373,432 00
Number of polls, 242; assessed on polls,	\$3 00
Rate of taxation on a dollar, \$.024.	
Amount of taxes on property	\$8,962 36
Amount of poll tax	726 00
Supplementary tax	14 40
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Total committed to collector	\$9,702 76

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1916

Support of schools	\$1,400 00
School books	150 00
School supplies	50 00
Repairs of school houses	150 00

Incidental town expenses	1,000 00
Support of poor	500 00
Roads and bridges	1,500 00
Snow bills	500 00
State road	533 00
Maintenance of state road	300 00
Memorial day	25 00
Tuition of high school scholars	200 00
Repairs of Fair House	100 00
Removing brown tail moth nests	100 00
State tax	2,031 04
County tax	653 19
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Total appropriation	\$9,192 23
Overlay	496 13
Supplementary tax	14.40
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Total committed to collector	\$9,702 76

### TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. value	Total value
Horses and Mules	327	\$79 32	\$25,940 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	12	84 16	1,010 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old	12	57 50	690 00
Colts under 2 years.	9	40 56	365 00
Cows.	440	29 29	12,890 00.
Oxen,	10	59 00	590 00
Three years old,	81	26 79	2,170 00
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Total value of taxable live stock,			\$43,655 00

## LIVE STOCK EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Two years old,	148	\$18 81	\$2,785 00
One year old,	152	12 30	1,870 00
Sheep,	267	3 61	965 00
Swine,	222	8 96	1,990 00
			\$7,610 00
Total value exempt from taxation,			

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Orders drawn on the treasurer for incidental town expenses.

E. P. Springer, services as selectman assessor and overseer of the poor from Mar. 6, 1915 to Feb. 9, 1916	\$147 00
A. W. Niles, services as selectman	82 00
F. A. Babbett, services as selectman	64 00
F. W. Libby for attending town meetings, recording warrants and constable re- turns and warrants	18 15
F. E. Lane expenses as town treasurer for the year 1915 to Mar 6, 1916	8 95
F. E. Lane services as town treasurer	50 00
A. W. Niles <del>expenses</del> as selectman from Feb. 9, 1916 to March 6, 1916	6 00
A. W. Niles expenses as selectman from Feb. 10, 1915 to March 6, 1916	9 40
Gardiner Roberts, services and expenses on board of health 1915	7 25
R.W. Goss, M. D., services	13 92
H. M. Starbird, services	10 50
C. C. McLaughlin, labor on highway 1915	4 38

John A. Huntington, labor on highway 1915	1 16
F. A. Babbett, services as selectman from Feb. 9 to March 6, 1916	3 00
H. W. Maxwell, labor on highway 1915	4 75
H. M. Starbird, board of health, disin- fecting Clarence Dearborn house Jan. 1916	2 00
R. W. Goss, services on school board 1915	6 00
E. D. Cram, services on school board 1915	6 00
E. M. Blanchard, snow bill 1915	1 88
O. A. True, posting town warrant 1916	5 00
J. H. Gilman, services and hearse for Susan Crane funeral	7 00
F. P. Trafton, plank used 1914	14 94
Loring, Short and Harmon, town books for 1916	13 00
James T. Gilson, repairs on hearse	16 03
Geo. W. Heselton, services for school in Campbell case 1914	15 50
Mrs. O. V. Merrill, for dirt used on state road 1914	40 00
F. O. Berry, money paid out to W. C. Atkins for cost of execution of papers of Ada Hunt	3 00
O. A. True, posting warrant for primary election and one day's service as con- stable	5 00
O. A. True " " " "	5 00
O. A. True, enforcing dog law and killing two dogs	13 00
Flora Frost, watering tub 1916 to Jan. 1st 1917	3 00
James Huntington, watering tub 1916 to	

Jan. 1st, 1917	3 00
Sidney Buker, cutting bushes 1915	4 47
L. A. Bailey, repairs on plow 1915	3 90
O. A. True, posting warrant for state election and services as constable at same, 1916	5 00
E. P. Springer, expenses and money paid out 1915	23 61
C. T. Powers, care and running of hearse	10 00
E. P. Springer, services as selectman from Feb. 9 to March 4, 1916	16 00
E. P. Springer, labor on highway 1915	4 63
Stephen Hoyt, labor on highway 1915	3 50
Edward Shorey, watering tub 1916	5 00
Viola True, material used on state road 1914	10 00
E. D. Cram, election clerk, June, July, September and November	8 00
Wm. Drummond, election clerk, June, July September and November	8 00
H. W. Maxwell, ballot clerk, June, July, September and November	8 00
F. W. Jordan, ballot clerk June, July, September and November	8 00
A. D. Bartlett, watering tub 1916	5 00
Henry Taylor, member of the school committee	6 00
J. T. Gilman, dirt for road, 1913	5 00
H. M. Starbird, gravel used 1915	1 00
Chas. E. Nash, Printing town reports 1915	46 00
H. M. Starbird, disinfecting Teeling house	3 00
C. T. Powers, care and driving hearse	10 00

Arthur Gowell, snow bill 1914 and 1915	3 30
L. A. Bubier, service as fire warden from April 1916 to Jan. 25, 1917	30 00
Edwin Stahl, labor on highway, 1915	.88
National Shoe and Leather Bank, inter- est on note for 10 months	41 67
C. T. Powers, care and driving hearse to Feb. 1, 1917	16 40
L. A. Bailey, watering tub 1913 and 1916	6 00
M. T. Costello, sharpening drills, 1915	1 90
O. A. True, services as truant officer	1 00
O. A. True, posting warrant for Nov. election and services as constable Nov. 7, 1916	5 00
E. M. Walker, services as auditor 1915	4 00
O. B. Gray, abatements in taxes of 1915	50 05
Eugene Campbell, repairs and cleaning houses 1913	12 40
R. W. Goss M. D., vital statistics to Jan. 27, 1917	5 50
H. M. Starbird, services on board of health	11 00
B. R. Small, services on board of health	8 00
R. W. Goss M. D., services on board of health	17 00
O. B. Gray, part com. collecting tax 1915	59 84
O. B. Gray, part com. collecting taxes 1915	121 56
Total amount expended	\$1,179 42
Raised by town	1,000 00
Overdrawn	\$179 42



## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Orders drawn on treasurer for repairs of Roads and Bridges:

## MAY

Richard Dixon, labor on highway shoveling gravel	5 25	
J. R. Goodall, labor on highway, self and team	22 37	
Harold Webber, labor on highway	6 12	
W. R. Godfrey, labor on highway, self and team	12 75	
E. E. Purinton, labor as com. and with team	39 57	
W. V. Danforth, labor on water course	58	
Geo. Danforth, labor on water course	58	
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Total		87 22

## JUNE

Chas. Collins, labor on highway	3 50	
James Hamilton, labor on highway with team	46 88	
Dennis Small, labor on highway	28 00	
James Libby, labor on highway scraping and carting	34 00	
Wm. Knight, labor on highway, shoveling	8 75	
Seymour White, labor and team carting dirt	8 50	
Perley Perry, labor on highway	10 50	
Garfield Hamilton, labor on highway	10 50	
E. E. Purinton, plank	6 75	

E. E. Purinton, com. and team	65 37
A. J. Fish, labor with team	2 87

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Total

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225 62

### JULY

C. M. Conant, repairs on road machine	10 50
Arthur Hall, labor on highway	75
Chas. Collins, labor on highway	2 48
J. E. Purinton, plank	29 36
J. E. Purinton, labor with team	54 50
O. B. Gray, labor with team	37 75
O. B. Gray, gravel	16 10
Geo. E. Spiller, labor	21 77
S. L. Buker, labor	4 37
A. L. Davis, labor	4 37
J. R. Goodall, labor with team	6 37
J. G. Hamilton, labor	21 50
Ed. Blanchard, labor with team	4 25
Norman Higgins, labor	1 75
Sidney Knight, labor	2 61
David Adams, labor	5 25
Harold Webber, labor	4 81
E. E. Purinton, plank	11 70
E. L. Allen, labor with team	2 25
E. L. Packard, labor	1 23
W. R. Godfrey, labor with team	4 25
Roy Mace, labor	9 20
Geo. E. Tucker, labor with team	46 75
James Hamilton, labor with team	53 00
E. E. Purinton, labor with team	64 00

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Total

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420 87

## AUGUST

J. E. Purinton, labor on highway	21 97
A. J. Fish, labor on highway	12 75
E. E. Purinton, labor on highway	21 75
James Hamilton, labor on highway	10 50
J. G. Hamilton, labor on highway	4 62
C. H. Webber, labor on highway	3 50
James Goodall, labor on highway	9 25

Total

84 34

## SEPTEMBER

Fred Knight, labor	2 53
Lapham and Packard, labor	8 85
Alton Ranks, labor	1 75
John Ranks, labor	14 59
James Libby, labor	15 00
Frank Smith, labor	5 25
W. T. Woodbury, labor	6 00
E. E. Danforth, labor	39 37
Wm. Farrington, labor	10 50
Josiah Morrell, labor	8 40
Fred Buck, labor	6 12
Mrs. J. E. Chase, dirt for highway	10 00
Stacy Larrabee, labor	7 87
Isaac Larrabee, labor	6 12
Isaac McDonald, labor	30 62
Arthur Gowell, labor	8 25
Elbridge McDonald, labor	27 12
Wilbur Danforth, labor	1 75
Lester Danforth, labor	2 63
Wm. Allard, dirt for highway	6 00

Arthur Gowell, labor	7 50	
E. E. Purinton, labor on highway with team	63 62	
O. B. Gray, labor on highway with team	8 50	
O. B. Gray, gravel for highway	4 50	
J. G. Hamilton, labor	25 00	
James Goodall, labor and stringers	15 62	
C. H. Webber, labor	3 50	
Geo. E. Spiller, labor	1 75	
Millard Rogers, labor and team	16 50	
J. E. Purinton, labor and team	23 38	
James Hamilton, labor and team	61 30	
Isaac McDonald, labor	2 62	
E. E. Danforth, labor and team	16 18	
David Motrom labor	87	
Lester Danforth, labor	28 87	
F. P. Trafton, plank for sidewalk	48 00	
F. P. Trafton, plank for bridge	2 97	
C. A. Dearborn, labor	16 62	
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Total		574 52

**OCTOBER**

W. D. Foster, labor	5 25	
J. E. Purinton labor and team	14 50	
C. H. Webber, labor	5 25	
J. R. Goodall labor and stringer	13 00	
F. E. Mitchell, labor	4 25	
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Total		42 25

## NOVEMBER

Joseph Goodwin, labor on sidewalk	11 37
E. D. Cram, labor on sidewalk	13 80
W. B. Smith, labor on sidewalk	13 80
W. S. Rowe, labor on highway	3 00
P. E. Frost, labor	1 75
A. W. Niles, labor	3 50
Lawrence Adams, labor	58
C. T. Powers, labor	1 75
Ray Mace, labor	1 75
F. N. Adams, nails and spikes for sidewalk	5 40
Alfred Winzell, labor	1 75
Bert Fish, labor	5 25
B. R. Small, plank for bridges	23 42
C. M. Farnum, labor	3 00
W. S. Bubier, labor	1 42
Isaac McDonald, labor	9 62
F. O. Berry, hauling gravel	2 50
Ellbridge McDonald, labor	6 12
Lester Danforth, labor	8 75
E. E. Danforth, labor	15 44
Geo. E. Ring, gravel	7 00

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 Total

140 97

## JANUARY

P. E. Frost, labor	88
Raymond Tozier, labor	4 25
W. F. Allard, labor	1 75
D. W. Ware, labor	1 33
John Richards, cutting bushes, 1916	12 25

Charles Campbell, spade	70
N. C. True, removing tree from highway	55
R. J. Tuttle, labor on highway 1916	2 83
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Orders drawn	\$1,600 33
Raised by town	1,500 00
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Overdrawn	\$100 33

### SNOW BILLS

#### Winter of 1915 and 1916

E. F. Ridley	16 10
Geo. A. Danforth	31 94
Edward Cate	13 50
W. V. Danforth	26 85
M. L. Larrabee	13 02
Alonzo Ridley	7 96
John A. Huntington	19 91
A. F. Nutting	10 32
Albert Ridley	11 26
Ralph W. Warren	7 77
Chas. H. Ridley	5 25
Walter Ridley	10 50
W. R. Buker	9 89
Chester James	2 95
E. M. Blanchard, Knight and Oak Hill district	6 96
E. M. Blanchard	32 44
Charles Collins	10 84
Charles Collins	3 26
O. T. Blanchard	13 30

Richard Dixon	1 56
L. W. Lamphir	9 00
W. V. Danforth	8 00
F. E. Goodwin	1 15
E. M. Blanchard, Allard dist.	10 34
Fred Gould	6 43
Leslie Brown	13 70
Fred L. Danforth	18 92
Wm. Spaulding	5 89
Donald Spaulding	7 68
J. B. Stevens	9 57
F. E. Lane	19 75
C. E. Hodgkins	28 12
Walter Ridley	3 11
Geo. Newell	29 19
F. S. Vannah	12 05
Harold Bucklin	4 08
A. W. Niles	13 35
W. H. Potter	9 72
C. T. Powers	20 67
E. F. Ranks	6 03
Alton Ranks	6 03
Von Sylvester	5 44
Mont Condon	1 75
Geo. and Arthur Spillea	7 27
Fred Hoffman	10 06
A. J. Tozier	14 51
F. D. Gilman	5 61
John T. Gilman	8 73
F. N. Adams	10 07
John Tarr	7 00
C. E. Maloon	7 64
Howard Porter	1 94

H. F. Woodard	39
Wm. Knight	1 85
Harold B. Webber	11 66
C. H. Webber	12 25
Norman Higgins	39
E. E. Purinton	19 35
Samuel Tarr	95
Emery Metcalf	2 50
J. E. Edgecomb	11 38
Ralph D. Brann	15 91
F. C. Weston, heirs of	21 23
J. F. Small	8 02
W. B. Jones	9 48
A. E. Hall	21 88
A. M. Patterson	7 95
F. O. Berry	11 27
Edwin Stahl	4 28
William Springer	12 06
William Springer, in Allard Dist.	3 59
S. P. Roberts	2 91
A. J. Fish	23 41
W. B. Belyea	14 19
B. R. Small	17 50
B. R. Small, Powers Dist.	15 46
A. L. Davis	88
Roy Mace	4 45
C. M. Farnum	12 31
O. B. Gray	18 97
John True, Jr.	3 00
Chas. E. Walker	93
W. W. Douglass	4 85
David Adams	7 77
J. E. Purinton	28 70



Maurice Earle	4 66
W. L. Allard	4 28
Wilber Gowell	24 73
A. S. Gowell	14 48
W. C. Bowley	18 67
Lester Webber	18 41
Chas. Trafton	7 59
Sidney Buker	12 00
A. P. Harriman	2 92
C. W. Goodwin	45
Fred Edgecomb	8 55
James Huntington	9 00
Wm. Powers	14 50
Frank Bailey	4 39
Lapham & Packard	23 75
Sidney Knight	2 33
Cline McLaughlin	11 65
Isaac McDonald	2 45
Elbridge McDonald	52
Lester Danforth	2 97
E. E. Danforth	15 10
James Hamilton	23 20
H. C. Allard work in four Dist.	67 61
L. W. Libby	12 63
J. G. Hamilton	3 50
E. L. Allen	9 90
F. E. Mitchell	14 50
E. P. Springer	8 45
C. J. Driscoll	2 27
Geo. E. Ring	3 18
Fred Knight	25 66
A. H. Rathburn	15 01
Warren W. Stevens	9 75

Lawrence Adams	1 05
R. H. Belyea	15 75
W. S. Bubier	30 05
H. W. Maxwell, Smith Dist.	4 34
H. W. Maxwell, Pottertown dist.	3 31
Geo. Stebbins	6 22
L. A. Bailey	6 03
W. T. Woodbury	16 19
Forest Harriman	6 41
E. L. Campbell	13 50
David Motram	19 17
G. H. Dingley & Son	14 27
D. I. Larrabee	5 58
Philip Larrabee	7 00
Stacy Larrabee	17 25
F. L. Danforth	6 00
L. M. Brown	4 25
Arthur Gowell	9 02
Raymond Tozier	5 98
Frank Peacock	6 25
J. B. Stevens	12 34
Dennis Bishop	5 25
Ben F. Houser	2 72
W. S. Rowe	2 82
H. H. True	4 47
D. R. Small	2 92
D. W. Ware	1 75
W. R. Godfrey	3 56
Geo. E. Ricker	3 56
Geo. E. Ricker	12 00
Stanley M. True	8 76
A. P. Berry	5 18
Geo. W. Tucker	24 25

N. C. True	.52
R. J. Tuttle	4 00
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Total amount of orders drawn	\$1,600 88
Raised by town	500 00
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Overdrawn	\$1,100 88

### STATE ROAD ACCOUNT

Orders drawn on the treasurer for expenses of State, 1916

Geo. Spiller, labor on state road	\$16 62
C. H. Webber, labor on state road	18 37
Arthur Spiller, labor on state road	16 63
W. S. Rowe, labor on state road	21 87
W. S. Rowe, Jr., labor on state road	14 39
E. E. Purinton, labor on state road	54 00
James Hamilton, labor on state road	38 37
J. G. Hamilton, labor on state road	20 12
C. W. Allen, labor on state road	6 12
F. M. Harnden, labor on state road	12 25
Harold Webber, labor on state road	3 50
J. E. Purinton, labor on state road	75 08
Geo. Spiller, labor on state road	25 36
J. G. Hamilton, labor on state road	34 98
W. S. Bubier, labor on state road	19 43
W. S. Rowe, labor on state road	23 64
Arthur Spiller, labor on state road	35 43
Hiram True, labor on state road	17 50

W. S. Rowe, Jr., labor on state road	16 86	
James Hamilton, labor on state road	85 90	
J. R. Goodall	92 83	
Harold Webber, labor on state road	21 82	
W. D. Foster, labor on state road	30 18	
C. H. Webber, labor on state road	32 81	
F. M. Harnden, labor on state road	38 91	
E. E. Purinton, labor on state road	98 25	
F. N. Adams, dynamite caps and fuse	25 91	
Viola True, material	30 00	
F. E. Pratt, blacksmith work	5 85	
A. S. Alexander, dynamite caps and fuse	8 50	
Harold Webber	10 99	
J. R. Goodall, labor	8 50	
F. M. Harnden	3 50	
W. S. Rowe	3 50	
E. E. Purinton	23 75	
J. G. Hamilton	8 75	
C. H. Webber	3 50	
E. E. Purinton, incidental expenses	10 00	
Geo. A. Fields, inspector	52 28	
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		\$1,066 25
Amount raised by town	\$533 00	
Amount from State	533 00	
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Total raised		\$1,066 00
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Overdrawn		.25

**POOR ACCOUNT**

Orders drawn on the Treasurer	
A. W. Niles, care of tramps	\$1 50
A. D. Larrabee, care of tramps	5 25
Eva M. Toothaker, board and care of Mrs. Gibson	60 00
Ada F. Hunt, board and care of Bert Larrabee children in 1913, interest on same and cost of suit,	24 83
E. P. Springer, supplies furnished A. R. Getchell, 1915 and 1916	8 29
A. H. Larrabee, care of tramps	6 00
Eva M. Toothaker, board and care of Mrs. Gibson	63 00
Mrs. W. C. Bowley, board and care of Mrs. Gibson	14 00
Max Freedman, overcoat and rubbers for A. R. Getchell	9 25
F. W. Libby, shoes for A. R. Getchell	2 60
E. P. Springer, board and care of A. R. Getchell 52 weeks to Jan. 6, 1917	160 00
Mrs. W. C. Bowley, board and care of Arvesta Gibson from Dec. 20, 1916 to Jan. 17, 1917	14 00
Dora M. Gayton, board and care of child known as Clayton Raymond	74 00
F. O. Berry, shoes for Mrs. Gibson	1 35
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Total amount expended	\$144 07
Raised by town	\$500 00
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Unexpended	\$ 55 93

### FAIR HOUSE ACCOUNT

Orders drawn on the Treasurer

H. W. Maxwell, Treas of Litchfield  
Farmers' Club \$100 00

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Raised by town \$100 00

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Raised by town	1400 00
Received from State mill tax	669 73
Received from State, R. R. tel. tax	114 82
Received from State, Common School fund	658 36
Due from town of Monmouth	29 00
Received from town of Wales	29 00

Total amount resources	2,900 91
Amount expended	\$2799 93
Overdrawn in 1915	41 63

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Total amount expended \$2841 56

Unexpended \$59 35

**FREE HIGH SCHOOL**

Orders drawn on the Treasurer

Geo. M. Rogers, tuition winter term, 1915 and 1916	200 00	
C. M. Kendrick, tuition spring term, 1916	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00
Raised by town	\$200 00	
Due from State	400 00	
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Unexpended		\$200 00

**SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS**

Orders drawn on the Treasurer,

Wm. Drummond, painting inside, "Willad"	14 37
Eldridge Bros., paints	3 88
Gardiner Hardware Co., paints	4 53
Gardiner Hardware Co., paints	5 50
The Vannah Co., paints and oil	14 30
Wm. Drummond, So. Oak Hill House	10 00
Wm. Drummond, painting Berry House	18 75
Gardiner Hardware Co., paints	4 53
W. C. Ackley, paints and oil	9 25
B. R. Temple	4 07
G. N. Byras, labor on school house	5 00
Ralph D. Brann, labor on school house	

Steventown	12 55	
Raymond Tozier, labor on school house	6 12	
F. P. Trafton, shingles	49 65	
Hank Brown, lumber, hauling shingles, flag pole and labor	44 54	
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Total amount of orders drawn		\$207 04
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Raised by town	\$150 00	
Overdrawn		57 04

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

#### Orders drawn on the Treasurer

Caxton Supply Co.	7 77	
Caxton Supply Co.	6 30	
Caxton Supply Co., flags	5 59	
Caxton Supply Co., desks	16 80	
H. M. Welgel, supplies	4 20	
Edward Babb, supplies	31 28	
Charles Campbell, supplies	11 53	
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	24 90	
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Amount of orders drawn		\$108 37
Raised by town		50 00
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Overdrawn		\$58 37



**BROWN TAIL MOTH ACCOUNT**

## Orders drawn on the Treasurer

Warren Stevens	\$5 25	
J. B. Stevens	5 25	
John Burrige	5 64	
Geo. and Arthur Spiller	19 84	
Lester Danforth	3 50	
Arthur Hall	1 75	
A. W. Niles	1 75	
H. C. Allard	88	
Irvin Libby	39	
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Total amount expended		\$44 25
Amount appropriated by town	\$100 00	
Unexpended		\$55 75

**SCHOOL BOOKS**

## Orders drawn on the Treasurer

C. M. Kendrick, freight on books	\$2 30	
World Book Co., books	9 36	
D. C. Heath & Co., books	4 80	
Benj. H. Sanborn, books	88 59	
D. Appleton & Co., books	18 00	
American Book Co., books	10 08	
American Book Co., books	12 00	
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Amount of orders drawn		\$145 13
Raised by town	150 00	
Undrawn		\$4 87

**SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS**

F. A. Knight,	\$6 00
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**MEMORIAL**

Raised by town	\$25 00	
Paid O. A. True		\$25 00

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

C. M. Kendrick, services as Superintendent,	\$113 46
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**STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Raised by town	\$300 00	
Paid to the State		\$300 00

**ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1915**

Mrs. D. A. Burbank, unable to pay	\$8 80	
Mrs. D. A. Burbank, unable to pay	6 30	
M. Carron, left town	3 00	
W. E. Cunningham, paid in Worcester	3 00	
Charles Dailey, unable to pay	3 00	
Edward I. Gayton, error	3 00	
David Davis, error	3 00	
Eugene Harriman, unable to pay	3 00	
Josiah Morrell, unable to pay	3 00	
Frank Ricker, paid in Monmouth	3 00	
A. H. Robertson, left town	3 00	
Mr. Teeling, left town	4 65	
Wm. Goodwin, error	3 30	
Total abated		\$50 05

**UNPAID TAXES 1915—RESIDENT**

Fred M. Babcock	\$14 50
Philius Carron	79
E. M. Douglass	2 66
Henry Frost	3 30
F. R. Harnden	3 00
Walter Morse	39 41
John Richardson	98
Alonzo Ridley	5 75
Charles Tarr	80
J. F. Dunham farm	6 80
James Spear	1 65
F. L. Harlow	20 90
Frank Springer	6 30

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 \$106 84
**UNPAID TAXES 1916—RESIDENT.**

Fred M. Babcock	\$79 44
Geo. Bran	3 00
Abe Bartlett	3 00
Wm. H. Blanchard	48 36
Frank Bailey	17 01
Warren R. Buker	24 48
Mrs. D. A. Burbank	1 00
Gilbert Baker	3 00
Robert Booker	3 00
Eli M. Douglass	16 08
Burley Danforth	3 00
Geo. M. Dearborn	3 00
Mary Danforth heirs of	2 40

Levi Danforth	3 00
Charles Dailey	3 00
Geo. U. Fish	3 00
Henry Frost	3 60
Phil Fogg	3 00
Ray Harnden	3 00
Isaac Gayton	3 00
Sewell Harriman	3 60
Levi Harriman, heirs of	27 60
Eugene Harriman	3 00
Forest Harriman	6 31
F. E. Libby	4 44
Walter Morse	42 12
Clive McLaughlin	12 68
C. R. Noyce	3 00
Frank Pratt	3 84
S. P. Roberts	14 49
Austin Rogers	3 00
B. W. Ridley	41 64
John Richardson	24 00
Wm. Ridley	48
Irvin Ridley	2 61
Alonzo Ridley	6 12
Walter Ridley	3 00
Geo. Stebbins	3 00
Frank Springer	15 00
James A. True, heirs of	5 50
John B. True	3 00
Wilber Tarr	15 00
Mrs. Charles Tarr	9 60
Dunham Farm	21 00
Lester Webber	7 20
C. H. Webber	37 44

Sup:

Wilber Danforth	1 25
John Richardson	11 40

**Cottages**

Geo. W. Lynch	2 40
Wm. Goodwin	3 60
Patsy Sullivan	3 60
Willeyham	4 80
Frost & Henry	9 60

**Non Residents**

Geo. A. Andrews	2 40
A. V. Blaisdell	2 40
Geo. W. Bowie	10 80
John B. Foss	12 00
Daniel Huntington	60
F. L. Harlow Mill	19 20
J. H. Litchfield	48 00
H. K. Morrell, heirs of	31 20
James A. Spear	1 80
Henry A. True	6 00
W. Wharff	1 20

**RECAPITULATION**

Balance on selectmen's book, Feb.	
10, 1916	\$3,233 13
Assessed and committed to collector	
	9,688 36
Supplemental tax	14 40
Received from the State refunded dog license	69 62

Received from State for state road	533 00
Received from State for common schools	658 36
Received from State for Mill tax	669 73
Received from State for R. R. and Tel. tax	114 82
Interest from Androscoggin Bank	67 50
Due from State for Free High School	400 00
Due from State for sheep killed by dogs	6 00
Interest on mortgage of F. T. Bailey	23 10
Due from Geo. Wentworth tax book 1914	76 16
Due from O. B. Gray tax book 1915	106 84
Due from O. B. Gray tax book 1916	940 32
Due from town of Monmouth	29 00
Due from town of Wales	29 00
Money hired from National Shoe and Leather Bank	1,000 00
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Total resources	\$17,659 34

### EXPENDITURES

Paid for State tax	\$2,031 04
Paid for County tax	653 19
Paid for incidentals	1,179 42
Paid for support of poor	444 07
Paid for Fair House repairs	100 00
Paid for schools	2,799 93
Paid for roads and bridges	1,600 33
Paid for snow bills	1,600 88
Paid for school house repairs	207 04

Paid for Free High School	400 00
Paid for school supplies	108 37
Paid for picking brown tail moths	44 25
Paid for school books	145 13
Paid for sheep killed by dogs	6 00
Paid for memorial	25 00
Paid for superintendent of schools	113 46
Paid for state road	1,066 25
Paid for state road maintenance	300 00
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Total expenditures	\$12,824 36
Total resources	\$17,659 34
Total expenditures	12,824 36
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Balance on selectmen's books	\$4,834 98
Money hired of the National Shoe and Leather Bank and now due	\$1,000 00
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Actual balance on selectmen's books February 10, 1917	\$3,834 98

Respectfully submitted;

F. N. ADAMS,  
A. W. NILES,  
F. O. BERRY

Selectmen of Litchfield.

## Report of Treasurer

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

I herewith submit to you the annual report as Treasurer showing receipts and expenditures also resources and liabilities.

### RECEIPTS

Cash in Nat. Shoe & Leather Bank Feb. 14, 1916	\$189 87
Cash in Andros County Savings Bank.....	1,671 02
Cash on hand.....	72 57
Mortgage of.....	462 00
State treas. dog licenses refunded . . . . .	69 62
F. W. Libby, dog licenses . . . . .	129 00
State treas., state pensions.....	192 00
State treas., state road money . . . . .	480 72
Andros. Co. Savings Bank, int. to Nov. 1916.....	67 50
State treas., School and Mill fund . . . . .	669 73
State treas., Common school fund.....	658 36
State treas., R. R. and Telegraph tax.....	114 82
Geo. J. Wentworth collector 1914.....	45 41
O. B. Gray collector for 1915.....	655 13
O. B. Gray collector for 1916.....	8,761 44
Loan from Nat. Shoe & Leather Bank.....	1,000 00



Rec'd from Monmouth.....	21 75
Rec'd from Wales.....	29 00
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	\$15,289 94

## EXPENDITURES.

State tax.....	\$2,031 04
County tax. ...	653 19
State pensions.....	498 00
Memorial.....	25 00
Support of schools.....	2,786 83
School books.....	145 13
School supplies.....	108 37
Schoolhouse repairs..	162 50
Incidental town expense.....	1,028 34
Support of poor. ...	444 07
Roads and bridges.....	1,597 15
Snow bills.....	1,600 36
State road.....	1,013 97
Repairs on State road.....	300 00
Tuitions at Academy..	200 00
Moth nests.....	44 25
Superintendent of schools.....	113 46
Fair house.....	100 00
Sheep killed by dogs.....	6 00
Outstanding order ...	15 75
State Treasurer, dog licenses.....	129 00
Cash in Andros. Co. Savings Bank.....	1,738 52
Mortgage.....	462 00
Cash in Nat. Shoe & Leather Bank...	19 41
Cash on hand.....	67 60
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	\$15,289 94

## RESOURCES

Due from State Treas., soldiers' pensions.....	\$306 00
Due from State Treas., Free High School.....	400 00
Due from State Treas., sheep killed by dogs ....	6 00
Due interest on mortgage.....	23 10
Due from Geo. Wentworth, taxes 1914.....	76 16
Due from O. B. Gray, taxes 1915.....	106 87
Due from O. B. Gray, taxes 1916.....	940 32
Cash in Nat. Shoe & Leather Bank.....	19 41
Cash in Andros. Co. Savings Bank.....	1,738 52
Mortgage of .....	462 00
Cash on hand. ....	67 60
Due from Gardiner Hardware Co.....	4 53
Due from Town of Monmouth .....	29 00
Due from Town of Wales.....	29 00

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\$4,208 51

## LIABILITIES

Due Note on Shoe & Leather Bank	
April 7, 1917.....	\$1,000 00
Due Outstanding Orders.....	366 79
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	1,366 79
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Total Resources.....	\$2,841 72

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. LANE, Treasurer

## Auditor's Report.

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As Auditor for the year 1916, would beg leave to make the following report.

Having examined the books and vouchers of the selectmen and treasurer, I find same to be neatly and correctly kept, and agreeing as to receipts and expenditures.

Balance on selectmen's books

February 10, 1917	\$3,834 98
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Have approved following bills:

F. N. Adams, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	\$96 00
A. W. Niles, same services	95 00
F. O. Berry, same services	70 00
E. M. Walker, auditor	4 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALKER,

Auditor.

February 12, 1917.

## School Report.

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To the Inhabitan's of the town of Litchfield:

We respectfully submit the following report, as required by law, of the condition, progress and expenditure of our schools for the year ending Feb. 3, 1917.

Our schools have run smoothly and made good progress under the supervision of our new superintendent, Mr. C. M. Kendrick. There has been some difficulty in getting teachers as the salary we pay is small compared with other towns. You will notice that the appropriation for repairs and supplies has been overdrawn, but that was unavoidable, if we met the requirements of the law. The sanitary conditions of the outbuildings is deplorable and during the coming year something must be done to eliminate this evil. We earnestly recommend the following appropriations.

Common schools .....	\$1,500 00
Repairs .....	150 00
Supplies .....	75 00
Text books.....	125 00

To the Superintending School Committee of Litchfield, Maine.

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report for your consideration.

The work of both teachers and pupils has been very gratifying to me as in most of the schools an unusual amount of interest has been shown. In every case where a vacancy has occurred experienced teachers or those who have had previous training have been secured.

The Course of Study has been a great help to the teachers as they know the definite work prescribed therein must be done during the school year to keep the pupils up to grade. The conventions have also proved a valuable assistant in stimulating the teachers to greater efficiency. Many of the teachers attended the State Convention held at Portland last October and returned with a feeling of greater interest in their work. It is my earnest wish that as many as possible will attend the Kennebec County Convention at Waterville as I find that the county conventions are a source of great inspiration especially for the rural teacher. This is true because the majority of the speakers deal with rural problems.

The attendance for the spring and fall terms has been very good, there being an enrollment of 139 pupils and a general average of 111.7 thus making the attendance per cent 87. In the winter term we have been less fortunate as the prevailing contagious diseases and the severe storms have tended to lower the average considerably. In looking over the school registers, I find many instances of tardiness, most of them occurring without excuses from the pupil's parents or guardian. This of course makes it difficult for the teacher and the pupil as often times it necessitates the making up of lessons at recess or after school thus depriving them of their rightful recreation hours besides losing the benefit of regular class recitation work. Therefore I wish the parents would make special effort to see that their children are at school on time. During the past year truancy has existed to a slight degree as it has been necessary to

send the truant officer to only two homes where the children were absent without cause.

Of the ten pupils who took the high school entrance examinations, only a few passed. Those failing to pass were allowed to enter on conditions and during the fall term they worked off their conditions.

### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY

Litchfield Academy opened last September with twenty-five students registered. We were very fortunate to secure Mr. Frank B. Richardson of Bates as principal and Miss Enna W. Fowler as assistant. Excellent work is being done. The following is the report of the principal:

#### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY

To the Supt. of Schools:

I think that this year of work at the Academy has been a successful one from all points of view. Late in the summer Mr. Kendrick and myself canvassed the town of Litchfield and those towns that border, in search of students. We seemed to find a feeling of antipathy among the people against the academy, however, we have a larger enrollment than last year.

We offer at the academy two courses, an English and a Latin, which cover the work as laid out by the state for any class A high school filling the requirements of the New England College Association Board.

There is at Bates College a scholarship especially for the graduates of the Academy, which offers a good opportunity for anyone desiring to attend that institution.

I ask for the better co-operation of the people of this

town in helping to build up the school, by speaking a good word for, rather than one against it.

Respectfu ly,

FRANK B. RICHARDSON .

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### RESOURCES

Appropriation from town .....	\$1,400 00
State school fund . . . . .	1,328 09
Tuition from town of Wales due.....	29 00
Tuition from town of Monmouth due. ....	29 00
State tel. & tel. fund .....	114 82
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Total resources.....	\$2,900 91

#### EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn (1915).....	\$41 63
Teachers Spring term.....	935 00
Teachers Fall term.. .. .	765 00
Teachers Winter term.....	688 50
Fuel .....	133 60
Janitor.. . . . .	69 75
Transportation.. .. .	210 60
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	\$2,841 56
Unexpended.....	59 35
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	\$2,900 91

Following is a report of the schools by terms:

SPRING TERM, 1916

School	Teacher	Wages	No.	
			Pupils	Av.
Pine Tree	Gladys Coskey	\$8 50	12	10
Earle	Ida Allen	8 50	12	10
Berry	Grace Brown	8 50	9	8
Lincoln	Ruby Maloon	8 50	13	11.7
So Oak Hill	Doris True Mace	8 50	22	18
Mills	Louise Atwood	8 50	17	9
Whittier	Ethel Brann	8 50	14	10
Ferrin	Roscoe Bosworth	8 50	17	15
Waterman	Florence Buker	8 50	14	12
Willard	Elsie Libby	8 50	9	8

FALL TERM

Pine Tree	Gladys Coskey	8 50	12	10 plus
Earle	Irene Helms	8 50	10	9.6
Berry	Grace Brown	8 50	8	7*
Lincoln	Helen Cappers	8 50	15	13.5
So. Oak Hill	Rose McLaughlin	8 50	18	16 plus
Mills	Louise Atwood	8 50	17	12*
Whittier	Ethel Brann	8 50	15	13.5
Ferrin	Roscoe Bosworth	8 50	17	15*
Waterman	Florence Buker	8 50	14	11 plus

WINTER TERM

Pine Tree	Gladys Coskey	8 50	14	12*
Earle	Irene Helms	8 50	10	9
Berry	Grace Brown	8 50	7	6*
Lincoln	Helen Cappers	8 50	13	12
So. Oak Hill	Beulah Lane	8 50	18	16*
Mills	Louise Atwood	8 50	17	13*
Whittier	Ethel Brann	8 50	15	13.5
Ferrin	Roscoe Bosworth	8 50	17	14*
Waterman	Carrie Ricker	8 50	17	15*



## PUPILS NOT ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY

## SPRING TERM

Ernest Danforth	Gerald Tucker
Donald Fish	Margaret Campbell
Leona Fish	Leona Danforth
Dorothy Fish	Wallace Godfrey
Clifton Kenney	Maurice Libby
Maurice Kenney	Kenneth Cram
Alex Hall	Evelyn Small
Earle Vannah	George Weston
Eddie Cote	Floyd Buker
Elmer Mitchell	Harry Goodall
Gertrude Polley	Kenneth Goodall
Robie Mitchell	Ella Rogers
William Babb	Clifton Babb

## FALL TERM

Floyd Buker	Frost Polley
Ella Rogers	Beatrice Polley
Clifton Babb	Elden McLaughlin
William Babb	Ernest Danforth
Evelyn Dearborn	Clifton Kenney
Alice Mitchell	Maurice Kenney
Elmer Mitchell	Earle Huntington
Margaret Campbell	Charlie Knight
Leona Danforth	Maurice Libby
Wallace Danforth	Clara Huntington
Horace Huntington	Beatrice Newell

\*Only a partial list

## REPAIRS

During the past year the high winds and heavy rains have done much damage to the school buildings, not only causing the roofs to leak, but also defacing the ceilings, walls and desks. This has called for unforeseen expenses for repairs. The Steventown school building has been shingled, while shingles have been purchased for the North school house. A new out-building has been built for the Ferrin school and the old one repaired at the Waterman. The South Oak Hill school house and the Berry school have been painted both inside and out. Before this could be done, large holes in the ceilings and walls had to be patched, but the buildings are now in very good condition. The ceiling of the North school has been tinted. Some extra new desks have been purchased for the Lincoln school, new blackboards have been put up at the Ferrin and Steventown school houses, and the doors have been repaired at the Earle.

The following repairs are needed for next year:

The Pine Tree school house needs to be painted on the outside, the Steventown needs to be white washed and papered and the Earle, Ferrin and Waterman ought to be plastered and tinted. The North school must be shingled.

The estimate for the total repairs needed is one hundred and fifty dollars.

## TEXT BOOKS

For the most part, books have been purchased to replace those now out, and to supply new scholars. Last year a few Stone-Willis arithmetics were introduced and they gave such good satisfaction that more were bought this year. The New World speller is being given a trial in some of the schools and is arousing a new interest in spelling. For sup-

plementary reading, the Story Hour readers and Carpenter's Geographical readers have been purchased. Believing that the physiologies in use were too elementary for the eighth and ninth grade work, I secured new Academic physiologies which have created a new interest in the subject.

The books needed most for next year are New Supplementary Histories for the eighth and ninth grades. A great deal more work would be accomplished if materials for busy work were furnished for the lower grades.

Although thirty weeks were maintained this year, the appropriation was considerably overdrawn. In order to obtain efficient teachers higher salaries must be paid to meet the increased cost of expenses.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to all who have in any way helped to make this year a successful one.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYRUS M. KENDRICK, Supt.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:

Common schools .. . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Repairs .. . . . . .	150 00
Supplies .. . . . . .	75 00
Text books .. . . . . .	125 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. GOSS,  
HENRY TAYLOR,  
E. D. CRAM,

S. S. Committee

## Town Warrant

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To O. A. True, Constable of the Town of Litchfield:

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Litchfield qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday, the fifth day of March A. D. 1917 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1 To chose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year

Art. 3 To attend to the report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, Superintendent of schools and School Committee

Art. 4 To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, a collector of Taxes, one or more members of the School Committee, one or more Constables, Surveyors of wood and lumber, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, a Pound Keeper, Sealer of Weights

and Measures and all other necessary Officers, Agents and Committees and one or more Fire Wardens

Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to have one or more Road Commissioners

Art. 6 To vote a sum of money for the support of schools

Art. 7 To vote a sum of money for the purchase of school books

Art. 8 To vote a sum of money for school supplies

Art. 9 To vote a sum of money for repairs of school houses

Art. 10 To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town Expenses

Art. 11 To vote a sum of money for support of Poor

Art. 12 To vote a sum of money for repairs of Roads and Bridges

Art. 13 To vote a sum of money to pay snow bills for the present winter

Art. 14 To vote a sum of money for removing stone walls and bushes which cause the roads to be drifted, or act anything in relation thereto

Art. 15 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 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 16 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvements 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 the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19, of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 17 To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State Aid Highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of section 18 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 18 To vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 19 To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to contract with the Trustees of Litchfield Academy for the tuition of the High School scholars for the ensuing year, in that institution and raise a sum of money for that purpose or act anything relating thereto.

Art. 20 To see if the town will vote how many schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located.

Art. 21 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to hire money, if it should become necessary to pay the town's indebtedness.

Art. 22 To see if the town will establish a price for labor on the highway or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 23 To see what action the town will take for caring and running a hearse.

Art. 24 To see what action the town will take as to pay for the Superintending School Committee for the year 1917 and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 25 To see what action the town will take in reference to caring for the town's poor and act anything necessary thereon.

Art. 26 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the Fair House or any other purpose and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 27 To see what action the town will take in regard to gathering brown tail moth nests and raise a sum of money for that purpose.

Art. 28 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the road from Wilber Tarr's Cor. going West to the Old Patten Woods Road.

Art. 29 To see if the town will vote to continue for the ensuing year the Berry school, now closed by law.

Art. 30 To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to repair one or more school buildings in compliance with the plans submitted by the State Superintendent of Schools, and raise a sum of money for that purpose.

Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to accept the money that was left the town by Oramandal Smith when tendered them.

Art. 32 To direct how future town meetings shall be called and at what time in March, 1918 the annual town meeting shall be held.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day named above from nine until ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive evidence of qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, Maine, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1917.

F. N. ADAMS,

A. W. NILES,

F. O. BERRY,

**Selectmen of Litchfield**