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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

# LITCHFIELD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 11, 1920

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AUGUSTA:  
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH & SON  
1920

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

*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 11, 1920.

### VALUATION

Resident real estate .....	\$264,155 00
-Non-resident real estate .....	58,240 00
Personal estate, resident .....	69,180 00
Personal estate, non-resident ....	28,375 00
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Total Valuation .....	\$419,950 00

Number of polls, 233.

Assessed on polls, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation on a dollar \$ .03.

Amount of taxes on property ....\$12,598 50

Amount of poll tax .....

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699 00

Total committed to Collector \$13,297 55

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1919

Common Schools .....	\$2,500 00
School books .....	125 00
School supplies .....	75 00
Repairs of school houses .....	200 00
Incidental town expenses .....	1,500 00
Support of poor .....	600 00

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Repairs of roads and bridges	2,100 00	
Snow bills	1,500 00	
Memorial Day	25 00	
High School	200 00	
Graveling Pond Road	200 00	
Litchfield Fair	100 00	
State tax	3,154 38	
County tax	706 03	
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Total Appropriation		\$12,985 41
Overlay		312 14
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Total		\$13,297 55

TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total value
Horses and Mules	315	\$94.30	\$30,700 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	9	86.40	780.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old	19	75.70	1,435.00
Colts, under 2 yrs.	15	59.00	885.00
Cows	816	34.40	17,655.00
Oxen	17	84.00	1,430.00
Three years old	84	32.40	2,710.00
Two years old	232	25.45	5,935.00
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Total Value of Taxable Live Stock			\$61,530.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Total value
One year old	138	\$3,360.00
Sheep	85	1,718.00
Swine	155	2,885.00
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Total Value of Exempt Live Stock		\$7,963.00

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for incidental town expenses.

A. W. Niles, serv. as Selectman.....	\$ 118 00
F. O. Berry, same service.....	59 00
E. E. Danforth, same service.....	52 00
F. E. Lane, serv. as Treasurer.....	50 00
F. W. Libby, expenses as Town Clerk	16 65
F. E. Lane, exp. as Town Treasurer..	12 94
A. W. Niles, expenses as Selectman ..	23 49
F. O. Berry, expenses as Selectman...	2 43
A. W. Niles, serv. from Feb. 10 to Mar.3	11 00
E. E. Danforth, serv. from Feb. 10 to Mar. 3 .....	4 00
F. O. Berry, serv. from Feb. 10 to Mar. 3	8 00
Phil Fogg, labor on road 1918.....	1 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, Treas. book	4 30
Chas. E. Nash & Son, reports.....	48 77
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.	13 60
C. T. Powers, driving hearse.....	18 00
S. L. Buker, labor on road 1918.....	6 60
S. L. Buker, snow bill 1917.....	13 02
S. L. Buker, cutting bushes 1917.....	6 00
S. L. Buker, snow bill, 2 dist. 1917..	15 27
Good Road Machine Co., road machine	325 00
Edward Shorey, use of watering tub 1918	5 00
Geo. D. Perry, ballot clerk.....	2 00
Flora Frost, watering tub 1919.....	3 00
Geo. M. Rogers, rep. on Waterman school house 1917 .....	2 90
Edwin Libby, Election Clerk 1918-1919	6 00
James Huntington, use of watering tub	3 00
Wm. Drummond, Ballot Clerk.....	2 00
Frank Heald, use of watering tub 1919	3 00
L. A. Bubier, serv. as Fire Ward.....	48 00

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O. A. True, posting town warrant....	18 50
J. B. Stevens, labor on road 1918....	3 00
A. D. Bartlett, watering tub 1919....	5 00
Ed. Ridley, work on road 1917.....	3 30
B. R. Small, serv. on Board of Health	8 00
Ervin Cram, serv. on school board 18-19	12 00
R. W. Goss, serv. on school board 18-19	12 00
R. W. Goss, vital Statistics.....	1 75
R. W. Goss, serv. on Board of Health	9 30
Hiram True, snow bill 1917-1918.....	13 00
H. M. Starbird, serv. Board of Health	8 00
Chas. Walker, Election Clerk.....	2 00
E. M. Walker serv. as Auditor.....	2 50
Wm. Blanchard, snow bill 1917-1918..	5 00
Henry Taylor, serv. on School Board.	6 00
Edward Shorey, watering tub 1919...	5 00
Chas. E. Nash & Son, order blanks...	9 75
Shoe & Leather Bank, interest.....	108 34
O. B. Gray, abatements 1916 .....	11 00
O. B. Gray, abatements 1917 .....	75 61
O. B. Gray, abatements 1918 .....	80 75
O. B. Gray, enforcing dog law.....	15 00
O. B. Gray, abatement .....	52 65
O. B. Gray, com. for collecting 1916..	112 97
O. B. Gray, cash tax deeds.....	174 25
O. B. Gray, com. on collecting 1917...	271 77
Chas. Powers, driving hearse .....	9 00
O. B. Gray, com. for collecting 1918..	300 00
O. B. Gray, com. for collecting 1919..	300 00

Expended .....	\$2,519 41
Raised by Town.....	1,500 00

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\$1,019 41

Tax Deed .....	174 25
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 845 16
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## POOR ACCOUNT

Orders drawn on Treasurer for Support of Poor.	
Mrs. Julia Adams, from Mar. 1, 1919 to March 1, 1920 .....	\$120 00
John Carey, exp. to Blind School, cloth- ing, etc. from Mar. 1, 1919 to Mar. 1, 1920 .....	65 00
Mrs. W. C. Bowley, board of Arnesta Gibson from Feb. 12, 1919 to Jan. 31, 1920 .....	169 75
Clothing for Mrs. Gibson .....	2 50
A. W. Niles, clothing for A. R. Getchell	31 25
E. P. Springer, board of A. R. Getchell from Jan. 6, 1919 to Jan. 5, 1920..	182 00
E. P. Springer, tobacco and supplies furnished A. R. Getchell.....	14 00
City of Lewiston, sup. furnished Byron Howe and family .....	40 60
Town of Brunswick, medical attend. and burial exp. of Chas. Groves.....	127 25
Town of Richmond, care and board of J. L. Towers .....	21 00
City of Gardiner, board of Arthur Bishop	20 00
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Expended .....	\$793 30
Received by Town.....	600 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$193 00

## SNOW BILLS 1918—1919

Orders drawn on Treasurer for Snow Bills 1918—1919.	
F. P. Danforth, Oak Hill Road.....	\$ 17 47
E. M. Cote .....	4 95
Phillias Carron .....	2 33

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H. C. Allard .....	2 85
Sidney Buker .....	3 95
Fred Hoffman .....	9 55
J. H. Hamilton .....	90
A. W. Kent .....	75
J. F. Small .....	1 35
G. W. Newell .....	1 17
Lapham & Packard .....	2 50
Walter Lane .....	1 56
F. E. Lane .....	4 25
O. B. Gray .....	90
F. E. Mitchell .....	2 50
F. A. Knight .....	3 95
B. R. Small .....	3 50
H. W. Maxwell .....	5 27
Fossannah .....	5 83
J. B. Stevens .....	3 67
Walter Ridley .....	4 72
Merton Larrabee .....	58
J. B. Stevens, Jr. ....	3 67
John Stahl .....	40
W. S. Bubier .....	6 26
C. B. Washburn .....	2 70
Wilber Tarr .....	3 70
A. W. Niles .....	2 85
Geo. Danforth .....	10 94
E. E. Purinton .....	2 59
White & Harlow .....	6 00
W. R. Buker .....	96
Lester Brown .....	4 00
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Expended .....	\$ 126 32
Raised by Town .....	1,500 00
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Unexpended .....	\$1,373 68

## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Geo. E. Ricker, flag pole.....	\$ 1 40
Eldridge Bros., paint.....	13 55
D. R. Small, carting paint and material	1 00
W. M. Drummond, painting Oak Hill School house .....	5 62
W. M. Drummond, painting Steven- town School house .....	15 00
Wood & Bishop, jacket for Lincoln stove	30 52
Beaner Co., blackboard Oak Hill School	22 20
Dennis Bishop, building chimney.....	8 00
Chas. Campbell, glass, etc. ....	7 52
Kelley Wheeler.....	7 96
Heywood Bros., desks .....	88 20
H. N. Fenderson .....	2 25
Henry Taylor, jacketing stove .....	5 00
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	\$208 22
Raised by Town & Equal. Fund	\$ 270 00
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Unexpended .....	\$ 61 78

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies, paid .....	\$ 99 94
Raised by Town.....	75 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 24 94

## SCHOOL BOOKS

School books, paid .....	\$190 67
Raised by Town.....	125 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 65 67

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools .....	\$234. 97
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### COMMON SCHOOLS

Unexpended Feb. 10, 1919 .....	\$ 525 09
Raised by Town .....	2,500 00
Common School Fund .....	729 20
School & Mill Tax .....	599 81
Equalization Fund .....	180 00
	\$4,534 10
Common Schools paid out .....	4,558 11
	\$ 24 01
Unexpended Feb. 11, 1920 ....	\$ 24 01

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Orders drawn on Treasurer for Roads and Bridges.

F. P. Danforth, labor .....	\$ 21 50
W. M. Rannells, labor .....	117 25
Royce Dunham, labor .....	3 00
E. E. Purinton, labor .....	18 60
O. B. Gray, labor .....	15 00
Harold Webber, labor .....	12 00
R. W. Godfrey, labor .....	9 00
E. H. Ricker, labor .....	12 00
J. R. Goodall, labor .....	3 00
H. C. Allard, labor with team .....	16 50
W. H. Maxwell, labor .....	3 00
Roy Buker, labor .....	6 00
Lawrence Goodall, labor .....	9 00
Edwin Stevens, labor .....	3 00
R. W. Southard, labor .....	12 00
Wallace Rideout, labor .....	6 00
Bert Southard, labor .....	3 00

E. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	81 00
Warren Buker, labor .....	6 00
Walter Harriman, labor with team....	12 00
C. T. Powers, labor .....	40 50
O. B. Gray, labor with team .....	96 00
J. R. Goodall, labor with team .....	85 50
Ralph Southard, labor .....	60 00
Harold Webber, labor with team .....	42 00
J. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	45 00
C. H. Webber, labor .....	21 00
W. S. Rowe & Son, labor .....	27 00
Lawrence Goodall, labor.....	42 75
Warren Buker, labor .....	3 00
Elmer Shorey, labor .....	31 50
Daniel Adams, labor .....	1 50
Roy Buker, labor .....	3 00
James Hamilton, labor .....	6 00
Bert Southard, labor .....	48 00
E. E. Purinton, labor and plank .....	112 85
E. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	123 00
W. M. Runnells, labor .....	31 50
Joseph Lamontange, gravel .....	7 00
W. V. Danforth, labor Oak Hill .....	52 50
James Riley, labor Oak Hill .....	28 50
F. P. Danforth, labor Oak Hill .....	27 00
Eddie Cote, labor Oak Hill .....	19 50
E. E. Danforth, labor with team .....	88 86
Albert Ridley, labor .....	18 00
Geo. Danforth, labor.....	18 00
A. S. Gowell, plank .....	2 00
Chas. Powers, labor.....	7 50
E. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	112 50
Bert Southard, labor .....	53 00
E. E. Purinton, plank and stringers ..	36 60
C. H. Webber, labor .....	3 00
Floyd Buker .....	8 50

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O. B. Gray .....	31 00
Elmer Eaton .....	15 50
J. H. Hamilton .....	18 00
Roland Goodall .....	27 00
J. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	66 00
Ralph Southard, labor .....	50 00
James Goodall, labor .....	69 00
Henry Goodall, labor .....	11 33
Lapham & Packard, labor .....	7 67
E. H. Ricker, labor .....	1 00
Lawrence Goodall, labor .....	33 00
C. T. Powers, labor .....	6 00
Ernest Hebb, labor .....	8 00
Elmer Eaton, labor .....	9 00
O. B. Gray, labor .....	18 00
E. E. Purinton, labor .....	30 00
Ralph Southard, labor .....	3 00
Bert Southard, labor .....	6 00
Richard Palmer, labor .....	6 00
H. M. Starbird, labor .....	3 50
A. S. Buzzell, gravel .....	3 20
W. T. Woodbury, gravel .....	3 00
Dennis Bishop, gravel .....	1 00
Walter Lane, labor .....	6 00
F. E. Lane, labor .....	13 50
H. P. Merrow, labor .....	9 00
F. N. Adams, gravel .....	4 90
O. B. Gray, gravel .....	21 60
J. R. Goodall, gravel .....	6 00
Geo. Newell, gravel .....	7 10
Banks Ridley, gravel .....	4 10
A. W. Niles, gravel .....	10 40
R. S. Maxwell, gravel .....	15 00
A. J. Fish, labor with team .....	6 00
W. F. Allard, labor with team .....	3 60
F. E. Mitchell, gravel .....	3 00

E. E. Danforth, labor with team .....	22 50
Elbridge McDonald, labor .....	10 50
Geo. McDonald, labor .....	3 00
Isaac McDonald, labor .....	10 50
Clifton Maxwell .....	4 50
Ellard Hebb .....	12 00
Fred Danforth .....	10 50
O. B. Gray, gravel .....	1 50
J. F. Smith, sidewalk .....	15 66
C. M. Lint, labor .....	6 00
Foss Vannah, labor .....	8 00
C. T. Powers, labor .....	9 75
C. T. Powers, gravel .....	5 50
Harry Higgins, labor .....	15 00
O. B. Gray, labor with team .....	15 00
Elmer Eaton, labor .....	7 50
Bert Southard, labor .....	4 50
Ralph Southard, labor .....	4 50
Richard Palmer, labor .....	6 75
Lawrence Goodall, labor .....	4 50
E. E. Purinton, labor with team .....	24 00
J. B. Stevens, Jr., labor .....	2 00
F. N. Adams, dynamite .....	9 02
J. B. Stevens, labor .....	5 70
F. E. Goodwin, labor .....	4 50
Geo. W. Tucker .....	13 50
A. S. Buzzell; spikes and shovels .....	5 20
E. J. Parent, sharpening drills .....	1 10
Merton Larrabee, labor .....	8 00
Ed Ridley, .....	8 25
W. S. Bubier, labor with team .....	39 00
Wilber Tarr, labor .....	3 00
A. W. Niles, labor .....	6 00
Everette Ricker, gravel .....	1 00
F. O. Berry, labor .....	17 40
Chas. Collins, labor .....	7 20

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Chas. Campbell, shovels .....	3 05
White & Harlow, plank .....	140 76
Lester Brown, labor .....	12 00
F. T. Harriman, labor.....	10 00
E. E. Danforth, plank .....	4 50
Irvin Danforth, dirt .....	5 00
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	\$2,715 75
Raised by Town.....	2,100 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 615 75

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, paid .....	\$ 25 00
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LITCHFIELD FARMERS' CLUB

Litchfield Farmers' Club 1918-1919...	\$200 00
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GRAVELLING POND ROAD 1919

Erwin Cole, labor .....	\$ 19 50
Ralph Brann, labor .....	12 00
Josiah Small, labor .....	12 00
F. O. Berry, labor .....	28 50
Geo. Newell, gravel .....	6 40
E. E. Purinton, labor .....	42 00
Richard Palmer .....	21 00
Ralph Southard, labor .....	15 00
Bert Southard, labor .....	21 00
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Total .....	\$177 40
Raised by Town.....	200 00
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Unexpended .....	\$ 22 60

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1916

Mary Danforth, unable to pay .....	\$ 2 40
Levi Danforth, unable to pay .....	3 00
John B. Foss, over tax .....	5 00
Daniel Huntington, dead .....	60
	<hr/> \$ 11 00

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1917

Bert Allard, paid in Richmond .....	\$ 2 33
Laura Crane, over tax .....	1 55
Geo. Coombs, left town .....	3 10
Albert Cookson, left town .....	3 00
Geo. Dearbon, paid in Hallowell.....	3 00
Mary Danforth, unable to pay .....	3 10
Levi Danforth, unable to pay .....	3 00
A. S. Gowell, error.....	3 00
Ralph Godfrey, paid in Bath .....	3 00
Eugene Gayton, paid in Lewiston ....	3 00
Edward Gayton, paid in Lewiston ....	3 00
Alum Hair, left town .....	5 48
Steve Hoyt, sick .....	3 00
H. L. Newhall, unable to pay .....	3 00
Chas. Larrabee, paid in Locks Mills ..	3 00
Lon Ridley, left town .....	67
Walter Ridley, unable to pay .....	3 00
Frank Richerson, left town .....	3 00
James Springer, error .....	3 00
Joseph Taffe, left town .....	3 00
Chas. Tarr, left town .....	6 10
John B. Foss, over tax .....	5 00
Daniel Huntington .....	78
Wm. Goodwin, error .....	4 65
Wm. Glidden, cottage burned .....	10 85
	<hr/> \$ 75 61

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ABATEMENTS FOR 1918—RESIDENT

Wm. Blanchard, paid in Presque Isle . . . . .	\$ 3 00
Warren Buker, error . . . . .	3 75
A. G. Decosta, dead . . . . .	3 00
Mary Danforth, unable to pay . . . . .	3 00
Levi Danforth, unable to pay . . . . .	3 00
Ralph Godfrey, army . . . . .	3 00
Chas. Howard, error . . . . .	3 00
Byron Howe, left town . . . . .	3 00
Frank Landers, left town . . . . .	3 00
Hiram Morrell, left town . . . . .	3 00
Geo. Morton, left town . . . . .	3 00
H. L. Newhall, unable to pay . . . . .	3 00
S. O. Newhall, unable to pay . . . . .	3 00
Lon Ridley, unable to pay . . . . .	3 00
Walter Ridley, unable to pay . . . . .	3 75
Don Small, army . . . . .	3 00
Fay Sylvester, paid in Bath . . . . .	3 00
Sossion . . . . .	3 00
A. S. Gowell, over tax . . . . .	
	\$ 55 50

ABATEMENTS 1918—NON-RESIDENT

E. C. Bosworth, over tax . . . . .	\$ 3 00
Daniel Huntington, dead . . . . .	75
Jordan Trading Co., over tax . . . . .	8 00
Verne & Tibbetts, error . . . . .	3 00
B. R. Temple, over tax . . . . .	3 00
Wm. Harmon, cottage error . . . . .	4 50
	\$ 22 25

ABATEMENTS 1919

Frank Bailey, paid in Gardiner . . . . .	\$ 5 25
Paul Cutter, paid in Lewiston . . . . .	3 00

A. G. Decosta, dead .....	3 00	
Mary Danforth, unable to pay .....	3 00	
Levi Danforth, unable to pay .....	3 00	
Glidden, left town .....	3 00	
Steve Larrabee, paid in Lewiston .....	3 00	
Ralph Stevens, error .....	3 00	
John Temple, paid in Burnham .....	3 90	
Lee Wright, army .....	3 00	
A. V. Blaisdell, error .....	4 50	
B. R. Temple .....	3 00	
Ernest Lapham, over tax .....	3 00	
Wilson & Maxwell, non-res. ....	9 00	
		\$ 52 65

## EXPENDITURES FOR 1919.

Paid State tax .....	\$3,154 38	
County tax .....	706 03	
Incidental Expenses .....	2,519 41	
Support of Poor .....	793 35	
Roads and Bridges .....	2,715 75	
Snow bills .....	126 32	
Common Schools .....	4,558 11	
Gravelling Pond Road .....	177 40	
School house repairs .....	208 22	
Superintendent of Schools .....	234 97	
Tuition High School scholars ..	800 00	
School books .....	190 67	
School supplies .....	99 94	
Memorial .....	25 00	
Mothers' Aid .....	70 00	
Soldiers' Dependents .....	8 00	
Litchfield Farmers' Club .....	200 00	
Total Expenditures .....		\$16,587 55

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RECAPITULATION

Bal. on Selectmen's books Feb. 10, 1919 .....	\$ 1,680 81
Assessed and committed to collector	13,291 57
Rec'd from dog licenses refunded ...	13 01
Andra. Saving Bank, interest .....	76 00
Railroad and Tel. tax .....	100 00
Rec'd from State, Common Sch. Fund	729 20
School & Mill Fund .....	599 81
Equalization Fund .....	250 00
Interest in Augusta Savings Bank ..	44 60
Rec'd from Monmouth, Mothers' aid	28 00
State, Mothers' aid .....	21 00
Ruby Maloon, over paid.	9 60
State, Free High Sch. 1918	133 34
State, Free High Sch. 1919	400 00
Rec'd Tuition, Monmouth pupils ..	117 50
Tuition, Wales pupils .....	70 00
Tuition, Bowdoin, part pay't .	5 00
Due from State, Mothers' aid .....	21 00
Soldiers' Dependents	8 00
Monmouth, Mothers aid .....	14 00
Rec'd from Bowdoin, tuition .....	56 85
Interest due on mortgage .....	92 40
Due from State, Soldiers' Depend. .	122 05
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	\$17,883 64
Total Expenditures .....	16,587 55
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	\$ 1,296 09
Due Shoe and Leather Bank .	1,000 00
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Bal. on Selectmen's books Feb. 11, 1920 .....	\$ 296 09

## UNPAID TAXES FOR 1916—RESIDENT

F. T. Bailey .....	\$ 10 86
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## UNPAID TAXES 1916—NON-RESIDENT

Geo. Bowie .....	10 80
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## UNPAID TAXES 1917—RESIDENT

Frank Bailey .....	\$ 24 70
James True .....	21 70

## UNPAID TAXES 1917—NON-RESIDENT

Geo. Bowie .....	\$13 95
Henry A. True .....	7 75

## UNPAID TAXES 1918—RESIDENT

Geo. Brann .....	\$ 9 00
F. T. Bailey .....	25 20
Henry Frost, non-resident .....	4 50
John A. Huntington .....	34 78
Fred Hoffman .....	6 57
John Richerson .....	16 50
James True, Heirs of .....	21 00
Hiram True .....	10 65
Wilber Tarr .....	25 00
Chas. Tarr .....	6 00

## UNPAID TAXES 1918—NON-RESIDENT

Henry A. True .....	\$ 7 50
Henry Frost .....	12 00

## UNPAID TAXES 1919—RESIDENT

George Brann .....	\$ 3 00
Robie Dingley .....	14 85
Geo. Danforth .....	5 74
Arthur Gowell .....	6 15
Grover Merrill .....	4 68
David Parris.....	3 75
Frank Springer .....	19 20
James True .....	1 00
John True .....	3 00
F. J. Toothaker .....	3 00
Wilber Tarr .....	15 30
Fred Wheeler .....	5 85
Harold Weston .....	10 70

## UNPAID TAXES 1919—NON-RESIDENT

Jabes Ballard .....	1 50
A. C. Beyers .....	21 00
Geo. Bowie .....	13 50
Wm. Carlisle.....	21 00
Alfred Small .....	4 90
James Marsden, cottage .....	3 00
E. Leclair, cottage .....	3 00
Outing Club, cottage.....	11 25
James Seers, cottage .....	4 50

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. NILES,  
 F. O. BERRY,  
 E. E. DANFORTH,  
*Selectmen of Litchfield.*

**REPORT OF TREASURER**

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:*

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

**RECEIPTS**

Cash in Andro. Co. Savings Bank..	\$ 1,881 78
Cash in Augusta Trust Co. ....	1,040 00
Mortgage.....	462 00
Cash on hand .....	476 04
Cash in Shoe & Leather Bank.....	53 52
Town of Wales, tuition 1918 .....	60 75
Loan from Shoe & Leather Bank... ..	2,000 00
State Treasurer, Soldiers' pensions .	330 00
State Treasurer, Free High Sch. 1918	133 34
State Treasurer, Equalization Fund.	250 00
State Treasurer, Free High School 19	400 00
Town of Monmouth, Mothers' aid..	28 00
Town of Monmouth, tuition .....	117 50
State Treas., Dep't Families, S. & S.	122 02
Town of Wales, tuition 1919 .....	70 00
Rec'd from Ina Maloon .....	9 60
State Treas., Aid Dept. Mothers ...	21 00
Part pay't tuition Black scholars ..	5 00
Augusta Trust Co., int. to Nov. 1, '19	44 60
Andro. Co. Savings Bank, int. to Nov. 1, 1919 .....	76 00
F. W. Libby, dog licenses.....	136 00
Dog licenses refunded .....	13 01

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School and Mill Fund .....	599 81
Common School Fund .....	729 20
R. R. & Telegraph tax .....	100 00
O. B. Gray, Collector 1916 .....	54 04
O. B. Gray, Collector 1917 .....	309 07
O. B. Gray, Collector 1918 .....	1,649 12
O. B. Gray, Collector 1919.....	13,114 20
	<hr/> \$24,285 60

EXPENDITURES

State tax paid.....	\$ 3,154 38
County tax paid.....	706 03
State pensions .....	330 00
State Treas., dog licenses .....	136 00
Mortgage of .....	462 00
Paid Shoe & Leather Bank notes ...	2,000 00
Cash in Augusta Trust Co. ....	1,084 60
Cash in Andro. Co. Savings Bank ..	1,957 78
Cash in Shoe & Leather Bank .....	1,038 49
Cash on hand close of books .....	179 92
Town orders paid.....	13,236 40
	<hr/> \$24,285 60

RESOURCES

Due from O. B. Gray, taxes 1916 ..	\$ 21 66
“ “ O. B. Gray, taxes 1917 ..	68 10
“ “ O. B. Gray, taxes 1918 ..	197 60
“ “ O. B. Gray, taxes 1919 ..	183 37
“ “ Geo. Wentworth, taxes '14	61 81
Cash in Shoe & Leather Bank .....	1,038 49
Cash on hand at close of books .....	179 92
Cash in Augusta Trust Co. ....	1,084 60
Cash in Andro. Co. Savings Bank ..	1,957 78
Mortgage and interest .....	546 40
	<hr/> 5,339 73

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## LIABILITIES

Note Nat. Shoe & Leather Bank ..	\$ 1,000 00	
Outstanding orders, approximately..	500 00	
		\$1,500 00
Total resources .....		\$3,839 73

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. LANE,  
*Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Litchfield, Mc., February 14, 1920

As Auditor of accounts for the preceding year would report as follows:

Having examined the several accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, I find the same correct as to receipts and expenditures, with proper vouchers for same.

Balance reported on Selectmen's books, February 11, 1920, \$296.09.

The following bills being allowed:

A. W. Niles .....	\$120 00
F. O. Berry .....	60 00
E. E. Danforth.....	60 00
E. J. Harlow .....	5 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HARLOW,  
*Auditor.*

## WARRANT

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 first day of March A. D. 1920 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1 To choose 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, 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 choose a Road Commissioner.

Art. 7 To vote a sum of money for the support of schools.

Art. 8 To vote a sum of money for the purchase of school books.

Art. 9 To vote a sum of money for school supplies.

Art. 10 To vote a sum of money for repairs of school houses.

Art. 11 To vote a sum of money for Incidental town expenses.

Art. 12 To vote a sum of money for support of poor.

Art. 13 To vote a sum of money for repairs of roads and bridges.

Art. 14 To vote a sum of money to pay snow bills for the present winter.

Art. 15 To see if the town will establish a price for labor for the present winter or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 16 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. 17 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for 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. 18 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. 19 To vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 20 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. 21 To see if the town will vote how many schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located.

Art. 22 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. 23 To see if the town will establish a price for labor on the highway or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 24 To see what action the town will take for caring and running a hearse.

Art. 25 To see if the town will gravel a part of the Pond road and raise money for that purpose.

Art. 26 To see what action the town will take as to pay for the Superintending School Committee for the year 1920 and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 27 To see what action the town will take in reference to caring for the town's poor and act anything necessary thereon.

Art. 28 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to help defray expenses at Litchfield farm.

Art. 29 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. 30 To see if the town will vote to have the taxes collected within the year by December 15, 1920.

Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to open the school at North Litchfield and have the opening in the hands of the School Committee.

Art. 32 To direct how future town meetings shall be called and at what time in March 1921 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 11th day of February, A. D. 1920.

A. W. NILES,  
F. O. BERRY,  
E. E. DANFORTH,  
*Selectmen of Litchfield.*

**SCHOOL REPORT**

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**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Dr. R. W. Goss, Chairman	Term expires 1920
Irving D. Cram	Term expires 1921
Henry Taylor	Term expires 1922

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Harriet N. Fenderson      Tel. 110 Monmouth, Me.

**ATTENDANCE OFFICERS**

Oren True                      Henry Woodard                      Otis Gray

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Fall term opened September 9, 1919 and closed December 19, 1919.

The Winter term began January 5, 1920 and will close February 27, 1920.

The Spring term will open March 29, 1920 and will close June 11, 1920.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:*

Your Committee respectfully submits its Annual Report, also the Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

It is not our intention to make any extended report. It has been our desire to employ the teachers for the year and to keep them in the same school, but we have failed to do so because of the scarcity of teachers.

We certainly appreciate the good work that has been done by the Superintendent and teachers during the year. We commend to your careful consideration the Report of the Superintendent of Schools. Now, we shall need more money during the ensuing year and we endorse the recommendations made by the Superintendent in her report.

(Signed) R. W. GOSS,  
E. D. CRAM,  
HENRY TAYLOR,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the School Board and Citizens of the Town of Litchfield:*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you this, my Second Annual School Report as Superintendent of Schools for the fiscal year ending February 1920.

#### ATTENDANCE

Our Common School attendance in the fall and winter terms increased greatly. A number of the smaller school buildings have been quite crowded. Several modern primary desks, with adjustable chair seats, were bought and placed in three of these schools, which relieved somewhat the crowded condition and gave the younger children proper seating. Next year a few more modern seats should be bought to make our school rooms up to the standard.

#### TEACHERS

All the schools opened with new teachers except three: Mrs. Cram, Mr. Bosworth and Miss Helms. They were retained at an increase of 40 per cent. in salary.

The Berry and North schools were closed for the fall term, the pupils being conveyed to the Mills and Steven-town schools.

The problems of finding trained teacher for the rural schools has been even greater than it was last year. Over half of the rural schools in my district have been forced to accept the inexperienced high school graduate. Although the School Committee of Litchfield was willing to grant a 40 per cent. increase in salary to the experienced and trained teachers, only one new one could be pro-cured for the fall term. The salary of the inexperienced teacher was raised 20 per cent. to meet the increase in cost of living. It is a mistake, as Dr. Thomas says, to pay unprepared teachers as much as prepared teachers, as it destroys the incentive to prepare. The Maine State School Bulletin states that: "One thousand seven hundred eighty-eight beginners entered the teaching profession in Maine in 1918 and less than three hundred had training in the art of teaching." No other industry permits an apprentice to undertake the work of an expert workman.

The schools where the trained and experienced teachers are in charge have been most successful and only two of the untrained teachers have had any particular trouble. Those two became discouraged because of ill health and lack of ability to govern properly, and resigned at the close of the fall term.

A teachers' meeting was held at the Lincoln school-house in the early fall, which all teachers attended. The "Progressive Road Method" of teaching beginners to read was discussed. Mr. Allen, of the Silver-Burdett Co., kindly gave an hour of his time to explain this method to the young teachers.

A full set of these books was bought for the sub-primary grade with teachers' manuals and word-cards for each school. This method of teaching reading has

been introduced into all four of the towns in this union, and I am glad to note a great improvement in the manner of teaching the young children, also the good results obtained so far.

The State Course of Study came out this year and was placed in every school this fall. A sub-primary-eight grade system has been worked out to conform to the State Course. This allows our youngest pupils, who enter at five years of age, four years to complete the first three grades, and from there on to follow the State Course grade by grade.

This Spring term we shall introduce the study of pre-American history, which is outlined in the State Course for the sixth grade.

In anticipation of the new law on physical training in all schools Clark's "Manual on Physical Training" was purchased and a beginning has been made. Although some of the young teachers could find very little time for physical exercises during school hours, owing to the large number of classes on their programs, in due season we are in hopes to have outlined a short course of corrective physical exercises, which can be used by any rural teacher with a crowded program.

This being the Centennial year of Maine, all the history classes in the eighth grade are studying the history of Maine. The new reader "Maine My State," which was written by the Maine Writers' Research Club, was purchased for some of the schools for the

This historical reader has been a great help in the study of the early history of our State, as well as a source of enjoyment, by presenting the personal and picturesque side of Maine history to the pupils in story form.

In Monmouth, this year, we have had supervised singing for the first time. It has been most successful, and I would like to recommend the same for the Town of Litchfield the coming year.

The Thrift Stamp campaign is still being waged in the schools and many "Happy Jack Clubs" have been formed.

### EQUALIZATION FUND

The Town of Litchfield received this year \$250.00 from the State Equalization Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Superintending School Committee, as follows:

\$150.00 for increasing teachers' wages,

\$100.00 toward improvement of out-buildings and jacketing stoves.

### LITCHFIELD PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Litchfield Parent-Teacher Association was organized this year and the first meeting was held in the Academy. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President,

Mr. Henry Taylor

Vice President,

Mrs. Nettie Campbell

Second Vice President,

Mrs. William Maxwell

Secretary

Miss Rona Maloon

Treasurer,

Mrs. Harriet Fenderson

A fine program was given by the students of the Academy, which was enjoyed by about seventy parents and friends. The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Grange Hall, in North Litchfield, the first Friday in March.

### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY

Litchfield Academy has been doing its usual good work. The students seem very much interested in their studies. Owing to the illness of the Principal no report has been sent in for this year, the school being closed at the present writing.

## REPAIRS

Some much needed repairs were made in the Oak Hill and Steventown school rooms and the chimney in the latter was rebuilt. New blackboards were bought for three schools, and a galvanized iron jacket for the stove at the Lincoln School which has proved a great improvement over the old system of heating. Two more jackets should be bought this year, if possible, and placed in the Earle and Oak Hill school rooms. The new toilet planned for the Steventown School will be built this spring, as soon as the weather permits. The East Schoolhouse roof is leaking badly this winter, and that should be shingled as soon as convenient.

## TEXT BOOKS

New books needed this year will include histories for sixth grade, readers for lower grades, and some more "Maine My State" readers for eighth grade; spellers and physiologies.

## SUPPLIES

Supplies will include paper, pencils, pens, chalk, erasers, maps, etc.

Some new flags will have to be bought this year.

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

The following appropriations are respectfully recommended by the Superintending School Committee for the ensuing year:

Common Schools .....	\$3,000.00
Text-books .....	225.00
Repairs .....	300.00
Supplies .....	175.00
Music .....	100.00
High school .....	400.00

## GARDEN CLUB

I am very glad to report the excellent work accomplished the past year by the Garden Club, which was organized last April by the County Chairman, Mrs. Nathan True, and named "The Four-leaf Clover club." The work was divided as follows: Canning Club, 5; Pig, 3; and small gardens, 5. With Mrs. Cora Cram, teacher at Washington School, as local leader, the club met once each month at the different schoolhouses in town, the members conducting their own business, which gave them a good parliamentary drill.

The Canning Club exhibited at Litchfield and Monmouth fairs and gave a fine demonstration of their work.

At the Kennebec County contest in Waterville, this fall, the Pig and Small Garden Clubs both received first prizes, while the Canning Club gave a parliamentary drill. In August a fine entertainment was given by the members of the Club and enough money taken to pay the local leader, Mrs. Cram's railroad fare to the State Meeting at Orono. More than \$50.00 in prizes was taken by the different departments this year, and Litchfield may well feel proud of the fine achievements of its "Four-leaf Clover Club."

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you, as members of the School Board, for your counsel and advice during the past year.

Following are the School Statistics and Financial Statement:

((Signed)

MRS. HARRIETT N. FENDERSON.

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## School Statistics

Teacher		No. Term	Enroll- ment	Av. Att.	Salary
LINCOLN SCHOOL					
Della Tuttle	S	10	26	19	\$10.00
Irene Helms	F	15	23	18	14.00
Irene Helms	W	8	27		14.00
PINE TREE					
Ethel Ashford	S	10	10	9	\$10.00
Elsie Libby	F	15	12	9.5	13.00
Elsie Libby	W	8	10		14.00
WHITTIER					
Grace DeCormier	S	11	10	9	13.00
Helen True	F	15	18	16	12.00
Ethel Brann	W	8	15		14.00
WASHINGTON					
Cora Cram	S	10	17	14	\$10.00
Cora Cram	F	15	23	19	14.00
Cora Cram	W	8	14		14.00
SOUTH OAK HILL					
Edna Ricker	S	10	20	16	\$10.00
Ina Maloon	F	15	20	15	12.00
Owen Coleman	W	8	14		13.00
EARLE					
Marion Earle	S	10	14	10	\$10.00
Hildred Bibber	F	13.5	19	16	12.00
Irene Libby	W	8	14		12.00

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STETSON

Roscoe Bosworth	S	11	16	13	\$10.00
Irene Libby	F	15	17	14	12.00
Weston Allen	W	8	17		

WATERMAN

Inez Campbell	S	10	9	7	\$10.00
Roscoe Bosworth	F	15	11	7	14.00
Roscoe Bosworth	W	8	14		14.00

WILLARD

Irene Helms	S	10	11	9	\$10.00
Closed	F				
Helen Truec	W	8	12		12.00

BERRY

Edith Markham	S	11	5	4	10.00
Closed	F				
Closed	W				

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

*Resources*

Unexpended balance .....	\$ 525.09
Town appropriation .....	2,500 00
School and Mill Fund .....	599 81
Common School Fund .....	729 20
Equalization Fund .....	150 00
Tuition .....	187 50
<b>Total Resources .....</b>	<b>\$4,691 60</b>

*Expenditures*

Teachers' Salaries .....	\$3,634 10
Board .....	22 50
Fuel .....	344 80

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Janitor .....	123 21	
Conveyance .....	418 50	
Tuition .....	15 00	
		<u>\$4,558 11</u>
Unexpended balance .....		\$ 133 49

## TEXT-BOOKS

Town appropriation .....	\$ 125 00	
Expenditures .....	190 67	
		<u>\$ 65 67</u>

## REPAIRS

*Resources*

Town appropriation .....	\$200 00	
Expended .....	208 22	
		<u>\$ 8 22</u>

## SUPPLIES

*Resources*

Town appropriation .....	\$100 00	
Unexpended .....	36 99	
		<u>\$136 99</u>
Total .....		99 94
		<u>\$ 37 05</u>

## SPECIAL EQUALIZATION FUND ACCOUNT

Received .....	\$100 00	
Expended .....	35 52	
		<u>\$ 64 48</u>