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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF STOW**



**1927--1928**

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OF THE

## **Municipal Officers**

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## **Town of Stow**

FOR THE

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# TOWN OFFICERS

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## *Selectmen*

WILLIAM M. SANBORN

WALTER P. McKEEN

EVERETT E. DAY

## *Treasurer*

FRANK P. BICKFORD

## *Clerk*

HERBERT S. EMERSON

## *Road Commissioner*

EDWIN L. McKEEN

## *Collector and Constable*

SETH B. HARRIMAN

## *School Board*

WALTER SAMPSON, EDNA HARRIMAN, FRANK P. BICKFORD

## *Supt. of Schools*

CHARLES A. SNOW, of Fryeburg

# Warrant for Town Meeting

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To Seth B. Harriman, Constable of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Stow, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the 5th day of March, A. D. 1928, at ten 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 allow accounts.
- Art. 4. To choose selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a school committee for three years.
- Art. 7. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for common schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 13. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for school books, apparatus and appliances for the ensuing year.
- Art. 14. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 19, of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.
- Art. 15. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of (\$300.00) three hundred dollars, for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of 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 18, of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 16. To see if 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 Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to pay overdrawn bills.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for high school purposes for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay town bills.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote and grant money for Memorial Day.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise (\$100.00) one hundred dollars to fight white pine blister rust.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on taxes.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote a special appropriation of (\$200.00) two hundred dollars, on the A. E. Watson Road.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to use the unexpended money raised for advertising to pay overdrawn bills.

Art. 26. To see if the town of Stow will vote to raise a sum of money jointly with Chatham and how much to induce a doctor to settle in this vicinity.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to maintain 3rd class road and cut the bushes on third class road.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to cut the bushes on State Aid Highways within the limit of the town.

WILLIAM M. SANBORN,  
WALTER P. McKEEN,  
EVERETT E. DAY,

Selectmen of Stow.

# To The Voters

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Stow, Me., Feb. 1st, 1928

In submitting this report, the Selectmen wish to call the voters' attention to just a few things that are costing the town considerable money, but there does not seem to be any remedy for it, only to pay the bills.

1st. The Shell Pond scholars' conveyance costs the town \$540.00 for full year and tuition \$144.00 for full year, making in all \$684.00 for full year, or \$171.00 for the schooling of one pupil, which is \$103.16 more than it costs at Union Hill or Stow Corner school for our own town scholars, besides the road has to be kept open winters and a lot of summer work has to be done.

2nd. The town has paid out \$90.00 interest, which must be met when we raise money this year. It won't do not to pay these bills this year and let them run over to next, for we should be so far behind we never could catch up.

3rd. Our Road Commissioner had to cut the bushes on the State Aid road, taking \$100.00 of the town's money. This has always been done by our patrolman before, but the State will make the town do it from now on.

# Selectmen's Report

Real estate, resident .....	\$ 34,255 00
Real estate, non-resident .....	115,865 00
<i>Total real estate</i> .....	<u>\$150,120 00</u>
Personal estate, resident .....	\$16,649 00
Personal estate, non-resident .....	1,875 00
<i>Total personal estate</i> .....	<u>\$ 18,524 00</u>
<i>Grand total</i> .....	<u>\$168,644 00</u>
Total value of land .....	\$132,045 00
Total value of buildings .....	18,075 00

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses .....	41	\$ 66 00	\$2,875 00
Cows .....	104	39 00	4,025 00
Oxen .....	2	137 00	275 00
Three year olds.....	13	50 00	655 00
Two year olds .....	24	30 00	710 00
Poultry .....	59	1 42	84 00
<i>Total value</i> .....			<u>\$8,624 00</u>

## EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One year olds .....	9	\$ 22 00	\$ 200 00
Sheep .....	46	5 00	242 00
Swine .....	26	17 00	435 00
Poultry .....	560	1 00	560 00
<i>Total value</i> .....			<u>\$1,437 00</u>



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**OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Stock in trade .....	\$1,000 00
Pulp wood, 38 cords .....	145 00
Spool strips and wood .....	675 00
Automobiles, 34 .....	7,330 00
Musical instruments, 9 .....	525 00
Gas engines, 5 .....	225 00
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Total amount .....	\$9,900 00

**ABATEMENTS**

Will Thurston, partial abatement .....	\$ 4 00
James Smith, whole abatement .....	8 20
Percy Smith, whole abatement .....	3 00
Norman Rose, whole abatement .....	9 00
Harold Pitman, uncollected 1925 taxes.....	22 79
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Total .....	\$ 46 99

**ASSESSMENTS**

Schools .....	\$1,300 00
Roads and bridges .....	1,000 00
Town charges .....	450 00
Support of poor .....	200 00
School books .....	125 00
State road .....	300 00
Maintenance .....	250 00
Overdrawn bills .....	250 00
High school .....	200 00
Lufkin Bridge .....	790 00
Repair of schoolhouses .....	100 00
Memorial Day .....	5 00
White Pine Blister Rust .....	100 00
Town House chimney .....	200 00
Advertising .....	25 00
State tax .....	1,140 53
County tax .....	398 19
Overlay .....	41 04
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Total .....	\$6,874 76

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 SUPPORT OF POOR

J. M. Smith, board of Estes family.....	\$240 62
Dr. Allen, attending Estes family .....	50 00
Team, 2 trips to Fryeburg.....	5 00
Everett E. Day, cash paid out, pauper case.....	2 00
Walter McKeen, expenses to Milton Plantation..	5 00
Wm. M. Sanborn, expenses to Milton Plantation	5 00
Council charges on pauper case.....	17 25
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Total paid by town .....	\$324 87
Received of Estes .....	\$ 46 02
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Whole cost to town .....	\$278 85
Unexpended last year .....	\$102 11
Raised by town this year .....	200 00
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Total funds .....	\$302 11
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Balance unexpended .....	\$ 23 26

## ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY FOR LUFKIN BRIDGE

Raised by town .....	\$790 00
Paid Herbert Emerson, last note.....	787 50
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Unexpended .....	\$ 2 50

No. of Polls taxed, 43.  
 No. of Polls not taxed, 12.  
 Poll tax, \$3.00.  
 Rate of taxation, .04.  
 No. of male dogs licensed, 16.  
 No. of female dogs incapable of young, 3.

## TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT

Seth Harriman, hauling sand .....	\$ 9 00
Perley Brown, 8 days labor .....	28 00
L. A. Stevens, lime, brick and cement .....	63 20
William M. Sanborn, labor and material .....	90 28
Erville Fernald, painting roof .....	5 00
William Sanborn, paint for roof .....	7 20
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Total expended .....	\$202 68

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Received from sale of window .....\$ 4 00  
 Raised by town ..... 200 00

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Total funds ..... \$204 00

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Balance in favor of town ..... \$2 68

### MISCELANEOUS ORDERS

F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports .....\$ 44 21  
 Loring, Short & Harmon, town books ..... 17 15  
 William M. Sanborn, postage and expenses .. 3 00  
 E. L. McKeen, trip to Bridgton with auto .... 4 00  
 C. W. Day, damage, Seth Harriman Road .... 10 00  
 Loring, Short & Harmon, dog license blanks .. 1 65  
 Town of Chatham, tax on gravel pit ..... 85  
 William Sanborn, envelopes and postage ..... 1 00  
 H. S. Emerson, interest on note ..... 32 00  
 State Treasurer, dog licenses ..... 19 00  
 County Treasurer, county tax ..... 398 19  
 William M. Sanborn, paint and postage ... 1 16  
 Elmer Brackett, stove for town house ..... 8 00  
 State Highway Commission, patrol work ..... 258 90  
 B. F. Charles, laying out interest Cem. fund 14 75  
 Loring, Short & Harmon, road order books .... 90  
 Guy Crouse, express on ballots ..... 1 14  
 Herbert Emerson, labor on Cemetery ..... 3 00  
 G. A. R., Post, Memorial Day, 1926, 1927 .... 10 00  
 F. P. Bickford, hedgehog bounty ..... 26 75  
 Fidelity Trust Co., hired money ..... 1,000 00  
 State Treasurer, State tax ..... 1,140 53  
 Hastings & Son., council charges ..... 4 00  
 Fidelity Trust Co., hired money ..... 1,000 00  
 Fidelity Trust Co., interest on extended note 10 00  
 Fidelity Trust Co., hired money ..... 1,000 00  
 F. P. Bickford, postage and stationery ..... 5 08  
 F. P. Bickford, attending school meeting ... 5 00

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Total .....\$5,018-74

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**ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS**

Charles A. Snow, superintendent's salary	....\$122 07
William M. Sanborn, 1st selectman	..... 75 00
Walter P. McKeen, 2nd selectman	..... 50 00
Everett E. Day, 3rd selectman	..... 50 00
Seth Harriman, collector of taxes	..... 54 95
Seth Harriman, constable	..... 5 00
F. P. Bickford, treasurer	..... 12 00
H. S. Emerson, clerk; postage, recording births, etc.,	..... 16 28
Walter P. McKeen, ballot clerk	..... 4 00
Frank P. Bickford, ballot clerk	..... 4 00
Sybil P. Heald, auditor in 1926	..... 5 00
<b>Total</b>	..... <b>\$398 30</b>
<b>Balance unexpended</b>	..... <b>\$ 51 70</b>

**PINE BLISTER RUST ACCOUNT**

Paid Sidney W. Sanborn	.....\$16 00
Fred W. Wiggins	..... 44 00
Everett Day	..... 7 00
<b>Total</b>	..... <b>\$67 00</b>
Refunded by owners	.....\$67 00
Raised by town	.....\$100 00
Expended	..... 99 22
<b>Unexpended</b>	..... <b>\$ 88</b>

**FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN**
**Resources**

Cash in treasury	.....\$906 19
Due from State hedgehog bounty	.....\$ 26 75
Henry Andrews, pine blister account	2 00
Chas. Andrews, pine blister account	2 00

Collector, Norman Bishop poll tax..	3 00	
Collector, L. Harnden poll tax.....	3 00	
Total .....		\$ 36 75
		\$942 94.

Liabilities

Money hired of Herbert Emerson.....	\$1,600 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated .....	15 00	
Total .....		\$1,615 00
Balance against town .....		\$ 672 06

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. SANBORN,  
 WALTER P. McKEEN,  
 EVERETT E. DAY,

Selectmen of Stow.

# Road Commissioner's Report

## SNOW BILLS FOR 1927

Robert York, 1 trip on roller.....	\$ 8 50
Fred Eastman, 2 trips on roller.....	15 50
Bert Bemis, 7 trips on roller.....	15 75
E. L. McKeen, breaking roads .....	30 00
John Eastman, 2 trips on roller.....	15 50
Herbert Emerson, 1 trip on roller, \$7.00; breaking, \$1.00 .....	8 00
Irving Smith, 3 trips on roller.....	21 00
Wallace Guptill, 1 trip on roller.....	8 50
Seth Harriman, breaking roads .....	11 00
Herbert Andrews, 2 trips, breaking roads at Shell Pond and 1 hour shoveling.....	5 39
Total .....	
	\$139 14

## SUMMER WORK, 1927

Fifty-fifty fund .....	\$ 50 00
W. P. McKeen, 4 days .....	14 00
E. L. McKeen, 61-2 days self, 7 1-2 days for horses .....	52 25
Farrington & Webb, 2208 ft. of bridge plank....	61 82
Everett Day, 1 day .....	3 50
Ben Day, 6 hours .....	2 34
Lawrence Eastman, 3 days, 8 hrs., with truck..	38 89
Simon Smith, 1 day, 6 hrs., \$2 for bridge stringers .....	7 84
E. L. McKeen, 2 days, 6 hrs., self; 1 day, 6 hrs., horses .....	16 54
Ben Day, 1 day .....	3 50
Ed. Allen, 6 days .....	21 00
Irving Smith, 5 days, 6 hrs., with horses.....	39 68
Dean Charles, 1 day.....	3 50
Samuel Damon, 3 days, 8 hrs., with truck.....	38 89
Roger Emerson, 3 days, 8 hrs., with truck.....	38 89
Simon Smith, 7 days, 8 hrs.....	27 62
E. L. McKeen, 10 days, 8 hrs., self; 6 1-2 days for horses, \$4.75 paid for sharpening tools..	70 61
Loren Andrews, 2 days .....	7 00
Angus Andrews, 1 1-2 days .....	5 25

Herbert Andrews, 2 days for horses, 29 loads gravel .....	11 35
W. P. McKeen, 7 1-2 days.....	26 25
Herman Heald, 1-2 day with truck.....	5 00
Ned Bryant, 6 days, 6 hrs., with horses, 1 day self	50 18
Ned Bryant, 217 loads of gravel.....	32 55
Ed Hodsdon, 6 hrs. ....	2 34
Herbert Emerson, 3 days, 8 hrs.....	13 62
Frank Harriman, 1 day .....	3 50
Donald Chandler, 1-2 day .....	1 75
Fred Wiggin, 2 days, 8 hrs.....	10 12
F. L. Blake, road machine blade and bolts and boxes .....	15 50
Ed. Allen, 6 days.....	21 00
Roger Emerson, 2 days with truck.....	20 00
Herman Heald, 2 days, with truck.....	20 00
Samuel Damon, 2 days with truck.....	20 00
Lawrence Eastman, 1-2 hour .....	56
Everett Kimball, 3 days .....	10 50
Simon Smith, 10 days .....	35 00
Everett Day, 6 1-2 days.....	22 75
E. L. McKeen, 5 1-2 days.....	22 00
A. E. Watson, labor .....	46 50
Ernest Watson, 6 hours.....	2 34
Wilfred Watson, 6 hrs. ....	2 34
Albert Wiley, 9 days.....	31 50
E. L. McKeen, 3 1-2 days, self; 3 days for horse	24 50
W. P. McKeen, 9 days .....	31 50
John Eastman, 1 day .....	3 50
Herbert Emerson, 2 days with horses.....	14 00
Ned Bryant, 85 loads of gravel.....	12 75
Albert Wiley, 1 day .....	3 50
F. L. Blake, axle nuts for road machine.....	1 80
Waldo N. Seavey, 1 day .....	3 50
E. S. Hutchins, cutting bushes .....	7 00
E. L. McKeen, 3 1-2 days, \$1.75 for crow bar; \$1.10 for having tools sharpened.....	16 85
F. P. Bickford, spikes, nails and kerosene....	2 82
J. A. Hanscom, 80 ft. red oak plank @ \$23 per M for making road drags.....	1 84
Ernest Ward, culvert cleaner.....	10 00
Irving Smith, 1-2 day with horses.....	3 50
Herbert Emerson, 1-2 day.....	1 75

W. P. McKeen, 1 day .....	3 50
Roger Emerson, 1 day with truck.....	10 00
Angus Andrews, 2 hours.....	78
Loren Andrews, 1 day .....	3 50
Herbert Andrews, 1 day, 27 loads of gravel....	7 55
Percy Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
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Total expended .....	\$1,097 41
Amount raised by town.....	1,000 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 97 41
Unexpended in 1926 .....	15 41
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 82 00

## FEDERAL TAX MONEY EXPENDED

Roger Emerson, 2 days with truck.....	\$ 20 00
Corydon Smith, 2 days .....	7 00
Simon Smith, 2 days .....	7 00
Maurice Eastman, 2 days .....	7 00
Herbert Emerson, 1 1-2 days .....	5 25
E. L. McKeen, 1 day .....	4 00
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Total expended .....	\$ 50 25
Amount received from county .....	50 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 25

## MONEY EXPENDED ON SETH HARRIMAN ROAD

Lawrence Eastman, 2 1-2 days with truck.....	\$ 25 00
Seth Harriman, 1 1-2 days with 1 horse, 1 day self .....	14 00
Everett Day, 2 1-2 days .....	8 75
E. L. McKeen, 1 day .....	4 00
Roger Emerson, 2 1-2 days with truck.....	25 00
John Eastman, 2 1-2 days.....	8 75
W. H. Walker, 74 loads of gravel.....	11 10
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Total expended .....	\$ 96 60
Unexpended last year .....	94 75
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 1 85



## CUTTING BUSHES ON STATE ROAD

Everett Kimball, 1 day .....	\$ 3 50
Everett Kimball, 3 1-2 days .....	12 25
Everett Day, 3 days, 8 hours.....	13 62
Albert Wiley, 3 1-2 days .....	12 25
E. L. McKeen, 3 1-2 days, self; 1 1-2 days, horses	19 25
W. P. McKeen, 3 1-2 days .....	12 25
Fred Wiggin, 3 1-2 days.....	12 25
Herbert Emerson, 2 days, 1 hour.....	7 39
Simon Smith, 2 days, 1 hour.....	7 39

Total expended .....\$100 15

## MONEY EXPENDED ON STATE AID ROAD

Sidney Sanborn, 1 day.....	\$ 3 50
Berger Manufacturing Co., culverts .....	93 85
Simon Smith, 5 days .....	17 50
Fred Eastman, 8 days .....	28 00
Sidney Sanborn, 3 days .....	10 50
Samuel Damon, 2 and 1-2 days with truck ..	25 00
W. P. McKeen, 12 days, 8 hours .....	45 11
Kenneth Wiley, 1 and 1-2 days .....	5 25
Herman Heald, 2 and 1-2 days with truck ...	25 00
Ernest Andrews, 1 and 1-2 days .....	5 25
Ned Bryant, 10 and 1-2 days self; 1 day with horses .....	40 25
John Eastman, 13 days, 3 and 1-2 hours .....	46 86
Herbert Emerson, 6 days, 2 hours self; 5 days with horses .....	56 78
Maurice Eastman, 8 days, 6 hours .....	30 34
Everett Day, 3 and 1-2 days .....	12 25
Seth Harriman, 3 days .....	10 50
Frank Harriman, 2 and 1-2 days .....	8 75
Albert Wiley, 3 days .....	10 50
Roger Emerson, 2 and 1-2 days with truck ....	25 00
Lawrence Eastman, 2 and 1-2 days with truck ...	25 00
Will Hurd, sharpening tools .....	12 25
E. L. McKeen, 12 days self, 12 days and 8 hours with horses .....	93 11
Everett Day, 2 days .....	7 00
Albert Hurd, 4 days .....	14 00

Albert Wiley, 4 days .....	14 00
Simon Smith, 2 days .....	7 00
Fred Wiggin, 4 days .....	14 00
John Eastman, 3 days, 3 hours .....	11 67
Maurice Eastman, 3 and 1-2 days .....	12 25
Gus Smith, 4 days .....	14 00
Percy Smith, 6 days .....	21 00
Simon Smith, 6 days .....	21 00
Corydon Smith, 6 days .....	21 00
Everett Day, 6 days .....	21 00
Herbert Emerson, 5 days with horses .....	35 00
Herbert Emerson, 59 loads gravel .....	8 85
W. H. Walker, 81 loads gravel .....	12 15
John Eastman, 87 loads gravel .....	13 05
H. L. Hutchins, dynamite, caps and fuse .....	66 48
Guy M. Crouse, hauling culverts .....	3 00
Olin Hanscom, guard posts .....	2 00
E. L. McKeen, 11 days self, 6 days horses ....	65 00
Maurice Eastman, 6 days .....	21 00
Herman Heald, 4 days with truck .....	40 00
Albert Wiley, 7 days .....	24 50
Samuel Damon, 1 and 1-2 days with truck ....	15 00
W. P. McKeen, 6 days .....	21 00
Fred Wiggin, 4 days .....	14 00
Roger Emerson, 5 days with truck .....	50 00
E. L. McKeen, 1-2 days self; 1-2 day, horses ....	3 75
W. P. McKeen, 1-2 day .....	1 75
Lawrence Eastman, 4 and 1-2 days with truck..	45 00
Will Hurd, sharpening tools .....	9 75
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Total expended .....	\$1,259 75
Raised by town .....	\$300 00
Received from State .....	959 75
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	\$1,259 75

#### MONEY EXPENDED ON THIRD CLASS ROAD

Albert Hurd, 4 days .....	\$14 00
E. L. McKeen, 11 days self, 10 days, horses .....	79 00
Everett Day, 9 days .....	31 50
Simon Smith, 4 days .....	14 00
Percy Smith, 5 days .....	17 50

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Gus Smith, 4 days .....	14 00
Albert Wiley, 17 days .....	59 50
Fred Wiggin, 7 days .....	24 50
Everett Day, 7 days .....	24 50
Simon Smith, 8 days .....	28 00
Herbert Emerson, 1 day self, 8 days with horses	59 50
Corydon Smith, 8 days, 8 hours .....	31 12
Roger Emerson, 3 and 1-2 days with truck .....	35 00
Herman Heald, 3 and 1-2 days with truck .....	35 00
Lawrence Eastman, 1 day with truck .....	10 00
Will. Sanborn, 4 days .....	14 00
W. H. Walker, 40 loads gravel .....	6 00
Will Hurd, sharpening tools .....	7 00
H. L. Hutchins, dynamite, caps and fuse .....	18 02
W. P. McKeen, 11 days, 4 hours .....	40 06
E. L. McKeen, 9 days self, 7 days, horses .....	60 50
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Total expended .....	\$622 70
Received from State .....	\$622 70

## SNOW BILLS FOR 1928

Herbert Andrews, 3 trips, breaking road at Shell Pond and 3 hours shoveling snow.....	\$ 8 67
Erlon Bennett, 2 trips, hauling roller.....	50 00
Fred F. Charles, 3 trips hauling roller, 25c for repairing roller .....	72 25
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Total .....	\$130 92

E. L. McKEEN, Road Commissioner.

# Treasurer's Report

February 1, 1928

**Dr.**

Balance in treasury.....	\$1,327	27	
Rec'd from Brownfield High School, books..	2	50	
Fidelity Trust Co., interest....	10	47	
Interest on bonds .....	8	50	
Fidelity Trust Co., hired money..	2,915	00	
Town Clerk, dog license.....	19	00	
W. M. Sanborn, windows .....	4	00	
Oxford County Forest Reserve..	50	00	
Interest from cemetery fund....	6	75	
H. A. Pitman, tax 1925.....	22	79	
State, Dog license refunded....	7	07	
School fund .....	792	90	
Imp. State road .....	959	75	
Highway Dept. ....	622	70	
H. S. Emerson .....	800	00	
Everett Day, Pine Blister Rust..	63	00	
Hall Rent .....	8	00	
Eugene Estes .....	46	02	
S. B. Harriman, collector of taxes, 1927 .....	6,860	76	
			<b>\$14,526 48</b>

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Paid town orders to date .....	\$13,620	29	
Balance in treasury .....	906	19	
			<b>\$14,526 48</b>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. BICKFORD, Treas.

# Town Clerk's Report

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A record of births, deaths and marriages which have been recorded in the town of Stow for the year ending Feb. 1, 1928.

## BIRTHS

1927

March 13, to the wife of Seth B. Harriman, a son, Stanley Warren.

April 22, to the wife of Simon L. Smith, a son, Raymond Albert.

April 28, to the wife of Henry Gagnon, a son, Ernest Gagnon.

June 26, to the wife of Irving Smith, a daughter, Bernice Eudora.

June 28, to the wife of Eugene H. A. Estes, a daughter, Clara Bell.

August 6, to the wife of Walter E. Kimball, a son, Elmer Edward.

Sept. 19, to the wife of Walter A. Sampson, a daughter, Ella Antoinette.

Oct. 27, to the wife of Ned H. Bryant, a son, Neil Howard.

Nov. 17, to the wife of Erville Fernald, a son, Merle Erville.

## DEATHS

1927

May 27, Ernest Gagnon, at Stow, age 29 days.

August 10, Millard Smith, at Stow, age 40 years, 5 months and 21 days.

September 5, Elmer E. Kimball, at Stow, age 29 days.

## MARRIAGES

1927

February 21, at Fryeburg, Samuel Kimball and Ora I. Smith, of Stow.

January 10, at Conway, N. H., Thomas Smith of Stow and Doris Harvey of Chatham, N. H.

May 24, at Fryeburg, Charles Thurston of Fryeburg and Florence Smith of Stow.

August 27, at Fryeburg, Irving Bryant of Stow and Ruth Gilman of Somerville, Mass.

Dec. 17, at Fryeburg, Charles E. Harmon of Lovell, Me., and Eleanor E. Bryant of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. EMERSON, Clerk.

# School Department

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 8, 1928

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### Resources:

Balance, Feb. 8, 1927 .....	\$ 571 79
Appropriation .....	1,300 00
State of Maine, School Fund .....	785 83

\$2,657 62

#### Disbursements:

Teachers .....	\$1,503 00
Fuel .....	75 00
Janitors .....	22 75
Conveyance .....	825 00
Tuition .....	111 10
Board of pupil .....	15 00
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	\$2,551 85
Balance on hand .....	105 77

\$2,657 62

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT ITEMIZED

#### Teachers:

Helmi Piippo .....	\$342 00
Howard Keith .....	396 00
Josephine Leso .....	405 00
Manley Grant Jr., .....	360 00

\$1,503 00

#### Fuel:

Millard Smith .....	\$ 4 00
Simon Smith .....	68 00
L. A. Stevens .....	3 00

\$75 00

<b>Janitors:</b>		
Millard Smith .....	\$12 25	
Manley Grant Jr., .....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 75
<b>Conveyance:</b>		
Maud Eastman .....	\$153 00	
W. M. Sanborn .....	85 00	
Everett Day .....	17 00	
A. G. Hall .....	435 00	
A. E. Watson .....	135 00	
	<hr/>	\$825 00
<b>Tuition:</b>		
Town of Chatham .....	\$70 00	
Town of Fryeburg .....	41 10	
	<hr/>	\$111 10
<b>Board of pupil:</b>		
Mrs. Herbert Andrews, board of Madeline Filion.....	\$ 15 00	

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance, Feb. 8, 1927 .....	\$248 06	
Appropriation .....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$448 06

Disbursements

Expended for tuition .....	\$280 00	
Balance on hand .....	168 06	
	<hr/>	\$448 06

High School Disbursements Itemized:

Fryeburg Academy .....	\$225 00	
Town of Oxford .....	55 00	
	<hr/>	\$280 00

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 TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

## Resources

Balance, Feb. 8, 1927 .....	\$ 3 39
Books sold .....	2 50
Appropriation .....	125 00

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 \$130 89

## Disbursements

Expended .....	\$142 92
Overdrawn .....	12 03

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 \$130 89

## Text Book Account Itemized:

Ginn & Company .....	\$ 2 51
Houghton Mifflin Co., .....	7 55
Houghton Mifflin Co., .....	5 80
Ginn & Company .....	1 80
Milton Bradley Co., .....	25 34
American Book Co., .....	18 75
Edw. E. Babb & Co., .....	12 49
Charles A. Snow .....	10 31
Chesley Cotton .....	1 00
Benj H. Sanborn & Co., .....	7 38
Geo. O. Warren .....	75
Houghton Mifflin Co., .....	1 85
Newell White .....	3 33
Ginn & Company .....	7 49
Ginn & Company .....	2 12
Ginn & Company .....	2 50
Newell White .....	1 13
World Book Co., .....	8 55
Houghton Mifflin Co., .....	3 33
Ginn & Company .....	1 44

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 \$142 92



REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources:

Balance, Feb. 8, 1927 .....	\$113 89
Appropriation .....	100 00

\$213 89

Disbursements

Expended .....	\$204 15
Balance on hand .....	9 74

\$213 89

Repair Account Itemized:

Millard Smith .....	\$ 1 50
L. A. Stevens .....	90 00
Seth B. Harriman .....	56 50
Elmer Brackett .....	2 75
L. A. Stevens .....	8 30
Hutchins & Webb .....	5 50
Seth B. Harriman .....	12 50
James Smith .....	6 40
H. L. Hutchins .....	20 70

\$204 15

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Account	Resources	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrawn
Common Schools .....	\$2,657 62	\$2,551 85	\$105 77	\$
High School .....	448 06	280 00	168 06	
Text Book .....	130 89	142 92		12 03
Repair .....	213 89	204 15	9 74	
	<u>\$2,450 46</u>	<u>\$3,178 92</u>	<u>\$283 57</u>	<u>\$12 03</u>

Net balance on hand, \$271.54.

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

Careful consideration of our school needs for the ensuing year indicate that the following amounts be appropriated:

Common School Account .....	\$1,500 00
High School Account .....	350 00
Text Book Account .....	125 00
Repair Account .....	250 00

This budget is \$500.00 more than the amount of the school appropriations for last year. Last year we had sizable balances in the Common School and Repair Accounts. This year they are greatly reduced. The Union Hill building ought to be made as good as the village building this year. However, the greater part of the increase is made necessary because of the expense of conveyance and tuition for the children at Shell Pond.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. BICKFORD,  
WALTER SAMPSON,  
EDNA HARRIMAN,

Committee.

CHARLES A. SNOW, Secretary.

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Stow:

Herewith my fifth annual report of the progress, condition and needs of the schools of the Town of Stow.

Schools opened Sept. 12, 1927, with the following teachers in charge:

Union Hill, Manley S. Grant, Jr., Stockton Springs

Village, Josephine Leso, Denmark.

Thus far there have been no changes in the teaching force. Details as to salaries, enrollment, attendance, etc., will be found in the tabulations following.

Our schools are making definite progress. The State Course of Study is being followed to the best of our ability. One of our teachers has been with us before. Since that time she has graduated from Normal School and is serving us very satisfactorily for another year. Mr. Grant has had a partial course at Normal School, and while this is his first regular teaching position, we feel that he is striving with much success to carry out the requirements. Both schools are offering good opportunities to our pupils. Likewise our pupils appear to realize this and seem to appreciate and to take advantage of the opportunities being offered to them.

We feel that in a large way we have the interest and cooperation of parents as we always have had in our school life and activities.

This year we have three students at Fryeburg Academy and one at Oxford High School. As far as is known, these students are making satisfactory progress.

Mr. B. W. Tinker of Fryeburg, in school work for more than forty years as teacher and superintendent, taught his first school in the village building at Stow. The memory of his associations with his first school has always lingered with him and this year he has offered four cash prizes, two to be awarded in each school. It is certain that when known, his kindly thought will be much appreciated by pupils, citizens and teachers.

### TEXT BOOKS

We are now so situated in regard to text books that we have uniform texts in both schools so far as is necessary. A fine set of maps was purchased for Union Hill. The same should be duplicated for the village.

### REPAIRS

This year, as planned, we laid a new floor in the village building and redecorated the interior. For next year we should decorate the interior of the Union Hill building and paint the exterior. This school must have a new stove. The room is so small that the stove should be equipped with a jacket. These stove jackets are quite generally used and are very successful in that the air is circulated more evenly throughout the room. The cost of such a jacket is around \$10.00.

### CONVEYANCE

There are no changes in our conveyance problems as to the performance, but it is very likely that the Commissioner of Education will not again reimburse the town in part or in whole for the conveyance from Shell Pond. The children having been there three years now, can no longer be considered as temporary residents. It is, therefore, probable that in future the entire expense of conveyance must be borne by the town. This year we received from the State for this particular purpose the sum of \$240.00. A considerable increase in the appropriation appears to be necessary.

Conveyance Routes continue as follows: Shell Pond Route, \$15.00 per week; Stow Village, two routes in winter, \$9.00 and \$8.50 per week.

At the present rate, the Shell Pond conveyance will amount to \$540.00 per year and tuition for four pupils for a full year would amount to \$144.00, making in all \$684.00 or \$171.00 for the teaching and conveyance of each pupil. For our pupils at Union Hill and the village the per capita cost for teaching, conveyance and janitor work is \$67.84 per year.

I wish to express my appreciation for the continued cooperation and kind regard which I have received in all my relations with the citizens, officers, pupils and teachers of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

OHAS. A. SNOW,

Superintendent of Schools.

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 TABULATIONS

## Winter Term 1927

School	Teacher	Weeks	Salary Week	No. Reg.	Av. Att.
Union Hill	H. R. Keith.....	11	\$22 00	14	10.94
Village	Helmi Piippo.....	11	19 00	12	11.1
	Aggregate .....		\$41 00	26	22.04
	Average .....		\$20 50	13	11.02

## SPRING TERM

Union Hill	H. R. Keith.....	11	\$22 00	16	13.7
Village	Helmi Piippo.....	11	19 00	12	9.9
	Aggregate .....		\$41 00	28	23.6
	Average .....		\$20 50	14	11.8

## FALL TERM 1927

Union Hill	Manley Grant, Jr. ....	14	\$20 00	14	13.
Village	Josephine Lesso.....	14	22 50	11	9.39
	Aggregate .....		\$42 50	25	22.39
	Average .....		\$21 25	12.5	11.19

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term began Sept. 12, 1927, closed Dec. 16, 1927.....	14	weeks
Winter Term began Jan. 2, 1928, closes March 16, 1928.....	11	"
Spring Term begins April 2, 1928, closes June 15, 1928.....	11	"
	36	"

## Enrollment by Grades Nov. 1, 1927:

Grade	I	7
Grade	II	3
Grade	III	4
Grade	IV	0
Grade	V	4

Grade VI 1  
Grade VII 0  
Grade VIII 6  
Grade IX 1

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Total .....26 gain of two over last year

Total enrollment, Nov. 1, 1927:

Stow Elementary..26  
North Chatham... 4  
Fryeburg Harbor.. 1  
Fryeburg Academy 3  
Oxford High..... 1

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35 in or from Stow making 1 less than last year

School Census, April 1, 1927, persons in town from 5 to 21 years of age: Boys, 18; Girls, 29; total, 47, or loss of five from last year.

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