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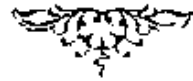
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*Guy M. Crouse.*

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

**TOWN OF  
STOW**



**1928 - 1929**

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OF THE

**Municipal Officers**

OF THE

**TOWN OF STOW**

FOR THE

**Year Ending February 1,**

**1929**

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Advertiser Print, Norway, Maine  
1929

# Town Officers

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## *Selectmen*

WILLIAM M. SANBORN

WALTER P. McKEEN

SETH B. HARRIMAN

## *Treasurer*

FRANK P. BICKFORD

## *Clerk*

HERBERT S. EMERSON

## *Road Commissioner*

EDWIN L. McKEEN

## *Constable*

SIDNEY W. SANBORN

## *Collector*

EDNA HARRIMAN

## *School Board*

EDNA HARRIMAN

FRANK P. BICKFORD

REBECCA McKEEN

## *Superintendent of Schools*

CHARLES A. SNOW of Fryeburg

# Warrant for Town Meeting

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To Sidney M. Sanborn, 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 4th. day of March, A. D. 1929, 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 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 poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum 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 sums 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 (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars to fight white pine blister rust.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to give a two per cent discount on all taxes paid before July 1st.

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 of Stow will vote to raise (\$250.00) two hundred and fifty dollars, provided the town of Chatham will raise a like sum and the town of Fryeburg raises \$500.00 to induce a doctor to settle at North Fryeburg.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the maintenance of 3rd class road and cut bushes on the same.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to cut the bushes on the State Aid Highway within the limits of the town.

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Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise (\$10.00) ten dollars to match State Department of Health funds for the support of county public health nursing to continue work with mothers and children which is now being carried on entirely by the State Department of Health.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Andrew Anderson's north driveway to meet the old discontinuation by old John Seavey place.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to reopen the road leading from Simon Smith's house to the Barbour house, so called, during winter months.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Barbour house, so called, to the Solomon Johnson house, so called.

WILLIAM M. SANBORN,  
WALTER P. McKEEN,

Selectmen of Stow.

# Selectmen's Report

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Real estate, resident .....	\$ 34,180 00
Real estate, non-resident .....	117,521 00
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Total real estate .....	\$151,701 00
Personal estate, resident .....	\$17,615 00
Personal estate, non-resident .....	4,960 00
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Total amount personal estate.....	\$22,575 00
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Grand total .....	\$174,276 00
Total value of land .....	\$135,206 00
Total value of buildings.....	\$ 16,495 00

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses .....	44	\$ 61 00	\$2,690 00
Cows .....	107	62 00	6,715 00
Oxen .....	2	150 00	300 00
Three year olds .....	9	77 00	700 00
Two year olds .....	17	63 00	1,065 00
Swine .....	8	12 00	100 00
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Total value .....			\$11,560 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

One year olds .....	26	\$ 27 00	\$ 720 00
Sheep .....	26	6 00	156 00
Swine .....	54	12 00	657 00
Poultry .....	642	1 00	642 00
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Total amount .....			\$2,175 00



## OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade .....	\$1,000 00
Logs, 225 M.....	2,200 00
Pulp wood, 200 cords.....	800 00
Birch bolts, 155 cords .....	990 00
Automobiles, 30 .....	5,575 00
Musical instruments, 5 .....	250 00
Radios, 2 .....	100 00
Gas Engines, 2 .....	100 00
Gas tanks, 2 .....	200 00
Total amount .....	\$11,215 00

## ASSESSMENTS

Common schools .....	\$1,500 00
Roads and bridges .....	1,000 00
Town charges .....	400 00
Support of poor .....	300 00
School books .....	125 00
State Aid road .....	300 00
Maintenance State Aid road .....	250 00
Overdrawn bills .....	800 00
High school .....	350 00
Repair of schoolhouses .....	250 00
Memorial Day .....	5 00
White Pine Blister Rust .....	50 00
A. E. Watson road .....	200 00
Maintenance 3rd class road .....	100 00
Cutting bushes on State Aid road .....	100 00
H. S. Emerson, note .....	400 00
County tax .....	398 19
State tax .....	1,140 53

## ABATEMENTS

Heirs of Lyman Hobbs .....	\$ 9 00
Charlie Smith, partial abatment .....	4 50
Norman Rose, whole tax .....	6 75
James Smith, whole tax .....	8 85
Gus Smith, poll tax .....	3 00
Phil Fillion, poll tax .....	3 00
Milo Wells, poll tax .....	3 00

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 SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS

Standard Oil Co.....	\$ 9 00	
Zoel Matthews .....	2 25	
Cory Smith .....	2 25	
Perley Brown .....	2 25	
		<u>\$ 15 75</u>

## OVERLAY ACCOUNT

Overlay in assessment .....	\$165 90	
Poll tax, added .....	135 00	
Supplementary tax added .....	15 75	
Total .....		<u>\$316 65</u>
Less abatements .....	\$ 38 10	
Paid for road grader .....	164 10	
Total .....		<u>\$202 20</u>
Balance .....		<u>\$114 45</u>

## PAUPER ACCOUNT

Paid May Rose for board of Eugene Rose.....	\$ 30 00	
Paid Dr. Allen for attendance of Mrs. Eugene Estes, in 1927 .....	82 00	
		<u>\$112 00</u>
Amount raised by town .....	\$300 00	
Unexpended balance last year.....	23 26	
		<u>\$323 26</u>
Unexpended balance this year.....		<u>\$211 26</u>

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**ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS**

William M. Sanborn, first selectman.....	\$ 75 00
Walter P. McKeen, second selectman.....	50 00
Seth B. Harriman, third selectman.....	50 00
Wallace Guptill, ballot clerk.....	8 00
Sidney W. Sanborn, as constable.....	5 00
H. S. Emerson, ballot clerk.....	12 00
H. S. Emerson, town clerk.....	10 00
Chas. A. Snow, superintendent of schools.....	153 13
Edna Harriman, collector.....	94 58
F. P. Bickford, treasurer.....	12 00
F. P. Bickford, ballot clerk.....	4 00
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Total.....	\$473 71
Amount raised by town.....	\$400 00
Balance unexpended.....	51 70
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	\$451 70
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Overdrawn.....	\$ 22 01

**REPORT OF BLISTER RUST WORK, TOWN OF STOW, 1923**

Town money spent.....	\$50 00
Number pine owners job.....	16
Cost to pine owners.....	\$36 00
Number of acres worked by town and owners.....	207
Number of wild bushes destroyed.....	37,645
Number of cultivated bushes destroyed.....	100
Per acre cost to owners.....	\$ .31
Per acre cost to town.....	\$ .30
Acres worked by scout.....	693

**ARTICLE FOR TOWN WARRANT FOR 1929**

To see if the town will raise the sum of \$50.00 to finish blister rust work in town.

Yours truly,

D. S. CURTIS, Agent.

## MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS DRAWN

Roger Emerson, having deed recorded, etc....\$	1 50	
F. P. Bickford, one dog license.....	1 00	
F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports.....	48 10	
H. L. Hutchins, glass for town house.....	3 85	
Wm. M. Sanborn, postage from Nov. 1st to Mar. 1st.....	1 13	
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.....	14 25	
W. P. McKeen, looking over lots and cash paid out.....	8 50	
Seth Harriman, looking over lots.....	8 00	
W. M. Sanborn, looking over lots.....	8 00	
Roger Emerson, hauling in road grader.....	2 60	
Rockwell & Dole, road grader.....	164 10	
W. M. Sanborn, postage and writing tablets..	1 15	
Town of Chatham, tax on gravel pit.....	1 00	
Everett Day, pine blister rust account.....	82 00	
Herbert Emerson, interest on note.....	32 00	
G. A. R. Post Memorial Day.....	5 00	
Newell White, porcupine blanks.....	1 25	
Guy Crouse, express on ballots.....	1 42	
County treasurer, county tax.....	398 19	
State treasurer, dog licenses.....	18 00	
H. S. Emerson, sheep killed by bear.....	24 00	
Newell White, town order book.....	2 50	
State treasurer, state tax.....	1,140 53	
Fidelity Trust Co., interest on note.....	15 00	
B. F. Charles, laying out cemetery fund.....	14 90	
State highway commission, patrol work.....	256 20	
Fidelity Trust Co., hired money.....	1,000 00	
Fidelity Trust Co., hired money.....	1,000 00	
Hastings & Son, council charges.....	3 00	
F. P. Bickford, 152 hedgehog bounties.....	38 00	
Fidelity Trust Co., hired money.....	1,000 00	
W. M. Sanborn, postage, telephone and tablets	1 83	
H. S. Emerson, recording births, deaths and postage .....	4 00	
F. P. Bickford, postage and stationery.....	5 14	
H. S. Emerson, one-half of note and interest	408 00	
Fidelity Trust Co., hired money.....	1,000 00	
Total .....		\$6,714 14

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 FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

## Resources

Cash in treasury.....	\$1,089 58
Due from state hedgehog bounty.....	38 00
Due from land owers, pine blister rust.....	6 66
Collector, Sam Kimball's tax.....	5 25
Collector, Walter McAllister's tax.....	3 90
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Total .....	\$1,143 39

## Liabilities

Money hired of Herbert Emerson.....	\$1,200 00
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Balance against town.....	\$56 61

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. SANBORN,  
 WALTER P. McKEEN,  
 SETH B. HARRIMAN,

Selectmen of Stow.

# Road Commissioner's Report

## SNOW BILLS FOR 1928

Perley Head, breaking road.....	\$20 00
Erlon Bennett, breaking road and housing roller	28 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$48 00</b>

## SUMMER WORK, 1928

E. L. McKeen, 6 days self, 4 1-2 days horses....	\$42 75
Perley Brown, 3 days.....	10 50
W. P. McKeen, 6 days, 2 hours.....	21 78
Farrington & Webb, 3,000 ft. bridge plank, 450 ft. spruce stringers, \$4.50 for oak to repair roll- er .....	95 70
Irving Smith, 2 days with horses.....	14 00
Herman Heald, 1 1-2 days with truck.....	15 00
E. L. McKeen, 6 days, 6 hrs., self, 3 days, 6 hrs. for horses.....	42 84
Irving Smith, labor.....	8 00
Charlie Smith, 3 days.....	10 50
50-50 fund.....	50 00
Simon Smith, 1 day with horses.....	7 00
Samuel Kimball, 1 1-2 days, \$5.00 for cutting bushes .....	10 25
Irving Smith, labor with horses.....	51 50
Perley Brown, 10 1-2 days.....	36 75
Fred Eastman, 5 days with horses, 1 1-2 days self	40 25
W. P. McKeen, 7 days, 2 hours.....	25 28
Seth Harriman, 7 days with horses.....	49 00
Herman Heald, 2 days, 2 hours with truck.....	22 24
Charlie Smith, 2 days, 4 hours.....	8 56
Corydon Smith, 2 days, 4 hours.....	8 56
Samuel Damon, 2 days, 2 hours with truck.....	22 24
Perley Brown, 4 days.....	14 00
Ned Bryant, 84 loads of gravel.....	12 60
Simeon Charles, 3 days, 7 hours.....	13 22

Gus. Smith, 2 days.....	7 00
Charlie Smith, 2 days.....	7 00
Silas Smith, 3 days.....	10 50
Simon Smith, 4 days.....	14 00
Perley Brown, 5 days.....	17 50
Corydon Smith, 2 days.....	7 00
Irving Smith, 2 days with truck.....	20 00
Herbert Andrews, '1 d., 4 hrs., with horses, 29 load of gravel.....	14 46
Albert Hurd, 2 hours.....	78
Herbert Emerson, 1 d., self, 1-2 d. horses, 750 ft. bridge stringers.....	19 00
E. L. McKeen, 11 1-2 days self, 13 days horses ...	97 25
W. P. McKeen, 9 days, 5 hours.....	33 45
Virgil Smith, 37 loads of gravel.....	5 55
Farrington & Webb, 2,410 ft. bridge plank; 1,250 ft. stringers; \$1.00 for siding stringers.....	84 48
Herbert Emerson, 7 hours with horses.....	5 44
A. E. Watson, labor.....	31 00
F. P. Bickford, wire, staples, spikes and oil.....	5 78
H. L. Hutchins, tools and dynamite.....	31 70
L. H. Eastman, labor repairing roller.....	2 00
W. P. McKeen, 1-2 day.....	1 75
E. L. McKeen, 1 day with horses, 2 1-2 days, self	19 25
Corydon Smith, 3 days cutting bushes.....	10 50
Silas Smith, 3 days cutting bushes.....	10 50
Gus Smith, 2 days cutting bushes.....	7 00
William Sanborn, 3 1-2 days cutting bushes.....	12 25
Samuel Kimball, 4 days cutting bushes.....	14 00
Perley Brown, 4 days cutting bushes.....	14 00
Simon Smith, 1-2 day cutting bushes.....	1 75
E. L. McKeen, 3 1-2 days cutting bushes, \$5.00 paid for yokes for bridge.....	20 75
H. L. Hutchins, bolts and oil for roller.....	3 60
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Total expended.....	\$1,161 76
Raised by town.....	\$1,000 00
Federal tax money.....	100 00
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	\$1,100 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$61 76

## MONEY EXPENDED ON STATE AID ROAD

Charlie Smith, 25 hours .....	\$ 9 72
Corydon Smith, 25 hours .....	9 72
New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert 12 in. by 46 ft. ....	56 35
Perley Brown, 17 hours.....	6 61
Albert Hurd, 47 hours .....	18 27
Lawrence Eastman, 10 hours with truck.....	11 11
Fred Eastman, 76 hours.....	29 55
Silas Smith, 49 1-2 hours.....	19 25
Charlie Smith, 42 hours.....	16 33
Corydon Smith, 49 hours.....	19 65
Irving Smith, 13 1-2 hours with truck.....	15 00
Gus Smith, 18 hours.....	7 00
Simon Smith, 18 hours.....	7 00
Simeon Charles, 61 hours.....	23 72
Herbert Emerson, 67½ hours self, 49 hrs., horses	45 30
John Eastman, 49½ hours .....	19 25
Herman Heald, 24 hours, with truck.....	26 66
Albert Hurd, 18 hours .....	7 00
Perley Brown, 7 hours.....	2 72
Herbert Emerson, 35 loads of gravel.....	5 25
E. L. McKeen, 85 hours, self; 7 hrs. horses.....	45 22
Samuel Kimball, 41 hours .....	15 95
Gus Smith, 41 hours .....	15 95
Silas Smith, 39 hours .....	15 17
William Sanborn, 48 hours .....	18 67
Perley Brown, 48 hours .....	18 67
Herman Heald, 36 hours with truck.....	40 00
Charlie Smith, 36 hours .....	14 00
Gus Smith, 36 hours .....	14 00
Silas Smith, 27 hours.....	10 50
F. L. Batchelder .....	22 04
Irving Smith .....	27 96
Perley Brown, 55½ hours.....	21 58
Samuel Kimball, 72 hours .....	28 00
Corydon Smith, 84 hours .....	32 67
Robert York, 58½ hours.....	22 75
Donald Chandler, 76½ hours .....	29 75
Gus Smith, 45 hours .....	17 50
Charlie Smith, 45 hours .....	17 50
Robert York, 9 hours .....	3 50



W. B. Hurd, sharpening tools .....	13 25	
Herman Heald, 99 hours with truck.....	110 00	
Ned Bryant, 312 loads of gravel.....	46 80	
William Sanborn, 45 hours .....	17 50	
Samuel Kimball, 13 1-2 hours .....	5 25	
Silas Smith, 13½ hours .....	5 25	
Corydon Smith, 27 hours .....	10 50	
Gus Smith, 9 hours .....	3 50	
Everett Day, 117 hours .....	45 50	
William Sanborn, 4 1-2 hours .....	1 75	
Perley Brown, 27 hours .....	10 50	
E. L. McKeen, 99 hours, self and horses.....	88 00	
E. L. McKeen, 52 1-2 hours, self; 48 hrs., horses	44 92	
W. H. Walker, 76 loads of gravel.....	11 40	
W. H. Walker, 125 loads of gravel.....	18 75	
Loren Andrews, 36 hours .....	14 00	
H. L. Hutchins, 12 lbs. dynamite, 1-2 roll fuse..	5 34	
H. L. Hutchins, 40 lbs. dynamite, 1 box caps, 1 roll fuse .....	20 30	
Seth Harriman, sharpening picks .....	2 50	
Seth Harriman, 27 hours.....	10 50	
Louville Emerson, 54 hours .....	21 00	
John Eastman, 36 hours .....	14 00	
Herbert Emerson, 104 1-2 hours, self; 115 1-2 hrs., horses .....	85 57	
Roger Emerson, 18 hours with truck.....	20 00	
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Total expended .....		\$1,412 32
Amount raised by town .....	\$ 300 00	
Paid by State .....	1,112 32	
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		\$1,412 32

## MONEY EXPENDED ON THIRD CLASS ROAD

New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts, 12 in. by 28 feet .....	\$ 68 60	
Samuel Kimball, 40 1-2 hours .....	15 75	
Silas Smith, 40 1-2 hours .....	15 75	
William Sanborn, 22 1-2 hours .....	8 75	
Gus Smith, 27 hours .....	10 50	
Corydon Smith, 36 hours .....	14 00	
Charlie Smith, 45 hours .....	17 50	
Gus Smith, 9 hours .....	3 50	

Herman Heald, 24 1-2 hours with truck.....	27 22
Loren Andrews, 56 hours .....	21 78
Perley Brown, 85 1-2 hours.....	33 25
William Sanborn, 49 1-2 hours.....	19 25
Corydon Smith, 43 hours .....	16 72
Charlie Smith, 43 hours.....	16 72
Gus Smith, 34 hours .....	13 22
Simon Smith, 70 hours .....	27 22
Herman Heald, 43 hours with truck.....	47 78
Samuel Kimball, 36 hours .....	14 00
Silas Smith, 18 hours .....	7 00
Everett Day, 36 hours .....	14 00
Albert Graves, 29 1-2 hours with truck.....	32 78
Aubrey Graves, 9 hours with truck.....	10 00
Everett Day, 18 hours .....	7 00
Roger Emerson, 2 hours with truck.....	2 22
Herbert Emerson, 54 hours, self and horses....	42 00
H. L. Hutchins, 55 ft. fuse, 30 caps, 29 lbs. dynamite .....	12 43
R. I. Thompson, 83 loads of gravel .....	12 45
E. L. McKeen, 48 1-2 hours, self; 67 1-2 hrs. horses .....	65 50
W. H. Walker, 69 loads of gravel .....	10 35
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Total expended .....	\$607 24
Paid by state.....	\$607 24

## RESURFACING THIRD CLASS ROAD

Herman Heald, 1 day, 7 hours, with truck.....	\$ 17 84
Charlie Smith, 1 day, 7 hours .....	6 23
Corydon Smith, 1 day, 7 hours .....	6 23
Samuel Damon, 3 days, 7 hours, with truck ....	37 84
Perley Brown, 1 day, 7 hours .....	6 23
Lawrence Eastman, 2 days, with truck.....	20 00
Fred Eastman, 1 1-2 days .....	5 25
E. L. McKeen, 1 day .....	4 50
W. P. McKeen, 1 day, 7 hours .....	6 23
W. H. Walker, 102 loads of gravel .....	15 30
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Total expended .....	\$125 65
Amount raised by town .....	100 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 25 65

## CUTTING BUSHES ON STATE AID ROAD

Gus Smith, 3 days .....	\$ 10 50
Alfred Sampson, 8 hours .....	3 12
Silas Smith, 2 days, 3 1-2 hours.....	8 36
Gus Smith, 1 day, 5 1-2 hours.....	5 64
Perley Brown, 4 days, 3 1-2 hours .....	15 36
Corydon Smith, 4 days, 5 1-2 hours .....	16 14
Charlie Smith, 1 day, 1 hour.....	3 89
William Sanborn, 1 day, 5 1-2 hours.....	5 64
Samuel Kimball, 3 days, 5 1-2 hours.....	12 64
Simon Smith, 1 day, 1 hour .....	3 89
E. L. McKeen, 4 days, 5 1-2 hours .....	20 75
Albert Wiley, 2 1-2 days .....	8 75
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Total expended .....	\$114 68
Amount raised by town .....	100 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$ 14 68

## MONEY EXPENDED ON DEL WATSON ROAD

Herman Heald, 2 days with truck.....	\$ 20 00
Charlie Smith, 2 days .....	7 00
Corydon Smith, 2 days .....	7 00
Samuel Damon, 2 days with truck.....	20 00
Perley Brown, 2 days .....	7 00
Lawrence Eastman, 2 days with truck.....	20 00
Ned Bryant, 78 loads of gravel.....	11 70
Simeon Charles, 2 days .....	7 00
E. L. McKeen, 2 days .....	9 00
W. P. McKeen, 2 days .....	7 00
Corydon Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
Silas Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
Gus Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
William Sanborn, 1 day .....	3 50
Samuel Kimball, 1 day .....	3 50
Perley Brown, 1 day .....	3 50
E. L. McKeen, 1 day .....	4 50
Herman Heald, 1 day with truck .....	10 00
Albert Graves, 1 day with truck.....	10 00
Irving Smith, 1 day with truck.....	10 00

Roger Emerson, 1 day with truck.....	10 00
W. P. McKeen, 1 day .....	3 50
W. H. Walker, 39 loads of gravel .....	5 85
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Total expended .....	\$190 55
Amount raised by town .....	.200 00
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Unexpended .....	\$ 9 45

#### CUTTING BUSHES ON NEW ROAD AND THIRD CLASS

Corydon Smith, 1 day .....	\$ 3 50
Silas Smith, 1-2 day .....	1 75
Gus Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
Charlie Smith, 1-2 day .....	1 75
William Sanborn, 1 day .....	3 50
Samuel Kimball, 1 day .....	3 50
Perley Brown, 1 day .....	3 50
Simon Smith, 1 day .....	3 50
E. L. McKeen, 1 day .....	4 50
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Total expended .....	\$ 29 00

#### SNOW BILLS FOR 1929

Town of Chatham, 3 trips with snow plow .....	\$150 00
Herbert Andrews, 2 trips breaking road at Shell Pond .....	5 00
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Total .....	\$155 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN L. McKEEN, Road Commissioner.

# Treasurer's Report

Dr.

1928

Feb.	1	Balance in treasury .....	\$ 906 19
	1	From State hedgehog bounty.....	26 75
Apr.	2	Loan, Fidelity Trust Co.....	970 00
June	2	Loan, Fidelity Trust Co.....	970 00
	3	Dog license .....	18 00
July	19	Loan, Fidelity Trust Co.....	970 00
Sept.	20	Federal Land Tax.....	100 00
Oct.	10	Loan, Fidelity Trust Co.....	985 00
		Interest on bonds .....	8 50
Received from State, damage to animals.....			24 00
		Highway Department ..	25 00
		Highway Department ..	607 17
		Improved State road... 1,112 32	1,112 32
		Dog license refunded..	6 89
		School Fund .....	665 09
		Pine Blister Rust .....	25 34
		County and town tax.. 7,977 22	7,977 22
			\$15,397 47

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Feb.	1, 1929	Paid town orders to date....	\$14,307 89
		Balance in treasury.....	1,089 58
			\$15,397 47

FRANK P. BICKFORD, Treasurer.

# 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, 1929:

## BIRTHS

1928:

Feb. 17, to the wife of Thomas Smith, a son, Bernard Henry.

June 3, to the wife of Sam W. Kimball, a son, Ernest.

June 8, to the wife of Charles E. Harmon, a daughter, Dorothy June.

June 22, to the wife of Fred Eastman, a daughter, Louise.

June 28, to the wife of Ellsworth Kimball, a son.

July 10, to the wife of Edward Hodsdon, a daughter, Natalie Amber

Aug. 1, to the wife of Albert W. Hurd, a daughter, Hester Alberta.

1929:

Jan. 5, to the wife of Charles E. Smith, a son, Elmer Edward.

Jan. 22, to the wife of Frank Day, a daughter, Iris Marie.

## DEATHS

1928:

March 9, Merle Erville Fernald, at Stow, age 3 months, 22 days.

June 3, Ernest Kimball, at Stow, age 7 hours.

June 7, Benj. Franklin Guptill, at Stow, 88 years, 3 months, 26 days.

Dec. 28, Olden P. Charles, at Stow, age 84 years, 10 months, 15 days.

1929:

Jan. 22, Iris Marie Day, at Stow, age 2 hours.

Jan. 24, Georgia A. Day, at Stow, age 26 years, 6 days.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. EMERSON, Clerk.

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 RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

## AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED AT

## TOWN MEETING, 1929

Common schools.....	\$1,280 00	
School Books.....	60 00	
High school.....	450 00	
Repair of schoolhouses.....		
		\$1,790 00
Roads and bridges.....	\$800 00	
State aid.....	300 00	
Maintenance .....	250 00	
Maintenance and 3rd class roads.....	50 00	
Cutting bushes on state aid road.....	100 00	
		\$1,500 00
Town charges.....	\$400 00	
Support of poor.....	100 00	
White pine blister rust.....	25 00	
Memorial Day.....	5 00	
Overdrawn bills.....	350 00	
H. S. Emerson, note.....	400 00	
		\$1,280 00
		\$4,570 00

H. S. EMERSON,  
 F. P. BICKFORD,  
 M. M. EASTMAN,

Budget Committee.

# School Department

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 8, 1929

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### Resources

Balance, Feb. 8, 1928.....	\$ 105 77	
Appropriation .....	1,500 00	
State of Maine, school fund.....	665 09	
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		\$2,270 86

#### Disbursements

Teachers .....	\$1,537 00	
Fuel .....	68 00	
Janitors .....	38 00	
Conveyance .....	599 90	
Tuition .....	186 40	
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		\$2,449 30
Overdrawn .....		178 44
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		\$2,270 86

### COMMON SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS ITEMIZED

Teachers:		
Josephine Lesso.....	\$837 00	
Manley Grant, Jr.....	360 00	
Robert J. Snell.....	360 00	
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		\$1,557 00



**Fuel:**

Everett Day.....	\$33 00	
Simon Smith.....	32 00	
L. A. Stevens.....	3 00	
		\$68 00

**Janitors:**

Frank Charles.....	\$11 00	
Van Hodsdon.....	27 00	
		\$38 00

**Conveyance:**

W. M. Sanborn.....	\$52 70	
Maud Eastman.....	88 20	
A. E. Watson.....	120 00	
A. G. Hall.....	279 00	
Herbert Andrews.....	60 00	
		\$599 90

**Tuition:**

Town of Chatham.....	\$170 00	
Town of Fryeburg.....	16 40	
		\$186 40

**HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

**Resources**

Balance, Feb. 8, 1928.....	\$168 06	
Appropriation .....	350 00	
		\$518 06

**Disbursements**

Expended for tuition.....	\$400 00	
Balance on hand.....	118 06	
		\$518 06

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 HIGH SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS ITEMIZED

Town of Oxford.....	\$ 50 00	
Fryeburg Academy.....	350 00	
		<u>\$400 00</u>

## TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

## Resources

Appropriation .....	\$125 00
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## Disbursements

Expended .....	\$72 06	
Overdraft, 1927.....	12 03	
		<u>\$84 09</u>
Balance on hand.....	40 91	
		<u>\$125 00</u>

## Text book disbursements itemized:

Newell White.....	\$ 1 20
American Book Co.....	4 92
Milton Bradley Co.....	1 09
Newell White.....	60
Houghton Mifflin Co.....	2 37
Ginn & Co.....	2 39
Edw. H. Quimby.....	6 00
Newell White.....	2 60
Chas. A. Snow.....	6 78
Milton Bradley Co.....	1 30
Edw. E. Babb & Co.....	28 50
Newell White.....	80
Ginn & Co.....	2 40
The Papercrafters Inc.....	1 26
The MacMillan Co.....	8 75
Chas. A. Snow.....	1 10
	<u>\$72 06</u>

\$72 06

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

## Resources

Balance, Feb. 8, 1928.....	\$ 9 74
Appropriation .....	250 00

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\$259 74

## Disbursements

Expended .....	\$211 47
Balance on hand.....	48 27

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\$259 74

## Repair disbursements itemized:

H. L. Hutchins.....	\$10 62
J. L. Hammett Co.....	28 50
Hutchins Cash Store.....	38 39
Chesley L. Cotton.....	3 00
S. B. Harriman.....	44 50
Everett Day.....	26 25
Simon Smith.....	7 00
S. B. Harriman.....	20 40
Hutchins' Cash Store.....	7 26
L. A. Stevens.....	6 40
Cinnie Fernald.....	6 00
Carrie Smith.....	5 00
Elmer Brackett.....	2 25
Hutchins & Webb.....	3 25
Elmer Brackett.....	85
F. P. Bickford.....	1 80

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\$211 47

## SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Account	Resources	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrawn
Common school.....	\$2,270 86	\$2,449 30		\$178 44
High school.....	518 06	400 00	\$118 06	
Text book.....	125 00	84 09	40 91	
Repair .....	259 74	211 47	48 27	
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	\$3,173 66	\$3,144 86	\$207 24	\$178 44
Net balance on hand, \$28.80.				

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the following amounts for school purposes be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Common school account.....	\$1,280 00	
High school account.....	450 00	
Text book account.....	60 00	
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		\$1,790 00

This amount is \$435.00 less than was appropriated last year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA HARRIMAN,  
F. P. BICKFORD,  
REBECCA McKEEN,

Committee.

CHAS. 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 sixth annual report of the progress, condition and needs of the schools of the Town of Stow.

Schools opened September 10, 1928 with the following teachers in charge.

Union Hill, Robert J. Snell, Madison, Maine

Village, Josephine J. Leso, Denmark.

For information as to salaries, enrollment etc., you are referred to the appended tabulations.

Miss Leso, graduate of the Western Maine Normal School at Gorham is continuing her good work for us. Although her school is small, yet it is one of the best schools in this school union. The question of discipline does not enter here. No need appears to make it necessary to refer to the matter of behavior among the pupils. The school is fairly well equipped with material for instruction. A new set of maps is needed.

This year Miss Leso is offering instruction in Sewing and Music. She does this of her own accord. No time is taken from the assigned school work for this purpose. The prescribed course of study is being followed and all pupils appear to be making satisfactory progress. Three pupils are taking advantage of studies in the ninth grade which opportunity has been offered for the last three years. Ninth grade pupils will not receive another diploma but in all other respects they are under exactly the same regulations as are other pupils. We believe we do well in offering this extra work and we believe that the pupils can profit by the time and effort expended.

The Union Hill school is now the larger of the two schools. On account of the distance from a boarding place it has been necessary to secure a man for this school. This policy has been followed for the last three years. The school is progressing well, is well equipped and the building is in good condition. Mr. Snell is a careful and interesting instructor and seems to have the good-will and interest of

his pupils. No instance of misbehavior is ever heard of in this school. The curriculum is being closely followed. Pupils who have attended this school have been and are doing satisfactory work at Fryeburg Academy.

Both schools, like many others of late have been disturbed and suspended for a time on account of the prevailing sickness. This lost time will be made up.

Last June the village school presented an excellent closing day exercise and graduation. The parts were well given and well received, the decorations were beautiful and the audience large and appreciative. Diplomas were granted and the Tinker prizes were awarded as they were also in the Union Hill school. These prizes, referred to in my last report are offered again this year.

### TEXT BOOKS

I understand that information is asked about expenses for text books, we gladly offer it. The Text Book Account is the account from which we purchase not only text books but all supplies of paper, chalk, erasers, maps, etc. In fact all supply expenditures for equipment other than expenditures for repairs are taken from this account. Thus it will be seen, that although we call it the text book account for convenience, it actually covers much more than text books.

It has been mentioned that we have many books on hand which are not in use. Some of the books at the village building are books which were used by those taking secondary school work a few years ago. The greater part of them however are elementary text books and nearly all are used at intervals during the year or on different years. We are now able to read through several readers in a school year. This is contrary to the old custom of reading the same book over and over again by the same grade. This necessitates several sets of readers for the several grades. The work in geography covers four years in four grades. Therefore four sets of properly graded geographies are necessary. We study history for four years, arithmetic for eight or nine years, English for five or six years, and so on. It may be seen that at any one time there will be books not in use at the instant but which will be needed as the grades progress.

The average life of a text book, when we consider the elementary course of eight years, is about four years. Books in the hands of small children will not last four years. Generally speaking we need

to expect to renew one fourth of our text books each year in order to replace those worn out beyond profitable use.

### REPAIRS

This year we took the stove from the Emerson school building and set it up in the Union Hill building. By the expenditure of about \$28.00 we fixed up the stable on the Union Hill lot and made it into a camp for the benefit of Mr. Snell who lived in it during the fall term and will probably return to it during the spring term. The furnishings were loaned by his friends in the neighborhood. This expense was slight and was necessary. To such lengths does the rural school teacher sometimes have to go for accommodations.

The bushes on each side of the Union Hill school yard were cut away in order to give a better view of the highway in both directions. This was done so that in some measure, the danger from automobile accidents in connection with pupils might be made less.

New blackboards were installed in the Union Hill building and the building was painted outside and inside.

The village building should be painted outside. New seats and desks would be a great improvement in both buildings. However, I advise that these matters be allowed to stand for a year at least. I should hope that during the summer of 1930 we might be able to paint the exterior of the village building.

We shall need some money for upkeep repairs but I advise that the balance in the repair account be used for the purpose and that no appropriation for repairs be made this year.

During the present year we have expended \$504.00 for conveyance and tuition for the pupils at Shell Pond. Part of this amount was outstanding at the close of the last fiscal year. These pupils have now removed from town and consequently the expense has ceased. The bills have been paid and an overdraft as expected stands before us. At the present time there are no conveyance routes in operation and none are in prospect. No aid from the State for conveyance at Shell Pond was received for the fiscal year just closing. The pupils had ceased to be considered as temporary residents.

It is my great hope that this year we may not be called upon for unusual and unexpected expenses to the end that we may recoup to some extent and that the burden of taxation may be lightened and controlled. The schools should be the last to suffer from the lack of funds but Education is willing and ready to take its share of curtailment

for the benefit of the people. The School Department looks with favor upon the effort of the town to establish a fair budget and stands ready to cooperate.

Retrenchment this year will be made wherever possible, bearing in mind that this retrenchment should not operate to reduce the salaries of competent and faithful teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. SNOW, Supt. of Schools.

### TABULATIONS

#### Winter Term, 1928

School	Teacher	Weeks	Weekly Salary	No. Reg.	Av. Att.
Union Hill	Manley Grant, Jr. ....	11	\$20 00	16	11.8
Village	Josephine Leso .....	12	22 50	12	9.06
Aggregate .....			\$42 50	28	20.86
Average .....			\$21 25	14	10.43

#### Spring Term, 1928

Union Hill	Manley Grant, Jr. ....	11	\$20 00	14	12.7
Village	Josephine Leso .....	10	22 50	12	8.69
Aggregate .....			\$42 50	26	21.39
Average .....			\$21 25	13	10.69

#### Fall Term, 1928

Union Hill	Robert J. Snell .....	14	\$20 00	17	14.07
Village	Josephine Leso .....	14	24 00	13	8.7
Aggregate .....			\$44 00	30	22.77
Average .....			\$22 00	15	11.38

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term began Sept. 10, 1928, closed Dec. 14, 1928, 14 weeks.

Winter Term began Dec. 31, 1928, closes Mar. 15, 1929, 11 weeks.

Spring Term begins Apr. 1, 1929, closes June 14, 1929, 11 weeks.

Some time having been lost at the village school will necessitate extending the closing date of the winter term to March 22. The time lost at Union Hill will be made up by extra school sessions. We are now short two days in that school.



## ENROLLMENT

## UNION HILL

Grade I	7
Grade II	0
Grade III	1
Grade IV	4
Grade V	1
Grade VI	2
Grade VII	0
Grade VIII	1
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Total	.....16

## VILLAGE

Grade I	1
Grade II	1
Grade III	2
Grade IV	3
Grade V	0
Grade VI	1
Grade VII	1
Grade VIII	0
Grade IX	3
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Total	.....12

One pupil entered Grade IX at Union Hill but did not remain in school.

## Enrollment by grades:

Grade I	8
Grade II	1
Grade III	3
Grade IV	7
Grade V	1
Grade VI	3
Grade VII	1
Grade VIII	1
Grade IX	3
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Total .....28 gain or 2 over last year

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Total enrollment in and from Stow:

Stow Elementary	28
North Chatham	2
Oxford High	1
Fryeburg Academy	4
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Total .....	35 same as last year

Since the count was made the pupils attending the Eastman School in Chatham have removed from Stow. One from Union Hill has removed to Fryeburg.

School Census: Persons in town on April 1, 1928, from 5 to 21 years of age, Boys 25, Girls 31, Total 56, gain of nine over last year.