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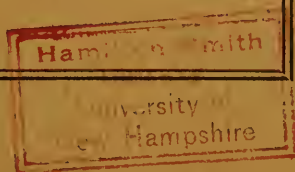
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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

GEORGE A. DUDLEY.

SELECTMEN.

JOHN C. BARTLETT, HORACE CAVERNO,
GRANVILLE B. THOMPSON.

TOWN CLERK.

FRED P. COMINGS.

TREASURER.

CHARLES A. WOODMAN.

TAX COLLECTOR.

FRED P. COMINGS.

SUPERVISORS.

ALBERT B. DUDLEY, HAROLD FERNALD,
CHARLES W. WOODMAN.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WALTER W. JONES, BENTON E. LAYNE,
FRED P. COMINGS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ALBERT T. LANE.

AUDITORS.

J. TRUE BARTLETT, ARTHUR J. THOMPSON.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Inventory of the Town of Lee for the Year 1914.

	No.	Valuation
Polls,	144	
Real estate,	12,703½	\$302,520 00
Horses,	161	23,110 00
Oxen,	12	1,120 00
Cows,	300	14,645 00
Neat stock,	57	1,575 00
Sheep,	89	460 00
Hogs,	4	60 00
Fowls,	1,284	1,030 00
Vehicles,	8	1,900 00
Portable mill,	1	600 00
Wood lumber,		9,395 00
Stocks in banks,		3,400 00
Money on hand,		9,775 00
Stock in trade,		2,250 00
Mills and factories,		11,500 00
Total valuation,		\$383,340 00
Soldiers exemption,		\$3,570 00

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1915.

Resident valuation,	\$319,020 00
Non-resident valuation,	64,320 00
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Total valuation,	\$383,340 00
Soldiers exemption,	3,570 00
Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.60.	
Tax assessed for all purposes,	\$6,364 32

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS.

State tax,	\$ 912 00
County tax,	860 22
School tax, by law,	855 00
Raised extra,	500 00
Medical inspection,	20 00
High school,	300 00
Books and supplies,	125 00
Officials' salaries,	70 00
Highway,	956 85
State road,	619 50
State road maintenance,	75 00
Library,	34 20
Town charges,	1,000 00

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Overlay,	36 55	
		\$6,364 32
Less poll tax,		288 00
Total amount,		\$6,076 32
Abatement of school tax paid in Durham and Newmarket,		\$79 77

SCHOOL MONEY.

School money according to law,	\$855 50	
School money, extra,	500 00	
High school tuition,	300 00	
Books and supplies,	125 00	
Flags,	10 00	
Medical inspection,	30 00	
Salary of district officers,	70 00	
Dog license,	57 00	
Literary fund,	48 96	
Half superintendent's salary,	150 00	
		\$2,146 46

HIGHWAYS.

C. H. Allen,	\$102 33	
J. H. Currier,	255 25	
C. W. Woodman,	129 32	
C. H. Allen,	193 35	
C. H. Allen,	38 00	
C. W. Woodman,	7 40	
J. H. Currier,	35 61	
		\$761 26

BRIDGES.

Paid J. Piper, bridge stringers and rail,		\$ 8 00
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Cocheco Pacific Mills Co.,		
stringers,	8 52	
John McCrillis, bridge plank,	24 86	
John McCrillis, bridge plank,	16 64	
C. W. Woodman, labor,	35 26	
Cocheco Pacific Mills Co.,		
stringers,	24 00	
Fernald Bros., bridge plank,	108 27	
Wm. Plumer, spikes,	54	
	<hr/>	\$226 09

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid G. B. Thompson, one tramp,	\$ 1 00	
G. F. Stevens, board,	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$121 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

C. A. Fernald, board of G. A. Randall,	\$13 50	
" " " " " " " "	12 00	
" " " " " " " "	13 50	
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" " " " " " " "	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax,	\$912 00	
County tax,	860 22	
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STATE ROAD.

Paid Maurice Layne, on old bill,	\$936 26
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G. B. THOMPSON IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF LEE.

Received of town,		\$1,703 90
Paid G. B. Thompson,	\$203 48	
D. L. Burleigh,	75 05	
Fred Smith,	89 11	
Daniel Fernald,	116 09	
Clarence Fernald,	41 88	
James Rollins,	81 88	
Frank I. Caldwell,	48 88	
Wm. Carpenter,	69 76	
Geo. A. Bennett,	84 88	
B. Whitum,	36 00	
John Durkee,	23 76	
Robert Thompson,	76 30	
F. P. Mitchell,	117 43	
Almon Merrill,	19 76	
Joe King,	83 12	
Ellsworth Garrity,	8 00	
John Currier,	145 75	
Jesse Smith,	101 25	
C. L. Fernald,	234 00	
Geo. Menter,	20 76	
Vidal Magnon,	26 76	

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Maurice Layne, gravel,	\$ 1 70	
H. F. Caverno,	17 10	
" "	28 50	
" "	50 33	
" "	31 75	
P. L. Harvey, gravel,	4 40	
W. D. Smith, cutting bushes,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 78

CULVERTS.

Paid N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	\$17 22	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	42 25	
C. A. Piper, freight and haul- ing,	1 45	
Staples Bros., cement,	24 00	
H. F. Caverno,	24 00	
H. F. Caverno,	36 76	
	<hr/>	\$145 68

SNOW BILL.

Paid John Clark,	\$ 85	
Chas. A. Davis,	85	
Frank Burleigh,	1 61	
Daniel Burleigh,	1 61	
C. L. Fernald,	3 30	
J. H. Currier,	114 85	
C. W. Woodman,	72 40	
C. H. Allen,	47 29	
R. H. Thompson,	85	
	<hr/>	\$243 61

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid J. True Bartlett, killing 2 mad dogs,	\$5 00	
J. True Bartlett, loss of dog,	5 00	
Benton E. Layne, 3 sheep killed,	15 00	
Willis Fernald, 7 sheep killed	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00

LIBRARY.

Fred P. Comings, treasurer,	\$34 20
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Newmarket Nat. Bank, interest on \$1,000,	\$30 00	
C. W. Woodman, ballot clerk,	2 00	
Frank I. Caldwell, supervisor,	15 00	
W. D. Smith, ballot clerk (twice),	4 00	
G. C. Smith, gate keeper (twice)	4 00	
S. P. D. Lane, librarian,	25 00	
C. W. Woodman, ballot clerk,	2 00	
C. A. Woodman, services as treasurer,	20 00	
C. P. Stimpson, gate keeper (twice),	4 00	
G. A. Dudley, moderator (4 times),	8 00	
F. P. Comings, tax collector,	40 00	
F. P. Comings, clerk,	20 00	
F. P. Comings, health officer,	10 00	
Albert B. Dudley, supervisor,	6 00	
G. B. Thompson, selectman,	32 00	
J. C. Bartlett, “	32 00	
H. F. Caverno, “	32 00	
	<hr/>	\$286 00
Ernest Menter, janitor,		15 00
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		\$301 00

ABATEMENTS.

J. Webb, overtaxed,	\$ 7 64	
Geo. Foot, left town 1913.	1 20	
J. C. Pickett, overtaxed,	3 20	
F. R. Dearborn, school tax paid in Durham,	20 09	
	<hr/>	\$32 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. D. Wiggin, dinners for selectmen,	\$ 4 00
F. H. Pinkham, envelopes and printing,	3 50
E. C. Eastman, tax bills,	4 37
C. A. Fernald, flags for soldiers' graves,	5 00
Marshall Press Co., printing reports,	31 50
E. C. Eastman, receipt book,	79
Geo. Towle, M. D., disinfecting at H. Davis',	4 00
M. E. Thompson, dinner for election officers,	4 00
A. E. Grant, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	1 00
A. E. Grant, M. D., disinfecting at E. Menter's,	5 00
Johnson Sign Shop, line and name boards,	3 00
One-third expenses boundary stone and labor,	13 60
C. L. Jenness, hardware,	7 67
J. H. Griffin, hardware,	17 24
M. N. Layne, gravel bank,	50 00
Edwin York, lumber,	21 62
D. Chesley & Co., dynamite, fuse and caps,	7 50
G. B. Thompson, building election booths,	5 00
G. H. Towle, M. D., medical attendance at H. Davis',	18 00
J. B. Walker, supplies for H. Davis,	9 72
J. B. Walker, supplies for town,	16 81

F. P. Comings, stamps and stationery,	14 00	
P. B. Lang, drills and sharpening,	3 95	
	<hr/>	\$251 27
F. P. Comings, recording birth and deaths,		8 75
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		\$260 02
J. T. Bartlett,		2 00
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		\$262 02

RECAPITULATION.

School money,	\$2,146 46	
Highways,	761 26	
Bridges,	226 09	
Town paupers,	121 00	
County paupers,	78 00	
State and county tax,	1,772 22	
State roads,	2,640 16	
State road maintenance,	135 78	
Culverts,	145 68	
Snow bill,	243 61	
Damage by dogs,	60 00	
Library,	34 20	
General expenses,	301 00	
Abatements,	32 13	
Miscellaneous,	262 02	
	<hr/>	\$8,959 61

J. C. BARTLETT,
H. T. CAVERNO,
G. B. THOMPSON,

A. J. THOMPSON, Auditor. Selectmen of Lee,

TRUST FUNDS.

HELD BY TOWN OF LEE.

Old Parish Cemetery Fund, deposited in Strafford Savings bank (contributed by David Bartlett and others), interest to be used for the perpetual care of Old Parish Cemetery,	\$372 02
Interest,	19 87
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	\$391 89
To repair fence,	12 00
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On deposit,	\$379 89
Thomas M. Thompson Trust Fund, contribut- ed by Steven M. Thompson for care of Thomas M. Thompson lot,	\$100 00
Nathaniel G. Davis Trust Fund, contributed by Thomas J. and Rhoda Davis for care of Nathaniel G. Davis burying ground,	\$150 00

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNT.

Chas. W. Woodman in account with Town of Lee.

Received from town for labor on highway,		\$171 98
Paid Earl Cate,	\$14 01	
F. I. Caldwell,	18 00	
T. Clay,	7 00	
L. Langmaid,	6 63	
N. Snell,	12 00	
A. McRae,	12 00	
L. Sawyer,	5 85	
W. Sawyer,	5 65	
C. Fernald,	14 88	
W. Sherburne,	2 00	
L. Wiggin,	50	
Geo. James,	6 00	
Geo. Stimpson,	10 50	
Bert. Stimpson,	3 50	
C. W. Woodman,	53 46	
	<hr/>	\$171 98

C. H. Allen in account with Town of Lee.

Received of town for labor on highway,		\$333 68
Paid C. H. Allen,	\$78 95	
C. A. Piper,	6 50	
John Brown,	13 00	
Will Lee,	2 20	

J. H. Smith,	51 05	
D. H. Hill,	48 25	
Joe King,	16 63	
F. L. Allen,	22 95	
Henry Small,	17 50	
Harry Parker,	3 50	
James Rollins,	10 50	
B. Whitum,	10 50	
Wm. Dodge,	11 20	
Frank Mitchell,	3 50	
John Piper,	14 75	
Orin Pinneo,	5 25	
Benj. Lang,	5 25	
Leon Dame,	3 50	
J. True Bartlett,	8 20	
Sharpening drills,	50	
		\$333 68

John Currier in account with Town of Lee.

Received of town for labor on highway,		\$290 86
Paid John Currier,	\$96 56	
" " gravel,	7 10	
" " repairs on road		
machine,	3 06	
John Currier, tiles for drain,	2 25	
Wm. Carpenter,	22 50	
Geo. Bennett,	18 00	
Chester Ellison,	11 25	
C. L. Fernald,	9 00	
W. Burleigh,	25 79	
Walter Smith,	22 30	
Sargent Smith,	4 38	

Grover Smith,	22 56
Robert Thompson,	98
Daniel Burleigh,	1 56
Frank Burleigh,	1 56
Eugene Foster,	6 62
Lewis Cate,	5 25
Ellsworth Garrity,	3 50
Daniel Fernald,	4 87
C. G. Fernald,	4 87
Vidal Magnon,	1 75
Fred Smith,	1 75
Eugene Moore, gravel,	6 50
Frank Dearborn, gravel,	4 90
Charles Langmaid, gravel,	2 00
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	\$290 86

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1915.

Amount in treasury February 15, 1914,	\$ 338 32
Received from county, board Lee poor,	109 35
Received from state treasurer,	638 56
Received from highway depart- ment,	410 73
Received for rent of town hall,	1 00
Received from J. B. Walker, col- lector, balance of 1910, 1911 taxes,	438 65
Received from F. P. Comings, col- lector, balance on 1913 taxes,	1,063 66
Received from F. P. Comings, col- lector, 1914,	5,680 00
Received from G. B. Thompson for cement,	5 40
Received primary fees,	6 00
Received of W. H. Thompson, col- lector, 1912,	1 00
Received for dog licenses,	117 00
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	\$8,809 67

EXPENDITURES.

Orders paid,	\$8,064 06	
Balance on hand,	745 61	
	<u> </u>	\$8,809 67

A. J. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from F. P. Comings, collector,	\$443 84	
Cash on hand, February 15, 1915,	745 61	
	<u> </u>	\$1,189 45

LIABILITIES.

Due from sale of old schoolhouses,	\$48 00	
Balance, schoolhouse fund,	205 70	
	<u> </u>	\$253 70
Surplus,		<u>\$935 75</u>

CHARLES A. WOODMAN,
Treasurer,

A. J. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Open Saturday afternoons from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Whole number of books,	1,759
Added by purchase this year,	33
Added by gift,	24

Our thanks are due Mrs. Elizabeth Demeritt for her kindly remembrance of a box of juvenile books of the best sort of fiction for young people. Also to Moses Cartland's children for their usual donation.

State papers and other books of reference are not included in this list.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN P. D. LANE,
Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED 1914.

The Heart of the Forest,	R. Parrish
Overland Red,	Anon
Katrine,	E. M. Lane
Guinevere's Lover,	E. Glyn
The Heart of the Hills,	J. Fox, Jr.
The Fortunate Youth,	W. J. Locke
Rupert of Hentzau,	A. Hope
A Rose of Old Quebec,	A. H. Wharton
Quick Action,	R. W. Chambers

The Ramrodders,	H. Day
The Hidden Children,	R. W. Chambers
You Never Know Your Luck,	G. Parker
Prescott of Saskatchewan,	H. Bindloss
Partners,	M. Deland
Betty's Virginia Christmas,	M. E. Seawell
The Heart of Night Wind,	Virgie E. Roe
Little Eve Edgerton,	E. H. Abbott
Sunshine Jane,	A. Warner
The Hallowell Partnership,	K. H. Brown
Desert Gold,	Zane Grey
Joyce of the North Woods,	H. T. Comstock
Mary Pechell,	Mrs. B. Lowndes
Campus Days,	R. D. Paine
The Song of the Cardinal,	G. S. Porter
The Romance of a Plain Man,	E. Glasgow
The House of the Whispering Pines,	A. K. Green
Penrod,	Tarkington
Maria,	Von Hutton
The Red Emerald,	J. R. Scott
The Eyes of the World,	H. B. Wright
Saturday's Child,	K. Norris
History of Town of Durham,	
Vol. I, E. S. Stackpole,	Lucien Thompson
History of Town of Durham,	
Vol. II, E. S. Stackpole,	Lucien Thompson
A World of Girls,	L. T. Meade
Tales of Chivalry,	Selections from Walter Scott
Robin Redbreast,	Mrs. Molesworth
African Adventure and Adventurers,	G. T. Day, D. D.
Gipsey Breynton,	E. S. Phelps
Practical Talks by	Marion Harland
Nature Studies,	Mary E. Burt

The Ninety and Nine,	Elizabeth Chephane
Little Grandmother,	Sophie May
Stories for Children,	Jean Ingelow
Prudy Keeping House,	Sophie May
Wee Lucy,	Sophie May
Seaside and Wayside,	J. McN. Wright
Jesus Christ and the Social Question,	T. G. Peabody
Looking Glass House,	Lewis Carroll
Fun for the Household,	E. J. Gray
Cousin Grace,	Sophie May
Christie's Old Organ,	O. F. Walton
The Human Body and Its Health,	W. T. Smith
Ellen Linn.	
Mary Bell.	
Laura's Holiday,	H. Eliot
The Water-Babies,	Chas. Kinsley
Adventures of a Brownie,	Miss Mulock

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

LEE LIBRARY.

Amount on hand February 15, 1914,	\$30 64	
Received from a friend,	1 00	
Received from town,	34 20	
	<hr/>	\$65 64

EXPENDITURES.

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske Co., for books,	\$57 81	
For History of Durham,	5 00	
Cash on hand February 15, 1915,	2 83	
	<hr/>	\$65 64

F. P. COMINGS,
Treasurer.



Annual Report

OF THE

Board of Education

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1915.

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS.

Paid Carlotta Damren,	\$369 00	
Ada M. Perkins,	310 00	
Gertrude Pratt,	310 00	
Pauline Wilson,	40 00	
Mildred Steele,	36 00	
Ethel H. Durgin,	100 00	
Albert T. Lane, superintendent,	330 00	
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	\$78 62	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	2 93	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 92	
A. N. Palmer Co.,	2 50	
Ginn & Co.,	5 64	
Silver, Burdett Co.,	5 21	
Am. Book Co.,	96	
J. L. Hammond Co.,	14 39	
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HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Dover high school, tuition,	\$180 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. W. Rowles, desk, flag, etc.,	\$15 10
C. F. Ellison, wood,	11 00

Elliot Wellington, janitor,	3 50	
John Muttart, “	4 00	
Walter Caswell, “	3 45	
Harold Cilley, “	3 55	
E. E. Dame, wood,	2 00	
Urban Ricker, janitor,	7 00	
A. T. Lane, expense,	1 31	
G. A. Woodman, wood,	25 00	
James B. Walker, wood and store bill,	35 90	
B. E. Layne, freight,	3 32	
C. A. Woodman, treasurer,	5 00	
W. W. Jones, school board,	20 00	
B. E. Layne, “ “	20 00	
F. P. Comings, “ “	20 00	
Sumner Layne, janitor,	6 00	
C. E. N. Stackpole, cutting wood,	1 00	
Dr. F. Fernald, medical in- spection,	27 00	
American Express Co.,	3 39	
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W. W. JONES,
B. E. LAYNE,
F. P. COMINGS,

School Board.

A. J. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE
LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount in treasury February 15, 1914,	\$, 84 54	
Received from town,	2,146 46	
	—————	\$2,231 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders drawn by school board,	\$1,996 19	
Cash on hand February 15, 1915,	234 81	
	—————	\$2,231 00

CHARLES A. WOODMAN,
Treasurer.

A. J. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN
OF LEE, N. H.:

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as the superintendent of the schools in your town and the — in the series of superintendents' reports.

During the past year slow but steady and sure progress in the quality of work done in the three schools has been made. Constructive building has been the order and for the most part the rule. Some of the recommendations of last year's report have been realized; while others have not, there is no good reason why they cannot be carried out before long. The principal features of the year's work are: An increase of equipment to more satisfactorily meet the requirements of the Program of Studies for the Elementary Schools of New Hampshire; more attention given by the teachers to the subject of reading; the use of perception cards and charts to increase vocabularies in reading and speed in number processes; the improvement in the quality of handwriting; the purchase and the placing in position of new blackboards in the Center and South school rooms; the work performed in home gardens by the pupils of the South school; the commencement on a small scale of work in sewing in the North and South schools; the adoption of a new

plan to raise the standard of scholarship in spelling and to eventually put into form a speller containing words from the vocabularies of the pupils of the three schools; the increased efficiency in the three "R's" shown by the pupils of the lower grades; the improvement made in teaching of language by the employment of several devices to secure a better knowledge of punctuation, sentence structure, the correct use of words, letter-writing, social and business forms; a beginning made in the use of standardized tests to more accurately determine the results of methods of instruction; the correspondence of the upper grade pupils with pupils in other schools of this country and other English speaking countries. (Letters have been received by the pupils from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the Philippines, Scotland, London, England, Canada, Hawaii, as well as from various parts of the United States.) From funds acquired from entertainments given by the pupils of the Center school a pencil sharpener was purchased and is now in use.

From comparison of this and last year's attendance reports it will be seen that the percentage of average daily attendance for the town has increased from 83.22 per cent. to 87.65 per cent., a gain of 4.33 per cent., that the large number of cases of tardiness has decreased from 236 to 125, that the total enrolment has been 83 as compared with 61, although this gain was not permanent, that in place of one pupil on record as having been neither absent nor tardy for the year, this year's roll of honor contains six names.

The superintendent has sought to make the internal work of the school rooms more interesting and more business-like and the atmosphere more inviting and

more wholesome—better adjusted to meet the demands of the day and better suited to the needs of the individual pupils.

The personnel of the teaching force has remained the same until the beginning of this present term, when leave of absence was granted to Miss Perkins and her position supplied by Miss Mildred Steele, a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, 1914, and the resignation of Miss Pratt, who had for four years given satisfactory service at the Center school, was accepted and Miss Pauline Wilson, a graduate of the Provincial Normal school at Fredericton, N. B., was selected to fill the vacancy. The continuance in service of these teachers has added greatly to the progress of the school work and has made conditions more stable than in many rural towns where teachers are seldom retained longer than one term. This policy is one to be commended and should be continued. Last spring one of the teachers took the State Examinations for Teachers and having passed successfully now holds a State certificate. This is rendering a service to the community and should be recognized as such. All teachers who have not had normal training should endeavor in this way to prove their fitness for the positions they hold. The work in civics, music, nature study, and the teaching of patriotism mentioned in last year's report has been continued successfully. The teachers are urged to use every means possible to inspire in the pupils a deeply rooted love of and devotion to their country and to foster habits based on high ethical ideals and pure motives.

Among the greatest causes of loss and waste in school administration is poor attendance. Efforts have been made to reduce the number of absences. As re-

corded above, improvement has been made yet there is reason to believe that over ninety per cent. ought surely to be attained. Parents should see to it that children are in school, punctually there and regularly when physically able to attend. In point of punctuality there is much to be desired, in spite of the fact that the number of cases of tardiness has been one-half the number recorded for the previous year. This habit is most pernicious as it reacts upon the character—a habit that begets most all other bad habits—for the pupil has been acquiring the habit of shirking work and responsibility—the habit of idleness. Excuses for tardiness, for absence and for improperly learned lessons later become excuses for failure to meet life's problems. The parent who is constantly making these excuses for his child should not be at all surprised if he finds himself compelled to devise similar excuses for the boy's failure to realize true manhood or for the girl's lack of ability to face the sterner issues of life. Not only does the parent reap what he sows but the unfortunate boy or girl must pay the penalty of a lifetime spent in reaping the fruits of mistaken kindness.

Greater improvement in reading should be made during the coming year if the boys and the girls are to understand well their other branches of study. Parents could supplement the work of the school room by studying the methods employed by the teacher and by applying them when assisting the children. Home encouragement and home coöperation are the most powerful agencies in training for future citizenship.

A day given the teachers to spend in visiting schools where the best methods of teaching reading are employed and successful results are obtained would

materially help in the solution of the problem of good reading.

The rural school has admittedly many problems. It is only recently that much attention has been given to solving them. Heretofore the country school has followed in the main the standards of the city school, just as country life has too often been merely a complement of city life. The country school must be made complete in itself; the education it is to furnish should instill into country boys and country girls a love for their surroundings and for all that pertains to country life. The subject-matter taught in the rural school is too often foreign to the country child's world—the farm. Rational courses of study, the teaching of essentials, the elimination of the non-essential, the use of the practical and the concrete in school instruction, the relating of the instruction of the school room to the interests of the farmer's home and the farmer's daily activities are demanded by the twentieth-century country school. Such a school will teach the rural child how to live and how to do things, will develop a sympathy with the environment and will inculcate in the child's mind an understanding of nature and the workings of nature.

The realization that education does not consist solely of "book-learning," that there is a close connection between thought and execution, has become general. There has been shown great interest in this direction. General acceptance of the idea that the child's powers should be at work along the same constructive lines as those which have brought civilization into being has been proved by the adoption by schools of courses in agriculture, sewing, cooking and manual training. The

child has been given the chance to actually perform those fundamental types of activity which have made civilization what it is. Several of our neighboring towns have taken very definite steps in this direction. Without taking time from other lines of activity in our schools a small beginning has been made. During the spring and summer months nearly all the pupils in the South school have planted, cultivated and harvested garden products from home gardens. At school window boxes were used and some phases of elementary agriculture were taken up. In the North school likewise, window boxes were used as a means of instruction. In these two schools some sewing has been performed and portions of the course in nature study outlined in the Program of Studies for the Elementary Schools have been completed. In the Center school the number of grades represented in the room has made it impossible to do much of this work until more proficiency in the "three R's" has been attained. With an increase of power in the fundamental branches this work can be very profitably extended.

It is noted with no little satisfaction that during the year just ended almost twice as many visits as last year were made by citizens. Parents and citizens should be in closer touch with the work of the public schools, should learn their needs and offer helpful suggestions for the improvement of prevailing conditions. Last year the superintendent recommended an occasional meeting of the citizens and school teachers for the discussion of ways and means of school improvement. Loyal coöperation and intelligent united effort would soon bring results not at present considered possible.

I respectfully recommend that the Center school building be thoroughly repaired and renovated, that some disinfectant be used at least once a week in each school building, that perforated window boards or some better device be used to improve present ventilating facilities, that some steps be taken to make the interiors of the three school rooms more attractive and homelike and that effort be concentrated upon making our schools serve the interests and the needs of the town more completely than at present.

In closing I desire to thank the members of the Board for their thoughtful consideration and generous assistance, the citizens generally for the confidence that has been reposed in me, the teachers for their loyalty and coöperation. Such generous support will act on me as a spur to higher endeavor and more efficient service.

In compliance with the statutory requirements I recommend the following appropriations, omitting the usual one for flags and appurtenances as made unnecessary by the balance from the year just closed.

Books and supplies,	\$125 00
High school tuition,	\$300 00

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. LANE.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1914.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Total Enrolment.		Average Daily Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage Daily Attendance.	No. of Cases of Tardiness.	Pupils not Absent or Tardy.	No. Visits by Members School Board.	No. of Visits of Superintendent.	No. of Visits of Citizens.	
		Boys.	Girls.									
North	Ada Maude Perkins	19	7	12	15.64	13.93	89.06	3	4	5	30	69
Center	Gertrude Pratt	43	17	26	28.44	24.75	87.05	68	2	3	32	68
South	Carlotta Damren	21	13	8	12.51	10.87	86.91	54	0	3	29	35
Total		83	37	46	56.59	49.55	87.65	125	6	11	91	172

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy one session for the entire school year.

North:—Dexter W. Layne, Haven D. Layne, Helen I. Layne, Doris J. Layne.

Center:—Alice Dudley (2 years), Doris James.

Speed and accuracy tests in minimum essentials.

Addition, (9 schools represented):—Gertrude McKay and Helen Layne had fourth place in honor list, having, with no errors, performed in $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes a test paper which normally required $2\frac{3}{4}$ minutes for eighth grade, scoring a percentage of 110; Bernice McKay, 6th place, no errors, in $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, the normal time for sixth grade, percentage 100.

Subtraction, (7 schools represented):—Gertrude McKay held first place with no errors, time $3\frac{1}{4}$ minutes for a normal eighth grade time of $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, scoring 107 9-13 per cent.; Helen Layne won fourth place with no errors, time $3\frac{3}{4}$ minutes for a normal eighth grade time of $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, scoring 93 1-3 per cent.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LEE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Cond.			Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Males.	Females.	Living or Stillborn.						
Jan. 2	Lee, N. H.	Doris Hazel	M	F	L	1	W	Lee	No. Duxbury, Vt.	No. Faston, Vt.	
March 5	"	Louise Elizabeth	M	F	1	1	Lee	Leather Maker	Lee	Nottingham, N. H.	
June 6	"	Chesley F.	M	F	3	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Lee	
July 5	"	Whinston F.	M	F	1	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Malden, Mass.	
Aug. 24	"	Kenneth H.	M	F	1	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Amesbury, Mass.	
Sept. 8	"	Jacquelin	M	F	1	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Haverhill, Mass.	
Oct. 9	"	Herbert Leslie	M	F	2	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Wakefield, Mass.	
Dec. 3	"	Sara	M	F	6	1	Lee	Farmer	Lee	Union, N. H.	
											Newmarket, N. H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LEE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
May 24	Exeter	Woodruff Mason Carrie A. Bartlett	Lee Lee	37 37	w L	Chemist Teacher	New York Lee	Erskine Mason Catharine M. Knox Josiah True Bartlett Tryphena Cass	New York City New York City Lee Canada	Physician Housekeeper Farmer	1 1	Rev. Geo. H. Driver, Exeter, N. H.

* Whether single or widowed.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LEE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single or Married.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.			
Jan. 16	Lee	Mary Jane Wellington	18	9	8	Lynnfield, Ms.	F	W	M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Joseph Lamont	Mary E. Mahan	Cancer
Aug. 16	Lee	Florence Haynes Stimpson	11	5	22	Chicago, Ill.	F	M	M	Housewife	Canada	Salem, Mass.	True W. Langmaid	Ella A. Hussey	Nephritis
Nov. 26	Everett, Mass.	Irving G. Chesley	61	8	20	Newburyport, Mass.	M	M	M	Lumber	Canada	Newburyport, Mass.	Israel Chesley	Elizabeth Glass	Heart Disease
		Town for Burial.													
June 29	Newmarket	Sarah F. Colomy	71	6	1		F	W	W						Carcinoma of Uterus
July 3	La Fayette, Ind.	Lucy Chamberlain	74				F	M	M						Arterio Sclerosis
July 12	La Fayette, Ind.	Ivory J. Chamberlain	76	11	21		M	W	W						
July 14	S. Portland, Me.	Mary Josephine Brown	67				F	M	M						
Sept. 25	Epping	Alfred Stevenson	76		7		M	W	W						Acute Enteritis
Oct. 30	Newport, N. H.	James Buzzell	72				M	M	M						
Dec.	Sanford, Me.	Peace Demeritt	87				F	W	W						

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRED P. COMINGS, TOWNS CLERK.

