

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Town of Granville



Year Ending December 31, 1924

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We have sent to the Town Treasurer the following orders:

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Helena B. Womboldt	\$ 988.00
Lempie M. Kallio	769.50
Marion G. Seidemann	460.75
Mrs. Ernest Ripley	109.25
Catherine C. Clark	570.00
Ora I. Lees	1,340.00
Ethel T. Army	395.20
Helen L. Kennedy	380.00
Ruth Foster	494.00
Teachers' Retirement	219.30

\$ 5,726.00

SUPERINTENDENT

Wm. H. Sanderson	\$ 750.00
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TUITION

City of Springfield	\$ 510.00
City of Westfield	322.50
Smith's Agri. Sch.	293.74

\$1,126.24

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Carter, Rice & Co.	\$ 4.83
Ginn & Co.	91.81
A. N. Palmer Co.	10.01
W. H. Sanderson	24.70
Chas. Scribners' Sons	5.50
J. L. Hammett Co.	20.35
E. E. Babb & Co.	47.47
Houghton & Mifflin Co.	2.50
Henry Holt & Co.	4.50
The John C. Winston Co.	30.77
Irquois Pub. Co.	9.21
Milton Bradley Co.	18.87
Durkin, Reeves & Co.	8.00
Kinney Bros. & Wolkins	8.50
Newson & Co.	4.43
The George Paper Corp.	10.50
Rand, McNally Co.	5.52
Wheeler Pub. Co.	9.92

\$ 317.39

FUEL

G. M. Miller	77.50
Harry V. Beckwith	60.00
Chas. H. Treat	54.00
Harold Reeves	2.00
Franklin Miller	2.00
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	\$ 195.50

JANITORS AND CLEANING

Village Schools	\$ 65.00
South Lane	11.50
Ore Hill	33.50
Beech Hill	18.00
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	\$ 128.00

TRANSPORTATION

Jos. L. Dickinson	\$ 527.68
Wm. H. Sanderson	167.35
Beril Rock	15.00
Austin T. Phelon	120.00
Escrole Forlania	83.00
J. M. Gibbons' Sons	33.29
Raymond V. Wilcox	126.50
E. M. Humphrey	86.62
Holcombs' Garage	1,311.90
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	\$ 2,471.34

HIGH SCHOOL (Reimbursed by State)

Frances L. Roberts	\$ 148.80
Gladys Hansen	139.20
Florence Johnson	80.80
Edwin Treat	132.80
Lester Treat	60.00
Ethel Doyle	87.20
Lena Yarnitsky	149.60
Austin T. Phelon	113.60
H. Leon Ripley	113.60
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	\$ 1,025.60

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Marcoullier Bros.	\$ 3.75
Chas. H. Treat	10.00
Sidney Clark	16.20
M. F. Gardner	12.24
Heywood-Wakefield Co.	679.10
W. H. Sanderson	21.00
J. M. Gibbons' Sons	5.02
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	\$ 747.31

CONTINGENT

Jos. L. Dickinson	\$ 5.75
J. D. Cadle & Co.	6.00
J. M. Gibbons' Sons	16.76
J. D. Johnson	50.00
S. B. Root	25.00
A. C. Sheets	25.00
W. H. Sanderson	9.41
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	\$ 137.92

POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE

Wm. H. Sanderson	\$ 21.66
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HEALTH

Hamp. Co. Tub. and Pub. Hlth. Asso.	\$ 90.00
C. A. White	36.75
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	\$ 126.75

SUMMARY

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 5,726.00
Superintendent	750.00
Tuition	1,126.24
Text Books and Supplies	317.39
Fuel	195.50
Janitors and Cleaning	128.00
Transportation	3,496.94
Repairs and Equipment	747.31
Contingent	137.92
Postage and Telephone	21.66
Health	126.75
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	\$12,773.71

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Granville:

I herewith submit for your consideration and for the consideration of the citizens of the town my fifth annual report, the twenty-second report since the organization of this superintendency union.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Last year's report stated that our school buildings, without exception, had none of the modern conveniences which the State Department of Education advises and which other progressive communities are providing.

It became necessary during the year to furnish additional seating in both rooms to accommodate an increase in the number of pupils. Many of the desks and chairs in use were broken, and all were more or less scarred by years of service and contact with the jack knives of generations of school boys, so the building was equipped, during the summer, with modern desks, adjustable to the size of the pupils who are to occupy them. This is the first modern feature to find its way into the school buildings of Granville.

Both rooms of this school are filled to their full capacity, and something must be done to accommodate additional pupils. It is not possible to say how many children will present themselves for admission to the first grade next September, but last fall there were eleven children for this grade; a year ago, nine; and the year before that, twelve. There are eleven pupils to go upstairs from the primary room next fall, and only four to graduate from the grammar school next spring. The indications are for an excess in both rooms in September.

There are at present more than twice as many pupils attending the village school as there are in all the other schools of the town. The first year of my service in Granville there were thirteen pupils upstairs and twenty-one down—a total of thirty-four. Today there is an enrollment of seventy-two, that is, the number of pupils here has practically doubled in five years. None of this increase is due to the closing of other schools, for the North Lane School is the only one closed during this time, and there are no pupils in the village school from that district.

The town should take steps at the annual town meeting towards enlarging and modernizing the village school building.

A pamphlet has been received from the special State committee appointed to report on Progressive Movements in Rural Education in

Massachusetts. This report indicates what country communities in this state are doing for the improvement of educational opportunities for their children.

They say that within the past five years more than sixty new or modernized school buildings have been provided by the smaller towns—those of less than 5,000 inhabitants.

I copy the committee's descriptions of a few of these buildings to show the spirit of the times. "The new school building at Windsor is thoroughly modern. It has rooms for manual training and home economics, a community room with comfortable and attractive furniture, books, pictures, and an open fireplace. A moveable partition connects this room with an adjoining class room, so that they may be thrown together. The building has modern plumbing, a sanitary sewage system, and is heated by two furnaces. Water is pumped by a hot air engine from a spring about 600 feet away."

"A new four room building in Russell has a playground of three or four acres, contains a combined assembly hall and gymnasium, lunch room, teachers' room, store rooms, toilets, and wardrobes, and standard heating and ventilating systems."

A brick building has been erected in Hatfield "up-to-date in every particular. It has a playground of from eight to ten acres."

A new building at Wareham "is of hollow tile construction faced with gray tapestry brick, with outside trim of white limestone. The floors are of maple and the walls are hard plastered. It has teachers' room with lavatory and an emergency room with complete equipment. Its assembly room will seat 200 and has an ample stage, accessible by way of wing entrances. It is provided with convenient toilet rooms, is heated by steam, and electrically lighted."

Among the list of old buildings remodeled and modernized is one at North Grafton. "Up-to-date as to lighting, heating, ventilation, sanitation, etc."

"A four room building in Ashby remodeled and made modern in every way."

Ashland, Leverett, Gill, Hopkinton, Lancaster, and Dudley are other small towns that have recently enlarged and modernized old school buildings.

The long list of small towns in the State that within the past five years have furnished modern equipment and conveniences in new or remodelled school buildings contains many towns no better able, at least, to furnish educational advantages to their children than Granville is. I do not believe there is any legitimate reason why Granville should not move up to a place a little nearer the front than the position she is now occupying educationally.

The present village school building should be moved much nearer the street than it now is, turned a quarter way around, and raised up so that the base of the underpinning will be above the level of the street. The building should be enlarged to provide one additional class room now, with the possibility of furnishing another should it be needed for any purpose in the future. Then, the building should be thoroughly modernized in regard to heating, lighting, ventilation, and sanitation.

The initial cost of this work will probably be about \$15,000. Payment should be spread over a period of fifteen or twenty years, thereby avoiding any special burden on the tax payers.

TRANSPORTATION

Since last May all pupils living along the transportation route have been carried to school comfortably and speedily by the town auto-bus. The operation of this bus has been as satisfactory as could possibly be hoped for. By making some slight changes in the arrangement of the terms of school, the bus can probably be used for all but six or eight weeks of the school year.

It may be possible for those in charge of the highways to give special attention to improving the roads over which the children are daily carried to school. This will increase the length of the season during which the bus can be used, will add to the life of the machine, and will provide comfort for those who have to be carried to school.

In accordance with a vote of the school committee, taken some years ago, no transportation is provided by the town for children living less than two miles from the school which they attend. This is the extreme limit established by law.

A bulletin issued by the State Department of Education states that the majority of towns having definite transportation regulations regard one and a half miles as the limit of the distance children should be required to walk. A mile and a half is, surely, as far as a child five or six years old should be asked to trudge to and from school each day.

I see no objection to establishing a mile and a half as the distance beyond which transportation shall be provided, except in cases where it is impossible to make satisfactory arrangements without excessive outlay.

If it should seem desirable to make this change in the limit of transportation distance, perhaps another bus route should be established, bringing into school those children living on Granby Road, Silver St., Sodom St., and the old Westfield Road that live nearly two miles from school. Many of these children are small and some are at present carried by the parents at their own expense.

TEACHERS

At the close of the school year in June resignations were received from Miss Kallio, who had been for two years the popular and efficient teacher of the village grammar school, and from Miss Clark, who had taught for a year at South Lane.

Miss Kallio had decided to give up teaching, and Miss Clark declined the re-election offered her because of the difficulty of getting to a church of her faith.

Miss Ruth Foster of Southwick was elected for the village school. She is a graduate of Westfield high school and Westfield normal school, with unusually successful teaching experience. Miss Helen L. Kennedy of Worcester, a graduate of Worcester high school and Worcester normal school was chosen for the South Lane school.

Just before the opening of the schools in September, Miss Seidemann was obliged, on account of ill health, to resign her position at Beech Hill. Miss Ethel T. Army of Millbury was engaged to teach the school. She is a graduate of Millbury high school and Worcester normal school.

All these teachers are doing intelligent and profitable work in their schools, and are proving of value to the communities which they are trying to serve.

SCHOOL NURSE

We continued through the year the capable services of Miss Young of the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Health Association. A brief report of her work follows:

Report of School Nursing Service for the Town of Granville

January 1924 to January 1925

Number of days at school	10
Number of children weighed	91
Number of weighings	4
Number of inspections	2
Number of children 10 per cent underweight	
in the spring	13
in the fall	15
Number of children attending clinic	24
Number of home visits	18
Number of health talks	14

Signed,

LUELLA I. YOUNG

ATTENDANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Some of the advantages of a high school education may be summed up briefly as follows: The high school graduate *reads* better and more understandingly, *talks* better, *thinks* better, and, most important of all, has *learned how to learn*. These are the things that count for growth and advancement and service value in any person's life.

Only a graduate from high school can go to college, or to a State normal school, or to a first class law school, medical school, dental school, or army or navy school of aviation. Only the high school graduate can obtain a place open to promotion in a newspaper office, a bank, railroad office, counting room, or business office.

Over fifty different lines of work for mechanics are closed to boys who have not graduated from high school, according to a recent list prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor.

The State shows its appreciation of the need of high school education for the men and women who are to become the citizens of the Commonwealth by making it possible for every qualified boy or girl to secure this education with no expense to their parents for tuition, or transportation to and from school.

The wage earning capacity of the boy or girl of high school age is very small. Every parent should give the child who is able to profit by high school training an opportunity to secure it; and every child who is given this opportunity should accept the chance with the determination to make the most of it.

To have one's name enrolled in a school is not a guarantee of an education or of success in life. No school is an insurance company. It is rather a stock company, where one's returns depend on what one invests. If one is willing to put little or nothing in the way of seriousness and high-mindedness, energy and determination into a school investment, he can draw little or no dividends in the way of strength of mind and character.

Every worthy boy or girl should be given a fair chance. Benjamin Franklin says, "An investment in brains always pays the best interest."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SANDERSON,
Superintendent of Schools

ITEMIZED REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1924.

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Teachers	Schools	Grades	Enrollment	Boys	Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Number of Tardy Marks	Tardy Marks Per Pupil
Marion G. Seidemann	Beech Hill	Rural	11	5	6	10.2	9	88.4	27	2.6
Helena B. Womboldt	Ore Hill	Rural	23	10	13	16.9	15	88.7	67	3.9
Catherine C. Clark	South Lane	Rural	21	13	8	18.4	16.5	89.1	29	1.5
Ora I. Lees	Village	1-4	45	24	21	36.2	33.2	91.7	38	1
Lempie M. Kallio	Village	5-9	32	15	17	26.4	24.4	92.4	51	1.9
			132	67	65	108.1	98.1	90.8	212	1.9

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FALL OF 1924

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Total
Beech Hill	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	9
Ore Hill	2	2	1	3	4	2	2	0	0	16
South Lane	2	2	3	4	1	1	3	1	0	17
Village	11	7	8	10	8	6	11	5	4	70
Total	15	13	14	17	14	11	17	6	5	112

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR

Village School

Grade Two

Charles H. Lees
 Thorliev Peterson
 Fred Quagliorili

Grade Five

Alfred W. Lees

Grade Six

Randolph Petersen
 Willard Tryon

Grade Four

Lily M. Vecchio

SCHOOLS HAVING NO TARDY MARKS

For Four Months

Beech Hill—Marion G. Seideman, teacher

For Three Months

South Lane—Catherine C. Clark, teacher

For Two Months

Ore Hill—Helena B. Womboldt, teacher

For One Month

Village, Grades 5-9—Lempie M. Kallio, teacher

CALENDAR

VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Spring Term—Eleven Weeks

Begins Monday, April 6, 1925

Ends Friday, June 19

Vacation—Eleven Weeks

Fall Term—Fifteen Weeks

Begins Tuesday, September 7

Ends Friday, December 18

Vacation—Two Weeks

Winter Term—Nine Weeks

Begins, Monday, January 4, 1926

Ends Friday, March 5

Vacation—Four Weeks

Spring Term—Twelve Weeks

Begins Monday, April 5

Ends Friday, June 25

OTHER SCHOOLS

Spring Term—Twelve Weeks

Begins Monday, March 30, 1925

Ends Friday, June 19

Vacation—Eleven Weeks

Fall Term—Fifteen Weeks

Begins Tuesday, September 7

Ends Friday, December 18

Vacation—Two Weeks

Winter Term—Nine Weeks

Begins Monday, January 4, 1926

Ends Friday, March 5

Vacation—Three Weeks

Spring Term—Twelve Weeks

Begins Monday, March 29

Ends Friday, June 18