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KENDUSKEAG TRUST COMPANY

BANGOR, MAINE

CAPITAL \$100,000

SURPLUS \$100,000

CHARLES D. STANFORD, PRESIDENT

FREDERICK W. HILL, VICE PRESIDENT

GEORGE A. SAFFORD, TREASURER

H. E. COLLETT, SECRETARY

DEVELOPING SERVICE

NO DEPOSITOR SHOULD FEEL THAT HIS BUSINESS AFFAIRS ARE OF TOO LITTLE CONSEQUENCE TO INTEREST THE OFFICERS OF THIS BANK. THEY ARE CONSTANTLY SEEKING NEW WAYS IN WHICH THE BANK CAN RENDER SERVICE TO ITS DEPOSITORS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MONSON

FOR THE YEAR

1913-1914

KENDUSKEAG TRUST COMPANY

IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH THIS COMPANY CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONSULT WITH ITS OFFICERS.

THEY WILL APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING "IN TOUCH" WITH YOU.

KENDUSKEAG TRUST COMPANY

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS

34 BROAD STREET

BANGOR, MAINE

Genn's White Orpingtons

(The Best in the East as Our Winnings Prove)

Our Grand Egg Producing Strain
of White Orpingtons Are
Without a Peer

Bred in the hardy Maine climate, they are
the greatest producers of winter eggs known.

Every Pen headed by a prize winner or a
near relation.

No. 1 Pen—Headed by **Peter the Great**,
Winner at Boston Show, also First at Bangor
over all Orpington classes. This bird is
valued at \$500, and is certainly worth the
money. Eggs from this pen 25c. each

No. 2 Pen—Headed by **Ajex**, a wonderful
bird; a winner of many first prizes as a cock-
erel, and being beaten at Bangor show this
year only by **Peter the Great**, winning
2nd Money. Eggs from this pen 20c. each

All other pens, carefully mated to grand stock, **15c. each**

A DEPOSIT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ORDERS

GENN'S WHITE ORPINGTON FARM
BUCKSPORT, MAINE

Municipal Officers of the Town of Monson

For 1913

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

W. A. Bray

W. W. Pullen

A. C. Gilbert

Town Clerk

W. Harry Hughes

Treasurer

F. M. Hescock

Tax Collector

A. L. Brown

School Committee

J. A. Larson

A. L. Brown

L. A. Thomas

Superintendent of Schools

L. P. Hosley

Auditors

H. W. Wing

Wm. Skelton

Town Agent

A. W. Chapin

Road Commissioner

E. H. Flint

Board of Health

Dr. F. L. Varney,

Dr. H. W. Sampson

D. J. Jackson

Sealer of Weights and Measures

F. M. Hescock

Warrant

To *A. L. Brown*, a constable of the town of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis, *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Spencer's Hall, in said town of Monson the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1914 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 choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all incidental town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for care of sidewalks and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest on the town debt.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise for free text books.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for superintendent of schools' salary.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Free High School and how the same shall be expended, and to authorize the school committee to make a contract with the trustees of Monson Academy.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for apparatus and appliances.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for repairs on school houses.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for memorial day services.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 17. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State highway commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid Sept. 15 at 6%, until paid.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to employ a janitor at the new school house and raise money for the same.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to collect all poll taxes before July 15, 1914.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the benefit of the Monson Free Public Library.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the superintending school committee to use their discretion in regard to maintaining schools in those districts where there are less than the required number of scholars.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to draw orders for all money appropriated by the town for high school when the same is needed.

Art. 25. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be paid to the Monson Band for evening concerts during the summer months.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will raise for fire department and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to license one or more pool rooms.

Art. 28. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the Academy Building and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 29. To see what action the town will take in regard to digging a reservoir near the residence of Chas. Weeks.



The selectmen will be in session at Spencer's Hall, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hand this.....day of March 1, 1914. .

W. W. PULLEN, } Selectmen
 } of Monson.

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1913

Real estate resident	\$137,935 00	
" non-resident.....	121,385 00	
		<hr/>
Total real estate.....		\$259,320 00
Personal estate resident.....	\$45,265 00	
" non-resident.....	40,295 00	
		<hr/>
Total personal estate.....		85,560 00
Total valuation.....		<hr/> \$344,880 00
Raised by town at annual meeting.....	\$10,502 00	
State tax for 1913	1,764 88	
County tax for 1913.....	288 70	
Overlay.....	127 47	
Int. on 1913 taxes.....	36 58	
		<hr/>
Total amount.....		\$12,719 63

Number of polls 433 at \$3.00

Rate per cent .033

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Raised by town	\$1,500 00
W. A. Bray, 1st selectman	\$100 00
W. W. Pullen, 2nd selectman	75 00
A. C. Gilbert, 3rd selectman	70 00
W. Harry Hughes, town clerk	10 00
F. M. Hescoek, treasurer	40 00
Dr. F. L. Varney, board health	12 75
D. J. Jackson, board health	6 20
Dr. H. W. Sampson, board health	5 25
H. W. Wing, auditor	6 00
J. E. Jackson, fire warden	8 00
W. H. Fogg, fire warden	8 00
A. F. Jackson, moderator	2 00
A. A. Brown, board health for 1912	9 42
A. L. Brown, school committee	10 96
J. A. Larson, school committee	5 40
L. A. Thomas, school committee	5 40
F. M. Hescoek, sealer	5 00

INCIDENTALS, ETC.

Overdrawn in 1912	\$247 12
Thos. W. Burr Ptg. Co., printing town reports	24 04
Loring, Short & Harmon	15 25
Department of Agriculture	3 20
Fairbanks Co.	130 00
Dr. Potter, vital statistics	25
O. S. Arnold, cleaning cemetery	30 00
A. C. Gilbert, telephone bill	1 85

David Cowan,	night watch	5 00
W. H. Fogg,	"	5 00
Harry Carr,	"	5 00
F. A. Libby,	"	5 00
J. E. Jackson,	"	5 00
S. S. Stevens,	"	5 00
Samuel Purington,	watering tub	3 00
O. S. Arnold,	mowing grass in cemetery	15 00
H. E. Morrill,	freight	3 15
W. A. Bray,	wood for office	2 00
W. A. Bray,	to meet State assessors	4 40
A. C. Gilbert,	to meet State assessors	4 40
J. E. Jackson,	cement floor for tomb	25 00
D. J. Jackson,	collecting dog tax	5 40
D. J. Jackson,	ballot clerk	1 00
Straw & Martin,	insurance	25 00
L. A. Thomas,	moving booths	50
A. C. Gilbert,	telephone and stamps	2 10
L. P. Hosley,	postage	2 50
E. E. Rowe,	antitoxine	15 50
F. M. Hescoek,	postage	2 28
A. S. Knight,	team for truant officer	2 00
E. R. Haynes,	making deeds and papers	16 00
J. F. Sprague,	legal advice	1 00
W. Harry Hughes,	clerk expenses	11 44
E. H. Flint,	repairing guide boards	4 00
Hudson & Hudson,	legal advice	13 75
Harry Davis,	picking moths	6 00
A. L. Brown,	1913 commissioner	377 20
Unexpended in 1913		96 29
		<hr/> \$1,500 00

INTEREST

Raised by town	\$250 00	
Int. on 1913 taxes (A. L. Brown)	36 58	
		<u>\$286 58</u>
Expended in 1913	\$254 54	
Unexpended in 1913	32 04	
		<u>\$286 58</u>

TOWN POOR

Raised by town	\$500 00	
Unexpended in 1912	152 75	
		<u>\$652 75</u>
Mrs. Ellen Swanson, groceries	\$146 12	
“ “ rent to Mar. 1, 1914	48 00	
“ “ wood for 1913	31 50	
“ “ wood for 1914	34 88	
Mrs. Mary E. Morton, rent to Mar. 1, 1914	69 67	
Mrs. Mary E. Morton, moving goods	6 50	
Arthur F. Jackson, funeral expenses	58 00	
Tramps	7 50	
Unexpended in 1913	250 58	
		<u>\$652 75</u>

SIDEWALKS

Raised by town	\$500 00	
Overdrawn in 1913	101 57	
		<u>\$601 57</u>
Expended in 1913	\$593 94	
Overdrawn in 1912	7 63	
		<u>\$601 57</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Raised by town.....	\$500 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	44 78	
	<hr/>	\$544 78
Expended in 1913.....	\$481 98	
Unexpended in 1913.....	62 80	
	<hr/>	\$544 78

FIRE PROTECTION

Raised by town.....	\$300 00	
From other accounts by vote of town.....	212 44	
Overdrawn in 1913.....	16 07	
	<hr/>	\$528 51
Expended in 1913.....		528 51

MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by town.....	\$35 00	
Expended in 1913.....		\$35 00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town.....	\$100 00	
Expended in 1913.....		\$100 00

MONSON BAND

Raised by town.....	\$25 00	
Expended in 1913.....		\$25 00

TOWN SCHOOLS

Raised by town.....	\$1,000 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	92 24	
Common school fund.....	888 02	
School fund and mill tax.....	1,654 71	
Int. on school fund.....	34 16	
Overdrawn in 1913.....	128 98	
	<hr/>	\$3,798 11
Expended in 1913.....		3,798 11

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Raised by town.....	\$900 00	
Rec'd from State.....	500 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	136 67	
	<hr/>	\$1,536 67
Paid trustees Monson Academy.....		\$1,536 67

TEXT BOOKS

Raised by town.....	\$300 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	158 11	
	<hr/>	\$458 11
Expended in 1913.....	\$435 41	
Unexpended in 1913.....	22 70	
	<hr/>	\$458 11

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Raised by town.....		\$150 00
Overdrawn in 1912.....	\$45 28	
Expended in 1913.....	84 57	
Unexpended in 1913.....	20 15	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

SCHOOL APPLIANCES

Raised by town.....		\$150 00
Expended in 1913.....	\$141 97	
Unexpended in 1913.....	8 03	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

GRAMMAR SCHOOL JANITOR

Raised by town.....	\$250 00	
Expended in 1913.....		\$250 00

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Raised by town.....	\$142 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	8 33	
Overdrawn in 1913.....	24 67	
	<hr/>	\$175 00
Expended in 1913.....		\$175 00

ACADEMY REPAIRS

Raised by town.....		\$1,000 00
Expended in 1913.....	\$913 75	
Unexpended in 1913.....	86 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

HIGHWAYS

Raised by town.....	\$2,500 00	
Unexpended in 1912.....	391 66	
		<hr/> \$2,891 66

Expended in 1913

Nels Nelson.....	\$26 55
Otto Mattson.....	3 00
P. A. Johnson.....	3 65
W. A. Evans.....	3 70
P. A. Johnson.....	10 50
H. T. Crooker.....	21 00
John Perry.....	11 50
John Williams.....	9 75
Geo. Graffam.....	15 75
Nels Nelson.....	13 60
J. H. Lord.....	11 00
E. A. Flint.....	50 00
J. W. Tarr.....	50 00
August Anderson.....	17 95
Randolph Erickson.....	16 50
J. H. Lord.....	22 00
John Williams.....	7 00
Ryner Sanberg.....	14 45
David Cowan.....	10 50
Ralph Wyman.....	24 90
Nels Nelson.....	16 65
Andrew Jacobson.....	25 40
Geo. Graffam.....	12 25
Arthur Bjork.....	10 50
Randolph Erickson.....	7 20

Everett Anderson	8 75
Robt. Anderson	5 75
Chas. Erickson	8 00
Everett Anderson	8 30
Randolph Erickson	18 00
Geo. Graffam	13 10
Nels Nelson, Jr.	22 75
J. H. Lord	27 00
Everett Anderson	17 50
E. H. Flint	90 00
Andrew Jacobson	41 60
Geo. Graffam	20 15
Ralph Wyman	46 90
Randolph Erickson	19 50
J. H. Lord	32 00
I. E. Bodge	170 00
Everett Anderson	8 75
Nels Nelson	12 25
A. E. Huff	23 60
Andrew Jacobson	13 50
David Cowan	17 50
Almon Vinton	13 20
Geo. Graffam	7 00
Ralph Wyman	10 50
P. W. Knight	198 00
J. H. Lord	15 00
J. W. Tarr	95 00
W. E. Brasier	12 75
Otto Mattson	4 00
Frank Britt	7 40
Gardner Hilton	4 10
Owen Williams	3 50

Walter Morrison	10 50
E. H. Flint	115 00
Oscar Peterson	1 75
C. E. Shaw	4 40
Walter Morrison	8 00
Ralph Wyman	19 00
Frank Lombard	6 00
Berger Mfg. Co.	86 40
C. E. Shaw	16 65
Geo. Graffam	14 90
Wallace Homer	20 30
Andrew Jacobson	10 50
P. A. Johnson	13 10
R. R. Drake	4 00
Ruel Dyer	33 65
D. J. Jackson	2 65
Chas. Bradford	6 60
J. D. Draper	5 00
F. S. Greeley	7 80
G. A. Larson	2 00
Geo. Larson	18 00
Maine Slate Co.	28 20
Bernard Sanborn	7 50
J. S. Leeman	8 30
C. E. Shaw	8 00
W. W. Crooker	2 25
Arthur Bjork	7 00
Geo. Graffam	11 50
Herbert Kirk	10 10
W. J. Champion	1 50
Lon Littlefield	6 00
Ed. Frost	8 75

J. W. Tarr	24 00
Geo. Graffam	1 75
E. H. Flint	120 00
W. H. Eldridge	10 55
Eldridge & Davison	41 60
Robt. Evans	7 60
G. A. Larson	10 00
Mary Blaisdell	7 70
Henry Grover	44 65
Fred Degerstrom	1 75
John Erickson	1 75
F. S. Fletcher	3 00
M. O. Wyman	8 10
Peter Haggerstrom	7 60
Chas. A. Jackson	22 60
Ralph Wyman	10 50
Frank Britt	10 85
W. W. Pullen	18 90
Chandler Watson	4 00
Nels Nelson	4 50
Gardner Hilton	17 00
P. W. Knight	5 00
J. W. Tarr	16 21
E. H. Flint	41 00
Wallace Homer	3 50
W. E. Brasier	30 00
Harry Brasier	15 00
Robt. Anderson	33 80
Everett Anderson	6 45
John Olson	4 40
Frank Packard	1 75
A. W. Farrar	5 50

R. R. Drake	16 00	
Portland Monson State Co.	3 65	
Chas. Bradford	35 05	
David Cowan	14 00	
Lon Littlefield	2 25	
Unexpended in 1913	365 10	
		\$2,891 66

ABATEMENTS

A. L. Brown, on 1913 tax	\$146 11
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Liabilities

Monson Academy, loan at 4%	\$3,925 00	
School fund at 4%	854 10	
Order No. 521 (1913), S. L. Greeley	500 00	
Order No. 533 (1913) Mrs. Nettie F. Pullen	1,250 00	
		\$6,529 10

Resources

Due from State in acct. with Baker Boys	\$ 40 02	
Cash in bank and hands of treasurer	2,675 60	
		\$2,715 62

TOWN PROPERTY

Estimated value of	engine house and lot	\$1,300 00	
"	" old engine	100 00	
"	" new engine	2,200 00	
"	" hearse	200 00	
"	" road machine and tools	100 00	
"	" hose, pipe and hydrants	700 00	
"	" two safes	200 00	
"	" old heating plant	100 00	
"	" hose tower	400 00	
		<hr/>	\$5,300 00
Total resources		\$8,015 62	
Total liabilities		6,529 10	
		<hr/>	
Resources in excess of liabilities			\$1,486 52

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BRAY,	}	Selectmen of Monson.
W. W. PULLEN,		
A. C. GILBERT,		

Report of Treasurer

F. M. HESCOCK, Treasurer

To cash on hand	\$ 612 44
town clerk acct. dog tax	60 00
Fred Jarvis acct. pool room license	10 00
Warren Johnson acct. auctioneer's license	2 00
refunded from Neolstyle Co.	15 00
L. P. Hosley acct. Neolstyle Co.	20 00
hired of Guilford Trust Co.	1,480 00
" W. W. Pullen	950 00
" S. L. Greeley	500 00
" Mrs. Nettie Pullen	1,250 00
town of Willimantic acct. use of weight and measures	1 00
Mrs Strout acct. burial expenses	35 00
int. on deposits in bank	23 84
Mrs. Sarah E. Wilson acct. lot in cemetery	8 00
G. H. Wilkins, for P. M. State Co. lot in cemetery	8 00
Mrs. Anderson, lot in cemetery	12 00
Edwin Copeland, "	8 00
John Saario, "	8 00
A. Holmblom, "	8 00
S. J. Prescott, "	12 00
Mrs. Hattie LaBree, "	8 00
Miles Powers "	8 00

State treas. acct. dog tax refunded	37 65	
“ public library	10 00	
“ State pensions	150 00	
“ burial of soldiers	35 00	
“ free high school	500 00	
“ school fund and mill tax	1,654 71	
“ common school fund	888 02	
Inst. on school fund	34 16	
A. L. Brown, acct. 1913 taxes	12,719 63	
		<u>\$21,068 45</u>

By paid orders	\$14,620 27	
State pensions	150 00	
State treas. acct. State tax	1,764 88	
State treas. acct. dog tax	60 00	
State treas. acct. dog license deficiency	9 00	
County treas. acct. county tax	288 70	
Guilford Trust Co. acct. notes and inst.	1,500 00	
amt. in bank to balance	2,070 11	
amt. in safe to balance	605 49	
		<u>\$21,068 45</u>

Superintendent of Schools' Report

MONSON ACADEMY

Carl Ranger, a graduate of Bates College and for some years principal of high schools in New Hampshire was elected principal to take the place of John A. Scott.

Mr. Ranger has determined that the work accomplished by the pupils should be done thoroughly. He has labored hard to accomplish this result.

During the year a feeling of antagonism has existed between some of the pupils and their parents and the principal. The justification of either side I do not care to discuss, however, for the good of the school and its reputation, difference in opinion should be overlooked. Teachers and principals need co-operation of every parent, and no parent or citizen has a right to judge the merits of the school until he has visited it in a thorough manner.

As it is the wish of the State Superintendent of Schools as well as mine I take pleasure in adding Mr. Ranger's report to mine.

Miss Martha Strout has served as 1st assistant for the past year with success and satisfaction to all. Miss Strout is an inspiring teacher.

At the beginning of the winter term Maurice Jackson was elected as 2nd assistant as a new class of twenty had entered the Academy. Altho' this was Mr. Jackson's first attempt as a teacher, he has shown the ability of an experienced one. The addition of another teacher has relieved some of the burden of the other teachers and helped to raise the standard of the school. As the work of the new entering class is brought up to the class in advance, fewer classes will result and more work be accomplished by all.

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL

As mentioned in my report last year, there is need of new courses to give the Academy life—Domestic Science, Agriculture, Mechanic Arts and a Teacher's Training Course. According to school laws the State will furnish aid to two-thirds of the salary of such instruction, provided that the course meet with the approval of the State Supt. of Schools.

Chapter 188, Public Laws, Section 4 of the School Laws.

According to this the expense for a teacher for domestic science would be about \$200.00. This teacher could take the place of the 2nd assistant.

NEEDS OF THE BUILDING

No doubt there is already plans in mind for a general repair of the building and a heating apparatus. If an electric pump could be fitted to the well in the yard and the water pumped to a pressure tank, running water could be furnished for the building, this would do away with the out buildings and closets which are unsanitary. An electric pump would cost from \$50 up.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Herbert L. Wass, resigned as principal of the school to accept the principalship of Abbot High School. Mr. William Skelton was elected to the position, Mr. Skelton has labored diligently and his work has been crowned with success. His classes have made rapid and thorough progress, I am pleased to present his report with mine.

The remainder of the schools in the village have had the same teachers as last year, even better than their usual good work has been done by them.

During the summer a new course of study was prepared and given to the teachers at the beginning of the fall term. This course abolished the sub-primary grade, and raised the standard of the work. At the time the teachers were instructed to keep in mind the idea of reducing the nine grades to eight. So rapid was the progress made by the eighth and ninth grades that it was clearly seen that the ninth grade might be promoted to the Academy at the beginning of the winter term. All passed satisfactory tests and were admitted to the Academy where they have done creditable work. The eighth grade all endeavoring to accomplish the work this year, could enter the Academy next fall. This will be done if they continue the good work they are doing now.

Good results will be accomplished by this change in more ways than one.

If not before fall at least by another fall the grades will be set forward two to a room instead of one and a part of the primary grades may enter the second and third grade room. This will serve making another room for them as there are fifty in the primary grade now.

Again twice a year promotion should be brought about allowing the child to go forward as rapidly as he can. This would mean considerable study on the course of study to adapt it to the needs unless this change had been made it would be necessary to fit up another school room.

NEEDS OF THE GRAMMAR BUILDING

New fire escapes should be provided for the building, for the wooden escape with door from the 6th and 7th grade room is not dependable. During the winter the snow and ice accumulate so rapidly that at time it is impossible to open the door upon the escape. In case of fire no means of egress could be had only through the doors. Each of the upper rooms should have their escapes. A number of the rooms are in need of new curtains.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Beginning with the fall term the teachers in the rural schools were all inexperienced, yet they have done very satisfactory work.

As many of the seats were not needed at the Long and Burma Schools, some of them were removed and placed in the Vinton school, to take the place of the old wooden ones.

NEEDS

The North Neighborhood school house needs a few general repairs. The other school houses in use in the town are in very good condition.

JANITOR AND TRUANT OFFICER

E. T. Hescock has served as janitor for the Grammar building and Academy, taking excellent care of both buildings. Thru his cooperation and indefatigable efforts the cases of truancy have become very few. I am pleased to give you his report.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

Accounts:—You will note that the amount for common schools has been overdrawn to the amount of \$128.98. At the annual town meeting in 1912, there was only \$700 raised for schools, making your rate of taxation for schools less than rate for the State, therefore you have failed to receive any equalization fund this year, reducing school money nearly to \$200. Therefore it was necessary to over-run this account. In the year 1909 the town raised \$1200 for common schools. Now that the number of pupils has uncreased and it is necessary to pay more for teachers, and more for fuel \$1200 should be raised. This should give you the equalization fund lost this year.

The superintendence account had to be overdrawn for during the year the law was changed relative to teacher's salary. A superintendent now is to draw his salary monthly. Therefore where a part of the superintendent's salary would have been carried into next year, the salary had to be drawn this year making an overdraft.

I have drawn an order for \$1.12 in favor of Raphael Steward which does not show on town books.

AMOUNTS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Common schools.....	\$1,200 00
Text books.....	300 00
High schools.....	900 00
Supplies.....	150 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Superintendent.....	175 00
Janitor.....	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

LINWOOD P. HOSLEY

Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT
COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,000 00	
rec'd from State.....	2,542 73	
unexpended from last year.....	92 24	
Interest on school fund.....	34 16	
Janitor fund.....	250 00	
		\$3,919 13
Overexpended		128 98
		\$4,048 11

Expenditures

Teachers' wages.....	\$2,860 00	
Tuition.....	79 00	
Conveyance.....	441 50	
Janitors.....	285 04	
Fuel.....	382 57	
		\$4,048 11

HIGH SCHOOL

Amount raised by town.....	\$900 00	
rec'd from State.....	500 00	
unexpended last year.....	136 67	
		\$1,536 67

Expenditures

Amount paid Monson Academy.....		\$1,536 67
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TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised by the town.....	\$300 00	
unexpended last year.....	158 11	
		\$458 11

Expenditures

Amount expended.....	\$435 41	
unexpended.....	22 70	
		\$458 11

SUPPLIES

Amount raised by town.....		\$150 00
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Expenditures

Amount expended.....	\$138 11	
overexpended last year.....	3 86	
unexpended.....	8 03	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

REPAIRS

Amount raised by town.....		\$150 00
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Expenditures

Amount expended.....	\$85 69	
overexpended last year.....	45 28	
unexpended.....	19 03	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

SUPERINTENDENCE

Amount raised by the town.....	\$142 00	
Unexpended last year.....	8 33	
Overexpended.....	24 67	
	<hr/>	\$175 00

Expenditures

Amount expended.....		\$175 00
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Teachers	School	Term	Wks.	Wages	Total
Herbert L. Wass	Grammar	Spring	13	\$15 00	\$195 00
Bernice Fogg	6th and 7th grades	"	17	11 00	187 00
Alice Lilijegren	4th and 5th grades	"	17	11 00	187 00
Esther Johnson	2nd and 3rd grades	"	17	10 00	170 00
Violet Pennington	1st grade	"	17	9 00	153 00
Margaret LeClair	Long	"	12	6 50	78 00
Hulda Peterson	Burma	"	12	6 50	78 00
Phyllis Estabrooke	Vinton	"	10	6 00	60 00
William Skelton	Grammar	Fall	15	15 00	225 00
Bernice Fogg	6th and 7th grades	"	15	11 00	165 00
Bertha Steward	4th and 5th grades	"	15	11 00	165 00
Esther Johnson	2nd and 3rd grades	"	15	11 00	165 00
Violet Pennington	1st grade	"	14	11 00	154 00
Ruth Larson	Long	"	9	6 50	58 50
Eva Gilman	Burma	"	9	7 00	63 00
Mabel Ames	Vinton	"	9	7 00	63 00
Helen Arnold	North Neighborhood	"	9	6 00	54 00
William Skelton	Grammar	Winter	4	15 00	60 00
Bernice Fogg	6th and 7th grades	"	8	11 00	88 00
Bertha Steward	4th and 5th grades	"	4	11 00	44 00
Esther Johnson	2nd and 3rd grades	"	4	11 00	44 00
Violet Pennington	1st grade	"	4	11 00	44 00
Ruth Larson	Long	"	9	6 50	58 50
Eva Gilman	Burma	"	8	7 00	56 00
Mabel Ames	Vinton	"	11	7 00	77 00
Helen Arnold	North Neighborhood	"	8	6 00	48 00
Helen Marsh	Music and Drawing	"	20	6 00	120 00
					\$2,860 00

To the Superintendent:—

I have the honor to submit the report of Monson Academy for the year 1913-14.

The enrollment has been 48, distributed as follows:

Seniors, 4

Juniors, 5

Sophomores, 12

Freshmen, regular work, 8

Beginners, promoted from Grammar school, 19

Monson Academy has a history of which it may well be proud, but the future is what concerns us now. It is the aim of the school to give thorough instruction in the prescribed courses of study, at the same time teaching lessons of self-reliance, responsibility and industry.

The number of tardy marks has materially decreased since the beginning of the year. A written excuse is required of the parent or guardian for absence. Punctuality, perseverance, patience, obedience and self control are expected of every student, at the close of each month a report of the pupils standing in class is sent to the parents or guardian.

Only those who have completed satisfactorily the work of the year will be promoted. An average standing of 75 per cent is required with a regular attendance throughout the year. With few exceptions the work in all the classes has been very encouraging. The general equipment of the laboratory has been increased this year so that individual experiments are possible. All students may receive individual instruction and criticism from the teachers in preparation for their recitations.

The work of the school room has not always stopped at 4 o'clock and I feel that not a few students have benefited directly by improving the moments after school.

This is a time when much time is devoted to sports both for pleasure, of mind and body. Student life is largely spent under cover and the exercise in open air is invigorating, giving alertness and self control under strain. Out-of-door sports are encouraged in the fall, and drills with indian clubs during the winter.

Much credit is due Miss Strout for her faithful and efficient assistance in carrying on the work of the school.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

The visits of the superintendent have been appreciated by both students and teachers. All school exercises unless otherwise specified are open to the public, and a cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in the school life of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. RANGER.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The school opened Sept. 2nd with 30 pupils in the grammar room, 19 in the 9th grade and 11 in the eighth. The interest during the fall term was very good on the part of both grades.

At the beginning of the winter term the 9th grade was advanced to the Academy, and the work of the elementary schools placed on an eighth grade system.

The eighth grade pupils being anxious to complete the course during the present school year are taking an active interest in their studies. I think if they continue with the same diligence during the spring term, that they will, by doing a little outside work, be able to finish the course in June.

At the end of each week the teachers make out a plan of the work for the following week; I consider this an excellent idea as it gives an incentive to accomplish what has been planned, makes the work more systematic, and helps the teachers to devise methods of eliminating wasted time on the part of the pupil.

Utilizing spare time helps to solve the discipline problem and to increase the efficiency of the pupils.

During the winter term I have been teaching arithmetic and history in the 7th grade, I consider that this class is also making good progress.

In my work with the children of all the grades which I have had occasion to observe, I have found them to be interested in the school and willing to co-operate with the teacher. They have shown a commendable attitude toward study and a desire to do right.

In closing I wish to thank all connected with the school for their co-operation and assistance; and I trust our future labors may be as pleasant as those of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. SKELTON,

Principal of the Grammar School.

AUDITOR

I have examined the accounts of your town officers for the year ending March 3, 1914, and believe the reports herewith presented to be correct.

Treasurer's account is as follows:

March 3, cash in bank	\$2,070 11	
March 3, cash in safe	605 49	
		<u>\$2,675 60</u>

Other Resources

Due from State, in acct. with Baker Boys	\$ 40 02	
Town property as estimated by selectmen	5,300 00	
		<u>5,340 02</u>
Total resources		<u>\$8,015 62</u>

The interest bearing obligations of the town at this time consist of the following:

Monson Academy loan with interest at 4%	\$3,925 00	
School fund, with interest at 4%	854 10	
Order No. 521 (1913) S. L. Greeley	500 00	
Order No. 533 (1913) Mrs. Nettie F. Pullen	1,250 00	
		<u>\$6,529 10</u>

Resources in excess of liabilities \$1,486 52

Settlement was made with A. L. Brown, collector of taxes of 1913 as follows:—

Total commitment		\$12,719 63
Net tax returned	\$12,536 94	
Abatements	146 11	
Interest	36 58	
		<u>\$12,719 63</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. SKELTON, Auditor Pro-tem.

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