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===== Year 1918 =====



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

Town of Monson

FOR THE YEAR

1918-1919

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Municipal Officers, 1918

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

L. A. THOMAS

G. P. PULLEN

E. H. FLINT

Town Clerk

W. HARRY HUGHES

Treasurer

F. M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector

R. J. JONES

School Committee

L. A. THOMAS

W. S. KNOWLTON

ROY M. HESCOCK

Superintendent of Schools

M. C. FOSS

WM. E. HEBARD

Auditor

ROY M. HESCOCK

Board of Health

DR. F. L. VARNEY

E. T. HESCOCK

W. H. FOGG

Sealer

F. M. HESCOCK

Town Warrant

*To R. J. Jones, 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 the said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town of Monson, the seventeenth day of March, A.D. 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To 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 and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the 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.

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 the superintendent of school's 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 supplies.

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 the 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 \$533.00 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 whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State and State Aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town under the provisions of Sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 19. To see if the town will charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, at 6%.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Monson Free Public Library.

Art. 22. 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. 23. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be paid to the Monson Band for evening concerts.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Fire Department.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the overdrafts on the 1918 accounts.

Art. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to the location of the school in the Vinton district.

Art. 27. To see if the town will elect a "Budget Committee" to make recommendations for annual appropriations.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to elect a board of overseers of the poor for three-year terms, one term to expire each year.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to create a special Municipal Board of Mothers' Aid, to consist of three members, at least one of whom shall be one of the board of overseers of the poor, and at least one of whom shall be a woman, to serve for three-year terms, the term of one member to expire each year.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to exempt the poll tax on all men who have attained the age of seventy years.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of names, as prepared by the selectmen, to represent the jury

box, as follows: W. C. Jackson, Edward Homer, C. C. Towne, H. A. Davis, Frank Libby, D. C. Weeks, H. W. Wing, Wm. Thomas, H. E. Smith, Wm. R. Hughes, C. M. Poole, E. H. Jackson, H. E. Morrill, I. E. Bodge, Richard Williams, John M. Douglass, Charles Gerrish, F. M. Hescocock, Fred Stanchfield, Roy Stanchfield, A. L. Bray, W. Harry Hughes, J. W. Russell, J. H. Gilbert, Harry W. Davis, A. L. Farrar.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to celebrate the return of our "Soldier Boys," and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to purchase a light truck for road use, raise money for the same, and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of George H. Bray; also one on Mitchell street.

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1918

Real estate, resident	\$143,890.00	
Real estate, non-resident	142,360.00	
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Total real estate		\$286,250.00
Personal estate, resident	\$ 62,760.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	10,825.00	
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Total personal estate		\$ 73,585.00
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Grand total valuation		\$359,835.00
Raised by town at annual meeting	\$12,684.20	
State tax for 1918	2,148.75	
County tax for 1918	378.93	
Overlay	264.51	
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Total amount		\$ 15,476.40

Number of polls, 361 at \$3.

Rate per cent, .04.

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 11, 1918.

Common schools	\$2,400.00
Support of poor	800.00
Roads and bridges	3,000.00
Incidental	2,188.91

Sidewalks	25.00	
Interest	200.00	
Text books	225.00	
Superintendent of schools	250.00	
Free high school	1,600.00	
Apparatus and supplies	225.00	
Repairs on schoolhouses	100.00	
Memorial Day	35.00	
State aid highway	533.00	
Street lights	400.00	
Free public library	50.00	
Fire department	125.00	
Overdraft on toilet rooms	527.30	
		<hr/> \$12,684.21

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 167.31
Raised by town	2,188.91
Overdrawn in 1918	326.82
	<hr/> \$2,683.04

L. A. Thomas, 1st Selectman	\$ 150.00
E. H. Flint, 2nd Selectman	85.00
G. P. Pullen, 3rd Selectman	85.00
W. Harry Hughes, Clerk	10.00
F. M. Hescok, Treasurer	40.00
L. A. Thomas, school committee	25.00
W. S. Knowlton, school committee	25.00
Roy M. Hescok, school committee	25.00
F. M. Hescok, sealer	5.00
A. L. Brown, Moderator	3.00
R. J. Jones, collector's commission	464.15
Dr. F. L. Varney, board of health	10.40
E. T. Hescok, board of health	20.00

W. H. Fogg, board of health	15.00
E. T. Hescock, collecting dog tax	2.50
H. W. Wing, auditor, 1917	6.00
D. D. Cowan, inspecting chimneys	22.00
W. H. Fogg, ballot clerk	6.00
W. R. Hughes, ballot clerk	6.00
Oscar Peterson, ballot clerk	6.00
Henning Johnson, ballot clerk	3.00
L. A. Thomas, attending elections	6.00
E. H. Flint, attending elections	6.00
G. P. Pullen, attending elections	6.00
W. Harry Hughes, attending elections	6.00
W. Harry Hughes, postage and express	1.62
W. Harry Hughes, vital statistics	9.45
Dr. H. W. Sampson, vital statistics	2.50
Dr. W. A. Purinton, vital statistics	.25
Dr. F. L. Varney, vital statistics	8.00
Dr. J. L. Potter, vital statistics	.25
Straw & Martin, insurance	34.51
Fred D. Barrows, 400 reports	42.00
Traffic sign & signal Co. 2 "policemen"	16.00
Thos. W. Burr Printing Co., blanks	6.30
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	16.85
L. A. Thomas, wood and postage	4.08
L. A. Thomas, freight on policeman	.97
Tecla Anderson, acct. board of health	4.00
Vitalia McPherson, acct. board of health	4.00
H. A. Wales Co., flags for schools	18.50
W. H. Fogg, night watch, July 3-4	6.00
John B. Evans, night watch, July 3-4	6.00
Frank Libby, night watch July 3-4	6.00
D. D. Cowan, night watch July 3-4	6.00
F. W. Elliott, labor, hose-tower foundation	4.00
O. C. Stanchfield, labor, hose-tower foundation	4.00
L. A. Thomas, labor and material, hose- tower foundation	8.75

L. A. Thomas, cleaning cemeteries	92.50	
Lucile Thomas, making voting lists	1.00	
E. R. Haynes, making deeds	2.00	
G. P. Pullen, care of "policemen"	24.00	
G. P. Pullen, labor and material for hearse	2.55	
L. A. Thomas, meeting State assessors	3.00	
E. H. Flint, meeting State assessors	3.00	
G. P. Pullen, meeting State assessors	3.00	
F. M. Hescock, postage	2.58	
Roy M. Hescock, town book and express	1.69	
C. C. Towne, care watering tub	3.00	
W. Harry Hughes, dog licenses, postage	2.73	
Appropriated to repairs acct	99.69	
Appropriated to highway acct.	870.71	
Appropriated to town poor acct.	318.51	
Doric Lodge, F. & A. M., hall rent	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,683.04

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 102.70	
Raised by town	200.00	
Bank deposits	27.00	
R. J. Jones	60.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 389.72
Expended in 1918	\$ 313.22	
Unexpended in 1918	76.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 389.72

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by town	\$3,000.00	
Appropriated from incidental account	870.71	
Overdraft in 1918	295.41	
	<hr/>	\$4,166.12

Overdrawn in 1917	\$ 870.71
Carl Brasier	5.00
W. C. Kirk	8.40
General Slate Co.	17.75
Frank Steward	41.87
Cecil Evans	20.00
E. A. Orr	14.00
Howard Greeley	40.00
Wallace Homer	8.00
Carl and Harry Brasier	56.00
Will Champion	48.25
Tom Leeman	10.75
Alphonse Vielle	7.50
J. W. Tarr	27.50
J. D. Draper	63.00
L. O. Anderson	10.00
E. H. Flint	60.00
H. T. Crooker	52.30
Geo. Fox	4.00
Otto Mattson	17.25
Harry Kirk	47.75
Otto Mattson	30.00
Chas. Mountain	7.50
Otto Mattson	35.75
Ralph Weston	6.00
Wendell Farrar	15.00
Ralph Weston	6.00
Manley Libby	4.62
John Williams	2.75
Otto Mattson	19.50
Carl Brasier	18.00
Wendell Farrar	4.50
O. S. Arnold	25.50
Frank Packard	15.00
Robert Lawson	15.00
Chas. Weeks	134.95
Otto Mattson	19.50

Chas. Erickson	26.25
Wm. McIver	3.00
E. H. Flint	170.00
I. E. Bodge	195.00
J. W. Tarr	213.00
W. L. Dauphinee	78.50
Oscar Stanchfield	4.00
Ed. Copeland	38.00
Fred Elliott	4.00
L. A. Thomas	17.00
R. R. Drake	101.50
R. J. Jones	36.35
Otto Mattson	26.25
C. C. Towne	34.00
Arthur Haggstrom	18.00
Otto Mattson	11.35
General Slate Co.	48.65
Otto Christenson	10.00
Henry Lane	6.00
I. E. Bodge	126.75
O. S. Arnold	30.00
Frank Packard	6.00
Chas. Erickson	22.50
N. and A. E. Huff	110.00
Frank P. Steward	15.75
W. H. Eldridge, lumber	199.00
J. D. Draper	27.00
A. W. Farrar	2.00
E. H. Flint	50.00
M. O. Wyman	5.25
J. W. Tarr	29.25
E. A. Orr	7.20
W. C. Kirk	3.30
W. W. Pullen	15.30
Henry Knox	7.50
W. C. Prescott	3.00
C. F. Bradford	21.05

TOWN OF MONSON

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F. H. LaBree	3.00	
L. A. Thomas	4.00	
P. W. Knight & Son	13.00	
L. O. Anderson	8.60	
Ed. Frost	12.00	
R. J. Jones	3.50	
Geo. H. Hammond	2.50	
Percy Smith	7.00	
Henry Grover, material	15.75	
Chas. Erickson	18.00	
C. C. Towne	4.50	
State aid maintenance	51.00	
State maintenance, patrol	506.97	
Alvin Gray	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,166.12

STATE AID HIGHWAY

Raised by town		\$ 533.00
Unexpended in 1918	\$ 533.00	

SIDEWALKS

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 10.20	
Raised by town	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 35.20
Expended in 1918		\$ 35.20

STREET LIGHTS

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 57.22	
Raised by town	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 457.22
Expended in 1918	\$ 453.30	
Unexpended in 1918	3.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 457.22

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 35.57	
Raised by town	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 160.57
Expended in 1918	124.55	
Unexpended in 1918	36.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 160.57

MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by town	\$ 35.00
Expended in 1918	35.00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town	\$ 50.00
Expended in 1918	50.00

MONSON BAND

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 25.00
Expended in 1918	25.00

SNOW ROLLER

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 65.00
Unexpended in 1918	65.00

WATER SYSTEM AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE

Raised by town	\$ 527.30
Expended in 1918	527.30

TOWN LOCKUP

Unexpended in 1917	\$ 50.00
Unexpended in 1918	50.00

TOWN OF MONSON

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DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS

Received from State	\$ 15.00
Paid Frank P. Steward	15.00

G. A. R HALL

Appropriated by town	\$1,050.00
Expended in 1918	1,050.00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriated from highway account	\$ 51.00	
Received from State	50.00	
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		\$ 101.00
Paid E. H. Flint	\$ 20.00	
J. W. Tarr	27.00	
A. S. Knight	27.00	
R. R. Drake	27.00	
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		\$ 101.00

TOWN POOR

Raised by town	\$ 800.00	
Appropriated from Incidental account	318.51	
Received from Alfred Ackerson	10.00	
Received from Mike Anderson	21.15	
Overdrawn in 1918	245.93	
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		\$1,395.59
Overdrawn in 1917	\$ 318.51	
Tramps	7.50	
Chas. Grover	196.51	
James Wescott	478.00	
Lyndon Lawson	69.08	
Mary E. Morton	60.00	

John Dermott	10.49	
Matt E. Lundy	28.00	
Geo. H. Graffam	40.25	
Mrs. M. C. Foss	25.00	
Alphonse Vielle	162.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,395.59

ABATEMENTS

To R. J. Jones	\$ 42.60
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TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Committment to R. J. Jones, 1918	\$15,476.40	
Interest on 1918 taxes	60.02	
	<hr/>	\$15,536.42
Net tax returned to treasurer	\$15,471.82	
Abatement on 1918 taxes	42.60	
Error in assessment	22.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,536.42

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, Nettie F. Pullen	1,250.00	
Order No. 94, 1917, W. W. Pullen	700.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,229.10

RESOURCES

Cash in bank	\$1,080.04	
Cash in hands of treasurer	976.80	
	<hr/>	\$2,056.84

TOWN PROPERTY

Estimated value of		
Town building and lot	\$3,000.00	
Old Engine	100.00	
New engine	2,000.00	
Hearse	200.00	
Road tools	450.00	
Hose, pipe, hydrants	900.00	
Two safes	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,850.00
Total resources	\$8,906.84	
Total liabilities	7,229.10	
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Resources in excess of liabilities		\$1,677.74

RECOMMENDATIONS

To pay overdrafts in 1918	\$1,471.98
Common schools	2,400.00
Free high school	1,600.00
Text books	200.00
Repairs on school houses	100.00
Supplies	200.00
Superintendent of schools	225.00
Support of poor	800.00
Roads and bridges	3,000.00
Incidentals	1,000.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Interest	200.00
Memorial Day	35.00
Street lights	450.00
Free Public Library	50.00
Monson band	25.00
Fire department	100.00

Treasurer's Report

*F. M. Hescocck, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Monson:*

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By paid		
Orders	\$15,780.91	
State pensions	213.00	
State Treasurer acct., State tax	2,148.75	
State Treas., acct., highway patrol	506.97	
State Treasurer, acct. dog tax	70.00	
County Treasurer, acct. County tax	378.93	
Arthur Kronbolin, acct. blind pension	96.00	
Balance in bank to balance	1,080.04	
Balance in safe to balance	976.80	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$21,251.40	

DR.

To cash on hand	\$1,946.12
Town clerk, acct. dog tax	70.00
Geo. Lawson, acct. lot in cemetery	12.00
Pero Morris, moving picture license	10.00
Town of Willimantic, use sealer's outfit	1.00
Town of Blanchard, use sealer's outfit	1.00
A. Ackerson, acct. paid for Dr.'s serv.	10.00
Thos Leeman, bob cat bounty	4.00
Mike Anderson, expenses of 1917	21.15

Supt. of schools, books sold	5.40	
Guilford Trust Co., acct. interest on deposits	27.00	
Hired of Guilford Trust Co	500.00	
Interest Common school fund	34.16	
State Treasurer, account		
State pensions	213.00	
Free Public library	10.00	
Dog tax refunded	9.49	
R. R. & Tel. tax	20.00	
Highway	50.00	
Damage to domestic animals	15.00	
Equalization fund	410.00	
S. F. & M. fund	1,037.81	
Common school fund	766.45	
F. H. S. fund	500.00	
Pension for blind	96.00	
R. J. Jones acct., 1918 taxes	15,471.82	
	<hr/>	\$21,251.40

Report of Superintendent of Schools

*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of
Monson:*

I have the honor to present herewith my first annual report as superintendent of your schools.

In common with the schools in other towns and cities in other states the schools in Monson have been sadly interrupted with the influenza in some form. Since January the mumps have been as prevalent with the result that the unusual progress has not been attained. However I firmly believe with close cooperation between the home and the school for the remainder of this school year that the work of each grade will be essentially complete.

COMMON SCHOOLS

During the summer there were two changes in the personnel of the teaching staff. Miss Smith was elected for the third and fourth grades, and Miss Arey for the first grade. I believe that each choice was wisely made. The other teachers have continued the same standard of work with which you are as familiar as myself.

Two rural schools have been maintained throughout the year with the same teachers as were employed by Mr. Pullen. They seem to be effective in their respective schools. I hope the time may sometime come when the teachers in the rural schools will have the same remuneration as the teachers in town. They have more classes in a day if not as many pupils.

I believe that the salaries paid in this town will compare very favorably with other towns of this size. It is my opinion that any raise should be accompanied with the understanding that the teacher should spend a portion of the long vacation in study along lines approved by the superintendent that the work of the teacher in the class room would be the more effectual. Otherwise the taxpayers are not receiving full returns for their generosity.

As I have previously intimated the attendance this year has been below the usual standard by reason of so much sickness. I trust that no parent has taken advantage of the situation and kept their children at home doing odd tasks which could better be done outside of school hours with a little foresight. Irregular attendance has a direct bearing towards a pupil's scholarship if persistently followed.

Before leaving the common schools I would like to present for your consideration a study of the ages of all pupils in the schools of Monson as based on the enrollment in September.

Age	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Grade I	3	16	4	3	1								27
Grade II		1	6	10	1	3	3	1					25
Grade III			2	12	3	2	1	1	1				22
Grade IV				2	3	7	3	4	2		1		22
Grade V						8	11	6	3			2	30
Grade VI							4	10	5	2	5	1	27
Grade VII							1	1	12	5	1		20
Grade VIII								1	3	8	5	1	18
Total	3	17	12	27	8	20	23	24	26	15	12	4	191

I shall now give an explanation for the above diagram. The figures within the horizontal lines indicate the number

of pupils in the same grade. The figures in the vertical columns indicate the number of pupils of the same age. Thus in column II you will observe there are twenty-four pupils in all grades from the II to the VII. In line III there are pupils of ages from six to twelve.

If a child enters school when he is five, or in his sixth year, and is promoted honestly and regularly he will complete the eight grades when he is thirteen, or in his fourteenth year. On the above chart the numbers within the heavy diagonal lines represent those pupils who have advanced regularly, or in the parlance of school men are normal pupils. Those pupils to the left are ahead of their grade in the matter of age. You will notice the total is small. To the right of the diagonal lines are shown the pupils who are behind their grade for their age. This total may cause surprise. According to the ages at the September enrollment there were 191 pupils in school.

One hundred twenty-eight, or 67%, were in their normal grades, or better.

Sixty-three, or 33% were behind their grades or retarded.

There are several causes for this retardation. There may be some who did not enter school until they were six and have since advanced regularly. These children are not retarded. Sometimes the parents move about frequently and in the changes the children suffer a setback because the grading is not the same over the country. Some parents are not particular about the attendance and somewhere along the course the child has to repeat. Pupils may have a severe sickness and lose a year. Sometimes the language in the home is not that of the schoolroom—this would be more noticeable in the lower grades. Finally correctable physiological ailments—adenoids, cross eyes, poor teeth cause a retardation. I am not prepared to offer remedies in all cases but close cooperation between the home, the teacher and the superintendent may prove helpful in some cases.

ACADEMY

The opening of the Fall term of the Academy found an entire change in the faculty. Owing to the general teacher shortage we were unable to engage but two teachers for the full term. For several days Mrs. Varney acted as substitute very acceptably. In the third week we were fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Grosa who cheerfully arranged his pastoral labors so as to have the forenoon free to act as assistant. I believe the entire faculty have labored faithfully and thoroughly. I refer you to the principal's report for extended information.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To Mr. William E. Hebard, Superintendent of Schools:

At your request, I am submitting for the consideration of the citizens of the town of Monson, the annual report of Monson Academy.

At the beginning of the school year in September, 1918, an entirely new staff of teachers was found necessary. After considerable difficulty the work of the year was begun with Miss Esther Goodell and Rev. Mr. Grosa as assistants. Miss Goodell has been conducting classes in English and History—while Mr. Grosa has had charge of students in French, Algebra, and Geometry. The principal is directing the work in Latin, Sciences, and Advanced Mathematics.

It was found necessary to change the morning session—beginning at 8:15 and closing at 11:45 o'clock. This allows time for five recitation periods—giving us *no recess period*. At the afternoon session, the principal and Miss Goodell have each three periods. It seemed the only arrangement—and it seems satisfactory under existing conditions. This schedule allows us only forty-five minutes for laboratory work. *We should have ninety minutes*. We should remember, however, that this is a stress time in educational lines as in other work.

Our work has been very seriously hampered thus far by the prevalence of influenza and other things. We had been in session but five weeks when a ban was placed upon us. For a long period we were closed and away from school influences and some time was required to adjust ourselves to regular school work. Indeed, some are still "unadjusted."

Our enrolled membership this year is 48: 17 boys and 31 girls. Of this number four will probably graduate with the closing of the school year. Some have left town to attend school elsewhere for the reason that parents have left town. It is a matter of pride that students from our Academy have entered larger city high schools and have been able to advance to grades supposed to be equivalent to our standard here.

We are seriously handicapped by some *obstacles* that *could be easily removed*. I refer especially to the matter of *home study*. There is apparently very little done here at Monson. This is a condition that calls for the earnest endeavor of each and every parent. No student of secondary school age can be *doing his best* unless he is observing the *quiet hour* in his own home. "There is no royal road to learning" except as the boy or girl properly prepares the assigned work at home under the guidance of a truly interested parent or guardian. Teachers *may assign* work—but it should behoove every parent to comply with all rules and regulations intended for the highest mental and moral development of our students. I repeat that the responsibility rests in a *very large measure* upon the home standard.

In closing, may I invite the friendly presence of every interested parent and friend of the Academy. I feel sure that such visits would be beneficial to student, teacher, and visitor. For whatever there may have been by way of friendly, cooperative spirit on the part of those concerned, I am deeply grateful.

Very respectfully submitted,

V. MERLE JONES,

Principal, Monson Academy.

February 22, 1919.

FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Anticipated expenditures

Overdraft, 1918-1919	\$ 522.30	
7 teachers, 36 weeks at \$14.43*	3,636.36	
Janitor service, \$8 plus \$1 for 36 weeks	324.00	
Fuel, say 60 cords at \$7.50	450.00	
Conveyance, 36 weeks at \$6 per week	216.00	
Tuition of pupils at Moosehorn	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,248.66

Receipts based on this year.

State school funds	\$1,814.26	
Int. on permanent fund	34.16	
Equalization fund**	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,248.42

Where will this money come?	\$.24
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*This figure is the average wage which has been paid since the schools opened in September and for which they are hired to teach until June.

**The Equalization Fund will not reach those towns in which the Tax Rate is below the average for the state in any particular year.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

This amount depends on the requirements of the Academy and I am not informed in this particular.

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

An overdraft of \$36.94 from the past year.

With the close of the Peace Conference there will come a revision in the geographies and histories. Shall we keep the schools to this revision? Books printed within 18 months have not the wearing qualities possessed hitherto. But for the changes caused by the War \$150 would be sufficient. As it is I feel \$250 will be in order.

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

An overdraft of \$43.30.

Looking ahead the largest item is replacing the steps at Burmah which are becoming rotten. I would suggest not this year necessarily, placing a concrete floor about the heater at the Grammar Building, say a foot wider and extending six feet in front from the ash door. How about \$150.00?

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

The amount due the superintendence for the year to begin in July will be apportioned to this town by the Joint Board at its next meeting in June. The amount this year was \$225.00.

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

There is an overdraft of \$1.28.

There is on hand a year's supply of arithmetic paper. We shall need shortly the following supplies: chalk, white language paper, manilla composition paper, manilla language paper, manilla primary practise paper. Before September we shall need some white practise paper. Next year Chemistry will be in order in the Academy and doubtless some

lines will need replenishing. I would like to furnish the first grade room with kindergarten chairs which would be helpful but are not urgently needed. I should think the right amount for this account would be \$200.00.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the superintending school committee and teachers for their loyalty. I wish to express the appreciation of the teacher, pupils, committee and myself for Mr. Howard's gift of the organ in the First Grade Room. I wish to thank the citizens for any courtesies extended to me in the work.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM E. HEBARD, *Superintendent,*

Union District No. 61.

Financial Report of Schools

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Vote of town	\$2,400.00	
Equalization fund	410.00	
School and mill fund	1,037.81	
Common school fund	776.45	
Interest permanent fund	34.16	
Overdraft, 1918-1919	522.30	
	<hr/>	\$5,180.72

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:

Elsie Stover	\$ 594.00	
Bernice Fogg	525.00	
Stella Hughes	190.00	
Myrtle Smith	255.00	
Esther Johnson	508.00	
Prenell Leland	250.00	
Marian Arey	270.00	
Bernice Martin	286.00	
Helen Arnold	378.00	
Dorothy Whitman	31.50	
Marjorie LeClair	62.00	
Gladys Ward	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,361.50

Fuel.

John Haggstrom	\$ 5.25	
C. W. Weeks	4.38	
W. J. Champion (rent included)	52.00	
E. T. Hescock	40.12	
Henry Knox	48.00	
L. A. Thomas, (coal)	49.50	
P. W. Knight	10.00	
Floyd Hammond	1.25	
Orrin Arnold	5.00	
Frank Packard	9.00	
A. C. Gilbert Co.	356.06	
W. A. Bray	241.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 821.60

Janitors' services:

E. T. Hescock	\$ 304.00	
Helen Arnold	19.00	
Dorothy Whitman	4.50	
Bernice Martin	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 340.50

Conveyance:

Esther Goodell	\$ 84.00	
Ed. Copeland	32.50	
Maurice Copeland	28.00	
W. A. Bray	52.50	
Henry Kimball	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 214.50

Overdraft, 1917-1918

442.62

\$5,180.72

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$1,600.00	
Received from State	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,100.00

Expenditures

Paid Treasurer of Monson Academy	\$2,100.00
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TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, 1917-1918	\$ 78.51	
Raised by town	225.00	
Books sold	5.40	
Overdraft, 1918-1919	36.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 345.85

Expenditures

D. C. Heath & Co.	\$ 24.29	
Boylston Pub. Co.	.97	
L. E. Babb & Co.	58.28	
Rand, McNally Co.	3.90	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	27.07	
World Book Co.	46.46	
Chas. Scribners' Sons	23.90	
Ginn & Company	66.92	
American Book Co	5.26	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	28.00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	8.14	
Funk, Wagnalls & Co.	21.60	
The MacMillan Company	31.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 345.85

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, 1917-1918	\$ 88.86	
Raised by town	225.00	
Overdraft, 1918-1919	1.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 315.14

Expenditures

Straw & Martin	\$ 12.00	
Monson Light & Power Co.	12.00	
A. P. Dane	6.85	
W. M. Welch Co.	4.23	
E. E. Babb & Co.	78.43	
Rand, McNally Co.	3.11	
Masury, Young Co.	26.67	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	77.41	
Brown Brothers	14.35	
L. A. Thomas	2.00	
H. M. Pullen	7.13	
Educational Supply Co.	17.60	
The A. N. Palmer Co.	30.10	
Chas. Scribners' Sons	1.96	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	11.16	
R. M. Hescock	2.42	
Kansas State Normal School	4.98	
Milton Bradley Co.	2.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 315.14

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$ 199.69	
Overdraft 1918-1919	43.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 242.99

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1917-1918	\$	99.69	..
C. F. Bradford		1.00	
C. Brown		8.00	
Henry Knox		4.00	
R. M. Hescock		3.40	
W. H. Eldridge		44.75	
Joseph Davison		2.40	
Amos Knight		3.25	
Mrs. Strombach		22.35	
L. A. Thomas		6.00	
Eldridge Bros.		11.80	
Mrs. Chas. Erickson		4.00	
Mrs. Cora Champion		5.00	
E. T. Hescock		20.10	
G. P. Pullen		7.25	
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			\$ 242.99

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$	250.00
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Expenditures

Overdraft, 1917-1918	\$	4.51
H. M. Pullen, services as Supt.		77.60
M. C. Foss, services as Supt.		28.13
William E. Hebard, services as Supt.		121.87
Balance, 1918-1919		17.89
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		\$ 250.00

Auditor's Report

Having this day examined the accounts of the financial officers of the town of Monson I find them to be correct.

ROY M. HESCOCK, *Auditor.*

Monson, Maine, February 21, 1919.

