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Municipal Officers, 1922

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

R. M. HESCOCK

E. H. FLINT

J. W. TARR

Town Clerk

W. H. HUGHES

Treasurer

F. M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector

R. J. JONES

School Committee

ARTHUR BRAY

ROY M. HESCOCK

MRS. MABEL LORD

Superintendent of Schools

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Board of Health

JOS. DAVISON

H. E. SMITH

R. M. HESCOCK

Health Officer

DR. F. H. KILLAM

Sealer

F. M. HESCOCK

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1922

Real estate, resident	\$148,205.00	
Real estate, non-resident	153,775.00	
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Total real estate		\$301,980.00
Personal estate resident	\$ 80,055.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	18,210.00	
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Total personal estate		\$ 98,265.00
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		\$400,245.00

Raised by town at annual meeting	\$17,373.00	
State tax for 1922	2,326.56	
County tax	437.54	
Overlay	151.66	
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		\$ 20,288.76

Number polls, 359 at \$3.00.
Rate percent, .048.

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 13, 1922

Common schools	\$4,500.00
Support of poor	1,200.00
Roads and bridges	4,000.00
Incidentals	1,150.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Interest	200.00
Text books	350.00
Superintendent of schools	475.00
Free high school	2,200.00
Apparatus and supplies	350.00

Repairs on schoolhouses	300.00
Memorial Day expenses	35.00
State Aid road	533.00
State and State aid highway	550.00
Street lights	500.00
Public library	50.00
Fire department	200.00
New Ford engine	130.00
Cleaning stones in old cemetery	100.00
Centennial celebration	200.00
School physician	150.00
Electric lights in academy	100.00
	<hr/> \$ 17,373.00

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Raised by town	\$1,150.00
Unexpended, 1921	122.34
Cemetery lots	192.00
Village Improvement committee	73.91
Willimantic, use sealer's outfit	1.00
Blanchard, use sealer's outfit	1.00
Licenses	35.00
Overdrawn, 1922	80.46
	<hr/> \$1,655.71

By paid

H. S. Knight, auditor, 1921	\$ 4.00
Observer Publishing Co., reports	84.89
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	13.56
C. M. Conant, repairs road machine	13.35
H. M. Smith, labor in cemetery	13.50
Henry Brown, labor in cemetery	12.00
W. H. Lindie, labor in cemetery	9.00
F. J. Wilkins, labor in cemetery	14.00
C. W. Rogers, labor in cemetery	6.25
W. H. Fogg, ballot clerk	4.00
W. H. Fogg, fire inspection	24.00

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W. H. Fogg, night watch, July 3-4	8.00
W. H. Fogg, truant officer	8.50
H. M. Smith, labor in cemetery	15.00
F. J. Wilkins, labor in cemetery	28.00
W. H. Lindie, labor in cemetery	3.00
Lyman Blair & Co., calcium chloride	121.60
O. C. Stanchfield, labor, brick, etc., Town Building	30.63
Monson R. R., freight	32.40
W. H. Fogg, ballot clerk	4.00
W. R. Hughes, ballot clerk	8.00
A. W. Farrar, repairs on hearse	.75
M. H. Grover, ballot clerk	8.00
C. M. Poole, ballot clerk	8.00
Mrs. J. A. Larson, ballot clerk	8.00
A. L. Brown, moderator	4.00
M. H. Grover, night watch and labor, Wing's	6.20
R. LeClair, attending silent police	24.00
R. LeClair, night watch July 3-4	8.00
F. J. Wilkins, labor in cemetery on new land	6.00
F. J. Wilkins, labor selling lots in ceme- tery	10.50
Frank Libby, night watch July 3-4	8.00
W. H. Fogg, labor on chimney, town bldg.	2.50
S. S. Stevens, night watch July 3-4	8.00
Hudson & Hudson, legal advice	2.00
G. P. Pullen, supplies town building	4.77
D. C. Weeks, night watch H. Wings house	4.00
W. A. Bray, making cemetery deeds	7.50
Harry Davis, forest fire warden	4.00
Dr. Killam, vital statistics	2.50
Straw & Martin, insurance, town bldg.	21.20
Straw & Martin, insurance on hose house	4.24
C. C. Towne, care watering tub	3.00
H. E. Smith, night watch July 3-4	8.00

R. J. Jones, collector's commission	506.99	
R. M. Hescok, supplies	2.90	
F. M. Hescok, treasurer	40.00	
A. L. Bray, school committee	25.00	
Mrs. J. H. Lord, school committee	25.00	
W. H. Hughes, town clerk and expenses	27.80	
F. M. Hescok, sealer weights and expenses	7.18	
R. M. Hescok, 1st selectman, and expenses	200.00	
E. H. Flint, 2nd selectman	50.00	
J. W. Tarr, 3rd selectman	125.00	
		\$1,655.71

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by town	\$4,000.00	
Raised by State highway	550.00	
Use of town truck	115.00	
Use of truck for school	12.00	
State for use of truck	25.00	
From State highway account	450.00	
From State highway account	5.70	
Indian Point cottage owners	35.00	
State for use of truck	25.00	
Overdrawn, 1922	1,729.79	
		\$6,947.49
By Paid:		
Overdraft, 1921	\$1,233.94	
T. E. Leeman	10.00	
L. J. Forbus	40.00	
W. C. Kirk	8.00	
E. Turner	6.00	
F. H. Packard	13.00	
Harry Kirk	27.00	
Ed. Copeland	42.00	
Aug. Nelson	12.90	

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H. Coffin	16.25
R. Erickson	10.50
T. Poole	19.50
S. S. Stevens	45.50
Axel Erickson	9.00
F. P. Steward	33.00
R. Erickson	15.00
F. Libby	63.00
E. H. Flint	120.00
H. M. Chapin	8.00
R. Erickson	21.00
Axel Erickson	28.00
S. S. Stevens	43.00
R. Spencer	6.00
Chase & Kimball	25.65
O. Carlson	24.75
Albin Johnson	27.00
F. Libby	38.50
Axel Erickson	32.25
Jas. Wescott	21.50
Thos. Poole	3.00
S. S. Stevens	42.00
F. Libby	35.00
O. Carlson	25.50
Axel Erickson	30.00
A. Johnson	48.00
S. S. Stevens	42.00
Axel Erickson	15.75
R. Labree	27.75
Stevens & Greenleaf	45.45
E. A. Orr	9.00
Axel Erickson	15.00
Albin Johnson	27.75
O. S. Arnold	16.50
W. M. Bennett	14.70
F. Libby	59.50
Jas. Wescott	34.00

E. H. Flint	168.50
C. C. Towne	129.00
J. W. Tarr	101.25
R. Labree	18.00
W. Hammond	9.00
Aug. Nelson	19.50
Elwood Lord	7.50
Thayer Smith	18.00
W. M. Bennett	8.35
Axel Erickson	12.00
R. Labree	6.00
Albin Johnson	12.00
H. Stanchfield	2.25
Albin Johnson	6.00
Sam Hunt	6.00
W. M. Bennett	23.20
I. Carlberg	21.00
Axel Erickson	33.00
F. Libby	26.25
E. H. Flint	109.00
J. W. Tarr	33.00
C. C. Towne	42.00
Sam Hunt	6.00
W. L. Dauphinee	21.00
W. Partonen	36.00
H. Daw	11.50
W. W. Pullen	19.50
R. Spencer	3.00
Steward Evans	5.00
W. J. Champion	22.50
J. Haggstrom	7.00
Harrison Davis	6.00
Bruce & Brown	16.85
W. M. Bennett	77.80
H. Hughes	6.00
Axel Erickson	6.00
A. W. Farrar	11.50

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F. P. Steward	13.90
I. E. Bodge	48.00
J. W. Tarr	30.00
A. J. Johnson	21.00
C. A. Jackson	21.00
I. Carlberg	3.00
Monson Maine Slate Co.	69.00
E. H. Flint	120.00
H. W. Lane	9.00
W. M. Bennett	58.75
C. A. Jackson	3.00
F. Libby	4.00
Jos. Davison	10.60
Ed. Copeland	30.00
G. P. Pullen	178.85
C. L. Evans	18.00
O. S. Arnold	26.00
Ed Copeland	30.00
R. R. Drake	111.00
M. O. Wyman	10.00
W. A. Conley	3.00
M. O. Wyman	10.00
W. Kirk	12.00
W. J. Champion	64.50
A. E. Huff	7.00
W. M. Bennett	170.75
Stevens & Greenleaf	38.10
E. H. Flint	195.00
Sam Hunt	10.50
N. Huff	14.00
Chas. Jackson	28.50
Jas. Wescott	14.00
Tom Poole	30.00
O. S. Arnold	17.50
H. Grover	258.00
F. Degerstrom	10.50
S. S. Stevens	8.00

E. Turner	4.50	
M. O. Wyman	6.00	
Axel Erickson	3.00	
A. Hunt	3.00	
John Strom	6.00	
F. P. Steward	67.50	
C. F. Bradford	24.75	
C. C. Towne	66.00	
S. S. Stevens	8.00	
Axel Erickson	3.00	
Albert Olson	3.00	
Chase & Kimball	490.00	
A. J. Johnson	3.00	
W. Hammond	4.00	
W. W. Pullen	75.00	
F. H. Crane	78.00	
E. H. Flint	200.00	
State patrol	577.70	
	<hr/>	\$6,947.49

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by town	\$ 533.00	
Received from State	427.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 960.93
Expended	\$ 847.23	
Unexpended	113.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 960.93

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Received from State	\$ 50.00	
Appropriated from highway	65.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 115.50
Expended		\$115.50

STATE HIGHWAY, 3rd CLASS

Received from State	\$ 847.90	
Expended	847.90	

SIDEWALKS

Raised by town	\$ 100.00	
Overdrawn, 1922	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 102.00
Expended, 1922		\$ 102.00

STREET LIGHTS

Raised by town	\$ 500.00	
Unexpended, 1921	14.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 514.58
Monson Light & Power Co.	\$ 490.62	
Unexpended, 1922	23.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 514.58

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by town	\$ 200.00	
Unexpended, 1921	134.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 334.24
Expended, 1922	\$ 263.25	
Unexpended, 1922	70.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 334.24

INTEREST

Raised by town	\$ 200.00	
Unexpended	116.39	
Bank deposits	39.51	
R. J. Jones	-27.39	
	<hr/>	\$ 383.29
Expended	\$ 369.16	
Unexpended	14.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 383.29

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Commitment, 1922	\$20,288.76	
Interest on taxes	27.39	
Not assessed	22.20	
	<hr/>	\$20,338.35

Errors in assessment	\$ 18.00	
Abatement	40.92	
Net tax returned to Treasurer	20,279.43	
	<hr/>	\$20,338.35

TOWN POOR

Raised by town	\$1,200.00	
Received account Jas. Wescott	3.00	
Overdrawn, 1922	336.67	
	<hr/>	\$1,539.67

Overdrawn, 1921	\$ 174.14	
Mattson children	137.83	
Lyndon Larson	16.30	
Chas. Grover	138.18	
John Dermott	199.14	
Mary E. Morton	62.50	
A. Vinton	222.60	
Teckla Anderson	267.75	
Mrs. Beaulier	223.90	
Mrs. Gardner Hilton	80.90	
Mrs. Oscar Anderson	11.43	
Jas. Wescott	3.00	
Tramps	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,539.67

NEW ENGINE FOR FORD TRUCK

Raised by town	\$ 130.00
Chase & Kimball	130.00

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 50.00
Unexpended, 1922	\$ 50.00

MOTHERS' AID

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 216.00
Unexpended, 1922	\$ 216.00

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MONSON BAND

Unexpended, 1921		\$ 25.00
Treas. Monson Band	\$ 5.00	
Unexpended, 1922	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 25.00

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES

Raised by town		\$ 35.00
Paid C. W. Morrill, Treas. Gerry Post		\$ 35.00

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Raised by town		\$ 200.00
Paid Treas. Centennial Committee		\$ 200.00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town		\$ 50.00
Paid Treas. Public Library		\$ 50.00

RESETTING AND CLEANING STONES IN OLD
CEMETERY

Raised by town	\$ 100.00	
Overdrawn	179.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 279.95
Paid Eureka Company, labor		\$ 279.95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RESOURCES

Estimated value of	
Town building and lot	\$3,500.00
Old engine	100.00
New engine	2,000.00
Hearse	200.00
Road tools	400.00

Hose, pipe and hydrant	1,000.00	
Safes	300.00	
Town trucks	500.00	
Gravel bank	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,075.00
Cash in bank		\$1,880.45
Cash in hands of Treasurer		652.27
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		\$10,607.72

LIABILITIES

Monson Academy loan at 4%	\$3,925.00	
School fund at 4%	854.10	
Carroll Pullen, legacy	50.00	
A. W. Chapin, legacy	200.00	
A. F. Jackson, legacy	100.00	
Order 533—Nettie F. Pullen	1,250.00	
Order 98—W. W. Pullen	700.00	
Order 423—H. Grover	1,000.00	
Order 579—Geo. L. Brown	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,079.10
Resources in excess of liabilities		<hr/>
		\$1,528.62

Treasurer's Report

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By paid:	
Orders	\$25,021.22
State Treasurer, dog tax	121.00
Blind pensions	276.00
State pensions	165.00
County tax	437.54
State tax	2,326.56
State Treasurer, highway patrol	557.70
W. Dore, bear bounty	5.00
Treasurer Public Library	5.00
Cash in bank	1,880.45
Cash on hand	652.27
	\$31,447.74

DR.

Cash on hand	\$2,719.36
Received:	
F. J. Wilkins, lots in cemetery	192.00
Licenses	35.00
Elliotsville Plant, schoolroom seats	8.00
Bank interest on deposits	39.51
Loan Guilford Trust Co.	1,000.00
Loan Geo. L. Brown	1,000.00
Town clerk account, dog tax	121.00
A. F. Jackson estate, legacy	100.00
Town of Blanchard, school supplies	15.00
Town of Kingsbury, school supplies	7.63
Town of Willimantic, school supplies	13.63
Village Improvement committee	73.91

State, use of town truck	115.00	
State highway	37.00	
E. H. Flint, account highway	450.00	
James Wescott, act. med. attendance	3.00	
Indian Point cottage owners	35.00	
Use of sealer's outfit	2.00	
Common school interest	34.16	
State Treasurer's account:		
Highways	903.60	
Tax on bank stock	103.88	
Free Public Library	5.00	
Motor transportation equipment	25.00	
Improvement State roads	427.93	
School fund	2,413.70	
R. R. and Tel. tax	13.70	
Equalization	680.00	
Adjustment of school fund	89.38	
State pensions	165.00	
Blind pensions	276.00	
Bounty on bears	5.00	
R. J. Jones taxes, 1922	20,338.35	
		\$31,447.74

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the financial officers of the Town of Monson and find them to be correct.

H. S. KNIGHT, Auditor.

February 26, 1923.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I present herewith my third annual report as superintendent of your schools. In this report I shall try to give you such information as will help you to see the needs of your schools and in understanding these needs you can make provision for taking care of them in an efficient manner.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The schools of the village are under the direction of the same teachers as last year. At the beginning of the new school year in September three district schools were opened, namely, the Vinton, Long, and the Burma schools. At the present time only five pupils are attending school in Abbot. I have found the teachers loyal to their work and ever trying to attain a higher standard of efficiency in their schools. Our present course of study requires the completion of a certain amount of work each year. It can readily be seen that if the work of any year is poorly done a pupil will be handicapped with the work of the next year. For various reasons some pupils in the grades, even with extra help from the teachers, make slow progress and the work of the year is of low grade. As a general thing a pupil who has done poor work in any grade will do no better in the next grade if so well. In most cases it is advisable to have such pupils repeat the work of their grades. By means of the report cards parents are informed of the kind of work their children are doing. Marks of low grades are not always an indication that pupils cannot do better work and

many of these pupils would be doing better work, if they and their parents, together with the teachers, would take a vital interest in the successful performance of this school work. The manner in which pupils do their required tasks in school makes a lasting influence on all their future activities. Pupils who make the necessary effort to do well their school work receive greater benefits and acquire a better preparation for their life work.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

In the ten years from 1912 to 1922 your school expenditures for specific purposes (teachers' wages and board, fuel, janitor service, conveyance, tuition and board of scholars) increased from \$4,850 to \$10,089 or 108 per cent. For the same time these expenditures for all the towns and cities of the State increased from \$2,576,939 to \$6,580,802 or 155 per cent. During this time the state's contribution has increased but slightly while the contribution made by the towns, by the people themselves, shows a tremendous increase. This increase from local taxes for the towns and cities of the state has been 376 per cent. Your local taxes for specific purposes have increased 211 per cent in these ten years.

There is no item connected with school expenditures but what is costing more than a few years ago, but in no case is there more change than in the improvement of teachers' wages. According to statements from the State department the average annual wages of teachers in the elementary schools of the State increased from \$374 in 1915 to \$764 in 1922. The average annual wages now paid in the elementary schools of Monson is \$693. It will be observed from these figures that the rate of the increase for school expenditures for this town has not been so much as for the State, and that the salaries paid the elementary teachers are considerable less than the salaries paid elsewhere. Under ordinary conditions it can be very closely determined what your schools for the ensuing year will cost. The

superintending school committee can change that total but little. The cost of maintaining your schools under the present conditions for the ensuing year is given elsewhere in this report.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

In the school report for last year your attention was called to the new State law requiring towns to put their school building toilets in clean and sanitary condition. Extensive repairs in this matter may be extended over the period ending September 1, 1924. In the cases where plans have been made for the abandonment of schools, temporary improvements may be accepted or extension of time granted for a reasonable period until it is known what definite action may be taken in regard to abandonment. Although time may be given to towns to attend to certain provisions of the law, immediate attention must be given to that provision of the law requiring that toilets, school buildings or any other building used for school purposes shall be free from all obscene markings. This requirement applies regardless of the condition under which the buildings may be in use and regardless of the permanency of their use. Failure to secure cleanliness and protection in this respect is as much a reason to apply the penalties of the law as is a failure to meet the provisions of sanitation and arrangements.

It is required of me as a representative of the superintending school committee to report to you such constructions, re-constructions, and repairs necessary to meet the requirements of the law. Such reports this year can be grouped under two heads. First, is the need of making such repairs on the closets at the district schools now occupied as will result in and secure cleanliness. This is compulsory even in cases of dirt closets which later may be replaced or rebuilt. Second, the toilet facilities at the Academy must be changed, at least for the primary school part. There are no sanitary toilets connected with this

building, and neither can the ones there be kept in clean condition and free from all obscene markings. In connection with the needs at this building ought to be considered the possibility of plans being made by the trustees for remodeling the building in the near future and possibly this year. If the building is remodeled, it will require some changes in the room used for the first grade at the present time, and providing and repairing another room in which to hold this school. It does not seem possible to make any suggestions for definite changes and repairs till it is known just what the trustees for the Academy will plan to do.

POWER AND LIGHT ACCOUNT

Last year the sum of one hundred dollars was raised to be used jointly with an equal sum from the Academy for installing and maintaining lights in the Academy building. In view of the fact that some changes were likely to be made in the plan of this building this work has not been carried out as it was intended at that time. This work will be done as soon as suggested changes have been made in the building or it is definitely known that no changes will be made in the building in the near future.

In connection with this account the town officials recommend that the appropriations and expenditures for insurance on school buildings be kept, so in one account will be recommended an appropriation for insurance, power, and lights. New insurance will have to be secured on all the school buildings this year. It seems that the amount of insurance on the grammar school building should be at least five thousand dollars. That amount is only about one half of what it would cost to replace the building.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

This is the first year that anything has been done for medical inspection in your schools. Perhaps the results have not been just what many expected, and possibly some

expected too much from one year's work of this kind and that the first year. The outstanding results of the work this year are the examination of two hundred seventeen pupils, thirty home calls made on the most serious cases, and arrangements for five children to go to Bangor to be examined for glasses. A card record was made of the physical condition of each pupil examined, which will be kept for reference. The purpose of medical inspection in the schools is to try to bring the cases of defects to the attention of the parents and to inform them of the benefits the children might receive from proper treatment.

ACADEMY

The financial report of the Academy will demand careful consideration from you. You will observe that the cost of maintaining the Academy has increased somewhat over last year, and the cost for next year will be more than for this year. There seems no way to reduce the expenditures for high school purposes and still maintain an approved high school course. A comparison of the salaries of the high school teachers of the State shows that it is out of the question to think of paying less for teachers, for the average annual salaries paid to teachers in the high schools of the State is nearly \$1582 while those for the teachers in your Academy is not quite \$1234.

Not only in the matter of teachers' salaries are the conditions for maintaining high schools standardized by state expenditures, but the State department sets certain requirements for approved high schools to maintain. These requirements limit the number of periods for each school day and the number of these periods that each teacher is supposed to teach, and specify a minimum income for high school library and laboratory equipment. A report of the condition and the progress of the work in the Academy by the principal is included for your consideration and approval.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To C. L. Sidelinger, Superintendent of Schools:

I have the pleasure of submitting herewith my fourth annual report as principal of Monson Academy.

At the present time the Academy enrolls a total of forty-six students, thirteen boys and thirty-three girls. A review of the above statement will disclose the fact that too few of our boys are taking advantage of the opportunity to secure a secondary school education. Too many of them are under-rating the importance of obtaining for themselves that mental training the school is able to offer. Seemingly they have attained that attitude of mind of the ancient author who wrote, "When I became a man I put away childish things." And for many of our boys "childish things" mean, among others, subservience to the school system and the rule of the teacher. It is a regrettable fact that a very small percentage of Monson's "men of tomorrow" will possess even an average education.

I wish to call the attention of the parents to some of the factors that contribute to the success or failure of the school that are beyond the control of the teacher and very largely in the hands of the parents. At present the entering pupils are, as a rule, too young to secure the full benefits of high school subjects. This difficulty has its origin in the practice of sending children to school at so early an age that when the Academy is reached the child cannot appreciate the content of the subjects taught. His mind is not developed to a point where it can fully react to the information imparted. This is a serious defect in your present school system; a defect that can be remedied through the non-insistance of the parents that their children be received into the school at so early an age.

Another defect that is seriously interferring with the work of the Academy is the practice of promoting pupils who have not earned promotion. This defect is common to the entire school system and has resulted in pupils differ-

ing greatly in ability being brought together in the same grade. It is impossible for a teacher to do good work with such a class. If the work is assigned for the more advanced students the others fail and become discouraged; if it is planned for the poorer pupils the remainder of the class does not have enough to do and the assigned subjects cannot be fully treated,—and to suit the assignment to the pupils of average ability is a compromise that is rarely satisfactory. The solution of this problem lies in the careful grading of all students. I do not agree with those who make the statement that a dull pupil should be promoted to “let him get what he can out of the more advanced subjects”. Every recitation attended by such a student serves to remind him that he is not the mental equal of his classmates. Such students mask their inability with indifference, and eventually refuse to attempt the work assigned them. I believe it to be better for them to learn well the subjects within their grasp rather than to study subjects they cannot understand and learn nothing.

We are endeavoring to impress our pupils with the fact that rank cannot be “given”; it must be earned. I shall be glad to discuss the matter with any parent whose children are not doing satisfactory work.

I believe that the general progress of the school has been reasonably satisfactory. We have a rather high percentage of students doing excellent work, and a majority of the pupils have shown a commendable attitude towards the aims of the school. Several important improvements have been made during the past year. The school library has been enlarged somewhat, electric lights have been installed, and three full-time teachers have been employed. This last mentioned change has contributed to the efficiency of the school as it permits of a more satisfactory attainment of the daily program and a more even distribution of the work. We were fortunate in securing the services of assistant teachers who are well qualified for their duties.

In closing I wish to thank all those who have in any way

contributed to whatever of prosperity the school has enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HASKELL, Principal.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1923

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

For teachers' wages:	
Village school, five teachers	\$4,032.00
District schools, three teachers	1,592.00
For conveyance of pupils	960.00
For fuel for schools	600.00
For janitor service	500.00
For tuition	216.00
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	\$7,900.00
Reductions,—interest and State funds	2,200.00
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Funds needed	\$5,700.00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Principal, salary	\$1,600.00
First assistant, salary	1,100.00
Second assistant, salary	1,000.00
Library and Equipment	150.00
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	\$3,850.00
Reductions,—State funds	1,200.00
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Funds needed	\$2,650.00
Text book account	\$ 350.00
School supply account	350.00
School repairs account	400.00
Medical inspection account	50.00

INSURANCE, LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

Insurance	\$ 182.00	
Power and light	43.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 225.00
Superintendent of Schools, salary		\$440.00

A statement of the receipts and expenditures for school purposes for the closing year is given for your inspection.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their loyal work, and the members of the school committee and the citizens for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER, Superintendent.
School Union No. 61.

February 21, 1923.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1922

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 571.10	
Raised by town	4,500.00	
State school fund	1,803.08	
Equalization fund	680.00	
Interest	34.16	
	<u> </u>	\$7,588.34

EXPENDITURES

For teachers' wages:

Bernice E. Fogg	\$1,008.00
Bertha C. Hilton	799.00
Mary E. Larson	763.00
Esther Johnson	727.00
Margaret LeClair	633.00
Olive Stromback	210.00
Evelyn Lord	308.00
Mary Carlson	294.00
Marie Elliott	308.00
	—————\$ 550.00

For conveyance of pupils:

O. S. Arnold	\$ 360.00
W. W. Pullen, 42 weeks	420.00
L. J. Forbus	103.00
H. Vainio	30.00
John Haggstrom	30.00
Henry Kimball	45.00
Arthur Haggstrom	75.00
Austin Brown	102.00
Mrs. Wm. Champion	32.50
	—————\$1,197.50

For Janitor services:

Henry Smith	\$ 400.00
Rural janitors	60.00
	—————\$ 460.00

For fuel for schools:

Ervin Carlberg, sawing	\$ 41.25
Albert Olson	184.63
Henry Smith, labor	37.75
William Champion	32.00
Henry Kimball	27.00
Percy Smith	200.00
	—————\$ 522.63

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For tuition, town of Abbot	297.00	
Unexpended, 1922	61.21	
	<u> </u>	\$7,588.34

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 320.21	
Raised by town	2,200.00	
State school fund	700.00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,220.21

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer Monson Academy	\$3,050.00	
High school library	101.87	
Laboratory equipment	56.85	
Unexpended, laboratory equipment	11.49	
	<u> </u>	\$3,220.21

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 30.12	
Raised by town	350.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 380.12
Expenditures for books:		
Common schools	\$ 194.96	
High school	163.03	
Unexpended, 1922	22.13	
	<u> </u>	\$ 380.12

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1921	\$.80	
Raised by town	350.00	
Received from Kingsbury	7.63	
Received from Willimantic	13.63	
	<u> </u>	\$ 372.06

Expenditures for supplies	\$ 359.16	
Unexpended, 1922	12.90	
	<u> </u>	\$372.06

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1921	\$ 60.98	
Raised by town	300.00	
Elliottsville Plt. for seats	8.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 368.98
Expenditures:		
Janitors' supplies and fixtures	\$ 153.89	
General repairs	78.00	
Cleaning school buildings	58.80	
Unexpended, 1922	78.29	
	<u> </u>	\$ 368.98

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Raised by town		\$ 475.00
Expenditures for 1922:		
Overdraft, 1921	\$ 91.08	
C. L. Sidelinger, Supt.	383.92	
	<u> </u>	\$ 475.00

MEDICAL INSPECTION ACCOUNT

Raised by town		\$ 150.00
Expenditures:		
F. H. Killam, physician	\$ 100.00	
Unexpended, 1922	50.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 150.00

INSURANCE, LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

Raised by town		\$ 100.00
Expenditures:		
Monson Light and Power Co.	\$ 6.90	
Unexpended, 1922	93.10	
	<u> </u>	\$ 100.00

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 Spencer's Hall, in said Town of Monson, the 12th day of March A.D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

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

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

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same will be expended.

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

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

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest.

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

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the superintendent of school's salary.

Article 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

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for apparatus and supplies.

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

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services.

Article 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 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate 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 18 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 18. To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State and Aid highways during the ensuing year, within the

limits of the town under the provisions of Sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Article 19. To see if the town will charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15th, at six per cent.

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

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

Article 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.

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

Article 24. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Fire department.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the overdrafts on the 1922 accounts.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to change the street light in front of W. A. Bray's store, to the corner of Main and Hebron streets or put a light near the northwest corner of the Masonic building, and install one more light on Chapin Ave.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to paint the cemetery fences.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to regulate the dumping of rubbish on Hebron street and the E. M. Bray road.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise money to be used for employing a district nurse.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to purchase Calcium Chloride for the streets and raise money for the same.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Article 32. To see if the town will instruct the superintending school committee to provide for medical inspection in the schools and raise fifty dollars or any amount for that purpose.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to leave the management of the Town Hall with the American Legion.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to buy land of Percy Smith for cemetery lots and raise money for the same.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to buy land of W. A. Bray for road surfacing and raise money for the same.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to elect a village improvement committee.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to elect a Budget Committee.



