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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF
MONSON

MAINE



1927

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OF THE

TOWN OF MONSON

BY THE

Municipal Officers

INCLUDING

Report of Superintendent of Schools

FOR THE

Municipal Year 1927-1928

Municipal Officers, 1927

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,

W. A. BRAY

FLOYD WELCH

E. H. FLINT

Town Clerk,

W. HARRY HUGHES

Treasurer,

F. M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector,

A. L. BROWN

School Committee,

MRS. MARY DAVIS

A. L. BRAY

R. M. HESCOCK

Superintendent of Schools,

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Health Officer,

H. E. SMITH

Sealer, F. M. HESCOCK

Auditor, H. S. KNIGHT

Report of Selectmen

Valuation April 1st, 1927.

Real Estate, Resident	\$160,685.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	163,370.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$324,055.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$87,830.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident..	50,820.00	
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Total Amt. Personal Estate		\$138,650.00
Grand Total Amount		462,705.00
Raised by town at annual meet- ing	\$22,306.00	
State Tax, 1927.....	2,949.76	
County Tax, 1927.....	562.02	
Overlay for 1927.....	335.29	
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Grand Total Amount.....		\$26,153.07

RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 16TH, 1927

Support of schools	\$5,700.00
Support of poor	1,800.00
Roads and bridges	5,000.00
Incidental town charges.....	1,500.00
Sidewalks	150.00
Interest	450.00
Text books	350.00
Salary Supt. of Schools.....	440.00
Free High School	3,500.00
Apparatus and supplies.....	500.00
School repairs	750.00
Memorial Day	35.00
State Aid Road	533.00
Street lights	475.00
Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	25.00
Fire Department	400.00
District Nurse	100.00
Insurance, Power and Light for Schools	175.00
Fire Whistle	323.00
Town Advertising	50.00

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Raised by Town	\$1,500.00	
Unexpended, 1926	112.06	
Received, Town of Blanchard use of sealer's outfit.....	1.00	
Received, Town of Willimantic use of sealer's outfit.....	1.00	
Licenses	35.00	
Rec'd from cemetery lots	182.00	
Rent of Hall.....	18.00	
Dog Tax	116.00	
Tax on Bank Stock.....	132.02	
State R. R. and Tel. Tax....	17.02	
Domestic animals killed by dogs and bears	24.00	
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		\$2,138.10

INCIDENTALS

H. W. Stacey, Auto Book.....	\$5.00
Lights for Town Hall.....	12.76
Printing Town Reports.....	67.90
Harry Davis, Fire Warden.....	34.90
Office Supplies	30.60
W. A. Bray, making deeds	16.20
Insurance	26.00
Forest Fires	3.00
Trucking	3.00
Labor in Cemetery	125.00
Care of Tramps	14.50
Night Watch, July 4th	16.00
Advertising Signs	80.00
Guide Boards	1.50
Labor on Hearse	3.00
Wood for Town Hall.....	25.75
Repairs on Town Hall.....	5.25
Sheep killed by bears, D. War- rener	12.00
Sheep killed by dogs, F. Stew- ard	12.00
Mrs. Florence Hughes, overpay- ment on Cemetery lot.....	12.00
Gas for Silent Policeman.....	13.00

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Ballot Clerks	24.00	
A. L. Brown, Moderator.....	4.00	
Amount Forward		\$547.36
A. L. Bray, School Committee....	\$25.00	
Mary Davis, School Committee..	25.00	
R. M. HescocK, School Commit- tee	25.00	
F. M. HescocK, Town Treasurer	75.00	
W. Harry Hughes, Town Clerk	25.00	
H. S. Knight, Auditor.....	4.00	
W. A. Bray, Selectman.....	225.00	
F. Welch, Selectman	120.00	
E. H. Flint, Selectman	80.00	
H. E. Smith, Health Officer.....	72.50	
F. L. Varney, Vital Statistics....	4.25	
W. Harry Hughes, Exp. and Office Supplies	7.48	
Petty Cash Acct.	5.00	
Health Officer, Supplies	6.10	
W. Harry Hughes, Vital Statis- tics and Supplies	19.82	
F. M. HescocK, Sealer of Weights and Measures.....	5.00	
F. M. HescocK, Treas. Supplies	4.44	
A. L. Brown, Tax Collector	522.09	
Dr. G. M. Dore, Vital Statistics	2.50	
F. J. Wilkins, Selling Cemetery Lots	11.00	
Unexpended, 1927	326.56	
		\$2,138.10

TOWN POOR

Raised by Town	\$1,800.00	
Rec'd Town of Solon, account Harold Lawrence	57.82	
Rec'd of Albion Johnson.....	95.00	
Rec'd of W. A. Bray, wood.....	5.00	
Overdraft, 1927	66.22	
		\$2,024.04
Overdraft, 1926	\$811.37	
Paid Acct. John Dermott	487.20	
Chas. Grover	171.08	

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Albion Johnson	178.50	
Mrs. Morton	88.00	
Harold Lawrence	71.82	
A. Ackerson	4.10	
Marion Beaulier	108.00	
Albert Anderson	51.99	
Maurice Johnson	51.98	
	<hr/>	\$2,024.04

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1926	\$787.51	
Raised by Town	5,000.00	
Rec'd from E. H. Flint for use of trucks	1,642.44	
Rec'd from W. A. Bray	169.55	
Rec'd from State for main- tenance	75.50	
	<hr/>	\$7,675.00
Expended, 1927	\$7,316.22	
Unexpended, 1927	358.78	
	<hr/>	\$7,675.00

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by Town	\$533.00	
Rec'd from State	1,024.42	
Due from State	29.51	
	<hr/>	\$1,586.93
Expended	\$1,557.42	
Unexpended, 1927	29.51	
	<hr/>	\$1,586.93

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Rec'd from State	\$1,783.26	
Due from State	4.42	
	<hr/>	\$1,787.68
Expended	\$1,783.26	
Unexpended, 1927	4.42	
	<hr/>	\$1,787.68

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SPECIAL RESOLVE, ELLIOTTSVILLE ROAD

Received from State	\$1,482.25	
Due from State	5.36	
	<hr/>	\$1,487.61
Expended	\$1,482.25	
Unexpended, 1927	5.36	
	<hr/>	\$1,487.61

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by Town, Acct. Fire Whistle	\$323.00	
Raised by Town, Acct. Fire Department	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$723.00
Overdraft, 1926, Fire Whistle	\$323.52	
Overdraft, 1926, Fire Department	189.31	
Expended	148.48	
Unexpended, 1927	61.69	
	<hr/>	\$723.00

STREET LIGHTS

Raised by Town	\$475.00	
Rec'd from Incidental Acct.....	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$484.00
Overdraft, 1926	\$ 5.38	
Expended	470.07	
Unexpended, 1927	8.55	
	<hr/>	\$484.00

SIDEWALK

Unexpended, 1926	\$53.30	
Raised by Town	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$203.30
Expended	\$93.00	
Unexpended, 1927	110.30	
	<hr/>	\$203.30

MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by Town	\$35.00
Expended	35.00

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by Town	\$50.00
Expended	50.00

MONSON BAND

Raised by Town	\$25.00
Expended, 1927	25.00

ADVERTISING BOARD

Raised by Town	\$50.00
Expended	50.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$450.00	
Rec'd Guilford Trust Co., Int.....	61.49	
Rec'd A. L. Brown, Int.	43.12	
		<u>\$554.61</u>
Overdraft, 1926	\$12.66	
Expended	477.75	
Unexpended, 1927	64.20	
		<u>\$554.61</u>

DISTRICT NURSE

Raised by Town	\$100.00
Expended	100.00

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended, 1926	\$50.00
Unexpended, 1927	50.00

PUMP AND PUMP HOUSE

Amount hired by Selectmen by vote of town to be raised and paid \$1,000.00 per year	\$5,000.00	
Rec'd sale of lime	1.00	
		<u>\$5,001.00</u>
Expended	\$4,825.41	
Unexpended, 1927	175.59	
		<u>\$5,001.00</u>

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TAX COLLECTOR

1927 Commitment	\$26,153.07	
Supplementary	95.40	
	<hr/>	\$26,248.47
Abatements and over assess- ments	\$143.64	
Net tax paid to Treasurer.....	26,104.83	
	<hr/>	\$26,248.47

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Estimated value of buildings and lot	\$3,500.00	
Fire Engine	1,000.00	
Hearse	200.00	
Road Tools	400.00	
Hose, Pipe, Hydrants	2,075.00	
Safe	300.00	
Town Trucks	400.00	
Gravel Bank	75.00	
New Fire Pump and Chemical Pumps and House	5,000.00	
Due from State on Acct. High- way	39.29	
Cash in hands of Treas.	3,668.40	
	<hr/>	\$16,657.69

Liabilities

Monson Academy loan @ 4%	\$3,925.00
School Fund	854.00
Carroll Pullen, legacy	50.00
A. W. Chapin, legacy	200.00
A. F. Jackson, legacy	100.00
Elizabeth Pullen, legacy	200.00
Harriet N. Crafts, legacy	70.00
Chas. Baker, legacy	100.00
John Randall, legacy	100.00
Sarah M. Haynes Est., legacy.....	100.00
Nettie Pullen, loan 5%	1,200.00
W. W. Pullen, loan 5%	1,000.00
Henry Grover, loan 5%	3,000.00
G. L. Brown, loan 5%	2,000.00

Maude Bray, loan 5%	3,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$15,899.00
Total resources in excess of liabilities		<u> </u>
		\$748.69

Treasurer's Report

By Orders Paid	\$37,721.54	
State Treas., dog tax.....	116.00	
State Treas., State tax.....	2,949.76	
State Treas., highway patrol	557.70	
County Treas., County tax....	562.02	
Blind pensions	408.00	
State pensions	63.00	
Public Library	4.87	
Porcupine bounties	29.25	
State Treas., dog tax de- ficiency	123.00	
Cash on hand to balance.....	3,668.40	
		\$46,203.54

Dr.

Cash on hand	\$2,331.96	
Interest on deposits	61.49	
Town Clerk, dog tax	116.00	
Licenses	35.00	
Rent of hall	18.00	
Use of sealer's outfit	2.00	
John Randall	100.00	
F. J. Wilkins, cemetery lots.....	182.00	
Town of Solon	57.82	
Hired, Guilford Trust Co.	2,000.00	
E. H. Flint, use of trucks.....	1,642.44	
Sale of lime	1.00	
Sale of building	10.00	
Albion Johnson	95.00	
W. A. Bray, wood	5.00	
W. A. Bray, use of trucks.....	169.55	
Hired of Maude Bray	3,000.00	
Hired of Henry Grover	2,000.00	
Int. Common School Acct.	34.16	
A. L. Brown, Tax Collector.....	26,147.95	
Rec'd State Treas., Acct. high- way	3,341.01	
Rec'd State Treas., Acct. school fund	3,179.83	

Rec'd State Treas., improved	
State road	1,024.42
Blind pensions	408.00
State pensions	63.00
Tax on bank stock	132.02
R. R. and telegraph tax	17.02
Public Library	4.87
Domestic animals killed by dogs and bear	24.00
	\$46,203.54

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BRAY,

FLOYD WELCH,

E. H. FLINT,

Selectmen of Monson.

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the town books and find them to be correct.

H. S. KNIGHT,

February 22, 1928.

Auditor.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my eighth annual report as superintendent of your schools. One of the reasons for making a report of this type is to give information about school progress, plans, and funds to enable the voters to form reasonable ideas of the amounts of money needed for the different school purposes.

School costs are mounting upward year by year. This makes it necessary for the superintendent of schools and his committees to study the situation and to make each dollar bring its full hundred cents worth of service and material, to find ways to use the available money for the most important things and to cut down if possible those expenditures which are secondary in importance. The first interest, however, is to give the children the best possible advantages.

Reports from the State department show that the rates for this year and upon which the equalization fund is based are:

School rate0117
Municipal rate0460

All towns having higher rates than these will share in the equalization fund to be distributed in December, 1928. The rates for Monson for this year are:

School rate0215
Municipal rate0540

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRESS

The town is maintaining eight elementary schools which have an annual enrollment of nearly two hundred pupils. The new teachers this year are Manda Mattson, Priscilla Champion, and Anna Zimmerman. The smallest enrollment this year is in the Vinton School which has only eight enrolled.

The work for the elementary schools is organized for a period of eight years. The average pupil should make satisfactory progress in the work required for

each year. The tendency now is to have the first six years of the elementary school activities emphasize the mastery of the tools of knowledge—reading, writing, spelling, and the processes of arithmetic. The next two or three years of the school program should provide the pupils with activities in which they use these tools in making contact with their enlarging world. It is possible for us to arrange very satisfactorily for our schools the work for the first six grades, but it is difficult with the equipment at hand to do as well with the work for the next two grades. These two years in the child's life are years of exploration in which he tries out his abilities, capacities, and aptitudes and discovers his likes and dislikes. Because of the needs peculiar to pupils of the upper grammar school age the idea of the junior high school has been developed and the work for that type of a school organized. The junior high school is undoubtedly one of the progressive movements in education.

We have been in the habit of speaking in general terms of the progress the pupils of our schools are making. During the last few years Standard Tests in many of the school subjects have been developed, and they are now available for use at a comparatively small cost. For the last two years promotion from the grades to the Academy has been based on the results obtained by these tests. Of the sixteen pupils of our schools who took the tests last June for promotion to the Academy only three obtained a mark lower than that upon which promotion was based. In these three cases the marks were low for one or two subjects, and the conditions were removed before the schools opened in September. During this winter term a test in Arithmetic was given to the fourteen pupils of the eighth grade. The results show only five pupils having a relatively low mark. Two of these are pupils who have entered this grade from schools of other towns since the beginning of schools last September. Our plans for the coming year are to make further uses of tests of the type mentioned and thus be able to tell how the progress made by the pupils of our schools compares with the progress of pupils of other schools.

MONSON ACADEMY

Mr. Goodrich in his report for Monson Academy makes some very good suggestions. One of the purposes for submitting his report is to inform the citizens of what we are trying to accomplish through the work of the Academy. You will notice that some changes are being attempted in the program of studies and methods of presenting subjects. It is our aim to make the work of the Academy of considerable more value to the pupils and the community.

I think we have developed the financial support of the Academy to the point where it will be possible to secure trained teachers and to retain experienced teachers. For the past three years the Academy has received from the State, in addition to the regular academy appropriation, special appropriations through action of the legislature. So far the special appropriations have been applied to the upkeep of the building and for equipment. Also, we are beginning to enroll pupils from other towns, and we may look forward to some income from tuition pupils.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Statements of receipts and expenditures for the several school purposes follows in the report. An inspection of these statements will show the expenditures for each of the several school items. Also, I am including a page giving estimates of the expenditures for elementary and high school purposes and suggestions for school appropriations.

In general the appropriations suggested are based on what has been the expenditures for the last three or four years. The cost for conveyance has increased during the year, and it seems now that it must be more for the coming year. An insurance policy for fifteen hundred dollars expires in April of this year. I am suggesting an appropriation sufficient to raise the amount of this policy to twenty-five hundred dollars. This will raise the amount of insurance on the grammar school building to ten thousand dollars. An explanation for the appropriation for school repairs is given in another paragraph.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

At the last annual meeting money was raised for building a fire escape on the village school building, for painting the building, and for making improvements on the school buildings in the Long and Burma Districts. During the summer the painting was done at the village school building, and later in the fall a steel fire escape was bought and put on the building. Also, the necessary improvements were made on the school building in the Long District. Nothing has been done at the school building in the Burma District.

One of two actions seems necessary to be taken at this time in regard to the school in the Burma District, that is, either to take action to discontinue the school or to raise money in order to make the necessary improvements. Very likely there will be pupils enough in that district for several years for a school. The cost for making the improvements on this building will, very likely be as much as it was for making the improvements on the building in the Long District.

Briefly stated the amount I am suggesting for school repairs includes seventy dollars for the present overdraft to the account, two hundred dollars for general repairs and material, and four hundred eighty dollars for improvements on the school building in the Burma District.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY
To the Superintendent of Schools:

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you my second report on the school conditions in Monson Academy.

As the first point, I wish to express my appreciation of your co-operation and of the loyal support given the school by the parents and citizens and of the splendid attitude shown by the pupils in matters of school spirit, study, and discipline.

The principal item of progress made during the school year is, perhaps, the adoption of such changes in the course of study that more subjects can be offered

without shortening the recitation periods or increasing the number of recitations per day. This result is brought about by combining the smaller classes and offering several subjects every other year. This makes the classes larger and more interesting and gives greater efficiency to the teaching.

The following is the list of subjects being offered this year:

<i>Year</i>	<i>General Course</i>	<i>College Course</i>
First	English 1	English 1
	Early History	Early History
	General Math.	General Math.
	Business Methods	Latin 1
Second	English 2	English 2
	Business Methods	Latin 2
	Civic Biology	French 1
	Advanced Algebra or French 1	Advanced Algebra
Third	English 3	English 3
	Chemistry	Chemistry
	Economics	Latin 4
	Advanced Algebra or French 2	Advanced Algebra or French 2
Fourth	English 4	English 4
	Chemistry	Chemistry
	American History	American History
	Economics or Adv. Algebra	Latin 4 or Solid Geometry

Next year, it is proposed to offer General Science in alternation with Elementary Business Methods, Geometry in place of Advanced Algebra, Bookkeeping in place of Civic Biology, Modern History in place of Economics, Latin 3 or Cicero instead of Latin 4 or Virgil, Physics instead of Chemistry, the last two alternations being not new.

The following year, subject to such changes as the circumstances then existing may warrant, the curriculum that is offered this year will be repeated.

We have been greatly assisted during the year by Mrs. Larsen and others associated with the Town Library who have done everything possible to make it easy for the pupils to obtain books for reading. The

outside reading carried on at the suggestion of Miss Purinton in the history classes, has been, we believe of considerable value to the pupils.

In the sciences, material has been taken from the lectures of the principal in addition to the routine matter found in the text books. A science club has been organized. The magazines on science and current events furnished for the reading table are a great help.

It is our purpose to hold to high standards of development of all pupils, mentally, physically, and morally.

Several of the material needs of the school mentioned in the report last year have been filled. Several reference books have been added to the school library. Some inexpensive but very necessary pieces of apparatus have been added to the laboratory equipment, including a microscope for biology. There has been a delay in arranging the plumbing, tables, and closets in the laboratory, but we have endeavored to do as well as possible with the facilities at hand.

The new seats in the main room are an important improvement. As the new seats are movable, they can be placed in whatever position is most advantageous, such as nearer the boards during lectures or examinations, or side by side when two pupils are using the same books. It is possible to adjust the seats and desks in height thereby preventing a continuation of the development of round shoulders, spinal curvature, and other defects caused by pupils sitting at desks not fitted to them.

A beginning has been made in compiling an accurate and complete history of all the alumni of the academy. It is hoped that what has been done in years past by the school and its graduates and former students may in some way be preserved. Anyone having items of information concerning events in the school or concerning the lives of the alumni are invited to communicate personally or in writing with the principal or with any member of the senior class.

The enrollment this year is slightly more than last. During the year, one pupil left school because of ill health and two have entered from other schools, making the net enrollment at the present time, 52 pupils. There are 26 in each course. The number is distrib-

uted among the classes as follows: 1928, 10; 1929, 7; 1930, 16; 1931, 19.

Two epidemics of colds or grip have interfered with the attendance this year, but the general regularity of the attendance has been up to the high standard set last year. An attendance contest was carried on between the classes last year in which the tardiness and dismissals as well as the absences are counted but in which allowances are made for absences of more than a week for illness.

The standing at the end of last year was as follows:

Class of 1928, 98.4%.

Class of 1930, 98.3%.

Class of 1929, 97.6%.

Class of 1927, 97.4%.

At the end of the present half year, the standing of the classes is as follows:

Class of 1929, 98.81%.

Class of 1928, 98.65%.

Class of 1930, 98.49%.

Class of 1931, 97.53%.

For grading or ranking purposes, the school year is now divided into two halves or semesters of eighteen weeks each. This is much fairer than ranking by unequal terms of 15, 12 and 9 weeks each, and is the plan now used by the majority of secondary schools in the state. Rank cards are given out every six weeks showing the progress of the pupils in their studies. It is hoped that parents will examine these rank cards carefully and note where their pupils are doing exceptionally good work or where they are failing, by conferring with the teachers or principal they may bring about any improvement that may be desired through cooperation.

As has been so often stated, failures are seldom due to lack of ability, but almost always are due to lack of industry. We have reason to believe that a great many pupils are studying faithfully outside of school hours. These are the ones who are doing more than passing work. It can not be too strongly emphasized that at the present time merely passing in his subjects does not give a pupil a high enough standing in scholarship to obtain admission to college or normal school. The

higher institutions of learning are now so flooded with applications for admission that pupils with ranks below 80% are seldom accepted. These hard facts should be considered as early as the freshman year.

Public recognition of good scholarship is given by awarding honors for highest rank to all pupils whose rank in every subject is 85% or more and honorable mention to all others whose rank was 85% or better in three studies.

Pupils awarded highest honors for scholarship last year were:

Lucille Flint,	Elvera Johnson,
Mamie Lindgren,	Bruce Steward,
Martha Tuomi,	Anna Zimmerman.

Pupils receiving honorable mention for good scholarship were:

Gertrude Carlson,	Dorothy Davis,
Agnes Holmbom,	Beatrix Jackson,
Inga Kirk,	Forrest Snow.

In athletics, Monson Academy is represented by a basketball team in the Piscataquis County League. It is hoped that before long better facilities for physical training can be had.

In closing, I will say that it has been a pleasure to continue work this year with the same corps of teachers and in a community where the relations between the school and the public are so delightful.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH.

ESTIMATES OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1928-1929

Expenditures from Elementary School Account:

Teachers' wages	\$5,600.00	
Janitor services and supplies.....	600.00	
Fuel for schools	650.00	
Conveyance of pupils	1,200.00	
Tuition of pupils	250.00	
		\$8,300.00

Expenditures from High School Account:

Teachers' wages	\$4,400.00
Fuel and janitor accounts	400.00

Library and Laboratory ac- counts	150.00	
		\$4,950.00
<i>Necessary Appropriations:</i>		
Elementary School Account		\$5,800.00
High School Account		3,500.00
Free Text Book Account		400.00
<i>School Supply Account:</i>		
School supplies	\$350.00	
Equipment	50.00	
		\$400.00
School Repairs Account		\$750.00
Insurance, Light and Power ac- counts		175.00
Superintendent of Schools, sal- ary		444.00

The advancement made during these last few years leads us to believe that the schools of the country will continue to improve and that greater cooperation will be secured looking to the ultimate end that the schools may serve to the highest degree the welfare of the generation. It thus becomes our duty to make every effort to continue to improve the schools of Monson.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

February 17, 1928.

February 20, 1928.

To the Citizens of Monson:

I wish to submit a brief report of Public work accomplished in Monson, and of interest to Monson. I took up the work under the auspices of the Maine Public Health Association.

The following is a summary of Medical Inspection in High School and Seventh and Eighth Grades:

Number pupils inspected	85
Number pupils showing some defect	32
Number notices to parents	15

RECORD OF DEFECTS

Vision	11
Teeth	12
Throat	8

CLUBS STARTED

The Six Point Child Campaign:

Pupils Six Point.....	17
Pupils with question	13

Meaning that each child to be a Six Point Child must be a normal child in the following points:

1. Vision. 2. Hearing. 3. Weight. 4. Teeth.
5. Throat. 6. Posture.

The above report is incomplete because of the short period of time since my arrival in the County.

The following data is given because it is of interest to the town of Monson.

On my arrival in the County as chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, I obtained Mrs. Forvargue as chairman for Monson, and as you realize, 80% of the money raised in this work returns to your town to finance tuberculosis and Public Health work.

An office has been established in Milo where I can be reached by mail or phone.

A second orthopedic clinic was conducted in Dover-Foxcroft, December 10, 1927, which was open to all the towns above and was well advertised at the time.

The usual Baby Conferences are to be conducted in Monson and at least one annual chest clinic and one orthopedic clinic in the County during the next year.

I, as County Nurse, am also available for any Club, Lodge, Grange or Farm Bureau meeting to talk, or conduct any health demonstration that may be requested.

In this work I sincerely hope to have the cooperation of the citizens of Monson.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. HUTCHINS, R. N.,

County Nurse.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1927-1928
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts.

Unexpended, 1926	\$708.90	
Raised by town	5,700.00	
State School Fund	2,077.83	
Equalization Fund	352.00	
Interest	34.16	
		\$8,872.89

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:

Bernice E. Fogg	\$1,008.00	
Rena G. Waterhouse	330.00	
Manda Mattson	420.00	
Louise E. Grover	756.00	
Esther Pennington	864.00	
Margaret Leclair	648.00	
Ada E. Bates	210.00	
Priscilla E. Champion	300.00	
Roberta Zimmerman	210.00	
Ruth Zimmerman	525.00	
Anna Zimmerman	280.00	
		\$5,551.00

Fuel for Schools:

H. A. Davis	\$391.93	
C. C. Simpson	96.85	
A. S. Knight	21.88	
W. J. Champion	28.00	
Labor and kindling	113.50	
		\$652.16

Janitor services and supplies:

Henry Smith	\$400.00	
Janitors in District Schools.....	94.00	
Supplies for janitors	12.60	
Cleaning	21.00	
		\$527.60

Transportation of children:

W. W. Pullen.....	\$360.00
Mrs. Verena Drake.....	212.00
Mrs. Roy Lloyd.....	204.00
Mrs. Edwin Copeland.....	144.00

Harry Brasier	152.00	
Charles Cole	18.00	
Mrs. F. L. Finley	15.00	
Wallace Crooker	12.00	
Mrs. G. J. Brown	100.00	
		\$1,217.00
Tuition, town of Abbot		281.25
Unexpended, 1927		643.88
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		\$8,872.89

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1926	\$300.00	
Raised by town	3,350.00	
State School Fund	500.00	
Equalization Fund	250.00	
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		\$4,400.00

Expenditures

<i>Treasurer, Monson Academy:</i>		
On account of contract	\$3,700.00	
Fuel and janitor account	400.00	
Unexpended, 1927	300.00	
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		\$4,400.00

HIGH SCHOOL

LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNTS

Unexpended, 1926	\$98.87	
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		\$248.87
Raised by town	150.00	
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<i>Expenditures</i>		
<i>Library account:</i>		
School magazines	\$31.60	
New reference books	31.92	
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		\$63.52
<i>Laboratory accounts:</i>		
Supplies and equipment	\$79.82	
Microscope	23.69	
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		\$103.51
Unexpended		81.84
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		\$248.87

FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$57.28	
Raised by town	350.00	
		\$407.28

Expenditures:

Elementary school text books.....	\$170.49	
High school text books.....	199.27	
Unexpended, 1927	37.52	
		\$407.28

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$50.96	
Raised by town	350.00	
		\$400.96

Expended for supplies	\$357.18	
Unexpended, 1927	43.78	
		\$400.96

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$14.88	
Raised by town	150.00	
		\$164.88

Expenditures:

Playground equipment	\$103.35	
Multistamp	25.18	
Insurance on equipment	13.13	
Curtain65	
Unexpended, 1927	22.57	
		\$164.88

SCHOOL REPAIRS' ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$25.27	
Raised by town	750.00	
Sale of building	10.00	
		\$785.27

Expenditures:

Painting village building.....	\$175.03	
Remodeling Long building.....	445.36	
Fire escape, steel	155.00	
General repairs and material....	80.75	
		\$856.14
Overdraft, 1927		\$70.87

INSURANCE, LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNTS

Unexpended, 1926	\$51.80	
Raised by town	175.00	
		\$226.80
<i>Expenditures:</i>		
Insurance on piano.....	\$9.50	
Insurance on building	118.75	
Light & Power account.....	52.65	
		\$180.90
<i>Unexpended, 1927:</i>		
Insurance account	\$3.00	
Light & Power account.....	42.90	
		\$45.90
		<hr/> \$226.80

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$22.00	
Raised by town	440.00	
		\$462.00
<i>Expenditures:</i>		
S. L. Sidelinger, salary.....	\$444.00	
Unexpended, 1927	18.00	
		\$462.00

FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	\$27.09	
Expended, 1927	3.84	
		<hr/> \$23.25

TOWN 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 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 nineteenth (19) day of March, A. D. 1928 at ten (10) 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 the 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 shall 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 Schools 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 school supplies and equipment.

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 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 State Aid highway 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 and dating back to July 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, for hydrants, pipes and hose, and see if the town will vote to elect a fire chief and give the chief authority to form a fire company and fix their compensation.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money to be used for employing a public health nurse. This action is made legal by the Maine Legislature of 1925; Section 58, Chapter 140 of the 1925 statutes.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to elect a Budget Committee.

Article 28. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

Article 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources to be paid to the Treasurer of the Maine Development Association, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maine for the purpose of developing the resources and attractions of the State of Maine, it being understood that all of said money shall go directly for publicity and none of it for salaries.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay on the town debt.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to perambulate any of the town lines, and raise money for the same.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to purchase one or more street beacon lights and raise money for the same.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to help the Relief Corps erect a monument for the Civil War and World War soldiers and raise money for the same.

Article 34. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$120.00 for maintenance of Special Resolve road, known as the Elliotsville road, as according to Chapter 124 Public Laws of 1927.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to paint the town office building and raise \$100.000 for the same.

