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**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

INCLUDING

Report of Superintendent of Schools

FOR THE

**Municipal Year 1928-1929**

# Municipal Officers, 1928

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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,

R. M. HESCOCK      MARY DAVIS      A. L. BRAY

Superintendent of Schools,

CLAUDE SIDELINGER

Health Officer,

H. E. SMITH

Sealer, F. M. HESCOCK

Auditor, H. S. KNIGHT

# Report of Selectmen

Valuation April 1st, 1928.

Real Estate, Resident	\$163,335.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	163,485.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$326,820.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$79,975.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	38,020.00	
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Total Amt. Personal Estate		\$117,995.00
Grand Total Amount		444,815.00
Raised by town at annual meet- ing	\$22,952.00	
State Tax, 1928	2,949.76	
County Tax, 1928	562.02	
Overlay for 1928	2.69	
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Grand Total Amount		\$26,466.47
Polls Taxed, 370.		
Rate of Taxation, .057.		

## RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 19TH, 1928

Support of schools	\$5,750.00	
Support of poor	800.00	
Roads and Bridges	5,000.00	
Incidental town charges	1,300.00	
Interest	700.00	
Text books	375.00	
Salary Supt. of Schools	444.00	
Free High School	3,500.00	
Apparatus and Supplies	400.00	
School repairs	1,000.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
State Aid road	533.00	
Street lights	475.00	
Public Library	50.00	
Monson Band	25.00	
Painting Town Building	100.00	
District Nurse	100.00	
Hydrants, Pipes and Hose	2,000.00	
Insurance, Light and Power for Schools	350.00	
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		\$22,952.00



## OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Unexpended, 1927	\$326.56	
Raised by Town	1,300.00	
Rec'd from State, Tax on Bank Stock	133.81	
Rec'd from State, R. R. & Tel Tax	17.81	
Rec'd from State 1928 Dog Tax	42.06	
Rec'd from State 1926 Dog Tax Refund	123.00	
Licenses	37.00	
Rent of town hall	6.00	
Sale of cemetery lots	144.00	
Use of sealer's outfit	2.00	
		\$2,132.24

## INCIDENTALS

Lights for Town Building	\$15.13
Auto Tax Book	5.00
Arthur Leeman, Cleaning Windows of Town Building	3.00
Loring, Short and Harmon, Office Supplies	21.65
Edw. Johnson, Printing Voting lists	2.00
Printing Town Reports	66.84
Harry Davis, Fire Warden, 1927	12.50
Straw & Martin, Insurance	26.00
Dennis Weeks, Fire Warden	28.00
F. M. Hescocock, Check Safety Punch	35.00
Night Watch July 4th	24.00
G. P. Pullen, Repairs for Town Building	7.42
A. C. Gilbert, ballot clerk	12.00
J. Willis Tarr, ballot clerk	12.00
Merton Grover, ballot clerk	12.00
Henry Knight, ballot clerk	8.00
Voting Booths	37.12
Repairs on Town Building	12.61
Supplies for Board of Health	7.20
D. C. Weeks, sale of Cemetery lot	8.00
Paid for Sawing Wood	6.00
P. W. Knight & Sons, Wood for Town Building	28.00

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Arthur L. Brown, Moderator	4.00	
W. A. Bray, Making Deeds	10.80	
W. A. Bray, Postage and Express	4.00	
Tramps	13.50	
Labor in Cemeterys, Dennis Weeks'		
Orders	135.76	
A. G. A. Co. for Gas	13.00	
H. E. Smith, Health Officer	41.00	
Harry Davis, Forest Fires	20.40	
Harry Davis, Attendance Officer	15.00	
W. Harry Hughes, Vital Statistics	12.25	
W. Harry Hughes, Express and Post-		
age	7.29	
W. Harry Hughes, Services as Clerk	25.00	
F. M. Hescock, Treasurer	100.00	
A. L. Bray, School Committee	25.00	
R. M. Hescock, School Committee	25.00	
Mary Davis, School Committee	25.00	
Dr. Varney, Vital Statistics	4.25	
Dr. G. E. Dore, Vital Statistics	2.00	
F. M. Hescock, Sealer	5.00	
F. M. Hescock, Postage and Supplies	2.58	
Geo. E. Thompson, Legal Advice	5.00	
E. H. Flint, Selectman	80.00	
Floyd Welch, Selectman	150.00	
W. A. Bray, Selectman	225.00	
H. S. Knight, Auditor	4.00	
A. L. Brown, Collector	529.72	
Unexpended	258.22	
		<hr/> \$2,132.24

## TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$800.00	
Rec'd from Albion Johnson	50.00	
Repaid for Medical assistance	15.00	
Rec'd from State, acct. State paupers	108.50	
Rec'd from Town of Athens	63.91	
Rec'd from State, acct. David Tobey	73.65	
Overdrawn	130.71	
		<hr/> \$1,241.77
1927 Overdraft	\$66.22	
Acct. Chas. Grover	258.64	
Acct. Marion Boulier	95.13	



Acct. Albert Anderson	189.70	
Acct. Alonzo Wentworth	63.91	
Acct. John Arnold	72.00	
Acct. Henry Mooney	108.50	
Acct. David Tobey	73.65	
Acct. Royal Spencer	18.00	
Acct. Vitilia Olson	21.00	
Dr. N. H. Nickerson, Medical Aid	15.00	
Acct. Maurice Johnson	44.02	
Appropriated to Mothers' Aid	216.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,241.77

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1927	\$358.78	
Raised by Town	5,000.00	
Rec'd from E. H. Flint	1,574.47	
Rec'd from State	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,983.25
Expended Beacon Light	\$290.00	
Expended Highway Patrol	593.10	
Expended, Maintenance, Special Resolve	120.00	
Expended, Highways and Bridges	5,950.31	
Unexpended	29.84	
	<hr/>	\$6,983.25

## STATE AID ROAD

Due from State, 1927	\$29.51	
Raised by Town	533.00	
Rec'd from State	1,059.93	
	<hr/>	\$1,622.44
Expended		\$1,622.44

## THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Due from State, 1927	\$4.42	
Rec'd from State	1,858.33	
	<hr/>	\$1,862.75
Expended		\$1,862.75

## SPECIAL RESOLVE, ELLIOTTSVILLE ROAD

Due from State, 1927	\$5.36	
Rec'd from State	1,496.63	
	<hr/>	\$1,501.99
Expended		\$1,501.99

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended, 1927, Fire Dept.	\$61.69	
Unexpended, 1927, Pump & House Acct.	175.59	
Raised by town for new Hose and Construction	2,000.00	
Overdraft	50.61	
		<u>\$2,287.89</u>
Expended for Fire Department	\$288.16	
Expended for New Construction,		
J. M. Hardy	707.00	
R. B. Dunning Co.	703.30	
C. C. Simpson, Freight	2.50	
Eddy Valve Co.	271.08	
G. P. Pullen	7.56	
Monson R. R.	71.66	
D. C. Weeks	79.13	
Payroll, laying pipe	157.50	
		<u>\$2,287.89</u>

## STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1927	\$8.55	
Raised by Town	475.00	
		<u>\$483.55</u>
Expended M. L. & P. Co.	\$476.50	
Unexpended	7.05	
		<u>\$483.55</u>

## SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1927		\$110.03
Expended	\$75.00	
Unexpended	35.30	
		<u>\$110.30</u>

## INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1927	\$64.20	
Raised by Town	700.00	
Int. on Deposits	57.16	
Overdrawn	27.80	
		<u>\$849.16</u>
Expended		\$849.16

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## SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended, 1927	\$50.00
Unexpended, 1928	\$50.00

## DISTRICT NURSE ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$100.00
Expended	\$100.00

## MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00

## MONSON BAND ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$25.00
Expended	\$25.00

## PAINTING TOWN HALL

Raised by Town	\$100.00
Expended	\$100.00

## MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Appropriated from Town Poor Acct.	\$216.00	
Rec'd from State	105.00	
Overdrawn	19.00	
		<hr/>
		\$340.00
Expended		\$340.00

## TAX COLLECTOR

1928 Commitment	\$26,466.47	
Supplementary	105.32	
Collected on 1925 Account	5.00	
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		\$26,576.79
Abatements:		
John Arnold	\$3.00	

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John Duigge	3.00	
Rudolph Erickson	3.00	
C. E. Shaw	3.00	
Uroho Soumi	7.40	
John Stikeri	9.69	
Aubrey Wyman	11.55	
Henry Whitney	9.27	
Tom Wentworth	5.85	
Ivan Isaacson	6.84	
Clair Gray	25.08	
J. A. Johnson	3.00	
Net tax paid to Treasurer	26,486.11	
		<u>\$26,576.79</u>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Resources

Estimated Value of Town		
Buildings	\$3,500.00	
Fire Engine, old	1,000.00	
Hearse	200.00	
Road Tools	400.00	
Hose, Pipes and Hydrants	4,000.00	
Safe	300.00	
Town Trucks	150.00	
Gravel Banks	75.00	
New Fire Pump, House and Chem- ical Tanks	5,000.00	
Due from State, Acct. Mothers' Aid	65.00	
Due from State, Porcupine Bounties	78.00	
Cash on Hand	2,626.51	
		<u>\$17,394.51</u>

## Liabilities

Monson Academy Loan at 4%	\$3,925.00
School Fund	854.00
Carroll Pullen, Lagrange	50.00
A. W. Chapin	200.00
A. F. Jackson	100.00
Elizabeth Pullen	200.00
Harriett N. Crafts	70.00
Chas. Baker	100.00
John Randall	100.00
Sarah M. Haynes	100.00

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Peter E. Johnson	100.00	
Nettie Pullen, Loan at 5%	1,200.00	
W. W. Pullen	1,000.00	
Henry Grover	3,000.00	
Geo. L. Brown	2,000.00	
Maude Bray	3,000.00	
Total Resources in excess of Liabilities	1,395.51	
	<hr/>	\$17,394.51

## Treasurer's Report

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Cash on hand	\$3,668.40	
Interest on deposits	57.16	
Town Clerk, dog tax	107.00	
1926 dog tax	123.00	
Licenses	37.00	
Rent of Hall	6.00	
Use of Sealer's outfit	2.00	
D. C. Weeks, lots in cemetery	144.00	
Peter E. Johnson, estate	100.00	
Town of Athens	63.91	
Hired of W. A. Bray	1,900.00	
E. H. Flint, use of trucks	1,574.47	
Sale of Coal	10.00	
Everett Bennett	15.00	
Albion Johnson	50.00	
Int. Common School fund	34.16	
School Repair Acct.	22.50	
A. L. Brown, Collector	26,486.11	
State Treas. Acct.:		
Highway	3,414.74	
School Fund	3,167.17	
Improved State Roads	1,089.44	
Mothers' Aid	105.00	
Executive Department	73.65	
Blind Pensions	243.00	
State Pensions	63.00	
Tax on Bank Stock	133.81	
R. R., Tel. Tax	17.81	
Public Library	5.00	
Dog Tax Refund	42.06	
Support of Paupers	108.50	
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$42,863.89
By Paid Orders	\$35,636.50	
State Treas., dog tax	107.00	
State Treas., State tax	2,949.76	
State Treas., Highway Patrol	593.10	
County Treas., County tax	562.02	
Blind Pensions	243.00	
State Pensions	63.00	
Public Library	5.00	



Porcupine Bounties	78.00	
In Bank to Balance	2,626.51	
	<hr/>	\$42,863.89

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HESCOCK,  
Treas. of Monson.

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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.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BRAY,  
FLOYD WELCH,  
E. H. FLINT,  
Selectmen of Monson.

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the town books and find them correct.

Feb. 22, 1929. H. S. KNIGHT,  
Auditor.

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my ninth annual report as superintendent of your schools. This report has chiefly to do with school progress in general, progress, condition and need of the schools of Monson, and general cost of maintenance.

The following was written about the schools of Maine by the state commissioner of education:

"Much progress has been made in our schools and the children of the state are receiving improved instruction in greatly improved buildings with much better equipment. There is also a fine spirit on the part of the people which is exceedingly gratifying. There is a gradual turning away from the old institution to the new institution calculated to serve better the people of these rapidly moving times. We are gratified to find a constantly increasing ratio of professional teachers employed in our schools and with this has gone a more reasonable compensation for good teaching."

This year the average of the school rates of the state are .01226, while the average municipal rate is .04675. These figures will determine the rights of the several towns to participate in the equalization fund. The school rate for Monson is .0217, while the municipal rate is .057.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRESS

Our school system is the concern of us all. Courses of study and methods of instruction are the business of teachers; but the aims, ideals, and particularly the needs of our schools are the concern of every citizen. A casual observer scarcely comprehends the changes that have taken place in materials and methods of the schools. In the old days, the program was simple and little equipment was necessary. Today the school, to treat as it should the newer forms of education, needs an entirely new type of buildings, equipment and opportunity. Various types of programs and more practical demonstration of theory and fact make of the

school an entirely new institution with correspondingly new needs.

An important change which has taken place is in the school unit. In the struggle for scientific adjustment the people may have gone too far and yet in well organized schools the new unit is exceedingly successful. A generation ago, the school unit consisted of a group of children with a teacher, and, in some instances, with a superintendent to direct and unify the work. Today, there is required besides the teacher, a supervisor of music, one of arts and a supervisor of primary, grammar or junior high, whichever it happens to be. In addition there must be a dentist, a school physician, a nurse, a psychiatrist, a vocational director and an educational advisor. There is no doubt that all of these phases will be more clearly developed and carried out in the schools of the future.

The schools of Monson are better in materials and methods than they were, and the children are receiving improved instruction in improved buildings with much better equipment. We have made some progress in bringing our schools along in the line of progress, but it will take some years and much effort to make our schools the equal in opportunity of the well organized and successful schools of today. While Monson may not be able to spend the amount of money some other towns do, there is no reason why we cannot maintain efficient and satisfactory schools.

#### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Since 1920, it has been the duty of the superintending school committee to make provision for instruction to be given to all pupils in the public schools in personal hygiene, community sanitation and physical education, including recreational exercises, in accordance with a course of study and plans of lessons and instructions prepared by the state commissioner of education. This program of health and physical education, copies of which superintendents received during the past year, is rather more than can be carried out in a successful manner by the regular teachers. Towns which do not employ supervisors or directors of physical education can carry out only some minimum requirements of this program.

This program of health and physical education has been unusually successful in the schools of larger towns and cities where the work can be carried out by physical directors in cooperation with school physicians and school nurses. A large number of defects have been corrected and habits of health and cleanliness of children greatly improved. The special health work in the schools of Monson has been limited to what the county nurse has been able to do in cooperation with the teachers. This special health work will prove of lasting benefit to the children, and it really is worth the small appropriation required for its support.

### HIGH SCHOOL WORK

The high school of today performs a radically different function from that of a generation ago. Its primary purpose is no longer to prepare boys and girls for college, but to prepare them for life. Progressive high schools throughout the country recognize this new demand and are attempting, as best they can, to meet it. They recognize the student as an individual with capacities and problems and interests all his own. They arrange a program of studies to meet his individual needs. In its effort to prepare students for practical life the progressive high school uses practical methods. Instead of pumping information into a reluctant mind, it teaches practical methods of working, practical methods of thinking, and practical methods of achieving. It seeks to inculcate patterns of behavior which will make good citizens.

The program of the small high school presents a difficult problem. The community insists that a course be offered which will admit to college and lose confidence in the school if its graduates are unable to enter any college and maintain their standing. In all schools there is the group who are not going to college and whose educational needs are imperfectly met by the college curriculum. As the small high school cannot offer the scope of work of the larger schools, it is very evident that only a little can be done for the pupils who will not go to college except through courses of general culture. The best workable plan we seem to have for the small high school is one which offers courses which will admit to college and subjects of gen-



eral culture for those students who will not go to college. This is the program we have for Monson Academy at this time.

### SCHOOL FUNDS AND NEEDS

On another page of this report I have attempted to estimate the expenditures for elementary and high school purposes for the new year together with possible reductions by school funds and the appropriations needed to maintain the schools. The appropriations I have suggested for another year for elementary and high school purposes are the same that were raised for the year just closing. Even with these seemingly liberal appropriations you should not expect your school officials to do much more for you in the schools than they have been doing.

The money appropriated annually for text books enables us to keep the schools very well supplied with text books. It does not, however, give us any money with which to buy special reference books for the elementary schools. The appropriations for school supplies and equipment enables us to furnish the schools with a very good assortment of school supplies and materials and a limited amount of school equipment.

Three insurance policies expire this coming year, namely, two on the village school building and the one covering the three district schools. The two policies on the village building amount to five thousand dollars, and the one on the district buildings amounts to fifteen hundred dollars. All of the district school buildings have been remodeled and the amount of insurance on them seems a small part of their real value. If the amount of insurance on these buildings is raised to twenty-five hundred dollars, the cost for insurance for this year will amount to \$331.25.

Electric lights were installed in the grammar school building during the summer. In raising money for light and power we must keep in mind that lights must be maintained in two buildings now and that the cost will be somewhat larger than it has been. An account of the work done on school buildings and the needs for another year will be found in the following paragraph.

## SCHOOL REPAIRS

Considerable money was raised last March for special school repairs. Therefore, during the summer the Burma School building was remodeled and the four large rooms in the village school building were painted. In addition to attaching the out-buildings at the Burma School the windows were rearranged. To make the change in windows it was necessary to buy four new windows. The cost for painting in the village school building seemed likely to exceed the appropriation for that purpose, so very little work was done in the hallways and coatrooms.

There is yet much repair work to be done at the school buildings. All of the district school buildings need to be painted and the walls and ceiling of the rooms cleaned and kalsomined or painted. Possibly we should plan to do some shingling at these buildings this coming summer. Some shingling will have to be done on them very soon anyway. We could plan to fix one of these buildings each year till all three are fixed. Also, we should plan to finish painting the hallways and coatrooms in the village school building during the year. We had the plastering repaired last summer, and about all that needs to be done to finish is the painting. In addition to what I have listed for school repairs there are always a number of minor repairs needing attention. The cost for these usually amounts to one hundred dollars or more each year.

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit herewith my third annual report on the school condition in Monson Academy, and again wish to express my appreciation of the support given to the school by the people of the town.

As the plan adopted last year of alternating some of the subjects between one year and the next proved very successful, little change has been made in the course of study. This year, for the first time, Trigonometry has been given. The principal taught this in addition to his regular subjects, giving the boys who are planning to attend technical schools an opportunity



to study a very important subject. They took great interest in the course, which covered one half year. Solid Geometry is being given as an extra subject the second half of the year and with equal success.

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

Year	General Course College Course
First	English I English I Early History Early History General Math. General Math. General Science Latin I
Second	English II English II French I French I Bookkeeping Latin II Geometry Geometry General Science
Third	English III English III French II French II Bookkeeping Latin III Geometry Geometry Physics Physics Modern History
Fourth	English IV English IV U. S. History

U. S. History  
 Physics  
 Physics  
 Modern History  
 Latin III  
 Trigonometry  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr.  
 Trigonometry  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr.  
 Solid Geom.  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr.  
 Solid Geom.  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr.

Pupils are expected to choose at least four studies each year subject to the approval of the principal. Attaining a passing mark in at least fifteen full year studies is the minimum requirement for graduation.

The subjects which will be alternated next year for subjects given this year are as follows:

Elementary Business Methods for General Science.  
 Advanced Algebra for Geometry.  
 Virgil for Cicero.  
 Chemistry for Physics.  
 Elementary Economics for Modern History.  
 Civic Biology for Bookkeeping.

Although handicapped by lack of needed material, considerable extra work has been accomplished in the study of Radio in the Physics class. Greater emphasis has been placed on the subject of Spelling. The interest in this study has been stimulated by the 3 R Contest between Guilford, Sangerville, Monson, Abbot and Greenville. A basketball spelling game has been used frequently with good success.

The school work has gone on very smoothly for the whole year and the great majority of the pupils have taken hold of their studies in the right spirit and with the industry that brings success.

A scholarship contest between the classes has been introduced which has helped to increase the interest in study. The marks received by all the pupils in all their subjects are averaged for each class. The race for leadership among the classes is very close. The standing is determined at the end of each ranking period of six weeks. The standing at the end of the first semester follows:

Class of 1930, Juniors,	83.8%
Class of 1929, Seniors,	83.0%

Class of 1932, Freshmen, 78.3%  
Class of 1931, Sophomores, 78.0%

The award of scholarship honors to pupils maintaining an average of 85% or better in all their subjects has been continued. For the first semester of the current year the following pupils received this honor: Seniors, Emery Dunfee; Juniors, Dorothy Davis, Inga Kirk, Carolyn MacPherson, Martha Tuomi and Dana Williams; Sophomores, Stanwood Pullen and Thurley Steward; Freshmen, Millard Emanuelson, Lurene Carlson and Miriam Nesbit.

Many do not realize that if a pupil is contemplating going to a normal school, college, or other higher institution, he is very likely to be refused admittance unless his average rank is between 80 and 85% or better. For instance, no pupil is admitted to the University of Maine without condition whose average rank in high school is below 82%. This important fact has been called to the attention of the pupils and it is hoped that the parents will also endeavor to impress upon their children the necessity of doing better than just barely pass at 70%.

It would be a splendid idea to have medals presented at graduation to those receiving scholarship honors, and nothing better could be done for the school at a small expense than to provide the money for such rewards.

The total enrollment this year is 57, the largest for a long time, in fact, the largest since the Academy was reorganized according to the standards of a Class A secondary school. There are, this year, five tuition pupils from other towns, a considerably larger number than formerly. This fact speaks well for the school. The number of pupils in the College Course is 20, and there are 37 pupils in the General Course. The enrollment by classes is as follows: Seniors, 8; Juniors, 16; Sophomores, 17; Freshmen, 16.

Monson Academy has had a successful year in athletics, and at this writing is in a position to win the championship of Piscataquis County in basketball. Mr. Larson has been a great help to the boys in coaching basketball and considering the conditions that the boys must contend with in the old hall, it is remarkable that they have done so well. A baseball team was started

last spring for the first time in many years.

In order that the games shall be of physical benefit it is imperative that better facilities be provided for the boys, if nothing more than to give them a warm place to dress and a chance to be rubbed down and dried off after the games or after practice. The girls are also interested in athletics, but practice under the present conditions is almost impossible.

The state law requires some physical training and it is important that something be done to improve the situation. The school rooms at the Academy are so crowded that there is no suitable space for physical exercises, and the indications are that they will be even more crowded next year.

Besides offering medals or prizes for high school rank it will be beneficial to the school to have awards made for public speaking, essays, improvements in scholarship, or similar achievements.

The school was fortunate in having the excellent services of Miss Ethel Saunders for another year. Miss Elizabeth Sawyer, the new member of the faculty, has done very creditable work.

In conclusion, I wish to say again that it has been a pleasure to have the opportunity of working in Monson where the people support their Academy so loyally.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH.

Estimated Expenditures

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1929-1930

Elementary School Account:		
Teachers' wages	\$5,700.00	
Fuel for schools	650.00	
Janitor services and supplies	600.00	
Conveyance and tuition	1,300.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,250.00
High School Account:		
On account of contract	\$3,650.00	
Fuel and janitor services	400.00	
Library and Laboratory	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,200.00
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		\$12,450.00

Estimated Receipts		
Amounts unexpended	\$765.00	
State School Funds	2,435.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,200.00
Appropriation Necessary		\$9,250.00
Elementary School Account	\$5,750.00	
High School Account	3,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,250.00
Free Text Book Account		400.00
School Supply Account:		
Supplies	\$350.00	
Equipment	50.00	
	<hr/>	400.00
Schools Repairs Account		750.00
Insurance Account	\$190.00	
Light and Power Account	60.00	
	<hr/>	250.00
Superintendent of School		475.00

Perhaps it is not amiss for me to state in closing that gratitude and commendation are due school officials, teachers and citizens for their progressive attitudes and faithful services during the past year. It has been said that a new year presents a new page upon which we may write the record over again and perchance improve over the year which has gone. No doubt, with our experience and added knowledge we can do some things better.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 19, 1929.

Superintendent of Schools.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1928-1929

##### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

###### Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$643.88
Raised by town	5,750.00
State School Fund	2,081.17
Equalization Fund	346.00
State Funds, adjustment	40.00
F. W. Bray, coal	10.00



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Interest	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$8,905.21

## Expenditures

For teachers' wages:		
Bernice E. Fogg	\$1,008.00	
Manda E. Mattson	741.00	
Louise E. Grover	777.00	
Esther Pennington	864.00	
Margaret LeClair	648.00	
Priscilla E. Champion	555.00	
Ruth Zimmerman	225.00	
Anna Douglass	224.00	
Vivienne Wing	294.00	
Ruth Stanchfield	294.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,630.00
Fuel for schools:		
H. A. Davis	\$531.92	
A. S. Knight	49.00	
C. C. Simpson, coal	100.00	
William Champion	35.00	
Arthur Bjork, labor	45.30	
Labor on wood	76.60	
	<hr/>	\$837.82
For janitor services and supplies:		
Henry Smith	\$400.00	
District janitors	98.00	
Supplies for janitors	46.00	
Cleaning school buildings	86.07	
	<hr/>	\$630.07
For transportation of children:		
W. W. Pullen	\$360.00	
Mrs. Roy Lloyd	262.50	
Mrs. Verena Drake	194.40	
Mrs. Geraldine Brown	145.00	
Harry Brasier	56.00	
Mrs. Edwin Copeland	84.00	
Mrs. Beulah Smith	2.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,104.30
For tuition:		
Town of Abbot	\$228.80	
Town of Guilford	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$237.80



Unexpended, 1928	465.22
	<u>\$8,905.21</u>

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### HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$300.00	
Raised by Town	3,350.00	
State School Fund	500.00	
Equalization Fund	200.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$4,350.00

#### Expenditures

Treasurer Monson Academy:		
On account of contract	\$3,650.00	
On fuel and janitor account	400.00	
Unexpended, 1928	300.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$4,350.00

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### HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNTS

Unexpended, 1927	\$81.84	
Raised by town	150.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$231.84

#### Expenditures

Library account:		
New Reference books	\$68.27	
School magazines	25.10	
	<u>          </u>	\$93.37
Laboratory account:		
New equipment	\$15.00	
Supplies	21.02	
	<u>          </u>	\$36.02
Unexpended, 1928:		
For library purposes	\$31.54	
For laboratory purposes	70.91	
	<u>          </u>	\$102.45
		<u>\$231.84</u>

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## FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$37.52	
Raised by Town	375.00	
		<u>\$412.52</u>

## Expenditures

Elementary school text books	\$221.03	
High school text books	154.51	
Unexpended, 1928	36.98	
		<u>\$412.52</u>

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$43.78	
Raised by Town	350.00	
		<u>\$393.78</u>

## Expenditures

Supplies for schools	\$333.44	
Unexpended, 1928	60.34	
		<u>\$393.78</u>

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$22.57	
Raised by Town	50.00	
		<u>\$72.57</u>

## Expenditures

School equipment and fixtures	\$63.88	
Unexpended, 1928	8.69	
		<u>\$72.57</u>

## SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Raised by Town	\$1,000.00	
Received for paint	22.50	
Overdraft, 1928	61.72	
		<u>\$1,084.22</u>

## ANNUAL REPORT

## Expenditures

Overdraft, 1927	\$70.87	
Remodeling Burma building	503.26	
Village school rooms	390.75	
General repairs and material	119.34	
	<hr/>	\$1,084.22

## INSURANCE ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$3.00	
Raised by Town	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$128.00

## Expenditures

Insurance on village building	\$118.75	
Unexpended, 1928	9.25	
	<hr/>	\$128.00

## LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1927	\$42.90	
Raised by Town	225.00	
	<hr/>	\$267.90

## Expenditures

Installing new lights	\$166.03	
Repairs	3.30	
Current charges	48.50	
Unexpended, 1928	50.07	
	<hr/>	\$267.90

## SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

## Receipts

## Expenditures

Unexpended, 1927	\$18.00	
Raised by Town	444.00	
	<hr/>	\$462.00

## Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	\$460.00	
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Unexpended, 1928	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$462.00

FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1927		\$23.25
Unexpended, 1928		\$23.25

## TOWN WARRANT

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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 Town Hall in said town of Monson, the 18th day of March, A. D. 1929 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 if the town will vote to accept the report as printed.

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

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

Article 7. 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 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray a'l incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of sidewalks, and how the same shall be expended.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for free text books.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Superintendent of Schools salary.

Article 13. 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 contract with the trustees of Monson Academy.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for school supplies and equipment.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair on schoolhouses.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services.

Article 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. 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 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

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

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

Article 24. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be paid to the Monson Band for evening concerts.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the fire department.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise money to be used for the employing of a public health nurse. This action is made legal by Maine Legislature of 1925; Section 58, Chapter 140 of the 1925 statutes.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to elect a Budget Committee.

Article 29. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

Article 30. 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 money shall go directly for publicity and none of it for salaries.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay on town debt.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to perambulate any town lines, and raise money for the same.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to sell the North Neighborhood schoolhouse.

Article 34. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$240.00 for maintainance of Special Resolve road, known as the Elliottsville road, as according to Chapter 124 Public Laws of 1927.

Article 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mothers' Aid.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to install a street light at a point opposite the residence of J. W. Russell on Pleasant Street and raise money for the same.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to repair the streets in the New Cemetery and raise money for the same.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to pass a law that there be no Single Chimneys built in the village limits.

that may come before this meeting.

Article 39. To act on any and all other business

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to put cement foundation under the G. A. R. Building and raise money for the same.

Article 41. To see what action the town will take relative to allowing dogs to run loose on the principal streets of the village May 15th to Oct. 15th, 1929.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to accept the names as prepared by the Selectmen, for the Juror box.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to pay the Fire Chief for time on chimney fires.



