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*Annual Report*

OF THE

*Town of*

**MONSON**

**MAINE**

FOR THE YEAR

1930



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OF THE  
**Town of Monson**  
Maine  
BY THE  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**  
INCLUDING  
**Report of Superintendent of Schools**  
FOR THE  
**Municipal Year 1930-1931**

# Municipal Officers, 1930

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## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

W. A. Bray

H. S. Knight

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

Mrs. Martha Crane

## Superintendent of Schools

Claude L. Sidelinger

## Health Officer

Harry Davis

## Sealer

F. M. Hescock

## Auditor

E. H. Jackson

# Report of Selectmen

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

Valuation April 1, 1930

Real Estate, Resident	\$172,345.00	
Real Estate Non-resident	\$167,025.00	
		\$339,370.00
Total Real Estate		\$339,370.00
Personal Estate Resident	\$42,640.00	
Personal Estate Non-Resident	47,166.00	
		\$89,806.00
Total Amt. Personal Estate		\$89,806.00
		\$429,176.00
Grand Total Amount		\$429,176.00
Total value of land	\$180,660.00	
Total value of buildings	108,710.00	
Number of Horses, 73, Average value	90.59	
Number of Cows, 152, Average value	44.25	
Number of Oxen, 1, Average value	60.00	
Number of three year old, 30, Average value	38.83	
Number of two year old, 32, Average value	26.40	
Sheep over 35 in number, 4, Average value	6.25	
Swine over 10 in number none		
Poultry over 50 in number, 115, Average value	.48	
<b>EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY</b>		
One year old, 45, average value	\$18.22	
Sheep to 35 in number, 132, Average value	8.56	
Swine to 10 in number, 24, Average value	14.79	
Poultry to 50 in number, 1,146, Average value	.50	
Radios Number 125, Value	6240.00	
Polls Taxed, 381		
Polls not Taxed, 17.		
Rate of Taxation, .06.		

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RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 1930

Incidental Account	\$1,500.00	
Town Poor	2,000.00	
Roads and Bridges	5,000.00	
Fire Department	350.00	
Street Lights	550.00	
Interest Account	600.00	
State Aid Road	533.00	
District Nurse	100.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Public Library	50.00	
Monson Band	50.00	
Town Debt	1,000.00	
Common Schools	6,000.00	
High School	3,400.00	
Text Books	400.00	
Supplies	400.00	
Repairs	500.00	
Insurance and Lights	175.00	
Supt. of Schools	475.00	
Total		\$23,133.00

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Raised by the town 1930	\$1,500.00	
Received from Pool Room	10.00	
Received from sealers outfit	2.00	
Received from cemetery lots	152.00	
Received from rent of hall	26.50	
Show license	2.00	
Rec'd from error in Insurance	7.40	
Rec'd interest on bank stock	231.16	
Rec'd railroad and telephone tax	11.22	
Licenses	15.00	
Skating Rink license	2.50	
Overdraft	198.94	
		\$2,158.72

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Overdraft	\$ 77.95
Paid:	
Loring Short & Harmon for office books	11.20
C. W. & H. M. Hayes, for advice	2.00

Town Reports	74.40
Frank Libby for night watch in 1929	8.00
D. C. Weeks for labor in cemetery	94.00
A. Beathem for labor on wood for town building	10.32
Straw and Martin, Insurance	7.40
Dorothy Davis for fire whistle	5.00
A. G. A. Co. for gas	26.00
D. C. Weeks for labor in cemetery	49.00
Monson Railroad fgt. on gas tanks	4.02
Nightwatch for July 4th	32.00
Insurance	43.05
Ellis Jones for tramps	19.50
Ballot Clerks	32.00
Preambulation of town line	80.00
Ellis Johnson, labor in cemetery	16.00
P. W. Knight & Sons for wood for town buildings	28.87
Ray Hammond labor in cemetery	2.00
D. C. Weeks, labor in cemetery	76.50
John P. White, Esq., advice	10.00
A. L. Brown, Moderator	4.00
W. A. Bray, making deeds	16.20
E. H. Flint, Selectman	70.00
Insurance	18.50
G. P. Pullen for repairs	7.35
D. C. Weeks for repairs	15.04
Martha Crane, School Committee	25.00
A. L. Bray, School Committee	25.00
Mary Davis, School Committee	25.00
F. M. Hescoock, Treasurer	100.00
H. S. Knight, Selectman	150.00
W. A. Bray, Selectman	300.00
F. M. Hescoock, sealer	5.00
F. M. Hescoock, Postage	2.24
R. M. Hescoock, for goods used by Board of Health	2.25
W. A. Bray, stationery, express, telephone and postage	10.00
Lights for hall	12.69
W. Harry Hughes, clerk salary	25.00
W. Harry Hughes, vital	

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statistics and postage	19.53	
Dr. F. L. Varney, vital statistics	8.00	
Harry Davis, forest fire warden	24.00	
Harry Davis, health officer	20.00	
Harry Davis, attendance officer	15.00	
Plumbing Inspector	2.00	
A. L. Brown, tax collector	535.71	
A. L. Brown, excise tax books	9.00	
E. H. Jackson, Auditor	5.00	
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		\$2,158.72

## TOWN POOR

Raised by the Town	\$2,000.00	
Rec'd from Chas. Johnson	85.00	
Overdraft	549.83	
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		\$2,634.83
Overdraft in 1929	\$593.93	
Paid out for Chas Grover	272.98	
Paid out for Albert Anderson	376.60	
Paid out for Chas. Johnson and children	138.98	
Paid out for John Arnold	16.50	
Paid out for Maurice Johnson	753.34	
Paid out for Marion Boulter	132.50	
Paid out for James Wescott	350.00	
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		\$2,634.83

## HIGHWAY, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1929	\$ 974.34	
Raised by town	5,000.00	
Rec'd for use of trucks	1,504.66	
Rec'd for State	50.00	
By amt. from Sidewalk Acct.	18.20	
Rec'd from E. H. Flint	240.00	
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		\$7,787.20
Paid:		
1929 Overdraft, Special Resolve Road	\$ 10.64	
Plowing Road Mar. 1930	177.50	
Snow Fence	274.40	
State for Patrol work	672.30	
Equipment, Gravel, Cement and Culverts	417.84	
Insurance, Gas, Oil and Repairs on trucks	752.05	

## TOWN OF MONSON

Truck and Body	700.00	
Repairs	42.25	
Labor	4,051.65	
Unexpended	688.57	
		\$7,787.20
STATE AID ROAD		
Unexpended, 1929	\$ 2.90	
Raised by town	533.00	
Appropriated from State	1,066.00	
		\$1,601.90
1930		
Paid:		
Aug. 18, State Aid Pay Roll	\$ 190.83	
Aug. 27, State Aid Pay Roll	246.25	
Sept. 15, Monson Me. Slate Co.	11.25	
Sept. 15, Bancroft & Martin Co.	52.52	
Sept. 20, State Aid Pay Roll	190.23	
Sept. 25, A. W. Gilman Co., for cement	164.00	
Sept. 24, State Aid Pay Roll	101.50	
Oct. 6, John Scales and Sons	24.34	
Oct. 7, State Aid Pay Roll	62.60	
Oct. 9, H. L. Harrington	14.99	
Oct. 13, State Aid Pay Roll	333.00	
Oct. 17, R. B. Dunning and Co.	39.00	
Oct. 17, W. W. Pullen	4.50	
Oct. 17, Town of Guilford	47.20	
Oct. 17, Town of Kingsbury	25.00	
Nov. 22, John Conley for gravel	32.88	
State Expended	26.01	
Unexpended, 1930	35.80	
		\$1,601.90
THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY		
Unexpended 1929	\$ 4.13	
Credit by pay roll error	31.00	
Apportionment from State	2,218.26	
		\$2,253.42
Paid:		
May 31, Pay Roll	\$ 31.00	
June 24, Pay Roll	275.05	
July 1, Pay Roll	432.95	
July 8, Pay Roll	326.75	
July 12, Pay Roll	437.00	

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July 21, Berger Metal Culvert Co.	104.27	
July 21, Pay Roll	354.80	
July 29, Pay Roll	128.00	
July 29, Frank Butler, for gravel	35.10	
July 29, R. R. Drake	12.45	
Expended by State	3.45	
Unexpended	112.60	
	<hr/>	\$2,253.42

## SPECIAL RESOLVE HIGHWAY

Special Appropriation	\$1,400.00	
Overdraft	9.59	
	<hr/>	\$1,409.59

## Paid:

Sept. 1, Pay Roll	\$408.25	
Sept. 8, Pay Roll	504.56	
Sept. 15, Pay Roll	377.25	
Sept. 15, Monson Me. Slate Co.	9.00	
Sept. 20, Pay Roll	99.37	
State Expended	11.16	
	<hr/>	\$1,409.59

## MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1929	\$211.00	
Overdraft	149.00	
	<hr/>	\$360.00

## Paid:

Mar. 26, State of Maine	\$45.00	
May 8, State of Maine	45.00	
May 23, Town of Parkman	30.00	
June, State of Maine	45.00	
July 14, State of Maine	15.00	
Sept. 27, State of Maine	90.00	
July 6, State of Maine	90.00	
	<hr/>	\$360.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by Town	\$350.00	
Overdraft, 1930	54.47	
	<hr/>	\$404.47

Overdraft 1929	\$31.85	
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## Paid:

June 6, American La France Co.	61.73	
June 6, Central Maine Power Co.	4.60	
July 7, American La France Co.	79.92	

## TOWN OF MONSON

Sept. 25, R. B. Dunning & Co.	6.90	
Oct. 25, R. B. Dunning & Co.	27.60	
Dec. 9, W. Cushing Co.	9.69	
July 6, G. P. Pullen	11.87	
July 21, Henry K. Barnes	3.23	
Feb. 11, D. C. Weeks	80.10	
Feb. 12, H. E. Smith, care Eng. House	65.00	
Feb. 16, Power for Pump and Whistle	21.98	
		\$404.47

## STREET LIGHTS

Raised by town	\$550.00	
By Hall and Pump Power	34.67	
		\$584.67
Overdraft, 1929	\$ 6.47	
Paid:		
Mar. 13, Monson Light & Power Co.,	\$44.09	
Apr. 16, Monson Light & Power, Installing New Light	27.38	
Apr. 16, Monson Light & Power Co.	52.54	
May 15	47.78	
June 14	44.39	
July 14	44.89	
Aug. 9	40.36	
Sept. 15	43.32	
Oct. 17	41.25	
Nov. 15	46.82	
Dec. 17	42.66	
Jan. 15	41.74	
Feb. 6	41.61	
Unexpended	19.37	
		\$584.67

## INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1929	\$127.71	
Raised by town 1930	600.00	
Rec'd from Bank	54.16	
Overdraft	17.30	
		\$799.17
Paid:		
April 11, W. W. Pullen	\$ 50.00	
May 5, Nettie Pullen	62.50	
May 5, Maude Bray	150.00	

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May 23, G. L. Brown	50.00	
June 25, G. L. Brown	50.00	
Oct. 8, Guilford Trust Co.	60.00	
Dec. 8, Int. on Cemetery Deposits	47.00	
Feb. 7, Treas. Monson Academy	157.00	
Feb. 7, Common School fund	34.16	
Feb. 16, Maude Bray, Int on order paid	39.35	
Feb. 16, H. Grover, Int. on order pd.	99.16	
		<u>\$797.17</u>

## SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended 1930	50.00
Unexpended 1930	50.00
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## DISTRICT NURSE

Raised by town	\$100.00
Expended	100.00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by town	\$50.00
Expended	50.00
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town	\$50.00
Expended	50.00
	<u>          </u>

## MONSON CORNET BAND

Raised by town	\$50.00
Expended	50.00
	<u>          </u>

## FLAG STAFF

Unexpended 1929	\$23.25
Unexpended 1930	23.25
	<u>          </u>

## STATE ADVERTISING

Unexpended 1929	\$50.00
Expended	50.00
	<u>          </u>

## TOWN OF MONSON

## TOWN DEBT ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$1,000.00	
Appropriated	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00
Paid on town Debt		\$2,000.00

## TAX COLLECTOR

1930 Commitment \$26,899.56

## Abatements:

Barney Austin	\$ 3.00	
Martin Baki	3.00	
Robert Finley	3.00	
John A. Johnson	3.00	
David Tobin	3.00	
Hester Kulwalla	3.00	
Albert Lloyd	3.00	
Peter Mattson	3.00	
Lisle Macomber	3.00	
Eto Niva	3.00	
Arvo Abo	3.00	
Linwood Patten	3.00	
John Paghali	3.00	
Clifford Page	3.00	
Oakley Page	3.00	
Wm. Rodman	3.00	
Hemi Strom	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$51.00
Errors in Assessment	63.00	
Net tax paid treasurer	26,785.56	
	<hr/>	\$26,899.56

## 1930 AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX

Total	\$2,234.75	
Less Commission	44.70	
	<hr/>	\$2,190.05

MONEY LEFT IN TRUST FOR CARE OF  
CEMETERY LOTS

Carroll Pullen	\$ 50.00
A. W. Chapin	200.00
A. F. Jackson	100.00
Elizabeth Pullen	200.00
Harriett Crafts	70.00
John Randell	100.00

Chas. Baker	100.00
Sarah Haynes	100.00
Sarah Pennington	200.00
B. M. Packard	100.00
Peter E. Johnson	100.00
Lovisa Chapin	100.00
Flora Varney	50.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Estimated value of Town		
Building	\$3,500.00	
Fire Engine	1,000.00	
Hearse	200.00	
Road tools	250.00	
Hose, Pipe and Hydrants	4,000.00	
Safe	300.00	
Town Trucks	1,000.00	
Gravel Bank	50.00	
Fire Pump and Equipment	5,000.00	
Cash on hand in Treas.	4,104.21	
	<hr/>	\$19,404.21
	Liabilities	
Monson Academy at 4%	\$3,925.00	
School Fund	854.00	
Nettie Pullen Loan at 5%	1,200.00	
W. W. Pullen, Loan at 5%	1,000.00	
Geo. L. Brown Loan at 5%	2,000.00	
Maude Bray Loan at 5%	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,979.00

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy.

Please bring your copy to the town meeting with you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BRAY

H. S. KNIGHT

E. H. FLINT

Selectmen of Monson Me.

Feb. 21, 1931

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correct.

EARLE H. JACKSON, Auditor.

Feb. 21, 1931

## Treasurer's Report

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By Paid Orders	\$36,344.74	
State Treasurer, dog tax	90.00	
State Treasurer, state tax	3,422.31	
County Treasurer, county tax	483.16	
Blind Pensions	369.00	
Public Library	5.00	
Porcupine Bounties	62.50	
Bear Bounties	25.00	
Cash on hand to balance	4,104.21	
		\$44,905.92

Dr.

To Cash on hand	\$3,073.89
Rec'd:	
Interest on deposits	54.16
Town clerk dog tax	90.00
Licenses	29.50
Rent of Hall	26.50
Use of sealers outfit	2.00
Dennis Weeks, cemetery lots	152.00
Interest Common school acct.	34.16
Refund on insurance premium	7.40
Hired of Guilford Trust Co.	2,000.00
Estate Flora Varney	50.00
Estate Lovisa Chapin	100.00
Charles Johnson, acct. Mrs. Johnson, funeral expenses	85.00
E. H. Flint, highways	1,744.66
A. L. Brown, Collector	26,785.56
A. L. Brown, Excise tax	2,190.05
State Treas., acct. highway	3,548.66
Improvements State Road	1,011.89
School Fund	3,207.11
Blind Pension	369.00
Tax on Bank Stock	231.16
R. R. & Tel. tax	11.22

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Public Library	5.00	
Porcupine bounties	72.00	
Bear bounties	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$44.905.92

F. M. HESCOCK,  
Treasurer of Monson, Me.

## Public Health Nursing

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### To The Citizens of Monson, Maine.

Herewith we submit a report of public health activities in your town for the period Jan. 1, 1930 to Jan. 1, 1931.

School work seems to occupy the most prominent place in the service this year, although other phases of the work have been covered as requested.

Fifteen families have received 29 home visits of varying nature including tuberculosis, school follow-up, pre-school and infant children.

Four preschool and infant clinics have been held with Miss Ricker of the Maine Baby Saving Society who has been coming to the county for nine years for this service. A good number of mothers and children have attended these conferences held in Town Hall.

### SCHOOL NURSING

The schools visited include the Vinton, Burma and Long rural schools as well as the village grades and High School.

Total number of individual pupils receiving annual physical inspection, defects referred to family physician or dentist, 124.

Total number of pupils showing symptoms of defects 86.

Total number of special examination for evidence of skin disease or pediculosis, 165.

Number of special examinations showing evidence of skin disease or pediculosis, 11.

Analysis of symptoms of defects and corrections noted:

Vision	4
Corrections	15
Teeth	65
Corrections	33
Nose and throat	20
Corrections	15
Underweight	10

Special weights and measures, fall of 1930, 109  
Total underweights at this examination 13

Monson schools stand well at the top for health habit teaching promotion and cleanliness as well as parental co-operation.

In closing, the service wishes to thank Mr. Sidelinger, Supt. Schools and his teachers for their loyalty and support, Mr. Smith for his many kindnesses both at school and clinic and all the townspeople who have taken an interest in helping the work along.

Respectfully submitted,

Piscataquis County Nursing Service,

by Louise B. Nichols, R. N., County Nurse.

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

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### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

#### To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my eleventh annual report as superintendent of your schools. During the past year, as in the ten previous years, it has not been my purpose to make any radical changes from the policies already established. Rather it has been my desire to study the situation and suggest changes only as they seem advisable and necessary. I purpose to make this report very brief emphasizing what seems to me the more important phases of our school work and stressing certain changes which may be brought about in the near future.

Diminished school opportunity for children is sometimes suggested by shortsighted individuals who would use this means of reducing public expenditures. Wise citizens and far-sighted business men know this is the wrong course. They urge boards of education to maintain and to extend further our educational opportunity. From an economic as well as a human point of view the common school is America's greatest investment. Every dollar spent on the schools returns two in terms of health, skill, citizenship and working power.

This year the average school rate for the state is .0127, while the municipal rate is .05268. The school rate for Monson is .0219, and the municipal rate is .06. According to these figures Monson will participate in the equalization fund for next year.

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRESS

The town of Monson maintains eight elementary schools and employs eight teachers for these schools. All of our teachers except two are teachers of long experience or graduates of Normal Schools, while the other two are girls who have had very little training for teaching. In addition to the eight regular teachers there is a special teacher for Music who is giving one half of each school day to music in the village schools, and who plans to make one visit each week to each of

the rural schools. The enrollment for the school year ending last June was 195, while the average daily attendance was 176.2. These figures indicate that there was on an average nineteen pupils absent daily from the schools.

The school progress of the pupils of the town is very satisfactory. We find that the pupils who enter the Academy do good high school work and the pupils who go from the Academy to college do good work there. The general accepted cardinal objectives of education are sound health, worthy home membership, mastery of the tools and technics of learning, faithful citizenship, vocational efficiency, wise use of leisure and ethical character. We must face the fact that several of these objectives are getting but meager attention. Our schools are distinctly subject-centered rather than pupil-centered, the teacher's maximum effort being directed towards the inculcation of facts and training in certain fundamental skills. Because what we attempt to do in our schools must be carried out by the regular teachers, it will be difficult to modify our program so as to more fully meet the various responsibilities of the public schools.

In my last report I stressed certain changes which must be brought about in the near future. These changes will seem advisable and necessary as they are urged upon us in order to meet the requirements of the public schools. Very likely the first of these changes will be in the course of study. We plan to use in the schools a course of study approved for the schools of this state. For sometime now committees have been working on a revision of the State Course of Study and it is hoped that by the beginning of the next school year this will be completed and made ready for the schools. Unquestionably this work will be of great assistance to the teachers in carrying on their work so as to more nearly meet the present demands of our public school system. Almost as important as having available a new course of study is an attempt to improve the quality and standard of teaching. Our policy is to employ teachers who can accomplish, under the best conditions we can furnish them, all that is possible with our course of study.

Better provisions should be made for the health of

our school children. At the present time we have the services of the District Health Nurse who visits the school and the homes, and who tries to enlist the aid of the parents in trying to have defects corrected. An effective health program does more than find defects and more than to correct such of these defects as may be remediable. A present day health program has to do with mental, emotional and social soundness and stability as well as physical fitness. A well-rounded school health program includes three types of activity-physical, mental and social. A program for health and physical education in the schools is required by law, but as I have stated in other reports this program of health and physical education is more than can be carried out successfully by the regular classroom teachers. So it seems a question of how much we can attempt to do with our limited school funds.

#### MONSON ACADEMY

I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciations to the citizens for their co-operation in helping Monson to do her part to make the program of the 3-R Contest a success. Special mention should be made of the members of the Women's Club who furnished the medals and of the mothers who arranged for the supper. The next 3-R Contest will be held in Sangerville early in May.

Conditions pertaining to Monson Academy can be taken as similar to those of most small secondary schools. It is only by limiting the subjects to a narrow scope that the daily schedule can be kept down to a workable plan. We make no pretense of offering the scope of work of the large high schools of today. The modern comprehensive high school offers a curriculum not only for the relatively small college group, but also for the large group who have no inclination for education beyond the secondary school. The program for the Academy includes a course which will admit to college and subjects of general culture for those students who will not go to college. Principal Carson in his report gives a brief resume of the work in the Academy for the year. I wish to add that I think the work in the Academy under Principal Carson and his two assistants is proving exceptionally satisfactory.

## SCHOOL FUNDS AND SCHOOL NEEDS

On a following page of this report is given an estimate of expenditures for elementary and high school purposes for the next municipal year, together with an estimate of the receipts from state school funds and the funds to be raised by the town to maintain the schools. The sum I have indicated for salaries of elementary teachers includes provisions for a Music teacher. It seems now that we may be able to make the sum we raise for elementary schools this time about two hundred dollars less than the sum raised last year. I think the funds we should raise for high school purposes should be the same amount that was raised last year. Possibly we may find it advisable to offer more subjects in the Academy this next year.

The amount I have suggested for textbooks should be sufficient for all new textbooks that may be needed and for a few reference books and library books for the elementary schools. Also, the sum I have suggested for school supplies and equipment should be sufficient for all school supplies that may be needed and for a limited amount of new school equipment or appliances.

Two insurance policies expire this coming year, and one hundred eighteen dollars and seventy-five will need to be raised in order to renew these policies. The appropriations for light and power should be large enough to take care of all expenditures for power and for all repairs that may be made. The needs for school repairs are listed in another paragraph.

## SCHOOL REPAIRS

Repairs made at the school houses during the year are about as follows: Painting the outside of the Burma Schoolhouse, painting the Long Schoolhouse one coat, placing new steps at the entrances to the grammar building, putting four or five new flush-closet tanks in the toilets in this building, and several minor repairs amounting in cost to nearly seventy-five dollars. Due to the fact that we found more repairs to be made at the grammar building than we had estimated, not quite so much work was done at the Long School-house as we had intended to do. As it is that building may be all right for two or three years.

We should plan to make some repairs on schoolhouses

during the coming year, because there are many things we might wisely plan to do within the next two or three years. We have been planning to make some repairs on and to paint the Vinton Schoolhouse. New floors should be laid in two of the rooms in the grammar building as the old floors are getting to be in rather bad condition in places. Also we are near the time when we shall have to begin to replace the old seats in the schoolrooms with new seats. This will be both because the old seats are going to pieces and because of the need for equipping the rooms with modern seats. In addition there are always a number of minor repairs needing to be done.

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

In submitting my first report to you it seems fitting that I give a brief summary of the work for the first half of this school year.

This school year opened September 8 with an enrollment of sixty-six pupils in the following classes: Seniors 15, Juniors 12, Sophomores 16, and Freshmen 23. This I understand is one of the largest enrollments in the history of the Academy.

The curriculum offered this year includes two courses, namely, the General Course and the College Course. These courses are the same as those offered last year with the exception of the alternate subjects. This year Physics, bookkeeping and Geometry are offered to the students. In all there are seventeen subjects being offered this year. Each study is held a forty minute period for five days each week. The daily program consists of seven periods. Each assistant teaches six subjects, while the principal has five subjects with Physics Laboratory which makes six subjects for three days each week.

There has been a fair percentage of pupils obtaining a rank of 85 or better in four of their regular subjects. The honor roll for the first six weeks is as follows: Seniors—Betty Lou Davis, Hannah Prescott, Stanwood Pullen and Thurley Steward. Juniors—Doris Averill, Lurene Carlson and Millard Emanuelson. Sophomores—Violet Dauphine, Elizabeth Emanuel, Phyllis Leighton and Erma Snow. The honor roll for the second

six weeks: Seniors—Betty Lou Davis, Hannah Prescott, Stanwood Pullen, Thurley Steward and Ruth Wickstrom. Juniors—Lurene Carlson and Millard Emanuelson. Sophomores—Lodie Casey, Violet Dauphinie, Elizabeth Emanuelson, Phyllis Leighton, Erma Snow and Eloise Steward. Freshman—Jeanette Drake. Third six weeks: Seniors—Betty Lou Davis, Hannah Prescott, Stanwood Pullen and Thurley Steward. Juniors—Doris Averill, Lurene Carlson, Millard Emanuelson and Miriam Nisbet. Sophomore—Lodie Casey, Violet Dauphinie, Elizabeth Emanuelson, Phyllis Leighton, Erma Snow and Eloise Steward. Freshman—Jeanette Drake.

The average attendance for the first term was 63, which is not so high as it could be. There have been quite a number of absences and tardiness among the students of the upper classes, especially among the Seniors. As we have been fortunate so far this year as not to have any serious epidemic in the school it seems that many of these absences could be avoided if all would take school work more seriously.

This year we are attempting some work with Public Speaking. The plan is to require Public Speaking of the Freshmen and make it elective for the three upper classes. This will give all students some training in speaking during their first year and give those who desire further training an opportunity to follow Public Speaking through the four years. Two contests in speaking are being planned for each year. The Freshman Contest will include only members from the Freshman Class who will compete for prizes. The second contest will include members from the three upper classes. Prizes will be awarded to the winning speakers.

Shortly after the opening of the school year the respective classes held meetings for the purpose of electing officers for the year. Besides electing class officers the Junior Class elected an Editorial Board for the school paper, and the student body elected officers for the Athletic Council.

Early in the year the students held a school fair and minstrel show for the purpose of raising money for the Athletic Association. This affair was a success financially. At the present time the Seniors are getting their cast ready for the annual play, while the Juniors

are working on their school paper.

Basketball started early in November. The team appeared to start in where last year's team left off. To date the team has won thirteen of the fifteen games played, and the Academy is in a position to win again the county championship.

This is a brief outline of the work carried on in the Academy the first half of this school year.

In closing, I wish to thank the assistants, Miss Stevens and Miss Palmer, and the people for their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HAROLD E. CARSON,  
 Principal.

#### SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1931-1932

For Elementary School Account:		
Teachers' wages	\$6,250.00	
Fuel,	650.00	
Janitor services & supplies,	600.00	
Conveyance of Pupils	950.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,450.00
Estimated receipts from state funds,		\$2,650.00
For High School Account:		
Teachers' wages,	\$4,400.00	
Fuel and janitor,	450.00	
Library and Laboratory	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000.00
Estimated receipts from State Funds	\$1,200.00	
From tuition	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,700.00

#### Summary of Appropriations Suggested

Elementary School Account	\$5,800.00
High School Account	3,400.00
Free Textbook Account	400.00
School Supply Account, including equipment	400.00
School Repairs Account	500.00
Insurance Account	120.00
Light and Power Account	60.00
Superintendent of Schools, Salary	470.00

There follows in this report a somewhat detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for schools for the municipal year. In connection with the unusually

large sum unexpended I should mention the fact that the usual quantity of wood for next year has not been delivered and paid for. This wood bill will amount to nearly three hundred dollars. I would like to add that rather than plan to cut the sum raised for schools, I should like to see about the same sum raised and then try to extend some of the work in the schools. I think it can be done with about the usual appropriations for schools.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their loyal support and the members of the school committee and the citizens for their support in making this a successful year, and express my appreciations for all courtesies extended to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 20, 1931

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1930-1931  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1929,	\$ 857.32	
Raised by town,	6,000.00	
State School Funds	2,105.11	
Equalization Fund	502.00	
Interest,	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$9,498.59

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:		
Bernice E. Fogg,	\$1,008.00	
Manda E. Mattson,	777.00	
Esther Pennington,	792.00	
Vivienne Bray	741.00	
Margaret LeClair,	270.00	
Beatrix E. Jackson	378.00	
Priscilla M. Tripp,	210.00	
Shirley O. Brown	294.00	
Gertrude Stanchfield	504.00	
Agnes Holmbom	561.00	
Ethelyn M. Chase	300.00	
Charlotte LeClair	279.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,114.00

## TOWN OF MONSON

School Fuel:		
H. A. Davis	\$ 42.00	
William Champion,	35.00	
A. L. Bray,	21.00	
C. C. Simpson	73.50	
Labor on wood	104.85	
	<hr/>	\$276.35
Janitor services and supplies:		
Henry Smith	\$400.00	
District janitors	102.00	
Cleaning schoolhouses	43.60	
Supplies	37.76	
	<hr/>	\$583.36
School conveyance:		
W. W. Pullen	\$276.00	
Mrs. Verena Drake	390.00	
Mrs. Roy Lloyd	279.00	
Mrs. Olga Haggstrom	126.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,071.00
Tuition: Town of Guilford		\$21.00
Unexpended, 1930		\$1,432.88
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		\$9,498.59

## HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929,	\$300.00	
Raised by town,	3,250.00	
State School Funds,	500.00	
Equalization Fund,	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.00

## Expenditures

Monson Academy: account of		
contract,	\$3,550.00	
Unexpended, 1930	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.00

## LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNTS

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$125.21	
Raised by town,	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$275.21

## Expenditures

Library account:

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Dictionary stand	\$12.00	
School magazines	30.60	
Reference books	85.00	
	<hr/>	\$127.60
Laboratory account:		
Supplies and equipment		\$30.50
Unexpended, 1930:		
Library account	\$ 15.19	
Laboratory account	101.92	
	<hr/>	\$117.11
		<hr/>
		\$275.21

## FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$ 85.98	
Raised by town	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$485.98

## Expenditures

Elementary school purposes	\$232.10	
High school purposes	163.25	
Unexpended, 1930	90.63	
	<hr/>	\$485.98

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$ 57.03	
Raised by town	350.00	
	<hr/>	\$407.03

## Expenditures

Supplies for schools	\$364.26	
Unexpended, 1930	42.77	
	<hr/>	\$407.03

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$11.07	
Raised by town	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$61.07

## Expenditures

Chairs	\$16.50	
Dictionary stands, two	26.33	

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Unexpended, 1930	18.24	
	<u>          </u>	\$61.07

## SCHOOL REPAIR ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$49.09	
Raised by town	500.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$549.09

## Expenditures

Grammar school building	\$178.54	
District school buildings	105.02	
General repairs	74.78	
Drinking fountains, two	21.80	
New chairs and desks	38.10	
Material for repairs	37.48	
Graveling walks	20.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$475.72
Unexpended, 1930		<u>          </u> \$73.37

## INSURANCE ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$16.50	
Raised by town	125.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$141.50

## Expenditures

Insurance on buildings	\$118.75	
Insurance on pianos	22.63	
Unexpended, 1930	.12	
	<u>          </u>	\$141.50

## LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$54.21	
Raised by town	50.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$104.21

## Expenditures

Current charges	\$62.89	
Unexpended, 1930	41.32	
	<u>          </u>	\$104.21

## SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1929	\$ 9.00	
Raised by town	475.00	
	<hr/>	\$484.00

## Expenditures

C. L. Sideliñger, salary	\$468.00	
Unexpended, 1930	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$484.00

## FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1929	\$23.25
Unexpended, 1930	\$23.25

## 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 Tarr's Hall in said town of Monson the 23rd day of March A. D. 1931 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 town report as printed. *yes*

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 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 all 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 Section 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Article 20. To see if the town will charge interest on the taxes remaining unpaid September 15th and ~~dat-~~  
~~ing back to July 15th~~; at six per cent.

Article 21. To see what sum of money the town will 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

*to reconsider  
this article*

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 vote to raise one hundred dollars for School Health Nurse and authorize the Selectmen to hire the same.

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 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 grant and raise to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine. *pass*

Article 30. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the maintenance of 3rd class and Special Resolve Roads. *pass take from reg maintenance money*

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the so called road known as the Cross Road running from the State Highway near the Volney Frost place to the Blanchard Moosehorn road. *yes*

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the south end of the Wyman road from Ernest Degerstrom's residence to the so called Cross road. *yes*

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the so-called George Brown road, leading from the State Aid road, near the Evans Corner to the so called George Brown Farm. *yes*

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the so-called Oscar Erickson farm road leading from the State Highway to the Oscar Erickson farm. *yes*

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to discon-

tinue the old road leading over Doughty Hill from the State Highway to the State Highway near Spectacle Pond Bridge.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the west end of the so-called Hemingway road from the west line of Ivory Bodge farm to the old Degerstrom place. *yes*

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the east end of the Folsom road from the west line of the old Mattson farm to the Folsom farm. *yes*

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the Willimantic road to the old Barber farm. *yes*

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road known as the Haskell road leading from the Blanchard road near the Andrew Erickson farm leading to the Haskell farm. *yes*

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the south end of the Hilton road so-called starting at the Gardiner Hilton place to the old L. O. Anderson farm. *yes*

Article 41. To see what action the town will take in regard to accepting money in trust for the care of cemetery lots. *yes*

Article 42. To see what action the town will vote to take in regard to the Three Town Act as provided in Chapter 154 P. L. and Amended 157 P. L. 1919. *pass*

Article 43. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on town debt. *yes and as much more as they see fit*

Article 44. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mothers' Aid. *yes*

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State Department of Forestry in the appointment of Forest Fire Wardens. *yes*

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State Department of Forestry in the purchasing of forest fire fighting tools to the amount of \$25.00 the State to pay half. *yes*

Article 47. To see if the town will vote to pay for one or more street lights to be located near the school buildings if the Woman's Club will install the same. *yes*

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to install a street light between the homes of Egan Larson and Urban Jones and maintain the same.

Article 49. To see what sum if any, the town will vote to raise in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 to 32 inclusive of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes for the construction of a State Highway extending from Blanchard-Monson town line easterly over Monson Third Class road to Highway "J" thence on "J" to junction of Elliottsville Road, thence on Elliottsville road, over Elliottsville State Aid Road, across Wilson Stream, thence in a general southerly direction over Willimantic State Road to Norton's Corner, thence southeasterly over Third Class Road to State Aid No. 2, thence easterly on No. 2 to end of road at Sebec Lake. *March 23, 1931, approved*

Article 50. To see if the town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Tenny Hill. *yes*

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as selected by the Selectmen. *yes*

Article 52. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to move the North Neighborhood School House and repair the same for town purposes. *pass*

Given under our hand at Monson, Maine this 16th day of March A. D. 1931.

W. A. BRAY,  
H. S. KNIGHT,  
E. H. FLINT.

*Mr. Bain had rather let the town have the lot for 15 or 20 yrs for hay scales for \$1.00 a yr*

## RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Incidental	\$1,600.00	X
Town Poor	2,000.00	X
Roads and Bridges	6,000.00	X
Mothers' Aid	500.00	✓
Fire Department	400.00	✓
Street Lights	550.00	✓
Interest	550.00	✓
State Aid Road	533.00	
School Nurse	100.00	✓
Memorial Day	50.00	✓
Public Library	50.00	✓
Monson Band	50.00	✓
	<hr/>	\$12,383.00
Town Debt Appropriate from Treas.		\$1,000.00 ✓
Common School	\$5,800.00	X
High School	3,400.00	✓
Textbooks	400.00	✓
School Supply and Equipment	400.00	✓
School Repairs	500.00	✓
Insurance and Light	180.00	✓
Superintendent	470.00	✓
	<hr/>	\$11,150.00

## Budget Committee

F. H. Crane, G. P. Pullen, A. L. Bray, Amos Knight,  
Mary Davis, Mabel Lord, W. W. Pullen.

February 24, 1931



