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OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
Town of
MONSON
MAINE
FOR THE YEAR
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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
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Report of Superintendent of Schools
FOR THE
Municipal Year 1931-1932

Municipal Officers, 1931

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

W. A. Bray W. Harry Hughes Paul Jackson

Road Commissioner

E. H. Flint

Town Clerk

W. Harry Hughes

Treasurer

F. M. Hescock

Tax Collector

A. L. Brown

School Committee

A. L. Bray Martha Crane Mary Davis

Superintendent of Schools

Claude L. Sidelinger

Sexton

D. C. Weeks

Health Officer

Harry Davis

Scaler

F. M. Hescock

Auditor

E. H. Jackson

Report of Selectmen

Valuation April 1, 1931

Real Estate, Resident	\$175,440.00	
Real Estate, Non-Res.	164,555.00	
Total Real Estate		\$339,995.00
Personal Estate, Res.	\$ 46,252.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Res.	47,125.00	
Total Personal Estate		93,377.00
Grand Total Amount		\$433,372.00
Raised by town at annual meeting		\$ 23,533.00
State tax 1931		3,160.60
County tax 1931		710.28
Overlay taken from Auto tax		267.56
Rate of taxation .06		
Polls taxed 378		
Polls not taxed 19		

PERSONAL PROPERTY—LIVE STOCK

65 Horses		\$ 5,155.00
126 Cows		5,025.00
8 Oxen		330.00
38 Three Year Olds		1,330.00
41 Two Year Old		1,305.00
7 Sheep		35.00
438 Poultry		219.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

48 One year olds		730.00
123 Sheep		615.00
31 Swine		310.00
1640 Poultry		820.00

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 1931

Incidental Acct.	\$ 1,600.00	
Town Poor	2,000.00	
Roads and Bridges	6,000.00	
Mothers Aid	500.00	
Fire Department	400.00	
Street Lights	550.00	
Interest	550.00	

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State Aid Road	533.00
School Nurse	100.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	50.00
Common School	5,800.00
High School	3,400.00
Textbooks	400.00
School Supply and Equipment	400.00
School repairs	500.00
Insurance & Lights (School)	180.00
Superintendent	470.00

 \$ 23,533.00

Appropriated from Treas. on town debt \$ 1,000.00

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$ 2000.00
Received from State for Paupers	122.30
Received from Town of Shirley (Norris Turner case)	150.00
Received from Emil Carlson (John Carlson acc't.)	10.00

 \$ 2,282.30

Overdraft 1931 656.50

 \$ 2,938.80

Overdraft 1930 \$ 549.83

Paid Account

James Wescott	141.00
Marion Boulter	134.36
Maurice Johnson	144.34
Vetalia Photo	61.40
Harland Johnson	177.90
Miss Steward	18.00
Albert Beatham	30.00
Maria Johnson	110.00
Chas. Grover	243.71
Lyle Forbus	17.48
Norris Turner	150.00
Fred Genest	12.30
John A. Johnson, child	50.00
Albert Anderson	321.88

Alfred Akerson	84.14
John Carlson	10.00
Gunnard Mattson	385.17
Muriel Spencer	8.00
Burnard Austin and Teck Anderson	289.29

\$ 2,938.80

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Raised by Town \$ 1,600.00

Received

F. A. Larson, pool room license	10.00
Tax on Bank Stock	175.71
For use of Town Hall	21.00
R. R. and Tel. Tax	11.36
For use Sealers' Weights	2.00
From Dog tax, refund	9.55
For Cemetery Lots	104.00
Overdraft, 1931	622.91

\$ 2,556.53

Paid Out:

Overdraft	\$ 198.94
Loring Short & Harmon, books	21.30
John P. White, legal advice	44.75
Printing Town Reports	83.25
Night Watch July 4th and special work	161.00
Labor in cemetery	341.58
Labor and wood for town building	35.00
Insurance, Straw & Martin	7.40
Dorothy Davis, fire whistle	5.00
A. G. A. Co., for gas	26.00
Tramps	39.60
Ballot Clerks	32.00
Perambulation of town south line	17.50
A. L. Brown, moderator 1931	4.00
W. A. Bray, (14 Cemetery deeds)	18.90
G. P. Pullen, repairs for town bldgs.	16.75
A. L. Bray, school committee	25.00
Martha Crane, school committee	25.00
Mary Davis, school committee	25.00
Fred Hescoek, sealer	5.00
Fred Hescoek, Town Treasurer	100.00

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Snow fence	205.80	
Unexpended 1931	264.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,729.27

STATE AID ROAD

Unexpended 1930		\$ 35.80
Raised by Town \$533.00 and appropriated		1066.00
Rec'd from State		1,846.85
Overdraft		1.80
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		\$ 2,950.45

Paid Out:

Payroll	\$ 2,443.00	
Gravel, Frank Butler	139.20	
Gravel, Rufus Drake	31.20	
Pd. State for Tarring	337.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,950.45

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Unexpended 1930		\$ 112.60
Received from State		1,937.16
Rec'd from Highway fund		631.00
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		\$ 2,680.76

Paid Out:

Pay roll	\$ 2,507.17	
Paid for Dynamite	5.24	
Unexpended	168.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,680.76

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Received from State		\$ 800.00
Overdraft (1931)		5.88
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		\$ 805.88

Paid Out:

Pay roll	\$ 648.50	
Paid State for compressor	90.22	
Paid State for Dynamite	57.52	
Paid State for Inspection	9.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 805.88

Fred Hescoek, postage	2.28
W. Harry Hughes, Selectman	125.00
W. Harry Hughes, Town Clerk	25.00
W. Harry Hughes, vital statistics and postage	24.00
Paul Jackson, Selectman	115.00
W. A. Bray, Selectman	300.00
E. H. Jackson, Auditor	5.00
A. L. Brown, Excise tax books	11.25
Harry Davis, Forest Fire service	8.50
Harry Davis, attendance officer and Plumbing Inspector	18.00
Harry Davis, Health Officer	50.01
F. L. Varney, M. D., vital statistics and Vaccination	75.85
W. A. Bray, Expense to Augusta	16.00
Edw. Johnson, printing voting lists	2.00
Register of Deeds	3.00
G. E. Dore, M. D., vital statistics	2.25
A. L. Brown, Tax Collector	540.42

\$ 2,556.53

HIGHWAY, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended 1930	\$ 688.57
Raised by town	6,000.00
Rec'd for Road Breaking	8.33
Rec'd for use of town trucks	1408.00
Rec'd from State	50.00
Rec'd for use of town trucks	50.00
Due from State (plowing winter roads)	297.37
Rec'd from State for maintenance	187.50
Rec'd from E. H. Flint	39.50

\$ 8,729.27

Paid For:

Plowing Roads	
Gr. No. Paper Co.	\$ 480.00
Gravel & road material	335.85
Ins. Gas, Oil & Repairs	422.18
State Patrol	658.20
State Road and State Aid maintenance	631.00
Pay Roll roads and Bridges	5,732.21

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MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Raised by Town		\$	500.00
Overdraft 1931			9.00
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		\$	509.00
Paid State 1930 overdraft	\$	149.00	
Paid State 1931		360.00	
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		\$	509.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by Town 1931		\$	400.00
Overdraft 1931			30.22
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		\$	430.22
Paid Out:			
Overdraft 1930	\$	54.47	
F. H. Crane, coal		108.00	
Stanley & Leon Co.		151.90	
D. H. Champion,			
Engine supplies		2.25	
G. P. Pullen, engine supplies		2.48	
A. R. Day, labor		4.65	
Merton H. Grover, services			
and supplies		25.07	
Knight & Thomas Inc.		3.90	
H. E. Smith,			
care of engine room		65.00	
Forest Com. fire fighting tools		12.50	
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		\$	430.22

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Raised by Town		\$	550.00
Interest on Deposits			34.00
Interest from A. L. Brown			60.00
Overdraft 1931			105.51
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		\$	749.51
Paid Out:			
Overdraft 1930	\$	17.30	
Maude Bray		105.84	
Geo. L. Brown		137.88	
Nettie F. Pullen		62.50	
W. W. Pullen		70.83	

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Guilford Trust Co.	120.00	
D. C. Weeks, interest cemetery Fund	44.00	
Treas. of Monson Acad. on loan	157.00	
Common School Fund	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 749.51
STREET LIGHTS		
Unexpended 1930		\$ 19.37
Raised by Town		550.00
Overdraft 1931		17.21
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		\$ 586.58
Paid Out:		
Monson Light & Power Co.		\$ 586.58
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SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET		
Unexpended 1930		\$ 50.00
Unexpended 1931		50.00
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DISTRICT NURSE		
Raised by Town, 1931		\$ 100.00
Expended by Town 1931		100.00
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MEMORIAL DAY		
Raised by town 1931		\$ 50.00
Expended by town 1931		50.00
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MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Raised by town 1931		\$ 50.00
Expended 1931		50.00
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MONSON BAND		
Raised by town 1931		\$ 50.00
Expended 1931		50.00
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FLAG STAFF		
Unexpended 1930		\$ 23.25
Unexpended 1931		23.25
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TOWN DEBT ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$	1,000.00
Paid on Town Debt			1,000.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

To 1931 commitment		\$	27,136.32
Abatements	\$	69.00	
Errors in assessment		46.50	
Net tax returned to Treas.	27,020.82		
			\$27,136.32

AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX

Total tax		\$	1,937.94
Less Commission			38.76
Net tax return		\$	1,899.18

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 (Patten Lot)			200.00
Harriett Crafts			70.00
John Randall			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
Mrs. F. J. Wilkins			100.00
Mrs. Delia Steward			100.00
		\$	1,670.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Estimated value Town Bldg.		\$	3,500.00
Estimated value Fire Engine			1000.00
Estimated value Hearse			200.00
Road Tools			250.00

Hose, Pipe and Hydrants	4,000.00
Safe	300.00
Town Trucks	500.00
Gravel Bank	50.00
Fire Pump and Equipment	5,000.00
Cash on Hand	2,909.10
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	\$ 17,709.10
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	Liabilities
Monson Academy at 4%	\$ 3,925.00
School Fund	854.00
Nettie Pullen, loan at 4%	1,200.00
W. W. Pullen, loan at 4%	1,000.00
Maude Bray, loan at 4%	3,000.00
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	\$ 9,979.00

A sufficient number of the 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
W. HARRY HUGHES
PAUL A. JACKSON

March 1, 1932

Selectmen of Monson Me.

Treasurer's Report

DR.

To Amount on hand	\$ 4,104.21
A. L. Brown Coll.	27,020.82
A. L. Brown, Interest	60.00
A. L. Brown, Excise tax	1,899.18
Inst. on deposits	34.00
Town Clerk, dog tax	76.00
Licenses	15.00
Use of Sealer's outfit	2.00
Rent of Hall	21.00
D. C. Weeks, cemetery lots	104.00
Town of Shirley	150.00
Hired of Guilford Trust Co.	4,000.00
Emil Carlson	10.00
Inst. Common School Account	34.16
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00
Mrs. Mellie Wilkins	100.00
Bal Acc't breaking roads 1930	8.33
E. H. Flint highways	1,497.50
State Treas., highways	2,756.29
State Treas. Improved State roads	1,530.02
State Treas., School Fund	2,953.72
Tax on bank stock	175.71
R. R. & Tel. Tax	11.36
Free Public Library	5.00
Dog Tax refund	9.55
Porcupine bounties	55.00
Bear	1,750.00
Blind Pensions	324.00
Support Paupers	122.30
	\$ 48,929.15

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By Paid Orders	\$ 43,825.55
State Treas., dog tax	76.00
Blind Pensions	324.00
Public Library	5.00
Porcupine bounties	39.50
Bear bounties	1,750.00

Cash on hand to balance	2,909.10
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	\$ 48,929.15

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

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

March 1, 1932

EARLE H. JACKSON.

Public Health Nurse

Monson, Maine, Feb. 19, 1932

To the Citizens of Monson, Maine

I herewith submit my report for health work for the first half of the present school year.

During the months of September and October a thorough inspection was given all the pupils in all the schools. At this time fifteen cases of contagious skin disease were found. The children were excluded from school, and visits made to the homes for the purpose of giving mothers instructions regarding treatment. The teachers were urged to watch out for any signs of skin trouble and when any were found the children were sent to the nurse for inspection. With the cooperation of parents and teachers the skin troubles were corrected within a reasonable length of time.

The first of December all pupils who were found to be 10% underweight in September were weighed again, and we were glad to learn all had gained in weight and half the number were no longer in the 10% underweight class.

Among the academy students and upper grades there were several defects of posture. A posture chart was loaned by the State Department of Health and has been displayed in the academy building. This shows the correct posture for different types of boys and girls.

During the Christmas vacation an effort was made to have some vision defects corrected. Dr. Harry Johnson of Bangor very kindly offered to give free examination to as many pupils as we could get to his office. Our superintendent made it possible for Mr. Day to take the children and the nurse to Bangor in the school bus, and on January 2nd this trip was made with eight pupils. It was found all were in need of glasses, and these were furnished in most cases, by the families.

At the beginning of the second term, a class in infant and personal hygiene was started for girls in the seventh and eighth grades. Equipment was furnished by the State Department of Health and the girls are given practical as well as theoretical instruction. This course consists of twelve lessons, two being given each

week. An examination is taken at the close of the course, the papers sent to Augusta, and if a passing mark is obtained the girls are given a neat diploma bearing the state seal.

Not very many corrections of defects have been made so far this year. Very many dental defects need to be corrected, and there are still 166 pupils in the Monson schools who have not been vaccinated. Sixty have been vaccinated since last May.

As an inducement to have defects corrected we are using the Gold Star Health Score charts. These are placed in each room with the pupils' names written on them. Different colored stars indicate defects and corrections, and when all corrections have been made and the pupil vaccinated they may receive a gold star. Our records for the year will be closed in May, and it is hoped by that time we shall have many gold star pupils. We are planning to give another thorough inspection to all the pupils in April, and hope during the warmer weather some corrections will be made which it has not seemed wise to have made during the winter months. We feel sure the parents will cooperate with us and the children in trying to make them eligible for the gold star list. May first is National Health Day, and we plan to observe this day and the entire week as Health Week. While we realize it is important to have defects corrected if we are to have healthy children, that is not our sole ambition. We wish them to think and live in terms of health,—health of soul, mind, and body.

We were very sorry to have measles visit our town this winter and take so large a toll, but as far as we know nothing of a very serious nature has resulted. It is early, however, to judge results. Every effort was made to protect the children who had not been exposed, and give the best of care to those who were exposed and who were victims of the disease.

In closing this report, I wish to thank our superintendent, teachers, parents, health officer, and all others who have co-operated so splendidly in our efforts to bring health and happiness to the children of Monson.

Total number inspected, 253.

Defects of Eyes 20, Corrections 10

Defects of Ears 14, Corrections 0

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Defects of Nose 7, Corrections 0
Defects of Throat 34, Corrections 2
Defects of Teeth 168, Corrections 25
Defects of Skin, 15, Corrections 15
Defects of Weight 10, Corrections 0 (overweight)
Defects of Weight 41, Corrections 20
(underweight)

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA J. VARNEY, R. N.

School Health Nurse.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my twelfth annual report as superintendent of your schools. This report is concerned chiefly with the progress of your schools and the general cost of their maintenance, together with recommendations regarding their needs for the ensuing year.

According to statistics issued by the state department the average of the school rates for this year is .01297 while the average of the municipal rates is .05414. These rates are higher than the rates reported for last year. The school rate for the town of Monson is .0222 while the municipal rate is .06. These rates indicate that Monson will participate in the equalization fund to be distributed next year.

The continued nation-wide and world-wide depression in finance and industry has created a certain amount of unrest, and the feeling has come to be well nigh universal that there should be some reduction in public taxation. We are all in general agreement with this idea, but it does not seem to us wise or profitable that this reduction should come at the expense of our public schools. While this may be a time for rigid economy in all matters pertaining to expenditures of public funds, yet we cannot reduce the salaries of our teachers to any extent without a corresponding decrease of efficiency in our school system. We may well recognize the fact that any reduction in salary below the point of guaranteeing an efficient school would be poor economy and really a waste of public funds.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRESS

The school in the Long District was suspended last September by the superintending school committee, so the town is maintaining only seven elementary schools this present school year. Only two changes have been made in the teaching force, namely, Miss LeClair returns as teacher of the first grade and Miss Jackson was assigned to the school in the Vinton District. For the first time since I have been your superintendent

the entire teaching force consists of teachers of long experience or teachers who are graduates of Normal Schools. The work in Music is being continued this year under the supervision of Mrs. Dymond. I think we may feel that all of our schools are in charge of well-trained and efficient teachers, and we may assume that the work of the schools is being maintained at a very high standard of efficiency.

A revised Elementary School Curriculum is now available for all of the public schools. This curriculum has been arranged for an eight-grade system to be preceded by a year of Sub-primary or Kindergarten work. It is expected, however, that school systems in the state, whether they follow this plan or the old nine grade plan, or the straight eight-grade plan, will have no difficulty in adapting the work to the needs of their several communities. In general we follow in the town schools the straight eight-grade plan.

It has been the purpose throughout this work to so revise the elementary curriculum as to more nearly meet the present needs of our public school system. Many changes have been made in the outlines for work in the school subjects. This will mean some changes in the textbooks now in use in our town schools, especially our textbooks for work in History and Geography. In most grades I think we can plan to make these changes as new textbooks are needed to replace worn-out books. The new curriculum contains outlines for very comprehensive work in Health and Safety Education. Health Education aims to promote health habits and knowledge, and the aim of Safety Education is to establish habits for the avoidance of accidents to self and the prevention of accidents to others.

One of our immediate school problems is to develop means to carry out in our town schools the required program for Health and Physical Education. An effective program of Health and Physical Education is really more than can be achieved by the classroom teachers. In our health program we may include the work of the Health Nurse, but from the amount we pay a school nurse we cannot rightfully expect her to give a great deal of time to the work. Larger communities and cities are employing School Physicians and Direc-

tors of Physical Education. I think you can readily see that your school officials do not have the funds with which to carry on a very effective program in Health and Physical Education.

MONSON ACADEMY

Because of funds now available through the increase in funds which the Academy receives annually by state funds and tuition well trained and efficient teachers can be secured for the Academy. In 1920 the Academy received only five hundred dollars annually in state funds and practically nothing from tuition. The Academy now receives about seventeen hundred dollars annually in state funds and from five to seven hundred dollars because of tuition pupils. The salaries being paid to the four members of the faculty for this year total \$5100, which is about two thousand dollars more than was paid in 1920. Three members of the faculty are working full time while the fourth member teaches in the Academy for the afternoon sessions. The enrollment this year is sixty-nine which is about twenty-five more than the enrollment for 1920.

The curriculum for the Academy includes the College Course for those pupils who plan to go to college and the General Course for those pupils who are not planning to go to college. We are not trying to offer the scope of work the larger high schools are attempting today. Any change or addition we find we can make in the curriculum is in attempt to help that group of pupils who think they will be unable to continue their education beyond the high school. Principal Carson in his report gives some account of the work in the Academy for this year.

SCHOOL FUNDS

You will find as a part of my report statements of the receipts and expenditures for the various school accounts for the municipal year. In connection with the elementary school account I wish to mention the fact that the amount of the state school funds for this year was about two hundred fifty dollars less than the town has been receiving. Suspending the school in the Long District and bringing those pupils to the village schools has, of course, reduced the annual cost for teachers' wages, but has increased the cost for school conveyance. This arrangement has, however, reduced

the cost for schooling those children.

I am including, also, a school budget for the new year together with a list of the appropriations needed for the different school items. In considering the items for the budget I am assuming that you wish your school officials to continue with the work we are attempting at the present time. The sum I am indicating for teachers' salaries includes provision for a teacher of Music. For some of the accounts I think we can plan to use part of the funds now unexpended towards our needs for the ensuing year. You will notice that smaller appropriations are being suggested for elementary and high school purposes.

The expenditures for textbooks during the year have been considerable larger than for the preceding year. We shall have to continue to make liberal provision for textbook needs because many new books will be needed during the next few years in order to have textbooks most suitable to the new courses of study. Some of these books should be purchased this coming year. The appropriation for school supplies makes it possible for us to furnish the schools with a good assortment of supplies and materials. With the small appropriation for school equipment we are able to place in the schools some new equipment each year. Two insurance policies on the village school building will need to be renewed this ensuing year.

Only a small sum needs to be raised this year for school repairs unless you wish to do some work at the village school building. A reasonable sum should be made available for general repairs and for needed fixtures.

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

It indeed gives me pleasure to submit herewith my second annual report on the school condition of Monson Academy. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the support given the school by the members of the community, who have so willingly aided us although working under adverse conditions.

The course of study has been exactly as last year with the exception of the several studies that are to be given in alternate years. It is our idea, however, to

make a few changes in the curriculum for next year. Our plan is to have Monson Academy gain the certificate privilege of college entrance, as many of the other schools of the State have at the present time. This can, I believe, be done by a few minor changes in the present curriculum without additional expense to the school. Instead of the college course as given now, we propose to divide the studies into three courses, Latin Scientific, English Scientific, and General course. The only new classes would be a Modern History course offered to the Juniors and Review Math. offered to the Seniors. These courses can be taught by the present faculty without added expense.

The successful completion of the Latin Scientific course enables the student to enter college and obtain an A. B. degree. The English Scientific course will prepare a student for the B. S. degree in college. The General course, although allows the student to enter college providing two years of French are completed, is designed especially for those not planning to enter college. We propose to make Public Speaking compulsory for the first and second year students allowing $\frac{1}{2}$ unit toward graduation and increasing the units for graduation from the sixteen now required, to eighteen. We would suggest allowing $\frac{1}{4}$ unit each year for Music this making the two extra points. It is human nature to expect something in return for our efforts. If we want to make Public Speaking and Music in our schools worth while we must expect to give the students credit for their efforts.

The average attendance of the students in Monson Academy during the first term was very good, much better than any term of last year. This I believe was due to the fact that there was not any epidemic in the schools at that time, and to the general interest of the students themselves. The measles epidemic will lower our attendance record for the winter term. Let us hope the spring term will have nothing to mar the attendance record and that it will be the banner term of the year.

The scholarship standing of the students is improving in the majority of instances. It is pleasing to note, in particular, the vast improvement of the pupils in the Sophomore class over their record of last year.

To the Students of Monson Academy: For the past two years it has been my privilege to preside over the destinies of your school, an institution which has meant much to you. Here the dreams of your childhood have been translated into possibilities and I trust that some day they will be realities. To some of you life has taken on a bigger, richer, meaning; Visions of a broader life ahead are coming to you.

Your work in science has given to many of you an insight into the forces of nature that reveal God's infinite wisdom. The world is unfolding before you. We have tried to make you know nature and her laws, and to recognize your dependence upon them, to know your fellowman and to feel your duty to him; and to know and realize your obligation to God. When this is really accomplished, then you will be cultured men and women who will use their talents in earning an honorable living for themselves, and be leaders in this great democracy in which we live.

As a preparation for that time we have tried to make this school a truly democratic institution where the girl or boy who plans to go onto a farm or into a factory or shop shall have the same consideration as the one who seeks a professional career. We wish to see you all successful, happy citizens, able to make a place for yourselves in the world which is ahead of you. We have planned the school activities with this idea in view.

To the parents and adult members of this community who chance to read this report, the school is your institution. You have financed it. It is just a small school so far as numbers and the physical plant go, but it can rank with the best in the State if you are willing to stand back of it by providing such material equipments as your financial condition permits and by encouraging the faculty and young people in every worth while project which they may undertake. This will make it possible for Monson Academy to have a bigger and better school and give the children of this community preparation for life equal to that enjoyed by those of metropolitan centers.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to those who have so ably given me their assistance to make

this an enjoyable school year.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD E. CARSON, Principal.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1932-1933

Elementary School Account:

Teachers' wages	\$6,050.00	
School fuel,	450.00	
Janitor services and supplies,	650.00	
School conveyance	1,150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,300.00

Reductions:

Estimated state funds,	\$2,400.00	
Deduct from sum unexpended,	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00

High School Account:

Teachers' wages,	\$5,100.00	
Fuel and janitor accounts,	450.00	
Library and Laboratory	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,700.00

Reductions:

Estimate from state funds,	\$1,900.00	
Tuition funds	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,550.00

Suggested Appropriations:

Elementary School Account	\$	5,300.00
High School Account		3,150.00
Free Textbook Account		400.00
School Supply and Equipment Account		350.00
School Repairs Account		200.00
School Insurance Account		240.00
Light and Power Account		75.00
Superintendent of Schools		460.00

I hope I have suggested a school budget that will appeal to you as taxpayers and which will make available funds that will best safeguard the interest of our schools. In cases in which reduction in appropriation seems possible for this year it should be understood that in all probability the larger appropriations will be

necessary for the following year.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for all courtesies extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 20, 1932 Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1931-1932
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$1,432.88	
Raised by town	5,800.00	
State School Funds	1,851.72	
Equalization Funds	452.00	
Interest	34.16	
		\$ 9,570.76

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:		
Bernice E. Fogg	\$ 997.00	
Manda E. Mattson	792.00	
Esther Pennington	792.00	
Vivienne E. Bray,	756.00	
Margaret LeClair	412.00	
Beatrix E. Jackson	627.00	
Agnes I. Holmbom	618.00	
Shirley O. Brown	210.00	
Gertrude Stanchfield	210.00	
Charlotte LeClair	219.00	
Anna T. Dymond	410.00	
		\$ 6,043.00
School Fuel:		
H. A. Davis	\$ 412.70	
W. J. Champion	30.00	
A. L. Bray	18.00	
C. C. Simpson	54.75	
Labor on wood	47.50	
		\$ 562.95
Janitor services and supplies:		
Henry Smith	\$ 400.00	
District schools	93.00	
Cleaning at buildings	53.00	
Janitor supplies	42.32	
		\$ 588.32

School conveyance:

W. W. Pullen	\$	90.00	
Mrs. Verena Drake		282.00	
Mrs. Roy Lloyd		270.00	
A. R. Day		232.00	
O. E. Cronk		65.60	
Harry Kirk		30.00	
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	\$		969.60
Unexpended, 1931	\$		1,406.89
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	\$		9,570.76

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$	600.00	
Raised by town		3,250.00	
State School Funds		500.00	
Equalization Funds		150.00	
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	\$		4,500.00

Expenditures

Monson Academy:			
Account of contract	\$	4,000.00	
Unexpended, 1931		500.00	
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	\$		4,500.00

LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$	117.11	
Raised by town		150.00	
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	\$		267.11

Expenditures

Library account:			
Reference books,	\$	57.50	
School magazines		30.70	
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	\$		88.20
Laboratory account:			
Supplies and equipment	\$		45.98
Unexpended, 1931			
Library account,	\$	26.99	
Laboratory account		105.94	
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	\$		132.93

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$	90.63	
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TOWN OF MONSON

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Raised by town	400.00		
	<u> </u>	\$	490.63
Expenditures			
Elementary school needs	\$ 210.74		
High school needs	239.63		
	<u> </u>	\$	450.37
Unexpended, 1931		\$	<u>40.26</u>

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts			
Unexpended 1930	\$ 42.77		
Raised by town	350.00		
	<u> </u>	\$	392.77
Expenditures			
Elementary school needs	\$ 203.90		
High school needs	111.85		
	<u> </u>	\$	315.75
Unexpended, 1931		\$	<u>77.02</u>

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Receipts			
Unexpended, 1930	\$ 18.24		
Raised by town	50.00		
	<u> </u>	\$	68.24
Expenditures			
Daus Duplicator	\$ 15.78		
Set of Maps	27.95		
Duo Roll Shades	20.96		
	<u> </u>	\$	64.69
Unexpended, 1931		\$	<u>3.55</u>

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts			
Unexpended, 1930	\$ 73.37		
Raised by town	500.00		
	<u> </u>	\$	573.37
Expenditures			
Vinton school building	\$ 218.43		
Special fixtures	111.80		
General repairs and fixtures	179.70		
	<u> </u>	\$	509.93
Unexpended, 1931		\$	<u>63.44</u>

SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$.12	
Raised by town		120.00	
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Expenditures

F. M. Hescock	\$	71.25	
E. H. Jackson		47.50	
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Unexpended, 1931	\$		1.37
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LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$	41.32	
Raised by town		60.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 101.32

Expenditures

Monson Light and Power Co.	\$	75.18	
Unexpended, 1931			26.14

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1930	\$	16.00	
Raised by town		470.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 486.00

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	\$	468.00	
Unexpended, 1931	\$		18.00
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SCHOOL NURSE ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$	100.00	
Paid: Mrs. F. L. Varney	\$	100.00	

FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1930	\$	23.25	
Unexpended, 1931	\$		23.25

Annual 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 the town affairs, to assemble in Carlson's Hall in said town of Monson the 21st day of March A. D. 1932 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.

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 sidewalk 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 of 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 money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Article 18. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 and 32 inclusive of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes for the construction of the State Highway extending from Shirley town line in a southerly direction over the Blanchard State aid road to Blanchard village continuing easterly to Monson town line, then 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 southerly over third class road to State Aid No. 2, thence easterly on No. 2 to end of road at Sebec Lake.

Article 19. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the joint state aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to state aid roads built within the past five years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 271, P. L. 1931.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes from July 15th remaining unpaid

Sept. 15th.

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

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

Article 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mothers' Aid.

Article 32. To see what the town will do in regard to a town dump.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to have the dogs kept off the streets from May to November.

Article 34. To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to have ploughed and raise money for the same.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to pay Dr. F. L. Varney for services in connection with Health Officer and School Nurse and raise money for the same.

Article 36. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to buy stumpage to provide fuel and labor for the town poor, if necessary.

RECOMMENDED BY TOWN BUDGET COMMITTEE

Overdraft Poor Account 1931	\$ 657.00
Town Poor, 1932	2,000.00
Incidentals (overdraft 1931)	623.00
Incidentals 1932	1,500.00
Roads and Bridges	5,000.00
Interest Account	700.00
State Aid Road	533.00
Street Lights	550.00
Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	50.00
Fire Department	250.00
Mothers' Aid	370.00
School Nurse	100.00
Common Schools	5,300.00
High School	3,150.00
Text Books	400.00
School Supplies & Equipment	350.00
Repairs on School Buildings	200.00
School Insurance	315.00
Supt. of Schools Salary	460.00

\$22,558.00

