

TOWN OFFICERS 1919-20.

Moderator, H V Sears
Clerk and Treasurer, E H Palmer
Selectmen, D H Cox C D Barnum
Overseer, E W Meader
Road Commissioner, D H Meader
Constable, H J Vancellette
Listers, H V Sears, J E Butler, D W Eddy
Auditors, M F Morgan, F N Dean, C H Sears
School Directors, R E Hurlburt, D E Meech, W E Meader
Grand Juror, W C Donahue
Town Agent, E W Meader

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE AUDITORS

OF THE

TOWN OF MONKTON

VERMONT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1920

Overseer of Poor Account

No		Amount
1	F H Dean estate, error in acct,	\$2 35
2	Bert Harrimon for Earle Bolio,	15 00
3	" " " " " "	10 00
4	" " " " " "	10 00
5	" " " " " "	10 00
6	" " " " " "	10 00
7	" " " " " "	10 00
8	" " " " " "	10 00
9	" " " " " "	10 00
10	L E Kingsley, for John Straight,	75 00
11	G A Danforth, for Joe Lapree,	1 75
12	Bert Hamner, for Earle Bolio,	65 00
13	Charles Lapree, for Joe Lapree,	20 00
14	Bert Hamner, for Earle Bolio,	15 00
15	Charles Lapree, for Joe Lapree,	12 00
16	G A Danforth, " " " "	1 50
17	Earle Cox, " " " "	7 00
18	Frank Vancor, for Earle Bolio,	5 00
19	Charles Lapree, for Joe Lapree,	25 00
20	Frank Vancor, for Earle Bolio,	5 00
21	" " " " " "	10 00
22	E W Varney, for Joe Lapree,	67 00
23	Frank Vancor, for Earle Bolio,	10 00
24	Dr F J Briggs, for Joe Lapree,	14 50
25	Earle Meader, " " " "	10 00
26	Bert Hamner, for Earle Bolio,	7 50
26 1/2	Frank Vancor, " " " "	10 00
27	" " " " " "	10 00
28	" " " " " "	5 00
29	" " " " " "	15 00
30	L C Deane, " " " "	15 90
31	Dr A A Denton, " " " "	1 50
32	E W Meader, services and money,	28 00
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		\$524 00

SUMMARY

Joe Lapree,	\$138 75
John Straight,	75 00
Earle Bolio,	259 90
Error in F H Dean estate acct,	2 35
E W Meader, services and money expended,	28 00
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	\$524 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. MEADER, Overseer.

Report of the District Health Officer

To the Voters of the Town of Monkton:

In rendering this, my first annual report, I wish to call attention to a few features of the new health law.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES: Physicians are required to immediately quarantine all cases of contagious diseases which they attend and to at once report the facts to the District Health Officer. The penalty for failure to comply with this requirement is a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100 for each offense. Where no physician is in attendance, the head of the family who knew that a case of contagious disease exists in his household is required by law to at once report the facts to the District Health Officer. Under a regulation of the State Board of Health school teachers are also required to report to the District Health Officer all cases of contagious diseases, excepting such as are known to be already reported, which may come to their notice, occurring among their pupils or in families from which their pupils come, and are subject to a penalty for a failure to do so. Teachers are instructed that they must not allow children to attend school who are afflicted with lice or other vermin, or any contagious disease of any description or when they know them to have been exposed to a contagious disease until the time expires for them to develop it. This period for measles and whooping cough is 14 days; mumps and chicken pox 21 days. When families are in quarantine for measles, whooping cough, mumps or chicken pox, teachers must not allow pupils from such families, who have not had the disease to attend school during the period of quarantine.

In case of known exposure to scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc., the teacher must not only bar the pupil from school but immediately notify the District Health Officer of all the facts. Much has been accomplished in the way of educating the public as to these requirements which must in the future be rigidly enforced.

forced. The public has a right to expect protection from contagious diseases and the co-operation of all good citizens is earnestly requested to the end that these expectations may be realized. With every one helping, contagious diseases can be suppressed to an astonishing degree.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS: Under the new law if a town votes to have medical inspection of schools, the work is done by the state, under the direction of the District Health Officer free of all expense to the town. Every child in school is examined every year for physical defects, such as defective eye sight or hearing, adenoids, enlarged tonsils, defective teeth, disease of the lungs or heart, spinal curvature, etc. No treatment is given, but an accurate card record is kept of each case and the parents are urged, under a follow up method, to have the defects remedied. The importance of this work is attested by the fact that over 38% of the young men who tried to enlist or were drafted in the late war were found physically unfit for military duty. The government authorities estimate that the vast majority of these defects, had they been known to exist, could have been corrected in childhood. The percentage of rejection in young men from the cities of Boston and New York, where medical inspection has been in vogue for years, was much below that of young men from Vermont who ought, by nature of their environment, to have been physically superior in every way. It is to be hoped, and is confidently expected, that practically every town in Vermont will vote, as a number have already, for this improvement. The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow and are entitled to good health.

LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH: The law provides for local boards of health for each town and city, composed of the selectmen in towns, or aldermen in cities, one of whom is selected chairman of the board. Complaints as to nuisances dangerous to health should be made to the local board of health or to the District Health Officer, who, by virtue of his office, is a member and secretary of each local board. Local boards of health should be able to keep in close touch with health conditions in their towns, thus being of great assistance in many ways to the health officer in his work, and in many matters can act independently of him.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank local boards of health for the splendid spirit of co-operation that many of them have shown. It is expected that the next annual report will refer to the conditions of school houses and other matters and contain an accurate statement as to the occurrence of contagious diseases in the town for 1920.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. F. EDMUNDS, M. D.
District Health Officer.