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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Auditor & Treasurer

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR,

ENDING MARCH 10TH, 1885.

ALSO

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.



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SELECTMENS' REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.—1884.

State Tax,	\$2,907 23	
County Tax,	1,534 37	
Schools,	2,584 00	
Support of the Poor,	1,500 00	
Discounts and Abatements,	2,000 00	
Interest,	3,000 00	
Fire Department and Watchman,	1,500 00	
Town Officers and Collector,	1,000 00	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,000 00	
Payment of Debts,	3,000 00	
Overlayings,	308 01	
	\$20,333 61	

Amount of Real Estate,	\$533,594 00	
Amount of Personal Estate,	337,816 00	
	\$871,410 00	

MONEY TAX.

Tax on real and Personal Estate,	\$18,209 61	
Tax on Polls,	2,034 00	
	20,333 61	

Number of Polls, 678.
 Poll Tax, \$3.00.
 Rate of Taxation 2 cents 1 mill on \$1.00.
 Rate of Highway Tax 7 mills on \$1.00.
 Highway Poll Tax \$1.72.

HIGHWAY TAX.

Appropriations,	\$7,000 00	
Overlayings,	266 12	
	7,266 12	
Amount paid Treasurer June 1, less 25 per cent. discount,	\$ 415 72	
Balance expended in Statute Labor,	6,850 40	
	7,266 12	

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

J. C. Carpenter, Surveying,	\$ 4 00	
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware,	10 15	
James Hunter, Labor,	2 00	
A. B. Page, Labor,	20 60	
H. C. Niles, "	3 00	
Bart Small, "	10 00	
James Smith, "	28 00	
N. B. Railway, Freight,	37 62	
William Betts, Labor,	1 00	
H. Balcome, "	1 25	
Winslow & Co., Drain Pipe,	93 60	
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber,	53 24	
Obel Hanning, Labor,	2 00	
Daniel Sullivan, "	93 75	
Patrick Gillen, "	32 35	
James Frank Holland, Lumber,	2 60	
J. S. Getchell & Son, " and Labor,	15 77	
James Abernethy, Labor,	9 45	
George Tyler, Rep. for Road Machine,	8 55	
Patrick Cassidy, Labor,	12 60	
Morrill Mansur, Lumber,	9 87	
Charles Leonard, Deed of Land,	40 00	
William Forest & als., Trucking,	90	
James Callaghan, Cedar,	50 00	
Kinney & Watson, Hardware,	12 63	
Brown & Watson, "	3 46	
F. W. Titcomb, Lumber,	13 88	
Pat McCarty, Labor,	75	
John Donovan, . "	75	
	<hr/>	\$573 77
Cash Road Fund,	\$311 79	
Overdrawn,	261 98	
	<hr/>	573 77

DISCOUNTS.

Amount of Taxes paid Treasurer Sept. 1st,	11,606 03	
" " Discount at 6 per cent.,		696 36

ABATEMENTS.

On Tax Bills of 1881-2-3 and 4,		293 36
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INTEREST ACCOUNT.

On Town Bond	25	\$ 60 00	
" " "	26	60 00	
" " "	27	120 00	
" " "	28	147 56	
" " "	37	60 00	
" " "	93	60 34	
" " "	94	60 00	
" " "	95	60 00	
" " "	109	60 00	
" " "	142	73 66	
" " "	143	60 38	
" " "	160	72 54	
" " Order	212	41 33	
" " "	223	61 20	
" " "	237	24 71	
" " "	261	17 50	
" " "	99	6 40	
" " "	52	10 50	
" " "	230	2 53	
" " "	47	69 20	
" R. R. Bonds		1,800 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,927 85

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

PAUPERS OFF OF THE FARM.

J. PARKS AND FAMILY.

A. B. Page, Dry Goods,	\$ 3 28	
C. P. Tenney, " "	6 32	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	16 41	
G. H. Walker, "	8 19	
C. H. Wilson, "	90	
F. F. Frisbie, Boots and Shoes,	4 25	
	<hr/>	39 35

(This bill has been paid by J. Parks.)

SIMON FRAZIER AND FAMILY.

A. B. Page, Cash,	\$13 50	
C. O'Sullivan, Rent,	6 00	
	<hr/>	19 50

MRS. M. J. HOLT.

H. J. Hatheway, Medicine,	\$11 80	
Dr. C. E. Williams, Med. Services,	28 50	
Catherine Huxford, Nursing,	3 25	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	9 35	
	<hr/>	\$52 90

JOHN B. HASTINGS AND FAMILY.

R. Sinclair, Rent,	7 50
(This bill has been paid by Town of Easton.)	

FELIX CHAMBERLIN.

M. Philbrick, Board, &c.	\$80 00	
H. J. Hatheway, Medicine,	2 65	
Dr. Geo. Cary, Med. Services,	45 00	
	<hr/>	127 65
(This bill is to be paid by Town of Caribou.)		

OSWALD McBRIEN.

City of Augusta, Supplies,	\$13 60
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JAMES MULHOLLAND.

John Vincent, Board, &c.	\$17 00	
C. P. Tenney, Dry Goods,	4 29	
	<hr/>	21 29
(This bill has been paid by Town of Presque Isle.)		

MRS. GEORGIE GRANT AND FAMILY.

Mrs. Etta McKeen, Nursing,	\$13 00	
J. F. Holland, Rent,	7 50	
C. E. Webber, Supplies,	14 42	
A. B. Page, Dry Goods,	9 53	
Mrs. J. M. Rice, Hat,	3 00	
G. H. Walker, Supplies,	50	
Samuel Lane, Boots and Shoes,	3 00	
Henry Helmes, Wood,	75	
H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods,	40	
	<hr/>	52 10
(This bill has been paid by City of Bangor.)		

MRS. DWARE AND FAMILY.

S. H. Sincock, Jr., Wood,	\$ 3 50	
G. H. Walker, Supplies,	12 29	
A. B. Page, Dry Goods,	90	
	<hr/>	\$16 69

MRS. JOHN DAVIS.

Henry Helms, Trucking Wood,	25
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MRS. LIZZIE CAHILL.

A. B. Page, Dry Goods,	66
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MRS. THOMAS FAULKNER AND FAMILY.

A. B. Page, Dry Goods,	1 60
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SAMUEL BELONGIE'S CHILD.

John M. Rice, Coffin & Box,	3 50
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J. SMITH AND FAMILY.

L. Monson, Supplies,	1 42
(This bill is to be paid by Town of Bridgewater.)	

GEORGIE FORTY.

W. S. Perks, Medicine,	1 00	
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Med. Services,	25 00	
	<hr/>	26 00

REUBEN GRANT AND FAMILY.

W. S. Perks, Medicine,	55	
J. A. Millar, Supplies,	1 93	
A. B. Page, " "	2 88	
	<hr/>	5 36
(This bill is to be paid by City of Bangor.)		

JABEZ RAMSEY AND FAMILY.

T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	\$7 10
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E. R. GRANT & FAMILY.

C. E. Webber, Supplies,	\$3 95	
Dr. F. A. Nevers, Med. Services,	8 00	
	<hr/>	11 95
(This bill is to be paid by Town of Hodgdon.)		

MRS. KENNEDY STEWART AND FAMILY.

City of Bangor, Supplies,	36 95
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N. GREENLEAF'S CHILD.

John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	8 50
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MRS. COLE AND FAMILY.

C. H. Wilson, Wood,	2 75
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Expense of Transient Paupers Home Paid by

Isaac Barker,	16 70	
A. B. Page,	3 95	
C. H. Wilson,	1 05	21 70
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Total,		478 32
Am't paid by and claimed of other Towns,		266 62
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Total Expense of Paupers off of Farm,		211 70

TOWN FARM.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM.

Geo. W. Reed, Overseer,	\$198 67
Robert Stephenson, 2 Oxen,	125 00
N. Whitmore, Supplies,	42 72
H. J. Hatheway, Medicine,	11 50
James Hunter, 3 Figs,	9 00
H. C. Arnold & Co., Supplies,	31 55
Gillin Bros.,	31 38
Oscar Newhouse,	59 03
J. A. Millar,	25 61
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware,	8 05
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	81 15
C. P. Tenney, Boots & Shoes,	3 50
S. A. Gray, Tinware,	55
G. H. Walker, Supplies,	14 41
Samuel Lane, Boots & Shoes,	4 55
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Med. Services,	5 00
C. H. Wilson, Supplies,	50 92
Dr. Geo. Cary, Med. Services,	23 50
E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	8 45
John Riely, Fish,	2 25
H. C. Bradbury, Supplies,	15 48
Kinney & Watson, Hardware,	9 50
A. B. Page, Dry Goods, &c.,	43 52
S. Friedman & Co., Clothing,	1 50
Geo. L. Hammond, Sawing Wood,	8 75
H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods,	5 23
A. Lovejoy, 2d, Tinware,	6 55
W. S. Perks, Medicine,	3 20
C. E. Webber, Supplies,	20 05
J. M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	8 00
D. & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	11 91
L. Monson,	24 90
F. F. Frisbie, Boots and Shoes,	3 90
John H. Bradford, Insurance,	54 00
Smith Bros., Tinware,	1 20
J. A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods,	4 15
J. A. Gentle, Supplies,	1 00

Total paid for Supplies, &c.,

959 63

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	
To 2 Oxen,	\$100 00	
3 Cows,	90 00	
1 3-year-old Heifer,	15 00	
3 1-year-old Heifers,	24 00	
3 Swine,	30 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	30 00	
Provisions,	50 00	
10 Tons Hay,	80 00	
Lumber,	30 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	525 00	
Am't due G. W. Reed, Overseer	61 75	\$1,035 75
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		1,995 38
Outstanding Claims for Supplies estimated at		14 62
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		2,010 00
		Cr.
By 2 Oxen sold to G. H. Walker,	125 00	
2 " "	125 00	
4 Cows,	120 00	
3 2-year-old Heifers,	36 00	
2 1-year-old Heifers,	16 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	89 00	
12 Tons Hay,	120 00	
Provisions,	55 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	525 00	
Am't due of G. W. Reed for boarding Horse,	25 00	1,236 00
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Total expense of Paupers on the Farm,		774 00
<p>Number of weeks board furnished Paupers during the year, 516, making an expense of \$1.50 per week for boarding, clothing and medical attendance for each pauper.</p>		
Expense of Paupers off of Farm,	211 70	
" " " on "	774 00	
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Total expense of Paupers,		985 70

MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

JUDITH B. PIKE.

Board, &c., \$100 51

NELLIE H. POWERS.

Board, &c., 18 64

\$119 15

(Nellie H. Powers' bill has been paid by S. H. Powers.)

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

ARCHIE BELONGIE.

Board, &c., 42 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

S. W. Taber, Engineer,	\$138 15
L. E. Chandler, Night-watch,	63 33
Henry Gillin, "	342 18
G. W. Anderson, Labor at Engine-house,	16 44
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, Coal, &c., for Engines,	367 62
Hall Rubber Co., Coats for Firemen,	27 25
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Wood and oil for Engine-house,	35 00
John Vincent, Care of Hose,	39 75
J. H. Sinclair, " " " and Engine,	27 75
William Dobson, " " " " "	13 00
Robert Darrah, Fireman,	42 50
William Lawliss, Night-watch,	9 00
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Plank for Engine-house,	1 18
John Braden, Wood " "	16 00
C. E. Lovering, Trucking,	75
Daniel Webster, Labor at Engine-house,	11 02
Finley McDonald " " "	3 50
David Helms & als., Trucking,	1 00
A. B. Page, Trucking Steamer, Banking Engine-house, &c.,	17 63
William E. Barnett, Labor at Engine-house,	4 12
W. T. Brissett, " " "	1 25
William Tegart, " " "	25
G. W. Sanford, Naphtha for "	4 50

Henry Helms, Trucking,	\$ 4 85
Am. Ex. Co., Freight on Shaft of Engine,	10 30
H. J. Hatheway, Alcohol for Engine,	2 00
Kinney & Watson, Hardware for Engine,	3 20
W. W. Milroy, Wood for Engine-house,	19 25
J. S. Sullivan, " " "	23 75
A. Lovejoy, 2d, Tinware and Labor,	3 50
W. S. Perks, Alcohol for Engine,	8 00
Brown & Watson, Rep. pump and Hardware for Engine,	4 50
C. L. Sponholz, care of Lamp at Engine-house,	1 80
Manchester Locomotive Works, Rep. Steamer,	103 45
John Speirs, Sundries for Engines,	3 00
Smith Bros., Tinware for Engine-house,	1 50
Mr. Adams, Wood " "	2 75
M. M. Clark, Telegrams,	1 65
Benj. Smith, Labor at Engine-house,	50
William Gallagher, Labor,	75
J. J. Royal, Sundries for Engines,	2 90
Firemen,	377 67
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	\$1,758 49

MISCELLANEOUS.

B. L. Staples, Services and Expenses to Orono on Town Business,	16 95
A. B. Page, Oil-cloth for Selectmen's Office,	1 60
" " " Rent " " "	60 00
" " " Sawdust for Reservoir,	2 00
William Dobson, Labor and Materials for Res- ervoir,	61 75
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber for Reservoir,	38 60
G. E. Ingalls, Books and Stationery,	38 15
H. H. Ward, Postage Stamps,	3 00
" " " Recording Deeds and Copies of Pike Deeds,	6 00
Theo. Cary, Printing Reports, &c.,	45 50
W. S. Gilman & Son, Printing Notices, &c.,	13 50
James Frank Holland, Books, &c.,	2 25
David Keaton, Fence-posts for Town Lot,	7 00
A. G. Putnam, Labor and Materials for Fence, Town Lot,	33 00
C. E. F. Stetson, Surveying Town Lot,	2 00
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber for Fence, Town Lot,	11 99

J. M. Rice, Chairs and Table for Selectmen's Office,	\$ 7 50	
Heywood & Staples, Settees for Town Hall,	7 50	
E. Merritt & Sons, Seed for Town Lot,	1 05	
Daniel Lougee, Labor on Fence Town Lot,	7 00	
Wm. Webb, Labor on Town Hall,	75	
C. E. Lovering, Trucking,	10	
Kinney & Watson, Hardware for Town Lot,	1 00	
A. H. Fogg & Co., " " " "		
and house,	9 10	
L. Powers, Costs in suit Houlton vs. Pike,	13 00	
John C. Carpenter, Surveying and plan of Cemetery,	4 00	
L. S. Strickland, Prof. Services,	33 86	
S. A. Gray, Tinware, &c., Selectmen's Office,	2 78	
C. H. Wilson, Postage and Receipts,	1 25	
Supt. Insane Hospital, Copies,	1 00	
F. W. Titcomb, Lumber for Cemetery Fence,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$439 18

MR. AND MRS. G. W. RICHARDS.

George G. Bickford, Messenger,	8 00	
Edwin Kingdom, " "	50	
George Small, Labor,	1 00	
	<hr/>	9 50

(This bill is to be paid by Mr. or Mrs. G. W. Richards.)

TOWN OFFICERS.

Isaac Barker,	{	Selectmen, Overseers of	100 00
M. M. Clark,		Poor, Assessors and	300 00
A. B. Page,		Highway Surveyors,	250 00
William Dobson, Constable,			7 50
John Speirs,			8 50
S. A. Gray,			14 00
A. P. Perkins,			10 00
Horace Chaloner,			15 00
A. G. Putnam,			5 00
James Frank Holland, S. S. Committee,			30 00
N. T. Dutton,			35 00
C. E. Williams,			20 00
C. H. Wilson, Treasurer,			100 00
G. A. Gorham, Auditor,			25 00
John Braden, Collector, (Commissions,)			300 00
L. S. Strickland, Town Agent,			10 00
M. M. Clark, Town Clerk,			20 00
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			\$1,250 00

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS.

Dist. No.	Am't Appropriated for year 1884.	Am't Unexp'd Mar. 10, 1884.	Total Amount.
1	\$1,660 00	\$754 58	\$2,414 58
" " 2	525 00	260 49	785 49
" " 3	265 00	229 77	494 77
" " 4	225 00	17 03	242 03
" " 5	200 00	22 89	222 89
" " 6	300 00—12 74		287 26
" " 7	535 00	426 20	961 20
" " 8	200 00— 3 55		196 45
" " 9	306 05— 1 56		304 49
	<u>4,216 05 17 85</u>	<u>1,710 96</u>	<u>5,909 16</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Dist. No.	Overdrawn.		
1		\$1,879 92	
" " 2	\$33 83	819 22	
" " 3		363 72	
" " 4		110 73	
" " 5		221 15	
" " 6		236 05	
" " 7		611 35	
" " 8	3 75	200 20	
" " 9		289 75	
	<u>37 58</u>		<u>4,732 09</u>
Balance unexpended Mar. 10, 1885, less overdraw,		<u>1,177 07</u>	
Overdrawn March 10, 1884,			<u>5,909 16</u> 17 85
			<u>5,927 01</u>
Am't unexpended Mar. 10, 1884,		1,710 96	
" School Fund and Mill Tax 1884,		1,632 05	
Assessment for Schools 1884,		2,584 00	
		<u>5,927 01</u>	
Expenditures,			<u>4,732 09</u>
Bal. unexpended and due from the Town,			<u>1,194 92</u>

Outstanding Claims Due March 10, 1884, which
have been Paid the Present Year.

Isaac Barker, R. R. Fare, Rep. Sled and Bridge,	\$ 10 80
Jotham Donnell, Med. Services,	17 75
“ “ Damages to self, sleigh, Har- ness and Med. Box,	10 00
Martin Lawliss, Trucking Engine Hose, &c.,	16 50
Walter Mansur, “ “ “ and Breaking Roads,	30 00
C. H. Wilson, Commissions Paid Collectors,	333 17
E. C. Blake, Hog Feed,	1 75
Edward Hogan, Breaking Roads,	4 00
Maine Insane Hospital, Board, &c., Judith B. Pike,	37 15
Maine Insane Hospital, Board, &c., Nellie H. Powers,	26 10
Lowell E. Chandler, Night-watch,	12 67
A. B. Page, Dry Goods for Paupers on and off the Farm,	31 15
J. H. Deasy, Labor on Roads,	12 00
James Callaghan, Cedar for Bridges and Culverts,	93 54
State Reform School, Board &c., Archie Belongie,	20 00
Geo. W. Reed, paid for Labor on Farm, Haying,	25 00
“ “ “ Overseer of the Farm,	98 26
A. P. Perkins, Constable and Night-watch,	25 12
A. P. M. Taber, Blacksmithing,	2 22
John C. Carpenter, Scaling Cedar,	5 00
C. P. Tenney, Boots for Paupers,	1 15
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware. Coal, &c., for Engines,	49 22
A. J. Butler, Wood, &c.,	9 40
W. D. Buzzell, Boarding Paupers,	8 50
O. Newhouse, Supplies for Farm,	37 46
Swall and Douty, Labor on Bridge,	19 00
R. Sinclair, Rent furnished J. B. Hastings and family,	12 00
Theo. Cary, Printing,	1 00
J. A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods for Farm,	6 01
Nickerson Bros., Pomatum for Engines,	7 65
Robinson Bros., Supplies for Farm,	7 65
S. A. Gray, Tinware, &c., for Farm and Engines,	27 26
J. S. Getchell & Son, Rep. Engines,	11 50
G. L. Hammond, Sawing Wood at Farm,	12 50
W. S. Tingley, Labor on Reservoir,	4 25
Samuel Lane, Boots and Shoes,	3 25

S. W. Taber, Engineer,	\$8 35
B. J. Stevens, Boots and Shoes,	3 10
C. E. Lovering, Trucking,	75
C. C. West, Team furnished B. L. Staples,	4 00
Mr. Dumphy, Trucking Hose, Engine, &c.,	1 00
Kinney & Watson, Labor and Materials for Roads, Sidewalks and Farm,	334 63
Ira A. Putnam, Trucking,	18 75
S. L. Crawford, Labor on Road and Bridge,	4 75
H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods for Paupers,	6 75
A. Lovejoy, 2d, Tinware for Farm and Engines,	11 95
W. S. Perks, Medicine for Paupers,	5 95
Reuben Mansur, Labor on Roads and Bridge,	11 00
Page & Madigan, Flour for Farm,	1 50
L. S. Strickland, Prof. Services,	8 84
L. Monson, Supplies for Farm,	3 44
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	\$1,454 74

School Tax, Dist. No. 1.

ASSESSMENTS.

For the purchase of Liberty Hall, and } the building connected with it.	850 00	
For the repairing and painting the school } building, fencing the lot and furnishing } the same with suitable furniture.	650 00	
For overlayings,	64 97	
	<hr/>	1,564 97
Am't of Real Estate,	312,101 00	
“ “ Per. “	254,761 00	
	<hr/>	566,862 00
Tax on Real and Per. Estate,	1,133 72	
“ “ Polls,	431 25	
	<hr/>	1,564 97
Number of Polls, 345.		
Rate 2 mills on \$1.00.		
Poll Tax \$1.25.		

ORDERS DRAWN.

L. B. Johnson, Labor and Materials,	578 38
A. G. Putnam, Labor,	7 50
G. E. Ingalls, Valuation Book,	2 75
M. M. Clark and A. B. Page, Assessing Tax,	30 00
A. P. Heywood, Deed of Liberty Hall and } the building connected with it.	850 00
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	1,468 63

Orders have been drawn for the above amounts and have been paid by the Treasurer except the one given to A. P. Heywood for \$850.00

RECAPITULATION.

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	\$ 573 77	
Discounts,	696 36	
Abatements.	293 36	
Interest, 2 orders drawn, \$61.20, \$69.20,	130 40	
Paupers off Farm,	478 32	
Town Farm,	959 63	
Insane Hospital,	119 15	
State Reform School,	42 00	
Fire Department,	1,758 49	
Miscellaneous Bills,	439 18	
Town Officers,	1,250 00	
G. W. Richards and Wife,	9 50	
Schools,	4,732 09	
Outstanding claims due Mar. 10, 1884,	1,454 74	
School District No. 1,	1,468 63	
Nat. Bank Temporary Loan (paid),	1,000 00	
Annie C. Scribner, " (not paid),	1,000 00	
John Turney, " " ("),	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,005 62
No. of Town Orders drawn, 318, am't of same,		17,005 62
Interest, (Coupons),		2,797 45

LIABILITIES.

Bond.	Date.	Amts.	When due.
No. 109,	Oct. 4, 1879,	\$1,000 00	Oct. 4, 1884
" 143,	Dec. 16, "	1,000 00	Dec. 16, 1885
" 25,	May 2, 1881,	1,000 00	May 2, 1885
" 26,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1886
" 27,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1886
" 28,	" " "	2,000 00	" " 1886
" 93,	Aug. 10, "	1,000 00	Aug. 10, 1887
" 94,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1887
" 95,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1888
" 161,	Mar. 10, 1885,	2,000 00	Mar. 10, 1888
" 162,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1889

13,000 00

Accrued Interest on same,	401 67	
Houlton B. R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00	
Accrued Interest on same,	815 00	
Temporary loan Sam. Parks,	1,000 00	
Temp'y loan Annie C. Scribner,	1,000 00	
Accrued Int. on Temp'y loans,	30 67	
Bal. due on State Tax, 1884,	2,794 23	
Outstanding claims estimated at	300 00	
Due School Districts,	1,194 92	
" Dist. No. 1,	384 02	
Overdue coupons on R.R. Bonds,	12 00	
Order No. 201 dated Mar. 10,		
1880, not paid,	16 00	
		<hr/> \$50,948 51

Liabilities of the Town March 10, 1884, as
shown in the Auditor's report of that
date, \$54,174 35

Amount of Outstanding Claims
due Mar. 10, 1884, \$1,454 74
Less Am't reported by Auditor, 333 17

1,121 57

Liabilities of the Town Mar 10,
1884, \$55 295 92

Liabilities of the Town Mar. 10,
1885, 50 948 51

Decrease during the year,

4,347 41

RESOURCES.

Am't due on Tax Bills 1879,	\$	248	32	
“ “ “ “ “ 1882-3 & 4,		5,454	75	
“ “ From other Towns and persons,		312	88	
“ “ School Fund & Mill Tax,		1,632	05	
“ “ From G. Hammond,		327	76	
“ “ “ School Dist. No. 9,		181	95	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 3,		7	16	
“ of Balance in Treasury,		3	02	\$8,167 89
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Excess of Liabilities,				42,780 62

Schedule of Property Belonging to the Town.

Farm Buildings and Wood Lot,	\$4,000	00	
Stock, Furniture, Tools, Hay, Grain, &c., on Farm,	1,236	00	
Highway Tools and Road Machine,	200	00	
Hearse,	500	00	
Gravel Lots,	150	00	
Town Hall and Lot,	4,000	00	
Cedar Logs,	175	00	
Engines, Hose, Ladders, &c.,	6,000	00	\$16,261 00
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Liabilities in Excess of all Resources,			26,519 62

We recommend the following appropriations :

For the support of the Poor,	\$1,500	00	
Discounts and Abatements,	2,000	00	
Interest,	3,000	00	
Fire Department and Watchman,	2,000	00	
Town Officers, including Collector,	1,200	00	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,000	00	
The Payment of Debts,	3,000	00	
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			13,700 00

Schools what the law requires. For Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, Statute Labor, \$8,000, and that a discount of 50 per cent., be made for cash payments prior to June 1, 1885, and that the sum of 20 cts. per hour for man, 25 cts. per hour for span of horses and 5 cts. per hour for wagon, be allowed for Labor on Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S ACCT.

THOMAS WALSH, COLL., to C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1884,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Tax Bills of 1879,		\$248 32

M. M. CLARK, Coll., to C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1884,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Tax Bills of 1880,		\$ 4,413 42
1881-2-3,		

	CR.	
Dec. 2, By Cash and Orders,		1,761 61
“ “ “ Uncollected Taxes Returned,		2,651 81
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		4,413 42

JOHN BRADEN, Coll., to C. H. Wilson, Treas.,

1884,	DR.	
Nov. 10, To Tax Bills of 1884,		\$8,727 58
Dec. 2, “ Uncollected Taxes, }		2,651 81
returned by M. M. Clark, }		
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		11,379 39

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1885,		
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		5,924 64 5,454 75
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Am't Due from Thos. Walsh, Coll., }		5,703 07
and John Braden, Coll., }		
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IRA G. HERSEY, Coll. of Taxes in Dist. No. 1, to C. H. WILSON,
Treasurer,

1884,	DR.	
Aug. 14, To Tax Bills,		1,564 97
1885,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		1,002 65
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		562 32

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. WILSON, in account with the Town of Houlton.

1884,

DR.

March 10,	To Balance in Treasury, per Town Report,	\$278 95	
	“ Error in Interest credited twice,	222 35	
	“ Error in License fees omit- ted,	55 95	
	“ Error in Taxes of 1881, 1882-3,	537 45	
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	“ True Balance ascertained by Au- ditor,	\$1,094 70	
	“ Balance due on Taxes of 1879,	248 32	
	“ “ “ “ “ “ 1881, 1882-3,	4,413 42	
	“ Bal. due on Tax Deeds,	89 60	
	“ Am't of Tax 1884,	20,333 61	
	“ “ “ Highway Cash Tax,	311 79	
	“ “ “ Int. on Tax Deeds,	3 96	
	“ Town of Easton,	72 00	
	18, “ Sale of Clapboards,	2 30	
	“ “ “ Oxen from Farm,	125 00	
Apr. 14,	“ S. H. Powers,	26 10	
May 27,	“ Temporary Loan, J. Turney,	600 00	
July 29,	“ S. H. Powers,	18 64	
Aug. 1,	“ Temporary Loan, Nat. Bank,	1,000 00	
	14, “ Am't District No. 1 Tax,	1,564 97	
Sept. 1,	“ “ School Fund and Mill Tax of 1883,	1,578 24	
	“ Railroad Tax,	50 06	
	19, “ Town of Presque Isle,	21 29	
	30, “ Temporary Loan, Annie Mc- Hugh Scribner,	1,000 00	
	“ City of Bangor,	52 10	
	“ J. Parks,	60 50	
	“ Town of Monticello,	11 64	
	“ License Fees,	51 00	
1885.			
March 10,	“ Savings Bank on 3 Bonds issued,	3,000 00	
	“ Town of Easton,	55 50	
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			\$35,784 74

REPORT SELECTMEN OF HOULTON.

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By Paid Orders and Loans,	\$18,188 62	
“ “ Bonds Nos. 37, 142 and 160,	4,000 00	
“ “ Interest on Bonds and Orders,	997 45	
“ “ Railroad Coupons,	1,800 00	
“ “ County Tax, 1884 in full,	1,534 37	
“ “ State Tax 1883 bal.,	2,763 23	
“ “ “ “ 1884 in part,	113 00	
“ Bal. due on Tax 1879,	248 32	
“ “ “ “ “ 1882-3-4,	5,454 75	
“ “ “ “ “ Dist. No. 1,	562 32	
“ “ “ “ “ Deeds,	119 66	
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	35,781 72	
“ Balance in Treasury,	3 02	
	<hr/>	35,784 74

CHARLES H. WILSON, TREASURER.

ISAAC BARKER,	} Selectmen of Houlton.
M. M. CLARK,	
A. B. PAGE,	

Houlton, March 10, 1885.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

In entering upon the duties of Auditor, it was not necessary to examine the affairs of the Town, prior to March 10th, 1884, as the same had been ably audited by my predecessor. Therefore, I have confined my labors to the municipal year ending March 10th, 1885, with the following results :

The Liabilities of the Town, as shown in Auditor's Report, March 10th, 1884, were as follows :

Town Orders Outstanding,	\$ 49 00	
Other Adjusted Items,	333 17	
Temporary Loans,	4,000 00	
Interest on same, Computed Mar. 10, 1884,	65 14	
Overdue Coupons on R. R. Bonds,	12 00	
Due from Town to School Districts,	1,710 96	
State Tax of 1883, Balance unpaid,	2,763 23	
	<hr/>	\$8,933 50
Bonded Debt,	14,000 00	
Interest on same, Computed March 10, 1884,	425 85	
Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00	
Interest on same, Computed March 10, 1884,	815 00	
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Total Liabilities,		<hr/> 54,174 35

The Resources of the Town, as given in the Selectmen's Report of same date, were \$7,446.71. This amount consisted mostly of unpaid tax bills, tax deeds, and other claims, subject to a shrinkage; and those mentioned in the present report are of a like character, and are subject to a similar shrinkage.

During the year there have been examinations made; and the vouchers compared with the orders drawn; and the same found to agree.

The Selectmen have vouchers for all orders drawn by them; and the same are carefully filed, and numbered to correspond with each order. The temporary loans to the Town have been reduced from \$4,000, March 10th, 1884, to \$2,000, March 10th, 1885, and the bonded debt has been reduced \$1,000 during the past year. The interest account is somewhat less than last year. There has been paid interest on only three of last year's orders, the interest amounting to \$19.43. Also \$1,121.57 have been paid for outstanding accounts against the Town, not mentioned in the Report of the previous year, showing conclusively that the finances of the Town have been judiciously managed.

The Treasurer has been systematic in keeping his account. He has made a separate entry on his book for all moneys received, and also for each order and other moneys paid.

The balance in the Treasury, as per report, March 10th, 1884, was \$278.95. The balance claimed to be in Treasury by Auditor, was \$1,094.70: the latter amount having been found correct, through errors in making up the report, which (errors) are explained in the Treasurer's account in the present Town Report.

During the year 318 town orders, amounting to \$17,005.62, have been drawn; of which 316 orders, amounting to \$15,155.62, have been paid; leaving two orders, amounting to \$1,850, unpaid. The first, No. 166, for \$1,000, given Annie McHugh Scribner, for money loaned Town. The second, No. 191, for \$850, given A. P. Heywood, in payment of School-house in District No. 1, to be paid from the tax assessed in said District. In addition two old orders have been paid, amounting to \$33, which leaves but one outstanding, dated March 10th, 1880.

The four town bonds falling due during the past year and amounting to \$4,000, have been paid, and three new bonds, amounting to \$3,000, have been issued during the same period.

There has been a reduction in the indebtedness of the town (for the past year) of \$4,347.41, as shown by the following statement:

total liabilities, per Auditor's Report March 10th, 1884,	\$54,174 35
Added to the above, Outstanding Claims not in Town Report,	1,121 57
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	55,295 92

Liabilities, March 10th, 1885, as follows :

Unpaid Order of March 10th, 1880, Outstanding,	16 00
Other Outstanding Claims, (estimated),	300 00
Temporary Loans,	2,000 00
Accrued Interest on Same,	30 67
Unredeemed Coupons on R. R. Bonds,	12 00
Due from Town to School Districts,	1,194 92
" " " " District No. 1,	384 02
Arrears of State Tax of 1884, Balance Unpaid,	2,794 23
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	6,731 84
Unpaid Debt,	13,000 00
Accrued Interest on Same,	401 67
Unredeemed Coupons on Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00
Accrued Interest on Same,	815 00
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Total Liabilities,	50,948 51
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Reduction of Liabilities,	4,347 41
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Certain tax deeds, held by Treasurer, March 10th, 1884, amount to \$89.60. Those held by him, at the close of the past year, amount to \$119.66; showing an increase in same of \$30.06 during the past year. Said increase belongs to transactions of previous years.

In concluding, I would respectfully call the attention of the town to a change that would be beneficial, viz: a Day Book and Ledger should be kept by the town, which should show its financial standing, at any time; and in which accounts should be opened with the various departments; so that when an account against the town is paid, each department should be charged, then and there, with its portion of the payment. This of course would occasion more labor, on the part of the officers; and pay for keeping same should be adjusted accordingly. Trusting to bills and receipts is neither safe nor business-

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 10th, 1885.

REPORT

OF THE

SUP'ING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR, 1884-5.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee submit the following report :

In District No. One, (Village centre), the advanced scholars, according to custom, have been sent to the Academy, through arrangements made by the Agent with the authorities of that institution. In a like way, other village districts have pursued the same course. Your Committee heartily endorse the course of the Agent in District No. One, who has required a regular examination of all such scholars, and would recommend it to Agents of other districts. By this means not only a higher standard of scholarship, but also a more economical and less indiscriminate expenditure of school funds has been attained.

We are pleased to state that a summer term of school has been added in this district, the lack of which has long been felt.

The Grammar and Primary Schools continue under the charge of Miss Patie E. Hussey and Mrs. Martha A. Putnam respectively.— In previous reports we have expressed our high satisfaction with their work, and we only deem it necessary to testify to the continuance of their faithful and excellent services.

The summer term of the Intermediate School was taught by Miss Grace Donworth, who afterwards left this for another field of labor. For the fall term the services of Miss Flora S. Parkman were engaged, who has since continued in charge of the school. We are glad to have noticed a steady improvement, under her management, both in discipline and thoroughness of teaching.

In District No. Two, (Hill), the summer and winter terms were taught by Mr. P. H. Gillin, to the satisfaction of the district. The school is overcrowded, a fact which stands in the way of the usefulness of the teacher and advancement of scholars. The fall term was taught by Miss Luella J. Seely, a teacher of excellent attainments.

In District No. Three, (Cary's Mills), the summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Sarah E. Mulherrin, who possesses many good qualifications as a teacher. The winter term was taught by Mr. Frank M. Donnell, a thorough scholar, but with hardly sufficient energy and decision for the requirements of this school.

In District No. Four, (Foxcroft), the summer term was taught by Miss Mary E. Hiscock with fair success, and the winter term by Mr. John J. Auber, to the acceptance of the district and the profit of the scholars.

In District No. Five, (Towu Farm), both summer and winter

arms were taught by Miss Mary A. Mulherrin. This school is small in numbers but the scholars show good progress in their studies.

In District No. Six, (Horseback), the summer term was taught by Miss Susie I. Mulherrin, and the fall term by her sister Josephine.—During the winter term, the school has been under the charge of Mr. James Doherty, a young man whose work has been attended with good success.

In District No. Seven, (Village north side), the spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary E. McGinley, an energetic and skillful teacher. We regret that the condition of her health precludes the advisability, for her, of teaching for the present. The winter term has been taught by Miss Sarah E. Mulherrin.

In District No. Eight, (White Settlement), both the summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Martha E. Atherton, to the acceptance of the district.

In District No. Nine, (Niles Settlement), the summer term was successfully taught by Mrs. Christina Davidson, and the fall term by Miss S. Isa Day, with the exception of the last four weeks, during which time Miss Anna S. Maxwell was employed. The winter term was taught by Mr. John Betts, an experienced and energetic teacher.

Comparing the schools of the town with what they should and ought to be, we are free to state that they are decidedly open to criticism. The condition of many of the school buildings is unsuitable. The accommodations of that in District No. One, are insufficient for the number of scholars in regular attendance. The building in District No. Seven is a discredit to our wealthy and flourishing town.—The black-board conveniences, or rather *inconveniences*, are insufficient in the majority of the buildings and the lack of maps, globes and other apparatus seriously stands in the way of the progress and success which would otherwise be attainable.

We take this means to emphasize the advisability of parents personally visiting the schools attended by their children. We believe that their co-operation would tend to increase the efficiency and thoroughness of the work both of teachers and scholars, and that thus a stimulus and inspiration would be imparted to all.

In the examination of teachers and the granting of certificates to candidates, it has been the policy of your Committee to endeavor to raise the standard of scholarship, with the object of gaining thereby an advance in the qualifications of teachers and placing the schools upon a higher level.

JAMES FRANK HOLLAND,	} Superintending	
NEWELL T. DUTTON,		} Sch. Com. of
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS.		} Houlton.

Houlton, March 11, 1885.

