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ANNUAL * REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR * TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FROM

MARCH 11, 1885, TO MARCH 11, 1886.

ALSO

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

HOULTON :

PIONEER STEAM PRESS.

1886.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.—1885.

State Tax,	\$2,725 86	
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 Watchmen,	2,000 00	
Town Officers and Collectors,	1,200 00	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,300 00	
Payment of Debts,	3,000 00	
Cemetery,	300 00	
Overlayings,	224 01	
	<hr/>	\$21,368 24

Amount of Real Estate,	\$574,143 00	
Amount of Personal Estate,	288,868 00	
	<hr/>	\$863,011 00

MONEY TAX.

Tax on Real and Personal Estate,	\$18,986 24	
Tax on Polls,	2,382 00	
	<hr/>	21,368 24

Number of Polls, 794.

Poll Tax, \$3.00.

Rate of Taxation 2 cents and 2 mills on \$1.00.

Rate of Highway Tax 8 mills on \$1.00.

Highway Poll Tax, \$1.74.

HIGHWAY TAX.

Appropriations,	\$8,000 00	
Overlayings,	285 72	
	<hr/>	8,285 72

Amount paid C. H. Wilson, Treasurer, }		
June 1, less 40 per cent. discount, }	\$896 40	

Amount of Taxes paid,	\$896 40	
Discount on same, 40 per cent.,	358 56	
	<hr/>	537 84

Balance expended in Statute Labor,	7,389 32	
	<hr/>	8,285 72

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

F. McKusick, Labor,	\$ 3 75
Patrick Cassidy, Labor,	27 65
Daniel Helms, Labor,	1 00
Mr. Moore, Labor,	1 80
Octave Belongia, Labor,	50
J. Ramsey, Labor,	1 25
Andrew Foss, Labor,	1 25
Augustus W. Ingersoll, Labor,	1 75
James Smith, Labor,	44 50
A. H. Porter, Labor,	68 61
George W. Small, Labor,	86 19
Silas W. Taber, Blacksmithing,	8 25
S. R. Grant, Labor,	1 00
C. W. Grant, Labor,	2 50
J. A. Adams, Labor,	1 00
Isaac Berry, Labor,	3 00
Thad. Berry, Labor,	3 00
William Barnett, Labor,	2 50
N. Green, Labor,	5 45
Martin Donahoe, Labor,	9 37
James Bamley, Labor,	2 50
Henry C. Niles, Labor,	5 62
Charles Niles, Labor,	2 25
William Ross, Labor,	3 00
James Connell, Jr., Labor,	1 00
James H. Deasy, Labor, &c.,	14 55
John J. Woodside, Labor,	25 70
Walter Mansur, Lumber,	62 23
Joseph E. Ackerson, Sleepers,	8 30
Llewellyn Powers, Lumber,	52 50
Seeva Powers, Labor,	5 00
Kinney & Watson, Hardware,	41 70
John Braden, Labor,	12 00
Henry S. Cookson, Labor,	13 13
Charles H. Love, Labor,	5 00
E. Sloat, Labor,	18 62
George Sanders, Labor,	5 00
Alfred D. Dow, Trucking,	3 60
James Dempsey, Trucking,	8 70
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber,	90 48
David Keaton, Labor,	6 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sundries,	28 70
Benjamin Atherton, Labor,	5 00
John J. Niles, Labor,	1 50

James N. Clark, Labor,	2 00	
Spofford L. Crawford, Labor,	9 50	
Ira W. Putnam, Labor,	14 00	
W. S. DeLaite, Labor,	2 50	
Waldo G. Brown, Labor,	6 50	
James Callaghan, Cedar,	24 25	
Griffin Flowers, Trucking,	5 25	
William C. Donnell, Labor and Lumber,	10 43	
John S. Getchell & Son, Sundries,	6 00	
W. T. Bissett, Labor,	1 25	
J. L. Niles, Labor,	1 25	
Nickerson Bros., Iron,	12 43	
Page and Bradbury, Labor,	3 50	
John D. Hackett, Labor,	10 00	
Charles E. Gilman, Labor and Gravel,	23 00	
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		\$828 26
Am't paid C. H. Wilson, Treasurer, June 1,	537 84	
Cash of John Burnham,	8 35	
Cash of William Dobson,	38 58	
Overdrawn,	243 49	
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		828 26

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

DISCOUNTS.

On \$15,323.21, 10 per cent., \$1,532 32

ABATEMENTS.

On Tax Bills of 1879, Thos. Walsh,			
Coll.,	\$ 57 05		
“ “ “ “ 1882-3-4, John			
Braden, Coll.,	145 45		
“ “ “ “ 1885, Richard Sin-			
clair. Coll.,	89 40	291 90	
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			1,824 22
Unexpended,			175 78
			<hr/>
Am't Appropriated,			\$2,000 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

On Town Bond No. 25,	\$ 86 50	
“ “ “ “ 26,	61 50	
“ “ “ “ 27,	61 50	
“ “ “ “ 28,	120 00	
“ “ “ “ 93,	60 00	
“ “ “ “ 94,	60 00	
“ “ “ “ 95,	60 00	
“ “ “ “ 109,	60 00	
“ “ “ “ 143,	60 00	
“ “ “ “ 161,	120 00	
“ “ “ “ 162,	60 00	
“ “ Order, 223,	42 50	
	<hr/>	852 00
“ R. R. Bonds,		1,710 00
Unexpended,		438 00
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Am't Appropriated,		\$3,000 00
Interest on Town Order No. 191, paid to A. P. Heywood, which has been charged to Dist. No. 1,		42 50

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

PAUPERS OFF OF THE FARM.

WALTER MCFARLAND & FAMILY.

I. W. Gould, Supplies, 2 53

JUDITH B. PIKE.

Maine Insane Hospital, Supplies,	852 78	
Isaac Barker, Expenses from and at Augusta,	33 25	
	<hr/>	86 03

(Now at Poor Farm).

MRS. DAY AND CHILD.

City of Bangor, Supplies,	37 93	
Isaac Barker, Expenses from and at Bangor,	13 75	
Superintendent Baldwin Place,	10 00	
Isaac Barker, Expenses to Boston,	11 00	
	<hr/>	72 68

GEORGE CALVIN.

Charles H. Wilson, Supplies,	2 00
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MAC COLUMBO AND FAMILY.

Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	\$10 00	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	3 61	
William S. Perks, Medicine,	2 00	
	<hr/>	15 61

D. TUPPER.

M. M. Clark, Cash,	\$1 50	
Alvarez G. Putnam, Board,	1 50	
	<hr/>	3 00

JERRE ITALIAN'S CHILD.

John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	6 00
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MRS. JAMES LOGAN.

Albert R. Hussey, Wood,	1 50
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MRS. FOSTER.

Charles H. Wilson, Supplies,	2 00
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LIZZIE CAHILL.

Henry C. Bradbury, Supplies,	30
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FRANCES LOLOR.

Henry C. Bradbury, Supplies,	\$2 00	
Daniel U. Helmes, Ticket, &c.,	2 00	
	<hr/>	4 00

S. R. GRANT AND FAMILY.

Henry C. Bradbury, Supplies,	\$2 50	
Dr. F. A. Nevers, professional services,	3 00	
	<hr/>	5 50

(This bill has been paid by town of Hodgdon.)

ABIAL D. HUNTLEY.

Oakfield Plantation, Supplies,	76 88
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MRS. THOMAS FAULKNER AND FAMILY.

D. & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	1 18
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MARTIN KELTY.

E. J. Hilyard, Ticket,	5 00
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(This bill has been paid by city of Bangor.)

JOHN ADAMS AND FAMILY.

Hudson T. Frisbie, Dry Goods,	\$3 83	
D. & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	3 00	
	<hr/>	6 83

(This bill has been paid by town of Bridgewater.)

JOHN SMITH AND FAMILY.

Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, medical services,	\$18 00	
Laurel Monson, Supplies,	8 20	
Isaac Barker, Wood,	2 00	
Charles E. Gilman, Supplies,	14 30	
D. & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	1 65	
	<hr/>	44 15

(This bill, also amount paid out for said Smith and family last year, has been paid by town of Bridgewater.)

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JOHN HALL AND FAMILY.

Town of Bridgewater, Supplies,	5 00
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ARCHIE BELONGIE.

Superintendent of State Reform School, Supplies,	52 00
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MRS. ELIZA M. CHAMBERLIN AND FAMILY.

Henry S. Cookson, Supplies, &c.,	\$39 50	
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, medical services,	3 00	
Merchant Philbrick, hack fare,	50	
Jackins & Barker, Boots,	1 25	
Joseph A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods,	8 25	
	<hr/>	52 50

(This bill has been paid by town of Freedom.)

MR. TOMAR.

Joseph A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods,	50
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FRENCH BOYS.

Dr. T. C. S. Berry, medical services,	2 00
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WILLIAM H. CLARK AND FAMILY.

Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, medical services,	\$ 1 00	
Dr. George Cary, medical services,	2 00	
Isaac Barker, Cash,	10 00	
	<hr/>	13 00

ISAAC CORNELISON AND FAMILY.

City of Bangor, Supplies,	\$ 7 50	
Isaac Barker, Expenses to and from Bangor,	23 00	
	<hr/>	30 50

ABRAM BROWN AND FAMILY.

Isaac Barker, Wood,

5 00

EXPENSE OF TRANSIENT PAUPERS

Paid by		
Horace Chaloner,	\$5 50	
Charles H. Wilson,	4 00	
John Hughes,	5 00	
Alvarez G. Putnam,	4 00	18 50
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Total,		\$514 19
Amount paid by other Towns,		113 98
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Total Expense of Paupers off of the Farm,		\$400 21

NAMES OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM.

	AGE.
Betsey Hixon,	87
Larey Murphy,	83
Margaret McGlinchy,	80
Nora Bowen,	69
William Homer,	61
Mary Kendall,	49
Judith Pike,	36
Mary Wilson,	30

NAMES OF PAUPERS WHO HAVE BEEN KEPT ON THE FARM
THE PAST YEAR AND HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED.

Oswald McBrien.
 John Stuart.
 John Donovan.
 George Calvin.
 Colin Day.
 Annie Day.
 Emma T. Day.
 12 Transient Paupers, names unknown.

TOWN FARM.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM.

George W. Reed, Overseer,	\$ 31 25
George D. McCartney, Overseer,	180 00
Mrs. S. H. Powers, Supplies,	5 93
C. Niles, Filing Saw,	50
Albert B. Page, Sundries,	5 49
Joseph A. Browne & Co., Sundries,	8 52
Mrs. M. Gray, Tinware,	30
T. M & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	115 92
Albert Lovejoy, 2d, Stove back,	1 00
William S. Perks, Sundries,	6 37
Charles H. Wilson, Sundries,	73 78
Samuel A. Gray, Sundries,	78
George L. Hammond, Labor,	37 40
Samuel York, Labor,	1 50
Lyman W. Stevens, Boots,	1 15
Laurel Monson, Supplies,	57 43
Isaac Barker, Labor & Sundries,	48 32
Olonzo P. Hannigan, Supplies,	4 28
James Conlogue, Pigs,	7 50
Jackins & Barker, Sundries,	15 95
Dr. George Cary, Medical Services,	14 00
John A. Millar, Supplies,	7 00
John D. Manson, Hogs,	16 00
Henry C. Bradbury, Supplies,	34 74
William Dickinson, Labor,	12 60
D & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	17 80
Smith Bros., Sundries,	13 59
Kinney & Watson Sundries,	48 42
Oscar Newhouse, Supplies,	1 60
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber,	14 10
Charles E. Webber, Supplies,	17 48
Nelson Beatty, Labor,	3 45
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sundries,	24 74
Hudson T. Frisbie, Sundries,	14 19
Garvin H. Walker, Supplies,	26 38
E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	23 70
Tingley & Hurst, Supplies,	10 97
John Fitzgerald, Labor,	6 00
Millar & Cleveland, Supplies,	31 53
Henry C. Arnold & Co., Supplies,	4 50
Henry J. Hatheway, Sundries,	4 35
Samuel H. Powers, Screen,	1 50

	3 75	
Z. M. Miller, Shoeing Oxen,	1 00	
John S. Getchell & Son, Casting,	1 25	
Fred F. Frisbie, Shoes,	50	
Charles W. Lyons, Repairing Machine,	7 90	
Simon Friedman, Clothing,	3 95	
Charles P. Tenney, Sundries,		
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TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To	Dr.	
Am't due G. D. McCartney, Overseer,	26 67	
2 Oxen,	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	
Amount due of G. W. Reed for Boarding Horse,	25 00	1,137 67
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		\$2,108 03
Outstanding claims for supplies estimated at		6 90
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		\$2,114 93

	Cr.	
By 2 Oxen,	\$125 00	
3 Cows,	90 00	
2 3-year-old Heifers,	40 00	
2 2-year-old Heifers,	24 00	
3 Swine,	36 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	100 00	
12 Tons Hay,	120 00	
Provisions,	75 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	575 00	
Amt. G. W. Reed's Bill, (Paid,)	25 00	
1 Cow sold,	32 00	
Potatoes sold,	2 00	
Hay & Straw sold,	13 71	
Butter sold,	30 72	
Hide sold,	2 50	
	<hr/>	1,290 93
Total Expense of paupers on the farm,		\$824 00

Number of weeks' board furnished paupers during the year, 515.

making an expense of \$1.60 per week for boarding, clothing and medical attendance for each pauper. Repairs have been made on the buildings, and farming tools have been bought the past year, and the farm and buildings are in better shape than they have been for years. George D. McCartney, Overseer, and his wife, have given good satisfaction, and have proved to be well qualified for the position.

Expense of Paupers off of Farm,	\$400 21
“ “ “ on “	824 00
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Total expense of Paupers,	\$1,224 21
Unexpended,	275 79
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Am't Appropriated,	\$1,500 00

In the above amount the sum of \$76.88 is included, which was due Oakfield Plantation in 1884, for supplies furnished Abial D. Huntley. Also the sum of \$104.78 paid for supplies furnished Judith B. Pike, at the Hospital and Archie Belongie at the Reform School.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. H. Woodworth, Fireman,	\$ 25 00	
Joseph A. Browne & Co., Coats,	23 00	
Fireman,	455 85	
Finley McDonald, Boxes for Hydrants,	20 65	
James Dempsey, Trucking,	15 15	
Houlton Water Co., Rental of Hydrants,	375 00	
William A. Kay, Night-watch, Engineer, &c.,	546 60	
James H. Sinclair, Sundries,	15 05	
Griffin Flowers, Trucking,	50	
George W. Small, Trucking,	15 50	
Henry Gillin, Night-watch,	456 24	
John W. Perry, Labor, &c.,	10 25	
John Futter, Trucking,	25	
Bart A. Donovan, Trucking,	25	
A. W. Ingersoll, Chief Engineer,	25 00	
Charles E. Webber, Oil,	8 05	
John S. Getchell & Son, Sundries,	8 75	
Charles F. Spencer, Lettering Coats,	2 00	
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sundries,	112 15	
Nickerson Bros., Coal,	6 80	
Hudson T. Frisbie, Trucking,	2 00	
Page & Bradbury, Trucking, &c.,	4 50	
Kinney & Watson, Sundries,	1 70	
H. H. Woodworth, Labor,	1 00	
Mrs. M. Gray, Sundries,	2 90	
William S. Perks, Sundries,	2 00	
T. S. Estabrooke, Lumber,	1 00	
William Dobson, Care of Engine,	12 00	
John Vincent, Care of Hose and Engine,	11 00	
Robert Darrah, Care of Engine House,	15 00	
Silas W. Taber, Services as Engineer and Sundries,	100 25	
Charles H. Wilson, Wood,	1 75	
John Toland, Watchman,	1 25	
Daniel U. Helms, Trucking,	2 50	
Henry Helms, Trucking,	1 50	
John C. McIntyre, Spanners, &c.,	12 35	
Rec'd of John S. Getchell & Son, Old Engine,	\$25 00	2,294 74
" " Water Co., Coal,	19 22	44 22
Am't Appropriated,		\$2,250 52
Overdrawn,	\$2,000 00	
	250 52	
		2,250 52

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

John Braden, Labor,	\$ 1 50
B. R. Gidney, Running Ferry 2 years,	24 00
W. S. Gilman & Son, Printing,	68 20
George Oullette, Labor,	25
Benjamin B. Smith, Labor,	50
Daniel Helms, Trucking,	25
Henry H. Ward, Stamps and Postal Cards,	8 50
Day & Pratt, Books,	2 00
George E. Ingalls, Stationery and Books,	31 03
Byron J. Blethen, Assisting Enrolling Militia,	15 00
Carl L. Sponholz, Care of Lamps,	16 82
James Frank Holland, Stationery,	17 00
Charles E. Mansur, Sawing Shingles and Clapboards,	14 12
Silas W. Taber, Repairing Hearse,	61 85
William A. Kay, Sundries,	13 00
Kinney & Watson, Sundries,	29 88
Theodore Cary, Printing,	16 75
William B. Berry & Co., Sundries,	16 85
James H. Sinclair, Sundries,	5 25
Henry Helms, Trucking,	10
N. B. Railway, Freight,	1 82
Rev. N. T. Dutton, Sundries,	2 75
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sundries,	13 40
H. E. Tripp, Covering for Hearse,	16 00
George W. Small, Repairing Sled,	4 25
Edwin B. White, Police club,	2 00
Dr. C. E. Williams, Vaccinating Scholars,	42 50
James Dempsey, Trucking,	50
Dr. F. A. Nevers, Vaccinating Scholars,	14 50
William Webb, Labor,	6 00
Dr. T. C. S. Berry, Vaccinating Scholars,	15 50
Charles C. West, Team,	2 00
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Vaccinating Scholars,	40 00
Henry J. Hatheway, Naphtha,	50
Dr. George Cary, Vaccinating Scholars,	21 50
American Express Co., Freight,	50
Smith Bros., Repairing Stove, &c.,	1 00
Powers & Powers, Professional Services,	10 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, Book,	4 00

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Jackins & Barker, Sundries,	1 75	
Charles L. Holt, Care of Lamps,	5 00	
Dr. Jotham Donnell, Vaccinating Scholars,	20 25	
Charles H. Wilson, Sundries,	2 00	
	<hr/>	570 57
Unexpended,		729 43
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Am't Appropriated,		\$1,300 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

M. M. Clark, { Selectmen, Overseers of }	\$350 00	
Isaac Barker, { Poor, Assessors and }	150 00	
A. A. Burleigh, { Highway Surveyors, }	50 00	
M. M. Clark, Town Clerk,	20 00	
Charles H. Wilson, Treasurer,	100 00	
Frederic A. Powers, Agent,	50 00	
W. F. Jenks, Auditor,	25 00	
Rev. N. T. Dutton, S. S. Committee,	50 00	
Dr. Charles E. Williams, S. S. Committee,	35 00	
Rev. Hudson Sawyer, S. S. Committee,	50 00	
Rev. N. T. Dutton, Clerk of S. S. Com., &c.,	9 00	
John Braden, Collector,	161 02	
Richard Sinclair, Collector.	110 66	
James Frank Holland, S. S. Committee,	10 00	
Horace Chaloner, Constable,	45 00	
Samuel A. Gray, Constable,	6 00	
Alvarez G. Putnam, Constable,	10 00	
George E. Bickford, Constable,	5 00	
Andrew P. Perkins, Constable,	7 00	
John E. Burnham, Fire ward,	3 00	
Andrew P. Perkins, Fire ward,	3 00	
Samuel A. Gray, Fire ward,	3 00	
Dr. C. E. Williams, Health Officer,	5 00	
William Garrison, Health Officer,	5 00	
Lewis B. Johnson, Health Officer,	5 00	
	<hr/>	1,267 68
Amount Appropriated,	\$1,200 00	
Overdrawn,	67 68	
	<hr/>	1,267 68

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

	Dr.	
To Paid John M. Rice, Chairs,	\$ 13 00	
Sheppard Taylor, Wood,	26 47	
George B. Smith, Teaching,	36 00	
John H. Bradford, Insurance,	45 00	
Martha A. Putnam, Teaching,	361 00	
Flora S. Parkman, Teaching,	80 00	
Patie E. Hussey, Teaching,	419 00	
Finley McDonald, Labor and Lumber,	32 20	
George E. Ingalls, Books & Stationery,	49 92	
Bart. A. Donovan, Trucking,	1 00	
Edgar L. Holt, Janitor,	26 50	
Anna S. Maxwell, Teaching,	219 00	
Houlton Academy, Tuition,	204 00	
Grace E. Furbish, Teaching,	219 00	
Addie M. Barnes, Teaching,	219 00	
Artemas Latham, Janitor,	9 00	
Thomas Somerville, Labor,	21 50	
Samuel A. Gray, Tinware, &c.,	28 13	
Dura Stanchfield, Chart,	10 00	
J. L. Hammett, Sundries,	17 39	
Dr. Charles E. Williams, Charts,	10 55	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Breaking Road,	2 00	
Albion P. Heywood, Stove and Settee,	10 00	
Bert Flowers, Janitor,	5 00	
Ira Inghram, Janitor,	12 50	
James Frank Holland, Services as Agent and Sundries,	119 05	
Smith Bros., Stoves,	27 20	
Willie Sutherland, Janitor,	17 00	
Rev. Hudson Sawyer, Agent,	10 00	
E. Merritt & Sons, Wood,	9 00	
Bal. of 10 per cent. of \$2,000.00 not expended for repairs in the foregoing bills and credited to Repair acc't,	111 92	
		2,364 33

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved
by James Frank Holland and Rev. Hudson Sawyer, Agents.

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		CR.	
1885.			
April 1,	By Balance,	\$ 534 66	
July 30,	Appropriation,	2,000 00	
		<hr/>	2,534 66
1886.			
Mar. 11,	Balance Unexpended,		170 33

SCHOOL DIST. NO. 2.

		DR.	
To Balance, (Overdrawn),		\$33 73	
paid A. J. Martin, Services as Agent			
and Sundries,		12 50	
G. Wilson, Services as Janitor,		16 00	
Ellouise E. Bagley, Teaching,		24 00	
Houlton Academy, Tuitions,		8 00	
Asa Bradstreet, Teaching,		93 75	
Lyman Houlton, Sundries,		68 65	
Ransford W. Shaw, Teaching,		200 00	
George W. Drake, Wood,		32 00	
William C. Donnell, Insurance,		21 00	
James Frank Holland, Sundries,		90	
		<hr/>	510 53

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved
by A. J. Martin and Lyman Houlton, Agents.

		CR.	
1885.			
July 30,	By Appropriation,		500 00
1886.			
Mar. 11,	Balance overdrawn,	<hr/>	\$10 53

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3.

	DR.	
To Paid William McGinley, Board,	\$ 19 25	
Frank M. Donnell, Teaching,	98 00	
George W. McGinley, Labor,	3 00	
Charles E. Mansur, Sundries,	20 39	
Mary E. McGinley, Teaching,	138 00	
Charles Wright, Labor,	2 40	
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All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved by Selden W. Porter and Charles E. Mansur, Agents.

1885.	CR.	
April 1, By Balance,	\$131 05	
July 30, Appropriation,	238 48	
1886.	<hr/>	369 53
Mar. 11, Balance unexpended,		88 49

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

	DR.	
To Paid B. R. Gidney, Services as Agent,		
and Sundries,	\$ 9 50	
Mrs. Mary A. Haskell, Board,	46 20	
Georgia J. Haskell, Teaching,	120 00	
Wallace A. Dykeman, Wood,	8 25	
George W. Moore, Sundries,	10 45	
John J. Auber, Teaching,	136 00	
	<hr/>	330 40

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved by B. R. Gidney and Geo. W. Moore.

1885.	CR.	
April 1, By Balance	\$131 30	
July 30, Appropriation,	210 00	
1886.	<hr/>	341 30
Mar. 11, Balance Unexpended,		\$10 90

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5.

	Dr.	
To paid M. Carrie Hogan, Teaching,	\$30 00	
Marion Monson, Wood,	10 20	
James H. Deasy, Sundries,	35 00	
George L. Hammond, Services as Agent,		
& Sundries,	43 10	
Lizzie Cottle, Teaching,	72 00	
	<hr/>	190 30

All the foregoing bills were contracted and approved
by George L. Hammond, Agent.

1885.	Cr.	
April 1, By Balance,	\$1 74	
July 30, Appropriation,	200 00	
	<hr/>	201 74
1886.		
Mar. 11, Balance unexpended,		11 44

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6.

	Dr.	
To paid James Doherty, Teaching,	52 00	
Henry Cogan, Painting House,	25 00	
Mary E. Roach, Teaching,	85 40	
Elmer E. Merritt, Teaching,	35 00	
Patrick Cassidy, Wood,	15 75	
Emma Woods, Board,	25 25	
Josephine Mulherrin, Teaching,	42 00	
	<hr/>	280 40

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved
by William Donovan & James Roach, Agents.

1885.	Cr.	
April 1, By Balance,	\$ 51 21	
July 30, Appropriation,	240 00	
	<hr/>	291 21
1886.		
Mar. 11, Balance unexpended,		10 81

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7.

	Dr.	
To paid Bart A. Donovan, Labor,	\$ 3 00	
George B. Smith, Teaching,	76 00	
Sarah E. Mulherrin, Teaching,	216 00	
John Woodside, Labor,	6 00	
Thomas Crain, Labor,	8 00	
Houlton Academy Tuitions,	60 00	
Mary A. Mulherrin, Teaching,	102 50	
Dr. C. E. Williams, Charts,	10 75	
Ezekiel M. Smith, Wood,	19 00	
Charles H. Niles, Wood,	13 00	
Jeremiah Driscoll, Labor,	5 00	
Royal S. Clough, Services as Agent,		
& Sundries,	54 77	
Luella J. Seely, Teaching,	100 00	
James Frank Holland, Sundries,	4 90	
	<hr/>	680 92

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved by Jacob Miller and Royal S. Clough, Agents.

1885.	Cr.	
April 1, By Balance,	\$349 85	
July 30, Appropriation,	522 00	
	<hr/>	871 85
1886.		
March 11, Balance unexpended,		190 93

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8.

	Dr.	
To Balance, (Overdrawn,)	\$3 75	
paid Martha E. Atherton, Teaching,	54 00	
Zephaniah Parks, Services as Agent,		
& Sundries,	26 25	
Benjamin Atherton, Board,	18 00	
Perry Brown, Board,	30 00	
Emma Brown, Teaching,	67 50	
	<hr/>	199 50

All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved by Zephaniah Parks, Agent.

1885.	Cr.	
July 30, By Appropriation,		200 00
1886.		
March 11, Balance unexpended,		50

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9.

		DR.	
To paid	J. J. Niles, Services as Agent, & Sundries,	34 15	
	John C. Betts, Teaching,	90 00	
	Sadie Chaloner, Teaching,	150 00	
	Thomas Moore, Wood,	5 31	
		<hr/>	279 46
All of the foregoing bills were contracted and approved by J. J. Niles and James Armstrong, Agents.			
1885.	CR.		
April 1,	By Balance,	\$14 74	
July 30,	Appropriation,	200 00	
		<hr/>	214 74
1886.			
March 11,	Balance overdrawn,		64 72

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

		DR.	
To paid	Amount of Bills, (see foregoing acc't of each dist.,)		5,079 40
		CR.	
1885.			
Mar. 11,	By Balance,	\$1,177 07	
Apr. 1,	Appropriation,	2,584 00	
July 30,	School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,726 48	
		<hr/>	5,487 55
1886.			
Mar. 11,	Balance due school from the town,		408 15

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

	Dr.	
To paid Heywood & als., (see last report,)	\$1,468 63	
First National Bank, Note &		
Interest,	667 45	
Llewellyn Powers, Lumber,	54 00	
Powers & Powers, Professional		
Services,	25 00	
Charles F. Spencer, Labor &c.,	89 35	
Samuel H. Powers, Table,	4 50	
Finley McDonald, Labor,	39 36	
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, &c.,	75 94	
Assessors, Assessing tax,	30 00	
Albion P. Heywood, Interest on		
order,	42 50	
Frederic W. Stimson, Lumber,	20 79	
James Frank Holland, Sundries,	55 65	
Horace Chaloner, Collector, Com-		
missions,	35 00	
Rev. Hudson Sawyer, Superin-		
tending work,	15 00	
Hudson T. Frisbie, Lime,	1 35	
	<hr/>	2,624 52

Cr.

By Amount of Assessment Com-	}	\$1,564 97	
mitted to Ira G. Hersey to			
collect,			
Amount of Assessment Com-	}	1,049 14	
mitted to Horace Chaloner			
to collect,			
Bal. of 10 per cent. of School			
fund,		111 92	
		<hr/>	2,726 03
Balance,			101 51
To paid Amount of the foregoing bills,			2,624 52
Cr.			
By Cash Rec'd of Ira G. Hersey, Coll.,		\$1,197 65	
" " " Horace Chaloner, "		740 00	1,937 65
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Balance due the town from the Dist.,			\$686 87

RECAPITULATION.

Roads, Bridges, and Sidewalks,	\$ 828 26	
Discounts and Abatements,	1,824 22	
Interest 2 orders drawn,	102 50	
Paupers off of the Farm,	514 19	
Town Farm,	1,032 11	
Fire Department and Watchmen,	2,294 74	
Miscellaneous Bills,	570 57	
Town Officers,	1,267 68	
Schools,	4,967 48	
School Dist. No. 1,	445 94	
	<hr/>	13,847 69
Number of Orders drawn, 378, am't of same,		13,847 69
Interest paid on Orders and Bonds, which } Orders have not been drawn for and cred- } ited to Treasurer,		2,502 00

LIABILITIES.

Bonds.	Date.	Amt.	When due.
No. 26,	May 2, 1881,	\$ 1,000 00	May 2, 1886
" 27,	" " "	1,000 00	" " "
" 28,	" " "	2,000 00	" " "
" 93,	Aug. 10, "	1,000 00	Aug. 10, 1887
" 94,	" " "	1,000 00	" " "
" 95,	" " "	1,000 00	" " "
" 161,	Mar. 10, 1885,	2,000 00	Mar. 10, 1888
" 162,	" " "	1,000 00	" " 1889
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		\$10,000 00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds,		318 32	
Houlton B. R. R. Bonds,		30,000 00	
Accrued Interest on R. R. Bonds,		917 00	
Town Order No. 166, given to Annie			
C. Scribner, Oct. 30, 1884,		1,000 00	
Accrued Interest on Order 166,		60 00	
Outstanding Claims, (estimated),		500 00	
Due School Dist. No. 1,		101 51	
" " Districts,		408 15	
Town Orders, Nos. 329,		2 00	
334,		3 25	
338,		78 15	
341,		19 74	
352,		20 25	
357,		1 65	
370,		2 00	
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			\$43,432 02
Liabilities, March 10, 1884,		\$55,295 92	
" " " 1885,		50,948 51	
" " " 1886,		43,432 02	
Decrease during past year,		7,516 49	
" " " two years,		11,863 90	

RESOURCES.

Am't due on Tax Bills, 1882-3-4,	\$ 686 43	
“ “ “ “ “ 1885,	3,169 97	
“ “ from School Dist. No. 1,	686 87	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 3,	7 16	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 9,	181 95	
“ “ “ Geo. A. Hammond,	305 42	
“ “ “ Willard H. Putnam,	174 40	
“ “ “ Houlton Brass Band,	20 00	
“ “ “ Martin Lawless,	25 50	
“ “ “ Geo. McLaughlin,	9 37	
Balance in Treasury,	124 62	5,391 09
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Excess of Liabilities,		38,040 33
Excess of Liabilities March 10, 1885,	\$42,780 62	
“ “ “ “ “ 1886,	38,040 33	
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	\$ 4,740 29	

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Farm Buildings and Wood Lot,	4,000 00	
Stock, Furniture, Tools, Hay, Grain, &c.,	1,185 00	
Highway Tools and Road Machine,	250 00	
Hearse,	550 00	
Gravel Lots,	200 00	
Town Hall and Lot,	4,000 00	
Cedar Logs,	150 00	
Engines, Hose, Ladders, &c.,	6,000 00	16,335 00
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Liabilities in Excess of all Resources,		\$21,705 33

We recommend the following appropriations :

For the support of the Poor,	\$1,500 00
Discounts and Abatements,	2,000 00
Interest,	2,500 00
Fire Department and Watchman,	3,500 00
Town Officers, including Collector,	1,500 00
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,000 00
The Payment of Debts,	3,000 00
Cemetery,	1,000 00
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	3,500 00
Schools,	2,584 00

COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S ACC'T.

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

1885,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Tax Bills of 1879,		\$248 32
1886.	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		248 32

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

1885,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Tax Bills of 1882-3-4,		\$5,454 75
1886.		
March 10, To Interest on Tax Bills of 1884,		133 00
“ Supplementary Tax,		58 00
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		\$5,645 75
1886,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		4,959 32
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Balance,		\$686 43

RICHARD SINCLAIR, Coll., to C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1886,	DR.	
March 10, To Tax Bills of 1885,		\$6,047 30
1886,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		2,877 33
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Balance,		3,169 97
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Balance due from Braden and Sinclair,		\$3,856 40

IRA G. HERSEY, Coll. School Dist. No. 1, to C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1885,	DR.	
March 10, To Uncollected Taxes, 1884,		\$562 32
1886,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		195 00
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Balance,		\$367 32

HORACE CHALONER, Coll. School Dist. No. 1, to C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1886,	DR.		
March 10, To Tax Bills, 1885,		\$1,049 14	
1886,	CR.		
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		740 00	
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Balance,			309 14
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Balance due from Hersey and Chaloner,			676 46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

1885,		Dr.		
March 10,	To Bal. Cash,		\$	3 02
" "	" Tax Deeds,			119 66
" "	" Uncollected Taxes, 1879,			248 32
" "	" " 1882-3-4,			5,454 75
" "	" " Sch.dis.No.1,			562 32
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				6,388 07
Apr. 1,	" Town of Hodgdon,			11 95
" 2,	" City of Bangor,			5 36
May 4,	" G. W. Reed,			20 00
" 9,	" Wm. Dobson,			38 58
" 19,	" G. L. Hammond,			4 50
June 9,	" John Burnham, Highway Tax,			8 35
" "	" Highway Cash Tax,			537 84
" 19,	" H. H. Ward, for Hay,			4 16
" 22,	" J. S. Getchell & Son, Old Engine,			25 00
July, 2,	" J. H. Deasy,			9 50
Aug. 5,	" Town of Caribou,			127 65
" 21,	" Isaac Barker, Cow,			32 00
Sept. 8,	" " Potatoes,			2 00
" "	" City of Bangor,			5 00
Oct. 1,	" C. E. Gilman, Int. on tax deeds,			6 69
" "	" Amount of Tax, 1885,			21,368 24
Dec. 29,	" Town of Freedom,			52 50
1886.				
Jan. 9,	" H. H. Ward, Hay and Straw,			9 55
Feb. 20,	" Town of Hodgdon,			5 50
Mar. 6,	" Butter, 192 lbs.,			30 72
" 9,	" Mrs. C. McBrine, Int. on tax deeds,			5 23
" 10,	" Town of Bridgewater,			52 40
" "	" J. F. Holland, Treas. Water Company,			19 22
" "	" G. L. Hammond, "for land,"			50 00
" "	" Int. on taxes, John Braden, Collector,			133 00
" "	" Supplementary taxes, John Braden, Coll.,			58 00

Report Selectmen of Houlton.

March 10, To	Charles E. Gilman,	30 15
" " "	Geo. W. Richards,	9 50
" " "	H. Chaloner for 1 Hide,	2 50
" " "	Supplementary Tax,	2 27
" " "	License Fees,	75 00
" " "	Am't School Fund and Mill Tax, 1884,	1,632 05
" " "	" School Fund and Mill Tax 1885,	1,726 48
" " "	" School Dist. Tax No. 1, '85,	1,049 14
" " "	State Pensions,	108 00
" " "	Bear Bounty,	5 00
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		\$33,651 10

CR.

By Paid Orders and Loans,	\$15,629 15
Bonds 109-143-25,	3,000 00
Interest on Bonds,	749 50
Railroad Coupons,	1,710 00
County Tax, 1885, in full,	1,534 37
State Tax, 1884, Balance,	2,794 23
" " 1885, in full,	2,725 86
Note and Int. School Dist. No. 1,	667 45
State Pensions,	108 00
Bear Bounty,	5 00
By Balance due on Tax 1882-3-4,	686 43
" " " " " 1885,	3,169 97
" " " " " Dist. No. 1, 1884,	367 32
" " " " " " " 1885,	309 14
" " " " " Deeds,	70 06
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	\$33,526 48
" Balance in Treasury,	124 62
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REPORT

OF THE

Superintending * School * Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR, 1885-6.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee present the following report :

SCHOOLS.

Having other matters of interest and importance to present, your committee will not account for the schools in town, one by one, as heretofore. Suffice it to say, that with the present district system, condition of school-houses, and few aids for instruction, the schools have made as much proficiency as in former years. In District No. 1, (village centre), enlarged facilities have been enjoyed. A new room, with dressing and recitation rooms, has been added, the old rooms have been repaired, and all re-seated with the most improved style of seats. Two teachers have been added, making five employed. A course of study extending from the Primary to the Grammar departments has been introduced, and the scholars have been placed in the different grades according to their several attainments. The committee have given as much time and as careful work as they have been able to the reorganization of the schools in this district, and although the work is incomplete and much will depend upon future effort, yet thus far the economy in the labor of teachers, their greater efficiency, and the greater proficiency of the pupils in their studies, lead to the belief that the change is for the better and thus far most satisfactory. Too much praise cannot be spoken of the faithfulness and hearty co-operation of the teachers in this district in carrying out the plans of the committee. But notwithstanding the enlarged accommodations furnished in this district, the rooms are already overcrowded and the increasing number of scholars require from fifty to one hundred more sittings. There is also a lack of all kinds of *helps*, such as books of reference, globes, charts, &c.

Although the school agents are as efficient as such officers ~~else~~ where, the teachers as capable as ever, and the schools as the average of such schools, yet owing to the small or large number of scholars, the poor condition of school-houses, the mixed character of the scholars as regards their attainments, the changing of teachers from term to term, and other things like these, which are the faults of the district system to a large degree, fully one-half of the money expended in the remaining districts, is as good as thrown away as far as any practical benefit obtained from it is concerned.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Among the questions asked the committee in their State report is his:—"What is the estimated value of all school property in town?" It is well that each district is not to be specified in the answer, for if we were called upon to state the value of some of our school-houses, the answer would be a negative quantity. The districts No. 1 and No. 7 (village, north side), are sadly in need of new buildings, while other school-houses need extensive repairs. Means of ventilation and warmth are poor, and in some cases the rooms are so crowded that seating capacity is only provided by using the teachers' platform, table and floor. The bare mention of other school appliances is enough to provoke a smile. Many of the maps and charts, where there are any, are fly-specked, dirty and torn, and promote neither the geographical knowledge nor esthetics of the scholars. The blackboards, as a rule, are insufficient in number and size, rough, cracked, and afford the scholar at the same time an opportunity for working his problem and paring down his finger nails. Your committee are not inclined to be pessimists. But what is the use! For illustration take one of our schools, numbering over eighty scholars from five to twenty years of age, in a room fitted for only half that number, crowded, changing seats every recitation, and having from twenty-five to thirty recitations and exercises every day. Put one of the best teachers in such a school, and what can he accomplish that will be satisfactory to himself, the scholars and the district? Has not the time come for something better, and that what is usually called the

TOWN SYSTEM.

Sec. 3, of the School Laws of the State of Maine, reads as follows:

A town may abolish the school districts therein, and shall thereupon, forthwith take possession of all the school-houses, lands, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes, which districts might lawfully sell and convey. The property so taken shall be appraised under the direction of the town, and at the next annual assessment a tax shall be levied upon the whole town, equal to the whole amount of said appraisal, or such part thereof as the town shall vote, and the remainder of said appraisal, if any, shall be levied by tax upon the whole town at the second and third annual assessments thereafter, or at the second alone, as the town shall vote, and then shall be remitted to the tax payers of each district the said appraised value of its property thus taken, in the same proportion, annually, as the tax therefor shall be levied, or the difference in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed upon by the parties in interest. Upon the abo-

lition or discontinuance of any district, its corporate powers and liabilities continue so far as may be necessary for the enforcement of its rights and duties. Whenever any town shall have abolished its school districts, such districts shall not be re-established within the three years next thereafter.

It will be seen from a review of this statement of the law that the town may by vote at any regularly called meeting, make the change from the district to the town system. Such action is binding for three years; afterwards it may be revoked at the pleasure of the town.— It practically makes one district of the town. All legislation will be by the town. No action is necessarily required by the several districts, but the town may make its action to be conditional, dependent upon the consent of the district to be affected. Provision is made for the equitable distribution of the school property, and owing to its present condition and equitable distribution no part of the town would suffer expense of any amount.

Two articles will be placed in the warrant for the action of the town at its next meeting. One, to see if the town will vote to adopt the town system of schools in place of the present district system. Next, to see if the town will vote to consolidate districts No. 1, No. 2 and No. 7. It is earnestly hoped that the first article will be adopted, and the second consequently be passed over.

Your committee have nothing but words of warmest approval for such a change. It is certainly progress, and the advantage gained thereby will appear in as marked improvement in all the schools in town as has been made the last year in District No. 1 by the grading system. New buildings will soon be required in some districts and extensive repairs in others. The town system will as a matter of course be adopted very soon. It should be done now, so that this reconstruction may be adopted with least expense to the new order of things.

The committee invite attention to the following table, showing the average attendance in each district, amount actually expended, and the tuition per week for a single scholar for the municipal year ending March 10th, 1885:

TABLE.

No. of District.	Average Attendance.	Amount Expended.	Tuition per Scholar.
Dis. No. 1, (Village)	224	\$1879 92	24 Cts.
" " 2, (Hill)	47	819 22	56 "
" " 3, (Cary's Mills)	30	363 72	34 "
" " 4, (Foxcroft)	14	110 73	27 "
" " 5, (near Town Farm)	13	221 15	57 "
" " 6, (Horseback)	29	236 05	29 "
" " 7, (Village, N. side)	58	611 35	29 "
" " 8, (White Settlement)	16	200 20	45 "
" " 9, (Niles' Settlement)	20	289 75	40 "
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From the above table, which perhaps is an average yearly expenditure, it will be seen that in District No. 1, where the schools are graded, the cost per week for each scholar is 24 cts., while in the other districts it is from 27 cts. to 57 cts., or an average of 40 cts.; that in District No. 1, for 224 scholars the total cost was \$1,879.92, and in all the other districts with a total average attendance of 227 scholars, the cost was \$2,852.17. On account of their location in and near the village the consolidation of Districts No. 1, 2 and 7 can be made without difficulty. From the other districts the scholars can be brought to the village at an annual cost of perhaps \$500. From the above table and statement, the following reasons for the change are quite potent:

1st. There would be greater economy in the expenditure of the money so as to secure the greatest results. Under the new regime, pupils in the outlying districts will get more schooling. The school money, which is now distributed among many districts, and apportioned to the number of pupils in each district, will be used equally for the benefit of all parts of the town, and the schools will, wherever established, be of the same length.

2d. The pupils in the outlying districts will get better schooling. This will follow, first, from the increase in the size of schools through consolidation, and secondly, from the improvement in the quality of schools, through the system of grading, and also from the permanent employment of more experienced and efficient teachers.

3d. The town system will bring all the schools under the supervision of a central authority, the same courses of study can be definitely fixed upon, and uniformly adopted. Mixed schools do not give satisfaction.

4th. The pupils will have more comfortable and attractive school-houses. Instead of one section of the town being responsible for its

school-house, the town itself will be responsible. Many of the districts at present neglect their school-houses. They allow the buildings to fall into decay. They do not provide suitable school appliances. A great many utensils, conveniences and appurtenances are needed about school-houses which agents have not the means to furnish. What the town does in this respect will be better done.

5th. The supervision of the schools will be more faithfully carried on. Under the district system this at best is but partial. It is chiefly advisory. If there is one thing beyond another important to the welfare of a school, it is steady, conscientious supervision on the part of those who have authority to begin and to consummate every necessary change and measure of reform and progress. This kind or quality of supervision will be secured to the schools under the town system.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

An abstract of the law relating to Free High Schools gives this definite information: "Any town which establishes and maintains a free high school—for at least ten weeks in any one year—shall receive from the State one-half the amount actually expended for instruction in said school, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars; *provided*, that no town shall receive such State aid unless its appropriation and expenditure for such school has been exclusive of the amounts required by law for common school purposes." If a town refuses to establish such a school, any district or districts may do so.

Your committee would recommend that an appropriation be made by the town for such a school. Of the 426 cities and towns of the State 125 or more sustain a free high school, and appropriate for this purpose from \$45 to \$9,350, receiving from the State from \$36 to \$250 each, or an aggregate of \$25,000, annually. Houlton pays its proportionate share of this expenditure, but thus far has received no equivalent. Of the amount appropriated the State would return \$250, and if the appropriation was \$1,000 the expense to the town would be \$750. Most of the towns in the State of the size of Houlton, like Hallowell, Brunswick, Bath, Calais, Ellsworth, Dexter and others, annually appropriate from \$800 to \$3,000 each for this object. Hallowell, for instance, with a population of 3000, appropriated \$1,800 the last year to Hallowell Classical Institute, for this purpose. Until the last municipal year several of the districts sent their scholars, who were fitted, to the Academy and paid their tuition from the common school fund. This was found to be unlawful, and the practice has therefore been abandoned. With a sufficient appropriation for a free high school, every scholar who desires, can be fitted for any of our colleges, or can take a course of study which is equal to one-half of that pursued at any college or university. Such action would be timely, place abreast with the times, give an enviable reputation to the town, and be of incalculable benefit to the rising generation.

TEXT BOOKS.

Sec. 8, of the school law, reads as follows: "Towns may provide school books for the use of the pupils in their public schools, at the expense of said town, or may furnish them at cost to the pupils; and all money raised and appropriated for that purpose, shall be assessed like other moneys." Your committee would recommend that the town make provision in accordance with this law. There are two ways of doing this. 1st. That the town make a sufficient appropriation and instruct their school committee to purchase all the books needed for use in the schools, see to their proper distribution and preservation. 2d. That the town make an appropriation, say of \$300, to be used as a permanent fund by the committee, for the purchase of school books at the lowest rates, to be sold at cost to parents and scholars. The former plan is the wiser and most economical, as it provides books for all at an expense much less than that for which they are now obtained by the individual. The latter will cost the town annually the interest of \$300.

REMARKS.

It is scarcely possible to over-estimate the importance of our public schools. They furnish the ground-work of education for the masses of the people, and are therefore among the chief agencies in laying the foundation of individual character, and securing fitness for honor and usefulness in the world. Religion and learning are the basis upon which our free institutions rest. Without their support, national freedom cannot exist. These two agencies should ever go hand in hand, and all good citizens as well as parents should be prepared to use every effort to secure a Christian education for the youth of the State, thus giving to them a companion "that no misfortune can depress, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate, no despotism enslave." In a large share of town legislation, the interests of individuals conflict. A marked exception to this is the question of education. All receive benefits from the most broad and liberal school system, and the best methods of education insure the greatest progress. Here parties and prejudice should be laid aside and all should work together for the extension of good learning throughout the community. There is presented to the town at this time, the opportunity for the adoption of a course of action, which will obtain from every dollar expended its fullest equivalent, which will raise our schools to a higher standard of excellence and efficiency, and which, like the foundation of a building, will form a basis for future progress.

NEWELL T. DUTTON,	} Superintending	
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS,		Sch. Com. of
HUDSON SAWYER,		Houlton.

WARRANT.

TO HORACE CHALONER, *One of the Constables of the town of Houlton,*

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Houlton, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of March, 1886, at nine o'clock in the forenoon (local time). to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to employ a Supervisor of schools (for the ensuing year) instead of three S. S. Committee.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Liquor Agent or Agents, for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor, and other necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repairing and building of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, and how the same shall be paid and expended.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the Fire Department, and Watchmen.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise towards the payment of the debts of the town.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a loan or loans for the purpose of paying the debts of the town.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to make any discount upon taxes paid at such time or times as it may determine, and if so, what per cent.; also to fix a time and rate for interest to be added upon taxes remaining unpaid.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Health Committee to clear the brook which runs through land owned by E. Woodbury and others, of all filth, from a point south of said Woodbury's dwelling house to the outlet of said brook.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the cemetery, by taking the land adjoining the same for this purpose, as determined by the Selectmen on the 22nd day of December, 1885, after hearing upon petition, the land to be thus taken being described as follows: Beginning at the south-east corner of the cemetery as now located; thence running south eighty-eight degrees (88 degs.) east on the northerly margin of the County road eighteen (18) rods; thence running north two degrees (2 degs.) east twenty-six (26) rods; thence running north eighty-eight degrees (88 degs.) west ten (10) rods; thence running north two degrees (2 degs.) east ten (10) rods; thence running north eighty-eight degrees (88 degs.) west fifty (50) rods; thence running south two degrees (2 degs.) west thirty-six (36) rods to the county road; thence running easterly on the northerly margin of said road to the south-west corner of the cemetery as now located; thence running northerly on the west line of said cemetery twenty-seven (27) rods to the north-west corner of the same; thence running easterly on the north line of said cemetery twenty-four (24) rods to the north-east corner of the same; thence southerly on the east line of the cemetery twenty-seven (27) rods to the place of beginning, containing eight acres and one hundred and thirty-two square rods, more or less; the damages awarded to Lysander and Willard H. Putnam for same \$353.00.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purpose of enlarging, fencing, laying out and grading the cemetery, and providing for the proper care and superintendence of the same.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purpose of celebrating the fourth day of July, 1886, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to abolish the district system of schools and to adopt the town system.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to consolidate Districts Nos. 1, 2 & 7.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of a Free High School for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what instructions, if any, the town will give to the S. S. Committee or Supervisor as to the expenditure of High School money.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to provide free text-books for the public schools; if so how much money shall be raised for the purpose and how expended.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the S. S. Committee or Supervisor to purchase text-books to the amount of \$300.00 and to sell the same to the pupils at cost.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to abate all taxes due from Mrs. Geo. Oliver & her late husband, on house and lot on Pleasant Street

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to abate the taxes for a term of years in favor of any persons or corporation who shall establish and maintain any kind of manufacturing business in town, provided said persons or corporation invest a sum not less than \$10,000.00 or such sum as the town may designate, in said manufactory.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to employ a Surveyor to determine the south line of the town; also the street lines of the village; and what sum of money the town will raise for this purpose.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to furnish the plank for a sidewalk on the west side of Court St. from the Times Block to Green St.; if so how the money for same shall be raised.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the Porter Settlement road, beginning at a point near the northerly end of the Mansur Bridge; thence running northerly on said road to a point near the south-west corner of F. F. Innis' land.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road which was accepted by the town at the Annual Town Meeting, on Monday the twenty-fourth day of March, 1884, described as follows: Commencing at a point where the south line of Morrill Mansur's house lot intersects with the Porter Settlement road; thence on or near the road leading to Morrill Mansur's Mill; thence in a direct course to a point nearly opposite the house of James Heagan.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to grant Albert T. Putnam the right to build a board fence, on the west side, and four feet within the limits of North Street.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street two rods wide to be called Heywood Street, commencing at a point six rods south of the south-west corner of Daniel McLeod's house lot on Kelleran St. (said point to be the centre of said Heywood Street); thence easterly to a point one rod south of the south-east corner of house lot formerly owned by Freeman G. Pierce on High street, as laid out, turnpiked, opened and dedicated to the public use by A. P. Heywood.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street located by the Selectmen, on petition of John H. Bradford and 73 others, on Thursday, the 16th day of July, 1885, described as follows: Beginning in the center of a street dedicated to the use of the town by Stephen Lake, and accepted by the town March 24th, 1884; thence running N. 71 degs. 55 min. west 7 rods to the junction of Fair and Weeks streets at a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ rods from the southerly margin of said Weeks street; this course to be the center line of said street; and the same to be three rods wide; said street to run across the land of Hadley Fairfield, and the damages awarded said Fairfield being \$133.33 $\frac{1}{4}$.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to pay E. S. F. Nickerson \$1,000.00, provided he lays out, turnpikes and dedicates to the public use a road or street to be called Nickerson street; four rods wide, and described as follows: Beginning in the center of the Meduxnekeag stream, at a point where Mechanic street intersects said stream; thence running north 14 degs. east 14 rods; thence north 20 degs. east 71 rods; thence north 70 degs. west 13 rods and 8 links to North street, near the dwelling house of

David Webber, and builds a bridge, at a cost not less than \$2,000.00, across the Meduxnekeag stream, to the acceptance of the Selectmen, within two years; said bridge to be part of said road or street; if so, how said money shall be raised.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to accept the road or street and build the bridge described in Art. 31, of this warrant, provided E. S. F. Nickerson pays the town \$1000.00 within two years and lays out, turnpikes and dedicates said street to the town; if so, how said money shall be raised.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to pay E. S. F. Nickerson the same amount of money that the town receives for taxes on all Real and Personal Estate of all persons that may occupy any part of the Washburn Farm that is now owned by said Nickerson for ten years from date, provided said Nickerson lays out, turnpikes the road or street, builds the bridge and dedicates said road or street to the town within two years.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street described as follows: Beginning at a point where the center of Summer street intersects Pleasant street; thence running north thirty-four degrees (34 degs.) and thirty minutes (30 min.) east seventy rods to the north line of land deeded by C. P. Tenney to Sarah Sweeney, to be known as Elm street; said street to be three rods wide and said courses to be the centre of said street, as laid out, turnpiked, opened and dedicated to the use of the public by Charles P. Tenney.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street described as follows: Beginning on the westerly margin of Elm street, 61 rods and 16 links from the north line of Pleasant street; thence running south 70 degs. west 35 rods and 5 links; thence south 41 degs. 45 min. west 6 rods to intersect the easterly line of Charles street at a point 33 rods distant from Pleasant street, to be known as an extension of Charles street; the first course and distance to be three rods wide the last course and distance to be four rods wide; said courses and distances to be the easterly line of said street, as laid out, turnpiked, opened and dedicated to the use of the public by Charles P. Tenney.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to construct a public sewer through Market Square, Main, Court and Mechanic streets, or any portion of the same, and discharging into the Meduxnekeag stream below the dam.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make a contract for the construction of a sewer as specified in Art. 36, the persons building the same, to do so at their own expense and to receive in compensation, the assessments to be levied, as provided by law in relation to public sewers, from all persons connecting therewith.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, in said town, on the Twenty-seventh day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, (local time) for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Houlton, this Twenty-Second day of March, A. D. 1886.

M. M. CLARK,
ISAAC BARKER,
ALBERT A. BURLEIGH, } Selectmen
of
Houlton.

A true copy. Attest: HORACE CHALONER, Constable of Houlton.