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ANNUAL REPORT



Selectmen, Auditor and Treasurer

TOWN OF HOULTON

FROM

MARCH 11, 1886, TO MARCH 11, 1887

ALSO

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

HOULTON:

PRINTED AND BOUND AT THE PIONEER OFFICE.

1887.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.—1886.

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,	2,500 00	
Fire Department and Watchman,	3,500 00	
Town Officers and Collectors,	1,500 00	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,000 00	
Payment of Debts,	4,000 00	
Enlarging, Fencing and Grading Cemetery,	1,000 00	
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	3,500 00	
Free High School,	1,000 00	
Overlayings,	645 42	
	<u> </u>	\$28,989 65
Amount of Real Estate,	\$611,260 00	
Amount of Personal Estate,	326,906 00	
	<u> </u>	\$938,166 00

MONEY TAX.

Tax on Real and Personal Estate,	\$26,268 65	
Tax on Polls,	2,721 00	
	<u> </u>	\$28,989 65

Number of Polls, 907.

Poll Tax, \$3.00.

Rate of Taxation 2 cents and 8 mills on \$1.00.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

M. M. Clark, Lumber,	\$ 5 00
S. D. Amazeen, Labor,	9 00
James Frank Holland, Labor and Materials,	107 50
George Whenman, Labor,	50
James Donnelly, Labor,	2 25
James Connell, Labor,	17 49
J. Barker, Labor,	5 63
J. Antworth, Labor,	22 50
Samuel Milton, Labor,	16 25
Thomas Moore, Labor,	34 50
James A. Drake, Labor.	34 05
Richard Fitzgerald, Labor,	12 40
Charles A. Smith, Labor,	67 50
Judson Smith, Labor,	16 95
Wm. D. Ross, Labor,	7 50
William Forest, Labor,	2 35
Robert Gallagher, Labor,	6 12
Henry Helms, Labor and Trucking,	2 47
Isaac Barker, Labor,	79 91
Thomas Somerville, Labor,	2 50
Morrill Mansur, Lumber,	22 20
Thomas Jones, Labor,	4 00
James Dempsey, Labor,	20 95
Moses Kinney, Labor,	5 40
John Watson, Sundries,	40 17
John D. Hacket, Labor,	56 50
John Bell, Labor,	8 38
Josiah G. Moore, Labor,	1 87
Calvin McFarland, Labor,	3 00
Geo. W. Small and others, Labor,	158 28
A. K. Bradford, Labor,	52 00
S. Somerville, Labor,	22 50
S. A. Savage, Labor,	23 80
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sundries,	35 29
J. Nadeau, Labor,	2 50
John Stewart, Labor,	1 00
Jack Fitzgerald, Labor,	1 50
M. Brewer, Labor,	3 50
N. Shields, Labor,	3 13
Geo. B. Smith, Labor,	77 00
David Hannigan, Labor.	6 00
C. E. Gilman, Labor,	16 00
Al Cornelison, Labor,	63
John McHugh, Labor,	9 00

REPORT SELECTMEN OF HOULTON.

Geo. McLoughlin, Labor,	3 75
J. G. Peabody, Labor,	3 00
J. Armstrong, Labor,	31 63
John McSheffry, Labor,	10 00
H. C. Niles, Labor,	11 00
J. J. Niles, Labor,	8 50
C. H. Niles, Labor,	3 00
Joseph Niles, Labor,	2 50
Hiram Reed, Labor,	15 50
Spofford L. Crawford, Labor,	12 87
David Armstrong, Labor,	4 37
Reuben Mansur, Labor,	8 25
C. E. Mansur, Labor,	3 75
Geo. W. McGinley, Labor,	9 00
James Smith, Labor,	127 00
John Milton, Labor,	13 75
Geo. W. Drake, Labor,	18 15
William Jenkins, Labor,	12 00
C. Doucette, Labor,	20 32
G. W. Reed, Labor,	9 37
H. Yerxa, Labor,	60 50
S. H. Sincock, Lumber,	189 68
Cyrus S. Watson, Lumber,	3 73
E. Grant, Labor,	10 50
T. J. Donovan, Labor,	61 00
John W. Porter, Labor,	13 00
P. Cassidy, Labor,	134 69
M. Lawless, Teams,	1 00
R. Sinclair, Labor and plow,	20 60
Joseph F. Drake, Labor,	5 66
Griffin Flowers, Labor,	3 05
L. Powers, Lumber,	9 25
N. Green, Labor,	24 38
I. W. Gould, Labor and sundries,	13 91
E. Stone, Labor,	1 25
B. H. Dumphy, Labor,	1 25
Mr. McNally, Labor,	1 25
H. Cookson, Labor,	2 50
David Keating, Labor,	27 75
James N. Clark, Labor,	35 00
W. H. Monahan, Labor,	2 25
Gillen Bros., Labor,	18 00
W. R. Whitney, Labor,	5 00
B. R. Gidney, Labor,	9 25
Dennis McElwee, Labor,	4 25
Miles McElwee, Labor,	4 25

John Murphy, Labor,	9 25
S. W. Taber, Labor,	45 46
John H. Dumphy, Labor,	5 75
H. T. Frisbie,	4 25
F. F. Innis, Labor and lumber,	350 00
Isaac Cornelison, Labor,	1 25
A. H. Porter, Labor,	18 25
Andrew Porter, Labor,	1 00
Mr. Nelson, Labor,	8 13
Mellen Bell, Labor,	1 50
Wm. E. Hovey, Labor,	10 00
S. W. Porter, Labor,	6 75
D. H. Porter, Labor,	1 13
Oscar Shirley, Labor,	50
J. H. Heath, Labor,	24 00
J. R. Slipp, Labor,	6 00
A. Moore, Labor,	3 75
G. A. Gerow, Labor,	120 00
Brown & Watson, Sundries,	5 16
J. C. McIntyre, Freight,	1 65
Mr. Sweett, Labor,	1 25
John Pellum, Labor,	63
C. H. Pierce, Labor,	62
John Braden, Labor,	17 00
Geo. N. Moore, Labor,	6 25
E. Hogan, Labor,	18 50
Albert Reed, Labor,	6 25
Thomas Benson, Labor,	11 12
Robert Thomas, Labor,	4 00
B. T. Hussey, Labor,	34 43
I. Mills, Labor,	8 12
John Wilson, Labor,	2 00
Ambrose Haley, Gravel,	19 00
Jeremiah Donovan, Labor,	20 00
John Conlogue, Labor,	17 00
William Donovan, Labor and gravel,	26 68
Patrick McGlinchey, Labor,	3 00
John Tierney, Labor,	39 00
James Callaghan, Labor,	12 62
James Johnson, Labor,	7 75
W. H. Jordan, Labor,	4 00
William Dobson, Labor,	18 75
Michael Harkin, Labor,	10 00
Michael Langan, Labor,	10 00
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	59 08
Benj. Atherton, Labor,	21 00

REPORT SELECTMEN OF HOULTON.

Zeph. Parks, Labor,	19 75
Robert Stevenson, Labor,	3 38
J. C. Harrigan, Labor,	12 25
J. Fulton, Labor,	6 00
D. Astle, Labor,	1 00
Geo. Seely, Labor,	2 00
G. L. Pennington, Labor,	1 50
E. Bray, Labor,	9 25
Freeman Hiscock, Labor,	1 50
Robert Campbell, Labor,	7 00
J. H. Smith, Labor,	1 50
John Campbell, Labor,	8 00
George Moore, Labor,	24 75
Samuel Helms, Labor,	4 50
James McKanna, Labor,	8 00
Lowell Van Allen, Labor,	50
John C. Carpenter, Labor,	3 75
D. P. Craige, Labor,	50
William Logan, Labor,	8 88
Robert N. Ruth, Labor,	5 37
Albert Vandine, Labor,	12 50
Ewen Mitchell, Labor,	12 25
E. M. Smith, Labor,	10 00
Chas. W. Doughty, Labor and lumber,	19 30
Charles Taylor, Labor,	9 00
J. Elgee, Labor,	3 00
A. T. Putnam, Labor,	23 00
Fred Withee, Labor,	22 50
Frank H. Ingraham, Labor,	24 92
Lewis S. Brown, Labor,	4 00
J. N. Sprowle, Labor,	3 50
James Gillen, Labor,	5 00
Wentworth Hall, Labor,	6 00
Chas. A. Moore, Labor,	9 00
Daniel Helms, Trucking,	2 00
Howard Webb, Labor,	4 50
O. W. Manuel, Labor,	16 50
G. S. Shaw, Labor,	3 75
William Betts, Labor,	12 75
John N. Peck, Labor,	32 00
A. V. Peck, Labor,	3 00
Frank Lowry, Labor,	24 70
Charles Abemethy, Labor,	4 50
J. Roach, Labor,	75
John Gallagher, Labor,	8 75
J. H. Wingate, Labor,	4 75

Daniel Manson, Labor,	19 50	
Geo. Hibbard, Labor,	12 50	
Frank W. Titcomb, Labor and lumber,	103 39	
G. L. Hammond, Labor,	3 45	
James H. Deasey, Labor,	1 25	
M. Monson, Labor,	2 00	
Varney Pearce, Labor,	48	
C. Tedford, Labor,	9 06	
J. A. S. Findley, Labor,	1 25	
James A. Shaw, Labor,	1 50	
James Moore, Labor,	7 25	
John C. Hall, Labor,	3 75	
Abel O. Brown, Labor,	5 00	
M. Mahoney, Labor,	1 50	
T. Morton, Labor,	1 00	
R. McBrien, Labor,	1 50	
H. A. Mansur, Labor,	1 00	
J. Hussey, Labor,	1 00	
David Tegart, Labor,	1 00	
Geo. N. Turney, Labor,	1 63	
J. Helms, Labor,	1 50	
C. D. Ingrhram, Repairs R. machine,	9 05	
I. Auber, Labor,	2 00	
W. H. Hammond, Labor,	4 00	
Harry Hammond, Labor,	2 25	
L. Monson, Labor and lumber,	18 60	
Denis Lanehan, Labor,	5 50	
B. A. Donovan, Trucking,	6 00	
Philander Fletcher, Labor,	15 62	
S. A. Cameron, Labor,	8 30	
W. Mitchell, Labor,	1 87	
H. B. Black, Cedar,	2 00	
F. W. Pearce, Labor,	10 27	
	<hr/>	\$3,696 73
Amount Appropriated,	3,500 00	
Overdrawn,	196 73	
	<hr/>	3,696 73

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

DISCOUNTS.

On \$21,848.18 taxes of 1886,	\$2,077 10
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ABATEMENTS.

A. V. Peck and others,	\$ 31 00	
W. A. Kay, Collector 1886,	317 46	
John Braden. Collector 1883-4,	96 98	
	<hr/>	\$2,522 54
Amount Appropriated,	2,000 00	
Overdrawn,	522 54	
	<hr/>	2,522 54

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

On Town Order No. 166,	\$ 60 00	
" " Orders,	52 98	
" " Bond, No. 26.	70 60	
" " " " 27,	70 60	
" " " " 28,	161 20	
" " " " 93.	60 00	
" " " " 94,	60 00	
" " " " 95,	60 00	
" " " " 161,	120 00	
" " " " 162,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$775 38
" 315 R. R. Bonds,		1890 00
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		\$2,665 38
Am't Appropriated,	\$2,500 00	
" Overdrawn,	165 38	
	<hr/>	\$2,665 38

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

PAUPERS OFF OF THE FARM.

ARCHIE BELONGIE,

State Reform School Board, &c.,

\$52 00

JOHN CAMPBELL & FAMILY.

George W. Anderson, Watchman,	\$13 75
Jane Smith, Nursing,	9 00
Dr. George Cary, Med. Services,	15 00
John M. Rice, Caskets & Robes,	27 50
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	3 95
Dr. C. E. Williams, Medical Services,	39 50
W. S. Perks, Medicine, &c.,	47 55
Dr. Geo. Cary, Medical Services,	2 00
M. Lawliss, Attending Funeral, &c.,	7 50
John Buchanan, Labor,	3 50
C. H. Wilson, Supplies,	07

 \$169 32

JOHN HALL AND FAMILY.

Town of Bridgewater, Supplies,	\$ 7 43
J. M. Rice, Coffins and Boxes,	15 00
M. Lawliss, Attending Funeral, &c.,	7 50
Mrs. Jane Smith, Nurse,	14 00
A. T. Putnam, Supplies,	13 65
Isaac Barker, Wood,	2 00
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	1 85
C. H. Wilson, Supplies,	9 79
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	44 00
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	9 75

 \$124 97

OCTAVE BELONGIE AND FAMILY.

E. Merritt and Sons, Supplies,	\$5 00
H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods,	3 50

 \$8 50

HATTIE CYR.

 Town of Monticello, Expenses to, at and from
 Augusta.

\$91 25

INDIANS.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$3 10
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MRS. McFARLAND.

Isaac Barker, Ticket,	\$2 65
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SAM BELONGIE AND FAMILY.

James Dempsey, Trucking,	\$ 25	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	4 52	
Dr. Samuel Hanson, Medical Services,	21 00	
John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	6 00	
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	5 85	
	<hr/>	\$37 62

CHARLES WHITNEY AND FAMILY.

Frank King, Messenger,	\$ 50	
Jane Smith, Nursing,	9 00	
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	28 00	
John A. Millar, Supplies,	11 60	
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 10

(This bill to be paid by the State.)

WILLIAM O. DONNELL.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$3 00
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MRS. JAMES RAMSEY AND FAMILY.

T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	\$3 00
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JOHN PELLUM AND FAMILY.

T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	\$4 00
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JOSEPH PAUL.

John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	\$8 00	
E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	1 00	
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	5 00	
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$16 75

WILLIAM CHAMPION.

John M. Rice, Coffin, Box and Robe,	\$12 50
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ISAAC SMITH AND FAMILY.

E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	\$5 50	
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	85	
	<hr/>	\$6 35

A. CAMPBELL.

Cash for Supplies,	\$1 00	
Dr. Geo. Cary, Medical Services,	1 00	
J. M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	8 50	
G. W. Richards, Dry Goods,	93	
M. Lawlis, Attending Funeral,	5 00	
James Dempsey, Attendance,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$17 68

PHEBE LAVWAY.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$3 00
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SARAH TOMA.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$5 00
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JOHN CONOLEY.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$3 00
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L. BELLFLOWER.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$5 00
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MAGGIE DEMPSY.

City of Bangor, Expenses to Boston, (This bill has been paid by Maggie Dempsey.)	\$3 50
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MAC COLUMBO AND FAMILY.

Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	\$10 00
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E. RATTWAY.

Jacob Jewell, Board,	\$16 50	
Isaac Barker, Ticket,	3 15	
	<hr/>	\$19 65

TRAMPS.

A. G. Putnam, Board,		\$4 25
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MARIA HALLETT.

Mrs. S. Marshall, Nursing,	\$ 5 00	
Fred M. Hill, Board,	18 80	
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	12 50	
W. S. Perks, Sands.,	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$37 65

JERRE ITALIAN'S CHILD.

M. Lawlis, Attending Funeral, &c.,		\$8 00
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MR. PARLEE'S CHILDREN.

M. Lawlis, Attending Funerals,		\$6 00
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JOHN DICKINSON'S CHILDREN.

Isaac Barker, Expenses to Boston,	\$35 00	
Albert A. Burleigh, Expenses to Boston,	23 00	
E. T. Flagg, Hoods,	2 25	
H. Chaloner, Supplies,	5 29	
	<hr/>	\$65 54

BENJ. F. HUSTON.

Josiah G. Moore, Board, &c.,	\$18 75	
Cash for Ticket Home,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 75

MRS. BROWN AND FAMILY.

C. H. Wilson, Wood,	\$3 00	
Isaac Barker, Wood,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$4 75

FRANK WILSON.

Cash for Ticket Home,	\$2 00
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MRS. JAMES LOGAN.

B. T. Hussey, Wood,	\$1 75
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SHERMAN SMITH AND FAMILY.

Dr. B. Bussey, Medical Services,	\$12 00
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	5 77
E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	50
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$18 27

JAMES FOSTER AND FAMILY.

Dr. Geo. Cary, Medical Services,	\$5 00
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MR. BOYER.

Amanda Wright, Board,	\$ 5 00
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	2 20
Dr. Geo. Cary, Medical Services,	13 50
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$20 70

WILLIAM HOMER.

Cash for Supplies,	\$1 00
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JACOB WHITE AND FAMILY.

W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	\$7 25
(This bill is to be paid by the town of Hodgdon.)	

Total,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$861 85
Amount paid by Maggie Dempsy,	3 50
Total Expense of Paupers off of the Farm,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$858 35

The expenses of paupers off of the farm has been much larger than the municipal year 1885, owing to the number of cases of diphtheria in Charles Whitney's, John Campbell's, John Hall's, Sherman Smith's and Sam Belongie's families and a number of Province families calling for help.

NAMES OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM.

	AGE.
Larey Murphy,	84
Margaret McGlinchy,	81
Nora Bowen,	70
Mary Kendall,	50
Judith Pike,	37
Mary Wilson,	31
Oswald McBrien,	72

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

William Homer.
 E. J. Rattway.
 Mrs. Howard Luce and 2 children.
 Frank L. McCready.
 William B. Cookson.
 Ida B. Cookson.
 William H. Cookson.
 Ernest W. Cookson.
 Flora Edgar.
 Mary A. Dickinson.
 Arnold Dickinson.
 Ella Dickinson.
 Effie M. Dickinson.
 Alice J. Dickinson.
 Winnie Dickinson.
 Freeman Dickinson.
 Harry Taylor.
 18 Transient Paupers, names unknown.

NAMES OF PAUPERS WHO HAVE DIED AT THE FARM THE
PAST YEAR.

Betsey Hixon.
 Daniel Hixon.
 William Cartwright.

TOWN FARM.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM.

George D. McCartney, Overseer.	\$ 301 00
H. C. Bradbury & Co., Sunds.,	25 83
Isaac Barker, Sunds.,	20 80
Page & Madigan, Hog Feed,	1 50
John Watson, Sunds.,	17 87
Jackins & Barker, Sunds.,	41 70
H. A. Webber & Son, Coffin and Box,	9 00
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Sunds.,	24 76
S. Friedman, Clothing,	10 65
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	29 90
E. Merritt & Sons, Sunds.,	62 75
C. H. Wilson, Supplies,	53 16
Charles P. Tenney, Dry Goods,	2 53
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sunds.,	23 29
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	13 85
R. Campbell, Labor,	13 54
E. Woodbury, Supplies,	101 85
M. Schmuckler, Sunds.,	4 15
Theodore Laskey, Labor,	4 19
George A. Hammond, Labor,	2 00
George L. Hammond, Labor and Oats,	5 90
S. W. Tabor, Sunds.,	4 20
William Homer, Supplies,	1 00
Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	9 00
Dr. George Cary, Medical Services,	30 00
Jacob Miller, Cabbage Plants,	1 25
H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods,	10 61
A. G. Putnam, Ladders,	8 40
Geo. W. Sanford, Supplies,	35 14
J. M. Rice, Sunds.,	14 25
G. W. Richards, Dry Goods,	2 90
M. Lawlis, Sunds.,	12 00
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	9 08
Samuel York, Labor,	8 75
A. Lovejoy 2d, Sunds.,	20 45
J. A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods,	18 34
J. Riely, Fish,	1 00
C. H. Rideout, Labor.	75
James A. Ebbett, Supplies,	3 50
H. Chaloner, Labor,	2 00
N. Craige, Labor,	2 76
Henry Saunders, Labor,	3 00

James Hunter, 3 Pigs,	6 00	
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	12 60	
S. H. Powers, Coffin and Box,	8 00	
Mrs. M. Gray, Sunds.,	1 78	
W. S. Adams, Bull,	15 00	
F. C. Nickerson, Sunds.,	5 75	
Dr. F. A. Nevers, Medical Services,	25 00	
Brown & Watson, Sunds.,	50	
	<hr/>	\$1,043 23

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To	Dr.	
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	\$1,185 00
	<hr/>	\$2,228 23
Outstanding claims estimated at		43 13
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		\$2,271 36

	Cr.	
By 2 Oxen,	\$125 00	
5 Cows,	150 00	
1 1-year-old Heifer,	12 00	
3 Swine,	36 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	90 00	
6 Tons Hay,	60 00	
Provisions,	75 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	600 00	
Potatoes sold,	35 55	
Butter sold,	46 67	
Hay sold,	5 00	
Heifers sold,	24 00	
Cash for support of paupers from Plymouth,	67 14	
	<hr/>	\$1,326 36
Total expense of paupers on the farm,		<hr/>
		\$945 00

Number of weeks' board furnished paupers during the year, 540, making an expense of \$1.75 per week for boarding, clothing and medical attendance for each pauper.

The expense of running the farm above the expense of the municipal year 1885 is owing to sickness of paupers.

Amount paid for doctors', apothecaries' and undertakers' bills, municipal year 1886,	\$151 00	
Amount paid for doctors', apothecaries and undertakers' bills, municipal year 1885,	24 72	
	<hr/>	\$126 28
Expense of paupers off of the farm,	\$858 35	
Expense of paupers on the farm,	945 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,803 35
Amount Appropriated,	\$1,500 00	
Amount Overdrawn,	303 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,803 35

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

W. H. Higgins, Labor,	\$ 1 25
J. B. Helms, Labor,	75
Isaac Smith, Labor,	1 00
D. McIlroy, Labor,	1 00
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	3 65
A. J. Tucker, Labor,	5 00
H. Yerxa, Labor,	28 25
W. A. Kay, Watchman, &c.,	713 00
Griffin Flowers, Trucking,	3 00
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	68
Mrs. M. Gray, Sunds.,	5 50
Thomas Baird, Wood,	3 00
Firemen,	377 50
Houlton Water Co., Rental of Hydrants,	1500 00
A. W. Ingersoll, Chief Engineer,	25 00
Henry Gillen, Watchman, &c.,	456 24
Henry Helms, Labor,	18 75
James Dempsey, Labor,	10 29
H. H. Woodworth, Fireman,	25 00
Frank King, Labor,	2 75
H. Chaloner, Watchman,	1 50

John Watson, Sunds.,	5 36	
John J. Royal, Sunds.,	3 50	
C. H. Wilson, Sunds.,	21 50	
Geo. W. Auber, Labor,	4 00	
Charles P. Tenney, Sunds.,	5 11	
S. Somerville, Labor,	8 75	
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sunds.,	122 66	
John Lawlis, Labor,	1 50	
Brown & Watson, Sunds ,	14 45	
James H. Sinclair, Sunds.,	1 75	
John W. Perry, Labor,	14 40	
S. E. Baker, Labor,	2 50	
M. Schmuckler, Coats.	19 50	
J. T. Taber, Painting Hose Cart,	15 00	
S. W. Taber, Sunds.,	139 95	
A. B. Prey, Labor,	1 50	
J. C. McIntyre, Sunds..	41 35	
James Johnson, Wood,	14 00	
A. G. Putnam, Ladders,	31 60	
F. E. Baker, Labor,	2 00	
G. W. Small, Trucking,	2 00	
E. Merritt & Sons, Coal,	28 43	
John M. Rice, Stand,	1 25	
W. Wallace, Labor,	1 00	
D. Helms, Labor,	50	
James R. Lowe, Lumber,	40	
F. J. Corbett, Labor,	1 25	
William Lang, Labor.	3 00	
Isaac Cornelison, Labor,	6 00	
Thomas Somerville, Labor,	3 38	
Charles F. Spencer, Labor,	10 00	
John Davis, Labor,	1 50	
Boston Belting Co., Hose,	880 00	
M. M. Keaton, Sunds.,	2 15	
William Charters, Labor,	4 00	
Samuel A. Gray, Use of Sled,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,600 35
Amount Appropriated.	\$3,500 00	
Am't raised at special meeting, June 3, '86,	1,500 00	
Amount unexpended,		399 65
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	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00

We did not hire the \$1,500.00 as authorized at the meeting, June 3, 1886.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. H. Ward, Stamps,	\$ 6 25
Western Union Telegraph Co., Telegram,	1 20
J. T. Taber, Paint,	1 00
H. Yerxa, Labor,	117 25
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	5 50
Mrs. M. Gray, Sunds.,	4 05
William Dinin, Messenger,	18 75
John G. Chadwick, Book Case,	14 81
Robert Gallagher, Police,	2 00
Charles E. Lovering, Boarding Messenger,	6 43
James Dempsey, Labor,	2 00
Frank Kiug, Labor,	8 00
John Watson, Sunds.,	363 45
E. A. Mansfield, Jr., Flags,	1 20
V. A. Cooper, Pictures,	3 70
S. Friedman, Clothing,	14 20
S. Somerville, Labor,	11 00
Harry L. Smith, Labor,	4 50
A. B. Page, Postage Stamps,	3 00
James H. Kidder, Postage Stamps,	2 00
James Frank Holland, Branding Irons,	4 50
Geo. A. Gorham, Sunds.,	9 45
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,	11 60
Geo. Whenman, Police,	2 00
Powers & Powers, Professional Services,	32 50
E. Doyle, Police,	2 00
S. C. Spratt, Damage to wagon,	4 00
J. H. Heath, Police,	2 00
E. Merritt & Sons, Sunds.,	19 50
John W. Perry, Labor,	1 05
J. Barker, Burying horse,	1 00
M. H. Small, Labor,	1 50
David Keating, Police,	2 00
G. E. Ingalls, Sunds.,	44 12

B. R. Gedney, Ferry,	12 00	
W. S. Gilman & Son, Printing,	85 72	
S. W. Taber, Sunds,	6 85	
J. W. Barnard, Labor,	1 00	
M. M. Clark, Telegram,	25	
A. G. Putnam, Ladders,	3 00	
M. Lawlis, Use of Hearse,	9 50	
Geo. N. Turney, Labor,	14 25	
Zeph. Parks, Taking Scholars,	1 00	
Schlicht & Field, Stationery,	3 38	
C. E. Mansur, Taking Scholars,	1 00	
A. P. Heywood, Settees,	15 00	
Geo. Moore, Taking Scholars,	1 00	
John Spiers, Keys,	2 00	
Furbish & Miller, Taking Scholars,	14 00	
Abel O. Brown, Burying dog,	50	
J. R. Lowe, Lumber,	1 50	
E. B. White, Sunds.,	6 00	
Henry B. Black, Roller,	1 50	
John Toland, Labor,	1 50	
Carl L. Sponholz, Labor,	9 55	
T. Somerville, Labor,	4 00	
E. Flowers, Labor,	2 10	
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	75	
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sunds.,	1 77	
Daniel Helms, Trucking,	1 50	
Samuel A. Gray, Sunds.,	70	
M. M. Keaton, Sunds.,	15 18	
Jerry Cronin, Police,	2 00	
Jenny Clark, Badges,	5 00	
William Charters, Police,	2 00	
E. L. Holt, Labor,	15 00	
Theodore Cary, Printing,	8 00	
William Dobson, Police,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$978 81
Unexpended,		21 19
Amount Appropriated,		<hr/> \$1,000 00

CEMETERY.

Henry Helms, Labor,	\$ 2 65	
Samuel Helms, Labor,	26 63	
A. T. & M. D. Putnam, Land,	353 00	
John W. Perry, Labor,	24 50	
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	137 65	
James Callaghan, Cedar,	30 85	
Daniel Webster, Labor,	6 38	
J. Parlee, Labor,	5 13	
Samuel A. Gray, Labor,	6 25	
M. M. Keaton, Labor,	35	
William Dobson, Labor,	51 25	
W. Smith, Labor,	3 13	
Charles Hartley, Labor,	3 13	
W. Perkins, Labor,	13 20	
John C. Carpenter, Labor,	2 00	
Brown & Watson, Sunds.,	13 23	
J. H. Heath, Labor,	3 00	
J. Smith, Labor,	6 25	
James Dempsey, Trucking,	3 50	
A. G. Putnam, Labor,	8 00	
Geo. A. Gerow, Labor,	31 50	
Geo. W. Small, Labor,	64 00	
S. Somerville, Labor,	16 35	
Alfred Somerville, Labor,	3 75	
M. Lawlis, Labor,	3 25	
William Forest, Trucking,	50	
A. Kay, Labor,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$824 43
Unexpended,		175 57
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Amount Appropriated,		\$1,000 00

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS.

Grace E. Furbish, Teaching,	\$240 00
H. Pennington, Janitor,	4 00
Katie L. Dilling, Teaching,	40 00
Martha A. Putnam, Teaching,	270 00
Bertram Faulkner, Janitor,	14 75
John Watson, Sunds.,	2 81
Mabel E. Clark, Teaching,	300 00
Mary A. Mulherrin, Teaching,	182 50
Alice H. Whitney, Teaching,	400 50
C. H. Wilson, Sunds. and Repairs,	17 66
A. H. Fogg & Co., Sunds.,	72 35
Patrick Cassidy, Sunds.,	22 25
Geo. A. Gorham, Sunds.,	4 70
John Riely, Janitor,	1 60
Henrietta Pennington, Teaching,	182 45
Thomas Hay, Janitor,	84 68
Rev. N. T. Dutton, Sunds.,	164 04
Kendall Jackins, Wood,	27 00
Charles Clough, Janitor,	3 20
Brown & Watson, Sunds.,	18 69
Israel Mills, Labor,	1 00
H. C. Niles, Sunds.,	9 50
A. Lovejoy 2d, Sunds.,	8 65
Geo. L. Hammond, Sunds. and Repairs,	10 70
Charles E. Mansur, Sunds.,	2 30
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	42 35
William Hovey, Wood,	10 00
Lizzie Cottle, Teaching,	150 00
C. P. Tenney, Cretonne,	1 50
Thomas Somerville, Labor,	29 55
E. A. Hilton, Teaching,	68 40
J. W. Porter, Labor,	1 00
James Frank Holland, Sunds.,	11 70
Josephine A. Mulherrin, Teaching,	154 00
Anna S. Maxwell, Teaching,	240 00
Jacob White, Labor,	75
James H. Deasy, Sunds.,	14 45
E. Merritt & Sons, Wood,	46 50
C. E. Williams, Sunds.,	116 80
Smith & Lunt, Sunds.,	52 77
Frank Lowry, Sunds.,	23 00
A. G. Putnam, Labor,	4 50

J. J. Niles, Wood,	7 50	
R. N. Ruth, Wood,	16 00	
Addie M. Barnes, Teaching,	144 00	
Patie E. Hussey, Teaching,	247 63	
C. E. Lovering, Wood and Labor,	15 48	
Anna Barnes, Teaching,	120 00	
Dora A. Small, Teaching,	72 00	
Lazzie M. Sincock, Teaching,	194 00	
John M. Rice, Sunds.,	19 70	
G. Ed Ingalls, Sunds.,	1 00	
Daniel Helms, Trucking,	13 95	
Samuel H. Powers, Ladder,	1 75	
Ellen Martin, Labor,	2 00	
J. R. Lowe, Lumber,	17 34	
Theodore Cary, Printing,	13 25	
Charles Swett, Labor,	65 00	
Theodate S. M. Black, Teaching,	50 00	
Hudson Sawyer, Desk,	18 00	
W. G. Somerville, Labor,	4 00	
John H. Bradford, Insurance,	79 00	
Mary E. McGinley, Teaching,	48 00	
James Roach, Services as Agent and Sunds.,	10 00	
C. S. Osgood, Janitor,	2 00	
James Armstrong, Sunds.,	16 86	
Schlicht & Field, Stationery,	3 00	
S. Somerville, Labor,	10 40	
A. P. Kinney, Labor,	8 00	
B. A. Donovan, Labor,	3 00	
T. Somerville, Labor,	3 00	
W. L. Watson, Desk,	9 50	
Henry Helms, Sunds.,	2 50	
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	50 56	
Anna R. McGlinchy, Labor,	3 00	
James Carson, Labor,	44 19	
Geo. P. McIntyre, Janitor,	2 80	
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		\$4,370 51
Amount of orders paid by Treasurer above the amount paid in by the Collectors,		838 82
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		\$5,209 33
Balance, March, 1886,	\$ 408 15	
Amount appropriated by the town,	2,584 00	
Amount of School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,968 93	
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		\$4,961 08
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Balance due the town,		\$248 25

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Houlton Academy Tuitions,	\$570 50
Unexpended,	429 50
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Amount Appropriated,	\$1,000 00

At the close of the present term of High School about \$200.00 of the amount now unexpended will be due.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Michael M. Clark, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, Highway Surveyor, Town Clerk & money paid for clerk hire,	} \$500 00
Isaac Barker, { Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors & Highway Surveyors, }	150 00
Albert A. Burleigh, {	100 00
Dr. George Cary, Health Officer, (1885),	5 00
Dr. C. E. Williams, Health Officer,	10 00
Dr. J. Donnell, Health Officer, (1885-6),	15 00
Lewis B. Johnson, Health Officer,	10 00
Charles H. Wilson, Treasurer,	250 00
Horace Chaloner, Constable,	18 50
Geo. G. Bickford, Constable,	10 00
Andrew P. Perkins, Constable,	7 00
Rev. N. T. Dutton, S. S. Committee,	130 50
Rev. Hudson Sawyer, " " "	75 00
Dr. C. E. Williams, " " "	75 00
George A. Gorham, Auditor,	50 00
Frederic A. Powers, Town Agent,	91 50
Andrew P. Perkins, Fire Ward,	3 00
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Amount Appropriated,	\$1,500 50
	1,500 00
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Overdrawn,	50

RECAPITULATION.

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	\$3,696 73
Discounts and Abatements,	2,522 54
Paupers off of the Farm,	861 85
Town Farm,	1,043 23
Fire Department and Watchman,	4,600 35
Micellaneous Bills,	978 81
Town Officers,	1,500 50
Schools,	4,370 51
Cemetery,	824 43
Free High School,	570 50
Interest,	60 00
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	\$21,029 45
Order not paid, No. 550,	1,000 00
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	\$22,029 45
Number of orders drawn, 567 ; amount of same,	22,029 45
Interest paid on Orders and Bonds, which have not been drawn for and credited to Treasurer.	\$2,605 38

LIABILITIES.

BOND.	DATE.	AM'T.	WHEN DUE.
No. 93,	Aug. 10, 1881,	\$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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		\$6,000 00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds,		\$ 105 00	
Houlton B. R. R. Bonds,		30,000 00	
Accrued Interest on R. R. Bonds,		827 00	
Loan First National Bank,		1,000 00	
Outstanding Claims, (estimated),		500 00	
Free High School,		429 50	
Balance due on State Tax,		527 93	
Town Order, No. 534,		4 00	
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			\$39,393 43

RESOURCES.

Am't due on Tax Bills, 1883-4, J. Braden, Coll.,	\$	364	40	
“ “ “ “ “ 1885, R. Sinclair, Coll.,		1,197	97	
“ “ “ “ “ 1886, W. A. Kay, Coll.,		2,849	05	
“ “ from schools,		248	25	
“ “ on tax deeds,		44	06	
“ “ on outstanding claims, (estimated),		100	00	
“ of cash in Treasury,		21	67	\$4,825 40
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Excess of Liabilities,				\$34,568 03

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Farm Buildings and Wood Lot,	\$4,000	00	
Stock, Furniture, Tools, Hay, Grain, &c.,	1,148	00	
Highway Tools and Road Machine,	250	00	
Hearse,	550	00	
Gravel Lots,	200	00	
Town Hall and Lot,	4,000	00	
Cedar Logs,	75	00	
Engines, Hose, Ladders, &c.,	7,000	00	\$17,223 00
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Liabilities in excess of all Resources,			\$17,345 03
Liabilities in excess of all Resources, March 10, 1886,	\$21,705	33	
Liabilities in excess of all Resources, March 10, 1887,	17,345	03	
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			\$4,360 30

UNCOLLECTED TAXES IN DIST. NO. 1.

Am't due from Ira G. Hersey, Coll.,	\$367	32	
Am't due from Horace Chaloner, Coll.,	279	14	
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			\$646 46

We recommend the following appropriations :

For the support of the Poor,	\$1,500	00
Discounts, Advances and Commissions,	2,000	00
Interest,	2,500	00
Fire Department and Watchman,	3,500	00
Town Officers,	1,500	00
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,000	00
The Payment of Debts,	3,000	00
Cemeteries,	1,000	00
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	3,500	00
Schools,	2,584	00
Free High School,	1,000	00

COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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

1886,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Taxes of 1882-3-4,		\$686 43
1887,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		322 03
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Balance,		\$364 40

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

1886,	DR.	
March 10, To Tax Bills of 1885,		\$3,169 97
1887,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		1,972 00
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Balance,		\$1,197 97

W. A. KAY, Coll., To C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1886,	DR.	
March 10, To Tax Bills of 1886,		\$6,074 05
1887,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		3,225 00
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Balance,		\$2,849 05

HORACE CHALONER, Coll., To C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1886,	Dr.	
March 10, To Taxes of School Dist. No. 1,		\$309 14
1887,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash,		30 00
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Balance,		\$279 14

IRA G. HERSEY, Coll., To C. H. WILSON, Treas.,

1886,	DR.	
March 10, To Taxes of School Dist. No. 1,		\$367 32

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

1886,		Dr.		
March 10,	To Bal.	Cash on hand,	\$	124 62
	" "	Tax Deeds,		70 06
	" "	Uncoll. Taxes, 1882-3 & 4,		686 43
	" "	" " 1885		3,169 97
	" "	" " Dist. No. 1,		676 46
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				\$4,727 54
" 17,	"	Geo McLaughlin Lumber,		9 37
" "	"	Sale of Butter,		5 04
" "	"	School District, No. 3,		7 16
" "	"	G. McCartney, Potatoes,		1 50
May 13,	"	A. B. Page,		34 05
July 1,	"	Amount of Taxes, 1886,	28,989	65
" "	"	Martin Lawlis, use of Hearse,		36 00
" 17,	"	Sale of Butter,		8 00
Sept 3,	"	" " "		33 63
" 6,	"	" " Naptha,		65
" 15,	"	Geo. A. Hammond, on act. Note,		25 00
Nov. 1,	"	Town of Plymouth,		31 20
" 11,	"	Sale of Heifers from Farm,		24 00
" 13,	"	I. Kinney, Int. on Tax Deed,		10 49
1887.				
Feb. 17,	"	G. A. Hammond, Interest,		39 03
Mar. 3,	"	Sam'l Wilson, Int. on Tax Deed,		2 51
" 5,	"	Maggie Dempsy,		3 50
" 10,	"	Sale of Hammond Lot,	262	38
" "	"	" " Hay,		5 00
" "	"	Town of Plymouth,		35 94
" "	"	Geo. Barker,		2 00
" "	"	W. H. Putnam,		73 75
" "	"	Supplementary Tax, C. S. Esty,		3 00
" "	"	Loan from First Nat. Bank		
" "	"	on order No. 550,	1,000	00
" "	"	License Fees,		58 00
" "	"	Interest on taxes of 1886, W. A. Kay,		27 55
" "	"	School Fund & Mill Tax,	1,968	93
" "	"	Free High School,		189 00
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				\$37,613 87

	Cr.	
By Paid Orders and Loans,		\$22,152 49
Interest on Orders & Loans,		52 98
Bonds Nos. 26-27-28,		4,000 00
Interest on Bonds,		662 40
" " R. R. Bonds,		1,890 00
County Tax in full,		1,534 37
State " " part,		2,197 93
Balance due on Tax, 1882-3-4,		364 40
" " " " 1885,		1,197 97
" " " " 1886,		2,849 05
" " " " Dis. No. 1, 1884,		367 32
" " " " " No. 1, 1885,		279 14
" " " " Deeds,		44 06
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		\$37,592 11
Balance in Treasury,		21 76
		<hr/> \$37,613 87

CHARLES H. WILSON, TOWN TREASURER.

MICHAEL M. CLARK,
ISAAC BARKER,
ALBERT A. BURLEIGH, } Selectmen.

Houlton, March 10, 1887.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Auditor presents his Report, and invites your attention to the financial standing of the town, as follows :

Liabilities, March 10, 1886 :—

Town Orders Outstanding,	\$ 127 04	
Estimated Outstanding Claims,	500 00	
Annie C. Scribner, Order Oct. 30, 1884,	1,000 00	
Accrued Interest on same,	60 00	
Due School District No. 1,	101 51	
Due School Districts,	408 15	
		\$2,196 70
Bonded Debt,	\$10,000 00	
Accrued Interest on same,	318 32	
Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00	
Accrued Interest on same,	917 00	
		\$41,235 32
Total Liabilities,		\$43,432 02

The Cash Resources of the Town, viz : \$5,391.69, consisted chiefly of uncollected taxes, and were subject to shrinkages, as in former years.

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

During the year, 567 Town Orders have been drawn,		
amounting to	\$22,029 45	
Of which 565 have been paid, amounting to	21,025 45	
Leaving 2 Orders Outstanding, amounting to		\$1,004 00
No. 534, G. W. Auber,	\$ 4 00	
No. 550, First Nat'l Bank, dated March		
10, 1887, for Temporary Loan,	1,000 00	\$1004 00

At the beginning of the year there was a temporary loan of \$1,000.00, due to Annie C. Scribner, which has been paid ; and a loan has recently been received from the First National Bank for \$1,000.00, so that the temporary loan account stands the same at the close of the present year, as it did at the beginning.

The three Town Bonds falling due during the past year and amounting to \$4,000.00, have been paid ; and there have been no new bonds issued.

There has been a reduction in the Liabilities of the town during the past year, of \$4,038.59, as shown by the following statement:

Total Liabilities, March 10, 1886,	\$43,432 02
Liabilities, March 10, 1887, as follows:	
Town Order, No. 534, Outstanding,	\$ 4 00
Town Order No. 550, F. N. B. Loan,	1,000 00
Outstanding Claims, (estimated),	500 00
Free High School Fund,	429 50
Balance due on State Tax,	527 93
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	\$ 2,461 43
Bonded Debt,	6,000 00
Accrued Interest on same,	105 00
Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00
Accrued Interest on same,	827 00
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Total Liabilities,	\$39,393 43
Reduction of Liabilities,	<hr/> \$4,038 59
Liabilities in excess of all Resources, March 10, 1886,	21,705 33
Total Liabilities, March 10, 1887,	\$39,393 43
Resources, same date, as follows:	
Farm Buildings and Wood Lot,	\$4,000 00
Stock, Furniture and Tools,	1,148 00
Highway Tools & R. Machine,	250 00
Hearse,	550 00
Gravel Lots,	200 00
Town Hall and Lot,	4,000 00
Cedar Logs,	75 00
Engine, Hose, Ladders, &c.,	7,000 00
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	\$17,223 00
Uncoll. Taxes, 1882-3-4-5-6,	4,411 42
Tax Deeds,	44 06
Due from Schools,	248 25
Outstanding Claims,	100 00
Cash Balance in Treasury,	21 67
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Total Resources,	\$22,048 40
Liabilities in excess of all Resources,	<hr/> \$17,345 03
Reduction of Liabilities, in excess of all Resources,	<hr/> \$4,360 30

Certain Tax Deeds held by Treasurer, March 10, 1886, amounted to \$70.06. Those held by him at the present time amount to \$44.06, showing a reduction of \$26.00.

At a special Town Meeting, held June 3, 1886, the selectmen were authorized to borrow \$1,500.00 for the purchase of Hose and Fire Apparatus; said Hose and Fire Apparatus have been purchased without borrowing the money.

The taxes assessed in 1886 included what have heretofore been divided between cash and highway items, and amounted to \$28,989.65; of these there was paid to the Treasurer on or before July 1st, subject to a discount of ten per cent., \$19,692.30, and there was paid to the Treasurer, on or before Oct. 1st, subject to a discount of five per cent., \$2,155.88. There was also subsequently collected by Treasurer, a further amount of \$1,067.42, previous to January 1st, leaving \$6,074.05 of the tax of 1886, which amount was placed in the hands of W. A. Kay for collection, and he has collected \$3,225.00, which leaves \$2,849.05 uncollected, as per Treasurer's and Collectors' accounts, in the present Town Report.

In conclusion, I would call your attention to the item of School Taxes in District No. 1, for the years 1884 and 1885, amounting to \$676.46, which has been paid out by the town on account of the purchase and reconstruction of the "Liberty Hall property," (so called). The Treasurer's books show a reduction of said amount, by collection during the past year, of only \$30.00.

Houlton, March 10, 1887.

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

* **Superintending School Committee** *

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR, 1886-7.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee present the following report :

SCHOOLS.

As a whole the schools have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the year. The adoption by the town of the Town System, in lieu of the District System, placed the management of the schools in the hands of the School Committee, who are confident that very few will be found who are not satisfied with the results of the change and the improvements made. Among the advantages are thirty weeks of school for all scholars in town instead of an average of twenty-seven weeks as last year. The committee engaged all the teachers employed, selecting the fourteen required, on account of their higher rank and greater experience, from over forty who applied for examination. The schools for most part have had the services of the same teacher for the entire year. This has been of great advantage. The teachers as a body have worked in harmony with the committee, many new and progressive ideas have been carried out, and for most part the schools have made most commendable progress, and those in charge of them are worthy of much commendation. Very few towns have a corps of teachers more faithful, painstaking, or who possess more disinterested love for their services. And it is this spirit on the part of the teachers that more than anything else contributes to success.

The committee have expended about \$150 during the year for furnishings for the schools in the shape of text-books, dictionaries, charts, maps, &c. These have aided the teachers greatly in imparting instruction, and are of such a permanent character as to form the beginning of what may become a useful and extensive apparatus.

Under the Town System there has been made the past year the beginning of a progress in the schools which should never cease, but should go on from year to year, perfecting them in the efficiency of their administration, character of their teachers, and thereby increasing the power and quality of production.

DICIPLINE.

It has been the aim of those in charge of the schools to control the scholars by a mild yet firm dicipline, and to put the scholars on their honor as regards their conduct. In most cases this plan has worked admirably. With a few, other methods have had to be used. Teachers have been instructed, where the habits of attendance, study and conduct of the scholar were deficient, to speak with his parents and to seek by a consultation with them, a co-operation in making a reform. This plan has also been found fruitful of good results. In a few instances parents have been found defiant towards the teacher, and prone to excuse and sustain the scholar in his course of looseness and disobedience. Nothing can be worse for the scholar than such a course, and it should be well understood that the welfare of all the scholars will not permit it. A word of the parent, in such a case, in the right direction, will help the teacher greatly and should be cheerfully spoken. It should be distinctly understood that the pupil in all that relates to the schools, in the school-room and out of it, is under the control of the school and amenable to its regulations, and that the authority and dicipline of the school must be maintained. Nothing can be more injurious to a youth for his moral and future welfare than the fostering in his mind a spirit of dissatisfaction with the school and of rebellion against its authority, and to remove a child from the school for trifling reasons is worse than folly. The influence is not only bad upon the school but ruinous for the child. If real wrongs in the management of the schools exist, there are better ways of righting them, and the exercise of care and patience on the part of all will prove of great value. The committee would express their thanks to all who have consulted with them in this spirit of co-operation with reference to their children, and trust that this will always be the way pursued when matters requiring consultation come up.

Two great evils of all schools are tardiness and absence. It is safe to say that nine-tenths of these are needless. They are detrimental to the highest good of the scholars and the school. Truancy though not so wide an evil in its extent as the others, is a greater one in its pernicious influence. The law makes attendance upon the public school of any child, between the ages of nine and fifteen years, compulsory for at least twelve weeks in each year, unless excused for some reason satisfactory to the committee. There are many youths in the village and town, who directly or indirectly are truants and should be obliged to attend school. In order to care for this whole matter the committee would advise the appointment of a truant officer. The law makes provision for this, the expense would be slight and the appointment would conduce greatly to the welfare of the schools.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the year, the committee have arranged for an even exchange, old for new, of all the text-books in Reading, Grammar and Arithmetic, used in town. This ensures fresh and attractive reading books, and new and better adapted instruction in arithmetic and grammar, with one or two minor exceptions all the text-books used in the schools are of first-class repute and excellence. About \$1000 of new books have thus been placed in the hands of the scholars at the slight expense of distribution.

An article will be placed in the warrant to see if the town will vote to provide free text-books for use in the schools. This would without doubt prove a great benefit to the schools, and would make quite a saving in the cost of the books.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

At the last annual Town Meeting \$1000 was voted to be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of a Free High School, and the School Committee were instructed to make arrangements with the Trustees of Houlton Academy for the tuition of all High School scholars. The committee made the following arrangement: "Houlton Academy to give all scholars from the town, fitted and approved by the School Committee after examination as Free High School scholars, the full use of Houlton Academy, at the rate of fifty cents per week for each scholar to the number of fifty or less for the year, and all above fifty, free of charge; tuition to be paid for each registered scholar for at least one-half each term; the whole expense not to exceed \$1000 for the school year." In pursuance of this arrangement the committee have given certificates of admission to the Academy, to sixty-eight scholars. During the summer or first term there was an attendance of thirty; during the fall term of forty-two; during the winter term of forty-nine; and at present the attendance is about sixty. This will make an expenditure of about \$930. As \$250 of this is paid by the State, the cost to the town will be only about \$680. The fact that at so small an expense the scholars enjoy privileges that cost the Academy \$3500, which are first-class and shortly to be improved by the erection of a building equal to any in the State in convenience and adaptability, is a source of congratulation. The committee would recommend favorable action, on the part of the town, for the renewal of the compact now existing with the Academy.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

No appropriation was made by the town, a year ago, for repairs and furnishings. In school-house No. 1, new seats were required, and in all the school-houses other necessary repairs and furnishings were made, amounting in all to \$450. This amount should have been paid from a special appropriation as the law requires, but was taken from the school funds, as the committee must either make them or close the schools. As little was done as possible and this of a permanent character. With two or three exceptions the committee found the school-houses in a very poor condition; and even those need repairs and outbuildings for woodsheds and closets. For necessary repairs, for the coming year, upon the school-houses, the committee would recommend an appropriation of at least \$500. Much more could be advantageously expended.

Of the ten school-buildings in town most, if not all, need to be rebuilt or thoroughly renovated. A school-house should be a roomy, well ventilated and well arranged place for the comfort, health, morals and best improvement of the scholar in every way. The community should not be satisfied with anything but the best results from its schools. And to secure these the best appliances must be had. The annual expenditure of upwards of \$5,000 is too large an amount to be frittered away because of poor equipment. School-houses No. 1, 2 and 7, should be rebuilt at once. The numbers that crowd them, their ill construction and entire lack of arrangements for the well being of the scholars, make them what they have been called, "mere diphtheria pests," and conducive in all ways to bad results upon health and morals. The committee would recommend the building of a new school-house for District No. 7, (village, North side). This is imperative. The district registers near two hundred pupils, and needs a building with two rooms and seating capacity for one hundred and fifty. The building should be built in the most substantial manner of brick and stone, and well furnished with modern appliances. It should be built for the future fifty or more years. With the land and furnishings the building will cost not less than \$3,500. Anything less than such a structure would, in the minds of your committee, be a waste of money to build.

School-house No. 1 is overcrowded. Two hundred and seventy-five pupils have occupied the building at the same time during the past year. Every available spot is filled with seats and every room is overcrowded. In the First Primary department, the room, none too large for forty pupils of that grade, had crowded into it during the summer term eighty-two children of five or six years of age. The rest of the building is crowded in the same way, with the number of pupils increasing year by year, and many parents refusing to send their children into such places. Anyone at a glance can see how det-

perimental to the best results such conditions are. To relieve this crowded condition of the school rooms in this District the committee would recommend an appropriation for the erection of a building for a Primary school in the vicinity of Park St., to be built of brick and stone, and to have a seating capacity of seventy-five scholars. The building needed will cost with land and furnishings at least \$2500.

The School Committee most earnestly recommend the erection of these school-houses and the above appropriations for them. The committee have simply given statements of the true condition of things. The failure of favorable action in this respect would hinder the present progress of the schools by hampering the committee in their plans and provisions, the teachers in the quality and amount of their instruction and would prove a great detriment in every respect.

On petition of Frank Lowry, W. H. Whitney and others, residents of District No. 5, who live some two miles distant by the road from the school-house, and acting under the advice and approval of the Selectmen, the School Committee divided said district, and made a new one to be known as District No. 10. The School Committee agreed with said parties, that if they would select a central lot of land, build a school-house thereon and deed the lot to the town free of expense, they would recommend to the town to refund to said parties the cost of the building. Said parties did so, and erected a school-house, which will answer for a time the purposes of the school, costing only \$98.40. A vote of the town is therefore recommended appropriating this amount to said parties, as their several bills shall be approved by the School Committee.

FINANCES.

The financial statement of the School Committee with the School Fund is as follows:

DR.		
To amount raised by town,		\$2,584 00
“ State Fund and Mil. Tax,		1,968 93
		<hr/> \$4,552 93
CR.		
By amount expended for repairs,		\$ 336 30
“ salaries of teachers,		3,006 03
“ furniture and apparatus,		255 34
“ miscellaneous,		57 32
		<hr/> \$4,175 99
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$376 94

There are enough outstanding orders to decrease this balance to within \$100. The actual expenses of the school have been less than the current income. This statement does not agree with the statement of the school account presented by the Selectmen, for the reason that their account includes expenditures made during the preceding year. The coming year the differences in value of property between the several districts will be balanced, and it is expected another year will show a balance in the treasury in favor of the school fund.

The vote usually carried at Town Meeting is "to raise as much money for schools as the law allows." The law says that a sum "not less than eighty cents for each inhabitant, according to the census by which representatives to the legislature were last apportioned," shall be raised and expended for the support of common schools. Any town can raise and expend as much more as is thought best. Houlton like other towns, raises her school money on the basis of the census of 1880, which is 3230 inhabitants, giving \$2,584.00. This plan works well for the towns in the State that do not change in number of population, but bad for Houlton which has increased over a thousand in the last six years. Comparing the ratios of scholars and population in 1880 with that of 1886 we find we have 302

888: 3240 :: 1190: 4317

more scholars and 1087 more population. According to this we are schooling 1190 scholars on the money that belongs to 888, and it will be seen at once how detrimental and unfair this is to the best interests of the schools. The law will not remedy this growing evil for four years to come. It lies in the power of the town to do it, and the School Committee earnestly recommend that the town raise its school money on a basis of 4317, its present population. This would give some five or more weeks of school during the year, and would prove of great advantage to every interest connected therewith.

ROLL OF HONOR.

A year since the School Committee gave notice that they would establish a Roll of Honor to consist of the names of all scholars who have not been tardy or absent during the year. The following names make the Roll of Honor for 1886-7. Many scholars have missed a place on this Roll by one or two tardy marks, or by absence of half a day, or of one or two days. Many of these have been detained at home by sickness, whose names would otherwise appear on the Roll. It is gratifying that so many have done so well. The Roll of Honor will be published another year and it is hoped a much larger number of names will be found upon it.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY.

Free High School.—For three terms: Mabel Nickerson. For two terms: Nellie Bussey, Mame Chadwick, Zelia Doherty. For one term: Amanda Carson, Annie Haskell, June Hussey, Ira Ingraham, Ernest Mansur, Annie Nickerson, Alice Roach.

School No. 1, Grammar.—For three terms: Mary Buchanan, Mabel Chambers, Myrtie Hastings, Charles Hastings, Frank Hastings. For two terms: Lena Chadwick, Bertie Clough, Bell Downs, Ada McLean, Allen Churchill, Frank Clark, Alpheus Hutchinson, Roland Nickerson, Charles Osgood, John Putnam, George Tabor. For one term: Georgia Barker, Maria Burnham, Lucilla Gosline, Annie Porter, Mame Stevens, Eva Wilson, Fred Bradbury, Cassius Estes, Miles Keaton, Robert McCready, Robert McDonald, Howard Melroy, Bernard Nickerson, Merchie Philbrick, Otis Putnam, Walter Titcomb, Ireton Wallace, Parker Ward.

School No. 1, Intermediate.—For one term: Kate Buchanan, Vesta Chadwick, Jeunie Porter, Lucy Tenney, Harry Burleigh, Guy Clough, Harry Dobson, Joseph Porter, Mal Somerville.

School No. 1, 2d Primary.—For three terms: Lillie Nickerson, Guy Vincent. For two terms: Thomas Balcom, Henry M. Perry, Louisa Gerow, Estella McLeod, Daisy E. Wilson. For one term: Annie T. Carr, Ellen R. Carr, Annie E. Flowers, Lucy Fortie, Lillian Hanson, Julia E. Huntley, Annie Jordan, Ethel C. Kinney, Mary C. Laing, Terrissa M. Lawless, Bessie McLeod, Annie Newhouse, Elva Sjostedt, Mame M. Woodworth, Lula Yeaton, Guy W. Clough, Harry Fuller, Sherman Gosline, George Lambert, Albert Merritt, Allie N. Osgood, Percy L. Rideout, Herbert Sponholz, Arthur B. Taggett.

School No. 1, 1st Primary.—For one term: Grace Laing, Manley Lurvey, Fred Merritt.

School No. 2.—For one term: Mamie Curran, Lillian Dumphy, Humbert Dumphy.

School No. 3.—For three terms : Laura Mansur. For two terms : Mary Cosseboone. For one term : Laura Keating, Emma Mansur, Hope Mansur, Cora Mansur, Cora Porter, Annie Peabody, May Slocum, Essie Slocum, Esther Slocum, Fred Mansur, Pearl Mansur, Willie Wilcox, Frank Wright, Warren Wright.

School No. 4.—For one term : Annie Pennington.

School No. 6.—For three terms : Lee Martin. For two terms : Mattie Taggart, Harry Martin. For one term : Ella Cassidy, Charles Cassidy, Jennie Donovan, Michael Donovan, David Donovan, Frank Hussey, James Woods.

School No. 7.—For two terms : Libbie Hutchinson, Bennie Batchelder, Roscoe McLean. For one term : Susie Batchelder, Winnie Dickinson, Lizzie Dobbins, Winnie Lovering, Allie Baker, Willie Cyr, Arnold Dickinson, Freeman Dickinson, Thomas Dobbins, Frank Donovan, Marcie Perkins, Bertie Smith.

School No. 8.—For two terms : Carrie S. Parks. For one term : Grace C. Hovey, Mary Manigal, Augustus Parks, Benjamin Parks, Emery Parks, Percy Parks.

School No. 9.—For one term : Chas. Taylor, George Taylor.

School No. 10.—For one term : Abbie Hammond, Guy Hammond, Willis Lowry, Frank Lowry, Ernest Whitney.

ARTICLES FOR TOWN WARRANT RELATING TO SCHOOL MATTERS.

1st. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

2d. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of a Free High School for the ensuing year.

3d. 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.

4th. To see if the town will vote to locate the school-house known as No. 10, on the lot where the building now stands and where school has been maintained during the last year.

5th. To see if the town will vote to raise and pay the sum of \$98.40 to Frank Lowry, W. H. Whitney and others, residents of District No. 10, as their bills shall be approved by the School Committee, for the cost of present No. 10 school-house, provided the lot on which said school-house stands shall be deeded free of expense to the town by said party or parties, and how the money for said purpose shall be raised.

6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for extra repairs upon school-houses and how the same shall be expended.

7th. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house on or near the present site of school-house No. 7; and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose, and how the same shall be expended.

8th. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house for the purpose of a primary school in the vicinity of Park street; and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose and how the same shall be expended.

9th. 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.

10th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a truant officer for the benefit of the public schools.

REMARKS.

The School Committee have noticed with much gratification the growing pride and interest of the people of Houlton in their schools. It is hoped there will be reason for an increase of these. The people of the town generally are requested to frequently visit the different schools, and see for themselves the state of things. They can be assured of a warm reception, and their visits of much appreciation on the part of both teachers and scholars, and that they will see much of interest and profit. It is also hoped that the voters of the town will continue to exercise a most liberal spirit in regard to appropriations for the various interests of the schools. Such a spirit will soon make them, in character and equipment, equal to any in the State.

CHARLES E. WILLIAMS,	}	School Committee
HUDSON SAWYER,		of the
NEWELL T. DUTTON,		Town of Houlton.

WARRANT.

TO WILLIAM A. KAY. *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-eighth day of March, 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon (standard 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 repair 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, and what sum of money the town will raise for same.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purpose of fencing, laying out and grading the cemeteries and building a receiving tomb and providing for the proper care and superintendence of the same.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of a Free High School for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. 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. 16. 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. 17. To see if the town will vote to locate the school-house known as No. 10, on the lot where the building now stands and where school has been maintained during the last year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and pay the sum of \$98.40 to Frank Lowry, W. H. Whitney and others, residents of District No. 10, as their bills shall be approved by the school committee, for the cost of the present No. 10 school-house, provided the lot on which said school-house stands shall be deeded free of expense to the town by said party or parties, and how the money for said purpose shall be raised.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for extra repairs upon school-houses, and how the same shall be expended.

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ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house for the purpose of a primary school in the vicinity of Park street, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a truant officer for the benefit of the public schools.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the Porter Settlement road, beginning at a point on said road 40 rods north of the centre of the Mansur Bridge; thence running northerly on said road to a point near the south-west corner of F. F. Annis' land; thence westerly to the Porter Settlement road as now traveled.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer, or commence a system of sewerage, through Market Square, Main, Court, Water and Mechanic streets of the village, or any portions thereof; and to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for each purpose.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the municipal officers to extend all proper facilities and privileges to the Houlton Sewerage Company, to construct a system of sewers through the streets of the village.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street described as follows : Beginning at a point on the South line of Military street, thence Southerly over land of Llewellyn Powers to land of Mrs. M. Gray's, said road or street to be three rods wide, laid out, turnpiked, opened and dedicated to the public use by Llewellyn Powers.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors prepared by the municipal officers, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

ART. 28. To see what instructions the town will give the Highway surveyors in regard to preventing the depositing of ashes, and other filth in the streets of the village.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to locate High street as now traveled, described as follows : Beginning at a point on the South side of Military street, one and a half rods Easterly of the Houlton Academy lot, thence running Southerly to the North line of Park street, said line to be the center of said street.

ART. 30. To see what directions the town will vote to give the municipal officers as regards to the appraisal of the property of the school districts, and how the tax on said property shall be levied.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to ratify the doings of the Municipal Officers whereby they have abated the taxes published in the town reports March 1885, 1886 & 1887.

ART. 32. To see what instructions the town will give the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer in regard to taking province money for taxes and paying out the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Selectmen's office in said town, on the twenty-six day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, (standard time) for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Houlton, this nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1887.

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

A true copy. Attest: WILLIAM A. KAY, *Constable of Houlton.*