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ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer and Auditor

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FROM

MARCH 11, 1887, TO MARCH 11, 1888.

ALSO,

BOARD OF HEALTH

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

HOULTON:

PIONEER STEAM PRESS.

1888.

ELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENT.—1887.

State Tax,	\$2,000 39	
County Tax,	1,606 94	
Schools,	3,000 00	
Support of the Poor,	1,500 00	
Dis., Abatement and Com. on Taxes,	2,000 00	
Interest,	2,500 00	
Fire Department and Watchmen,	3,000 00	
Town Office,	1,500 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,000 00	
Payment of Debts,	3,000 00	
Cemeteries,	1,000 00	
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	1,000 00	
Free High School,	1,000 00	
Repairs on School Houses,	500 00	
Lowry School House,	98 40	
Overlayings,	325 87	
	\$25,031 60	
Amount of Real Estate,	\$613,959 00	
Amount of Personal Estate,	336,705 00	
	\$950,664 00	

MONEY TAX.

Tax on Real and Personal Estate,	\$22,340 60	
Tax on Polls,	2,691 00	
	\$25,031 60	

Number of Polls, 897.

Poll Tax, \$3.00.

Cash Tax Rate, .0235 on \$1.00.

HIGHWAY TAX.

Assessment—Statute Labor,		\$7,049 48
Tax on Real and Personal Estate,	\$5,703 98	
Tax on Polls,	1,345 50	
	<hr/>	\$7,049 48
Poll Tax, \$1.50.		
Highway Tax Rate, .006 on \$1.00.		
Amt. paid Almon H. Fogg, Town Treasurer,		
less 40 per cent. discount,	\$951 73	
Discount on same, 40 per cent.,	380 69	
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Cash Road Fund,		\$571 04

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

William Betts, Labor,	\$ 25 87
H. R. Helms, Labor,	7 95
D. W. Taggett, Labor,	8 57
Hiram Reed, Labor,	8 63
S. L. Somerville, Labor,	84 75
Richard Stewart, Lumber,	2 96
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware,	5 00
William E. Hovey, Labor,	2 00
Henry Helms, Labor,	7 40
S. H. Sincock, Jr., Lumber,	261 96
S. W. Taber, Blacksmithing,	2 45
James Dempsey, Labor,	15 15
Sharp & Ketchum, Lumber,	9 60
John Watson, Hardware,	3 05
Grieves & Shea, Repairs and Plow,	23 22
George W. Auber, Labor,	52 42
Daniel Webster, Labor,	1 50
John W. Harris, Use of plow,	5 00
Alfred Somerville, Labor,	10 98
J. W. Kennison, Labor and lumber,	6 77
Frank W. Titcomb, Lumber,	67 99
Lewis B. Johnson, Labor,	1 00
Benjamin Atherton, Labor,	5 00
Patrick Cassidy, Labor,	53 25
L. A. Cassidy, Labor,	20 00
Isaac Cornelison, Labor,	4 25
W. G. Brown, Hardware,	11 21
James Smith, Labor,	91 88
William Dobson, Labor,	35 15

George A. Gerow, Labor,	36 50
Martin Lawlis, Labor,	3 75
Thomas Hay, Labor,	5 63
Bart A. Donovan, Labor and lumber,	54 25
David Keaton, Labor,	14 00
W. M. Robinson, Lumber,	5 79
A. P. Heywood, Labor,	5 00
William Dinnin, Labor,	1 50
John Helms, Labor,	6 00
Ira W. Gould, Spikes,	40
James Callaghan, Labor,	11 63
John Tierney, Labor,	57 75
Daniel U. Helms, Labor,	6 65
W. M. McDouald, Blacksmithing,	2 75
George G. Bickford, Labor,	2 50
James Armstrong, Labor,	6 50
James Cassidy, Labor,	2 50
F. P. Cassidy, Labor,	17 25
W. A. Perkins, Labor,	2 81
John Bell, Labor,	13 75
Alexander Stewart, Labor,	4 50
Samuel C. Webber, Labor,	1 88
I. J. Porter, Labor,	7 75
J. F. Hussey, Labor,	3 13
George W. Small, Labor,	38 63
John Gerow, Labor,	4 88
John S. Getchell & Son, Plow, &c.,	16 25
Charles D. Ingraham, Labor,	15 00
John D. Hackett, Labor,	28 87
George Latham, Labor,	5 00
William Logan, Labor,	19 00
Gillin Bros., Gravel,	3 00
Noah Shields, Labor,	1 57
Richard Sinclair, Labor,	8 24
Mr. Hatch, Labor,	7 50
James Johnson, Labor,	9 00
Hadley Fairfield, Land damages,	131 00
S. W. Porter, Labor,	25 50
Robert N. Ruth, Labor,	9 50
L. S. Brown, Rock,	7 00
John D. Manson, Lumber,	1 78
Edwin Hogan, Labor,	9 00
B. T. Hussey, Labor,	5 50
George W. Reed, Labor,	10 25
David Armstrong, Labor,	4 00

Richard Fitzgerald, Labor,	3 75	
John Fitzgerald, Labor,	1 88	
Thomas Moore, Labor,	6 00	
Alexander Moore, Labor,	2 50	
Matthew Maroney, Labor,	1 25	
John McSheffry, Labor,	3 00	
W. H. Jordan, Labor,	9 00	
Chas. Abernethy, Labor,	7 50	
Samuel Helms, Labor,	3 00	
H. C. Niles, Labor,	11 42	
J. J. Niles, Labor,	3 54	
Duncan Robinson, Labor,	7 00	
William Donovan, Labor,	10 50	
Hamilton Yerxa, Labor,	3 13	
J. C. Hall, Labor,	12 50	
J. M. Oldenburg, Labor,	5 00	
W. A. Dykeman, Labor,	5 75	
Harry Smith, Labor,	1 50	
Andrew Foss, Labor,	1 25	
C. F. Morrill, Labor,	2 81	
James P. Kinney, Labor,	4 00	
A. K. Bradford, Labor,	12 45	
Charles D. Ingraham, Road machine,	250 00	
J. W. Sprowl, Labor,	3 37	
J. M. Taggett, Labor,	3 00	
Henry Cogan, Labor,	9 63	
Joseph Nadeau, Labor,	3 75	
John Roach, Labor,	5 00	
George D. McCartney, Labor,	19 00	
T. J. Donovan, Labor,	18 00	
George W. Moore, Labor,	10 00	
A. W. Ingersoll, Labor,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,920 03
Amount appropriated,	\$1,000 00	
Amount paid treasurer,	571 04	
Amount overdrawn,	348 99	
	<hr/>	\$1,920 03

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS AND COMMISSIONS.

DISCOUNTS.

Discount on \$19,165.22, 10 per cent.,	\$1,916 52	
Discount on 1,307.31, 5 per cent.,	65 36	
	<hr/>	\$1,981 88
Assessment,	\$25,031 60	
Sup. Tax,	12 00	
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	\$25,043 60	
Am't paid A. H. Fogg, Treas., \$20,472 53		
“ com. to W. A. Kay, Coll., 4,571 07		
	<hr/>	\$25,043 60

ABATEMENTS.

Richard Sinclair, Coll. 1885,	\$100 30	
John Braden, Coll. 1882-3-4,	233 64	
Morrill Mansur and others,	32 87	
	<hr/>	\$366 81

COMMISSIONS.

John Braden, Collector 1882-3-4, \$	28 13	
William A. Kay, Collector 1886-7,	350 00	
	<hr/>	378 13
		\$2,726 82
Amount appropriated,	\$2,000 00	
“ overdrawn,	726 82	
	<hr/>	\$2,726 82

At last March meeting we recommended the above appropriation, intending to allow only 5 per cent. discount, but the town voted to allow 10 per cent. discount on taxes paid Aug. 1st, and 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid Nov. 1st, leaving only \$18.12 for abatements and commissions.

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

On Town Order No. 85,	\$	12	50
“ “ “ “ 548		12	00
“ Bond “ 93		30	00
“ “ “ 94		30	00
“ “ “ 95		60	00
“ “ “ 161		120	00
“ “ “ 162		60	00
“ R. R. Bonds, 300 coupons,		1,800	00
			\$2,124 50
Amount unexpended,			375 50
Amount appropriated,			\$2,500 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

PAUPERS OFF OF THE FARM.

JERRE DAILY.

A. G. Putnam, Board, \$1 00

GEORGE BROWN.

John Kerr, Board, &c., \$16 00
 W. S. Perks, Sunds., 3 60
 \$19 60

ARCHIE BELONGIE.

State Reform School, Board, &c., \$45 86

MRS. SHARP AND FAMILY.

John Davis, Board, \$8 00

MRS. E. F. BUTLER AND FAMILY.

Dr. C. E. Williams, Medical Services, \$ 7 50
 Mary Kelly, Services, 4 00
 H. A. Webber & Son, Coffin, &c., 11 20
 A. A. Burleigh, Supplies and Expenses Home, 17 00
 Pat. Powers, digging grave, 1 25
 E. Merritt & Sons, Wood, 3 00
 H. J. Hatheway, Sunds., 65
 W. S. Perks, Sunds., 5 15
 M. Lawliss, Attending Funeral, 3 00
 Gillin Bros., Sunds., 3 00
 \$55 75

(Town of Baileyville has paid \$35.00 on this bill and is to pay the balance.)

J. A. DICKINSON'S CHILDREN.

H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods, &c.,	\$10 92
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ISAAC SMITH.

Expenses Home, &c.,	\$6 00
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TRANSIENT PAUPER, Sunds.,	\$3 00
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MRS. HELM'S CHILD.

John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	\$6 50
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EDWIN WELCH.

J. N. Clark, Board,	\$1 00
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JACOB WHITE AND FAMILY.

Dr. T. J. Fitzmaurice, Medical Services,	\$26 50
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T. M. & J. Bradbury, Sunds.,	1 85
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—————	\$28 35
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(The town of Hodgdon has paid \$16.50 on this bill and is to pay the balance, \$11.85; also to pay \$7.25, amount of bill of last year, making \$19.10.)

GEORGE DILLING.

Inhabitants of Easton, Burial Expenses,	\$20 00
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JOHN GULLISON AND FAMILY.

T. M. & J. Bradbury, Sunds.,	\$2 00
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G. W. COLE AND FAMILY.

T. M. & J. Bradbury, Sunds.,	\$3 00
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JERRE ITALIAN'S FAMILY.

Dr. George Cary, Medical Services,	\$1 75
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H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	1 75
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Gillin Bros., Sunds.,	1 40
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H. T. Frisbie, Wood,	4 00
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—————	\$8 90
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CHILDREN AT STATION (TRANSIENT).

Dr. George Cary, Medical Services,	\$2 00
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MRS. J. RAMSEY AND FAMILY.

R. W. Shaw, Expenses Home,	\$10 00
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MRS. McADAM AND FAMILY.

John M. Rice, Coffin & Box,	\$10 00
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John Toland, Messenger, &c.,	12 50
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Lizzie Burpee, Nursing, &c.,	9 00
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Annie Markee, Nursing, &c.,	2 00
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M. Lawliss, Burying Expenses,	5 00
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MR. BROWN.

John M. Rice, Coffin and Box,	\$8 00	
M. Lawliss, Burying Expenses,	3 00	
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J. PAUL.

M. Lawliss, Burying Expenses,		\$3 00
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WM. CHAMPION.

M. Lawliss, Burying Expenses,		\$3 00
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CHARLES WHITNEY AND FAMILY.

Nurse,		\$3 00
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MRS. JOHN BELLFLOWER.

Expenses Home,		\$5 00
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S. CAMERON AND FAMILY.

H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	\$2 85	
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Sunds.,	3 00	
Dr. George Cary, Medical Services,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 85

MRS. GEO. PARSONS.

Dr. C. E. Williams, Medical Services,		\$10 50
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J. PARKS AND FAMILY.

Town of Bridgewater, Sunds.,		\$20 07
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ROSE McCORMICK.

Expenses Home,		\$2 50
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MRS. MARKEE'S CHILD.

H. A. Webber & Son, Coffin and Box,		\$4 50
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Total,		<hr/>	\$341 80
Amount paid by Town Hodgdon,	\$16 50		
" " " " Baileyville,	35 00		51 50
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Total Expense of Paupers off of the Farm,		<hr/>	\$290 30
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NAMES OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM.

	AGE.
Larey Murphy,	85
Oswald McBrien,	73
Hiram K. Brown,	73
Nora Bowen.	71
William Homer,	63
Mary Kendall,	51
Judith Pike,	38
Mary Wilson,	32
Edward Welch,	23

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

Charles Condon.
Dora Chase.
Francis Chase.
Martha Folsom.
John Donovan.
6 Transient Paupers, names unknown.

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

Margaret McGlinchy. Age 84.

TOWN FARM.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM.

Wayman Rogers, Labor,	\$ 24 00
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	2 17
Hamilton Yerxa, Overseer,	165 60
George D. McCartney, Overseer, &c.,	143 50
T. M. & J. Bradbury, Supplies,	32 39
Isaac Cornelison, Labor,	3 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, &c.,	13 26
Charles H. Wilson, Supplies,	27 75
John H. Bradford, Insurance.	81 00
E. Merritt & Sons, Supplies,	58 89
Charles P. Tenney, Dry Goods, &c.,	14 39
John M. Rice, Coffin & Box,	9 00
Charles McCann. Cash,	1 50
John Watson, Hardware, &c.,	19 00

H. T. Frisbie, Dry Goods, &c.,	16 35	
John A. Millar, Supplies,	8 34	
Lane & Pearce, Books, &c.,	5 50	
E. Mansfield, Jr., Boots,	1 00	
Smith Bros., Tinware,	4 25	
Joseph A. Browne & Co., Dry Goods, &c.,	18 00	
William S. Perks, Medicine, &c.,	3 85	
L. Monson, Supplies,	7 15	
A. Lovejoy, 2d, Tinware,	1 75	
Martin Lawliss, Burying Paupers, &c.,	7 50	
Webber & Wingate, Boots, &c.,	3 90	
William Fox & Sons, Clothing,	3 50	
D. & S. C. Webber, Supplies,	17 67	
James Hunter, Pigs,	6 75	
Harry Hammond, Labor,	11 40	
I. H. Carlisle, Supplies,	59 14	
G. L. Hammond, Oats, &c.,	14 75	
C. H. Sleeper, Labor,	15 00	
Dr. Geo. Cary, Medical Services,	14 50	
Samuel Lane, Boots, &c.,	7 60	
W. G. Brown, Hardware, &c.,	7 75	
G. A. Hammond, Labor,	9 00	
A. A. Burleigh, Money paid for labor,	2 00	
Gillin Bros., Supplies,	10 05	
Isaac Barker, Potatoes,	3 00	
Mrs. M. Gray, Tinware,	2 75	
Thomas Crane, Labor,	4 00	
H. J. Hatheway, Medicine, &c.,	5 20	
S. W. Taber, Blacksmithing, &c.,	17 55	
	<hr/>	\$884 65

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To	Dr.	
2 Oxen,	\$125 00	
5 Cows,	150 00	
1 1-year-old Heifer,	12 00	
3 Swine,	36 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	90 00	
Hay, 6 tons,	60 00	
Provisions,	75 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	600 00	\$1,148 00
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By	CR.	
3 Cows,	\$ 90 00	
1 1-year-old Heifer,	12 00	
1 2-year-old Heifer,	20 00	
2 Swine,	20 00	
Potatoes and Grain,	72 00	
10 Tons Hay,	80 00	
Provisions,	50 00	
Tools, Wagons, Furniture, &c.,	600 00	
Potatoes sold,	22 00	
Cows sold,	37 00	
Oxen sold,	110 00	
Butter sold,	34 48	
Oats and Barrels sold,	34 96	
Received for board of paupers,	45 00	
Received for pasture,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,228 44
Total expense of paupers on the farm,		\$804 21
Insurance for three years,		81 00
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		\$723 21

Number of weeks' board furnished paupers on the farm during the year, 419, making an expense of \$1.73 per week for boarding, clothing, medical attendance, &c., for each pauper.

Expense of paupers off of the farm,	\$290 30	
Expenses of paupers on the farm, including insurance for three years,	804 21	
	<hr/>	\$1,094 51
Amount Unexpended,		405 49
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Amount Appropriated,		\$1,500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. O. Berry, Repairs,	\$	50	
Harry Smith, Labor,		1	25
John Cosseboon, Labor,		1	50
Houlton Water Co., Rental of Hydrants,	1500	00	
I. Cornelison, Labor,		2	50
W. A. Kay, Engineer, &c.,	543	00	
John W. Perry, Labor,		10	00
S. L. Somerville, Fireman, &c.,		84	75
H. Helms, Trucking,		18	85
Henry Gillin, Night watchman, &c.,	456	24	
Firemen (\$15.00 each),	355	00	
G. W. Auber, Labor,		2	00
S. H. Sincock, Lumber,		25	01
S. W. Taber, Blacksmithing,		2	55
J. S. Getchell & Son, Sunds.,		3	30
W. G. Brown, Hardware,		7	59
D. Helms, Trucking and Sawdust,		8	40
A. H. Fogg, Hardware, &c.,	52	33	
A. W. Ingersoll, Chief Engineer,	25	00	
James Dempsey, Trucking,	6	70	
American Express Co., Freight, &c.,	3	00	
Harry Laskey, Wood,	5	75	
W. Rogers, Trucking,	1	75	
F. W. Titcomb, Lumber,	12	96	
Andrew H. Tidd, Wood,	2	75	
John Porter, Labor,	1	00	
W. H. Jackson, Wood,	24	00	
Frank A. Hammond, Wood,	3	00	
Hollon Taylor, Wood,	3	50	
E. Merritt & Sons, Sunds.,	31	06	
Marvin H. Small, Trucking,	3	50	
W. T. Bissett, Labor,	1	50	
W. T. Vanwart, Pipe Holders,	1	00	
J. J. Royal, Repairs,	1	00	
Stair Cameron, Labor,	1	25	
W. D. Buzzell, Food,	4	00	
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	1	45	
			\$3,208 94
Amount appropriated,	\$3,000	00	
Amount Overdrawn,		208	94
			\$3,208 94

MISCELLANEOUS.

M. M. Keaton, Sunds.,	\$	7	39
John Watson, Hardware, Naphtha, &c.,		202	46
S. L. Somerville, Labor,		182	50
A. B. Page, Postage Stamps,		6	00
F. A. Powers, Clerks & Officers fees,		4	02
Smith Bros., Sunds,		3	40
Theo. Cary, Printing,		22	25
C. E. Williams, Stationery, &c.,		4	31
Smith & Lunt, Stationery, &c.,		8	93
W. S. Perks, Sunds.,		5	05
American Exprees Co. Express,			45
W. G. Brown, Hardware, &c.,			70
Geo. A. Gorham, Stationery.		4	30
R. Gallagher, Police,		4	00
James Callaghan, Police,		4	00
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, &c.,		23	60
E. Merritt & Sons, Sunds.,		22	67
W. Dobson, Police,		2	00
Witnesses, Fairfield vs. Houlton,		14	58
W. S. Gilman & Son, Printing.		110	33
Mrs. M. Gray, Rep. Lamps,		2	65
J. G. Chadwick, Labor,		82	70
Jennie Clark, Badges,		2	00
J. R. Lowe, Lumber,		3	18
Globe Gas L. Co., Torch & Naphtha,		80	58
B. R. Gidney, Ferry,		12	00
H. J. Hatheway, Sponge,			50
H. Helms, Freight & Trucking,		12	35
James Dempsey Sunds,		7	65
J. H. Kidder, Recording Deeds,		1	00
D. Helms, Trucking & Freight,		6	90
H. R. Helms, Trucking,			20
A. G. Putnam, Board, &c.,		22	60
M. E. Betts, taking School	is,	3	00
C. E. Mansur, taking School	ensus,	1	50
W. L. Roach, taking School	is,	2	00
G. W. Moore, taking School	is,	1	00
Teague & Cottle, taking School	ensus,	4	50
G. E. Ingalls, Stationery, &		15	95
J. J. Niles, taking School		1	50
Hiram Reed, serving notice		2	00
D. F. Champion, Taking School	ensus,	3	00
J. Parlee, Labor,			75
J. Crownin, Police,		6	00

Geo. A. Gerow, Police,	4 00	
Matthew Ryan, Enrolling Militia,	20 00	
S. W. Taber, Blacksmithing,	2 50	
Frank Lowrey, taking School census,	1 00	
John Spiers, Police,	6 00	
S. C. Webber, Police,	6 00	
J. L. Hammond, taking School census,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$949 45
Amount Unexpended,		50 55
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Amount Appropriated,		\$1,000 00

CEMETERY.

W. G. Brown, Hardware, &c.,	\$ 5 78
A. T. Putnam, Sand,	13 50
L. Carpenter, Labor,	60 95
Wm. Cogau, Labor,	57 75
John Adams, Labor,	58 13
Thomas Hay, Labor,	29 70
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, &c.,	6 35
H. Yerxa, Labor,	56 58
Isaac Barker, Brick,	46 50
E. Merritt & Sons, Lime, &c.,	101 10
R. Sinclair, Rock,	71 88
James Smith, Labor,	6 75
Charles Smith, Labor,	2 50
W. A. Perkins, Labor,	4 00
Grieves & Shea, Doors, &c.,	56 69
J. G. Chadwick, Labor,	5 55
Wayman Rogers, Labor,	1 50
James Dempsey, Labor,	1 00
M. Lawliss, Wood, &c.,	20 65
Wm. Dobson, Labor,	35 00
Samuel McIntyre, Labor,	1 50
S. Webber, Labor,	12 82
W. Perkins, Labor,	16 10
Geo. Latham, Labor,	18 13
Geo. A. Gerow, Labor,	56 00
Wm. Donovan, Labor,	5 50
Geo. W. Small, Labor,	138 37
James McKenzie, Labor,	4 50
Fred McKenzie, Labor,	10 50
S. H. Sincock, Lumber,	5 60

R. Gallagher, Rocks,	12 50	
F. W. Titcomb, Lumber,	65 98	
	<hr/>	\$989 36
Amount unexpended,		10 64
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Amount appropriated,		\$1,000 00

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS.

Mary A. Mulherrin, Teaching,	\$215 75
F. W. Titcomb, Lumber,	179 04
M. M. Keaton, Lumber,	6 40
Smith & Lunt, Stationery, &c.,	50 72
Mrs. A. Brown, Labor,	11 50
Fred Slipp, Wood,	5 63
Anna S. Maxwell, Teaching,	280 00
Anna Barnes, Teaching,	294 40
Josephine Mulherrin, Teaching,	170 50
Martha A. Putnam, Teaching,	270 00
Kendall S. Jackins, Wood,	80 00
Alice H. Whitney, Teaching,	405 00
Thos. Hay, Janitor,	187 32
Helen H. Hume, Teaching,	80 00
W. G. Brown, Hardware, &c.,	2 87
F. W. Stimson, Lumber,	4 34
Ella McIntyre, Teaching,	165 00
Lizzie Cottle, Teaching,	165 00
Fannie Sincock, Teaching,	157 50
Marcellus Perkins, Labor,	5 50
Geo. A. Gorham, Stationery, &c.,	7 25
A. H. Fogg & Co., Hardware, &c.,	24 54
C. H. Wilson, Sunds.,	4 00
Isaac Barker, Brick,	4 50
Hattie M. Thorpe, Teaching,	130 50
John Berry, Wood,	30 00
Z. Parks, Janitor,	5 00
Geo. A. Gorham, Jr., Teaching,	63 20
Lou B. Marston, Teaching,	200 00
Ella Longfellow, Teaching,	200 00
J. A. Donovan, Wood,	2 00
Warren J. Jones, Janitor,	4 50
Miles McElwee, Labor,	22 13
Mrs. A. S. Law, Labor,	29 25
B. A. Donovan, Labor,	1 50
Charles A. Moore, Labor and wood,	41 75

A. S. Law, Labor,	2 63
A. P. Kinney, Labor,	64 00
J. R. Lowe, Lumber,	9 90
Thos. Crane, Labor,	14 50
Daniel U. Helms, Trucking, &c.,	21 10
Mrs. Benj. Atherton, Labor,	1 50
John Watson, Hardware, &c.,	93 32
H. Sawyer, Freight,	6 00
Minnie R. Thomas, Labor,	2 00
H. A. Mansur, Shingles,	27 90
E. A. Hilton, Teaching,	104 20
Annie Hovey, Labor,	1 50
B. Faulkner, Janitor,	4 00
Patie E. Hussey, Teaching,	285 70
W. S. Gilman & Son, Printing,	8 00
Grace E. Furbish, Teaching,	45 00
A. F. Lermont, Books,	12 00
G. E. Ingalls, Stationery, &c.,	12 59
Theo. Cary, Printing,	7 25
Theo. White, Labor,	10 93
John Dunphy, Wood,	28 50
Daniel Helms, Trucking,	6 35
W. H. Whitney, Labor,	20 60
James Lowrey, Labor,	10 00
W. H. Hammond, Labor,	17 20
Alex Lowrey, Labor,	5 00
A. Stillwell, Labor,	4 88
A. H. Foss, Labor,	3 75
John A. Riley, Janitor,	13 00
Jennie L. Estabrooks, Teaching,	187 63
Lizzie Sincock, Teaching,	72 90
Smith Bros., Sunds.,	5 25
Dacil Connell, Labor,	3 00
A. H. Andrews & Co., Furniture,	63 71
Henry Helms, Trucking,	9 95
John A. Collins, Labor,	9 60
F. A. Foster, Lumber,	104 63
Geo. Campbell, Wood,	6 00
H. K. Whitcomb, Labor,	15 37
Mrs. Phebe Wyman, Labor,	7 00
H. J. Hatheway, Sunds.,	2 90
F. F. Innis, Wood,	68 00
Jacob White, Labor,	7 50
N. T. Dutton, Cash paid for freight, &c.,	350 89
C. E. Lovering, Labor,	4 00

Frank Lowrey, Fence, Wood, &c.,	69 60	
A. Lovejoy, 2d, Sunds.,	2 05	
J. H. Lougee, Teaching,	152 75	
James Houlton, Janitor,	5 50	
J. H. Deasey, Wood, &c.,	16 50	
J. W. Porter, Labor and Wood,	18 00	
A. B. Clough, Labor,	6 00	
John B. Cole, Labor,	25 40	
Dole & Fogg, Lumber,	50 75	
T. A. Young, Labor,	180 83	
Thos. Somerville, Labor,	20 75	
E. Elliotte, Labor,	3 00	
C. E. Williams, Cash paid for Charts, &c.,	40 43	
J. J. Niles, Labor and Wood,	55 85	
R. P. Mansur, Labor,	3 20	
A. W. Dykeman, Wood,	8 25	
T. J. Donovan, Wood,	35 26	
Robert D. McDonald, Labor,	1 50	
Finley McDonald, Labor,	5 87	
Daniel Astle, Labor,	3 00	
Dora A. Small, Teaching,	48 00	
James Carson, Labor,	1 75	
W. R. Faulkner, Labor,	3 50	
Patrick Cassidy, Labor,	4 00	
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		\$6,029 46
Balance due the town, March 10, 1887,		248 25
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		\$6,277 71
Amount of appropriations, &c.,	\$5,715 23	
Amount due the town from schools,	562 48	
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		\$6,277 71

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Ricker Classical Institute Tuitions,		\$972 00
Amount unexpended, March 10, 1887,	\$ 429 50	
Amount appropriated,	1,000 00	
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	\$1,429 50	
 Amount unexpended,		457 50
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		\$1,429 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Michael M. Clark, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, Highway Surveyor, Town Clerk & money paid for clerk hire.	} \$500 00	
Albert A. Burleigh, { Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessor & Highway Surveyors, }	100 00	
William Donovan,	75 00	
Alvarez G. Putnam, Constable,	10 00	
Andrew P. Perkins, Constable,	4 50	
Rev. N. T. Dutton, S. S. Committee and clerk,	120 00	
Rev. Hudson Sawyer, S. S. Committee,	85 00	
Dr. Charles E. Williams, S. S. Committee,	75 00	
John E. Burnham, Fireward,	3 00	
George Whenman, Fireward,	3 00	
Lewis B. Johnson, Health Committee,	20 00	
Dr. George Cary, Health Committee, 1886-7,	30 00	
Dr. Chas. E. Williams, " "	25 00	
Almon H. Fogg, Town Treasurer,	50 00	
W. F. Jenks, Auditor,	25 00	
Frederic A. Powers, Town Agent,	74 50	
Andrew P. Perkins, Truant Officer,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,225 00
Amount unexpended,		275 00
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Amount appropriated,		\$1,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	\$1,920 03	
Discounts, Abatements and Commissions,	2,726 82	
Interest on Orders Nos. 85 and 548,	24 50	
Paupers off of the Farm,	341 80	
Town Farm,	884 65	
Fire Department and Watchmen,	3,208 94	
Miscellaneous Bills,	949 45	
Town Officers,	1,225 00	
Schools,	6,029 46	
Cemetery,	989 36	
Free High School,	972 00	
Loan Order No. 85 (paid),	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$20,272 01
Order drawn No. 548 (not paid),		600 00
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Total,		\$20,872 01
Number of orders drawn, 550 ; amount of same,		20,872 01
Interest paid on bonds, which orders have not been drawn for and credited to A.	} \$2,100 00	
H. Fogg, Treasurer,		
Interest paid on orders Nos. 85 and 548 orders drawn for,	} 24 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,124 50

(See Interest Account.)

LIABILITIES.

BOND.	DATE.	AM'T.	WHEN DUE.
No. 95,	Aug. 10, 1881,	\$1,000 00	Aug. 10, 1888
" 162,	Mar. " 1885,	1,000 00	Mar. " 1889
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		\$ 2,000 00	
Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,		30,000 00	1890
Accrued Int. on Bonds,	{ Payable July, Sep., { and Dec., 1888, }	827 00	
Loan First Nat'l Bank,		600 00	
Outstanding Claims (estimated),		500 00	
Free High School,		457 50	
		<hr/>	\$34,384 50

RESOURCES.

Am't due on Tax Bills, '85, R. Sinclair, Coll.,	\$ 610	12	
“ “ “ “ “ '86, W. A. Kay, Coll.,	400	00	
“ “ “ “ “ '87, “ “ “ “	2021	07	
“ “ from schools,	562	48	
“ “ tax deeds,	37	39	
“ “ on notes of O. & F. M. Hanning,	29	19	
“ “ on outstanding claims, (estimated),	100	00	
“ of cash in treasurer's hands,	119	36	\$3,879 61
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Excess of Liabilities,			\$30,504 89
Excess of Liabilities, March 10, 1887,	\$34,568	03	
“ “ “ “ “ 1888,	30,504	89	
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	\$4,063	14	
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Liabilities, March 10, 1887,	\$39,393	43	
“ “ “ “ 1888,	34,384	50	
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	\$5,008	93	

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Farm Buildings and Wood Lot,	\$4,000	00	
Stock, Furniture, Tools, Hay, Grain, &c.,	944	00	
Highway Tools and Road Machines,	500	00	
Hearse,	550	00	
Gravel Lots,	200	00	
Town Buildings and Lot,	4,250	00	
Logs and Lumber,	30	00	
Engines, Hose, Ladders, &c.,	7,000	00	\$17,474 00
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(Heretofore the Selectmen have not included the cemetery lots in the schedule of property, therefore we have not included the cemetery lots and tomb, on which we have expended \$989.36 the past year.)

Liabilities in excess of all Resources,			\$13,030 89
Liabilities in excess of all Resources March 10, 1887,	\$17,345	03	
Liabilities in excess of all Resources March 10, 1888,	13,030	89	
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			\$4,314 14

UNCOLLECTED TAXES IN DIST. NO 1.

Am't due from Ira G. Hersey, Coll.,	\$367 32	
Am't due from Horace Chaloner, Coll.,	184 14	
	<hr/>	\$551 46

We recommend the following appropriations :

For the support of the Poor,	\$1,500 00
Discounts, Abatements and Commissions,	2,000 00
Interest,	2,000 00
Fire Department and Watchmen,	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, (cash),	3,500 00
Or \$8,000 Statute Labor and Cash,	1,000 00
Schools, what the law compels us to raise,	2,584 00
Free High School,	750 00

COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

JOHN BRADEN, Coll., to ALMON H. FOGG, Treas.,		
1887,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance on Taxes, 1882-3-4,		\$364 40
1888,		
March 10, To Supplementary Tax,		34 20
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		\$398 60
1888.	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		\$398 60
RICHARD SINCLAIR, Coll., To ALMON H. FOGG, Treas.,		
1887,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance Taxes, 1885,		\$1,197 97
1888,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		587 85
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Balance,		\$610 12
WM. A. KAY, Coll., To ALMON H. FOGG, Treas.,		
1887,	DR.	
March 10, To Balance Taxes, 1886,		\$2,849 05
Nov. 1, To Tax Bills, 1887,		4,571 07
1888,		
March 10, To Supplementary Taxes, 1887,		78 00
To Interest on Taxes, 1886-7,		107 14
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		\$7,605 26
1888,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash and Orders,		\$5,184 19
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Balance,		\$2,421 07
HORACE CHALONER, Coll., To ALMON H. FOGG, Treas.,		
1887,	DR.	
March 10, Bal. of Taxes, School Dist. No. 1,		\$279 14
1888,	CR.	
March 10, By Cash,		95 00
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		\$184 14
IRA G. HERSEY, Coll., To ALMON H. FOGG, Treas.,		
1887,	DR.	
March 10, Bal. of Taxes, School Dist. No. 1,		\$367 32

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ALMON H. FOGG, Treas., in account with the town of Houlton.

1887,		DR.			
March 10,	To	Bal. Cash on hand,		\$	21 76
" "	"	" Tax Deeds,			44 06
" "	"	" Uncoll. Taxes, 1882-3-4,			364 40
" "	"	" " " 1885,			1,197 97
" "	"	" " " 1886,			2,849 05
" "	"	" " " Dis. No. 1, '84,			367 32
" "	"	" " " " " '85,			279 14
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					\$5,123 70
" 30,	"	L. T. Clough, Street Lamp,			10 00
May 16,	"	Sale of Potatoes, Farm,			22 00
" 21,	"	Loan 1st Nat'l Bank, Order No. 85,			1,000 00
June 1,	"	Town of Hodgdon,			16 50
" 15,	"	Highway Cash Tax,			571 04
July 9,	"	Free High School,			83 50
Aug. 1,	"	Amount of Taxes, 1887,			25,031 60
" "	"	Supplementary Taxes, 1887,			12 00
" 18,	"	Town of Baileyville,			35 00
" 24,	"	Sale of Cow, Farm,			12 00
Sep. 20,	"	" " Oxen, "			110 00
" 30,	"	Pasturing Sheep, Farm,			1 00
1888.					
Jan. 3,	"	Sale of Cow, Farm,			25 00
" 5,	"	Railroad and Telegraph Tax,			44 57
" 9,	"	School Fund and Mill Tax,			2,019 83
" "	"	Free High School,			125 00
" "	"	State Pension,			48 00
" "	"	Schools, for tuition,			1 50
" 10,	"	Sale of Oats and Barrels, Farm,			34 96
" "	"	Board of Paupers,			15 00
Feb. 15,	"	Execution, H. Fairfield,			26 00
" "	"	" A. W. Madigan,			20 84
Mar. 9,	"	Sale of Butter, Farm,			34 48
" 10,	"	Supplementary Tax, J. Braden,			34 20
" "	"	Houlton Water Co., Hose,			10 50
" "	"	License Fees,			44 50
" "	"	Loan First Nat'l Bank, Order 548,			600 00
" "	"	Board of Paupers,			30 00
" "	"	Supplementary Tax, 1887, W. A. Kay,			78 00
" "	"	Interest on Taxes, 1886-7, "			107 14
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					\$35,327 86

		CR.	
By Paid Orders,			\$21,276 01
	Bonds Nos. 93, 94, 161,		4,000 00
	Interest on Bonds,		300 00
	Interest on R. R. Bonds,		1800 00
	County Tax in full,		1,606 94
	State Tax, bal. 1886,		527 93
	“ “ in full, 1887,		2,000 39
	“ Pension,		48 00
	Bal. due on Tax, Dis. No. 1, H. Chaloner,		184 14
	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ I. G. Hersey,		367 32
	“ “ “ “ 1885,		610 12
	“ “ “ “ 1886-7,		2,421 07
	“ “ “ “ Deeds,		37 39
	Notes, Obediah & F. M. Hanning,		29 19
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			\$35,208 50
Balance in Treasury,			119 36
			<hr/> \$35,327 86

ALMON H. FOGG, TREASURER.

MICHAEL M. CLARK,	}	Selectmen of Houlton.
ALBERT A. BURLEIGH,		
WILLIAM DONOVAN,		

Houlton, March 10, 1888.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

In presenting my Report as Auditor, I would first invite your attention to the financial condition of the town, March 10th, 1887, as shown by the Reports of that date.

Liabilities, March 10, 1887, as follows :

Town Order, No. 534, Outstanding,	\$ 4 00
“ “ “ 550, F. N. Bank, (Loan),	1,000 00
Outstanding Claims, (estimated),	500 00
Free High School Fund,	429 50
Balance due on State Tax,	527 93
	\$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
	\$39,393 43

Resources, March 10, 1887, as follows :

Am't due on Tax Bills, 1883-4,	\$ 364 40
“ “ “ “ 1885,	1,197 97
“ “ “ “ 1886,	2,849 05
“ “ from schools,	248 25
“ “ on tax deeds,	44 06
“ “ “ outstanding claims,	100 00
“ of cash in the Treasury,	21 67
	\$4,825 40

Excess of Liabilities, \$34,568 03

The Resources reported above, being largely uncollected taxes, were subject to shrinkage, and those mentioned in the present Report are of a like character. Although not subject to so great a shrinkage as in previous years, the amount of uncollected taxes being only \$3,068.58, is a much less amount due from this source than for 15 years at least. I consider this one of the most commendable features of the present management, as a reduction of this kind of assets, applied to the payment of our debts, is one of the leading features of our present flattering financial condition.

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, 550 Town Orders have been drawn, amounting to	\$20,872 01
Of which 549 have been paid, amounting to	20,272 01
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Leaving 1 Order, No. 548, Outstanding, amounting to	\$600 00

In addition to the Town Orders drawn the present year, and paid, were the 2 outstanding orders for \$1,004.00 reported last year, making the total amount paid on orders, \$21,276.01.

The three Town Bonds falling due during the past year, amounting to \$4,000, have been paid; and there have been no new bonds issued.

It was found necessary to procure a temporary loan of \$600 in order to take up the bond for \$2,000 due March 10, 1888, which was done by Order No. 548, before alluded to.

There has been a reduction in the Liabilities of the town during the past year of \$5,008.93, as shown by the following statement:

Total Liabilities, March 10, 1887,	\$39,393 43
Liabilities March 10, 1888, as follows:	
Bond No. 95, due Aug. 10, 1888,	\$ 1,000 00
“ “ 162, “ Mar. “ “	1,000 00
Houlton Branch R. R. Bonds,	30,000 00
Accrued interest on Bonds,	827 00
Loan, 1st Nat'l Bank, (Order 548),	600 00
Outstanding Claims, (estimated),	500 00
Free High School,	457 50
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Total Liabilities,	\$34,384 50
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Reduction of Liabilities,	\$5,008 93
Resources, March 10, 1887,	\$4,825 40
“ “ “ 1888,	3,879 61
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Reduction in Resources,	\$945 79
Total Reduction of Liabilities,	\$5,008 93
From which subtract reduction in Resources,	945 79
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Leaving as a net reduction of the debt the past year,	\$4,063 14
March 10, 1884, the total indebtedness of the town was	\$55,295 62
March 10, 1888, the total indebtedness of the town was	34,384 50
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Reduction in indebtedness in four years,	\$20,911 42

The rate of taxation has not been materially changed in the past fifteen years, as will be seen by reference to the Town Reports.

Liabilities, in excess of all Resources, March 10, 1887, \$17,345 03

Total Liabilities March 10, 1888, \$34,384 50

Resources, same date, as follows :

Farm Buildings and Wood Lot, \$4,000 00

Stock, Furniture and Tools, 944 00

Highway Tools and R. Machines, 500 00

Hearse, 550 00

Gravel Lots, 200 00

Town Buildings and Lot, 4,250 00

Engine, Hose, Ladders, &c., 7,000 00

Logs and Lumber, 30 00

\$17,474 00

Uncoll. Taxes, 1885-6-7, 3,031 19

Tax Deeds, 37 39

Due from Schools, 562 48

Outstanding Claims, 100 00

2 Notes, O. & F. M. Hanning, 29 19

Cash Balance in Treasury, 119 36

Total Resources, \$21,353 61

Liabilities in excess of all Resources, \$13,030 89

Reduction of Liabilities, in excess of all Resources, \$4,314 14

Certain Tax Deeds held by Treasurer, March 10, 1887, amounted to \$44.06. Those held by him at the present time, amount to \$37.39, showing a reduction of only \$6.67. Those remaining are of uncertain value.

I will here call your attention to the interest account for the past few years, which will speak for itself :

Amount paid as per Report of Selectmen,

Year ending March 10, 1884, \$3,068 85

“ “ “ “ 1885, 2,927 85

“ “ “ “ 1886, 2,562 00

“ “ “ “ 1887, 2,665 38

“ “ “ “ 1888, 2,124 50

W. A. Kay, Coll., has turned into the Treasury on account of interest collected the past year, \$107.14.

The amount of Taxes due School Dist. No. 1, as reported last year, amounting to \$646.46, in the hands of Ira G. Hersey and Horace Chaloner, has only been reduced \$95.00, this amount being paid by Horace Chaloner, Ira G. Hersey's account remaining the same.

The Taxes assessed in 1887 amounted to \$25,031.60. Sup'y Tax added \$12.00 making \$25,043.60. Amount paid to the Treasurer, on or before Aug. 1st, \$19,165.22, subject to a discount of 10 per cent. ; and there was paid to the Treasurer on or before Nov. 1st, \$1,307.31, subject to a discount of 5 per cent. leaving \$4,571.07 of the tax of 1887, which amount was placed in the hands of the Collector, and he has collected \$2,550.00, which leaves \$2,021.07 of the tax of 1887 uncollected. There is also in Kay's hands, uncollected tax 1886, \$400.00, and in the hands of Richard Sinclair, Coll., 1885, \$610.12.

In conclusion I would invite the citizens of Houlton to make an inspection of the present system of keeping the town's accouts ; they will speak for themselves.

W. F. JENKS, AUDITOR.

Houlton, March 10, 1888.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

The Board of Health presents the following report :

There have been reported to the Board during the municipal year forty-five cases of diphtheria, with seven deaths, the rate of mortality being less than sixteen per cent. Also eighteen cases of typhoid fever without a death. In all cases of contagious diseases, more especially diphtheria, the Board has taken measures to prevent their spread, as far as possible. In nearly every case personal visits have been made and instructions and other assistance given with a view to confining the disease to the persons already sick. In two cases the services of an officer were required to protect the public from liability of contracting diphtheria.

With but few exceptions physicians and householders have cheerfully complied with the laws relating to the prompt report of cases of contagious diseases and measures looking to isolation of the sick. Thorough disinfection of houses in which cases of diphtheria have occurred has invariably been required.

Strong suspicions having arisen that the village school building No. 1, had become infected with diphtheria contagium, and that the disease was liable to be thus communicated to scholars, a thorough disinfection of the building was made in September. In a conference with the Superintending School Committee it was deemed advisable that the schools in that building be stopped temporarily as a precautionary measure, and accordingly a vacation of two weeks was ordered. Since then no cases of diphtheria have occurred among scholars attending those schools.

Upwards of fifty cases of nuisances endangering the health of the public have been personally attended to by the Board. Systematic and regular tours of inspection have been made and means used to correct such evils so far as was practicable. In most instances property owners have willingly co-operated with us and complied with our suggestions. In only a few instances has anything more than a suggestion been necessary.

The channel of the "Bailey Brook" has been cleared of some of the *debris* with which it was largely choked up, and a somewhat freer flow of water thus secured. Still its condition is anything but satisfactory or healthy. Such a condition can be brought about, in our opinion, only by a thorough enlargement of its channel, and by confining the brook in a proper sewer.

The suit brought against the owners of the Brick Block, a year ago, for turning their sewage into the "Bailey Brook," was suspended upon the assurance being made that the drainage should be turned into the sewer which will probably be built the coming season. In other cases action has been delayed for the same reason.

Regular weekly reports have been made to the State Board of Health during the prevalence of infectious and contagious diseases. These and other similar work have made the amount of correspondence by no means small.

Pamphlets and general literature designed to acquaint the public with the nature, manner of origin, contagiousness and means of guarding against certain diseases have been furnished by the State. Also notes on other matters of personal and public hygiene. They have been distributed as occasion required. They are obtainable, gratuitous, of the Secretary.

LEWIS B. JOHNSON, Pres't,
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS, Sec'y,
GEORGE CARY.

REPORT

OF THE

* **Superintending School Committee** *

OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR, 1887-8.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee present the following report :

SCHOOLS.

For the most part the schools of the town have done successful work and the scholars have made commendable progress in their studies during the past year. With one exception the schools have been held thirty weeks. In most cases they have had the services of the same teachers for the entire year. The schools in District No. 1 were delayed and their progress interfered with the first part of the school year by sickness. Yet on the whole the scholars have done good work and made advancement in their studies. The teachers have worked faithfully and conscientiously. In the village schools the larger number of scholars in each one, and the poorly constructed and ill adapted school-rooms make the best progress and expenditure of money and effort impossible. The best is simply as much as is possible to be done under the circumstances.

As regards the discipline, the same plan has been attempted as heretofore, of a mild yet firm management, and of the co-operation of parents, teachers and committee in its exercise. As a rule the teacher's authority, as far as it is right, should be upheld. The best management is liable to err, and sometimes one person has to yield what may be a personal right for the good of the whole. Our schools, like everything else of the town, make a community of interest, the maintenance of which is for the advantage of all. Every good teacher realizes her responsibility, and no one grieves more over mistakes and failures. And so the cultivation of a spirit of patience and charity on the part of all will do much for the welfare of our schools.

The law required the appointment by the town of a Truant Officer for the first time the last year. The gentleman appointed has performed his duties faithfully, has worked in harmony with the school committee, has been of efficient service in the maintenance of attendance and discipline, and has thereby testified to the wisdom of the law that provides for his appointment.

The sudden death of Miss Grace E. Furbush of the Primary school which occurred last summer was a sad event and a great loss. She was eminently fitted for her position, and by her gentle ways and correct work had endeared herself to a host of the little scholars, and her name had become a household word and she herself loved and respected in the homes of their parents.

Miss Patie E. Hussy for some six years the successful teacher and manager of the Grammar department resigned at the close of the summer term. She was remarkably successful and progressive in her work and did much to raise the school to its present efficiency. The best wishes of her many scholars and friends have followed her to a new sphere of life.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

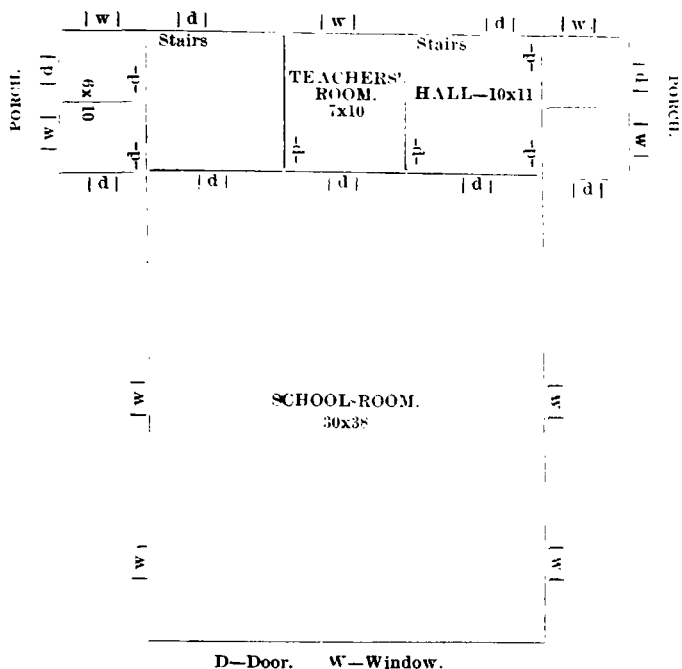
As for the previous year the pupils of the High School have been furnished instruction at Ricker Classical Institute. The attendance for the summer term was 34; for the winter term, 56; and for the present spring term, 53. This will make an expenditure of \$890. Subtracting \$250, the appropriation received from the State and there remains \$640, as the expense to the town. This is a small outlay in comparison with the advantages secured. The advantages of the Institute are increasing year by year, and the like could not be obtained in other ways except by large expense on the part of the town. The Trustees of the Institute intend that the instruction shall be of the best, and that all things in their power shall be used for the progress and welfare of the pupils who come together for an education and a preparation for the duties of life. At the beginning of the fall term the scholars will occupy Wording Hall, now nearly completed. This building in its adaptation, convenience and comfort is not surpassed in the State. The committee would recommend the same appropriation for this object as heretofore.

SCHOL-HOUSES.

During the year a good beginning has been made in the repair and furnishing of school-houses. These were very much needed. The school-houses No. 5 and No. 9, were thoroughly repaired, new floors were laid, walls were ceiled, and the buildings painted inside and out. New seats, desks and blackboards were placed in school-house No. 1. Outhouses for wood and closets were built for school-houses No. 4, No. 9, and No. 10. These repairs and furnishings were most thoroughly and permanently done and will not have to be repeated for many years. The total expense was \$1,386.52. About \$100 of this was spent for text books, dictionaries, charts and maps; about \$400 for new seats, desks and blackboards, and the remainder for repairs as above indicated, and for general repairs upon all the school-houses. For this the committee made use of the \$500 raised by the town for this special purpose, and of the provision of the school-law which allows the expenditure of one-tenth of the school money for repairs and one-tenth for apparatus. This is a large expenditure for one year but it was thought wise to make it since all could be more economically done at one time, and because the condition of the school-houses and the welfare of the schools hardly left any other alternative. Other school-houses should have repairs the coming year, but so large an expenditure will not need to be made. It is hoped an appropriation of \$500 will be made again this year for this object, and the committee recommend it.

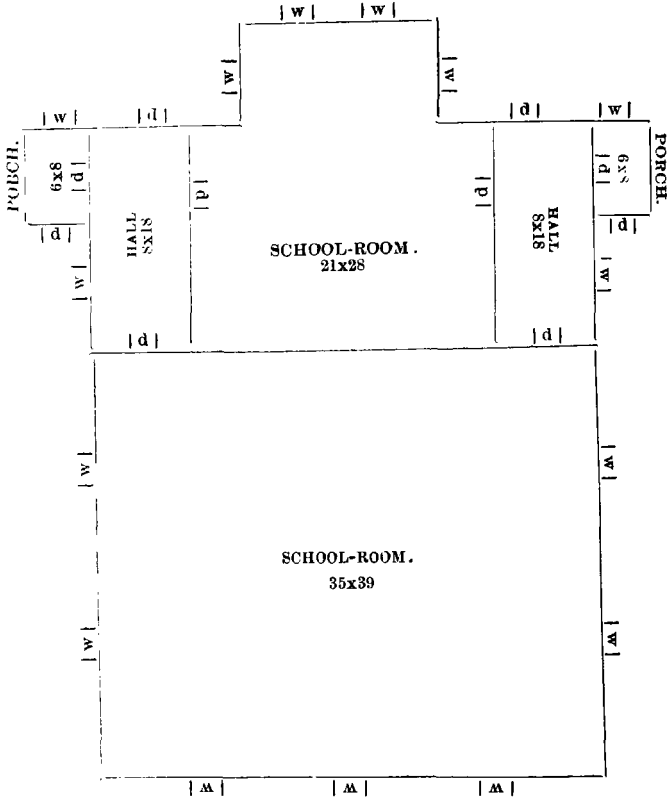
It is a matter of regret that the appropriation of \$3,500 for a school-house for District No. 7, was rescinded. The new building is an imperative demand. The committee are still of the opinion that a building costing \$3,500 would be the cheapest in the end; yet they are but public servants and therefore have prepared a plan, which they here present, of a wooden building of two stories, rooms twelve feet clear in height, with a stone and brick basement seven feet in height. A careful estimate of the cost of the building, by a practical builder, is \$2,046. The cost of furnishing would be \$500. So at least \$2,500 would need to be raised for this object.

Plan for New School-House.—Two Stories.



The Unitarian society have expressed a wish to dispose of their church edifice, recently damaged by fire, and as several parties have requested an estimate of the cost of repairing and altering the building for a school-house, a plan of the same is also here presented. The plan makes both rooms to be on the first floor for which there is abundant room; it also requires a new ceiling twelve feet high, or down to the top of the windows. This would want to be made strong enough for a floor. There is a good foundation under the house, it stands on high, dry ground, has a strong frame and truss roof. Nothing need be done to the upper part at present but if necessity ever required, two rooms could be finished above at slight expense. The estimate for making the repairs and changes is \$1168. No price has been placed upon the property, but at a most reasonable price, with the above cost of repairs and that of furnishing, the total cost would be about as much as that for a new house. The committee would recommend the raising of \$2,500 for a new school-house in District No. 7, and also that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of building, or purchasing the Unitarian house

Plan of Church School-House.



The committee feel that they can do no less than again urge the town to take some measures to relieve the overcrowded condition of school-house No. 1. Every room is overcrowded and every available spot is filled with seats. Some fifty new seats and desks were crowded in the last year, to furnish seats for new scholars. The First Primary department, the room large enough for only forty scholars, registered 104 during the summer term. In the fall the committee divided the school and arranged for one-half to attend in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. From this room all the cases of diphtheria emanated last fall, from which some died, and which broke up the schools for a number of weeks. To relieve this condition of things, so detrimental to the best results, the committee would recom-

mend the town to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for a school-house, or to take some action that will accomplish the same object.

In the northwest part of the town in a part of District No. 6, and two and one-half miles from the school-house of said District by the road, live a few families having seven or eight children of school age. Some provision should be made for them. There are not enough scholars to make a profitable school by themselves. The better way of helping such scholars would be to pay for their conveyance to and from the school-house. The families would rather have a short school, say of ten weeks in the summer, and, as the committee understand, agree to provide a school-room and fuel if a teacher can be furnished by the town. An article will be placed in the warrant asking for instructions for this case. As that section of the town becomes more settled a district will probably be set off and a school-house erected.

FINANCES.

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

DR.		
To cash on hand,		\$ 376 94
“ amount raised by town for repairs,		500 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ District No. 10,		98 40
“ “ “ “ “ “ Schools,		3,000 00
“ State Fund and Mill Tax,		2,019 83
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		\$5,995 17
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By salaries of teachers,		\$3,632 70
“ amount expended for repairs,		888 22
“ school furniture and apparatus,		498 30
“ school-house No. 10,		98 40
“ fuel,		363 07
“ miscellaneous,		548 77
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		\$6,029 46
Balance overdrawn,		<hr/>
		\$34 29

The amount paid for salaries includes \$284.37 due on the salaries of last year. The school census shows about the same number of scholars, and the committee would recommend that the town raise the same amount as last year, \$3,000, for the schools.

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 as to the expenditure of High School money.

4th. 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.

5th. 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.

6th. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house for the purpose of a primary school, somewhere in the limits of District No. 1 as shall be thought best; and what sum of money the town will vote for said purpose and how the same shall be expended.

7th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Supt. School Committee relative to furnishing schooling for the families of Wm. H. Jordan and others who live in the northwest part of District No. 6; or to take any action whatever relative to the matter.

ROLL OF HONOR.

This consists 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 1887-8. As last year, 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. Others have been detained at home by sickness. We congratulate those whose names appear.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY.

Free High School.—For two terms: Theodate Black, Mabel Nickerson, Amanda Careen, Annie Haskell, Fred Bradbury, Henry Williams. For one term: Kate Webber, Louise Mulherrin, Annie Nickerson, Mattie Nye, Mame Chadwick, Myrtie Hastings, Flora McDonald, Nellie Bussey, June Hussey, Cecil Adams, Alley Renks, Pearl Mansur.

School No. 1, Grammar.—For two terms: May Buchanan, Fannie Mulherrin, Allen Churchill, John Putnam, George Tabor. For one term: Mame Stevens, Eva Wilson, Lena Chadwick, Mabel Chambers, Fannie Pierce, Anna Porter, Sally Porter, May Cochran, Don Kidder, Fred Perkins, Ireton Wallace, Walter Titcomb, Charles Hastings, Frank Hastings, Philip Mansur, Arthur Mansur, Howard McIlroy, George Mulherrin, Merchie Philbrick, Arthur Heath, Charles Clough, Cassius Esters, Alpheus Hutchinson, Robert McDonald, Bernard Nickerson.

School No. 1, Intermediate.—For three terms: Lilly Nickerson. For two terms: Lucy Fortie, Joseph Webber, Malcolm Somerville. For one term: Kate Buchanan, Eva Garrison, Annie Garrison, Willie Palmer, Charles McIntosh, Allie Osgood, Bryant Stone, Harry Burleigh, Harry Brown.

School No. 1, Primary No. 2.—For two terms: Etta M. Porter, Annie E. Flowers, Annie Newhouse, Gracie Laing, Vigil Clough, Jasper Nickerson. For one term: Geneva Brannen, Linnie Chandler, Bessie McLeod, Daisy Wilson, May Palmer, Edith Watson, Terressa Lawless, Lizzie M. Balcom, Laura E. Carson, Louisa A. Gerow, Mary C. Laing, Geneva Lancaster, Fred Jordan, Edward Chadwick, Bernard Dobson, Harry M. Fuller, Elmer Gerow, Edward P. Jenkins, Harry M. Perry, Percy L. Rideout, Arthur B. Taggett, Charles S. Tweedy, Harry H. Witham.

School No. 1, Primary No. 1.—For one term: Linnie Chandler, Alma Cameron, Mamie Glidden, Elsie Jenkins, Kate Lawless, Louisa McDonald, Mabel McIlroy, Pearl Mooers, Emma Mooers, Beulah McDonald, Inez Porter, Emma Pierce, Ethel Titcomb, Car-

rie Whitmore, James Brackett, Roland Clark, Fred Colby, Hazen Chandler, Dove Cornelison, Frank Cornelison, Frank Dempsey, John Gould, John Lawless, Harold McDonald, Frank Merritt, Hugh McElwee, Jasper Nickerson, Harley Ruth, Guy Seaborn, Whittie Stevens, Walter Swett, Haddy Vanallie, Herbert Woodworth, Douglas Yerxa, Eva Nickerson.

School No. 2.—For one term: Ida Record, Erma Smith, Lizzie Smith, James Curran, Walter Flint, Fred Albert, Beaufort Beaty, Cora Gellerson.

School No. 4.—For one term: Lizzie Cambell, Annie Cambell.

School No. 5.—For one term: Mary Deasy, May McLaughlin.

School No. 6.—For two terms: Harry Martin. For one term: Lee Martin.

School No. 7.—For two terms: Susie Batchelder, Bennie Batchelder, Marcie Perkins. For one term: Lizzie Dobbins, Maud Daugherty, Winnie Lovering, Cora Lovering, Charles Dyer, Joseph Batchelder, John Vale.

School No. 10.—For three terms: Addie Hammond. For two terms: Guy Hammoud. For one term: Willis Lowry, Frank Lowry.

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

*The absence of the signature of the Chairman of the Board, Hudson Sawyer, is due to the fact that he is out of town for a few weeks.

(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-sixth day of March, 1888, 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 if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a truant officer for the benefit of the public schools.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor, and other necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of a Free High School for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. 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. 10. 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.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house on or near the present site of school-house in Dist. No. 7, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to locate and erect a new school-house for the purpose of a primary school somewhere in the limits of Dist. No. 1 as shall be thought best and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Supt. School Committee relative to furnishing schooling for the families of Wm. H. Jordan and others who live in the northwest part of District No. 6; or to take any action whatever relative to the matter.

ART. 14. 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. 15. 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. 16. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street located by the selectmen Oct. 8, 1887, on petition of F. F. Innis & 17 others, described as follows: Beginning at the south-east corner of land occupied by James Callaghan and the south-west corner of James Connell's land; thence running northerly to the north-east corner of said Callaghan's land (one hundred rods more or less); thence northerly fifty-one and one-half rods along the west line of James Connell's land to land of O. Hanning; said way to be three rods wide and the dividing line between Callaghan's and Connell's land to be the center line of said way the first one hundred rods, and said Connell's west line to be the east line of said way the last fifty-one and one-half rods, and we award to the owner of said Callaghan lot \$75.00 and to the owner of said Connell lot \$50.00 damages.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street located by the selectmen, Feb'y 18, 1888, on petition of G. B. Dunn & 34 others, described as follows: Beginning at the North-west corner lot 17 range 6 (owned by E. M. Smith) and on the east line of the road leading from Houlton to Littleton, thence running along the North line of said Lot 17 range 6, to the West line of Lots 16 & 17 range 5; said way to be three rods wide and the North line of Lot 17 range 6 to be the center line of said way. And we award to Miles McElwee owner of Lot 16, range 6, \$20; and to E. M. Smith owner of Lot 17, range 6, \$20 damages.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept a road or street located by the selectmen Feb'y 20, 1888, on petition of John C. Seely & 17 others, described as follows: Beginning at the center of the

road leading from Houlton to Woodstock, at a point where the west line of land now or formerly owned or occupied by James Nash, being also the center of the Cary hill farm road, so-called, in the south division of Houlton; thence running northerly on the east line of land of Robert Stephenson to the south line of Lot 7, range 2; thence northerly in the center of said Cary road through land of said Stephenson 80 rods to John C. Seely's south line; thence northerly in the center of said Cary road 250 rods through land of John C. Seely to a point near the house of John C. Seely on Lot 18, range 2; said way to be three rods wide and said courses to be the center of said way. There having been no one appeared opposing said way and no claims for damages filed, therefore we award no damages to any of the owners of the land taken.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to purchase one or more snow scrapers of J. W. Haynes, or other parties, and to pay said Haynes for the privilege of using same in the limits of the town, and what sum of money the town will raise for same.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to contract with party or parties to build an iron bridge across the Meduxnekeag stream on or near the place where the Putnam bridge now stands, and what sum of money the town will raise for same.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the building of the roads described in Articles No. 16, 17 & 18 of this Warrant, and for the damages awarded to the owners of the lands taken for said roads.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to deed to A. T. & M. D. Putnam, what interest the town has if any in and to a parcel of land adjoining the village cemetery, and lying near the north-easterly corner of said cemetery, provided, that if the said A. T. & M. D. Putnam deed to the town what interest they have if any in and to the cemetery lot as now fenced.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to deed to B. R. Gidney what interest the town has, if any, in and to a parcel of land which said Gidney deeded to school district No. 4, May 10, 1860, deed recorded at Aroostook Registry of deeds in vol. 20, page 469.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to contract with the Houlton Water Company for two more fire hydrants to be placed upon an extension of the water main upon North street, from Putnam's corner to Maple Grove Park, at a rental of one hundred dollars per year for same.

ART. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of fencing, laying out and grading the cemeteries.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to contract with party or parties to build an engine house on the south side of Military street near the Railroad track and what sum of money the town will raise for same.

ART. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Fire Department, and Watchmen.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise towards the payment of the debts of the town.

ART. 29. 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. 30. To see if the 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. 31. 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. 32. 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 report March 10, 1888.

ART. 33. 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-fourth 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. 1888.

MICHAEL M. CLARK, }
ALBERT A. BURLEIGH, } Selectmen
WILLIAM DONOVAN, } of
Houlton.

A true copy.

Attest : WILLIAM A. KAY,
Constable of Houlton.