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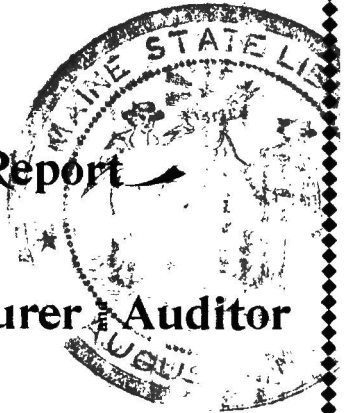
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Town of Houlton,

from

March 11, 1892 to March 11, 1893.

Also,

**Reports of Supervisor of Schools, Board of
Health and Chief Engineer.**

HOULTON :

Printed and Bound at Pioneer Office.

1893.

Selectmen's Report.

Assessment—1892.

State Tax.....	\$	4,653	21	
County Tax.....		2,397	60	
Support of the Poor.....		1,000	00	
Discounts, Abatements and Commissions		2,000	00	
Interest.....		2,000	00	
Town Officers.....		1,200	00	
Miscellaneous Bills.....		500	00	
Schools.....		3,250	00	
Free High School.....		1,000	00	
Repairs on School-houses....		250	00	
School Books.....		250	00	
School-house White Settlement.....		500	00	
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.....		1,000	00	
Cemetery.....		200	00	
Fire Department and Watchmen.....		4,000	00	
Bailey Brook.....		500	00	
Street Lights.....		700	00	
Johnson School-house.....		300	00	
Overlays.....		732	68	\$26,433 49
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Am't of Real Estate....	\$	666,650	00	
Am't of Personal Estate		440,516	00	
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		\$1,107,166	00	

Money Tax.

Tax on Real and Personal Estate....	\$23,250 49	
Tax on Polls.....	3,183 00	26,433 49

Number of Polls, 1061.
Cash Poll Tax, \$3.00
Cash Tax Rate, .021 on \$1.00.

Highway Tax.

Assessment—Statute Labor....		7,127 14
Tax on Real and Per. Estate.....	\$5,535 64	
Tax on Polls.....	1,591 50	7,127 14

Highway Poll Tax, \$1.50.
Highway Tax Rate, .005 on \$1.00
Statute Labor.

Am't paid Chas. D. Merritt, Town Treas- urer, less 50 per cent. discount....	\$1,228 38	
Discount on same, 50 per cent.....	614 19	
Cash Road Fund.....	\$614 19	

Am't paid Chas. D. Merritt, Town Treas.,	\$1,228 38	
Am't assigned to Districts.....	5,898 76	7,127 14

Discounts, Abatements and Commissions.**Discounts.**

Discount on taxes paid Chas. D. Merritt, Treasurer, 5 per cent.....	\$	945	50	
Discount on Town Bonds, as per vote of town.....		1,295	00	\$2,240 50

Assessment.....	\$26,433	49		
Supplementary tax.....		21	00	
Dog tax.....		137	00	
Interest on taxes.....		63	46	

\$26,654 95

Am't paid Chas. D. Merritt, Treasurer,	\$18,909	90		
Committed to W. A. Kay, Coll.....		7,579	59	

\$26,489 49

Am't of interest collected by W. A. Kay		63	46	
Supplementary tax collected by W. A. Kay.....		21	00	
Dog tax committed to W. A. Kay.....		81	00	

\$26,654 95

Abatements.

W. A. Kay, Coll. 1891.....	654	83		
Other abatements.....		22	00	676 83

Commissions.

W. A. Kay, Collector.....				350 00
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\$3,267 33

Am't appropriated.....	\$2,000	00		
“ overdrawn.....		1,267	33	

\$3,267 33 \$3,267 33

HENRY SOUCIE.		
Harry L. Putnam, medical attendance....		10 00
GEORGIE SMITH.		
J. C. Harrigan, supplies.....		45
JERRE ITALIAN AND FAMILY.		
S. Friedman, supplies.....	3 90	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, medical attendauce....	\$ 10 00	13 90
NORA HOOPER.		
W. A. Nickerson, supplies.....		4 10
OUILLETTE BOY.		
Town of Frenchville, supplies.....		19 05
CHARLES McCANN.		
Cash for clothing.....		1 50
CAMPBELL CHILD.		
Lane & Pearce. supplies.....		1 00
J. McBETH AND FAMILY.		
T. M. & J. Bradbury, supplies.....		7 42
TRANSIENT PAUPERS.		
Celia Frederick, expenses home.....	\$ 1 00	
Mr. Pease, expenses home.....	3 25	
Tramps, meals.....	50	4 75
Total expenses of paupers off of the farm,		<u>\$350 14</u>

Names of Paupers on the Farm.

	AGE.
William Homer.....	68
Nora Bowen.....	76
Mary Wilson.....	37
Henry Willett.....	12
David Robshora.....	23
Eldora Robshora.....	21
Myrtle Robshora.....	17 mos.
Baby Robshora.....	2 weeks.

**Names of Paupers Who have been Kept on the Farm
the Past Year and have been Discharged.**

	AGE.
Ivory K. Maxwell.....	78
Myrtie Rafford.....	21
Daniel Sullivan.....	30
Mrs. Hettie Brawn.....	60
Wm. Keen.....	
Barney Mullen.....	47
Oswald McBrien (died July 4).....	77
E. Nevins (died Dec. 16).....	50

Town Farm.

Paid on Account of Town Farm.

Hamilton Yerxa, overseer and money paid out.....	\$329 00
John Riley, fish.....	5 13
Dr. O'Halloran, medical attendance.....	4 00
R. H. Thompson, machine and potatoes...	8 50
A. P. M. Taber, blacksmith work.....	6 40
J. H. Sinclair, harness, &c.....	23 08
Geo. L. Hammond, labor.....	2 00
W. D. Buzzell, soap.....	3 50
C. H. Eaton, labor.....	7 00
John Watson, supplies.....	34 59
Waldo G. Brown, supplies.....	22 37
James Hunter, machine.....	10 00
Samuel B. York, labor.....	21 50
Page & Madigan, supplies.....	8 35
E. Merritt & Sons, supplies.....	26 14
O. Newhouse, supplies.....	3 46
Donald McLeod, labor.....	1 60
E. Woodbury & Co., supplies.....	42 88
Keaton & Bradbury, coffins.....	18 50
F. W. Titcomb, lumber.....	9 55
J. A. Browne & Co., supplies.....	5 84
T. M. & J. Bradbury, ".....	12 22
F. A. Powers, Assignee of L. Monson, sup- plies.....	9 97

C. E. Williams, medical services.....	2 75	
H. J. Hatheway, medicine.....	3 10	
Chas. P. Tenney, supplies.....	17 04	
Chas. H. Wilson, ".....	29 27	
Martin Lawlis, attending funerals.....	6 00	
Harry L. Putnam, medical services.....	14 50	
J. C. Harrigan, supplies.....	17 56	
R. Dilling, blacksmith work.....	3 20	
D. Sheehan, harness work, &c.....	8 50	
George Cary, medical services.....	5 50	
S. Friedman, supplies.....	1 25	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, medical attendance....	2 00	
W. S. Perks, medicine.....	60	
John Buchanan, blacksmith work.....	2 90	
Alex. Beek, pasturing.....	8 00	
Lane & Pearce, supplies.....	15 88	
E. M. Smith, fish.....	3 00	
H. O. Berry, filing saws, &c.....	4 00	\$ 760 63

Town Farm Account.

To	DR.	
1 horse.....	\$200 00	
1 colt.....	50 00	
2 swine.....	30 00	
4 cows.....	120 00	
1 heifer.....	10 00	
Grain.....	38 00	
Hay and straw.....	95 00	
Provisions.....	30 00	
Potatoes.....	25 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture, &c.....	700 00	1,298 00
		<u>\$2,058 63</u>

By	CR.	
1 horse.....	\$200 00	
1 colt—2 years old.....	70 00	
1 “ 1 year “	50 00	
2 swine.....	30 00	
4 cows	120 00	
1 heifer—2 years old.....	15 00	
1 “ 1 year “	10 00	
Grain.....	40 00	
Hay and straw.....	120 00	
Provisions.....	20 00	
Potatoes.....	25 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture, &c.....	700 00	
Potatoes sold.....	96 75	
Butter “	12 95	
Hay “	45 00	\$1,554 70
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		\$503 93
Expense of paupers off of the farm.....	\$350 14	
“ “ “ on the farm.....	503 93	
Am't unexpended.....	145 93	\$1,000 00
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“ appropriated.....		1,000 00

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

W. H. Phillips, labor.....	\$ 39 50
M. Harkins, "	13 00
Thomas D. Hay "	6 25
Geo. McNair, "	4 17
O. S. Brown, "	2 44
James Peters, "	1 25
John Hogan, "	4 00
Ira E. Ruth, "	2 00
Wm. L. Helms, trucking.....	4 60
Ward Yerxa, labor.....	94
J. A. Donovan, "	6 50
S. H. Sincock, lumber.....	417 24
P. Cassidy, labor.....	133 49
John A. Adams, labor.....	1 00
John J. Auber, "	4 75
James A. Drake, "	2 25
L. B. Johnson, "	8 20
S. D. Amazeen, "	7 00
Joe Daigle, "	3 13
S. W. Taber, repairs.....	7 40
Wm. Dobson, labor.....	21 00
H. R. Helms, trucking.....	5 85
Wm. Hovey, labor.....	4 00
E. Peterkin, "	56 25
G. B. Smith "	40 25
Marvin Small "	34 50
Aaron R. Conley labor.....	5 00
A. Cornelison "	2 50
G. W. Small, "	61 60
John H. Dunphy "	21 43
C. D. Ingraham, cutters.....	20 00
G. R. Pray, labor.....	59 25
F. H. Ingraham, labor.....	87 00
E. A. Bamford, trucking.....	10 15
James Smith, labor.....	48 75
G. W. Milbury "	96 12
C. J. McCready "	7 00
C. A. Moore, "	10 49
James Peabody "	6 25
W. R. Yerxa, trucking.....	4 50
A. G. Putnam, labor.....	172 01
John Hickey, "	14 18

A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	51	48	
L. Powers, labor.....	4	13	
P. J. Perry, trucking.....	4	50	
Waldo G. Brown, hardware.....	19	12	
Joel Dunphy, trucking.....	4	50	
John Watson, supplies.....	2	50	
James Swim, labor.....	6	00	
J. Cronin, ".....	14	30	
Wilmot Brewer, labor.....	29	50	
Seldon W. Porter, labor and lumber....	13	00	
James W. Faulkner, trucking.....	8	50	
A. P. Heywood, labor.....	14	00	
F. W. Titcomb, lumber.....	316	33	
R. N. Ruth, labor.....	9	25	
W. G. Bamford, labor.....	2	50	
Eddie B. White ".....	2	75	
E. A. Grant, ".....	3	75	
J. N. Clark, trucking.....	6	50	
Jeremiah Hanson, labor.....	1	25	
Poppin & Wilson, lumber.....	15	07	
T. J. Donovan, labor.....	42	00	
John D. Hackett, labor.....	44	00	
N. Herrin, gravel.....	8	00	
Miles McElwee, damages.....	20	00	
James Roach, labor.....	37	25	
James Dempsey, trucking.....	3	70	
Ira J. Porter, labor.....		75	
I. W. Gould, ".....	3	00	
H. O. Berry, filing saws.....	4	75	
Lionel T. Clough, labor.....	5	00	
John Smith, trucking.....	30		\$2,154 87

Amount appropriated.....	\$1,000	00	
" paid Treasurer.....	614	19	
" " by A. G. Putnam.....	125	34	
" " by W. G. Brown.....	25	00	
" overdrawn.....	390	34	\$2,154 87

Miscellaneous and Electric Lights.

W. H. Phillips, care of lamps, &c.....	\$ 67 75
W. S. Gilman & Son, printing.....	115 41
M. J. Webber, clerical work.....	45 00
S. W. Taber, repairs.....	75
H. R. Helms, trucking.....	60
Martin Lawlis, team.....	1 00
E. Merritt & Son, electric lights.....	14 80
John Watson, naphtha.....	66 08
John Hickey, labor.....	28 01
Dennis Cyr, ".....	5 00
A. R. Mansur, ".....	11 25
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	9 83
Waldo G. Brown, ".....	3 35
Wm. Whiteman, labor.....	1 88
Theo. P. Lougee, ".....	21 00
Chadwick & Wiggin, labor and material	52 95
Harry L. Putnam, certificates.....	6 75
Keaton & Bradbury, chairs and table, town house.....	19 00
Houlton Electric Co., lights.....	557 90
L. Carpenter, labor.....	3 50
A. W. Gedney, running ferry..	12 00
Wilmot Brewer, labor.....	49 00
Jas. W. Faulkner, trucking.....	50
A. P. Heywood, rent of Opera House..	20 00
Theo. Cary, printing.....	10 75
Wm. Dobson, labor.....	4 00
O. M. Smith, supplies.....	11 45
C. E. Williams, services and stationery.	3 50
Don A. H. Powers, services.....	10 00
E. A. Bamford, trucking.....	25
J. A. Browne & Co., supplies.....	08
Mrs. E. Brown, cleaning.....	1 00
E. B. White labor.....	2 50
F. L. Cook, paper.....	7 80
L. O. Ludwig, services as election clerk★	6 00
Geo. W. Richards, " " " "	6 00
B. B. Feeley, " " " "	6 00
J. A. Browne, " " " "	6 00
J. C. Carpenter, surveying.....	10 50
Houlton Water Co., water.....	2 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, books.....	10 00

Wm. L. Helms, trucking.....	30		
Elias Hiscock, services as Policeman...	2	00	
H. J. Hatheway, medicine.....	4	00	
Benj. Bussey, certificates.....	1	75	
Wm. Forrest, trucking.....		25	
E. Woodbury, postage and cards.....	2	50	
C. H. Wilson, supplies.....	1	44	
L. B. Johnson, labor.....	1	00	
F. A. Nevers, certificates.....	6	25	
A. P. Perkins, Truant Officer.....	7	00	
James Dempsey, trucking.....	2	00	
E. B. White, care of clock... ..	26	00	
Aroostook County, rent of lockup.....	25	00	
Volney Chalmers, labor on lockup.....	1	00	
Dr. Samuel Hanson, certificates.....	1	75	
A. P. M. Taber, labor.....	1	55	
Globe G. L. Co., repairs.....	1	05	
T. Craine, labor.....		50	
Mr. Grant, "		50	
Michael M. Clark, recording deaths, births and marriages (Laws of 1891)	25	80	\$1,323 28
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Amount appropriated for mis. and lights	\$1,200	00	
" overdrawn.....	123	28	1,323 28
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Fire Department and Watchmen.

Houlton Water Co., rent of hydrants, &c	\$1,815 00
Wm. A. Kay, engineer, watchman, &c..	549 90
W. H. Phillips, labor.....	35 75
W. J. Taylor, wood.....	19 50
S. H. Sincock, hauling steamer to fire..	5 00
Wm. Terrio, labor.....	3 00
Wm. L. Helms, trucking.....	10 10
Henry Gillin, watchman.....	456 24
Ward Yerxa, labor.....	3 75
Samuel Hunt, "	25
T. P. Lougee, "	50
H. R. Helms, trucking.....	4 00
W. R. Yerxa, "	21 50
John Hickey, labor.....	13 81
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	31 72
P. J. Perry, trucking.....	5 50
John Watson, hardware and team.....	47 73
Mrs. M. Gray, labor and materials.....	2 45
Mitchell Mackey, labor.....	50
Wilmot Brewer "	25 75
Jas. W. Faulkner, trucking.....	3 00
Firemen (25) men.....	1,250 00
A. J. Tucker, weather strips.....	1 50
Geo. W. Small, trucking... ..	18 00
E. B. White, labor.....	1 25
Houlton Electric Light Co., lights.....	10 00
Geo. L. Slipp, boughs.....	1 50
H. J. Hatheway, supplies.....	1 75
Wm. R. Faulkner, trucking.....	7 50
F. W. Coburn, team.....	3 00
Wm. Forrest, trucking.....	2 00
John J. Royal, repairs.....	1 10
James Callaghan, wood.....	10 00
Silas W. Taber, labor.....	4 60
James H. Sinclair, repairs.....	9 10

S. Friedman, supplies.....	7 50	
E. Merritt & Sons, supplies	2 45	
James Dempsey, trucking.....	22 90	
W. S. Perks, supplies.. ..	4 00	
S. C. Webber, Chief Engineer.....	50 00	
W. J. Thibodeau, wood.....	45 50	
T. W. Ebbett, repairs.....	5 55	\$4,514 15
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Amount appropriated.....	\$4,000 00	
“ overdrawn.....	514 15	\$4,514 15
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Schools.

Houlton Water Co., use of water.....	\$ 125 00
“ Sewerage Co., sewerage.....	50 00
Thomas Somerville, labor.....	16 50
James W. Faulkner, “	6 85
L. Carpenter, “	37 90
B. A. Donovan, taking enumeration....	25 00
W. S. Lewin, teaching.....	334 10
Mellen C. Niles, janitor, &c.....	37 50
Chas. E. Fletcher, “ “	315 60
Robert Thompson, labor.....	8 13
Harry L. Putnam, money and supplies..	157 73
Mrs. J. A. Collins, cleaning.....	3 00
Lou B. Marston, teaching.....	429 43
J. Laura North “	62 50
John S. Peters, janitor.....	5 25
Lyman Houlton, wood, &c.....	19 20
Alice G. Cassidy, teaching.....	268 50
Mary D. Chadwick, “	254 75
Sarah E. Mulherrin, “	222 90
Amanda F. Carson, “	288 00
Elmer O. Dickinson, janitor.....	3 50
Helen H. Hume, teaching.....	119 00
Jennie Snow, “	290 00
Alice M. Porter, “	61 50
Benj. T. Hussey, labor.....	10 55
James Johnston, wood.....	4 25
C. A. Swett, labor No. 7 School-house..	730 22

Clara Barnes, teaching.....	243 00
Mariana Donovan, teaching.....	66 00
Abbie I. Griffin, ".....	267 90
Alice L. Putnam ".....	151 25
Lizzie F. Donovan ".....	131 50
James Wood, janitor.....	1 45
W. R. Yerxa, trucking, &c.....	41 52
A. H. Fogg, & Co., supplies.....	173 57
American Book Co., books.....	403 23
Henry Holt & Co., ".....	2 00
The Prang Educational Co., books.....	24 19
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	49
J. G. Chadwick, labor and lumber....	21 78
G. W. Milbery, ".....	5 29
W. S. Gilman & Son, printing.....	11 75
Annie M. Haskell, teaching.....	214 05
Ir ^m J. Porter, labor... ..	7 00
Eldredge & Brother, books.....	11 00
D. Appleton & Co., ".....	15 00
G. W. Parks, charts.....	47 25
Wm. C. Donnell, insurance.....	16 25
U. S. School Furniture Co., furniture..	216 50
E. Merritt & Sons, supplies.....	3 70
Theo. P. Lougee, labor.....	10 00
Nellie Deasy, janitor.....	6 65
Elizabeth Brown, cleaning.....	12 50
Mrs. M. Gray, labor and materials.....	38 68
Isa J. Putnam, teaching.....	122 20
A. H. Porter, labor.....	64 18
W. E. King, book.....	7 00
Turney & Wingate, stove, &c.....	14 40
Smith Bros. " ".....	10 50
Alvah F. Atherton, fence School lot No. 2	5 53
Theo. Cary, printing.....	2 50
O. M. Smith, curtains, &c.....	18 75
James McPartland, labor.....	17 30
Powers & Putnam, services as attorneys,	3 50
E. A. Bamford.....	2 50
The American Crayon Co., chalk.....	5 60
Ginn & Company, books.....	47 45
J. B. Lippincott Co., books.....	10 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	12 44
Mary Daigle, cleaning.....	2 50
Wilmot Brewer, labor.....	4 37

Gentle & Ludwig, insurance premium..	21 25	
Lizzie Cottle, teaching.....	134 00	
George Welton, janitor.....	3 00	
Geo. A. Pennington, wood, &c.....	27 00	
John Conlogue, labor	9 00	
Annie Donovan, teaching.....	169 25	
Lizzie E. Hogan, "	164 00	
Delancey McIlroy, labor.....	11 00	
M. Harkin, wood.....	1 00	
Nannie A. Rankin, teaching.....	221 75	
Annie M. Porter, "	212 50	
Chadwick & Wiggin, lumber, &c	21 00	
Alice E. Roach, teaching.....	250 30	
W. M. Atchison, janitor.....	18 32	
Aroostook Co., furnace, &c.....	102 40	
James Callaghan, wood.....	15 25	
James H. Deasy, wood, &c.....	28 00	
Geo. L. Hammond, lumber.....	3 20	
Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.....	5 25	
Frank Lowery, labor.....	24 00	
Willis Totton, wood.....	121 50	
John Watson, supplies.....	8 75	
S. C. Taylor, wood.....	37 50	
Fannie L. Thomas, teaching.....	59 50	
John McAttee, wood.....	28 50	
Raub & Co., books.....	21 60	
Lee & Shephard, books.....	7 00	
Stewart Alexander, wood.....	9 00	
Frank Hussey, janitor.....	5 00	
Lottie M. Kinney, teaching music.....	32 00	
Herbert Peters, janitor.....	48 90	
Charles P. Tenney, wood.....	38 50	
Henry Cogan, fencing.....	10 00	
Paid on account of Johnston School- house	41 00	\$8,340 40

Bal. due schools, March, 1892.....	\$1,221 82	
Received from State.....	3,023 42	
Amount appropriated.....	3,750 00	
Special appropriation School-house No. 7	800 00	
Insurance.....	700 00	
Old School-house sold.....	25 00	
Amount unexpended White Settlement School-house.....	30 00	
Tuition from out of town pupils.....	3 25	
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	\$9,553 49	
Bal. due schools.....		1,213 09
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	\$9,553 49	\$9,553 49

Free High School.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1,000 00	
" received from State.....	250 00	\$1,250 00
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Paid R. C. Institute, tuitions.....	\$1,225 20	
Amount unexpended.....	24 80	1,250 00
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White Settlement School-House.

Harris Porter, lumber and labor.....	470 00	
Amount unexpended.....	30 00	
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" appropriated.....	\$500 00	\$500 00

Johnston School-House.

Henry Cogan, land.....	\$ 25 00	
Wm. R. Faulkner, lumber and labor...	316 00	341 00
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Amount appropriated.....	\$300 00	
" overdrawn.....	41 00	341 00

Town Officers.

Michael M. Clark, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, High- way Surveyor, Town Clerk and money paid for clerk hire.	} \$500 00	
Mellen D. Putnam, (Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors &	} 150 00	}
Francis H. Inghram, (Highway Surveyors.		
Harry L. Putnam, Supervisor.....	300 00	
Frederick A. Powers, Town Agent.....	50 00	
George A. Gorham, Auditor.....	50 00	
Dr. Geo. Cary, Health Committee.....	25 00	
Dr. C. E. Williams, " "	30 00	
Lewis B. Johnson, " "	20 00	
James Duffy, Truant Officer.....	50 00	
A. P. Perkins, " "	25 00	
Geo. H. Gilman, Fireward.....	5 00	
I. W. Gould, "	2 00	
Charles D. Merritt, Treasurer.....	150 00	1,407 00
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Amount appropriated.....	1,200 00	
" overdrawn.....	207 00	1,407 00

Cemetery,

Stair Cameron, labor.....	\$ 28 00	
Martin Lawlis, cash paid for labor and use of teams.....	105 25	
John Watson, labor and materials.....	36 46	
Chadwick & Wiggins, posts.....	10 50	
Freeman Hiscock, labor.....	11 25	
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	5 25	
J. H. McPartland, labor and materials... ..	25 28	221 99
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Amount appropriated.....	\$200 00	
" overdrawn.....	21 99	221 99
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Bailey Brook.

L. B. Johnson, labor and material.....		\$500 00
Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00	

	\$500 00	\$500 00
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Money expended by Lewis B. Johnson
on Bailey Brook :—

F. W. Titcomb, lumber.....	172 91	
H. C. Bradbury, sleepers.....	43 96	
J. Buchanan, iron.....	26 16	
A. H. Fogg & Co., tools.....	5 80	
Houlton Water Co., use of tools, &c.....	13 35	
S. E. Baker, repairs.....	1 40	
Mr. Eaton, labor.....	1 50	
“ Harper, “	23 25	
“ Riley, “	4 25	
“ Lizzott “	16 75	
“ Loney, “	15 00	
“ Brown, “	24 00	
“ McGlinchey, labor... ..	20 25	
“ Wightman, “	22 75	
“ Smiley, “	9 75	
“ Lyons, “	11 25	
“ Palmer, “	26 00	
“ McInnis, “	6 00	
For hauling sleepers.....	4 74	
“ Sundries.....	1 68	
“ Team.....	12 00	
L. B. Johnson, 20 days' labor and tools...	50 00	512 75

Amount paid L. B. Johnson.....	\$500 00	
Balance due “ “ “	12 75	

	\$512 75	\$512 75
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Recapitulation.

Orders Drawn.

Discounts, Abatements and Commissions	\$ 3,267 33	
Interest.....	996 94	
Paupers off of the Farm.....	350 14	
Town Farm.....	760 63	
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.....	2,154 87	
Miscellaneous Bills.....	1,323 28	
Fire Department and Watchmen.....	4,514 15	
Schools.....	8,299 40	
Free High School.....	1,225 20	
White Settlement School-house.....	470 00	
Johnston School-house.....	341 00	
Town Officers.....	1,407 00	
Cemeteries.....	221 99	
Bailey Brook.....	500 00	
Temporary Loans.....	5,800 00	
Amount of orders drawn.....		\$21,631 93
Am't of orders drawn and paid by Treas.	\$30,831 93	
Orders drawn and not paid by Treas..		
No. 496, due July 1, 1893.....	800 00	31,631 93
Number of orders drawn, 532, amounting to		31,631 93
Coupons on Town Bonds paid by Treas- urer, for which orders have not been drawn.....		1,600 00

At the last annual town meeting the following vote was passed: Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell Town Bonds issued Dec. 15, 1890, at such a discount as they think would be for the best interest of the town; at that time the best offer they had for said bonds was to make a discount upon them of \$2,500.00. On April 12, 1892, they succeeded in placing them at a discount of \$1,295 00.

Road Commissioners' Report.

Bal. due from A. G. Putnam, Road Commissioner.....		\$125 34
Am't paid Chas. D. Merritt, Treasurer..	\$125 34	

Liabilities.

Bonds Nos. 1 to 40, dated Dec. 15, 1890, payable in ten or twenty years from date of issue, interest payable semi-annually, at 4 per cent.....		\$40,000 00
Town order No. 496, dated March 6, 1893, payable July 1st, 1893, interest 6 per cent. expended on School-house No. 7, as per vote of town.....		800 00
Accrued interest on bonds.....		337 78
Outstanding claims, (estimated),.....		400 00
Amount due schools.....		1,213 09
		\$42,750 87

Resources.

Taxes of 1891, bal.....	\$ 991 48	
“ “ 1892, “	4,110 42	
Tax Deeds.....	37 39	
Note of O. & F. Hanning.....	9 19	
Dog tax, bal. 1892.....	70 00	
Outstanding claims, (estimated).....	350 00	5,568 48
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Excess of Liabilities.....	\$37,182 39	
“ “ “ March 10, 1892...	34,835 09	
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	<u>\$2,347 30</u>	
Liabilities, March 10, 1892....	\$43,460 02	
“ “ “ 1893.....	42,750 87	\$ 709 15
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Resources, March 10, 1892.....	\$8,624 93	
“ “ “ 1893	5,568 48	3,056 45
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Farm buildings, farm and wood lot....	\$5,500 00	
Stock, furniture, tools, hay, grain, &c..	1,400 00	
Highway tools and road machine.....	750 00	
Hearse.....	500 00	
Gravel lots.....	200 00	
Town buildings and lot.....	4,700 00	
Lumber and wood.....	100 00	
Engines, hose, ladders, &c.....	7,500 00	\$20,650 00
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Amount of Resources brought forward.		5,568 48
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		\$26,218 48
School property.....		32,000 00
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		\$58,218 48
Liabilities.....		42,750 87
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Resources in excess of all Liabilities...		15,467 61

Collector's and Treasurer's Account.

WM. A. KAY, Coll., To CHAS. D. MERRITT, Treas.

DR.

March 11, 1892,	To Bal.	Taxes 1890...	\$ 214 81	
	" "	" 1891...	3,751 80	
	" "	" 1892...	7,579 59	
	" Sup.	"	21 00	
	"	Interest collected..	63 46	
	"	Tax on Dogs 1892.	81 00	
			\$11,711 66	

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By cash.....	6,539 76
Balance.....	\$5,171 90

Treasurer's Report.

1892.

DR.

March 11, To	Cash on hand.....	\$4,411 74	
	“ Uncoll. Taxes, 1890 & '91	3,966 61	
	“ Tax Deeds.....	37 39	
	“ Note O. & F. Hanning..	9 19	\$8,424 93
	“ Sale of Town Bonds.....		37,000 00
	“ “ “ School-house H. L. Putnam.....		25 00
	“ School Tuition H. L. Putnam.....		3 25
	“ Sale of Potatoes from farm		96 75
	“ “ “ Butter “ “		12 95
	“ “ “ Hay “ “		45 00
	“ J. K. Osgood for Jugs & Bottles sold.....		1 25
	“ C. Cameron Est. J. Came- ron.....		21 35
	“ License Fees.....		6 00
	“ W. G. Brown, Road Work		25 00
	“ A. G. Putnam “ Money refunded.....		125 34
	“ Bounty on Bear re-funded		5 00
	“ State Pensions “		156 00
	“ Railroad & Telegraph Tax		25 05
	“ Insurance on School-house		700 00
	“ Free High School.....		250 00
	“ School Fund & Mill Tax.		3,023 42
	“ Loan Order No. 93.....	\$1,000 00	
	“ “ “ “ 120	2,000 00	
	“ .. “ “ 132	1,000 00	
	“ “ “ “ 161	1,000 00	
	“ “ “ “ 496	800 00	5,800 00
	“ Highway Tax 1892.....		614 19
	“ Cash Tax 1892.....		26,433 49
	“ Dog Tax 1892.....		137 00
	“ Supplementary Tax.....		21 00
	“ Interest on Taxes.....		63 46
			\$83,015 43

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By paid Order No. 203.....		\$	1,100	00	
" " " " 297.....			10,000	00	
" " " " 325.....			21,200	00	
" " " " 416.....			2,500	00	
" " " " 417.....			2,000	00	
" " " " 464.....			1,300	00	38,100 00
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" " Order 1891, No. 423.....		\$	13	80	
" " " " " 502.....			39	41	53 21
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" " State Pensions.....					156 00
" " " Bounty on Bear.....					5 00
" " Interest on \$40,000.00 Bonds.....					1,600 00
" " County Tax in full.....					2,397 60
" " State tax " ".....					4,653 21
" " Orders 1892.....					30,831 93
" Balance Taxes 1891.....		\$	991	48	
" " " 1892.....			4,110	42	
" " Dog Tax 1892.....			70	00	
" " Tax Deeds.....			37	39	
" " Note O. & F. Hanning.....			9	19	5,218 48
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					\$83,015 43

CHARLES D. MERRITT, Treasurer.

MICHAEL M. CLARK, } Selectmen
 MELLEN D. PUTNAM, } of
 FRANCIS H. INGRAM, } Houlton.

GEORGE A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 11th, 1893.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the past year, and find them correctly kept, and agreeing with their statement, as published elsewhere in this report.

The Taxes assessed in 1892, were 26,433.49 and Dog Tax of \$137.00, making \$26,570.49, of which, including the discount, there were paid to the Treasurer, \$18,909.90. The balance, \$7,579.59 Cash tax, and \$81.00 Dog tax, was committed to W. A. Kay, Collector, who has collected and paid to the Treasurer, \$3,480.17. There have also been collected by W. A. Kay, Collector and paid to the Treasurer, \$21.00, Supplementary Tax, and \$63.46 for Interest on Taxes.

The Uncollected Taxes are as follows :

Balance Cash Tax 1891, W. A. Kay, Collector,	\$ 991 48
“ “ “ 1892, “ “ “ “	4,110 42
“ Dog “ 1892, “ “ “ “	70 00
	\$5,171 90

GEORGE A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 11th, 1893.

Report of Supervisor of Schools.

The schools of the town have been in session thirty-four weeks, during the school year, ending March 27th, 1893, except where interruptions from sickness made it impossible.

The village schools have been held thirty-three weeks. This is an increase of two weeks during the past two years; the increase has been brought about without additional appropriations. In fact the appropriations for the past year were less than for several years previous, while the number of schools in the town has been increasing each year.

The pupils have done good work and made commendable progress during the year. In most cases the schools have had the services of the same teachers for the entire year.

An outbreak of scarlet fever made it necessary to close the village schools during the month of June.

The North street schools have been especially unfortunate.— In addition to a second interruption from scarlet fever during September, on Oct. 25th a fire destroyed the west end of the building and the schools were closed five weeks.

The town suffered no loss from this fire, as the building and furniture were fully insured.

The old school-house on the White Settlement road has been replaced by a new one, according to the vote of the town; also a new house built near the Callaghan farm. The upper story of the North street building has been finished and is now occupied by the larger pupils. This was done according to vote of the town, at a special town meeting held August 10th, 1891.

The town is well supplied with school accommodations. However, additional school room will soon be a necessity for the Central village schools. This can best be given by the erection of two or three small school-houses in the different parts of the village for the primary classes.

It has been gratifying to observe a higher average of attendance in the schools during the year. This increase has been

gradually taking place since the erection of the new school buildings.

Since 1889 this town has erected six new buildings for school purposes, at an expense of \$27,000. Few towns in the State of the size of Houlton afford equal school facilities.

Tuition has been furnished to Free High School scholars, at Ricker Classical Institute according to the terms arranged by vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

The tuition for the year past reached \$1,225.20, and costs the town \$975.20.

The pupils who passed the requisite examination to admit them to Ricker Classical Institute as Free High School scholars are :—

Beaulier, Vetal	Kimball, Millie H.
Cooper, M. Ottie	McKay, George W.
Cooper, John	Pearce, Fanny
Cosseboom, May	Palmer, Wm. W.
Dougherty, Lizzie D.	Pomeroy, Ada L.
Drew, Mamie G.	Robbins, Georgie M.
Drew, Lenora	Smith, Bertie
DeGrass, Alberta	Smith, Lee
Dunn, June J.	Somerville, Malcolm
Garrison, Eva	Teeling, Hadley
Hovey, Gertrude	Toland, Arnold B.
Hovey, Grace	Withee, Edwina
Keating, Albert	Vincent, Guy
Kinney, Harry	Yetton Lula

All the school bills of the town are paid to date. The number of schools is now larger than ever before. They have been open more weeks during the year, and without impairment of efficiency. There is a balance of \$1,224.09 of school money on hand. (This amount includes \$700.00 that the town received in settlement of damage to the North St. School building by fire. It will be used in repairing the building during the coming summer.) The Supervisor is pleased to report the above condition of our schools, yet the amount appropriated for school purposes should on no account be decreased.

There should be at least thirty-six weeks in the school year. The amount necessary to supply all the public schools of the

town with free text books for the coming year is \$500.00. This amount is small when it is considered that there are nearly 900 scholars in our schools. It is an expense of about 55 cents per scholar, for the entire year and clearly demonstrates the success of the free-text-book law.

Books cost less and better care has been taken of them than formerly.

It is wiser and better to keep the schools in good condition by a liberal policy and judicious expenditure of money now than to strangle and stunt their growth by adopting a too economic policy and by a much larger appropriation in the future endeavor to elevate them to a correct standard.

All children should have equal school advantages from year to year.

The total amount paid by the Town		
Treasurer during the year for school		
purposes is.....		\$9,120 40
Teachers' wages.....	\$4,756 95	
Text books.....	577 15	
Fuel.....	598 78	
Repairs.....	571 86	
Janitors.....	462 65	
Miscellaneous.....	398 59	
Finishing building on North street.....	943 42	
School-house, White Settlement.....	470 00	
School-house, Callaghan.....	341 00	9,120 40

I recommend the following appropriations for the coming year :

Schools.....	\$3,250 00
Text Books.....	500 00
Repairs.....	250 00
Free High School (including am't paid by the State).....	1,250 00

HARRY L. PUTNAM, } Supervisor of Schools,
Houlton, Maine.

Report of the Board of Health,

(For the year ending March 10th.)

The Board of Health has official knowledge and records of contagious diseases as follows: Diphtheria—eleven cases, with one death; Scarlet Fever—thirty-eight cases and Typhoid Fever—eleven cases, all of which recovered.

The number of cases of Scarlet Fever reported, however, we are convinced, represent only a portion of the cases which have actually occurred within the town limits. This is explained by the fact that the epidemic has been, fortunately, on the whole, a mild one, and in many cases no physician was employed. This very fact contributed to the wide prevalence of the disease, as parents and others in responsibility, in many cases, in blind confidence that the disease was mild, neglected to use precautions against its spread.

The law of the State is as follows:

“Whenever any householder knows or has reason to believe that any person within his family or household has small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, cholera, typhus or typhoid fever, he shall within twenty-four hours give notice thereof to the health officer of the town in which he resides.

“And again, persons recovering from small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or cholera, and nurses who have been in attendance on any person suffering from any such disease, shall not leave the premises till they have received from the attending physician, board of health or health officer, a certificate that they have taken such precautions, as to their persons, clothing, and all other things which they propose bringing from the premises as are necessary to insure the immunity from infection of other persons with whom they may come in contact.”

The maximum fine for violation of this law is fifty dollars.

When we recall the fact that scarlet fever is one of the most fatal diseases with which childhood is afflicted, we can but congratulate the citizens of Houlton that they have passed through such an epidemic without a large mortality.

The appropriation made at last town meeting to be expended on the Bailey Brook was well used in enclosing 485 feet, at the lower end. We recommend an appropriation for the continuance of the work.

LEWIS B. JOHNSON, } Local Board
GEORGE CARY, } of
CHAS. E. WILLIAMS, } Health.

Chief Engineer's Report.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Houlton :

I respectfully submit my report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for the past year.

The department is in as good condition as possible from the disadvantages which it labors under. It consists of Chief Engineer, Engineer of Steamer and Assistant, Foreman, First and Second Assistants and 22 men. Also Hook and Ladder Company of 15 men, under Captain James Gillin, which has rendered valuable assistance.

The apparatus is all in good condition and is located as follows :—

Engine House No. 1, Water St: 1 steamer, 3 hose-carts, 1 sled, 1 hook and ladder truck, 9 ladders, 1 Bangor extension ladder, 1 chemical engine; rubber hose, 2,000 ft.; cotton hose, 1,500 ft.; play pipes, 9.

Engine House No. 2, Military St., above C. P. R. Station: Hand tub, hose-cart, 500 ft. hose, 1 play pipe, 4 ladders.

The alarms have been as follows :—

April 15th, 1892, alarm rung at 1 o'clock, A. M.,—house on Elm St. Destroyed.

May 8th, alarm at 8 A. M.,—Fire on roof of Kennedy block. Slight damage.

August 28th, alarm rung at 1 A. M.,—fire in Clough's livery stable, on Mechanic St. The fire had made such headway that it was impossible to save the stable. The men worked well, and saved the house closely connected, and many adjoining buildings.

October 3d, alarm rung at 2.30 A. M.,—fire in John Watson's dry house, on west side of the Meduxnekeag. The firemen re-

sponded very promptly, but it was impossible to save the building on account of the combustible nature, but other buildings, one of which was a large store-house, in which was stored many tons of starch, and other valuable property was saved.

October 8th, alarm rung at 1 A. M.,—Leighton store, (so called), on Military St., near old railroad station. Owing to the delay in getting horses, and the bad condition of the roads, the fire was beyond control before the company got there. Good work was done in saving other buildings. The Hook and Ladder Company worked well in pulling down burning walls.

October 18th, alarm rung at 1.30 A. M.,—fire in second story in Merritt's portion of brick block. Fire caught near a large oil tank, and but for the promptness and very excellent work of the men it would have been a very bad fire.

October 25th, alarm at 12.15 P. M.,—the new school building on North St. This was a hard fire to control, owing to the fire having caught in the basement and worked up between the walls, and the anxiety of some of the spectators to take matters into their own hands. Hook and Ladder Company worked well.—Building saved in a damaged condition.

December 25th, alarm rung at 6 P. M.,—fire in store occupied by W. S. Perks, druggist. Department responded promptly and did good work, tearing away wood-work from burning chimney. No water thrown.

January 6th, 1893, alarm rung at 6 A. M.,—Rice house, on Main St., occupied by Jeff Bradbury, caught from defective chimney; extinguished with a few pails of water.

January 14th, alarm rung at 12 M.,—fire on roof of the Houston cheese factory building, (so-called). Was used as a tenement house. The steamer, 3 hose carts and hook and ladder truck promptly responded, but fire was extinguished with a few pails of water.

January 23d, an unnecessary alarm at 9 P. M.,—burning chimney on Charles St.

Thanking all who have given us any assistance in the past year,

I remain, respectfully,

S. C. WEBBER, Chief Engineer.

(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 Heywood's Opera House, in said town, on Monday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1893, at 9 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 purchase a team to be used in the fire department, and if so, how much money the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept as town ways, the streets laid out by James Archibald, Ransford Shaw, George A. Hall and George Q. Nickerson, and dedicated to the public for streets, without damage, viz. . Highland Avenue, as shown on plan of "Highland's Addition to the Village of Houlton," made by C. E. F. Stetson, Surveyor, in December, 1892, and on file in the Aroostook Registry of Deeds. Also so much of Washburn street and Maple street as shown on said plan, as extends from said Highland Avenue to North street.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with parties to build a bridge across the Meduxnekeag Stream, to extend from the foot of Mechanic street to the southerly end of Washburn Avenue, as shown on plan mentioned in Article 6, provided the owners of the Washburn farm will pay to the treasurer of said town, when said bridge is finished, one-third of the amount expended by the town in constructing said bridge and approaches thereto, if so, what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 8. 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. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools.

ART. 10. 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. 11. To see if the Town will vote to enforce Temperance Instruction in all the Town Schools.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to provide Text Books for Temperance Instruction, in the different Schools of the town.

ART. 13. 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. 14. 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. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the School Committee or Supervisor to make such changes in the School Books now used in the town as they may deem expedient.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the purchase of School Text Books.

ART. 17. To see what instructions the town will vote to

give the Selectmen in regard to the purchase or establishment of an Electric Fire Alarm and Watchman Time System, and how much money the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Superintending School Committee or Supervisor relative to furnishing schooling for the families of G. W. Moore and others in the north part of District No. 4, or to take any action whatever relative to the matter, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of building a School-house for said families in said District.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to cause the removal of all obstructions in the Public Streets and Sidewalks, or over-hanging the same.

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

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairing and building of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, and how the same shall be paid and expended.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Cemeteries.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Fire Department, and Watchmen.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in aid of the Free Public Library in town.

ART. 25. 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. 26. 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. 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Health Committee to clear that portion of the Bailey Brook which runs through land owned by E. Woodbury, L. B. Johnson and Sarah Gallagher and the outlet of said Brook, and make a sewer of said Brook, and what sum of money the town will raise for same.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the doings of the Selectmen, whereby they have abated the taxes published in the Town Report, March 11th, 1893.

ART. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for observing Memorial Day.

ART. 30. To see what action the Town will take in relation to renting from the Houlton Water Company, six Fire Hydrants, not already leased by the town.

ART. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for land damages and for the making and opening the road located on the petition of John Poppin and others, by the County Commissioners, August 26, 1891.

ART. 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing roads in winter 1893-4.

ART. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Lighting the Streets of the Village.

ART. 34. To see what instructions the Town will vote to give the S. S. Committee or Supervisor in relation to having vocal music taught in the town schools.

ART. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair the Ingersoll road which runs from the North road to Woodford Ketchum's farm.

ART. 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Weather Signals.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to allow party or parties to build wooden buildings within the fire district.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to abate the poll tax of all persons over sixty years of age.

