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Annual Report

OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER
and AUDITOR



OF THE

TOWN OF HOULTON,

FROM

Mar. 10, '96 to Mar. 11, '97.

ALSO

Report of S. S. Committee,
Board of Health and
Chief Engineer.

HOULTON :

Aroostook Pioneer Steam Print.

1897.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Assessment—1896.

State Tax.....	\$	5,618	52
County Tax.....		6,728	54
Support of the Poor.....		2,000	00
Discount, Abatements & Commissions.....		3,000	00
Interest.....		3,000	00
Town Officers.....		1,500	00
Miscellaneous Bills.....		1,000	00
Schools.....		6,000	00
Free High School.....		1,200	00
Repairs on School-houses.....		750	00
Text Books.....		1,400	00
Fire Department and Watchmen.....		6,000	00
Memorial Day.....		100	00
Hall, &c., for National Guards.....		300	00
Rocks for Work Yard.....		300	00
Street Lights.....	0	1,200	00
Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks.....		2,000	00
Clearing Sidewalks in Winter.....		300	00
Cemeteries.....		300	00
Berlin Iron Bridge Co.....		349	76
Engine House Lot on Hill.....		100	00
Fitzmaurice Road.....		300	00
Overlays.....		1,495	84
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			\$44,942 66
Am't of Real Estate....	\$	1,507,886	00
Am't of Personal Estate		748,762	00
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	\$	2,256,648	00

Money Tax.

Tax on Real and Personal Estate....	\$40,619 66	
Tax on Polls.....	4,823 00	
		\$44 942 66

Number of Polls, 1441.
 Cash Poll Tax, \$3.00
 Cash Tax Rate, 018 on \$1.00

Highway Tax.

Assessment—Statute Labor.....		\$8,210 94
Tax on Real and Personal Estate....	\$6,769 94	
Tax on Polls.....	1,441 00	
		\$8,210 94

Highway Poll Tax, \$1.00

Highway Tax Rate, .003 on \$1.00
 (Statute Labor.)

Am't paid Thos. P. Putnam, Town Treasurer, less 50 per cent discount,	\$1,031 16
Discount on same, 50 per cent.....	515 58

Cash Road Fund	\$ 515 58
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Am't paid Thos. P. Putnam, Town Treasurer.....	\$1,031 16
Am't Assigned to Districts.....	7,179 78

\$8,210 94

Discounts Abatements and Commissions.

Discounts.

Discount on Taxes paid Thos. P. Putnam, Treasurer, (5 per cent,) 1896.	\$1,589 71
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Abatements.

W. A. Kay, Collector, abatements 92-93-94.....	\$942 79	
Martin Lawlis Collector, abatements 95.....	813 22	
Other abatements 1895-1896.....	217 04	
		<u>\$1,973 05</u>

Commissions.

Thos. P. Putnam, Tr.commission for collecting taxes.....	\$ 47 22	
W. A. Kay, Coll.....	310 63	
Martin Lawlis, Coll.....	350 00	
		<u>\$ 707 85</u>
		<u>\$4,270 61</u>
Am't appropriated.....	\$ 3,000 00	
overdrawn.....	1,270 61	
		<u>\$4,270 61</u>

Interest.

On Town Order No. 10-12-548... \$	366 67	
" " " 368.....	75 00	
" " " 447-153 -250	526 67	
" " " 726-252....	190 81	
" " " 49-50.....	90 00	
" " " 122.....	180 00	
" " " 762.....	195 00	
" " Bonds 1-40.....	1600 00	
		<u>\$3,224 15</u>
Am't appropriated.....	\$3,000 00	
Am't overdrawn.....	224 15	
		<u>\$ 3,224 15</u>

Pauper Account.

Paupers off the Farm.

ANNIE KEEN.

Perks Bros., medicine.....	\$ 5 80
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JUDITH B. PIKE

Maine Insane Hospital, board, &c....	138 70
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J. C. GOULD

Maine Insane Hospital, board &c.....	\$240 34
Martin Lawlis, for committing.....	38 00
	278 34

LULU McILROY

Industrial School, support.....	13 00
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J. PATRIQUEN & WIFE

R. L. Sloggett, cash.....	\$ 3 50
R. King, agt., tickets.....	7 20
	10 70

JANE WATSON

Mrs. Thos. Benson, board &c.....	\$124 57
J. A. Browne, dry goods, &c.....	5 00
H. L. Putnam, medical services....	2 50
	132 07

JACOB WHITE

E. Merritt & Sons, supplies.....	\$ 10 00
J. E. Robinson, supplies.....	3 00
	13 00

(This bill to be paid by town of Hodgdon.)

JERRY CRONIN

J. C. Harrigan, groceries.....	\$ 3 00	
L. Monson, groceries	5 00	
M. M. Clark, wood.....	3 00	
C. P. Tenney & Son, dry goods &c.....	3 85	
J. A. Miller, groceries.....	3 40	
	<hr/>	18 25

CHAS. McCANN

Robert Stephenson, board &c.....		28 50
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MRS. CLIFF & FAMILY

Alex. Wilson, wood.	\$ 1 50	
W. R. Yerxa, wood.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	5 50

JERRY ITALIAN & FAMILY

L. E. L. White, groceries.....	\$ 3 00	
V. G. Frisbie groceries.....	3 00	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, med. services.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	16 00

W. McFARLAND.

L. E. L. White, groceries.....	\$3 00	
J. C. Harrigan, groceries.....	3 21	
	<hr/>	6 21

I. SMITH'S BOY.

H. L. Putnam, med. services.....		15 00
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JOHN PELKEY & FAMILY.

C. A. Wiggin, wood.....	\$ 4 00	
M. D. Putnam, wood.....	2 00	
J. C. Harrigan supplies.....	9 00	
	<hr/>	15 00

MARONEY CHILD

J. M. Rice, casket &c.....	\$ 15 25	
M. Lawlis, moving remains.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	21 25

ARTHUR COREY

H. Bohan, Agt., ticket.....	\$ 3 60	
W. A. Kay, board.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	5 10

ALEX S. LAW.

Town of Ft. Fairfield, care &c.	15 40
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J. J. ELLIOTT.

C. H. Wilson, groceries.	\$ 3 41	
J. C. Harrigan, groceries.	7 30	
J. A. Millar, groceries.	3 34	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, med. services.	4 50	
		18 55

JOSIE R. GOULD'S CHILD

Mrs. I. Smith, board &c.	\$ 5 00	
H. L. Putnam, med. services.	10 00	
Mrs. L. E. White, expenses.	25 00	
		40 00

MRS. J. F. SIDELL.

Town of Washburn, care &c.	37 00
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MRS. CLARISSA SMITH & BOY

Keaton & Bradbury, supplies,	\$ 3 25	
Mrs. Mills, nursing.	7 00	
Mr. J. Dalton, nursing.	11 00	
John Hickey, labor.	17 00	
J. C. Harrigan, supplies.	4 58	
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood.	5 00	
J. O. Harrington, team.	35	
J. A. Millar, groceries.	11 24	
J. M. Rice, mattress.	2 50	
J. A. Browne, dry goods.	9 57	
H. J. Hatheway, medicine.	8 40	
W. R. Yerxa, wood.	12 25	
		92 14

(This bill to be paid by town of Bridgewater.)

MRS. S. SMITH & FAMILY

Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood.	\$ 2 50	
C. A. Wiggin, wood.	3 25	
J. C. Harrigan, groceries.	12 62	
Geo. Campbell, wood.	3 00	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, med. services.	11 00	
Louis Gartley, wood.	1 50	
		33 87

TRANSIENT PAUPERS.

James Radigan, meals.....	\$ 16 50	
Perks Bros., medicine.....	19 90	
J. H. Sinclair, ticket.....	5 35	
Mrs. C. Fowler, meals.....	75	
H. J. Hatheway, medicine.....	9 50	
C. W. Davenport, meals.....	50	
Mrs Fowler, meals.....	1 00	
Alex. Wilson, ticket.....	2 00	
W. H. Buzzell, meals &c.....	4 60	
W. N. Dyer, meals &c.....	2 75	
R. King, Agent., ticket.....	3 60	
Geo. H. Stevenson, board, &c.,....	2 50	
G. D. Sturtevant, Agt., tickets....	12 05	
Osgood Verrill, ticket home.....	3 00	
		84 00

MRS. GEO. GLIDDEN & FAMILY

H. C. Bradbury, supplies.....	6 85
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JOHN HICKEY & FAMILY

J. E. Robinson, groceries.....	5 75
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MRS. ALBRIGHT & FAMILY

J. C. Harrigan, supplies.....	2 54
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MRS INGHAM

M. Lawlis, cash paid out.....	2 00
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MARY MARONEY

T. J. Fitzmaurice, med. services.	3 00
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HENRY BURPEE

M. Lawlis, services.....	3 00
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\$ 1,066 52

Cash of Samuel Knox.....	25 95
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Total expense of paupers off the farm	\$ 1,040 57
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Names of Paupers on the Farm.

	AGE.
Mary Wilson.....	42 years.
Henry Willette.....	16 "
Alex. Gillis.....	40 "
Daniel McCann.....	55 "
Isaac Smith.....	50 "
Josie Gould's baby.....	1 "
James Forest.....	67 "
Alex. Law.....	52 "

**Names of Paupers who have been Kept on the Farm the
Past Year, Discharged or Died.**

Ami Murphy.
 Charles Murphy.
 Henry Burpee.
 Elmer Tibbetts.
 Thomas Keating.
 James Briggs.
 Archie Beaton
 Isaac Smith
 Carrie Tolin's child.
 Mike Kearney.
 Carrie B. Tolin.
 John Donovan.
 James Brown.

Town Farm.

H. C. Arnold, supplies,	\$ 43 57
H. K. Bradbury, supplies	4 25
J. Birmingham, treating horses	6 00
H. O. Berry, pole, roller, &c.	5 00
J. A. Browne & Co., dry goods	30 41
A. H. Berry & Son, Oil barrel	1 00
L. E. Chandler, labor &c.	30 40
Chadwick & Davis, lumber	11 92
F. L. Cook, supplies	5 80
James Cogan, repairs	3 40
N. S. Drake, meat	8 03
C. E. Dunn, phosphate	51 00
C. H. Davenport, team	50
Mrs. James Deasey, turkey	2 25
James Deasey, beef	5 60
R. H. Esters, labor	10 00
T. W. Ebbett, repairs	2 00
T. J. Eitzmaurice, medical services	15 50
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware	38 87
S. Friedman & Co, clothing	34 20
O. M. Foster, repairs	3 00
V. G. Frisbie, groceries	1 26
Gentle & Ludwig, insurance	63 00
J. C. Harrigan, supplies	47 05
G. L. Hammond, pigs	4 00
Henry Hare, cow	35 00
Houlton Foundry, repairs	2 50
H. J. Hatheway, medicine &c.,	21 90
Ingraham Clothing Co., clothing	4 05
Miles M. Keaton, casket	10 00
Martin Lawlis, team &c.,	15 50
Jacob Miller, plants	1 00
E. Merritt & Sons, supplies	11 50
D. McIlroy, labor	10 50
W. W. McDonald, blacksmithing	20 19
Mr. McLean, pasturing	3 00
Mansur & Kitchen, supplies	4 25
John A. Miller, supplies	13 52
O. Newhouse, supplies,	9 10

W. A. Nickerson, supplies,	60	
F. A. Nevers, medical attendance,	24	50
H. L. Putnam, " "	39	00
Page & Madigan, feed,	12	20
Perks Bros., medicine,	2	15
Mellen D. Putnam, onions, &c.,	6	00
John Riley, fish,	2	15
J. E. Robinson, groceries,	17	31
H. Smith, corn,	1	50
D. Sheehan, repairs,	8	40
Smith Bros., supplies,	1	80
A. P. M. Taber, blacksmithing,	1	80
C. P. Tenney & Son, supplies,	24	45
F. W. Titcomb, lumber,	3	53
John Watson, hardware,	56	30
C. E. Williams, med. services,	23	95
Alex. Wilson, barley and oats,	26	10
L. E. L. White, supplies,	19	73
J. H. Wingate, supplies,	6	10
C. H. Wilson, supplies,	5	35
E. Woodbury, supplies,	19	60
Ham Yerxa, overseer,	312	00
B. Yerxa, labor,	6	50
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		\$1,211 05

Town Farm Account.

To	Dr.	
1 horse,	\$125	00
1 horse,	60	00
1 colt—1 year old,	30	00
2 swine,	20	00
3 cows,	75	00
1 heifer—3 years old,	20	00
1 heifer—1 year old,	8	00
Grain,	50	00
Hay and straw,	100	00
Provisions,	25	00
Potatoes,	80	00
Tools, wagons, furniture &c.	470	00
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		\$1,063 00
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		\$2,274 05

By	CR.	
1 horse,	\$ 50 00	
1 colt—1 year old,	35 00	
5 swine,	30 00	
4 cows,	120 00	
1 heifer—2 yeers old,	10 00	
1 heifer—1 year old,	7 00	
Grain,	50 00	
Hay and straw,	60 00	
Provisions,	40 00	
Potatoes,	60 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture,	470 00	
1 horse to fire department,	100 00	
Potatoes sold,	13 50	\$1,045 50
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		\$1,228 55
Expense of paupers off the farm, .	\$1,040 57	
Expense of paupers on the farm, ..	1,228 55	
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		\$2,269 12
Amount appropriated,	\$2,000 00	
Amount overdrawn,	269 12	
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		\$2,269 12

Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks.

Isaiah Auber, labor,	\$10 50
F. H. Anderson, painting,	10 00
D. T. Armstrong, labor,	2 08
Wm. Anderson, "	3 00
Joseph Andrson, "	37 42
James Anderson, "	7 50
Alex. Anderson, "	5 12
Richard Anderson, "	75
S. D. Amazeen, "	5 00
Wilmot Brewer, "	190 74
Oscar S. Brown, "	66 00
O. L. Bean, "	8 13
E. Briggs, "	5 10

Harry Brannen, "	2 50
L. L. Benn, "	2 00
Patrick Cassidy, labor & cash paid out,	62 48
Cleveland & Ludwig, lumber,	79 75
Matt. Connors, labor,	6 56
Harlan Crane,	1 88
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	2 71
Chadwick & Wiggins, posts,	1 00
J. H. Dunphy, labor,	19 43
James Duffy, labor,	12 18
J. H. Deasy, lumber,	28 55
I. H. Davis, lumber,	112 26
Dill & Maxwell, lumber,	40 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware,	104 58
Nelson Herrin, gravel,	10 00
I. M. Harper, labor,	2 50
Dennis Hardiman,	6 25
Geo. L. Hammond, lumber,	42 19
John Hickey, labor,	38 38
H. R. Helms, labor,	1 65
A. F. Herrick, labor,	2 50
A. P. Heywood, labor,	25 72
John D. Hackett, labor,	15 00
Houlton Foundry, repairs,	60
Daniel Iott, labor,	4 20
Barnard Kerlin, labor,	2 10
H. H. Longstaff, labor,	1 80
G. W. Milbury, labor,	151 38
Willie E. Milbury, labor,	103 00
Rend E. Mooers, labor,	23 97
Alex. McDonald, labor,	8 13
James Milbury, labor,	3 00
Edward Monahan, labor,	3 13
Stephen McDonald, labor,	6 25
J. H. McPartland, labor,	1 60
H. O. Nickerson, lumber,	9 80
W. H. Putnam, gravel,	35 00
Geo. R. Pray, labor,	89 75
A. T. Putnam, labor,	62 75
Peter Pettigrove, labor,	3 75
S. F. Peabody, labor,	5 00

J. W. Porter, gravel.....	12 00
A. P. Perkins, services.....	1 50
Murry Russell, labor.....	23 13
Osbert Rafford, labor.....	25 88
Wm. L. Roach, labor.....	18 00
R. N. Ruth, labor.....	3 00
Marvin Small, labor.....	57 00
James Smith, labor.....	138 50
C. A. Swett, labor.....	5 10
S. H. Sincock, Jr., lumber.....	444 95
G. W. Small, rocks and labor.....	113 82
H. D. Smart, labor.....	8 10
Chas. E. F. Stetson, surveying.....	7 00
Chas. P. Tenney, cash paid for labor..	6 00
F. W. Titcomb, lumber.....	196 72
S. W. Taber, blacksmithing.....	1 75
A. P. M. Taber, blacksmithing.....	13 70
Alex. Wilson, lumber.....	32 80
H. N. Whitehead, sprinkler.....	25 00
C. N. Wilson, concrete walk.....	74 75
M. Wilson, lumber.....	102 36
John Watson, hardware.....	57 22
James Wiley, labor.....	112 51
W. R. Yerxa, trucking &c.....	80 72
Burns Yerxa, labor.....	6 25
S. Yerxa, labor.....	3 13

\$ 3,057 81

Amount appropriated.....	\$2000 00
Amount paid Treasurer (road fund)..	515 58
Amount overdrawn.....	542 23

\$ 3057 81

Sidewalk Fund (Winter.)

Wm. Anderson, labor.....	\$ 5 85
Murry Applebee, labor.....	90
W. Brewer, cash paid for labor..	25 00
Berry & Buzzell, labor.....	3 06
A. L. Chamberlin, cash paid for labor	10 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	2 00
G. B. Hunter, labor.....	18 00
John Hickey, labor.....	1 25

A. A. Stewart, labor.....	1 75	
S. W. Taber.....	6 00	
John Watson, repairs.....	1 65	
W. R. Yerxa, labor.....	57 66	
Amount unexpended.....	166 94	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00
Amount appropriated.....		\$ 300 00

Berlin Iron Bridge Co.

Berlin Iron Bridge Co. labor & materials	\$ 349 76
Amount appropriated.....	\$ 349 76

Fitzmaurice Road.

James Callahan, labor.....	\$ 2 00	
J. C. Carpenter, surveying.....	3 00	
S. T. Milbury, labor & material....	293 90	
Chas. Schools, labor.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 40
Amount appropriated.....	\$ 300 00	
Amount overdrawn.....	40	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 40

Rocks for County Work Yard.

J. A. Donovan, rocks.....	\$ 20 00	
Moses Kinney, ".....	25 00	
G. H. Kinney, ".....	25 00	
A. G. Putnam, ".....	21 50	
A. T. Putnam, ".....	8 50	
W. H. Putnam, ".....	4 00	
R. N. Ruth, ".....	25 00	
Robt. Stephenson, ".....	15 00	
John Watson, ".....	123 50	
Amount unexpended.....	32 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00
Amount appropriated.....		\$ 300 00

Memorial Day.

Amount appropriated.....	\$ 100 00
" paid G. A. R.....	\$ 100 00

Cemeteries.

Alex. Anderson, hauling dirt &c.	\$ 19 50	
Wm. Anderson, trucking.....	1 85	
O. L. Bean, labor.....	168 33	
Thos. Flint, labor.....	27 88	
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	5 05	
Freeman Hiscock, labor.....	6 50	
John Hackett, posts.....	7 52	
Martin Lawlis, labor men & teams...	16 00	
Barnard Kirlin, labor.....	1 50	
J. H. McPartland, labor &c.....	51 09	
W. H. Putnam, labor.....	4 00	
S. H. Sincock Jr., lumber.....	24 19	
John Watson, hardware.....	29 97	
James Wiley, labor.....	15 00	
		\$ 378 38
Amount appropriated.....	\$ 300 00	
Amount overdrawn.....	78 38	
		\$ 378 38

Hall and Lockers for National Guards.

F. M. Hume, Capt. Co. "L.".....	\$ 300 00	
Amount appropriated.....		\$ 300 00

Electric Lights.

E. Merritt & Sons, lights.....	\$ 25 20	
Houlton Electric Co., lights.....	1275 00	
E. Woodbury & Co., lights.....	10 80	
		\$ 1,311 00
Amount appropriated.....	\$1,200 00	
Amount overdrawn.....	111 00	
		\$ 1,311 00

Miscellaneous Bills.

Aroostook County, rent of Lockup....	\$ 25 00
Wilmot Brewer, labor.....	95 28
L. L. Benn, labor.....	2 00
W. H. Buzzell, meals.....	14 00
Buzzell Bros., meals.....	10 00
J. B. Bonnell, services.....	3 00

F. L. Billings, labor.....	2 00
J. A. Browne & Co., dry goods and services.....	10 53
Chadwick & Davis, lumber.....	10 55
L. E. Chandler, labor.....	5 00
Theo. Cary, printing.....	410 90
Patrick Cassidy, services.....	4 00
Cleveland & Ludwig, lumber.....	7 40
Frank Chamberlin, labor.....	2 00
F. L. Cook, books.....	2 00
M. M. Clark, recording 169 birth and death certificates.....	16 90
Geo. Cary, 34 certificates.....	8 50
T. S. Dickerson 43 certificates.....	10 75
Fred Drake, services.....	2 00
John H. Dunphy, sheep destroyed...	28 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	14 87
T. J. Fitzmaurice 14 certificates and postage.....	5 50
James Gillin, stamps &c.....	19 00
W. S. Gilman & Son., printing.....	125 96
S. A. Gray, tinware.....	2 00
A. W. Gidney, running ferry.....	12 00
Houlton Water Co., water.....	3 75
A. F. Herrick, labor.....	4 90
Maurice Hayes, services.....	2 00
Elias Hiscock services.....	2 00
Geo. L. Hammond, sheep destroyed..	3 00
A. P. Heywood, rent of hall.....	60 00
W. A. Kay, expense on tax deed.....	4 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books &c...	27 00
James B. Lindsey, services.....	10 00
C. A. Lyons, printing.....	16 50
H. Longstaff, trucking.....	15
M. Lawlis, expense on tax deed.....	17 76
John B. Madigan, services.....	10 00
W. E. Mansur, services.....	55 00
Geo. McNair, labor.....	4 00
James Milbury, labor.....	2 00
Reud E. Mooers, labor.....	18 33

S. C. Miller, clerical work	100 00
H. M. Orriss, binding books	16 00
D. A. H. Powers, prof. services &c.	22 00
H. L. Putnam, 50 certificates	12 50
Geo. L. Pennington, damages	16 00
Powers & Powers, prof. services and cash paid out	705 57
J. W. Peery, repairs &c.	8 50
F. M. Perry, services	1 00
Beecher Putnam, services	10 00
Thos. P. Putnam, stamps &c.	13 39
A. P. Perkins, services	30
J. E. Robinson, telephone	25 90
R. N. Ruth, services	3 50
R. W. Shaw, cash paid out	129 03
A. M. Smith, killing dog	1 00
C. A. Swett, services	43 90
James Swim, services	2 00
O. M. Smith, books	4 87
C. P. Tenney, cash pd. out	4 00
Arnold Toland, services	3 00
Addington Victory, services	2 00
Jacob White, labor	15 00
Wilson & Gorham, prof. services	460 00
J. H. Wingate, supplies	2 70
John Watson, hardware	30
E. B. White, care of clock	26 00
C. E. Williams, 41 certificates	10 25
Wm. York, labor	2 00
W. R. Yerxa, trucking	25

\$ 2,730 49

Amount appropriated	\$1000 00
“ license fees	85 00
“ dog license from State	66 21
“ for sheep killed from State	58 00
“ rent of Armory from State	100 00
“ R. R. & Tel. tax from State	28 05

\$ 1,337 26

Amount overdrawn	1,393 23
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\$ 2,730 49

The over draw in the above is largely due to the expense fo procuring a permanent injunction in suits, Houlton againsi Putnam & Rice, and Houlton against John M. Rice—for which there was no appropriation.

Fire Department and Watchmen

Richard Anderson, trucking.....	\$ 5 25
Wilmot Brewer, labor.....	95 35
W. H. Buzzell, meals.....	6 00
E. Briggs, trucking... ..	1 00
A. Bubar, straw & oats.....	16 88
Al. Chamberlin, services.....	520 08
Samuel Craig, hay.....	13 41
M. E. Crossin boughs.....	2 00
James Callaghan, oats & straw.....	40 75
Chadwick & Davis, lumber.....	3 00
James Cogan, repairs.....	4 55
J. T. Donovan, wood.....	93 75
James Dempsy, trucking.....	4 00
T. W. Ebbett, repairs... ..	7 50
S. Friedman & Co., coats.....	24 00
W. R. Faulkner, services.....	10 00
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	45 69
Fireman, Services 25 men.....	1245 00
W. G. Goodiell, trucking.....	5 50
Houlton Water Co., rent of hydrants.	2400 00
H. R. Helms, trucking... ..	1 00
H. J. Hatheway, medicine &c.,.....	4 50
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., coal....	43 40
Chas. Hagerty, hay	23 44
A. P. Heywood, hay.....	13 33
Hook & Ladder Co., services 15 men.	375 00
Houlton Foundry & Machine Co., repairs	3 10
Barney Kirlin, trucking.....	2 00
Miles M. Keaton, pillows.....	1 75
David Keaton, wood.....	27 00
W. A. Kay, sevices, Engr.....	50 00
H. Longstaff, trucking.....	3 00
M. Lawlis, use of horse.....	5 00

E. Merritt & Sons, grain.....	69	35	
C. H. McCluskey, repairs.....	11	95	
J. H. McPartland, labor &c.....	23	04	
Reud E. Mooers, services.....	12	08	
James Milbury, labor.....	3	00	
W. W. McDonald, blacksmithing....	10	78	
W. A. Nickerson, coal &c.....	14	45	
John M. Rice, mattress.....	2	75	
J. J. Royal, medicine.....		50	
R. N. Ruth, hay and wood.....	22	63	
Jas. H. Sinclair, watchman &c.....	456	24	
B. Small, ladders.....	16	51	
D. Sheehan, harness &c.....	39	40	
A. P. M. Taber, blacksmithing.....	6	03	
S. C. Webber, chief engineer.....	50	00	
S. C. Webber, watchman &c.....	456	24	
John Watson, hardware.....	163	59	
Alex. Wilson, straw and hay.....	38	29	
Wingate & Thorn, tinware &c.....		20	
J. H. Wingate, supplies.....	2	90	
Spurgeon Yerxa, trucking.....	1	00	
W. R. Yerxa, trucking.....	20	50	
			\$ 6517 66
One horse from Town Farm.....			100 00
			\$ 6617 66
Amount appropriated.....	\$ 6,000	00	
overdrawn.....		617 66	
			\$ 6,617 66

The horses in the Fire Department in addition to the work in the Department have more than earned their keeping by being used on street sprinkler, hauling dirt, gravel, rocks &c., on the streets, and plowing out the sidewalks.

Engine House Lot Near C. P. R. Station.

Amount appropriated.....	\$ 100	00
Amount unexpended.....	\$ 100	00

The party owning the land on which the engine house stands has not been able to give the town a good title, but will do so before the annual meeting, the town to pay \$75.00 for same,

Schools.

Frank L. Auber, janitor.....	\$ 6 00
W. M. Atchison, wood... ..	164 46
American Book Co., books.....	528 02
American Express Co., express....	9 20
Chas. W. Allen, desk.....	8 35
Eddie Atchison, janitor.....	7 00
Geo. W. Auber, supplies.....	2 90
Katherine Berry, teaching	330 00
A. M. Bachelder, janitor.	124 00
W. F. Burt, labor.....	15 41
Billings & Watt's, fence stones.....	30 00
E. Briggs, labor.....	1 00
Eliza Brown, cleaning... ..	6 50
Alson Barker, labor.....	1 00
P. N. Burleigh, surveying	3 00
May E. Cosseboom, teaching....	271 00
Vesta E. Chadwick, teaching.....	247 50
Harlan Crane, right of way.....	5 00
L. P. Cassidy, wood.....	30 00
Alice G. Cassidy, teaching.....	297 00
Ella M. Cassidy, teaching.....	231 25
Joseph W. Conlogue, labor.....	30 50
John Conlogue, wood.....	14 25
J. G. Chadwick, labor.....	20 00
Theo. Cary, printing.....	3 50
A. L. Colton & Co., file.....	1 50
Alberta DeGrass, teaching.....	218 00
Mariana Donovan, teaching.....	222 30
John H. Dunphy, wood.....	12 00
John T. Donovan, wood.....	55 12
Annie Donovan, teaching.....	298 65
W. C. Donnell, insurance.....	136 50
Molly A. Donovan, cleaning.....	10 00
Mrs. J. Daigle, cleaning.....	2 50
Albert Doak, wood.....	3 75
Wm. Dobson, labor.....	3 00
Ira Foster, janitor.....	6 25
A. H. Fogg & Co., hardware.....	107 08
Mrs. J. Foster, cleaning.....	18 00
L. M. Felch, books.....	97 18

Ginn & Co., books.....	402 35
Abbie I. Griffin, teaching.....	270 60
Gertle & Ludwig, insurance.....	152 00
Enoch Grant, labor.....	4 80
S. A. Gray, tinware..	1 75
O. C. Grant, land damages.....	5 00
W. S. Gilman & Son., printing.....	7 78
S. H. Hanson, enumeration of scholars	20 00
Houlton Coal & Wood Co. coal.....	75 25
John Helms, labor.....	1 00
Lizzie Hogan, teaching.....	121 30
Annie M. Haskell, teaching.....	236 95
Geo. L. Hammond, wood &c.....	6 75
J. H. Hammett & Co., books.....	115 75
Houlton Water Co., water.....	171 25
Houlton Sewer Co. sewer.....	90 00
Lucy Hannigan, cleaning.....	3 50
Houlton Foundry, labor.....	14 40
Geo. A. Hammond, wood &c.....	23 50
Albert P. Hogan, wood.....	50 25
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. books.....	12 97
Mrs. Thomas Iott, cleaning.....	3 50
Daniel Iott, janitor.....	315 75
Henry Jordan, labor.....	4 00
W. H. Jordan, wood &c.....	8 65
Ethel Jenks, teaching.....	182 00
Sadie Johnston, janitor.....	3 50
John Kingdon, janitor.....	116 00
Herbert Kinney, janitor.....	2 45
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn books....	229 46
Lillian V. Lougee, teaching.....	315 00
Frank Lowery, wood &c.....	62 20
Chas. A. Lyons, printing.....	7 50
Chas. Logan, wood.....	8 25
Walter McFarlain wood.....	6 00
Frank McMonigal wood.....	17 00
Geo. McNair labor.....	48 75
A. J. Maker, book.....	5 50
Sarah E. Mulherrin, teaching.....	299 00
Josephine Mulherrin, teaching.....	291 70
J. H. McPartland, plumbing &c.....	24 86

Mellen C. Niles, janitor.....	40 90
Geo. Neal, wood.....	26 50
Samuel Niles, labor... ..	3 00
H. M. Orris, rebinding.....	23 50
Frank Ouillette, labor &c.....	28 00
Carrie Parks, janitor.....	12 95
Annie Pennington, teaching.....	297 00
Margaret A. Porter, teaching.....	297 00
Alice M. Porter, teaching.....	297 00
Piqua School Furniture Co. furniture	212 12
S. W. Putnam, labor.....	8 00
H. L. Putnam, supplies.....	51 30
W. H. Putnam, gravel.....	1 00
Prang Educational Co., books.....	6 24
Zephaniah Parks, labor.....	3 50
Percy Parks, wood.....	4 25
Georgia M. Robbins, teaching.....	289 50
Ida M. Record, teaching.....	214 50
Robert Ruth, wood.....	24 00
Alice E. Roach, teaching.....	301 50
Henry Savoy, labor.....	5 75
S. H. Sincok, Jr., lumber.....	39 10
C. A. Swett, labor.....	4 12
Smith Bros., labor.....	6 20
Harry Slocum, janitor.....	3 50
Maud Savoy, cleaning.....	3 50
J. M. Seely, supplies.....	9 80
O. M. Smith, supplies.....	8 05
S. W. Taber, blacksmithing.....	10 50
Chas. C. Traviss, teaching.....	110 00
University Pub. Co., books.....	164 20
Union Seating Co., furniture.....	47 70
W. S. Webb, teaching.....	903 72
John Watson, hardware.....	460 97
Jacob White, labor.....	3 50
Werner School Book Co., books.....	292 90
Wingate & Thorn, tinware.....	12 80
J. H. Wingate, tinware.....	9 35
Daniel We' ster labor.....	1 40

Harry Wilson, wood.....	30 00	
W. R. Yerxa, trucking &c.....	39 21	
		\$11,624 19
Amount appropriated.....	\$8,150 00	
" unexpended Mar. 10 '96....	82 16	
" received for books & tuitions	41 00	
received from State.....	3 157 09	
overdrawn (due town).....	194 67	
		\$ 11,624 92

Free High School.

Ricker Classical Institute, tuition....		\$1,450 00
Amount appropriated.....	\$1,200 00	
" received from State.....	250 00	
		\$1,450 00

Town Officers.

Michael M. Clark, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, High- way Surveyor, and Town Clerk, and Clerk hire.	\$500 00	
Alexander Wilson, (Selectmen, Overseers) of Poor, Assessors &	250 00	
Mellen D. Putnam (Highway Surveyors.)	150 00	
Thomas P. Putnam, Treasurer.....	175 00	
Geo. A. Gorham, Auditor.....	50 00	
R. W. Shaw, Town Agent.....	240 50	
H. L. Putnam, Supervisor.....	300 00	
A. B. Smart, Truant Officer &c.....	38 74	
T. J. Fitzmaurice, Health Officer.....	70 00	
C. E. Williams, " "	25 00	
A. B. Smart, " "	38 00	
A. P. Perkins, Constable	5 00	
		\$1842 19
Amount appropriated.....	\$1,500 00	
" overdrawn.....	342 19	
		\$1,842 19

Recapitulation.

Orders Drawn.

Discounts, Abatements & Commissions	\$4,270 61
Interest	1,624 15

Paupers off of the Farm.....	1,066 52	
Town Farm.....	1,211 05	
Roads Bridges and Sidewalks.....	3,057 81	
Sidewalks (winter).....	133 06	
Berlin Iron Bridge.....	349 76	
Fitzmaurice Road.....	300 40	
Rocks for County Work Yard.....	267 50	
Memorial Day.....	100 00	
Cemeteries.....	378 38	
Hall and Lockers for National Guards	300 00	
Electric Lights.....	1,311 00	
Miscellaneous Bills.....	2,730 49	
Fire Department and Watchmen.....	6,517 66	
Schools.....	11,624 92	
Free High School.....	1,450 00	
Town Officers.....	1,842 24	
Temporary Loans.....	45,000 00	
		\$83,535 55
Number of orders, 761, am't of same		\$83,535 55
Coupons on town bond paid by Treas- urer for which no order was drawn		\$1,600 00

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
Accrued interest on bonds.....			337 78
Order No. 447 interest 5 1-4 per cent.			6,000 00
“ “ 122 “ 6 “ “			3,000 00
“ “ 49 “ 6 “ “			800 00
“ “ 50 “ 6 “ “			200 00
“ “ 368 “ 5 “ “			1,500 00
“ “ 449 “ 6 “ “			5,000 00
“ “ 577 “ 6 “ “			5,000 00
“ “ 579 “ 6 “ “			5,000 00
“ “ 618 “ 6 “ “			5,000 00
Accrued interest on orders.....			628 75
Outstanding claims estimated.....			400 00
			\$72,886 53

Resources.

Cash in Treasury.....	\$ 571 34	
Uncollected taxes 1895.....	2,211 66	
Uncollected taxes 1896.....	11,639 04	
Tax deeds.....	37 39	
Note of O. & F. Hanning.....	9 19	
Tax deeds.....	541 69	
Amount due from schools.....	194 67	
Outstanding claims estimated.....	800 00	
		\$16,004 98
Excess of liabilities, Mar. 1897.....		56,861 55
Excess of liabilities, Mar. 1896.....		54,361 81
		\$2,499 74
Farm buildings, farm and wood lot	\$5,500 00	
Stock, furniture, tools hay grain..	932 00	
Highway tools and road machines.	750 00	
Hearse.....	500 00	
Gravel lots.....	250 00	
Town buildings & lot.....	5,700 00	
Lumber, wood, coal and rocks....	300 00	
Engines, hose, ladders, horses &c. fire department.....	8,700 00	
		\$22,632 60
Amount of Resources brought forward.....		16,004 98
		38,636 98
School property.....		39,000 00
		\$77,636 98
Liabilities.....		72,866 53
		\$4,770 45
Resources in excess of liabilities Mar. '97		\$4,770 45
Resources in excess of liabilities Mar. '96		\$7,026 19

Non Resident Taxes of year 1894.

1896.

March 10,	To Balance of same, to Treasurer by W. A. Kay collector.....	\$ 23 62
	To Interest, &c. on same	1 78
	To Interest and costs included in Tax Deed.....	2 34
		\$27 74

CR.

By Taxes and interest collected including abatements made.....	\$ 15 95
By Treasurer's Tax Deed.	11 79
\$27 74	

Thomas P. Putnam as Collector in account with Town of Houlton.

1896.

March 10.	To Balance 1895 Taxes...	\$10,105 60
	To Supplementary Tax (W. H. Hall.).....	28 86
	To Interest.....	28
		\$10,134 74

CR.

By Cash.....	\$ 944 25
By Interest.....	28
By Balance 1895 Taxes } committed to Martin } Lawlis Collector..... }	9,190 21

\$10,134 74

Martin Lawlis Collector in account with Town of Houlton.

1896.

April 15.	To Balance 1895 Taxes.	\$ 9,190 21
	To Interest on 1895 "	325 00
	To Interest on 1895 Taxes	

in Tax Deeds	40 72
To Costs included in Tax Deeds	17 76
	9,573 69
To Balance 1896 Taxes..	13,148 48
	\$22,722 17

Cr.

By Cash & Abatements on 1895 Taxes	\$ 6,535 67
By Tax Deeds as follows:	
{ Taxes . . . \$442 88 }	
{ Interest . . 40 72 }	501 36
{ Costs 17 76 }	
By Interest collected on 1895 Taxes	325 00
By Cash on 1896 Taxes..	1,509 44
By Balance 1895 Taxes uncollected	2,211 66
By Balance 1896 Taxes uncollected	11,639 04
	\$22,722 17

Wm. A. Kay Collector in acct. with Town of Houlton. 1896.

March 10. To Balance Taxes	\$ 1,709 69
To Interest on Taxes	44 62
To Interest on Tax in Tax Deed	4 29
To Costs in Tax Deed	4 00
	\$ 1,762 60

Cr.

By Tax Deed as follows:	
{ Tax 20 25 }	
{ Interest . . 4 29 }	\$ 28 54
{ Costs 4 00 }	
By Interest collected on Taxes	44 62
By Cash and abatements.	1,689 44
	\$ 1,762 60

The following list shows Tax Deeds acquired by the Town of Houlton during the Municipal year 1896.—Giving the names of Persons to whom real estate was taxed and amounts paid for Deeds.

E. A. Mansfield.....	\$11 79
Robt. P. McNally.....	28 54
S. D. Amazeen.....	62 52
Samuel E. Baker.....	16 47
Charles Beatte.....	18 88
Fred W. Coburn.....	292,83
B. A. Donovan.....	12 83
Robt. P. McNally.....	38 28
James McKenna.....	20 82
James McKenna.....	23 00
E. A. Mansfield.....	15 73
Total	\$541 69

The following list shows Tax Deeds held in Trust by Town Treasurer. Giving names of Persons to whom real estate was taxed. Names of purchasers and amounts realized for Deeds.

To whom Taxed.	Purchasers	Amts.
H. K. Bradbury.	Hannah Chalmers	\$40 70
Lionel T. Clough	{ John P. Donworth as Trustee of Est. of Ma- ry E. Langley dec. }	74 64
L. C. Raymond	Silas T. Plummer	12 83
A. A. Talbot	Bert L. Ingraham	11 62

Any of the above Tax Deeds may be paid and real estate re-deemed according to law.

Treasurer's Report.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM, Treasurer,
In account with the Town of Houlton.

1896.

March 11, To Balance Cash in Treasury	\$ 848 89	
“ Non Resident Taxes-yr...		
1894.....	23 62	
“ Balance Taxes-1892-1893-		
1894.....	1709 69	
“ Balance 1895 Taxes	10105 60	
		\$ 12687 80
“ Rec'd of Sam'l Knox, fu- neral expenses &c., Allen Knox.....		25 95
“ Rec'd for Bridge fines...		3 00
“ “ School Tuition,.... Town of Hodgdon.		37 50
“ “ School Tuition,.... A. A. Stewart...		1 75
“ “ Sale of School Books		1 75
“ “ “ “ Potatoes from Town Farm.....		13 50
“ “ License Fees.....		85 00
“ “ Dog Licenses, for... yr. 1896.....		46 00
“ “ Dog Licenses, yr... 1895 Refunded by State,.....		66 21
“ “ State Pensions,.... from State...		120 00
“ “ For Sheep killed by Dogs, from State		58 00
“ “ Rent of Armory,.. from State...		100 00
“ “ Railroad and Tele- graph Tax from State		28 05
“ “ High School Fund from State....		250 00
“ “ School Fund and To Rec'd Interest and		

Mill Tax, from		
State.....		3157 09
“ “ Highway Tax....		
1896.....		515 58
“ Temporary Loans as follows.....		
Order No. 10, Farmers Nat'l Bank. . . .	\$5000 00	
Order No 12, Farmers Nat'l Bank.....	5000 00	
Order No. 153 Penobscot Savings Bank	5000 00	
Order No. 250 Penobscot Savings Bank	5000 00	
Order No. 252 First Nat'l Bank.....	5000 00	
Order No. 449 Phi'o A. Strickland....	5000 00	
Order No. 577 First Nat'l Bank.....	5000 00	
Order No. 579 Farmers Nat'l Bank... .	5000 00	
Order No. 618 Farmers Nat'l Bank	5000 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 45000 00
To Rec'd Interest on Non Resident 1894 Tax, T. P. Putnam Col. . .		\$ 4 12
To Rec'd Interest on 1895 Taxes, T. P. Putnam Col.		28
To Rec'd Supplementary 1895 Tax, T. P. Putnam Col.		28 86
To Rec'd Interest and Costs on 1894 Tax Deed, W. A. Kay Col.		8 29
To Rec'd Interest on 1894 Taxes, W. A. Kay Col.		44 62
Costs on 1895 Tax		

	Deeds, M. Lawlis Col.	58 48
	To Rec'd Interest on 1895 Taxes, M. Lawlis Col.	325 00
	To Rec'd Supplementary Tax 1896.....	285
	To Rec'd Cash Tax Assessed for 1896.....	44942 66
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		\$107,612.34
Cr.	By Paid State Pensions.	\$ 120.00
 Dog licenses to State Treas...	46 00
 Coupons on Town Bonds.....	1600 00
 Order No. 548 of 1895.....	\$ 5000 00
 Order No. 762 of 1895.....	5000 00
 Order No. 763 of 1895.....	5000 00
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		\$ 15000 00
 County Tax for 1896 in full..	\$ 6728 54
 State Tax for 1896 in full...	5618 52
 Town Orders, year 1896.....	63535 55
 Balance as follows:.....	
 Taxes year 1895	\$ 2211 66
 " " 1896	11639 04
 Tax Deeds.	541 69
 Cash in Treasury	571 34
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		\$ 14963 73
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March 10, 1897.		\$ 107612 34

THOMAS P. PUTNAM, Town Treasurer.
 GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor
 MICHAEL M. CLARK,) Selectmen
 ALEXANDER WILSON,) of
 MELLEN D. PUTNAM,) Houlton.

Auditors Report.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the past year, and find them kept in a correct and business like manner, and agreeing with their statements, as published elsewhere in this report.

The Uncollected Taxes are as follows :

Balance Taxes of 1895,	\$2,211 66
Balance Taxes of 1896,	11,639 04
Tax Deeds as follows :	
E. A. Mansfield,	11 79
E. A. Mansfield,	15 73
James McKenna,	23 00
James McKenna,	20 82
Sam'l E. Baker,	16 47
B. A. Donovan,	12 83
R. P. McNally,	38 28
R. P. McNally,	28 54
Chas. R. Beatte,	18 88
S. D. Amazeene,	62 52
F. W. Coburn,	292 83
	541 69
Total,	\$14,392 39

GEORGE A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 10, 1897.

Report of Board of Education.

The Schools of the town have been in session thirty-three weeks during the past School year. During this time commendable advancement has been made, with but few exceptions.

The average attendance in the schools throughout the town has been good.

Since 1889 this town has erected eight new buildings for school purposes at an expense of about \$35,000. Few towns in the State, of the size of Houlton afford equal school facilities.

There are now, in Houlton thirteen School houses. Repairs will be needed upon the Cary Mills School house the coming year. The furniture in the Central Building should be renewed and revarnished; some of this furniture was in use in the old School Building. While several other School Buildings in the different sections of the town need painting and other improvements.

The Board of Education are of the opinion that no outlay of money on the part of the town in matters pertaining to education, is of more importance than a wise and prudent expenditure in the improvement and repair of School buildings. In every case where the condition of School buildings has been improved the Board of Education has observed an increased interest on the part of citizens and pupils alike, and a correspondingly marked progress in deportment and studies in the school.

The sum of \$850.00 is asked for to meet the repairs the coming year. This amount will be needed to make the repairs necessary to maintain the Schools in good condition.

In our last annual report, we referred to the need of some repairs upon the Donovan School house. Upon examination

it was found that more extended repairing, than was at first expected, would be called for. The Building has been thoroughly overhauled, provided with modern School furniture and is now in excellent condition for school purposes.

Some evil minded and depraved individuals have seen fit to injure and disfigure the School houses located near the Deasy farm, on the North road, and near Moose Brook, on the County road. A reward of \$20, has been offered, by the school authorities, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of said parties.

The statutes are very plain and rigid on this point and the Board of Education intend to punish to the full extent of the law any one found guilty of an offence of this nature.

Transportation to and from school has been provided for the scholars living in the eastern part of the town, on Military road, during the winter term.

The town of Hodgdon has paid tuition for five pupils at Cary Mills School. This is done as an accommodation to certain families living near this school.

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.

Attendance for the year was as follows: 66 at the summer term; 88 at the fall term; 83 at the winter term.

Cost to the town	\$ 1200.00
Cost to the State	250.00

Total	\$1450.00
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The pupils who passed the regular examination, June 26, 1896, to admit them to Ricker Classical Institute, as Free High School scholars, are:

- Archibald, Bernard
- Browne, Clare L.
- Burpee, Mary G.
- Burpee, George

Chandler, Linna F.
 Cox, James
 Clark, Walter B.
 Cummings, Hattie A.
 Deasy, Nellie C.
 French, Leroy B.
 Herrick, H. Blanche
 Kinney, Cheney H.
 Kinney, Bessie E.
 Linton, Jennie Mae
 Macdonald, Louise
 Mooers, Marion E.
 Mullen, Robert B.
 Nickerson, Eva G.
 Powers, Hotense B.
 Pray, Eva J.
 Rogers, Winnie F.
 Sullivan, Annie E.
 Syphers, Herbert L.
 Taber, Lucy M.
 Taber, Isa Mae
 Traviss, Lila

We recommend the following appropriation for the ensuing year:—

Schools.....	\$6,000 00
Repairs.....	850 00
Text Books.....	750 00
Free High School (to be expended at Ricker Classical Institute)	1,400 00

ALBERT A. BURLEIGH, Chairman	} Board of Edu- cation,
JOHN B. MADIGAN,	
VINAL B. WILSON,	
JOHN A. MILLAR,	
HARRY L. PUTNAM, Superintendent.	

Report of Board of Health.

There have been reported to the Board of Health during the year, the following cases of contagious diseases:

Typhoid Fever, 27 cases with one death; Scarlet Fever, 7 cases, with no deaths; Diphtheria, 3 cases, with no deaths; One death occurred which was not reported to the Board, probably from diphtheria. The exact number of contagious cases that have occurred, we are unable to state, as a number of instances have come to our knowledge in which no report was made to the Board.

About fifty nuisances have been visited and attended to, such as heaps of refuse, uncleaned vaults, &c. All cases complained of were looked after immediately. Several tours of inspection have been made by the Board through the populated portion of the village and the owners of nuisances notified of their existence when found. Our requests with few exceptions have been cheerfully complied with.

T. J. FITZMAURICE,
Secy., Board of 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 stands in its usual good condition.

The alarms have been as follows :

May 6, 1896, alarm rung at 3 P. M.—fire in Mrs. Glidden's house on Pleasant St., also spreading to Friedman's house. By good work the firemen succeeded in saving both houses with slight damage.

May 12, 1896, alarm rung at 8.10 A. M.—fire in ell of Robert Palmer's buildings on Main St. Damage slight; one fireman badly cut.

May 16, 1896, alarm rung about 10 A. M.,—McLane house on Bangor St. Fire Company responded very promptly and succeeded in saving building with slight damage.

June 25, 1896, slight fire in Hutchinson's Laundry; no hose laid.

Oct. 14, 1896, alarm rung at 7.30 A. M.,—fire in Theo. Cary's building on Main St. Firemen responded very promptly and averted what might have been a bad fire, with slight damage.

Nov. 21, 1896, alarm rung at 5.45 P. M.,—fire in the Geo. Whenman's building on Main St., above C. P. R. Station; building quite badly damaged, owing to long distance from engine house.

Dec. 17, 1896, alarm rung at 6.30 P. M.,—fire in F. F. Frisbie's store on Union Square, caused by lamp exploding; slight damage.

Dec. 25, 1896, alarm rung at 10.30 A. M.,—chimney burning out in L. Power's house on Main St; no damage.

Dec. 28, 1896, alarm rung at 10.15 A. M.,—burning of chimney in Whenman's blacksmith shop; no damage.

Jan. 28, 1897, alarm rung at 8.30 A. M.,—chimney burning in Chandler house, Market Square; no damage.

Feb. 25, 1897, alarm at 3.30 P. M.,—burning chimney in Lowe house, High St; no damage.

Mar. 4, 1897, alarm at 3.45 p. m.,—House of I. M. Hill, Calais St. The department responded promptly, but the stable was well on fire before the alarm was given. Had it not been for the bursting of the suction, this fire would have been confined to the stable. House and ell badly damaged.

Thanking all for any assistance rendered,

I remain respectfully,

S. C. WEBBER, Chief Engineer.