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Assessors' Report.

Following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in the Town of Houlton, April 1st, 1898, the same being a copy of our return to the State Assessors:—

Resident, real estate,	\$1,353,617 00	
Non-Resident, real estate,	142,571 00	
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Total real estate,		\$1,496,188 00
Resident, personal estate,	734,558 00	
Non-Resident, personal estate,	13,993 00	
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Total personal estate,		\$748,551 00
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Total valuation,		\$2,244,739 00
No. of polls taxed,	1219.	
No. of polls not taxed,	43.	

Schedule of Personal Property.

Live Stock.	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value.
Horses,	754	\$40 34	\$30,415 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	21	34 75	730 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	36	25 00	900 00
Colts under 2 years old,	24	19 60	470 00
Mules,	4	50 00	200 00
Cows,	504	18 00	9,042 00
Three years old,	82	15 00	1,230 00
Two years old,	160	12 00	1,920 00
One year old,	102		808 00
Sheep,	750	2 50	1,875 00
Swine,	164		513 00
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Total value of live stock,			\$48,103 00
	Shares.	Value.	
Railroad stock,		\$2,600 00	
Bank stock,	1225	151,855 00	
Trust companies stock,	127	13,795 00	
Sewer " "	192	4,200 00	
Water " "	1930	38,600 00	
Money at interest,		181,900 00	
Estates held in trust,		20,500 00	
Stock in trade,		214,583 00	
Machinery,		16,550 00	
Logs and lumber,		5,100 00	

Bicycles,	145	4,530 00	
Carriages,	174	7,445 00	
Musical instruments,	300	20,465 00	
Furniture,		3,050 00	
Finished products in mills,		300 00	
Materials in stock,		500 00	
Buildings on others land,		14,475 00	
			<u>\$700,448 00</u>
Total value of personal property,			748,551 00

Assessment, 1898.

On the above polls and estates, as per warrants from the State Treasurer and County Treasurer, and as per votes of the Town at the annual town meeting held March 21, 1898, the following assessment was made :—

State tax,	\$7,168 51
County tax,	9,235 30
Support of the poor,	2,000 00
Discounts, abatements and com- missions,	3,500 00
Interest,	3,000 00
Town Officers,	1,500 00
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00
Schools,	6,000 00
Free high school,	1,600 00
Repairs on school-houses,	750 00
Text books,	750 00
Supervisor of schools,	300 00
Fire department and watchmen,	6,250 00
Heater for fire department,	125 00
Street lights,	1,375 00
Hall, &c., for National Guards,	200 00
Road Commissioner,	450 00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks,	5,500 00
Sidewalks in winter,	500 00
Bridge on County road,	500 00
Bridge at West Houlton,	500 00
Change in Letter B road,	50 00
Slipp road,	125 00
Dykeman road,	200 00
Rocks for County work-yard,	100 00
Gravel pit, West Houlton,	150 00
Repairs on farm buildings,	200 00

Repairs on Town Hall,	250 00	
Cemeteries,	450 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Overlay,	334 82	
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Total assessment,		\$54,163 63
Tax rate on \$1.00 .0225		
Tax on polls \$3.00 each,	\$3,657 00	
Tax on real and personal estate,	50,506 63	
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		<u>\$54,163 63</u>

THOMAS P. PUTNAM,	} Assessors of Houlton.
SAMUEL LANE,	
WALLACE A. DYKEMAN,	

Report of the Selectmen.

Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

Interest Account.

To paid interest as follows :		
Coupons on town bonds Nos. 1 to 60,	\$ 2,400 00	
Penobscot Savings Bank on order No. 447 of year 1894,	315 00	
Houlton Savings Bank on order No. 474 of year 1897,	75 00	
Mary A. Bickford in full,	59 70	
Mary E. Macomber in full,	184 58	
Houlton Savings Bank on orders —temporary loans—year 1898,	181 92	
Amount to cemetery account for care of Hannah J. Bailey lot,	9 72	
Balance unexpended,	397 06	
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		\$3,622.98
Amount appropriated,	3,000 00	
Balance from year 1897,	213 26	

Interest on taxes, collected and paid to Treasurer by M. Law- lis, Coll.,	400 00	
Interest from Houlton Savings Bank on Hannah J. Bailey fund,	9 72	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$3,622.98</u>

The amount required to pay one year's interest on the Town debt is \$2825.00. The interest collected on taxes will probably be sufficient to pay interest on temporary loans made during the summer, and with the unexpended balance on hand we think an appropriation of \$2750.00 will be sufficient for the coming year.

Discounts, Abatements, and Commissions.

Discounts.

Five per cent. discount on taxes, paid Frank A. Gellerson, Town Treasurer,	\$ 2,063 03
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Commissions.

Martin Lawlis, Collector, commissions on taxes collected in full to March 1, 1899,	559 37
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Abatements.

Martin Lawlis, Coll. on 1895 taxes,	\$ 331 28	
Martin Lawlis, Coll. on 1896 taxes,	85 05	
Martin Lawlis, Coll. on 1897 "	46 45	
Martin Lawlis, Coll. on 1898 "	20 43	
Other abatements,	397 63	
	<u> </u>	\$ 880 84
Balance unexpended,		2 34
		<u>\$3,505 58</u>
Amount appropriated,	\$3,500 00	
Baiaance from year 1897,	5 58	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$3,505 58</u>

For Discounts, Abatements and Commissions during the coming year we recommend \$3850.00.

Memorial Day.

Amount appropriated,	\$ 100 00
Amount paid G. H. Smith, Quartermaster A. P. Russell Post G. A. R.,	\$ 100 00

We think the usual \$100.00 appropriation should be raised this year.

Company L, N. G. S. M.

Amount appropriated,	\$ 200 00
" received from State towards rent of Hall,	100 00
	\$ 300 00
Amount unexpended,	300 00

Owing to the war with Spain no money was called for or used for militia purposes, and we think no money need be raised for same next year. The \$300.00 unexpended being sufficient.

Pauper Account.**Paupers off the Farm.****JUDITH B. PIKE.**

Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc.,	\$133 50
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MERCHIE STEWART.

Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc.,	\$147 02
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Mr. Stewart was discharged from the hospital Oct. 15th, 1898.

ANNIE LEONARD.

Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc.,	10 71
Yerxa, Ham, expenses to Augusta,	17 50
B. & A. R. R., tickets,	17 60
Putnam, H. L., medical examination,	3 50
	\$49 31

JANE WATSON.

Benson, Mary J., board and nursing,	110 00
Tenney, C. P., supplies,	4 29
	\$114 29

MELZER B. HOWE.

Nevers, F. A., medical attendance,	\$50 00	
Dickison, T. S., " "	22 00	
Stone, Clarence, nursing,	27 00	
Coburn, F. W., board,	124 00	
	<hr/>	\$223 00

JOHN PELKEY and Family.

Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	\$2 38
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BERTHA GRAY.

Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	\$2 38
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MRS. SKIFFINGTON and Family.

Peabody, Robert T., milk,	8 45	
Nevers, F. A., medical attendance,	25 00	
Wilson, C. H., supplies,	1 25	
Hathaway, H. J., medicine,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 70

JAMES MOOERS and Family.

Peabody, R. T., milk,	\$16 21
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MRS. FORTIER and Family.

Mansur & Kitchen, boots,	3 95	
Smith, A. T., " "	1 00	
Perks Bros., medicine,	2 50	
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical attendance,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 45

GEO. W. ANDERSON.

Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	\$2 00
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MRS. E. SAVAGE and child.

Savage, A. S., board and nursing,	25 00	
Lane & Pearce, supplies,	5 35	
Richards, Geo. W., supplies,	3 57	
Perks Bros., medicine,	25	
	<hr/>	\$34 17

GEORGE WILLETT.

Webber, S. C., expenses bringing Willett from Patten.	7 20	
Williams, C. E., medical attendance,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 20

CLEMENT CYR and Family.

Ross, C. Fred, supplies,	5 00
Gillin, E. A. & Co., supplies,	4 00
Williams, C. E., medical attendance,	10 60

Mouson, A. B., supplies,	1 50	
Lane & Pearce, "	1 36	
Niles, Clarence, "	8 00	
Perks Bros., medicine,	2 25	
	<u> </u>	\$32 71

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN'S Boy.

Smith, A. T., boots,	1 25	
Mansur, W. P., boots,	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2 25

MRS. ELIZABETH RIDEOUT.

Millar, John A., supplies,	2 00	
Cary, George, medical attendance,	16 75	
Putnam, H. L., " "	10 00	
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	8 00	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine,	6 20	
	<u> </u>	\$42 95

GEORGE NILES and Family.

Lane & Pearce, supplies,	3 24	
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance,	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$13 24

THOMAS SLAGER and Family.

Houlton, Lyman, supplies,	3 00	
Mitchell, F. W., medical attendance,	13 00	
Williams, C. E., consultation,	2 00	
Keaton, Miles M., casket, etc.,	14 50	
	<u> </u>	\$32 50

MR. FILMORE and Family.

Merritt, E. & Son, wood,	3 50	
Nevers, F. A., medical attendance,	36 00	
	<u> </u>	\$39 50

SOLOMON DEVAON and Family. (Indians)

Williams, C. E., medical attendance,	37 35	
Wilson, Chas. H., supplies,	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$42 35

LOUIS SOPIEL. (Indian)

Williams, C. E., medical attendance,	\$2 50	
This bill has been paid by Chas. A. Rolfe, Ag't Passamaquoddy Indians.		

MRS. ENOCH GRANT

Putnam, H. L., medical attendance, etc.,	\$9 10	
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L. W HIGGINS and Family.

Mapleton, Town of, supplies,	5 00	
Gillin, E. A. & Co.,	2 00	
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	2 38	
	<hr/>	\$9 38

JEREMIAH HANSON.

Gillin, E. A. & Co., supplies,	1 22	
Putnam, W. H., straw,	50	
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	2 00	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine,	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$5 07

Transient and Other Paupers.

Houlton Coal & Wood Co., wood,	2 00	
Radigan, James, meals,	1 25	
Bonnell, John B., meals, etc.,	1 60	
Wilson & Gorham, cash for tickets, etc.,	5 00	
Ross, C. Fred, supplies,	3 00	
Webber, S. C., cash for tickets,	7 00	
Williams, C. E., medical attendance,	3 30	
Robinson, J. E., supplies,	50	
Ticket Agent C. P. R., ticket,	4 90	
Gould, Mrs. S. A., supplies,	2 00	
Monson, A. B.,	1 00	
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H., hearse,	2 00	
Ticket Agent C. P. R., ticket,	3 60	
Friedman, S. & Co., clothing,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$38 15

AMOS BELONGIA.

Perks Bros., medicine,	65	
C. C. Williams, medical attendance,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$2 65

KATE DIAMOND.

Dickison, T. S., medical services,		\$8.00
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CHARLES ELLIOTT.

Houlton Wood & Coal Co., wood,		\$2 00
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FLANNIGAN CHILD.

Smith, A. T., boots,	80	
Webber, L. K., board, &c.,	22 00	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine,	25	

Browne, J. A. & Co., supplies,	3 08	
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 13
DANIEL McINTYRE.		
Hatheway, H. J., medicine,		80
MRS. DICKINSON.		
Averill, C. A., wood,		\$2 38
B. E. GELLERSON.		
Perks Bros., medicine,		\$1 40
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Cost of paupers off the farm,		\$1,108 67
Amount of bill of O. F. French, for medicine &c. supplied Town paupers, Fire department &c., 33 years, 6 months,	\$375 21	
Less amount of same to Fire De- partment,	135 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 21
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		\$1,348 88

Town Farm.

Bradbury, H. C., & H. K., supplies,	\$ 1 10
Buzzell & Crockett, caskets,	14 75
Berry, A. H. & Son., supplies,	23 61
Browne, J. A. & Co.,	3 10
Brewster, T. M., repairs,	1 95
Bamford, D. M., team,	1 00
Cook, Frank L., curtains,	3 75
Cogan, James, repairs, etc.,	8 05
Clark, James E., team,	1 00
Chadwick & Davis, repairing saw,	50
Deasy, James H., pasturing and beef,	15 62
Drake, N. S., meat,	15 56
Dykeman, W. A., machine and fertilizer,	53 00
Ebbett, T. W., repairs,	75
Edwards, D. E., wheat,	2 86
Fox, Wm. & Sons, clothing,	11 60
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical att.,	12 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	3 05
French, O. F., medicine,	11 95
Friedman, S. & Co., clothing,	10 75

Frisbie, H. T., supplies,	7 10
Gillin, E. A. & Co., supplies	5 76
Gillin, Henry, team,	1 00
Gentle & Ludwig, insurance,	63 00
Harrigan, J. C., supplies,	20 94
Houlton, L. & Son, supplies,	21 35
Houlton Foundry Co., supplies,	7 40
Hatheway, H. J., medicine,	90
Handy, Charles, labor,	1 00
Hill, I. M., supplies,	4 20
Hay, Thomas D., labor,	8 00
Ingraham Clothing Co., clothing,	12 67
Jennings, James, labor, etc.,	2 50
Jones, Frank D., pasturing,	1 35
Lane & Pearce, supplies,	9 98
Millar, John A., “	42 61
Merritt, E. & Sons, “	13 20
Mansur, Duncan, hay and oats,	4 45
Monson, A. Beecher, supplies,	16 85
Madigan, A. W., corn,	14 10
Mansur, W P., boots,	1 00
Milroy, John, ticket home,	3 50
McLaughlin, James, buckwheat,	1 60
Niles, Charles, team,	1 00
Niles, Clarence, filing saws,	1 95
Perks, Bros., medicine,	11 70
Putnam, H. L., medical services,	7 00
Page & Madigan, feed,	12 19
Perry, J. D., repairs,	1 10
Pearce, Varney, turkeys,	1 72
Pritchard, George, ticket home,	5 00
Riley, John, fish,	75
Robinson, J. E., supplies,	11 76
Rackliffe, A., team,	1 00
Ryan, J. A., team,	1 00
Ross, C. F., supplies,	3 50
Richards, G. W., supplies,	14 30
Stuitz, G. S., blacksmithing,	1 75
Sheehan, Dennis, double harness, etc.,	28 50
Smith, Hiram, supplies,	14 50
Somerville, Alfred, labor,	85
Smith, A. T., boots,	8 45
Sturtevant, G. D., freight,	27
Stevens, A. P., pasturing,	1 50
Skillin, Warren, tobacco,	5 39

Smith, E. M., services of bull,	3 00
Sleeper, C. H., labor,	1 00
Smith, Bros., supplies,	13 78
Taber, S. W., repairs,	3 85
Turney, R. L., phos. and hardware,	61 33
Tenney, C. P. & Son, supplies,	7 83
Thompson, Robert, labor,	1 00
Taber, A. P. M., blacksmithing,	90
Taggett, David W., services,	16 00
Wilson, Chas. H., supplies,	22 35
Watson, John, hardware,	6 60
Weed, W. E., meat,	24 16
Whenman, Geo., blacksmithing,	20 47
Woodbury, E. & Co., supplies,	13 50
Williams, C. E., medical att.,	6 00
Yerxa, Hamilton, overseer,	286 00
Yerxa, Mrs. Hamilton, services,	10 00

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Town Farm Account

Appraisal, March 1st, 1898.

1 horse,	\$40 00	
1 colt, 3 years old,	35 00	
3 cows,	55 00	
1 heifer, 2 years old,	12 00	
1 heifer, 1 year old,	7 00	
3 swine,	10 00	
6 tons hay,	40 00	
1½ tons straw,	6 00	
100 bushels oats,	25 00	
4 bushels buckwheat,	1 00	
50 hbls. potatoes,	75 00	
Provisions,	30 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture, etc.,	197 00	\$533 00

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Appraisal March 1st, 1899.

1 horse,	\$25 00
1 horse,	50 00
3 cows,	60 00
1 heifer, 3 years old,	18 00

1 heifer, 2 " "	14 00	
1 yearling heifer,	8 00	
2 pigs,	6 00	
8 tons hay,	40 00	
2 tons straw,	6 00	
75 bushels oats,	30 00	
Buckwheat,	1 00	
40 bbls. potatoes,	50 00	
Fertilizer,	6 00	
Provisions,	25 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture, etc.,	189 00	
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	\$5.8 00	
Sold off farm :		
Second hand spring,	\$1.00	
Potatoes,	50 35	
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	\$579 35	
Received for coffin,	10 00	\$589 35
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		\$1,037 01
To manure from Fire Department,		25 00
" oats " " "		1 50
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Net expense of farm,		\$1,063 51
Amount appropriated,	\$2,000 00	
Balance from year 1897,	433 34	
Received from Chas. A. Rolfe, Agent Passamaquoddy Indians, for medicine supplied Louis Sopiel,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,435 84
Expense of paupers off the farm,	\$1,108 67	
Amount in old bill of O. F. French,	240 21	
Expense of farm,	1,063 51	
Amount unexpended,	23 45	
	<hr/>	\$2,435 84
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Paupers on the Farm.

	Age.		Age.
Mary Wilson,	44 yrs.	Melvin McNally,	62 yrs.
Jonothan Stockford,	70 "	Naomi Stockford,	62 "
Henry B Creassy,	80 "	John Smith,	48 "

Paupers who have been kept on the farm during the past year.

Isaac Smith.	Frank Howard.
George Calvin.	Mrs. Geo. Niles and child.
George Prichard.	Richard Flanagan.
Charles Nye.	George Willette.
John Milroy.	Patrick Lee. (deceased)
Annie Leonard. (Insane Hospital)	2 strangers.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,000 00 for support of poor during the coming year.

Repairs on Town Farm Buildings.

Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	3 48	
Lougee, Theo., painting,	40 00	
Russell, Fred M., labor,	15 88	
Somerville, Alfred, labor,	26 00	
Smith Bros., supplies,	1 05	
Sincock, S. H., lumber,	4 50	
Smith, O. M., supplies,	4 72	
Titcomb, F. W., lumber,	47 89	
Turney, R. L., paint and hardware,	55 15	
Balance unexpended,	1 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 200 00
Amount appropriated		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 200 00

Under the appropriation for repairs on town farm buildings, the shed south side of barn has been thoroughly repaired, and now comprises hog-pen, wagon and tool house. Sills have been placed under the barn on north and south ends. Two coats of paint have been applied to the outside of the house, the floors, walls and ceiling have been painted in dining room, kitchen and pantry, the Overseers sitting-room and bed-room have been painted and papered. The other rooms need small repairs such as painting and whitewashing. We think perhaps a separate appropriation for this purpose unnecessary, that a little may be used from the regular appropriation for poor farm each year, and the interior of the house kept in good shape.

Cemeteries.

Betts, M. E., labor, etc.,	\$ 31 00	
Boone, Chas. E., labor,	81 39	
Briggs, E., labor,	1 50	
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	9 50	
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	75	
Hiscock, F., labor,	3 00	
McPartland, J. H., labor, etc.,	30 84	
Patten, Wm. H., labor, etc.,	67 70	
Russell, F. N., painting,	5 40	
Sincock, S. H., lumber,	4 80	
Smith, Bros., labor,	1 50	
Turney, R. L., hardware,	8 93	
Watson, John, hardware,	2 90	
Whitmore, N., supplies, etc.,	6 55	
Wiley, James, services,	202 79	
Wingate, J. H., pipe, etc.,	3 25	
Balance unexpended,	97	
	-----	\$ 462 77
Amount appropriated,	\$ 450 00	
Balance from 1897,	3 05	
Amount from Hannah J. Bailey fund,	9 72	
	-----	\$ 462 77

The Cook Cemetery and Bray Cemetery were cared for as usual. In Evergreen Cemetery, the vault has been put in good condition, a tool house built, new lots and roads laid out, fence repaired, and water pipes extended. In some instances heretofore lots have been assigned to non-residents. Last Spring, finding that good lots were scarce, the Selectmen thought best to assign no lots to any persons, except residents. We would suggest that the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or assign lots in the Cemetery, at prices fixed by the Town, to persons residing in other towns, which would reimburse the Town for the land and perhaps a little extra for keeping the Cemetery in order. We think non-residents would be glad to pay a fair price for lots and then would feel that they had a legal right to lots so assigned them. Under the old way if lots were assigned to non-residents, the Town bears all the expense. It costs quite a little to keep the Cemetery in order now and it must be enlarged soon. As it increases in size it will cost more rather than less to keep it in good condition. An article has been placed in the Warrant to

see if the Town will instruct or authorize the Selectmen to so assign or sell lots to non-residents at prices fixed by the Town, the amount received for same to be used in taking care of Cemetery. Or the Cemetery could be placed under care and control of Trustees.

We recommend an appropriation of \$350 00 for Cemetery purposes.

Street Lights.

Houlton Electric Co.—Electric lights for streets Town Hall, and Engine house,	\$1,292 50	
Merritt, F. & Sons, electric light for streets, Town lockup and approaches thereto,	46 50	
Balance unexpended,	50 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,389 80
Amount appropriated,	\$1,375 00	
Balance from year 1897,	14 80	
	<hr/>	\$1 389 80

We recommend \$1,350.00 be raised for lights.

Gravel Pit—West Houlton.

Herrin, Nelson, gravel pit,	\$140 00	
Lane, Samuel, recording deeds,	1 00	
Stetson, C. E. F., surveying,	4 00	
Balance unexpended carried to roads, bridges and sidewalk account,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
Amount appropriated,		\$150 00

Mr. Edblad, Road Commissioner, in behalf of the town, purchased a large gravel pit containing one acre, for \$140. It is by far the best gravel and pit owned by the town, and will last for a good many years. The same was surveyed and run out by C. E. F. Stetson, C. E., and plan is on file in Selectmens' office.

Slipp Road.

Porter, James, land damages,	15 00	
Small, Geo. W., building road,	175 00	
Stetson, C. E. F., surveying,	7 00	
Walsh, Mary, land damages,	20 00	
Balance unexpended carried to Roads, Bridges, and Sidewalk account,	8 00	
		\$ 225 00
Amount unexpended March 1, 1898,	100 00	
" appropriated " 1, 1898,	125 00	\$ 225 00

Letter "B" Road.

Conlogue, John, labor,	\$ 3 00	
Dunn, Chas. E., "	9 00	
Pray, Geo. R., "	3 50	
Reed, Hiram, "	11 50	
Whitney, W. R., damages,	20 00	
Watson, John, labor,	3 00	
		\$ 50 00
Amount appropriated,		\$ 50 00

Dykeman Road.

Pennington, Geo. L., damages,	\$ 100 00	
Small, Geo. W., building road,	100 00	
		\$ 200 00
Amount appropriated,		\$ 200 00

Rocks for County Work Yard.

Donovan, John T.,	rocks,	\$10 00
Drake, James A.,	"	10 00
Drake, Geo. W.,	"	16 50
Gallagher, Robert,	"	15 00
Hagan, James,	"	3 50
Hanagan, O. P.,	"	10 00
Hackett, John D.,	"	12 50
Houlton, James W.,	"	4 00
Hanagan, David,	"	10 00
Kinney, Moses,	"	10 00

Putnam, A. T.,	rocks,	3 00	
Patten, John,	"	1 50	
Phillips, R. S.,	"	10 00	
Ruth, R. N.,	"	10 00	
Seeley, Howard L.,	"	10 00	
Stephenson, Robert,	"	9 50	
Slipp, Geo. F.,	"	12 50	
Balance unexpended,		2 20	
			\$160 20
Amount appropriated,		\$100 00	
Balance from 1897,		60 20	
			\$160 20

We would suggest that no separate appropriation be made for rocks, but that the same be purchased out of the regular appropriation for roads, bridges and sidewalks.

Sidewalks in Winter.

Albright, Fred,	labor	\$3 75
Anderson, Thos.,	"	2 00
Anderson, W.,	"	1 25
Bamford, D. M.,	"	100 59
Bonnell, John B.,	"	1 50
Chadwick & Davis, woodwork on plow,		5 21
Campbell, Roland, labor,		37
Chamberlain, Al., cash paid for labor,		2 03
Campbell, Bolton,	labor	37
Crossin, E.,	"	2 25
Connell, Thos.,	"	1 50
Cornelison, F.,	"	1 50
Ellison, H.,	"	1 50
Estes, Robert,	"	1 50
Fairweather, G.,	"	1 50
Faulkner, N.,	"	1 50
Forty, Andrew,	"	1 50
Grant, Richard,	"	2 78
Helms, H. R.,	"	35 53
Hunter, Geo. A.,	"	42 91
Harper, Wilmot,	"	37
Harper, Isaac and John,	"	11 32
Iott, L.,	"	1 05
Iott, Wm.,	"	1 50

Kirkland, Albert,	labor,	5 30	
Martin, J. L.,	"	2 50	
Manuel, Geo. A.,	"	60	
McTavish, Sandy and Fred,	"	1 20	
McKay, W.,	"	1 50	
McTavish, Daniel,	"	1 50	
Pellum, Hiram,	"	4 80	
Stevenson, Fred,	"	1 27	
Turney, R. L., shovels,		4 80	
Tupper, T.,	labor,	2 62	
Tupper, Sherman,	"	37	
Taber, S. W., work on plow,		9 30	
Vail, C. W.,	labor,	75	
Wright, H.,	"	1 50	
Warren, E. B.,	"	1 50	
Wiley, James,	"	50	
York, Randolph,	"	1 27	
Amount overdrawn 1897,		177 00	
Balance unexpended,		56 44	
			\$500 00
Amount appropriated,			\$500 00

We recommend an appropriation of \$300.00 for sidewalks in winter of 1899 and 1900.

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Armstrong, James,	labor,	\$ 8 50
Auber, John J.,	labor,	19 84
Auber, Geo. W.,	"	8 00
Abernethy, James	"	62 75
Abernethy, Chas.,	"	3 00
Albright, Fred,	"	81 86
Armstrong, Wm.,	"	48 45
Armstrong, David T ,	labor,	11 00
Atherton, Benj., cedar,		10 00
Anderson, Joseph, trucking,		2 40
Atchison, Wm., labor,		14 85
Brewer, Wilmot,	"	229 92
Barker, W.,	"	94
Brewer, Melvin,	"	6 25
Bumpus, Edwin, sleepers,		35 56
Brown, Oscar S., labor,		234 35
Belongia, James,	"	5 00

Beek, Alex, labor,	37 25
Bamford, D. M., trucking,	1 70
Billings & Watts, curbing,	241 04
Benson, Thomas, labor,	4 25
Berry, C. H.,	3 50
Bradbury, H. C., sleepers,	2 40
Boyd, Edward, labor,	2 50
Bangor Gas Light Co., tar,	515 27
Bank, Farmers Nat'l., curbing,	6 60
Conant, C. M. & Co., repairs,	15 00
Clark, Geo. E., labor,	1 25
Chapman & Soden, pitch,	52 11
Cameron, Fred, labor,	6 62
Crane, Harlan,	1 25
Crawford, Frank,	13 75
Cogan, Henry,	13 25
Conlogue, John,	91 50
Cassidy, Patrick,	4 25
Cornelison, E. B.,	1 25
Cogan, James,	9 00
Campbell, John,	17 10
Campbell, Geo.,	5 50
Callaghan, James,	3 50
Cummings, Alex.	1 50
Clark, James N.,	28 50
Crawford, S. L.,	17 25
Donnelly, Geo. F.,	8 00
Donovan, T. J.,	13 50
Dunphy, W. H.,	64 37
Derrah, R. M., repairs,	2 95
Drake, James A., labor,	27 25
Dickey, John,	7 50
Donovan, Wm.,	9 00
Drake, Fred,	22 48
Dickey, John Jr.,	3 44
Deasy, James,	12 00
Dykeman, W. A.,	15 00
Drake, G. W., rock,	10 50
Dobson, Wm., labor,	18 75
Dobbins, James,	4 25
Duffy, James, lumber,	5 00
Donovan, J. C., labor,	18 00
Donovan, J. A.,	6 00
Edblad, Hjalmar, cash paid out,	18 41
Fairweather, Geo., labor,	3 13

French, O. F. & F. B., curbing,	24	24
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	22	13
Frisbie, H. T., labor,	35	83
Gallagher, Robert, "	38	25
Gerow, Geo. A., "	26	63
Gagnon, T., "	10	00
Gidney, A. Wilmot, "	14	50
Grant, Thomas, "	6	00
Hammond, Harry, "	3	30
Hanson, H. H., "	6	12
Hammond, Guy, "	3	00
Hammond, David E., "	26	04
Hogan, Albert, " etc.,	14	69
Hovey, Wm., "	2	00
Harper, I. M., "	127	26
Harkins, Michael, " and cedar,	24	00
Hackett, John D., "	37	25
Hussey, B. T., "	33	18
Hawkes, R. J., "	10	93
Hallett, Alton, sand,	3	00
Hanning, Collingwood, labor,	1	25
Helms, Henry R., trucking,	1	50
Houlton Foundry, supplies,	4	35
Houlton Water Co., pipe.	16	20
Hagan, James, labor,	8	03
Hanagan, David, trucking,	5	00
Heywood, A. P., labor,	8	70
Hall, Henry, "	6	00
Harrigan, J. C., "	1	50
Hiscock, Freeman, "	6	25
Ingraham Bros., "	3	38
Iott, Thomas, "	12	50
Ingraham, B. F., "	10	38
Ingraham, B. L., "	84	00
Johnston, James, "	9	25
Jordan, Henry, "	26	12
Kinney, Geo., "	21	00
Kinney, Cheney, "	1	50
Kinney, Moses, "	18	00
Kirlin, Barney, trucking,	2	50
Keaton, David, labor,	6	83
Ketchum, Woodford, "	12	00
Lawlis, Martin, "	21	00
Long, Harry, "	5	00
Ludwig, L. O., curbing,	26	60

Lowery, Frank,	labor,	30 90
Logan, Henry,	"	54 63
McElwee, Dennis,	cedar and labor,	2 50
McDonald, W. W.,	blacksmithing,	7 00
Moore, Geo. W.,	labor,	5 00
McGinley, Geo. W.,	"	10 00
Morrow, Max,	"	18 62
McDonald, Stephen,	"	15 32
Mooers, A. E.,	"	13 81
Martin, Thos.,	"	62
Murphy, John,	"	3 00
Monahan, E. C.,	"	106 09
McCormack, N.,	"	4 87
McIntyre, J. C.,	"	26 25
Merritt, Geo. F.,	"	1 00
McGinley, James,	"	13 50
Mansur, Morrill,	"	3 01
Mansur, Walter,	gravel,	15 00
Manson, Duncan,	labor,	15 75
McCready, C. J.,	"	10 17
Manson, Ezekiel,	"	4 10
Moore, Thomas,	"	8 50
Mitchell, Ewen,	"	8 88
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H.,	labor,	4 50
McPartland, J. H.,	pipe,	12 35
McIlroy, Daniel,	labor,	12 75
Noble, R. G.,	"	5 00
Nye, Allen,	"	30 31
Niles, Walter,	"	4 50
Niles, J. F.,	"	9 75
Putnam, W. H.,	hauling rocks, etc.,	16 20
Putnam, W. H.,	labor,	20 50
Peabody, J. S.,	sleepers,	21 33
Packard, L. C.,	labor,	15 00
Prosser, James,	"	2 50
Pray, Geo. R.,	"	144 25
Putnam, M. D.,	"	35 70
Putnam, A. T.,	"	72 00
Peabody, R. T.,	"	7 25
Porter, J. W.,	"	6 37
Phillips, R. S.,	"	5 18
Pearce, F. W.,	"	1 75
Powers, L.,	cedar,	9 90
Putnam, A. G.,	labor,	4 50
Philbrick, M.,	"	21 00

Pray, E. D.,	labor,	40 50
Porter, Ira J.,	"	9 00
Rafford, Osbert,	"	29 11
Reed, Hiram,	"	18 80
Roach, Patrick,	"	19 25
Reed, G. W.,	"	53 89
Ruth, Robert N.,	"	21 38
Sturtevant, G. D.,	Agent, freight,	110 56
Schools, Chas. and Cornelison,	labor,	2 50
Soucia, Geo.,	labor,	10 00
Savage, A. S.,	"	4 75
Saunders, Benj.,	"	13 25
Smith, E. M.,	"	27 00
Seely, H. L.,	"	12 00
Seely, M. J.,	"	2 50
Smith, V. B.,	"	5 00
Sleeper, Chas. Jr.,	"	2 50
Smart, H. D.,	"	15 00
Shirley, Oscar,	"	23 85
Stewart, Alex,	"	8 50
Small, Geo. W.,	"	71 90
Smith, I. N.,	"	4 50
Smith, John,	"	25 00
Slipp, Geo. F.,	"	8 50
Stetson, C. E. F.,	surveying,	4 00
Seely, John C.,	labor,	15 37
Stephenson, Robert,	"	11 50
Skofield, C. E.,	cedar,	6 00
Stewart, M. L.,	snow plow,	75 00
Sincock, S. H. Jr.,	lumber,	194 99
Taber, S. W.,	repairs,	9 45
Terrill, Jacob W.,	labor,	18 07
Titcomb, F. W.,	lumber,	185 60
Tierney, M. F.,	lumber and labor,	34 27
Tozier, Henry,	labor,	2 25
Taylor, Shepherd,	"	1 25
Taylor, Charles	"	3 00
Thibodeau, W. J.,	curbing,	16 34
Tenney, C. P.,	"	16 87
Turney, R. L.,	hardware,	13 85
Tierney, Mrs. John,	labor,	6 00
Victory, J. H.,	"	3 00
Williams, Bert H.,	cedar,	5 60
Whitney, C. W.,	gravel,	17 53
Wiggin, S.,	labor,	6 12

Warren, E. B., labor,	12 99	
Wilcox, John, sleepers,	3 69	
Wilson, C. N., concrete tools,	53 00	
Wilson, Matthew, lumber,	161 20	
White, Henry, labor,	2 50	
Webb, Howard,	14 25	
Whitney, W R.,	9 00	
Watson, John, " etc.,	159 22	
Yerxa, W R.,	23 00	
Young, A. P.,	8 50	
		\$5,410 24
Amount carried to County road		
Bridge account to complete bridge,	\$667 46	
Balance unexpended,	76 58	\$744 04
		\$6,154 28
Amount of appropriation,	\$5,500 00	
Balance from 1897,	25 60	
Unexpended bal. from Slipp road,	8 00	
Unexpended bal. from West Houlton,		
gravel pit appropriation,	5 00	
Balance 1897 appropriation for street		
signs and guide boards,	37	
Balance 1897 appropriation for Han-		
cock barracks,	2 00	
Cash received for labor, etc. on street		
crossings, and concreting, etc. as		
follows :		
C. E. Williams, crossing,	3 53	
C. E. Williams, "	1 11	
Stephen Peabody, "	1 93	
Mrs. H. F. Glidden, "	2 35	
Charles Carroll, "	1 97	
W. J. Thibodeau, concreting,	17 33	
O. F. French, "	82 04	
O. F. & F. B. French, "	28 81	
C. P. Tenney, "	1 50	
C. P. Tenney, "	28 99	
Farmers Nat. Bank, "	10 98	
Llewellyn Powers, "	14 00	
H. J. Hatheway, "	17 15	
John M. Rice, "	105 07	
L. O. Ludwig, "	48 42	
Aroostook County for concreting and		
curbing,	206 50	

H. Edblad, concreting and gravel,	36 63
Geo. Q. Nickerson and others for use and repairs road machine,	5 00

\$6,154 28

West Houlton Bridge.

Brewer, Harrison, labor,	\$ 9 00
Berry, C. H., teams,	3 00
Brown, O. S., labor,	23 25
Dobson, Wm., "	6 00
Flint, Thos., "	8 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	2 00
Houlton Foundry Co., iron work,	55 72
Harper, I. M., labor,	8 00
Hilton, J. E.,	9 00
Hanson, H. H., iron work,	1 50
Monahan, E. C., labor,	13 50
Macdonald, Finley, "	12 00
McFarland, E., "	8 00
Mansur, Morrill, painting, etc.,	10 50
Porter, Ira J., cedar,	37 00
Stephenson, Henry, labor,	8 00
Sawyer, D. T., services,	4 00
Stetson, C. E. F., surveying,	11 00
Savage, A. S., damages and labor,	5 00
Taggett, John, labor,	10 50
Taggett, Wm., "	12 25
Turney, R. L., hardware,	6 50
Watson, John, "	2 75
Wilson, Matthew, lumber,	87 54
Balance unexpended carried to County road bridge account,	145 99

\$500 00
\$500 00

Amount appropriated,

County Road Bridge.

Alexander, W. E., services,	\$25 00
Albright, Fred, labor,	23 75
Armstrong, D. F., rocks,	6 50
Armstrong, James, "	2 00
Beek, Alex, "	5 00
Callaghan, James, "	1 50

Currie, Robert, labor,	32 25
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	4 35
Dounelly, George, labor,	34 38
Deasy, James, cedar	112 57
Donovan, John C., "	122 70
Donovan, J. A., rocks,	16 00
Donovan, J. T., "	7 50
Fitzgerald, John, "	3 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	26 10
Ganong, Wm., labor,	36 26
Gibson, Wm., lumber,	14 27
Hussey, B. F., rocks,	3 50
Hallett, B. L., labor,	40 63
Hogan, Albert P., sleepers,	112 68
Harper, I. M., labor,	13 75
Houlton Foundry Co., supplies,	53 00
Hagan, James, rocks,	1 50
Iott, Wm., labor,	7 50
Iott, B., "	3 75
Johnston, James, "	3 00
Lermond, A. F., "	39 00
Monahan, E. C., "	34 37
Manson, Ezekiel, rocks,	5 50
Moore, Thomas, cedar,	45 50
Moore, Chas. A., labor,	80 00
Mooers, D. H., scaling,	2 00
McCluskey, Geo., "	2 00
Prosser, James and Geo., labor,	31 25
Pray, Geo. R., labor,	48 35
Pray, E. D., rocks,	7 00
Putnam, M. D., "	3 50
Putnam, A. T., "	4 50
Roach Bros., cedar,	97 50
Ruth, R. N., sleepers,	18 80
Stairs, J. D., labor,	42 50
Sincock, S. H. Jr., lumber,	62 97
Tagget, John, labor,	23 00
Titcomb, F. W., cedar,	8 12
Taber, G. H., sleepers,	11 50
Taber, S. W., labor,	1 25
Turney, R. L., hardware,	6 33
Watson, John, "	11 82
Young, T. A., labor,	14 25

Amount appropriated,	\$500 00
Unexpended balance from West Houlton bridge appropriation,	145 99
Amount from roads, bridges and sidewalk account,	667 46
	\$1,313 45

In regard to roads, bridges, and sidewalks, we wish to call to the attention of the voters, some of the advantages to the town in having same under supervision of a competent Road Commissioner, instead of the old way of working same out in Statute labor. Mr. Edblad has done all the usual work on roads, bridges, and sidewalks, besides building the Slipp road, the Dykeman road, making change in Letter B road, laying nearly two-third of a mile of concrete sidewalk in the village, and repairing the Cary's Mill bridge, all satisfactory to the Selectmen and in each case kept within the appropriation. Enough has been saved from other appropriations also, to complete the County road bridge. This bridge is well built, the money expended for same all being paid out for labor and material among our own citizens, and the bills for same are all paid. Besides other work, considerable concreting has been done for private persons, especially owners of business blocks, where it seemed to be for the interest of the town to have this work done, and in each case the profit of same has come into the Town Treasury.

There are very few of our citizens who realize the immense amount of labor, time and care required to look after and keep in condition, our roads, bridges and sidewalks. It is better, in our judgment to have this all under the control of some one, competent and responsible head, and we think there has been at least a saving of \$1,500. to the town this year above what the same work would have cost under old methods.

For roads, bridges and sidewalks, and services of Road Commissioner we recommend \$5,500 00.

Fire Department and Watchmen.

Atherton, Chas. A., hay,	\$ 8 27
Berry, Chas. E., harnesses,	83 90
Bonnell, J. B., services,	35 00
Brewer, Wilmot, "	120 00

Briggs, A. O., straw,	2 50
Callaghan, James, straw,	3 81
Campbell, John A., oats,	12 00
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	43 02
Chamberlin, Al., services,	520 08
Coffey, Joseph, oats,	2 50
Derrah, Robert M., repairs,	3 60
Drake, N. S., hay,	8 15
Dempsey, Frank, trucking,	20 00
Donovan, J. A., hay and straw,	22 35
Donovan, John T., wood,	24 25
Dykeman, W. A., oats,	86 14
Ebbett, T. W., repairs,	1 15
Firemen, services 27 men,	1370 33
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	24 70
French, O. F., medicine, etc.,	2 40
Frisbie, H. T., supplies,	25
Goodiell, Wesley, trucking,	7 00
Hatheway, H. J., supplies,	3 45
Harper, Isaac, labor,	1 25
Helms, H. R., trucking,	2 00
Houlton Wood and Coal Co., coal,	102 60
Hagerman, Dow; engineer,	50 00
Houlton Foundry Co., repairs, etc.,	14 96
Houlton Water Co., hydrants,	2,400 00
McDonald, W. W., blacksmithing,	26 84
McPartland, J. H., supplies,	45
Monson, A. B., lunches,	2 15
Monahan, E. C., services,	1 75
Mason, John, repairs, etc.,	1 75
McPartland, J. H., heater,	170 00
Merritt, E. & Sons, oats,	2 45
Neal, Robert, treating team,	7 00
Pray, E. D., hay,	7 91
Pennington, Geo., hay,	8 24
Putnam, A. T., boughs,	1 50
Royal, John J., supplies,	4 15
Seeley, Howard, oats,	9 62
Sinclair, James H., watchman, etc.,	456 24
Sinclair, James H., services,	10 00
Seeley, J. M., hay,	6 51
Sheehan, Dennis, repairs,	1 35
Taber, S. W., repairs,	19 03
Turney, R. L., hardware,	18 02
Watson, James, oats,	9 90

Watson, John, hardware, etc.,	14 08	
Webber, S. C., watchman, etc.,	456 24	
Wilson, Alex., hay,	12 88	
Wingate, J. H., supplies, etc.,	11 10	
Webber, S. C., chief engineer,	50 00	
Yerxa, W. R., oats,	10 50	\$6,295 32
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Amount in old bill O. F. French,	135 00	
Balance unexpended,	33 27	168 27
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		\$6,463 59
Balance from year 1897,	\$ 36 79	
Amount appropriated,	6,250 00	
" " for heater,	125 00	
Balance from 1896, Hill engine house appropriation,	24 00	
Amount from sale of coal,	1 30	
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	\$6,437 09	
Manure to poor farm,	25 00	
Oats " " "	1 50	
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		<u>\$6,463 59</u>

The Heater for Fire Engine cost \$170.00, the Selectmen being unable to find a satisfactory heater for a less price. A new single drop harness, and new double drop harness have been purchased. Mr. Chamberlain getting subscriptions for same so that cost to town was only \$83.90.

During the year 12 fires have been reported by us to the Insurance Commissioner.

For Fire Department, watchmen and hydrants we recommend \$6000 00 be raised.

Repairing Town Hall.

Conlogue, D. F., labor,	10 62
Flint, Thomas, "	18 37
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	37 58
Macdonald, Finley, labor,	52 25
McDonald, Stephen, "	12 00
McFarland, Elbridge, "	18 00
Sincock, S. H., lumber,	44 00
Taggett, Wm., labor,	15 75
Taggett, John, "	15 75

Wilson, Matthew, lumber,	24 45	
Balance unexpended,	1 23	\$250 00
Amount appropriated,		\$250 00

The ground floor at Town Hall has been lowered nine inches, strengthened and made over nearly all new, and new front sills and other floor timbers put in where needed. This gives a good large room for fire engine, hose carts, etc. The doors to engine room were remodeled and ceiling sealed with Carolina pine. The upper floor was also strengthened by an iron rod from roof. The engine room was painted and ceiling varnished.

The building was never built in the first place or intended for a Town Hall or engine house, and is unsuited for either purpose, neither is it adapted for an armory and drill hall for the Militia. The part devoted to Fire Department, however is now in very good condition for that purpose.

Schools.

Abernethy, Isabell, janitor,	\$ 3 50
American Express Co., express,	14 05
Atchison, W M., wood,	29 70
Auber, Frank L., janitor,	13 00
American Book Co., books,	117 90
Auber, Geo. W., labor, etc.,	12 75
Bachelor, A. M., janitor,	87 50
Bachelor, J. E., " "	65 00
Bamford, D. M., trucking,	3 09
Bamford, E. A., " "	9 58
Barnes, Clara, teaching,	288 00
Bean, Hattie, cleaning,	14 00
Belongie, Sadie, " "	5 00
Blackbird, F H., pens,	8 00
Brown, Thompson Co., supplies,	1 75
Brown, Eliza, cleaning,	10 00
Buzzell & Crockett, furniture,	12 00
Chadwick, Vesta E., teaching,	121 00
Cosseboom, May E., " "	297 00
Cassidy, Ella M., " "	252 00
Cassidy, Alice G., " "	243 00
Conlogue, John, wood,	70 00
Clark, Mary, cleaning,	4 50

Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	33 69
Crane, Delia, cleaning,	5 00
Dunn, June, teaching,	32 50
Donovan, John T., wood,	55 75
Donovan, Annie G., teaching,	270 00
Donovan, Jeanette E., teaching,	150 00
Dobson, Wm., conveying scholars,	175 00
Drake, James A., " "	9 00
Donnell, Wm. C., insurance,	96 25
Deasy, Erin, teaching,	48 00
Dennison, Mfg. Co., supplies,	3 82
Donovan, Jeremiah, labor, etc.,	2 00
Educational Pub. Co., supplies,	7 30
Felch, L. M., books,	172 88
Fitzgerald, Elizabeth, cleaning,	2 00
Fletcher, Philander, janitor,	126 70
Foster, Ira, " "	14 20
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	49 74
Foster, Clara, cleaning,	5 50
Foster, Mrs. James, cleaning,	4 50
Fortier, Mrs. F., " "	4 00
Griffin, Abbie I., teaching,	282 00
Godfrey, Jos. C., supplies,	9 00
Ginn & Co., " "	101 18
Gilman, W. S. & Son, printing,	9 33
Gray & Hamilton, supplies,	1 40
Green, Chas. S., wood,	4 00
Gabriel, Noel, baskets,	3 50
Hallett, J. A., labor,	3 60
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	7 32
Holden Pat. Book Cover Co., covers,	59 41
Hammett, J. L. & Co., books,	152 63
Hagerman, Geo. A., wood,	24 00
Hogan, Albert E., " "	21 76
Haskell, Annie E., teaching,	256 50
Haskell, Elmer E., conveying scholars,	48 00
Harris, Blanche, cleaning,	9 00
Harkins, Neal, labor,	2 50
Hanson & Reed, printing,	4 00
Hines & Noble, books,	57 99
Helms, H. R., trucking,	5 50
Holley, Florence E., teaching,	108 00
Holyoke, Geo. T., enumeration of scholars,	25 00
Hackett, Luvie, teaching,	21 00

Hatheway, H. J., supplies,	1 25
Houlton Foundry Co., stoves,	30 00
Houlton Water Co., water,	170 00
Houlton Sewer Co., sewerage,	90 00
Iott, Thomas, labor,	4 50
Iott, Wm., " "	75
Iott, Mrs. I., cleaning,	3 50
Ingraham, F. H., wood,	12 00
Iott, Hattie, cleaning,	5 00
Iott, Daniel, janitor,	332 20
Jackins, Edith A., teaching,	126 00
Jenks, Ethel, " "	105 00
Jones, Annie R., " "	109 00
Johnson, Sadie B., janitor,	4 20
Jordan, Mrs. W. H., janitor,	6 00
Jordan, Wm. H., wood etc.,	17 50
Knowlton, D. H., supplies,	22 50
Kingdon, John, janitor,	51 00
Lougee, Theo. P., wood,	35 00
Lamb, H. A., conveying scholars,	1 00
Long, Harry " "	36 00
Lowrey, John, wood,	24 00
Logan, Henry A., labor,	29 00
Lougee, Lillian V., teaching,	50 00
Logan, Frank A., janitor,	13 75
Logan, Wm., " "	3 50
Lowery, Frank, conveying scholars,	39 00
Leach, Shewell & Co., books,	21 00
Lovering, May E., teaching,	135 00
Lyons, C. A., printing,	5 25
McGinley, Cecil H., janitor,	5 00
McCreedy, C. J., wood,	17 50
McNair, Geo., labor,	26 32
McPartland, J. H., labor and supplies,	344 45
Moore, Geo. W., janitor,	6 50
Moore, Geo. W., conveying scholars,	47 00
Mansur, Lura, teaching,	45 00
Manuel, Geo., labor,	11 37
Martin, Thomas, boards, etc.,	3 75
Mulherrin, Sarah E., teaching, etc.,	298 35
Mulherrin, Josephine A., teaching,	297 00
Merritt, Susie W., " "	189 00
Neal, George, wood,	30 00
Niles, M. C., janitor, etc.,	32 80
Niles, Chas. H., conveying scholars,	1 50

Orriss, H. M., binding books,	62 80
Parks, Percy, janitor,	8 00
Powers, Mantie A., teaching,	135 00
Porter, Margaret A., "	297 00
Porter, Alice M., "	297 00
Pennington, Annie "	297 00
Parks, Augustus, labor,	2 50
Porter, Mrs. H. C., cleaning,	3 50
Parks, Carrie, janitor,	10 20
Putnam, H. L., cash paid out,	25 70
Plummer, James W., labor,	4 00
Putnam, S. W., "	11 25
Rackliff, A. W., team,	1 50
Roach, Alice E., teaching,	171 00
Robbins, Georgia M., "	332 45
Roberts, Lula, "	45 00
Roberts, Sarah A., "	116 00
Ruth, Robert N., conveying scholars,	13 50
Russell, A. J., trucking,	7 27
Robinson, J. E., telephone,	1 00
Smith, O. M., supplies,	16 20
Stairs, John, labor,	13 50
Sincock, S. H. Jr., lumber,	43 78
Smith Bros., supplies,	10 30
Swett, C. A., labor,	14 30
Shewell, Thos. R., books,	6 00
Tablet & Ticket Co., supplies,	2 56
University Pub. Co., books,	67 36
Watson, John, coal, etc.,	427 15
Webb, W. S., teaching,	852 85
Werner School Book Co., books,	85 53
Wilson, Eva A., teaching,	231 00
Wingate, J. H., stove, etc.,	14 00
White, E. B., labor,	18 00
Wilson, Chas. H., supplies,	82
Balance unexpended,	284 94

Amount appropriated,	\$6,000 00
" " for repairs,	750 00
" " " Text books,	750 00
" school and mill tax rec'd from State,	3,247 59
Amount received for books and tuitions,	70 50

\$9,935 17

Balance from 1897,	117 08	
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		\$10,935 17

For appropriations recommended for schools and school purposes, see report of School Committee.

Free High School.

Ricker Classical Institute, tuition,		\$1,970 18
Amount appropriated,	\$1,600 00	
Amount received from State,	250 00	
Balance from 1897,	120 18	
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		\$1,970 18

Miscellaneous Bills.

Aroostook County, rent of lockup,	25 00
American Express Co., express,	4 05
Brewer, Wilmot, services,	66 12
Benn, L. L., and al, “	3 00
Bonnell, John B., “ as constable,	6 00
Browne, J. A., “ etc.,	5 80
Buzzell, O. B., team and meals,	18 00
Berry & Buzzell, team,	4 00
Burleigh, Preston N., surveying, etc.,	30 00
Cassidy, Patrick, services as constable,	1 50
Carroll, Charles “	5 00
Clark, Michael M., recording births, deaths, etc.,	106 80
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	16 08
Drake, Geo. W., rocks,	8 50
Dickison, T. S., birth and death certificates,	13 50
Edblad, Hjalmar, cash paid out,	5 50
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	1 69
Fitzgerald, John, labor,	2 00
Gilman, W. S. & Son, printing,	15 29
Grant, Titus, labor,	1 50
Gidney, Allen W., running ferry,	12 00
Gray & Hamilton, supplies,	1 65
Gellerson, F. A., stamps, etc.,	3 00
Hanson & Reed, printing,	90 38

Helms, H. R.,	75
Hume, F. M., cards and stamps,	13 38
Houlton Water Co., water,	5 00
Heywood, A. P., use of hall,	20 00
Hackett, Susau, road damages,	25 00
Hamm, E. E., services as constable,	1 50
Hiscock, Elias, " " "	1 50
Hutchinson Bros., washing,	2 00
Kinney, Geo. H., rocks,	10 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, etc.,	59 35
Lane, Samuel, telegram,	47
Lyons, C. A., printing,	17 50
Lawlis, Martin, costs in tax deeds,	18 71
Miller, S. C., clerical work,	168 60
McLeod, D., labor,	2 25
McNair, Geo., " "	2 80
McCluskey, Geo. A., " "	1 50
McPartland, J. H., " "	3 00
Monahan, E. C., services,	3 50
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H., painting hearse, etc.,	15 35
McCluskey Bros., labor,	2 50
Macdonald, Finley, " "	1 00
Mitchell, F. W., certificates,	75
Orriss, H. M., printing town bonds,	17 50
Putnam, W. H., burying horses, etc.,	4 00
Putnam, H. L., certificates,	9 75
Putnam, Beecher, services,	5 00
Packard, C. L., killing horse,	1 50
Powers & Powers, prof. services,	57 00
Putnam, T. P., cash paid out,	5 81
Raynes, L. E., copy of bond,	1 00
Reed, Geo. W., burying cow,	2 00
Ryan, J. A., teams,	1 45
Smith, O. M., books,	6 95
Smith, Elmer B., services as constable,	1 50
Small, Geo. W., labor and rocks,	19 50
Stetson, C. E. F., surveying,	7 00
Sheehan, Dennis, services,	5 00
Smith, James, " "	1 50
Smith Bros., supplies,	1 55
Taber, S. W., labor,	3 00
Tenney, C. P., cash paid for services,	2 50
Walsh, Mary, land damages,	14 60
Warren, E. B. and al., services,	3 00

Wyman, E. J.,	“	5 00
Webber, S. C., killing dogs, etc.,		9 00
Webber, L. K., services,		3 00
Watson, John, supplies,		2 56
Whitney, Wm. R., sheep killed,		4 50
White, E. B., care of clock,		26 00
Williams, C. E., postage, etc.,		1 50
Yerxa, W. R., services,		1 50
Balance unexpended,		89 16

\$1,136 10

Amount appropriated,	\$1,000 00
Balance from 1897,	183 48
Sale of old boards,	2 50
Sale of old plank,	1 00
Damages to sheep killed by dogs refunded by State,	4 50
License fees,	77 00
McCluskey Bros., rent of hearse,	25 00
Railroad and telegraph tax from State,	32 77
1897 dog tax refunded by State,	156 18
Premium received from sale of 10 town bonds,	653 67

\$2,136 10

Amount paid on town debt,

\$1,000 00

(The same being paid on the \$1,500 00 town order given Sept. 28, 1895, by vote of the town to complete Fair Street school house—a new town order for \$500 00 being given for balance due on same, which said \$500 00 order is the only outstanding indebtedness of the town, besides town bonds.)

\$2,136 10

For miscellaneous bills we recommend \$1,000 00 be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Town Officers.

Putnam, Thomas P.,	{	Selectmen, Over-	\$450 00
Lane, Samuel,	{	seers of Poor,	250 00
Dykeman, Wallace A.	{	Assessors, High-	175 00
		way Surveyors.	
Edblad, Hjalmar, Road Commissioner,			450 00
Gellerson, Frank A., Treasurer,			175 00
Gorham, Geo. A., Auditor,			50 00
Clark, Michael M., Town Clerk,			25 00
Hersey, Ira G., Town Agent,			55 00
Putnam, Harry L., Supervisor,			300 00
Dempsey, James, Truant Officer,			50 00
Williams, Chas. E., Health Officer,			30 00
Smart, A. B.,	"	"	25 00
Merritt, C. D.,	"	"	25 00
Wilson, Alex, Inspector of buildings,			17 00
Balance unexpended,			198 16

 \$2,275 16

Amount appropriated,	\$1,500 00
Amount appropriated for Road Commissioner,	450 00
Amount appropriated for Superin- tendent,	300 00
Balance from 1897.	25 16

 \$2,275 16

Recapitulation.

Orders Drawn.

Interest,	\$ 816 20
Discounts, abatements and com- missions,	3,503 24
Paupers off the farm,	1,348 88
Town farm,	1,093 36
Repairs on farm buildings,	198 67
Cemeteries,	461 80
Street lights,	1,339 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Rocks for County work yard,	158 00
Slipp road,	217 00
Letter "B" road,	50 00
Dykeman road,	200 00

Roads, bridges and sidewalks,	5,410	24	
Sidewalks in winter,	266	56	
County Road bridge,	1,313	45	
West Houlton bridge,	354	01	
Gravel pit, West Houlton,	145	00	
Fire department and watchmen,	6,430	32	
Repairs, Town hall,	248	77	
Schools,	10,650	23	
Free High school,	1,970	18	
Miscellaneous bills,	1,046	94	
Town Officers,	2,077	00	
Temporary loans,	11,000	00	\$50,398 85

1204 orders drawn amounting to \$50,398 85

State tax,	\$7,168	51
County tax,	9,235	30
Coupons on town bonds,	2,400	00

The above State tax, County tax and coupons were paid by Treasurer without orders being drawn for same.

Martin Lawlis, Collector.

In account with Town of Houlton.

1898.

March 1.	To balance 1895 taxes,	\$ 1,169	96
"	" " 1896 "	3,165	40
"	" " 1897 "	10,582	61
"	int. on 1896 "	100	00
"	" " 1897 taxes,	300	00
"	costs in " tax deeds,	18	71
"	interest in 1897 tax deeds,	12	33

\$15,349 01

December	" 1898 taxes,	12,903	01
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\$28,252 02

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By cash and abate- ments on 1895 taxes,	\$381	28
By cash and abate- ments on 1896 taxes,	1,235	05
By cash and abate- ments on 1897 taxes,	7,874	57
By cash and abate- ments on 1898 taxes,	1,670	43

	By 1897 tax deeds as follows :		
	{ Taxes, \$147 60 }		
	{ Costs, 18 71 }	178 64	
	{ Interest, 12 33 }		
1899			
March 4	By balance 1895 taxes,	788 68	
	" " 1896 "	2,030 35	
	" " 1897 "	2,860 44	
	" " 1898 "	11,232 58	
			<u>\$28,252 02</u>

Mr. Lawlis, as Collector, has collected and paid to the Treasurer, the sum of \$1,100 00 interest on taxes committed to him in three years.

Financial Standing, &c.,

Liabilities.

Town bonds, Nos. 1 to 40,	\$40,000 00
Town bonds, Nos. 41 to 60,	20,000 00
Town bonds, Nos. 61 to 70,	10,000 00
Interest accrued on bonds to March 1, 1898,	833 33
Town order No. 560, due Sept. 1899,	500 00
Interest accrued on same to March 1, 1898,	10 83
Hannah J. Bailey, cemetery fund,	300 00
Outstanding claims estimated,	450 00

\$72,094 16

17,888 96
54,205 20
\$130 20

Assets.

Cash on hand,	\$130 20
Hannah J. Bailey fund—deposited in Houlton Savings Bank,	300 00
Uncollected taxes, 1895,	788 68
Uncollected taxes, 1896,	2,030 35
Uncollected taxes, 1897,	2,860 44
Uncollected taxes, 1898,	11,232 58
Tax deeds,	296 71
Outstanding claims, estimated,	250 00

\$17,888 96

Other Town Property.

Farm and wood lot,	\$3,650 00
Personal property on farm,	528 00
Town hall and lot,	4,750 00
Highway, tools, wagon, snow plows, and road machines,	420 00
Town hearse,	200 00
Gravel lots,	400 00
Lumber, wood, coal, tar, and rocks,	220 00
Fire department property,	8,025 00
Engine house and lot near C. P. R.,	150 00
School property,	37,750 00

\$56,093 00

Besides repairing County road bridge and paying up old bill of O. F. French, the sum of \$1,000 00 has been paid on the Town debt during the past year. We think something should be paid on the Town debt every year, and recommend that at least \$500 00 be raised for that purpose at the annual meeting.

Recommendations.

For the usual appropriations for the ensuing year, as appears under the separate heads, we have made the following recommendations :

Support of poor,	\$2,000 00
Discounts, abatements and commissions,	3,850 00
Interest,	2,750 00
Town officers,	1,500 00
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00
Schools,	5,500 00
Free high school,	1,600 00
Supervisor of schools,	300 00
Repairs on school houses and insurance,	600 00
School books, (including free high school)	750 00
Fire department, watchmen and hydrants,	6,000 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Street lights,	1,350 00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks, Road	

Commissioner, and rocks for County jail,	5,500 00
Town debt,	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PUTNAM,	}	Selectmen,
SAMUEL LANE,		Overseers of
WALLACE A. DYKEMAN,		the Poor, &c.

Town Treasurer's Report.

FRANK A. GELLERSON. In account with the Town of
Houlton.

1898.

Mar. 1.

To balance cash in Treasury, \$1,395 50	
“ tax deeds, 1895 and 1896, 324 59	
“ balance taxes 1895 and 1896, 4,335 36	
“ “ “ 1897, 10,582 61	
	\$16,638 06
“ Rec'd sale of second hand spring,	1 00
“ “ “ coal,	1 30
“ “ “ old boards and plank,	3 50
“ “ “ potatoes from farm,	50 35
“ “ from Hodgdon for tuitions and books,	70 50
“ Rec'd from McCluskey Bros., rent of Hearse,	25 00
“ Rec'd from Agent Passamaquoddy Indian's, medicine furnished Louis Sopiell,	2 50
“ Rec'd from Geo. Q. Nickerson for repairs to Road Machine,	5 00
“ “ for coffin,	10 00
“ “ license fees,	77 00
“ “ dog tax 1897 refunded by State,	156 18
“ “ dog licenses 1898,	164 00
“ “ Interest on Hannah J. Bailey fund,	9 72
“ “ State for sheep killed by dogs,	4 50
“ “ “ for pensions,	234 00

To	Rec'd State for Militia Co.,	100	00
"	" " " " Free High School,	250	00
"	" " " " Railroad and tele- graph tax,	32	77
"	" " State for school fund and mill tax,	3,247	59
"	" H. Fannie Glidden, crossing,	2	35
"	" C. E. Williams, crossing,	4	64
"	" Chas. Carroll, crossing,	1	97
"	" Stephen Peabody, crossing,	1	93
"	" H. Edblad, gravel, etc.,	36	63
"	" County, granite curbing,	206	50
"	" C. P. Tenney, concreting,	30	49
"	" H. J. Hatheway, "	17	15
"	" J. M. Rice, "	105	07
"	" L. Powers, "	14	00
"	" L. O. Ludwig, "	48	42
"	" W. J. Thibadeau, "	17	33
"	" O. F. French, "	82	04
"	" O. F. & F. B. French, "	28	81
"	" Farmer's Nat'l. Bank, "	10	98
"	" sale of 10 bonds, \$1,000 each,	10,653	67
"	" temporary loans as follows :		
"	" order No. 106, Houl- ton Savings Bank, \$1,500	00	
"	" order No. 171, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,000	00	
"	" order No. 253, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,000	00	
"	" order No. 265, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,000	00	
"	" order No. 288, E. L. Cleveland, 2,000	00	
"	" order No. 341, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,500	00	
"	" order No. 377, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,000	00	
"	" order No. 484, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 1,500	00	
"	" order No. 560, Houl- ton Savings Bank, 500	00	\$11,000 00
"	" interest and costs		
"	" tax deeds 1897,		31 04
"	" interest on 1896		

	and 1897 taxes,	400 00
To	cash tax assessed for 1898,	54,163 63
		<u>97,939 62</u>
	CR.	
By paid	State pensions,	\$ 234 00
" "	dog license 1898 to State,	164 00
" "	coupons on town bonds,	2,400 00
" "	order No. 285 of 1897,	\$3,000 00
" "	order No. 290 of 1897,	1,000 00
" "	order No. 474 of 1897,	1,500 00
" "	order No. 447 of 1894,	6,000 00
		<u>\$11,500 00</u>
" "	State tax in full,	7,168 51
" "	County tax in full,	9,235 30
" "	Town orders for year 1898,	49,898 85
" "	balance as follows :	
	Unpaid taxes, 1895, 1896, and 1897,	\$ 5,679 47
	Unpaid taxes 1898,	11,232 58
	Tax deeds 1895 and 1896,	198 31
	" " 1897,	98 40
	Cash in treasury,	130 20
		<u>\$17,338 96</u>
		<u><u>\$97,939 62</u></u>

FRANK A. GELLERSON, Town Treasurer.

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Auditor's 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 1895, 1896 and 1897,			\$ 5,679 47
Balance " 1898,			11,232 58
Tax deeds as follows :			
Robt. P. McNally	tax	1894,	\$ 28 54
Robt. P. McNally	"	1895,	38 28
M. H. Small	"	1896,	24 70
H. O. Nickerson	"	"	13 14
W. J. McPherson	"	"	15 07
Robt. P. McNally	"	"	30 48
Frank A. Herrick	"	"	20 85
Fred O. Smith	"	"	13 14
Lionel T. Clough	"	"	14 11
Mrs. M. J. Robinson	"	1897,	5 83
H. Crawford Porter	"	"	7 98
Harry A. Baker	"	"	7 32
Mrs. Hiram Brown	"	"	12 28
Patrick L. Cassidy	"	"	31 83
Patrick Cassidy	"	"	23 03
James W. Plummer	"	"	10 13
			\$ 296 71
Total			\$17,208 76

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 7, 1899.

Report of Road Commissioner.

To the Citizens of Houlton, Me :

I herewith submit to you my report as Road Commissioner for the past year, and respectfully refer you to Selectmens' report which will show how much money I have expended from the different appropriations entrusted to my department.

In regard to highways would say, the town owns two road machines, one of which is badly out of repair, has been in use for a good many years, and is now in condition that money expended on it for future repairs is money wasted. I would suggest the town appropriate a sum of money sufficient to buy a new machine and sell the one now on hand for work not as heavy as our town work. This machine can be sold for something in its present condition. The other machine can be put in good condition with repairs.

I bought from M. L. Stuart of Mapleton, a winter road machine costing \$75.00, delivered at our depot. This machine has proved very satisfactory and we ought to have at least two more of same make, and I think every man who has seen this machine work, or used a road made by it, will bear me out in the suggestion. I have had hauled for repairs on highway, 465 loads of rocks and 3708 loads of gravel. Have put in 23 new culverts and cleaned out many old ones. Have opened up old drain on Military St. and repaired same with new material. Have cut and cleaned off bushes along sides of highways in different parts of town, for benefit of said highways. Material used for drains and culverts has been cedar in every case.

In regards to bridges would say : Have repaired and replanked 6 bridges, have built new bridge at Cary's Mills and one on County road near pumping station. The last named bridge was all taken down and rebuilt from bottom of river, two new abutments (one at each shore) built, and all 5 piers taken down and rebuilt. What sound lumber we found in old structure was used in new bridge, but most of lumber is new. The appropriation for repairs of this bridge was \$500., the balance of cost was saved from other appropriations, and all bills incurred in rebuilding this bridge are paid.

The bridge at Cook's brook, on Woodstock road. will have to be rebuilt this spring. The material for this job is bought and paid for and is piled on south side of road near bridge.

There are many repairs to be made on bridges next season, but no new work to my knowledge except as above mentioned. There is \$90. worth of material left over from County road bridge, consisting of cedar and cedar ties, and is good property for town to have on hand.

In regard to sidewalks would say : This town maintains $10\frac{1}{4}$ miles of sidewalks. It costs a great deal of money to keep that number of miles of sidewalk in repair. I have built the past season, plank sidewalks on the following streets :

Highland Avenue,	653 x 3	ft. 2	in. plank.
Pleasant St.,	657 x 3	" 3	" "
Main "	504 x 4	" 3	" "
Mechanic "	344 x 3	" 3	" "
Williams "	282 x 3	" 3	" "

Heywood	“	604 × 3	“	3	“	“
Park	“	450 × 3	“	3	“	“
Brook	“	293 × 3	“	2	“	“
Military	“	323 × 3	“	3	“	“
Court	“	91 × 4	“	3	“	“

Concrete sidewalks as follows :

Highland Avenue,	172 × 4 = 76½	yds.
Charles St.,	435 × 5 = 217½	“
Elm	“	438 × 5 = 219½
Main	“	1253 × 6 = 835½
Water	“	104 × 4 = 46½
Court	“	518 × 6 = 345½
Total,	1,788½	

The relative cost of above walks was fully set forth in Town report of last year.

Have done good deal of concrete work for private parties, which is found in Selectmens' report.

In regard to private crossings, would say: Have put in crossings for Stephen Peabody, C. Carroll, C. E. Williams and Clara Stimpson. Town furnished lumber for the Peabody, C. Carroll and C. E. Williams work. Miss Stimpson furnished her own lumber, and in each case the labor was done free of charge.

Two concrete crossings were made in Market Square, and they proved complete failures. One was laid at Hotel Exchange and one on Military St., and they stood the travel very well. There is too much mud and heavy teaming through Market Square, for a concrete crossing to stand, and I find City of Bangor have same trouble with many of theirs.

In regard to sidewalks in winter, would say: The amount overdrawn last year, \$177, (You will notice by Selectmens' report) was charged up to this year's appropriation, and more sidewalks has been open this year than last, in different parts of the town. If the town intends to maintain a sidewalk above C. P. R. station to Hancock Barracks, it will cost a good deal of money next season, as it will all have to be laid new.

The tools belonging to road department are in good condition except the road machine mentioned elsewhere, and for the benefit of all tax payers I ask you to consider

the matter of buying a new machine. Our work is very heavy and it takes a good machine to stand it, and it does not pay to use a machine at a cost of \$9.50 per day that is not fit to do the work well.

I thank all for the assistance and advice they have kindly rendered me during the past year.

Very truly yours,

H. EDBLAD.

Report of S. S. Committee.

To the Citizens of Houlton :

At the last annual town meeting John B. Madigan, Wm. C. Donnell and Frederick A. Powers were elected a school committee, under the general law of the State.

On March 25, 1898, the committee met to organize the board and elected John B. Madigan, chairman, Harry L. Putnam, ex-officio Secretary and Superintendent. In casting lots, as the law requires, for term of service, W. C. Donnell drew the term of three years, J. B. Madigan, two years, F. A. Powers, one year.

The schools of the town have been in session thirty-three weeks during the school year. Throughout the year the pupils, with few exceptions, have been orderly and well disposed and have made commendable progress in their studies.

Very few complaints have been made by parents. In nearly all such instances it was due to some misunderstanding that was readily adjusted by an interview between parent and teacher.

We regret that so few parents visit the schools. The teachers need your cooperation. The schools need your encouragement and your criticism resulting from your personal observations.

Number of persons in town, April 1, 1898, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, 1322.

Number of different scholars registered, 927.

Number of teachers employed :

High school, (at Ricker Classical Institute.)	
Grammar schools, 4.	Primary schools, 6.
Intermediate schools, 4.	Country schools 7.

Number of pupils to each teacher :

High school, (attendance of 104 at R. C. I.)
 Grammar schools, 40. Primary schools, 41,
 Intermediate schools, 44. Country schools, 21

All the village schools are in good condition and well attended. There are 160 pupils in attendance in the three grammar school grades alone. We have been obliged to turn away from our village schools all non-resident scholars. Many had come from surrounding towns, prepared to pay tuition.

The rural school problem is one of the leading questions in educational circles to day. The greatest good to the greatest number is the end to be sought.

When schools are very small all the enthusiasm and vigor of school work obtainable in larger classes must necessarily be absent. The expense per scholar of maintaining such small schools is also large.

A State law requires that all schools failing to maintain an average attendance of eight scholars shall be closed and the scholars furnished transportation to other schools of the town.

Three of our country schools have accordingly been discontinued by law.

The remaining country schools, as a rule are doing good work. They are standing side by side with our village schools in thoroughness of preparation and pride in steady advance.

The pupils of the rural schools have taken the liveliest interest in the care of their surroundings. A marked improvement in this respect has been observed within a few years.

Extensive repairs were made on the red school house, Foxcroft road. It is now in excellent condition for school purposes. Other necessary repairs have been made upon the different school buildings in the town.

Some repairing is required each year, on all the buildings to keep them in good condition. This has been found to be the more economical course to pursue.

The total amount paid by the town for maintaining the common schools during the year is,

Teachers wages,	\$6,480 50
Conveying pupils,	370 50
Janitors,	860 00
Fuel,	765 74

\$10,650 23

Text books,	846	95	
Repairs,	620	22	
Insurance and appliances,	323	47	
Water and sewerage,	260	00	
Miscellaneous (printing, cleaning, etc.)	122	85	\$10,650 23
There remains unexpended, \$284.94 as shown by the report of the Selectmen.			

There is also due the town from Ludlow for tuition for scholars who have attended the Callaghan school, the sum of \$28.00.

Free High School.

On March 29, 1898, your committee made a contract with Ricker Classical Institute, of which the following is a copy: "Ricker Classical Institute agrees to accept and educate all High School scholars, resident in Houlton, for the school year beginning in the spring term of 1898 and ending with the winter term of 1899, on the following terms: The said Town on its part agrees to pay for actual attendance of said scholars only at the rate of twenty-two dollars per school year of thirty-eight weeks, for each scholar, all fractions of weeks to be reckoned as full weeks; the whole amount of said tuition, together with the deficit already incurred by the Town for tuition of its High School scholars at said Institute during the past year, not to exceed the total sum of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. Said Ricker Classical Institute is willing to leave the matter of further reimbursement to the decision of the next annual Town meeting, and hereby agrees to abide by said decision."

Under the conditions of this contract we have paid \$1,850 in full settlement of all legal liability of the town under this contract.

Ricker Classical Institute now asks extra compensation of the town and is to abide by its decision. Your committee considers that the town has fully met its obligations under this contract and does not recommend any further payment.

It remains for the tax payers of the town to say whether they wish to give Ricker Classical Institute any gratuity.

We have the following proposition from Ricker Classical Institute for the ensuing year, which its representatives say is final: "Ricker Classical Institute will accept and educate High Schools scholars of the town of Houlton, for

the school year beginning the spring term of 1899, and ending with the winter term of 1900, to the number of 84 for the sum of \$1,850. Additional scholars will be received at the same rate. The school year to be thirty-eight weeks, and the town to pay for actual attendance only ; all fractions of weeks to be reckoned as full weeks."

With the probable average attendance for the ensuing year it will cost the town under this proposal to educate its scholars at Ricker Classical Institute from \$2,200 to \$2,300. It will be noticed by the terms of this proposal that the price for each town pupil is slightly in excess of the regular tuition for transient scholars. That is, the town which furnishes and pays for about one hundred pupils in one lump, has to pay slightly more for each pupil than the parent from out of town, who only sends one.

As suggested by your committee last year, the instruction of the High School pupils is a matter of importance and the arrangements for the same should be decided upon and authorized by the tax payers themselves. If the town is unable to make satisfactory terms with Ricker Classical Institute, it will involve the erection of another school house. In this case we would recommend as the most economical way, the building of a wooden school house for intermediate and primary grades, on the Pleasant street lot now owned by the town. The upper floor of the brick school building would then become available for High School purposes and in the judgment of your committee is eminently suitable for such use.

As to comparative expense of running our own Free High school or accepting Ricker Classical Institutes' proposition, we beg to submit the following estimates :

Cost of building and furnishing a frame school-house on Pleasant street lot, \$5,000, interest on which at 4 per cent. would make annual cost of	\$ 200
Janitor, fuel, water, sewer and insurance,	500
One High School principal,	1,000
One assistant,	525
	\$2,225

This is practically the same as it would cost to send the town pupils to Ricker Classical Institute, but the principal of the High School would have charge over the grammar schools in the same building and a good female teacher who could be employed at \$15 per week or \$525 a

year, could hear the classes in the grammar school now heard by its principal to whom we pay \$1,000 a year. This would make a net gain on both common schools and High School of \$475 per year to the town.

The amount paid Ricker Classical Institute has grown from \$1,000 a year in 1890, to between \$2,200 and \$2,300 now demanded and this question must be met and decided some time by the tax payers of the town.

We believe it would be as well for our pupils and better for the town financially, to run its own Free High School.

In case the town decides to do this, it will be necessary to make some provision for the spring and summer term of High school.

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

Andrews, Ada	McLeod, Clara
Burnham, Margaret L.	Mersereau, Margaret
Cosseboom, Eva	McNair, Margaret
Christenson, Anna S.	Newhouse, Emma
Degrass, Ruth	Packard, Lucretia
Donovan, Joseph	Porter, Chas. B.
Donovan, John E.	Nelson, Dawn W.
Driscoll, Mildred M.	Putnam, Alice
Hanagan, Fred O.	Powers, Walter
Hews, Wellington	Powers, Elisha
Houlton, James W	Putnam, Arthur O.
Hogan, Gertrude A.	Pray, Elsie
Hammond, Ethel E.	Reed, Samuel H.
Ingraham, Gertrude	Shaw, Dora
Jones, Pearl	Sincock, May
Leonard, Martha	Stephenson, Rennie
Lindsay, Isa	Trefry, Flora
Mansur, Elsie C.	Watson, Pansy
McGinley, Cecil	Wood, Isa R.
McCormack, Walter	Whitehead, Ethel M.
	Wilson, Frank
	Wheaton, Winnie
	Wilson, Elaine
	Whenman, Lucy
	White, Phoebe

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing school year :

Common schools,	\$5,500 00
Repairs and insurance,	600 00

Text books, (including Free High school)	750 00
Free High school,	1,600 00

Making a total of \$8,450 00

Last year the appropriations for the same purpose amounted to \$9,100.

Our recommendation of \$1,600. for Free High school includes necessary tuition of our pupils at Ricker Classical Institute, during the ensuing spring term, while the school house on Pleasant St. is under construction, provided the town votes to build it.

JOHN B. MADIGAN,	} Superintending School Committee.
WILLIAM C. DONNELL,	
FREDERICK A. POWERS,	

Report of Board of Health.

The board of health reports as follows: The organization of the board has been the same as for the previous year: Charles D. Merritt, Chairman and Dr. Chas E. Williams, Secretary.

There have been reported twenty-two cases of Typhoid Fever, with no deaths.

Nine cases of Scarlet Fever, with one death.

One case of Measles, recorded.

The law requiring the reports of all contagious diseases, has not been strictly complied with. A number of cases of Typhoid Fever and Scarlet Fever are known to have existed, of which no reports were made to us.

During the past few weeks, persistent but more or less vague rumors of a Small Pox case have been spread about and has caused a certain amount of uneasiness. Such rumors had as their only foundation, the fact that two persons whose homes are in Houlton, came here from Waterville, where Small Pox has existed. Immediate investigation was made by the Board, including telegraphic inquiry of the Waterville Health officers regarding them. They presented clean bills of health from the Waterville Health Board and other satisfactory evidence that their presence did not endanger the welfare of the town.

The question of general vaccination of the town was considered at the time of the outbreak in Waterville and Winslow, but under the circumstances it was deemed in-

advisable, at least, to do this at the town's expense.

A somewhat smaller number of nuisances have required our attention the past year. In general our requests and recommendations have met with cheerful acquiescence.

The water works and sewer system in the village have been extended, to our advantage, in points both of convenience and increased healthfulness. It is an interesting fact that since the establishment of our water system, the records of this Board show that a great percentage of the cases of Typhoid Fever, a disease propagated largely by impure water, have occurred outside the limits of the public water supply, and we have yet to learn of a single case occurring in persons who have used the water exclusively. The day of the village well has passed.

CHARLES D. MERRITT,	} Board of Health
CHAS. E. WILLIAMS,	
A. B. SMART,	

Chief Engineer's Report.

To the citizens of Houlton :

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

The department is in good condition, and consists of steamer, hose wagon, three reels, hose sled, hook & ladder truck, ladder sled, 5000 ft. good hose, also 1 double and 1 single set of Berry improved drop harnesses and hangers complete.

The company consists of, S. C. Webber, Chief ; O. B. Buzzell, Foreman ; and 27 men. The alarms have been as follows :

May 9, 1898—Alarm rung at 7.15 a. m. Fire on roof of house occupied by Chas. Smith on County road.

May 12, 1898—Alarm rung about 1.30 a. m. Fire in building on the flat below starch factory.

May 26, 1898—Alarm rung about 11.50 p. m. Fire in Titcomb's mill on Bangor St. Mill and dry house adjoining were a total loss, as also the stable near boarding house. Adjoining boarding house was saved in a damaged condition.

June 20, 1898—Alarm about 4 o'clock a. m., in building next north of Clark's hotel, owned by G. A. Hall. Roof damaged somewhat and some damage to contents by smoke and water.

July 19, 1898—Alarm about 5 o'clock p. m., in store of C. F. Ross, west end of Market Square, caused by overturning of a lamp, and oil taking fire. Extinguished without damage. Department responded promptly, but were not needed.

Sept. 29, 1898—Alarm rung at 11.45 p. m. Fire in John Watson's (West) dry house near his starch factory, on the Flat, so called. Building total loss.

Oct. 19, 1898—Alarm rung about 6 a. m. Fire in house of Gideon Sturtevant on Pleasant street. Slight damages.

Dec. 12, 1898—Alarm rung at 9 p. m., caused by the explosion of a lamp in rooms occupied by Henry Creassy, in the building owned by John Weiler near the bridge. Damage about \$25.00.

Jan. 7, 1899—Alarm rung at 10.15 p. m. Fire in "Flagg Block", store occupied by Chas. Thorn. Damage about \$10.00. Stock damaged some by smoke.

Feb. 4, 1899—Alarm rung about 2 o'clock a. m. Fire in the small building near Monson's market, occupied by Chas. H. McCluskey for harness shop. Contents of building badly damaged.

Now that we have the drop harnesses, I would recommend an alarm system of some kind which would enable us to respond very promptly, which is a big advantage in fighting fire.

Thanking all for any assistance rendered, I remain respectfully,

S. C. WEBBER, Chief Engineer.

WARRANT.

To SAMUEL C. WEBBER, 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, 1899, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon 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 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. 4. To see if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairs upon school houses, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purchase of school text-books.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of the Supervisor of Schools.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of re-imbursing, in accord with the vote of the town, Ricker Classical Institute for tuition of Free High School scholars of the Town of Houlton over and above the amount raised by the town at March meeting 1898, and the amount received by the town from the State for Free High School in 1898.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to build and furnish a wooden school building for Intermediate and

Primary grades, on lot now owned by the town on Pleasant Street, and what sum of money the Town will vote for said purposes and how the same shall be raised and expended.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to hire the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to build and furnish a wooden school building on the lot now owned by the town on Pleasant Street, on orders or notes of the town, and will authorize the Selectmen to fix the date, denomination, amount, rate of interest and maturity of such orders or notes and in behalf of the town to execute, issue and negotiate them.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Fire Department, Watchmen, and rent of hydrants.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to employ or not to employ a day watchman and police officer.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairing and building of roads, bridges, and sidewalks.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the services of Road Commissioner.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for rocks for County work-yard.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for lighting the streets of the village, town hall, engine house and town lockup.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to keep the sidewalks in the village open during the winter of 1899-1900, and if so, to instruct the Selectmen what ones to keep open and what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a road machine, 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 cemeteries.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign lots in Evergreen Cemetery to non-residents, and what price the town will fix for same.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise towards a Free Public Library.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for observing Memorial Day.

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 what sum of money the Town will vote to raise towards paying off the town debt.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the B. J. Slipp road, so called, as laid out by the Selectmen, Aug. 8th, 1898, and recorded in Town Records, Vol. 5, Pages 280, 281, 282, 283, and 284, and as made and now traveled.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the way located by the Selectmen Feb. 20th, 1897, on petition of B. J. Slipp and others, and accepted by the town at annual meeting, March 22d, 1897.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the way known as Riverside St., as laid out by the Selectmen, July 22d, 1898, on petition of Wesley Goodiell and 13 others, and as recorded in Vol. 5, Pages 275, 276, 277, 278, and 279 of Town Records, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay damages for and build the same.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as River Street, as laid out and dedicated to the town, by C. P. Tenney, three rods wide, the easterly line of which is described as follows: Commencing on the east line of Mechanic Street at the north-west corner of house lot owned by Wm. A. Kay, thence running on a course bearing north 74 deg. 20 min. east 29 rods, 13½ links to east line of Orchard street.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of River street between Orchard street and Mechanic street, as accepted by the town Aug. 3, 1895.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept a street, as laid out and dedicated to the town by C. P. Tenney, known as Orchard street, two rods wide, being one rod on each side of the center line, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of Charles street, one rod south of the south-east corner of the homestead lot of Lucinda J. Whenman, thence running in a westerly direction and at right angle to Charles street to River street, as accepted by the town Aug. 3, 1895.

