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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Treasurer,

and Other Officers



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Town of Houlton,

Municipal Year Ending March 1,

1900.

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, 1899, the same being a copy of our return to the State Assessors:—

Resident, real estate,	\$1,315,231 00	
Non-Resident, real estate,	140,350 00	
Total real estate,		\$1,455,581 00
Resident, personal estate,	\$706,490 00	
Non-resident, personal estate,	12,165 00	
Total personal estate,		\$718,655 00
Total valuation		\$2,174,236 00
No. of polls taxed,	1202.	
No. of polls not taxed,	37.	

Schedule of Personal Property.

Live Stock.	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value.
Horses,	804	\$39 31	\$31,600 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	38	32 26	1,225 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	16	21 50	345 00
Colts, under 2 years old,	16	15 35	245 00
Mules,	2	30 00	60 00
Cows,	525	18 40	9,660 00
Bull,	1		20 00
Three years old,	96	15 00	1,440 00
Two years old,	162	12 00	1,944 00
One year old,	175	5 00	877 00
Sheep,	860	3 00	2,580 00
Swine,	168	3 00	504 00

Total value of live stock, \$50,500 00

	Shares.	Value.
Railroad stock,		2,600 00
Bank stock,	1195	145,280 00
Trust companies stock,	135	15,025 00
Sewer " "	105	4,200 00
Water " "	1930	38,600 00
Money at interest,		169,600 00
Estates held in trust,		19,500 00
Stock in trade,		205,705 00
Machinery,		13,800 00
Logs & lumber,		2,600 00
Bicycles,	138	4,180 00
Carriages,	191	7,925 00

Musical instruments,	314	20,915 00	
Furniture,		2,100 00	
Finished products in mills,		2,400 00	
Materials in stock,		900 00	
Buildings on others land,		12,825 00	\$668,155 00
Total value of personal property,			718,655 00

Assessment, 1899.

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 27, 1899, the following assessment was made:—

State tax,	\$6,857 69	
County tax,	8,296 74	
Support of the poor,	2,000 00	
Discounts, abatements & commissions,	3,850 00	
Interest,	2,750 00	
Town Officers,	1,500 00	
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00	
Superintendent of Schools,	300 00	
Schools,	5,500 00	
Free high school,	1,600 00	
Repairs on school houses,	600 00	
Text books,	750 00	
Fire department and watchmen,	6,000 00	
Street lights	1,350 00	
Roads, bridges & sidewalks,	5,500 00	
Sidewalks in winter,	350 00	
Cemeteries,	300 00	
Memorial day,	100 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Road machine,	200 00	
Goodiell Road,	750 00	
Ricker Classical Institute (tuitions)	150 00	
Overlay,	1,234 76	
Total assessment		\$51,439 19
Tax rate on \$1.00 .022		
Tax on polls \$3.00 each,	\$3,606 00	
Tax on real and personal estate,	47,833 19	\$51,439 19

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

Report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

Interest Account.

Amount appropriated	\$2,750 00	
Balance from year 1898	397 06	
Interest of Houlton Savings Bank on Hannah J. Bailey fund	10 58	
Interest on taxes, collected and paid to Treasurer by M. Lawlis, coll.,	400 00	
	\$3,557 64	
To paid interest as follows:		
Coupons on town bonds Nos. 1 to 70,	\$2,800 00	
Houlton Sav. Bank on order No. 560 yr 1898	26 60	
Houlton Sav. Bank on orders Nos. 28, 372 & 455 yr 1899,	58 50	
First Nat'l Bank on orders Nos. 110 & 263,	35 00	
Farmers' Nat'l Bank on order No. 191,	33 35	
E. L. Cleveland on order No. 336,	46 67	
Silas T. Plummer on order No. 519,	8 67	
Walter Mansur on overpaid taxes,	22 27	
Am't to cemetery acc't for care of Bailey lot,	10 58	
Am't transferred to town debt account,	450 00	
Balance unexpended	66 00	3,557 64

The amount necessary to pay interest on the Town debt next year is \$2,930.00. The interest collected on taxes should be sufficient to pay interest on temporary loans during the summer and probably a little more. We think an appropriation of \$2,800.00 with the balance on hand will be sufficient for the coming year.

Discounts, Commissions and Abatements:

Amount appropriated,	\$3850 00	
Balance from year 1898,	2 34	\$3,852 34

Discounts.

Five per cent discount on \$40,523.12 taxes of 1899 paid to F. A. Geller-son Treasurer before Nov. 1st 1899,	\$2,026 16	
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Commissions

Martin Lawlis, Collector, part pay-ment of commissions due March 1st, 1900,	280 97	
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Abatements

M. Lawlis, Coll. on 1895 taxes,	\$639 23	
" " " " 1896 "	69 00	
" " " " 1897 "	91 60	
" " " " 1898 "	140 66	
" " " " 1899 "	36 66	
Other abatements,	564 16	
Balance unexpended,	3 90	\$3852 34

For this appropriation during the coming year we recom-mend \$3,850.00.

Cemeteries.

Amount appropriated	\$300 00	
Balance from year 1898,	97	
Amount from Hannah J. Bailey fund.	10 58	\$311 55

Bamford, D. M. carting,	\$3 00	
Benn, H. R. painting,	2 00	
Boone, Chas, E. labor,	20 00	
Fogg, A. H. & Co., supplies,	1 70	
Hiscock, Elias labor,	3 00	
McCluskey Bros. labor,	5 50	
Merritt, E. & Sons, seed &c.	1.66	
Smith Bros., labor &c.,	9 25	
Turney, R. L. hardware,	5 48	
Verrill, S., labor,	63	
Watson, John, hardware,	2 25	
Wiley, James W., services,	192 80	
Wingate, J H., labor, &c.	47 55	
Balance unexpended,	16 73	\$311 55

All the town cemeteries have been cared for as usual. At

Evergreen cemetery the work of cleaning out the old roads and other improvements has been continued. There is more of this work to do. Mr. James W. Wiley has had charge of the cemetery and it has been well kept this year as in former years under his care. Evergreen cemetery will have to be enlarged next year. We recommend \$300 00 be raised for cemeteries.

Memorial Day.

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

Memorial day has become a day observed throughout the country and we think the usual appropriation of \$100.00 should be made.

State Militia.

Balance from last year,	\$300 00
Amount paid Frank A. Peabody, Capt. Co. L.	\$200 00
Balance unexpended,	100 00 \$300 00

We recommend that \$100.00 be raised for militia purposes.

Street Lights.

Amount appropriated,	\$1350 00
Balance from year 1898,	50 80 \$1400 80
Houlton Electric Co., electric lights for streets, town hall and engine house	\$1300 00
E. Merritt & Sons, electric lights for streets, town lock-up and approaches thereto,	41 40
Balance unexpended	59 40 1400 80

During next season street lights should be extended from the Catholic church to the railroad crossing near the Foxcroft road, and we think this can be done without any increase in the appropriation. We recommend the usual amount \$1350.00.

Road Machine.

Amount appropriated,	\$200 00
Conant, C. M. & Co., machine,	\$175 00
Dykeman, W. A., freight,	25 00 200 00

Sidewalks in Winter.

Albright, Charles	labor	\$ 3 45
Albright, Elias	"	1 75
Albright, Fred	"	2 77
Albright, Wm.	"	1 75
Anderson, J. A.	"	88 85
Bachelor, Benj.	"	1 50
Bachelor, John	"	4 35
Bamford, D. M.	"	43 65
Belongia, Alex.	"	2 20
Brewer, B.	"	63
Brewer, M.	"	2 55
Briggs, George	"	75
Brown, C.	"	3 50
Bonnell, John	"	2 40
Butler, Wm.	"	1 50
Campbell, B.	"	2 50
Chamberlain, John	"	1 50
Colter, C.	"	1 27
Connell, Tom	"	50
Connell, Walter	"	50
Cornelison, Frank	"	1 50
Crossin, E.	"	3 58
Dickey, John Jr.	"	7 35
Estes, R. H.	"	4 85
Fairweather, G.	"	4 20
Gagnon, F.	"	63
Gallagher, Joe	"	5 70
Gellerson, F. A., Treas., cash paid out,		4 50
Grant, R	labor	45
Gray, W. H.	"	2 15
Hanson, Walter	"	63
Harper, G.	"	75
Harper, Isaac	"	10 22
Harper, John	"	4 57
Harper, W.	"	6 95
Haughn, Freeman	"	7 90
Helms, H. R.	"	21 15
Hemphill, Henry	"	1 35
Hughes, F.	"	50
Hunter, George A.	"	43 80
Iott, Israel,	"	4 95
Italian, J.	"	60
Kitchen, W.	"	2 15
Leonard, J.	"	1 25

Lyons, E.	"	45	
McCue, John	"	5 40	
McDonald, S.	"	1 50	
McKay, J.	"	1 50	
McNutt, James	"	4 20	
McTavish, A.	"	3 50	
McTavish, F.	"	75	
McTavish, D.	"	2 10	
O'Brien, C.	"	50	
Orchard, H.	"	75	
Palmer, Alex.	"	1 00	
Parent, W. H.	"	1 35	
Pelham, H.	"	90	
Perry, H. M.	"	2 75	
Porter, J.	"	1 27	
Sharp, Joseph	"	1 35	
Sinclair, L.	"	1 50	
Smith, H. D.	"	75	
Snell, Albert	"	5 45	
Socia, W.	"	2 85	
Stevenson, F.	"	75	
Thibodeau, J.	"	5 30	
Tupper, Sherman & son	"	18 71	
Vandine, Wm.	"	3 50	
Warren, E. B.	"	1 80	
Webster, Daniel	"	95	
White, Greenfield	"	5 25	
Whitman, J.	"	2 25	
York, Randolph	"	3 00	
Balance unexpended,		15 56	\$406 44
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Amount appropriated,		\$350 00	
Balance from year 1898,		56 44	406 44
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We recommend an appropriation of \$350.00 for sidewalks in winter of 1900 and 1901.

Riverside Street.

Brown, O. S. labor,	\$ 7 50
Chadwick & Davis, damages,	12 00
Dickey, Frank labor,	16 57
Esty, W. H. damages,	38 00
Ganong, Wm. labor,	12 82
Hall, Lewis N. labor,	14 67
Harper, I. M. labor,	28 57

Houlton F. & M. Co., hardware &c,	10 70	
Hughes, John K. labor,	4 48	
Ingraham, Bert, labor,	41 43	
Monahan, E. C. labor,	15 75	
Peters, Ellen, damages,	140 00	
Peters, James, labor	9 69	
Putnam, M. D. hauling gravel,	4 00	
Putnam, M. D. & A. T. land damages,	500 00	
Putnam, W. H. labor,	6 00	
Ruth, R. N. sleepers,	5 00	
Skofield, C. E. supplies,	4 00	
Smith, James, labor	6 00	
Stetson, C. E. F. surveying	5 00	
Vandine, Wm. labor,	23 63	
Wiley, James, labor	6 25	
Wilson, M. lumber,	9 60	\$921 66
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Amount appropriated,	\$750 00	
Amount from road, bridges & sidewalk account to balance,	171 66	\$921 66
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Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Abernethy, Charles, labor,	\$ 1 50
Abernethy, James, labor,	26 75
Adair, James, labor	6 25
Adams, D. W. labor,	6 00
Albright, Fred, labor,	85 93
Anderson, Alex, labor,	8 50
Anderson, Joseph, trucking,	8 00
Anderson, Richard, labor,	2 75
Armstrong, D. T., labor,	1 25
Armstrong, James, labor,	4 50
Atherton, A. F., labor,	17 18
Atherton, James, labor,	12 19
Auber, John J., labor,	6 00
Bamford, D. M., trucking & labor,	9 40
Bangor & Aroostook R. R., freight,	101 85
Bangor Gas Light Co., tar,	328 00
Beek, Alex, labor,	34 75
Bell, Thomas, labor,	1 50
Benson, Thomas, labor,	4 50
Berry, C. H., teams,	6 50
Billings & Watts, granite,	196 68
Boyd, Edward, labor,	3 00

Bradford, A. K., labor,	5 50
Bragdon, B., labor,	3 00
Brewer, Melvin, labor,	24 68
Brewer, Wilmot, labor,	190 41
Briggs, E., labor,	2 95
Briggs, Geo., labor,	36 01
Brown, O. S., labor,	273 00
Callaghan, J., labor,	2 75
Campbell, George, labor,	25 75
Campbell, John, labor,	5 75
Campbell, John A., labor,	4 00
Cassidy, P., labor,	6 00
Chadwick & Davis, lumber,	4 18
Chapman & Soden, pitch,	26 61
Clark, Geo. P., labor,	24 71
Clark, Martha A., labor,	14 65
Cogan, David, labor,	4 25
Cogan, Henry, labor,	46 38
Colter, C., labor,	2 50
Conant C. M. & Co., repairs,	15 45
Conlogue, Mrs. J., labor,	6 00
Connell, J , labor,	1 00
Cook, Amos, labor,	1 25
Daigle, Wm., labor,	7 19
Deasy, James, labor,	7 50
Dempsey, Frank, trucking,	25
Dickey, Frank, labor,	27 19
Dickey, John, labor,	13 50
Dickey, John Jr., labor,	95 04
Dobbins, James, labor,	7 87
Dobson, Wm., labor,	3 50
Donnelly, Geo., labor,	14 13
Donovan, J. C., labor & cedar,	32 54
Drake, F. H., labor,	11 12
Drake, James A., labor,	30 00
Dunn, Chas. F., labor,	1 80
Dunphy, W. H., labor,	41 20
Dykeman, W. A., labor,	5 00
Edblad, Hjalmer, road commissioner.	460 50
Edblad, Hjalmer, cash paid out,	17 07
Fitzgerald, J., labor,	6 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,	19 73
Frisbie, H. T., labor,	40 25
Gagnon, Wm., labor,	21 68
Gallagher, Robert, labor,	43 87
Gidney, Wilmot, labor,	6 00

Gilpatrick, Ora, labor,	81 75
Grant, Thomas, labor,	1 25
Hackett, J. D., labor,	41 13
Hall, Lewis, labor,	40 42
Hammond, D. E., labor,	10 86
Hammond, G. A., labor,	93
Harkins, Michael, labor,	16 00
Harper, Isaac M., labor,	107 30
Harper, John, labor,	2 50
Harrigan, J. C., labor,	96 00
Helms, H. R., trucking,	2 25
Hogan, A. P., labor,	2 12
Houlton Foundry & Machine Co., repairs,	38 71
Houlton, Lyman, labor,	12 75
Hovey, Wm. E., labor,	18 00
Hunter, Geo. A., labor,	3 25
Hussey, B. T., labor,	52 05
Ingraham, B., labor,	12 75
Ingraham, B. F., labor,	6 00
Ingraham, B. L., labor,	95 38
Iott, Israel, labor,	48 88
Johnston, James, labor,	6 00
Jones, Warren, labor,	3 00
Jordan, W. H., labor,	7 25
Keaton, David M., cedar, labor &c,	155 19
Ketchum, W., labor,	6 00
Kinney, Geo. H., labor,	12 00
Kirlin, Barney, trucking,	1 25
Lamb, Henry, team,	10
Langing, Michael, labor,	5 00
Lizotte, L., labor,	1 25
Logan, Henry, labor,	28 50
Long, Harry,	5 00
Lowrey, Frank, labor,	28 17
Lyons, C. A., printing,	3 50
McCluskey Bros., teams,	3 00
McGinley, Geo. W., labor,	14 87
McGlinchey, Patrick, labor,	37 50
McHugh, John, labor,	4 25
McIlroy, Daniel, labor,	5 00
McIntyre, J. C., labor,	22 50
McNutt, James, labor,	3 00
Manson, Duncan, labor,	9 00
Manson, E. S., labor,	3 75
Mansur, Walter, labor,	22 50
Melville, M., labor,	6 25

Merritt, Geo., labor,	3 00
Mitchell, Ewen, labor,	4 25
Monahan, E. C., labor,	148 88
Moors, A. E., labor,	6 00
Niles, Mellen C., labor,	9 89
Niles, Walter, labor,	13 70
Packard, C. L., labor,	12 00
Parks, Jos., labor,	1 75
Parks, Zephaniah, labor,	18 80
Patton, Wm., labor,	15 00
Peabody, James S., labor,	15 80
Peabody, R. T., labor,	27 75
Pennington, G. A., labor,	1 50
Porter, Ira J., labor,	12 00
Porter, J., labor,	2 50
Porter, J. W., labor,	6 43
Porter, R., labor,	4 38
Porter, S. W., labor,	29 25
Pray, E. D., labor,	33 00
Pray, Geo. R. labor,	210 23
Putnam, A. T., labor,	27 00
Putnam, M. D., labor,	18 00
Putnam, W. H., labor,	80 00
Rafford, O., labor,	31 38
Reed, Fred, labor,	1 25
Reed, Geo. W., labor,	30 11
Reed, Hiram, labor,	9 00
Rideout, Michael, labor,	8 12
Roach, Patrick, labor,	12 00
Russell, Murray, labor,	8 44
Ruth, R. N., labor,	11 00
Saunders, B., labor,	9 75
Savage, A. S., labor,	6 00
Schools, Chas., labor,	3 00
Seely, H. L., labor,	12 50
Seely, J. C., labor,	46 25
Shirley, O., labor,	5 70
Sincock, S. H. Jr., lumber,	313 06
Sleeper, C. H., labor,	3 75
Slipp, B. J., labor,	18 00
Small, G. W., labor,	22 50
Smith, E. M., labor,	15 00
Smith, I. N., labor,	4 50
Smith, James, labor,	48 00
Smith, John, labor,	25 10
Stephenson, Robert, labor.	3 00

Taber, Geo. H., sleepers & labor	30 00	
Taber, Silas W., repairs	34 78	
Taggett, Geo. labor	3 44	
Taggett, John, labor	2 00	
Taggett, Wm., labor	1 50	
Taylor, Shephard, labor	1 50	
Taylor, W. A., labor	4 68	
Terrill, J. W., labor	20 00	
Thibeau, J., labor	50	
Titcomb, F. W., labor	13 57	
Tozier, Henry E., labor	10 00	
Tupper, Sherman, labor	1 50	
Turney, R. L., hardware	5 60	
Watson, John, labor &c	259 80	
Webb, Howard, labor	12 00	
Webber, W. H., labor	7 25	
Whitney, W. R., labor	9 00	
Wiggin, W. E., labor	2 50	
Wiley, James, labor	11 56	
Wilson, John, labor	9 06	
Wilson, Matthew, lumber	216 62	
Woods, James, labor	2 50	
Wright, Hiram, labor	4 75	
Yerxa, Mrs. H., labor	3 00	
Yerxa, Wm. R., labor	26 00	
York, Wm., labor	2 50	
Young, A. P., labor	63	
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	\$5,642 56	
Amount carried to Riverside St. ac- count to complete same,	171 66	
Balance unexpended,	70 04	\$5,884 26
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Amount appropriated including ser- vices of road commissioner	\$5,500 00	
Balance from year 1898,	76 58	
County of Aroostook for land damages allowed W. R. Whitney, refunded	20 00	
Balance from 1898 rock account,	2 20	
Balance from 1897 Hancock Barracks acct.	2 00	
Balance from 1897 Street sign acct.	37	
B. & A. R. Co. Rebate on freight,	17 50	
Cash received for labor on street crossings and for concreting and sale of materials as follows:		
F. F. Innis, concreting	22 62	

F. A. Gellerson,	“	8	06	
Geo. A. Hall,	“	10	50	
Samuel Lane	“	5	62	
L. O. Ludwig,	“	29	70	
Mrs. M. A. Putnam	“	7	88	
M. M. Clark	“	16	50	
A. P. Smith,	“	6	75	
W. S. Perks	“	32	75	
R. L. Turney,	“	5	00	
C. E. F. Stetson,	“	7	50	
Mrs. A. Lovejoy	“	24	40	
John Watson	“	21	38	
G. E. Wilkins	“	6	00	
Samuel Hanson	“	6	75	
H. Edblad, concrete patching,		1	85	
L. M. Felch, crossing		3	20	
O. A. Jacobs, crossing		2	61	
R. W. Shaw, crossing		3	42	
M. Philbrick, crossing		2	78	
H. Edblad, old plank & cedar		11	00	
L. B. Johnson, sand			60	
A. B. Smart, sleepers		1	08	
E. B. White, sleepers		1	08	
A. G. Rich, cedar post			30	
O. S. Brown, iron pipe		5	00	
W. H. Sincock, tar			4 00	
Received for tar barrels		17	28	\$5,884 26

All the usual work on roads, bridges and sidewalks has been done this year besides considerable extra work, as will appear in Road Commissioner's report. The expense of Riverside street exceeded the appropriation therefor, but it was deemed wise to complete it this year, and the excess was made up from the regular road and bridge fund. The appropriations taken together have not been overdrawn. Besides finishing Riverside street a good substantial bridge has been built over Nickerson Lake outlet for which there was no special appropriation. Last year we called attention to the immense amount of labor, time and care required to look after and keep in condition our roads, bridges and sidewalks. This year we wish to call attention also to the inadequate pay received by the Road Commissioner. Besides his own labor and time he must keep a team, and for his labor time and team, he receives only \$1.50 per day of from 10 to 15 hours long. We submit to the voters that this is not enough. For roads, bridges and sidewalks and services of Road Commissioner we recommend \$5,800.00.

Schools.

Abernethy, Charles, janitor	\$4 20
Abernethy, Mary, janitor	7 00
American Book Co., books	250 80
American Exp Co., express	8 85
Anderson, Joseph, trucking	1 25
Anderson, Richard, trucking	2 85
Aroostook Times, printing	3 90
Atchison, W. M. wood &c.	16 35
Atherton, A. S., labor	13 65
Auber, Frank, janitor	19 00
Babb, E. E. & Co., books	19 00
Bachelor, Allen M. janitor	99 00
Bamford, E. A., freight &c.	5 70
Barnes, Clara, teaching	270 00
Brown, Lizzie, cleaning	13 75
Brown, Oscar S., hauling gravel	21 00
Brown, Robert N., freight &c.,	12 11
Buzzell & Crockett, chairs	7 40
Cassidy, Ella M., teaching	242 50
Chadwick & Davis, repairs, lumber &c.	276 83
Chadwick, Vesta E., teaching	135 56
Collier, P. F., books	27 00
Conlogue, Mary, wood	53 00
Cook, Frank L., supplies	4 40
Cosseboom, May E., teaching	261 00
Deasy, Erin M., teaching	32 00
Dempsey, Frank, trucking	5 50
Dobson, Wm., conveying scholars	20 00
Donnell, W. C., insurance	100 75
Donovan, Annie G., teaching	269 00
Donovan, Jeanette E., teaching	198 00
Ellsworth, E. G., wood	7 31
Felch, L. M., furniture	200 00
Felch, L. M., books	63 74
Fitzgerald, Elizabeth, cleaning	2 00
Fitzgerald, John, janitor	5 00
Fletcher, Earl, janitor	36 00
Fletcher, Philander, janitor	210 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware	181 69
Foster, Carrie, cleaning	9 50
Foster, Ira, janitor	3 50
Foster, Mrs. James, cleaning	4 00
French, O. F. & Co., supplies	1 70
Gentle & Ludwig, insurance	152 00

Gidney, John S., conveying scholars	66 00
Gilman, W. S. & Son, printing	3 45
Ginn & Co., books	21 33
Globe Wernicke Co., supplies	8 25
Green, Charles, wood	5 00
Griffin, Abbie I., teaching	117 00
Hallett, John A. labor	8 69
Hamilton & Webber, supplies	10 85
Hammett, J. L. Co., books	86 59
Hanning, Blanche, cleaning	1 00
Harkins, Michael, labor	3 50
Harkins, Neal, labor	50
Harrington, J. O., team	65
Haskell, Annie M., teaching	261 00
Haskell, Elmer E., conveying scholars	80 00
Heath, D. C., books	39 60
Hogan, Joseph, janitor	3 50
Holt, Henry & Co., books	13 33
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	30 60
Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood	2 50
Houlton Electric Co., bells	8 50
Houlton Sewerage Co., sewer	110 00
Houlton Water Co., water	182 50
Interior Department U. S., maps	3 20
Iott, Daniel, janitor	384 70
Iott, Hattie, cleaning	20 00
Iott, Wm., labor	6 50
Jackins, Edith A., teaching	182 00
Jones, Annie R., teaching	261 00
Jordan, Frank, janitor	3 50
Jordan, Wm. H., wood, &c	5 50
Keaton, Miles M., furniture	9 07
Kidder, E. H., enumeration of scholars	20 00
Kirlin, Barney, trucking	75
Logan, Frank, janitor	17 55
Logan, Henry, labor	27 50
Long, Harry, conveying scholars	102 00
Longstaff, H. H., trucking	9 34
Lovering, May E., teaching	217 50
Lowrey, Frank, conveying scholars	20 00
Lyons, C. A., printing	16 00
McCluskey Bros., conveying scholars	80 50
McDonald, Finley, labor	19 65
McGlauffin, Robert, wood	9 75
McPartland, J. H., plumbing	92 50
Macey, Fred Co., desk	19 85

Maguire, F. Joseph, labor	16 25
Mansur, Lura S., teaching	219 95
Marquis, Jane, cleaning	6 50
Merritt, Susie W., teaching,	98 00
Miller, Mrs. Joel, cleaning	2 00
Mulherrin, Josephine, teaching	261 75
Mulherrin, Sarah E., teaching	252 00
Neal, George, wood	24 00
Nelson, Thomas & Son, books	12 25
Niles, Mellen C., janitor	31 50
Orriss, H. M., re-binding books	64 00
Parks, Augustus, labor	2 00
Parks, Carrie, janitor	13 70
Pennington, Annie, teaching	261 00
Perks Bros., supplies	25
Perry, J. D., repairs	1 75
Plummer, Mrs. J., cleaning	5 50
Porter, Alice M., teaching	261 00
Porter, Margaret A., teaching	261 00
Powers Patrick, grading	11 75
Putnam, A. T., wood	35 00
Putnam, H. L., cash paid out	17 00
Putnam, W. H., gravel	25 50
Robbins, Georgia M., teaching	301 25
Russell, Fred M., labor	75 90
Ruth, R. N., conveying scholars	7 50
Scott, Foresman & Co., books	120 68
Seeley, M. J., conveying scholars	52 80
Shewell, Thos. R. & Co., books	12 50
Silver, Burdett & Co, books	7 03
Sincock, S. H., lumber	2 40
Skofield, C. E., wire fencing	37 05
Small, B., ladder	3 74
Smith Bros., supplies	16 58
Smith, Etta, teaching	104 80
Smith, James, grading	19 50
Smith, O. M., supplies	2 00
Soucie, Mamie, cleaning	3 00
Taggett, Camilla, janitor	6 00
Thorn, C. F., supplies	65
Titcomb, Ethel E., teaching	175 00
Tracy, Mrs. L. A., cleaning	7 50
Vassar, Joseph J., janitor	92 50
Watson, John, coal & hardware	541 89
Webb, W. S., surveying	5 00
Webb, W. S., teaching	503 55

Webster, Daniel, labor	7 50	
Werner, Co., books	20 98	
White, Jacob, labor	5 00	
Wilson, C. H., supplies	2 00	
Wilson, Eva A., teaching	210 50	
Wingate, J. H., repairs	1 50	
Balance unexpended	37 76	\$10,138 20
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Appropriation for schools,	\$5,500 00	
Appropriation for repairs school build- ings	600 00	
Appropriation for school books	750 00	
Balance from year 1898	284 94	
School fund and Mill tax from state	2,958 36	
Cash received for books sold and damaged	7 10	
Cash received for tuitions, as follows :		
Town of Ludlow—Callaghan school	\$28 80	
Mary Conlogue—Grammar school	6 50	
Murray Lowrey—Smith school	2 50	
	37 80	\$10,138 20
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Ricker Classical Institute.

Amount appropriated,		\$150 00
Ricker Classical Institute, tuitions,	\$143 36	
Balance unexpended, carried to High School acct.	6 64	150 00
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Free High School.

Amount appropriated,		\$1600 00
“ received from State		250 00
Balance from Ricker Classical Institute acct.		6 64
Cash received for tuitions, as follows :		
Alward Leonard,	\$5 50	
Bradbury, Geo. R.	6 50	
Doherty, Fred	9 50	
Mersereau, Lizzie	6 50	28 00
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		\$1884 64
Ricker Classical Institute, tuitions	\$558 84	
Burrill, F. W., teaching	619 00	

Harris, M. A., teaching	275	00	
Hatheway, H. J., supplies	35	44	
Merritt, E. & Sons, electric wiring,	21	16	
Rockwood, Marion, teaching,	247	25	
Steinert, M. & Sons Co., rent of piano,	15	00	
Balance unexpended,	112	95	\$1884 64

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

Pleasant Street School House:

Chadwick & Davis, lumber	\$	8	41	
Felch, L. M., furniture		190	15	
Lane, J. M., labor and materials		3564	34	
Macdonald, Finley, labor		24	00	
McPartland, J. H., plumbing, &c		750	45	
Smith, O. M., supplies		21	00	
Stevens, John Calvin, services, &c.		249	15	
Balance unexpended		192	50	\$5000 00
Amount raised by loan on Town orders,	\$4000	00		
Amount from saving in other appropriations—see town debt account		1000	00	5000 00

Under Article 12 of the warrant of our last annual Town meeting, the Selectmen were authorized by vote to hire the sum of \$5000.00 to build and furnish a school building on Pleasant street. As appears elsewhere in this report, there has been a saving in appropriations amounting to \$1000.00 which we wished to have applied on town debt. As no part of the town debt was due, we have applied the same on this school building, and thus it became necessary to hire only \$4000 instead of \$5000. The school house has been built by and under the supervision of the School Committee and they have completed same wholly within the appropriation. See School Committee's report.

Pauper Account.

Paupers off the Farm.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

Armstrong, David T., board &c.	\$22	50	
Cary, George, medical attendance		4	00
Williams, C. E., medical attendance		21	00
		—	\$47 50

AMOS BELONGIA and family.

Monson, A. B., supplies	\$6	15	
Houlton Wood & Coal Co., wood		2	15
Perks Bros. medicine		2	40
		—	\$10 70

GEORGE BULLOCK.

French, O. F. & Co., medicine &c.	\$	55	
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance		1	00
Radigan, J. C., board		2	00
Webber, L. K., meals		60	
		—	\$4 15

JERE CRONIN and family.

City of Bangor, supplies			\$41 25
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KATE DIAMOND.

French, O. F. & Co., medicine	\$	5	45
Moors, A. E., milk		11	76
Williams, C. E. medical attendance		21	20
		—	\$38 41

J. J. ELLIOTT and family.

French, O. F. & Co., medicine	\$	6	15
Peabody, R. T., milk		7	05
Wiley, James W., nursing		15	00
Wilson, C. H., supplies		6	93
		—	\$35 13

FLANNIGAN family.

Brown, J. A. supplies	\$	25	
French, O. F. & Co., medicine		3	25
Lane & Pearce, supplies		25	
Mansur, W. P., shoes		1	50
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance		1	00
Webber, L. K., board		8	00
		—	\$14 25

FORTIER family.

Mansur, W. P., shoes &c.	\$4 00	
Monson, A. B., supplies	1 50	
Perks Bros., medicine	2 30	
	<u> </u>	\$7 80

MRS. J. W. FULLER.

Putnam, H. L., medical exam's	\$ 3 00	
Smith, Maggie, nursing	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$13 00

JOSEPH GABRIEL and family.

Houlton Wood & Coal Co., wood	\$2 50	
Palmer, R. A., supplies	2 50	
Smith, A. T., boots	1 25	
	<u> </u>	\$6 25

This bill will be paid by Chas. A. Rolfe
agent of Passamaquoddy Indians.

SAMUEL B. GORST and family

French, O. F., medicine	\$ 5 00	
Houlton Wood & Coal Co., wood	2 50	
Wilson, C. H., supplies	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$6 00

ENOCH GRANT and family.

Putnam, H. L., medical attendance	\$17 90	
Johnson, L. B., rent	4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$21 60

LAURA HALL and child.

Cliff, Hannah, board and nursing	\$13 00	
French, O. F. & Co., medicine	70	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine	2 50	
Keaton, Miles M., casket &c.	4 00	
Nevers, F. A., medical attendance	7 00	
	<u> </u>	\$27 20

JEREMIAH HANSON and family.

Am. Express Co., medicine C. O. D.	\$ 6 30	
French, O. F. & Co. medicine	2 40	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine	2 25	
Houlton Wood & Coal Co., wood	2 50	
Mooers, A. E , milk	17 20	
Perks Bros., medicine	1 50	
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance	5 50	
	<u> </u>	\$37 65

ANNIE LEONARD.

Cary Geo. medical examination	\$ 3 50	
Maine Insane Hospital, board &c.	151 96	
	<u> </u>	\$155 46

HOWARD LINDSEY and family.

Berry, A. H. & Son, supplies	\$14 68	
Dickey, John, nursing	10 00	
Dickison, T. S., medical attendance	8 00	
French, O. F. & Co., medicine &c.	10 25	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine &c.	5 75	
Houlton, Wood & Coal Co., wood	5 00	
Hunter, Geo. B., milk	1 40	
Nevers, F. A., medical service	70 00	
Oldenburg, Mrs. E., nursing	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$126 08

WALLACE LONDON.

Cole, Geo. W., board &c.	\$37 00	
Lane & Pearce, supplies	1 05	
Tinker, F. O., agent, ticket home	1 40	
	<u> </u>	\$39 45

WM. L. McAFEE and family.

Dickison, T. S., medical attendance	\$25 00	
Lane & Pearce, supplies	1 24	
Mansur, W. P., boots	2 65	
Wilson, C. H., supplies	17 81	
	<u> </u>	\$46 70

JOHN MORAN.

Dalton, Mrs. S., board &c.	\$31 50	
Hatheway, H. J., medicine	8 85	
	<u> </u>	\$40 35

ALBERT PELKEY.

Belongia, Amos, board &c.,	\$14 28	
Obey, J. H., ticket	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$20 28

JUDITH PIKE.

Maine Insane Hospital, board &c.	\$139 60	
	<u> </u>	\$139 60

MRS. ELIZABETH RIDEOUT.

Dickison, T. S., medical attendance	\$12 00	
Flannigan, Nellie, nursing	30 00	
Gillen, E. A. & Co., supplies	20	

Houlton Wood & Coal Co. wood	5 90	
Hunter, Geo. B., milk	7 17	
Lane & Pearce, supplies	1 00	
Monson, A. B., supplies	2 17	
	<hr/>	\$58 44

G. H. T. STEVENSON.

Bradbury, H. C. & H. K., supplies	\$3 00	
Dickison, T. S., medical attendance	8 00	
French, O. F., & Co., medicine	2 15	
Watson, John, wood	1 00	
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LILLIE STOCKFORD.

Laskey, Cora B., nursing	\$ 7 00	
Nevers, F. A., medical attendance	16 50	
Obey, J. H., board &c.	20 20	
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Transient and Other Paupers.

Chamberlin boy, shoes	\$ 1 25	
Cliff, Mrs., wood	1 00	
Colter child, casket &c.	7 50	
Corey, Mrs. Simon, board &c.	6 00	
Donham, John, ticket home	2 70	
Doucette, Levite, medical attendance	10 00	
Filamore, Mr., medicine	1 00	
Gellerson, B. E. and family, cash paid out	4 00	
Hayes, Robert, ticket home	4 85	
Lizzotte, Mr., ticket home	4 90	
Smith, Mrs., wood	2 00	
Stevens, James, (Indian) medical attendance	14 00	
Taylor, James, ticket home	2 00	
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BERTIE VICTORY.

Cliff, Mrs., board, &c	\$ 9 00	
Colbath. Alice, nursing	6 00	
French, O. F. & Co., medicine	4 05	
Houlton, Mrs. L., board, etc.	15 00	
Nevers, F. A., medical services	12 00	
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This bill has been paid in full.

JANE WATSON.

Benson, Mary J , board, etc	\$105 00	
Tenney, C. P., supplies	4 45	
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JACOB WHITE and family.

Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical attendance	\$11 00
French, O. F. & Co., medicine	80
Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood	4 25
Merritt, E. & Sons, supplies	2 68
Putnam, H. L., medical attendance	10 50
Smith, Melvin, board, etc	11 14
Tenney, C. P. & Son, supplies,	2 60
Watson, John, wood	1 50
Wilson, C. H., supplies	1 00

 \$45 47

\$44.67 of this bill has been paid by the town of Hodgdon.

GEORGE WILLETTE.

Town of Patten, supplies	\$37 55
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JOHN WILLETTE.

Mitchell, F. W., medical attendance	\$5 00
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This bill and \$3 for board at town farm
has been paid by town of Bradley.

 \$1300 12
Town Farm.

Benson, Thomas, beef	\$ 11 10
Berry, A. H. & Son, supplies	23 00
Bradbury, H. C. & H. K., supplies	3 50
Brown, O. S., labor	10 30
Browne, J. A. & Co., supplies	1 98
Buzzell & Crockett, supplies	6 55
Cary, Geo., medical attendance	3 50
Chadwick & Davis, repairs	40
Crabb, Mrs. Addie, sprinkler	4 00
Drake, N. S., meat and pigs	18 62
Ebbett, T. W., repairs	3 05
Esters, Robert. pump repairs	7 11
Fogg, A. H. & Co., supplies &c.	46 04
Fowler, David, labor	2 50
Fox Bros., supplies	26 00
French, O. F. & Co., medicine	2 10
Friedman, S. & Co., supplies	4 25
Frisbie, H. T., supplies	4 23
Gentle & Ludwig, insurance	63 00
Gibson, Wm., sawing lumber &c.	6 92
Gillen, E. A. & Co., supplies	2 22
Gilman, W. S. & Son, paper	1 00
Hamilton & Webber, supplies	22 54
Harrigan, J. C., supplies	11 54
Houlton Foundry & Machine Co., repairs	11 05

Houlton, Lyman, supplies	41 30
Ingraham Clothing Co., supplies	15 31
Lane & Pearce, supplies	17 23
Logan, Henry, oats	24 00
Lowrey, Frank, pigs	6 00
McDonald, W. W., blacksmithing	9 75
McLellan, H. A., dishes	6 18
McLeod, Donald, labor	2 40
McLeod & Whitcomb, supplies	6 27
Madigan, A. W., corn	11 10
Mansur, W. P., boots &c.,	5 85
Merritt, E. & Sons, supplies	75 25
Millar, John A., supplies	11 05
Monson, A. B., supplies	8 68
Nason, Wood, labor	1 00
Newhouse, O., supplies	4 65
Noble, Andrew, labor	5 50
Page & Madigan, feed	15 37
Patton, W. H., labor &c ,	25 00
Pearson, Murray T , painting	17 30
Perks Bros., medicine	3 85
Putnam, H L., medical services	9 00
Richards, G. W. & Co., supplies	7 91
Riley, John, fish	1 70
Ross, C. Fred, supplies	14 89
Royal, J. J., repairs	25
Sheehan, D., repairs &c.,	2 85
Skillin, Warren, supplies	6 45
Smith, A. T., boots &c.	1 35
Smith Bros , supplies	4 73
Smith, E. M , service of bull	1 00
Smith, O. M., supplies	8 83
Taber, A. P. M., blacksmithing	1 90
Taber, Silas W., repairs	3 10
Taggett, David, overseer	320 00
Taggett, Harry, labor	5 50
Thorn, C. F., supplies	5 40
Turney, R L., hardware &c.	59 11
Watson, John, hardware &c.	41 23
Weed, W. E., meat	26 14
Whenman, Geo., blacksmithing	2 35
Williams, C. E., medical services	15 50
Wilson, C. H., supplies	26 16
Woodbury, E. & Co., supplies	28 05
Wright, Hiram A., pasturing	5 00

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Town Farm Account.

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 years old,	14 00	
1 yearling heifer,	8 00	
2 pigs,	6 00	
8 tons of hay,	40 00	
2 tons straw	6 00	
75 bushels of oats,	30 00	
Buckwheat,	1 00	
40 barrels of potatoes,	50 00	
Fertilizer,	6 00	
Provisions,	25 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture &c.	189 00	\$528 00
		\$1,735 94

Appraisal March 1st, 1900.

1 horse,	\$25 00	
1 horse,	60 00	
3 cows,	60 00	
1 heifer, 3 years old,	18 00	
1 heifer, 2 years old,	15 00	
1 calf,	4 00	
2 pigs,	4 00	
10 tons of hay,	85 00	
3 tons of straw,	9 00	
175 bushels oats,	70 00	
15 " mixed grain	5 00	
50 bbls. potatoes	67 50	
Provisions	25 00	
Tools, wagons, furniture, etc.	169 00	
	\$616 50	
Sold off the Farm, &c.		
Potatoes,	238 70	
Oats to Fire Department	25 00	
1 cow	20 00	
1 calf	4 00	
Butter	16 60	

Sleepers	25 72	
Town of Bradley, for board J. Willette	3 00	\$949 52
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		\$786 42
Manure from Fire Department,		25 00
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Net expense of farm,		\$811 42
Amount appropriated	\$2000 00	
Balance from year 1898	23 45	
Balance unexpended on repairs acct.		
Town Farm buildings, 1898	1 33	
Town of Bradley, supplies to J. Willette	5 00	
Am't rec'd for supplies, &c, to Bertie Victory,	46 05	
Town of Hodgdon, for supplies to Jacob White and family,	44 67	\$2120 50
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Expense of paupers off the farm	\$1300 12	
Expense of farm	811 42	
Balance unexpended	8 96	\$2120 50
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Paupers now on the Farm.

	Age		Age
Mary Wilson,	45 yrs.	Henry B. Cressy,	81 yrs.
Jonathan Stockford,	71 "	Melvin McNally,	63 "
Naomi Stockford	63 "	John Smith,	49 "
Albert Pelkey,	75 "	James Forrest,	73 "
George Calvin,	79 "	Jeremiah Hanson,	58 "
Isaac Smith,	60 "		

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

John Willett

Charles McCann

John Donham.

Hattie Crockett.

We respectfully call the attention of the voters to the general improvement in the condition of the farm under the management of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Taggett. During the past year much more has been raised on the farm than usual, a larger surplus sold therefrom and net expense of farm one fourth less than the previous year notwithstanding there has been an increased number of persons to care for and maintain. The majority of those now on the farm are unable, by reason of age or infirmity, to do much towards their own support. There is much need of a bath room at the farm house, and for that purpose, we recommend an increase in amount raised for support of poor for the next year and think \$2,350 00 should be appropriated.

Fire Department and Watchmen.

Abernethy, James, straw	\$ 2 00
Adams, D. W., oats	15 00
American Express Co., express	1 15
Anderson, Joseph, trucking	6 00
Atherton, C. A., hay	21 46
Bay State Hardware Co., hardware	15 00
Berry, A. H. & Son, bbls.	70
Bonnell, John, services	17 50
Brewer, Wilmot, services	124 50
Briggs, E , trucking	2 00
Burt, W. F., labor	1 00
Chadwick & Davis, lumber &c.	99 65
Chamberlin, Al., services	542 88
Chapman, H. A., dentistry	3 00
Clark, Wm. C., services	29 67
Dempsey, Frank, trucking	2 00
Dickey, John A., services	8 50
Donovan, Jere A., hay and straw	20 31
Drew, Harry A. trucking	2 00
Dykeman, W. A., oats	39 15
Ebbett. T. W., repairs	50
Edblad, H., express	3 17
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware	27 07
Friedman, S. & Co., supplies	22 50
Hagerman, Dow, engineer	50 00
Haggerty, Charles, hay	12 35
Hamilton & Webber, supplies	2 70
Hammond, D. E., hay	6 90
Hatheway, H. J., drugs	1 45
Helms, H. R., trucking	3 95
Houlton Coal & Wood Co., coal	89 50
Houlton Foundry & Machine Co., repairs	12 62
Houlton Furniture Co., furniture	13 55
Houlton Water Co., hydrants	2,400 00
Hutchinson, W. Henry, supplies	2 70
Innis, F. F., services	5 00
Iott, Daniel, clipping horse	1 00
Kirlin, Barney, trucking	2 00
Lane & Pearce, supplies	6 25
Lowrey, Frank, oats	20 00
McCluskey, C. H., repairs &c.	1 00
McDonald, W. W., blacksmithing	11 43
McPartland, J. H., labor &c	8 08
Manchester Locomotive Works, grates	3 00

Merritt, E. & Sons, supplies	23	11	
Monahan, E. C., services	2	00	
Moore, C. A., labor	23	00	
Quint, Geo., hay	8	23	
Ross, W. D., hay	6	45	
Royal, J. J., repairs &c.,	22	05	
Ruth, R. N., straw	3	10	
Seely, Nehemiah E., oats and hay	18	89	
Sinclair, James H., policeman &c.	490	18	
Sincock, S. H. Jr., lumber	7	88	
Small, Geo. W., potatoes	3	00	
Smith, John, oats	24	00	
Sockanosset Hose Co., services of men	1,400	00	
Taber, A. P. M., blacksmithing		50	
Taber, S. W., ladder truck and repairs	19	65	
Turney, R. L., Rope		25	
Warman, Fred, hay	6	51	
Watson, John, hardware	37	60	
Webber, S. C., chief Eng'r and police service	88	02	
Webber, W. H., horses	300	00	
Whitney, W. R., hay	1	00	
Wilson, C. H. supplies	1	76	
Wilson, Matthew, lumber	10	76	
Balance unexpended,	42	72	\$6,200 85
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Oats from Town Farm,			25 00
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			\$6,225 85
Amount appropriated,	\$6,000	000	
Balance from year 1898,	33	27	
Balance from 1898 town hall repair fund	1	23	
Sale of old horses,	160	00	
Lumber sold to Chadwick & Davis,	1	98	
Coal sold to W P Mansur,	4	37	
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			\$6,200 85
Manure to Town Farm,			25 00
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			\$6,225 85

The pair of old mares long used in the fire department have been sold and a pair of young horses bought in their place. The horse stable has been changed to the main building and other improvements made so far as it was possible to make them. The saving in fuel in a few years will pay for these changes. The old stable gives a place for storage of tools and machinery, which was much needed. The fire department quarters are now quite modern in appearance and we wish all interested

would inspect same. The next improvement should be a fire alarm system.

For Fire Department, watchmen and hydrants we recommend \$5750.00 be raised for the coming year.

Miscellaneous Bills.

Archibald, James, services	\$ 10 00
Aroostook County, rent of lockup	25 00
Aroostook Times, printing	2 50
Baker, F. E., services	1 50
Bonnell, John B., services	5 50
Boone, Chas. S., labor	50
Brewer, Wilmot, services	115 51
Butler, F. H., surveying	2 50
Cary, George, certificates	1 00
Clark, M. M., recording births, deaths, etc.	37 10
Clough, L. T., services	3 00
Cosseboom, John, services	3 00
Dempsey, James, services	2 00
Dickey, J., labor	12 50
Dickison, T. S., birth & death certificates	8 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware	5 30
Gellerson, F. A., postage &c.	2 92
Gidney, A. W., running ferry	12 00
Gillen, D. B., cedar	1 25
Gilman, W. S. & Son, printing	31 40
Grant, Oscar, services	2 00
Hackett, John D., services	2 25
Hamilton & Webber, supplies	4 75
Hanson, Samuel, certificates	6 25
Hanson & Reed, printing	91 00
Hatheway, H. J., supplies	11 05
Heywood, A. P., use of hall	40 00
Hiscock, Elias, services	3 50
Houlton Public Library	100 00
Houlton Water Co., water	5 00
Howard, A. H., services	4 50
Hume, F. M., stamps, etc.	8 86
Hutchinson, A. A., washing	1 00
Innis, F. F., rock	50
Iott, Daniel & Theo, services	3 00
Kidder, E. H., enrolling militia	25 00
Kinney, Geo. H., wood	12 25
Lawlis, Martin, col., tax deed costs, etc.	19 69
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, etc.	22 00

Lyons, C. A., printing	12	25	
McCluskey Bros., teams, etc.	5	20	
Miller, S. C., clerical work	176	00	
Mitchell F. W., certificates	1	00	
Monahan, E. C., labor	7	50	
Mooers, S. S., services	12	50	
Nevers, F. A., birth and death cert., 2 yrs.	13	50	
Putnam, Beecher, services	5	00	
Putnam, H. L., birth and death certs.	11	50	
Putnam, Thomas P., cash paid out	14	75	
Powers & Powers, prof. services	80	00	
Robinson, Duncan, burning horse	2	00	
Ryan, J. A., team	1	00	
Sinclair, J. H., services	12	80	
Small, George W., services	3	00	
Smart, A. B., services	6	00	
Smith, E. B., services	5	00	
Smith, James, services	4	50	
Smith, O. M., supplies	5	30	
Taggett, D. W., services	2	00	
Turney, R. L., hardware	4	70	
Warren, F. B., services	4	00	
Webber, L. K., board	1	65	
White, E. B., care of clock	26	00	
Whitney, M. D., services	3	75	
Whitney, R. H., services	3	50	
Williams, C. E., birth & death cert., 3 yrs.	21	00	
Williams, C. E., Formaldehyde generator, &c	8	11	
Am't transferred to town debt acc't	350	00	
Balance unexpended	4	46	\$1453 05
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Amount appropriated	\$1000	00	
Balance from year 1898	89	16	
License fees	24	00	
McCluskey Bros., rent of hearse	25	00	
Railroad and telegraph tax from State	26	64	
1898 dog licenses refunded by State	139	70	
Supplemental taxes, year 1899	8	55	
Rent of Armory, from State	100	00	
Premium on 4 Town orders \$1000 each	40	00	\$1453 05

Out of the miscellaneous account, in which is included the dog licenses refunded by the State, the sum of \$100.00 was paid to the Trustees of the Houlton Public Library as per vote at the last annual meeting. This small sum insured the success of a Public Library. The Houlton Public Library is free to all of

our citizens and is patronized by all classes. It has been open since January 1st, 1900. The average number of books taken out each library day exceeds 100. There are not books enough to supply the demand. By law any town in this State can raise for the maintenance and increase annually, for a Free Public Library, a sum not exceeding one dollar for each of its ratable polls. Under this provision the Town of Houlton could appropriate some \$900 00 per year. This is not the place to set forth the advantages to a town and its citizens of a good Free Public Library. We have the library, though small it may be in its beginning. Let us try to keep and maintain it. We think at least \$300.00 should be appropriated for the Library this year. For miscellaneous bills we recommend \$1000.00.

Town Officers.

Amount appropriated,		\$1,500 00	
Amount appropriated for superintendent,		300 00	
Balance from 1898,		198 16	\$1,998 16
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Putnam, Thomas P.,	} Selectmen, Overseers of Poor Assessors Highway Surveyors &c.	\$500 00	
Lane, Samuel,		250 00	
Dykeman, Wallace A.		175 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,		83 00	
Putnam, Harry L., Superintendent,		300 00	
Dempsey, James, Truant Officer,		50 00	
Williams, Chas. E., Health Officer,		35 00	
Smart, A. B., " "		30 00	
Merritt, C. D., " "		30 00	
Wilson, Alex, Inspector of buildings,		10 00	
Amount transferred to town debt account,		200 00	
Balance unexpended,		85 16	\$1,998 16
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We recommend \$1,500 00 be raised for town officers.

Town Debt Account.

Amount appropriated,	\$500 00	
Amount from interest account,	450 00	
Amount from town officers account,	200 00	
Amount from miscellaneous account,	350 00	\$1,500 00
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To paid town order No. 560 year 1898 (being balance due on Fair St. school house).	500 00
To amount paid on Pleasant St. school building,	1,000 00 \$1,500 00

We recommend that the sum of \$1000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of paying off town debt.

Recapitulation.

Orders Drawn.

Interest,	\$ 231 06	
Discounts, abatements and com- missions,	3,848 44	
Paupers off the farm,	1,300 12	
Town farm,	1,207 94	
Cemeteries,	294 82	
Street lights,	1,341 40	
Memorial day,	100 00	
Roads, bridges and sidewalks,	5,642 56	
Sidewalks in winter,	390 88	
Riverside street,	921 66	
Road machine,	200 00	
Fire department and watchmen,	6,158 13	
Schools,	10,100 44	
Free High school,	1,771 69	
Pleasant St. school building,	4,807 50	
Ricker Classical Institute,	143 36	
Miscellaneous bills,	1,098 59	
National Guard, Co. L.,	200 00	
Town Officers,	1,713 00	
Temporary loans,	12,500 00	
Loan—Pleasant St. school house,	4 000 00	\$57,971 59

1153 orders drawn amounting to, \$57,971 59

State tax—1899,	\$6,857 69
County tax—1899,	8,296 74
Interest Coupons on town bonds,	2,800 00
Bounty on wild cat,	2 00

The above State tax, County tax, Interest Coupons and Bounty were paid by Town Treasurer without orders being drawn for same.

Financial Standing, &c.

Liabilities.

Town bonds, Nos. 1 to 70. \$1000 each,	\$70,000 00
Accrued interest on bonds to March 1, 1900,	834 33
Town order No. 993, due Nov. 1, 1900,	1,000 00
Town order No. 994, " " 1, 1901,	1,000 00
Town order No. 995, " " 1, 1902,	1,000 00
Town order No. 996 " " 1, 1903,	1,000 00
Accrued interest on said town orders to March 1, 1900.	13 33
Hannah J. Bailey, cemetery fund,	300 00
Outstanding claims estimated,	500 00
	\$75,647 66

Assets.

Cash on hand March 1, 1900,		\$1,872 76
Hannah J. Bailey fund—deposited in Houlton Savings Bank,		300 00
Uncollected taxes, 1895,	\$ 149 45	
" " 1896,	1,636 35	
" " 1897,	1,151 34	
" " 1898,	2,683 11	
" " 1899,	10,004 41	\$15,624 66
Tax Deeds,		297 87
Outstanding claims estimated,		300 00
		\$18,395 29

Other Town Property.

Farm and wood lot,	\$3,650 00	
Personal property on farm,	616 50	
Town Hall and lot,	4,750 00	
Highway tools, wagons, snowplows and road machines,	495 00	
Town hearse,	200 00	
Gravel lots,	400 00	
Lumber, wood, coal and tar,	150 00	
Fire department property including 3 horses,	8,100 00	
Engine house and lot near C. P. R.,	150 00	
School property,	41,000 00	\$59,511 50

The above four town orders of \$1000 00 each were given as

per vote of the town for construction of Pleasant street school house The selectmen fixed the maturity of same Nov., 1st, of each year, thinking it would be best for the town to try and raise \$1000 00 each year and thus pay off some of the town debt. The town bonds and orders bear interest at rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. Except for Pleasant street school building, the town debt has been reduced \$1500 00 during the past year.

Recommendations.

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

Support of poor	\$2,350 00
Discounts, abatements and commissions	3,850 00
Interest	2,800 00
Town officers	1,500 00
Superintendent of schools	300 00
Miscellaneous bills	1,000 00
Roads, bridges, sidewalks and Road Commissioner	5,800 00
Public library	300 00
Memorial day	100 00
Militia	100 00
Schools	6,000 00
Free High School	1,800 00
Repairs on school houses	500 00
Insurance on school buildings	200 00
School books	750 00
Sidewalks in winter	350 00
Street lights	1,350 00
Fire department, watchmen and hydrants	5,750 00
Town debt	1,000 00
Cemeteries	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Town Treasurer's Report.

FRANK A. GELLERSON

In account with the Town of Houlton.

Mar. 1, 1899

To balance cash in treasury,	\$	130 20	
“ tax deeds 1894-5-6		198 31	
“ tax deeds 1897		98 40	
“ bal. taxes 1895-96-97		5,679 47	
“ “ “ 1898		11,232 58	\$17,338 96

Rec'd from County of Aroostook. land damages			
W. R. Whitney			20 00
“ from town of Bradley, supplies furnished			
John Willett			8 00
“ from town of Hodgdon, supplies furnished			
Jacob White & family			44 67
“ from B. & A. R. R., freight rebate			17 50
“ “ McCluskey Bros., rent of hearse			25 00
“ “ sale of school books and books damaged			7 10
“ “ sale of iron pipe			5 00
“ “ sale of tar bbls,			17 28
“ “ sale of coal			4 37
“ “ sale of 2d hand plank			2 50
“ “ sale of 850 ft. cedar			8 50
“ “ sale of tar			4 00
“ “ sale of town team			160 00
“ for lumber returned			1 98
“ for expense acct. Bertie Victory			46 05
“ interest on Hannah J. Bailey fund			10 58
“ License fees			24 00
“ Tuitions			65 80
“ from State 1898 dog tax refunded			139 70
“ “ “ Pensions			192 00
“ “ “ Free high school			250 00
“ “ “ Rent of Armory			100 00
“ “ “ Railroad & Telegraph tax			26 64
“ “ “ School fund and mill tax			2958 36
“ Dog licenses 1899			155 00
“ for potatoes sold off farm			238 70
“ “ Butter sold off farm			16 60
“ “ Cow sold off farm			20 00
“ “ Calf sold off farm			4 00
“ “ Sleepers sold off farm			25 72
“ “ Concreting			213 26
“ from L. B. Johnson, load gravel			60

" " A. G. Rich, cedar post		30	
" " A. B. Smart, sleepers		1 08	
" " E. B. White, sleepers		1 08	
" " L. M. Felch, crossing		3 20	
" " O. A. Jacobs, crossing		2 61	
" " R. W. Shaw, crossing		3 42	
" " M. Philbrick, crossing		2 78	
Temporary loans as follows			
Order No. 28 Houlton Savings Bank	1,000 00		
" " 110 First Nat'l Bank	1,000 00		
" " 191 Farmers Nat'l Bank	2,000 00		
" " 263 First Nat'l Bank	1,000 00		
" " 336 E. L. Cleveland	3,500 00		
" " 372 Houlton Savings Bank	1,500 00		
" " 455 " " "	1,500 00		
" " 519 S. T. Plummer	1,000 00		
			\$12,500 00
" Interests and costs on 1898 tax deeds		16 23	
" " on 1897 & 1898 taxes		400 00	
" Loan on orders No. 993, 94, 95 & 96		4,000 00	
" Premium on above orders		40 00	
" Cash tax assessed for 1899		51,439 19	
" Supplementary taxes 1899		8 55	
			<u>\$90,570 31</u>
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By Paid County on wild cat		\$ 2 00	
" " State pensions		192 00	
" " Dog licenses to state		155 00	
" " Coupons on town bonds		2,800 00	
" " Order No. 560 of 1898		500 00	
" " State tax in full		6,857 69	
" " County tax in full		8,296 74	
" " Town orders for 1899		53,971 59	
Mar. 1, 1900. Balance as follows:			
Unpaid taxes 1895, 1896, 1897 & 1898	\$5,620 25		
Unpaid taxes 1899	10,004 41		
Tax deeds 1894, 1895, 1896 & 1897	228 57		
" " 1898	69 30		
Cash in treasury	1,872 76	\$17,795 29	
			<u>\$90,570 31</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	\$ 149 45	
“ “ 1896	1,636 35	
“ “ 1897	1,151 34	
“ “ 1898	2,683 11	\$ 5,620 25
“ “ 1899		10,004 41

Tax deeds as follows :

Robert P. McNally, tax 1894	\$28 54	
Robert P. McNally, tax 1895	38 28	
M. H. Small, tax 1896	24 70	
H. O. Nickerson, tax 1896	13 14	
W. J. McPherson, tax 1896	15 07	
Frank A. Herrick, tax 1896	20 85	
Fred O. Smith, tax 1896	13 14	
Lionel T. Clough, tax 1896	14 11	
H. Crawford Porter, tax 1897	7 98	
Harry A. Baker, tax 1897	7 32	
Mrs. Hiram Brown, tax 1897	12 28	
Patrick Cassidy, tax 1897	23 03	
James W. Plummer, tax 1897	10 13	228 57

Tax deeds acquired in 1899 :

Patrick L. Cassidy, tax 1898	\$16 12	
H. Crawford Porter, “ “	9 02	
Richard Dilling, “ “	20 93	
James W. Plummer, “ “	9 02	
Mary M. Oldenburg, “ “	4 11	
Chas. G. Henderson, “ “	10 10	69 30

Total,

\$15,922 53

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 5, 1900.

Report of Road Commissioner.

To the Citizens of Houlton, Me :

I herewith respectfully submit to you my report for the past year as Road Commissioner.

Roads.

In the spring of 1899 the first road machine was started, April 27 and the second machine April 30. They went over all the streets and highways where they could be worked. A great deal of widening out of roads and ditching same was done, more so than in former years. Weather being quite favorable during time machines were being worked there were some of our roads that did not need repairing later in season, these being the County road, Letter B. road and White Settlement road. We exchanged the old road machine for a new one and now the town has two machines that are in first class condition. There was much work to do to both approaches to bridge on County road, as last winter when the bridge was put in, the approaches could not be made for want of material. They are substantially built up of cedar filled with rock and gravel and sidewalk was laid whole lengths of structure. Hauled all gravel I possibly could for repairing of highways in different parts of town and more needed to be hauled if I had had funds to expend.

In regard to building of Riverside St., would say, the appropriation proved insufficient to pay land damages and labor on this job. The amount of \$171 66 was taken from other appropriations so that all bills incurred thereon are paid.

The cost of breaking roads during winter has been expensive on account of heavy storms. If we could manage to own two more snow plows like one we now have the expense of breaking roads in winter would be much reduced. Was in hopes to have funds enough to buy an additional snow plow this year but on account of new bridge having to be built on New Limerick road, for which no special appropriation was made, I was unable to do so.

Rock Crusher.

I sincerely hope that the voters of Houlton will consider the matter of purchasing a rock crusher at their annual meeting. This matter has been brought to your attention before, but only to be passed over. There is no doubt but what it would be a step in the right direction, for good and permanent roads, for this town to own and operate a rock crushing plant. One can

no doubt be bought at a cost of \$1800.00 to \$2000.00. I mean a portable machine that could be set up and operated anywhere, where material could be had with the shortest possible haul. Such a machine would crush from 60 to 75 tons of rock per day and grade the same into three grades. So you would have all material needed for making good permanent roads right from the machine. Rocks are plenty all along most of our highways and I think good roads could be built with less expense than ever before. Wherever they are used they give perfect satisfaction.

Kindly consider this matter well before you act for I certainly believe it to be for our interest as a progressive town to own a rock crushing plant.

Bridges.

The past season a new bridge was put in on Brook St., across Pearce Brook. Also a new bridge built across the outlet of Nickerson Lake on road leading to New Limerick. Last named bridge is all cedar from bottom of stream up including covering. Mr. David Keating had charge of this work. A very thorough job was done and it ought to be a permanent structure for many years. Repairs have been made on following bridges, Moose brook at Cary's Mills, Pearce brook on Franklin St., Phalon brook on North road, Dog brook on Ludlow road, Garland bridge, Cook brook on Woodstock road, Cook brook on Stephenson road. Last spring's freshet carried away part of bridge and abutment on road leading to John Smith's. This was repaired with cedar and ought to stand for years to come. Minor repairs have been made on other bridges.

Culverts.

The matter of culverts has been looked after as far as money and material would allow. We had some cedar left from building of bridge last winter, which has been used in construction of drains and culverts. Have put in new culverts as follows:

Foxcroft road	14	Slipp road	1
Military street	1	Green street	3
Franklin street	3	Pearce avenue	1
North road	3	County road	1
Letter B road	4	Ludlow road	4
Callaghan road	2	Military road	3
Riverside street	4		
	Total		45

The above culverts are all covered with cedar as well as bottoms being of same material. There is need of many more culverts to be put in next year.

Sidewalks.

New plank sidewalk has been laid as follows: All of School St., all of Weeks St., part of Military St., and repairs made on many other streets where needed.

Concrete sidewalks have been laid as follows:

High Street	691 $\frac{2}{3}$	yds.
Court	460 $\frac{2}{3}$	"
Park	234 $\frac{1}{3}$	"
Water	167 $\frac{1}{3}$	"

Total 1554 yds.

Private walks laid as follows:

F. F. Innis	7	yds.
F. A. Gellerson	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	"
L. O. Ludwig	31	"
Samuel Lane	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Mrs. A. Lovejoy	24	"
Dr. S. Hanson	9	"
R. L. Turney	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	"
M. M. Clark	22	"
G. E. Wilkins	8	"
A. P. Smith	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Mrs. M. A. Putnam	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
W. S. Perks	43 $\frac{2}{3}$	"
John Watson	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
A. G. Hall	14	"

Total 224 "

In addition to above we laid a piece of concrete walk in front of A. H. Fogg & Co.'s store on Main street. This piece of work proved unsatisfactory and will have to be done over again next season, soon as suitable weather can be obtained. Have made no charge on account of this work but A. H. Fogg & Co. are ready to pay soon as the work is properly done.

The cost of laying concrete sidewalk this season was on average 63c. per square yard. Private walks cost more than sidewalks on account of additional labor in handling of material. In most cases cost has been 75c. per yard. Mrs. Lovejoy's walk cost 85c. and L. O. Ludwig's cost 90c. per yard.

I think that our taxpayers are now fully satisfied that concrete is the cheapest and best walk that we can build and I sincerely hope the town will continue to put them in wherever practicable.

Have put in three granite crossings in Market Square and think they will prove satisfactory. The cost of this material was 48c. per foot.

If you will kindly allow me I would like to call your attention to some repairs that will be absolutely necessary next season.

The bridge leading across Hodgdon stream above W. H. Sincok's grist mill at West Houlton has got to be rebuilt next summer. The old structure now used will have to be taken out and new work put in from bottom of river. The bridge as it now stands to-day is unfit for use and an accident is liable to occur that will prove expensive. I have made arrangements with M. Wilson to land near this bridge 15,000 feet cedar during winter of 1899-1900, so that the town can have material to use when work is begun. The above cedar is not paid for but price is agreed upon.

The two iron bridges in the village need re-painting and re-adjusting, they have also to be re-planked, as present planking is worn out. It will require some 75,000 feet of 3-inch spruce plank for this purpose. The wharfing at bridge across Cressey brook is in very bad condition, and the coming out of frost this spring will no doubt make it worse. To repair this defect will be an expensive job but for public safety something has got to be done. I ask the tax-payers to look this matter over for themselves. There are several other bridges that will need minor repairs.

In making your appropriations this year I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that prices of both labor and material have advanced, and price of material is liable to make a still further advance. The above facts are well worthy of your consideration as they are the factors we have to contend with in town business every day in the year.

I respectfully refer you to the report of Selectmen where you will find an accurate account of all money expended by me the past year.

Respectfully yours,

H. EDBLAD, Road Commissioner.

Report of S. S. Committee.

Not only is our town fortunate in the progressive school spirit of its citizens, but also in the high efficiency of many of its teachers, who form the back bone and sinew of our whole school system. We are employing twenty three teachers in our public schools. Too much credit can not be given to those who have accepted extra duties willingly, who have carried out suggestions happily and have completed all work assigned them successfully.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to this matter. Those who fully understand the increasing duties and the exacting requirements necessary in the teacher of today, are rare. We take this occasion to commend the spirit and enterprise of those teachers who sought to increase the efficiency of their work by visiting city schools during a portion of vacation and by attending the different educational meetings held in this part of the state.

Attendance and punctuality as a rule have been satisfactory, although sickness, mainly due to the prevalence of measles and some cases of scarlet fever, notably in the North street schools and at Cary's Mills, has reduced the average attendance quite materially. Pupils and parents alike should understand that irregularity in attendance can not hope to compete with regularity and that pupils have no moral right to lessen the working value of a school by chronic tardiness. Requests for dismissal for trivial reasons, are wholly out of place in the businesslike management of any school and if granted work more serious harm than the merely casual observer could see or imagine possible. It has been our aim to emphasize the importance of practical education so that the pupil who is compelled to leave school at the close of the grammar grade or early in the High School course, will be well prepared for the business of every day life. Evidence of this has been noticeable in the importance put upon the method of teaching Arithmetic—one that develops the mental or reasoning powers of the student, causing him to think for himself.

Our vertical writing system has had a great effect in every kind of work where the use of pen or pencil has been necessary. Not the least curious fact of the matter is the improvement of the writing of the teachers themselves,—an improvement only less marked than that of the pupils.

The Lowrey, Bray and Moose Brook schools have been closed during the year, as required by law, not being able to maintain an average attendance of eight. The scholars, from

these sections are conveyed at the town's expense, to other schools.

The usual repairs have been made upon the different school buildings throughout the town.

Pursuant to instruction from the voters of Houlton, your committee have built a school house on the Pleasant St. lot, containing four rooms that will accommodate two hundred pupils. This house is practically similar to the Fair St. building. These two school houses together with the North St., building contain all the primary and intermediate grades of the village. The new Pleasant St., house is thoroughly constructed in every particular with a large, roomy basement, excellent plumbing facilities, hot water system of heating and equipped with modern furniture. The amount voted by the town for this building was \$5000 00. Total expenditures \$4,807 50. Leaving an unexpended balance of \$192 50. Of this amount there is due the sum of \$186 00 for plumbing when completed.

The several items of this expenditure can be seen by referring to the Selectmen's account of expenditures for schools. There is due the common school fund, \$75 00 for tuition of Hodgdon pupils at Cary's Mills.

Free High School.

Our High School pupils continued at Ricker Classical Institute for the spring term. During the summer vacation the central brick building was arranged to accommodate our Free High School. The ceiling and walls of the entire building tinted with Muresco, hard wood floors laid and new furniture procured.

The three Grammar grades now occupy separate rooms on the first floor of the building. The four rooms of the second floor including one large room having a seating capacity of 120, and one room on the first floor are devoted to the uses of the High School. These five rooms afford convenient and commodious quarters for our Free High School.

There are three regular courses of study. The English course is intended to give those students who do not intend to continue their studies beyond this school a thorough training in the common English branches and also in the sciences and higher English. Realizing the deficiency of students of the present time, in their ability to write and speak the English language well, an effort has been made to give as thorough a course in English Grammar, Rhetoric and Literature as possible. The Latin Scientific course includes the study of Latin in addition to English and the sciences. The College Preparatory course prepares pupils for admission to any college in this state.

Music has been introduced into our High and Grammar schools. Daily lessons are given in each room of these grades. We have also made a beginning of a library and of proper apparatus for scientific study, for our schools.

Much care was exercised in securing the teachers for our Free High School.

From a long list of candidates coming from many of the New England Colleges your committee made the following selections.

Fred W Burrill, A. B. Bates College, Principal. Mathematics, Sciences, Greek and Latin.

Mabel A. Harris, A. B. Smith College. English, Music and History.

Marion Rockwood, A. B., Wellesley College. Latin, French, German, Mathematics and Greek.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM.
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Algebra
1st Latin	1st Latin	1st Latin & Cæsar
History 2	History 2	History 2
English 3	English 3	English 3
SECOND YEAR.		
Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
Cæsar	Cæsar	Cicero
1st Greek	1st Greek	1st Greek
English 2	English 2	English 2
THIRD YEAR.		
Cicero	Cicero	Cicero
Geometry	Geometry	Geometry
Anabasis	Anabasis	Anabasis
English 2	English 2	English 2
FOURTH YEAR		
Virgil	Virgil	Virgil & Reviews
Iliad	Iliad	Iliad & Reviews
English	English	English
Geometry & Alg. Reviews	Roman History	Greek History

LATIN SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Algebra
1st Latin	1st Latin	1st Latin & C.
History 2	History 2	History 2
English 3	English 3	English 3

SECOND YEAR.		
Algebra	Algebra	Book-keeping
Cæsar	Cæsar	Cæsar & Cic.
Chemistry	Chemistry 1-2 term	Physical Geog.
	Physical Geog. 1-2 term	
English 2	English 2	English 2
THIRD YEAR.		
Geometry	Geometry	Gen History
Cicero	Cicero	Cicero
Physics	Physics	Eng. History
English 2	English 2	English 2
FOURTH YEAR.		
Virgil	Virgil	Virgil & Reviews
Gen. History	Eng. Lit.	American Lit.
Astronomy	Astronomy 1-2 term	Botany
English	Botany 1-2 term	English
	English	
ENGLISH COURSE.		
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Algebra
Physiology	Physiology 1-2 term	Civics
	Civics 1-2 term	
History 2	History 2	History 2
English 3	English 3	English 3
SECOND YEAR.		
Algebra	Algebra	Book-keeping
Chemistry	Physical Geog. 1-2 term	Physical Geog.
	Chemistry 1-2 term	
English 5	English 5	English 5
THIRD YEAR.		
Geometry	Geometry	Gen. History
French or German	French or German	French or German
Physics	Physics	English History
English 2	English 2	English 2
FOURTH YEAR.		
Gen. History	English Lit.	American Lit.
French or German	French or German	French or German
Astronomy	Astronomy 1-2 term	Botany
	Botany 1-2 term	
English	English	English
Music daily, throughout each Course.	Also	Rhetoricals and Composition.

Our Free High School is a success. The work done has been eminently satisfactory. We would also call attention to

the fact that Mr. Burrill has supervision over the three Grammar schools in addition to his other duties. A portion of his time is given every day to these schools.

Likewise Miss Harris devotes one third of her time to the Grammar grades. Thus it will be very readily seen that a part of the salaries paid our High School teachers might be properly charged directly to the common schools.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we are able to report that the Pleasant St., schoolhouse has been erected and thoroughly equipped; that our Free High School has been inaugurated successfully, and that in neither case has the appropriation been exceeded.

Examination for certificates of admission to Free High School were held June 23. and Sept., 11, 1899. The following were successful:—

Amos, Mary H.	Jordan, Mabel
Archibald, James Jr.,	Lovejoy, Albert Perks
Astle, Alberta J.	McGinley, Cecil
Auber, G. Mae	McKay, Murdock
Abernethy, Isabella	Nightingale, Georgia
Barker, Ruby	Packard, Bernice
Brewer, Gladys E.	Putnam, Emma R.
Christensen, Emma	Ruth, Conant W.
Connell, Bennett R.	Sullivan, Walter
Cornelison, Ludlow	Stetson, Albert K.
Clark, Augustus M.	Sawyer, Laura L.
Davidson, Chester S.	Sullivan, Nellie C.
Dykeman, Lizzie J	Smith, Wendell
Feeley, Chester J.	Wiggins, Nina A.
Gentle, Sperry H.	Weiler, Fred J.
Hallett, Cora	White, Alice May
Hallett, Harry W	Weiler, Harold
Herrick, Laura	Whitney, Lewis
Herrick, Erma	Wilson, Fremont
Hunter, Alta	Wallace, Ethel G.
Johnson, Sadie	

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing school year:

Schools,	\$6,000 00
Text Books (including Free High School)	750 00
Repairs	500 00
Insurance	200 00
Free High School	1800 00

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

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 better condition than ever before. The alarms have been as follows :

March 15, 1899—Residence of J. A. Browne, Court St. No damage.

April 25, 1899—Brush pile near S. R. Smith's residence, thought to be John Watson's store house.

May 10, 1899—John Watson's three story tenement on North St. Slight damage to roof.

May 16, 1899—Dwelling adjoining the Holland stable on Leonard St. Roof quite badly damaged.

May 29, 1899—Basement of Buzzell & Crockett Furniture Store. Prompt response on part of Department saved bad fire.

June 3, 1899—Burning out of chimney at Foundry. No damage.

June 10, 1899—Building east end of bridge owned by John Weiler. Slight damage to roof.

June 25, 1899—Residence of A. H. Fogg. No damage

June 27, 1899—J. E. Burnham house on Pleasant St. Slight damage.

June 29, 1899—Rice building near Snell House. No damage.

August 13, 1899—The Vail house on Green St. Slight damage.

Sept. 15, 1899—Residence of J. A. Browne, Court St. Slight damage. Second alarm, no damage.

Oct., 17, 1899—Foundry. Slight damage.

Dec., 6, 1899—Office of Dr. Nevers. Cause over heated stove. Slight damage.

Dec. 21, 1899—Johnson building on Main St., occupied by D. Sheehan, quite badly damaged.

Dec. 27, 1899—Office of Dr. Garrison, cause, explosion of vulcanizer. Quite badly damaged.

Jan. 1, 1900—Pioneer building rooms occupied by Shaw Business College, cause, defective chimney. Quite badly damaged

Jan. 2, 1900—Basement of Putnam & Mansur Block. This would have been a very bad fire, as the wind was blowing a gale, and two feet or more snow had fallen, had not the Department responded very promptly, and by good work saved property enough to pay their expenses for the next ten years.

March 1, 1900—Dwelling of W. H. Esty on North St. Firemen responded to the alarm very promptly but on account of

hydrant being frozen up lost some valuable time. Consequently a fire that would have been confined to the L damaged main house quite badly.

I would still recommend an alarm system.

Thanking all for any assistance rendered, I remain respectfully,
S. C. WEBBER, Chief Engineer.

Report of Board of Health.

During the year ending February 28, 1900, there have been reported to this Board 45 cases of Scarlet Fever, 14 cases of Typhoid Fever and 1 case of Measles. The law requiring reports of cases of Measles, Whooping Cough and Consumption has not been complied with. So far as we have been able to determine there have been two deaths from complications attendant upon or following Scarlet Fever, and two deaths from Typhoid Fever.

The above figures represent, without doubt, only a percentage of the cases of Scarlet Fever which have occurred in the town, and how large a percentage no one can guess. Cases have been concealed, and unreported, presumably in many instances for the purpose of escaping quarantine. A certain proportion of parents also seem to entertain the belief that Scarlet Fever is a disease of no consequence and therefore requires no special precautions in its management. Some parents consider it a hardship that their children are prohibited from attending school during the required period, and seem to think that they should be privileged to scatter the disease far and wide. From these and other reasons the efforts of the members of this Board to do their duty have not met with the most cordial acquiescence in some quarters, and their work has not been free from some annoying and disagreeable features.

During the year an apparatus for the manufacture of formaldehyde gas, for disinfecting purposes, has been purchased. This has been used, in suitable cases, after the occurrence of infectious diseases, and has given very satisfactory results. This means of disinfection is now generally given the preference by sanitary authorities.

About the usual number of nuisances have been brought to our attention, during the year and attended to.

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

WARRANT.

To JAMES H. SINCLAIR, 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-sixth day of March, 1900, 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 if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners, and what sum of money will be raised for services of said commissioner.

ART. 4. 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. 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 Superintendent 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.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairing and building of roads, bridges and sidewalks.

ART. 11. 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. 12. 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. 13. To see if the Town will vote to keep the sidewalks in the village open during the winter of 1900-1901. 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. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for cemeteries.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Houlton (Free) Public Library.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for observing Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Militia purposes.

ART. 18. 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. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise toward paying off the town debt.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to rebuild the bridge and abutments over Hodgdon stream on road leading to residence of Wm. P. Kinney.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a rock crusher and engine and what sum of money the Town will raise therefor.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise for a flagstaff in Market Square.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to reimburse Henry R. Helms for injuries received at town engine house, in summer of 1899.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appoint or choose a committee of citizens in behalf of the town, to make and execute a new contract with Houlton Water Company for a term of years, after expiration of the existing contract, for rental of hydrants and supply of water, for extinguishing fires, for schools, engine house, and for any and all purposes for which the town may want or require water.

ART. 25. To see if the Town, for the purpose of refunding in part the indebtedness of the town, will vote to take up and refund the whole or any part of the forty town bonds of \$1000 each, numbered from 1 to 40, dated Dec. 15th, 1890, and to issue new bonds of the town to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and maturing in not more than twenty years from their date, and whether the town will authorize the selectmen to fix the date, amount, form, denomination, rate of interest, and maturity of such bonds, and in behalf of the town to execute, issue and negotiate them.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen, treasurer, and town clerk.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a curfew ordinance or ordinances.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the Inhabitants of Houlton in and to all that part of lot No. 11, range 8, in the north division of Houlton, which lies east of the center of the horseback running through said lot, and to make, execute and deliver deed thereof to purchaser, and to invest the proceeds thereof in a suitable wood lot for the town farm.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to make any discount upon taxes paid at such time or times as it may determine, and if so, what per cent.; also to fix a time and rate for interest to be added upon taxes remaining unpaid.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the doings of the Selectmen, whereby they have abated the taxes published in the Town Report, March 1st, 1900.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report as published by the Selectmen, March 1st, 1900.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Selectmen's office in said town, on the 22d, 23d, and 24th days of March, 1900, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Houlton, this first day of March, A. D. 1900.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM,)
SAMUEL LANE,) Selectmen
) of
WALLACE A. DYKEMAN,) Houlton.

A true copy.

Attest :

JAMES H. SINCLAIR,
Constable of Houlton.