1898


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Assessors' Report.

Assessment---1897.

State tax, $7,168 51
County tax, 9,235 30
Support of the poor, 2,000 00
Discount, abatements and commissions, 3,500 00
Interest, 3,000 00
Town officers, 1,500 00
Miscellaneous bills, 1,000 00
Schools, 6,000 00
Free high school, 1,400 00
Repairs on school-houses, 850 00
Text books, 750 00
Supervisor of schools, 300 00
Fire department and watchmen, 6,500 00
Hall, &c., for National Guards, 200 00
Street lights, 1,300 00
Rocks for county work yard, 300 00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks, 2,000 00
Clearing sidewalks in winter, 300 00
Street signs and guide-boards, 100 00
Slipp road, 100 00
Fitzmaurice road—land damages, 85 00
Trees, &c., for Parade Ground, 25 00
Cemeteries, 300 00
Memorial Day, 100 00
Overlayings, 748 59

$48,762 40

Due and legal notice was given to the Inhabitants of the town to make and bring in true and perfect lists of polls
and estates. Only a very few persons did so, and we proceeded to make an inventory and valuation.

We found taxable property as follows:

Resident, real estate, $1,350,093 00
Non resident, real estate, 129,231 00

Total real estate, $1,479,324 00

Resident, personal estate, $764,146 00
Non resident, personal estate, 14,500 00

Total personal estate, $778,646 00

Total valuation, $2,257,970 00

No. of polls assessed, 1201.
No. of polls not assessed, 47.

Following is a schedule of the personal property:

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<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Live stock</th>
<th>Av. Val.</th>
<th>Total value</th>
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<tr>
<td>794</td>
<td>horses,</td>
<td>$ 40 60</td>
<td>$32,250 00</td>
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<td>42 colts, 3 to 4 years old,</td>
<td>36 42</td>
<td>1,530 00</td>
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<td>47 colts, 2 to 3 years old,</td>
<td>23 83</td>
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<td>46 colts under 2 years old,</td>
<td>15 74</td>
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<td>2 mules,</td>
<td>75 00</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>490 cows,</td>
<td>17 56</td>
<td>8,605 00</td>
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<td>1 oxen,</td>
<td>35 00</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<td>83 three years old,</td>
<td>12 99</td>
<td>1,078 00</td>
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<td>150 two years old,</td>
<td>10 90</td>
<td>1,635 00</td>
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<td>142 one year old,</td>
<td>5 78</td>
<td>821 00</td>
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<td>687 sheep,</td>
<td>2 94</td>
<td>2,025 00</td>
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<td>211 swine,</td>
<td>5 61</td>
<td>1,185 00</td>
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Total value of live stock, $51,158 00

Railroad stock, $2,600 00
1227 shares bank stock, 153,175 00
192 " trust companies stock, 19,570 00
105 " sewer " "    4,200 00
1940 " water " "    38,800 00
Money at interest, $182,400 00
Estates held in trust, $26,500 00
Stock in trade, $224,488 00
Machinery, $16,050 00
Logs and lumber, $5,600 00
119 bicycles, $4,570 00
180 carriages, $8,470 00
282 musical instruments, $21,975 00
Furniture, $3,150 00
Finished products in mills, $500 00
Materials in stock, $500 00
45 buildings on others land, $14,940 00

Total value of personal property, $778,646 00

Cash Tax.
Cash tax rate, .02 on $1.00.
Cash poll tax, $3.00.
Tax on real and personal estate, $45,159 40
Tax on polls, $3,603 00

Total cash tax, $48,762 40

Highway Tax.
Highway tax rate, .003 on $1.00.
Highway poll tax, $1.10.
Am't appropriated—statute labor, $8,000 00
Overlay, 95 01

Total assessment, $8,095 01
Tax on real and personal estate, $6,773 91
Tax on polls, 1,321 10

Total highway tax, $8,095 01
Am't of highway taxes paid to
Frank A. Gellerson, Town
Treasurer, in cash with dis­
count, $1,177 76
Less 50 per cent discount, 588 88

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Am't highway tax paid
in cash, $588 88

Total highway tax, $8,095 01
Am't paid in cash including
discount, $1,177 76
Balance highway tax—Statute
labor, 6,917 25

$8,095 01

After examination of the several highways, roads,
bridges and sidewalks, and considering the needs of each,
we apportioned the above balance of $6,917.25 among
the several highway districts according to our best judg­
ment, and committed the same to the several highway
surveyors, to be worked out in Statute labor.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM, \(\text{Assessors}\)
SAMUEL LANE, \(\text{of}\)
HJALMAR EDBLAD, \(\text{of}\)

Houlton.
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 40, $1,600.00
Coupons on town bonds Nos. 41 to 60, 400.00
Farmers Nat'l Bank on town orders Nos. 618 and 519 of year 1896 and No. 108 year 1897, 357.50
First Nat'l Bank on town orders No. 577 of year 1896 and Nos. 41, 181 and 337 of year 1897, 164.17
James Crosby on town order No. 449 of year 1896, 150.00
Houlton Savings Bank on order No. 368 of year 1895, 75.00
Penobscot Savings Bank on order No. 447 of year 1894, 315.00
Alex. Wilson on orders Nos. 49 and 50 of year 1895, 60.00
Mary E. Macomber on order No. 122 of year 1894, 111.00
Balance unexpended, 213.26

$3,445.93

Amount appropriated, $3,000.00
Accrued interest, received from sale of town bonds Nos. 41 to 60, 70.93
Interest on 1895 taxes collected and paid to Treasurer by M. Lawlis, Collector, 75 00
Interest on 1896 taxes collected and paid to Treasurer by M. Lawlis, collector, 300 00

$ 3,445.93

Discounts, Abatements, and Commissions.

Discounts.
Five per cent. discount on cash taxes, paid Frank A. Geller-son, Town Treasurer, $ 1,862.55

Commissions.
Martin Lawlis, Collector, commissions to March 1, 1898, $ 551.05

Abatements.
Martin Lawlis, Collector on 1895 taxes, $ 391.70
Martin Lawlis, Collector on 1896 taxes, 335.44
Martin Lawlis, Collector on 1897 taxes, 121.40
Other abatements on 1896 and 1897 taxes, 232.28

$ 1,083.82

Balance unexpended, 5.58

$ 3,500.00

Amount appropriated, 3,500.00
Pauper Account.

### Paupers off the Farm.

**S. TUPPER AND FAMILY**

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<td>Monson, A. B.</td>
<td>supplies</td>
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<td>Millar, J. A.</td>
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**MRS. CLARISSA SMITH.**

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This bill has been paid by Town of Bridgewater.

**JUDITH PIKE.**

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<td>Maine Insane Hospital, board &amp;c.</td>
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**MERCHANT STUART.**

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**MRS. S. SMITH.**

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<td>$6.51</td>
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN OF HOULTON.

DAVID SMITH AND FAMILY.

Bradbury, H. K., supplies, $1.50
Bohan, T. C., agent, tickets, 430

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$5.80

J. J. ELLIOTT AND FAMILY.

Harrigan, J. C., supplies, 708
Perks Bros., medicine, 110
Frisbie, V. G., supplies, 327
Bradbury, H. K., supplies, 351
Lane & Pearce, supplies, 245
Friedman, S. & Co., clothing, 825

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$25.66

JOHN HICKEY AND FAMILY.

Harrigan, J. C., supplies, 447
Monson, A. B., 289
Tenney, C. P. & Son., supplies, 438

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$11.74

MR. ALBRIGHT AND FAMILY.

Harrigan, J. C., supplies, 440
Perks, Bros., medicine, 25

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$4.65

JOHN PELKEY AND FAMILY.

Harrigan, J. C., wood and supplies, 2612
Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood, 1086
Lane & Pearce, supplies, 95
Tenney, C. P. & Son, supplies, 245

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$40.38

ARCHIE McDOUGAL AND FAMILY.

Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood, 250
Hanson, Eva C., nursing, 215
Wilson, C. H., supplies, 132
Hatheway, H. J., medicine, 35

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$6.32
ALEX. LAW

Perks, Bros., medicine, $3 60
Anderson, G. W. nursing, 6 00
Fitzmaurice, T. J. medical att., 13 00

$ 22 60

JANE WATSON.

Benson, Mary J. board and nursing, 147 50
Tenney, C. P. & Son., supplies, 3 18

$ 150 68

JOHN H. WHITE.

Wilson, C. H. supplies, 1 50
Bohan, T. C. Agt., tickets, 4 35
Yerxa, Ham, money paid out, 4 10

$ 9 95

THOMAS O'BRIEN.

Putnam, H. L. medical att., $8 00

MRS. HOPKINS.

Monson, A. B. supplies, $1 50

MRS. FORTIER AND FAMILY.

Monson, A. B. supplies, 1 50
Mansur & Kitchen, shoes, 1 25

$ 2 75

BERTHA A. GRAY

Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood, $9 52

WM. GRANT AND FAMILY.

Williams, C. E. medical att., 4 00
Wilson, C. H. supplies, 1 94
Perks, Bros., medicine, 50
Keaton, M. M. casket, 15 00
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H., hearse, 3 00

$ 24 44
JAMES A. HARRIS AND FAMILY.
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical att., $10 00
Houlton Wood and Coal Co., wood, 2 00

$12 00

R. FLANNIGAN AND FAMILY.
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical att., 10 00
Mullen, Mary E., nursing, 7 00
Perks Bros., medicine, 1 35

$18 35

MRS. JERRY ITALIAN.
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical att., $10 00

CHARLES F. WIGHT.
Clark, J. N., board, 11 00
Friedman, S. & Co., clothing, 1 00

$12 00

This bill has been paid by the Town of Otisfield.

JOSEPH LEE AND FAMILY.
Peabody, Robt. T., milk, 1 06
Williams, C. E., medical att., 12 65
Perks Bros., medicine, 2 80

$16 51

This bill has been paid by Town of Bancroft.

SIDNEY SKIFFINGTON AND FAMILY
Houlton Coal and Wood Co., wood, 9 52
Monson, A. B., supplies, 7 34
Keaton, M. M., casket, 19 00
Donelly, Geo. F., wood, 3 50
Nevers, F. A., medical att., 25 00
Berry, A. H., supplies, 2 79
Fox, Wm. & Sons, supplies, 5 50
Hatheway, H. J., medicine, 1 75
Tenney, C. P. & Son, supplies, 1 87
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H., hearse, 3 00

$79 27
REPORT OF SELECTMEN OF HOULTON.

TRANSIENT PAUPERS.
Perks Bros., medicine, $ 2 35
Sturtevant, G. D., Agt., ticket, 85
Piscaer, Lewis and wife, ticket home, 10 00
Dyer, W. N., meals and lodging, 5 75
Putnam, H. L., medical att., 2 00
Radigan, J. C., meals, 75
Webber, S. C., tickets, 1 90
Fox, Wm. & Sons, clothing, 2 03
Gary, L. H., meals, 45

—— $ 26 08

JAMES MOOERS AND FAMILY
Hughins, Mrs. Samuel, nursing, 18 00
Lane & Pearce, supplies, 1 90
Mansur & Kitchen, shoes, 1 25
Peabody, Robt. T., milk, 6 98
Putnam, H. L., medical att., 28 00
Berry, A. H., supplies, 36 42
Frisbie, H. T., supplies, 2 20
Hatheway, H. J., medicine, 12 60

—— $ 107 35

MRS. EMERSON SAVAGE.
Fitzmaurice, T. J., medical att., 17 00
Hatheway, H. J., medicine, 35
Smith, A. T., shoes, 98
Millar, J. A., supplies, 70

—— $ 19 03

THOMAS IOTT.
Town of Caribou, medical att., $ 8 00

MAUD CLIFF.
Putnam, H. L., medical att., $ 11 00

MRS. ELIZABETH RIDEOUT.
Hatheway, H. J., medicine, $ 1 85

Cost of Paupers off the farm, $906 23
### Town Farm.

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McCulley, Wellington, labor, 4 38
Mansur & Kitchen, boots &c, 5 75
Manson, D., seed potatoes, 8 00
Merritt, E. & Sons, supplies, 5 75
McDonald, W. W., blacksmithing, 6 18
McLaughlin, James, pasturing, 4 65
Newhouse, O., supplies, 2 00
Perks Bros., medicine, 24 35
Page & Madigan, feed, 24 37
Putnam, H. L., medical services, 10 00
Riley, John, fish, 3 40
Richards, G. W. & Co., supplies, 63
Rackliff, A., team, 50
Robinson, J. E., supplies, 5 50
Royal, John J., repairs &c, 11 25
Ross, C. Fred, supplies, 4 18
Stultz, G. S., blacksmithing, 20 65
Smith, A. T., boots &c, 3 00
Somerville, Alfred, labor, 13 25
Sincock, S. H., lumber, 30 35
Sheehan, D., repairs &c, 1 00
Skillin, Warren, tobacco, 1 60
Sleeper, Chas. Jr, labor, 1 00
Smith Bros., supplies, 13 05
Shirley, Oscar, pigs, 2 00
Smith, E. M., seed oats, 21 25
Titcomb, F. W., lumber, 4 25
Tenney, C. P. & Son, supplies, 15 23
Taber, S. W., 10 88
Turney, R. L., hardware, 27 32
Turney, R. L., fertilizer, 60 00
Watson, John, hardware, 11 14
Woodbury, E. & Co., supplies, 12 36
Williams, C. E., medical attendance, 16 00
Weed, W. E., pigs, 3 00
Wilson, C. H., supplies, 13 13
Yerxa, Ward, labor, 1 00
Yerxa, Hamilton, overseer, 312 00

$ 1,115 04
## Town Farm Account.

**Appraisal March 24, 1897.**

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**Total:** $449.00

**Sold off farm:** $533.00

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<td>1 heifer, 2 years old</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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<td>1 heifer, 1 year old</td>
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<td>3 swine</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 tons hay</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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<td>1½ tons straw</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>100 bus. oats</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 bus. buckwheat</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>50 bbls. potatoes</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
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<td>Provisions</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
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<td>Tools, wagons, furniture etc</td>
<td>$197.00</td>
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**Total:** $533.00

**Sold off farm:** $126.45

**Potatoes:** $126.45

**Calf:** $4.50
### REPORT OF SELECTMEN OF HOULTON

#### Cow-hide, Heifer,

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<td>To manure from fire department,</td>
<td>$ 683.06</td>
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<td>Net expense of farm,</td>
<td>$ 880.98</td>
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#### Amount appropriated,

Rec'd from town of Hodgdon for supplies furnished Jacob White and others, and interest on same,

Rec'd from Town of Bridgewater for supplies &c to Mrs. Smith '96-97,

Rec'd from Town of Otisfield for supplies &c to C. F. Wight,

Rec'd from Town of Bancroft for supplies to Jos. Lee & family,

Rec'd from Town of Presque Isle for expenses paid for Mary Currie in 1894,

Rec'd from J. C. Gould,

Rec'd from sale of Hickey house,

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<td>Expense of paupers off the farm</td>
<td>$ 906.23</td>
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<td>Expense of paupers on the farm</td>
<td>$ 905.98</td>
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<td>$ 433.44</td>
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**Paupers on the Farm.**

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<tr>
<td>Mary Wilson</td>
<td>43 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Isaac Smith</td>
<td>53 &quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jemima Hawkins</td>
<td>18 &quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jemima Hawkins' child</td>
<td>4 mos.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Melvin McNally</td>
<td>61 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Smith</td>
<td>48 &quot;</td>
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Paupers who have been kept on the farm during the past year, discharged:

Alex. Gillis.  David Smith.
Daniel McCann.  Phebe Smith.
John McGilvary.  Isabelle Elliott.
John White  George Calvin.
Lucy Stephenson.  Charles Powers.

A new granary has been built on farm at cost of $76.98. The shed and barn should be thoroughly repaired and farm buildings painted during the coming year, and sufficient appropriation made therefor.

Cemeteries.

Adams, John A., labor,  $ 5 00
Albright, F., "  50
Albright, A., "  50
Flint, Thomas, " hill cem.,  20 00
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,  9 67
Helms, H. R., trucking,  5 45
Houlton Foundry & Machine Co., repairs,  3 70
Hiscock, Freeman, labor,  3 00
Harper, Isaac M., "  1 85
Iott, T., "  50
Iott, L., "  50
McPartland, J. H., supplies and labor,  37 77
McNair, Geo., labor,  9 37
Small, Geo. W., "  4 50
Slocum, W. H., painting,  6 00
Thibodeau, J. labor,  50
Wiley, James W., services,  160 71
Watson, John, hardware, 6 25
Wilson, Matthew, lumber, 21 18
Balance unexpended, 3 05

$300 00

Amount appropriated, $300 00

In Evergreen Cemetery all head stones in the old part have been straightened up and adjusted to proper positions, windmill painted and repaired, pump repaired and put in good order, water tank painted, new roads laid out, and stairs built to accommodate pedestrians. 1765 ft. lumber was used in building the stairs; lumber was planed on all sides and cost $12.00 per m. delivered on ground.

Cook Cemetery was cleaned up and bushes cut, and rocks removed at a cost of $20.00. The Bray Cemetery was cared for and grass cut at a cost of $3.00.

There is much that should be done at Evergreen Cemetery. Among other things a new fence should be built on south and east sides, and brick wall at the vault should be properly pointed with cement. The water service should be extended to better accommodate all. Water tank should be made larger and raised higher from the ground. A tool house should be built which could also be used as a shelter for man in charge of cemetery and others in wet weather. In a very short time the cemetery must also be enlarged again.

Hannah J. Bailey, Cemetery Fund.

Deposit in Houlton Savings Bank, $300 00

By the will of Hannah J. Bailey, late of Houlton, deceased, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars was left for the preservation and care of the Bailey family burial lot. Mr. A. H. Duren, administrator of the estate of said Hannah J. Bailey, deposited said sum on Nov. 20th, 1890, with Charles D. Merritt, then Treasurer of Houlton, as per statute provision, and the same has been heretofore with the
general town funds. But it is a trust fund and a distinct liability of the town, and as such the present board of Selectmen thought that it should be set aside and the annual income thereof only used. We have accordingly deposited Three Hundred Dollars in the Houlton Savings Bank, to be known as the "Town of Houlton, Hannah J. Bailey Cemetery Fund." The Bailey lot in the cemetery has been cared for by the town since 1890 and kept in good condition each year.

**Hancock Barracks.**

Barker, Robert V., trees and labor, $21 50
Burleigh, P. N., surveying, 1 50
Balance unexpended, 2 00

$ 25 00

Amount appropriated, $ 25 00

From actual survey made by P. N. Burleigh, surveyor, we found only a small strip on westerly side of Parade grounds belonging to the town, and being made land and ledge, there was no chance to set out trees. We therefore limbed up the old trees on each side of avenue leading thereto and set out new trees to replace those dead. This work should be completed next season as the appropriation this year was not sufficient to finish it.

**Street Lights, &c.**

Houlton Electric Co.—Electric lights for streets, Town hall and engine house, $1,260 00
E. Merritt & Sons, electric lights for Town lockup, and approaches thereto, 32 40
E. Woodbury & Co., electric light,  
Balance unexpended,  

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Amount appropriated,} \\
\text{Amount rec'd from E. W. Merritt from sale of old lamp posts,}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
10 \text{ 80} \\
14 \text{ 80} \\
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\text{ } \\
$1,318 \text{ 00}
\end{array}
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Memorial Day.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Amount appropriated,} \\
\text{Amount paid S. H. Powers,} \\
\text{Quartermaster A. P. Russell Post, G. A. R.,}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
$100 \text{ 00} \\
$100 \text{ 00}
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Company L., N. G. S. M.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Peabody, F. A., Treas.,} \\
\text{Smith, O. M., Capt.,}
\end{array}
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\[
\begin{array}{c}
$100 \text{ 00} \\
200 \text{ 00}
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\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Amount appropriated,} \\
\text{Amount rec'd from State towards rent of hall,}
\end{array}
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\[
\begin{array}{c}
$200 \text{ 00} \\
100 \text{ 00}
\end{array}
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Rocks for County Work Yard.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Anderson, Richard, rocks,} \\
\text{Belongia, Samuel,} \\
\text{Campbell, Roland,} \\
\text{Drake, James A.}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
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8 \text{ 50} \\
5 \text{ 00} \\
10 \text{ 00} \\
12 \text{ 50}
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Fitzmaurice Road.—Land Damages.

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B. J. Slipp Road.

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This appropriation was for building road and for paying land damages assessed at $25.00. On this road there is a crossing to build at grade over the C. P. Railway track and land. By order of the State Railroad Commissioners dated Apr. 16, 1894, "The way within the location of said Railroad shall be constructed by and at the expense of said Town, under the supervision and direction of said Railroad Company &c." In Aug., 1897, the Selectmen met Mr. C. W. Burpee of the C P. R. Co., at the place of said crossing. Mr. Burpee estimated that it would cost about $100.00 to build crossing with such culverts, filling in &c. as would be necessary. Possibly the road could be built for $100.00 to each side of the railroad location. The amount appropriated might be sufficient to build the road without the railroad crossing, or to build the crossing without the road. Neither would be of use without the other. The Selectmen did not think it wise to undertake to do what they knew they could not do within the appropriation, and decided to leave the matter as it is until further action by the town.

Street Signs and Guide Boards.

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$100.00

Amount appropriated,

$100.00
The guide boards were received and placed in position last summer. The street signs came from the manufacturers during the month of February last and cannot economically be put up until next summer.

### Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

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**Amount appropriated:** $2,000 00

1897 highway taxes paid to Treas., 588 88
Bal. '97 highway taxes of W. Mansur, 44 63
1896 " " 18 76
Sale of old plank, 40
" " tar bbls., 4 55
A. H. Fogg, for crossing, 6 53
V. B. Wilson, " 5 19
Mrs. M. E. Brown, for crossing, 3 52

**— $2,672 46**
In connection with report on roads, sidewalks and bridges would say:

It cost $143.45 in Statute Labor to clean out gravel pit before chance could be had to obtain suitable material for highways. This amount of labor was much needed on highways, and necessity of its expenditure was caused by allowing persons to haul gravel from pit, leaving material unfit for their use in the pit for the town to clean out. All gravel pits should be properly enclosed and be under supervision of Road Commissioner.

Wages paid to J. O'Brien to take charge of pit during time of hauling gravel from same was $1.50 per day.

Highways have been properly ditched in many places; more especially on Military and Calais roads. Also at a point on line between Houlton and Littleton on road leading to Littleton Ridge.

On account of wet weather while working road machines much work had to be done two and sometimes three times. 65 days labor with road machines, cost of same $624.24. Wages paid was $3.50 per day for man to handle machine together with one pair of horses. $3.00 per day to other teams including man.

Cost of repairs for road machines $43.50.

New Sidewalks laid as follows:

Leonard Street, 190 x 4 ft., 2 in., plank.
Court " 495 x 4 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Fair " 377 x 3 " 2 " 2 " 2 "
Military " 235 x 5 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Kelleran " 393 x 5 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Winter " 550 x 5 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Market Sq., " 93 x 4 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
North St., " 507 x 4 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Putnam " 487 x 4 " 2 " 2 " 2 "
Bangor " 458 x 4 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Concrete Sidewalks.

Past experience has shown that plank sidewalks are very expensive. The average cost is 40c. per square yard and average life from 4 to 7 years. The Selectmen thought best to make an experiment with concrete. Have done so with following result. A piece was laid on Water St., 101 x 5 ft., containing 56 1-9 sq. yds., at a cost of 65c. per sq. yd. Another piece was laid on North St., 382 x 4 ft., containing 169 7-9 sq. yds., at a cost of 55c. per sq. yd. The ground selected for these experiments was level and cost of laying was less than it would be in most localities, but we believe this material can be laid at a cost of 65c. per sq. yd. From what we can learn on good authority a concrete walk is good for 20 to 25 years.

We think it is the cheapest walk to build in the long run and recommend its use in every part of town where it can be laid.

New Public Crossings.

- Court Street, 69 x 3 ft. 3 in. plank.
- Park, 70 x 3 " 3 " 3 
- Pleasant, 84 x 3 " 3 " 3 
- Union Sq., 58 x 3 " 3 " 3 
- Market, 70 x 5 " 3 " 3 
- Main St., 96 x 3 " 3 " 3 
- Military, 78 x 3 " 3 " 3 
- School, 34 x 3 " 3 " 3 

Private Crossings.

- Court St., F. F. Innis.
- " " Mrs. M. E. Brown.
- " " V. B. Wilson.
- Main, A. H. Fogg.
- Bangor, F. W. Titcomb.
In regard to these private crossings, F. F. Innis and F. W. Titcomb furnished their own material and town furnished the labor of laying same. Mrs. M. E. Brown, V. B. Wilson and A. H. Fogg paid town treasurer for cost of material.

**Bridges Repaired.**

Iron Bridge at Woolen Mill replanked, 7500 ft. spruce plank.

Bridge on Military road at Cary's Mills replanked, 2640 ft. hemlock plank.

Garland Bridge replanked, 2310 ft. spruce plank.

Cook's brook bridge on Stevenson road replanked on new stringers, 1900 ft. hemlock plank, 1250 ft. cedar.

Bridge at Henry Smith's replanked 900 ft. hemlock plank.

Bridge on Ludlow road, 300 ft. hemlock plank.

Cook's brook bridge on Woodstock road repaired.

Pearce " " on Columbia St. repaired.

Meduxnekeag bridge at Pumping station repaired.

Bridge on Fitzmaurice road repaired.

Niles bridge repaired.

Innis bridge, 5 new stringers put in 12 x 12 in., 43 ft. long, 2580 ft., costing $15.00 per M.

**New Culverts Put In.**

- North road, 3
- Military road, 3
- Main St., 2
- Winter St., 1
- Ludlow road, 1
- Hammond Mill road, 2
- Foxcroft road, 3
- Calais road, 2
New White Settlement road, 3
Old " " " " 1
Highlands, 2
Charles St., 1
Letter B road, 1
Tierney " 1

Total, 26

Bailey brook covered from west line of E. Woodbury lot to west line of A. H. Fogg lot.

New drain put in on Highlands 285 ft. long. Said drain was put in to turn water for safety of abutments of bridge on north side of Meduxnekeag stream.

Drain opened on north side of Main St. from grate at Mrs. Mansur's corner to a point opposite A. H. Fogg & Co.'s store. Said drain should be opened to point of beginning, which is opposite R. A. Palmer's store.

Cedar for two new culverts are at two different points on road leading to Hammond Plantation, but for want of funds they were not put in this year. There is much need of new culverts at different points on many roads.

Many old culverts have been cleaned out the past season and there is much more of this work that should be done.

Part of F. W. Titcomb hill rocked last season, and balance will have to be this spring to make same passable. We have caused 56 loads of rocks to be hauled for that purpose. Said rocks are piled south side of Foundry.

Material for making good roads is hard to get. We have plenty of rock in all parts of the town and if money was expended in purchasing a first class rock crusher, the town of Houlton could, in a few years have good highways. In eastern and southern parts of town there is no gravel to be had, but rocks are plenty.

Lumber Bought for Use of Town.

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<td>2580 &quot; 12 x 12 &quot; &quot; stringers.</td>
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<td>2250 &quot; cedar &quot; &quot; and culverts.</td>
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106,077 " Total.
Price paid for hemlock, $8.00 per M.
" " " spruce, $10.00 per M., except Innis bridge stringers 43 ft. long which cost $15.00 per M.
Have used 448 cedar ties at a cost of .085 each.
There is on hand about 2 M. ft. hemlock plank, part of which is at Hammond Mill bridge to be used in replanking.

On following streets new sidewalks should be laid during the next season:

Heywood street.
Part of Kelleran street,
" " Charles "
" " Court "
" " Green "

Part of Main street.
" " Pleasant "
" " North "
" " High "
" " Elm "

Part of Highland Ave.
Concrete can be laid on most of above streets.

Sidewalk Fund. (Winter)

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Edblad, Hjalmar, cash paid for
  boards,
Elliott, H.,      labor,  1 50
Farley, A. D.,    "      1 95
Fairweather, G.,  "      7 30
Farley, E. B.,    "      1 80
Grant, Richard,  "      9 63
Gagnon, Thos.,    "      6 30
Hunter, G. B.,    "      4 65
Hunter, G. A.,    "      53 03
Harper, Isaac & Son, "    15 88
Hanson, R.,       "      3 90
Helms, S.,        "      2 25
Hallett, A.,      "      4 25
Iott, B.,         "      60
Lyons, S.,        "      40
Milberry, James,  "     11 00
Mackey, M.,       "      5 00
McDonald, S.,     "      4 60
Murphy, P.,       "      1 25
Morrow, Mac,      "      8 05
Mesereau, A.,     "      60
Mesereau, M.,     "      60
Mooers, R.,       "      2 00
Nicholas, James,  "      1 80
Patten, John,     "      25
Pellum, J.,       "      70
Pellum, H.,       "      3 75
Pellum, S.,       "      75
Rideout, A.,      "      2 00
Sughrue, S.,      "      55
Tabei, S. W., scraper &c., 4 75
Thibodeau, J.,    labor,  6 50
Tupper, G.,       "      1 55
Thibodeau, Thos., "      3 10
Violett, F.,      "      3 50
Warren, E. B.,   "      8 10
Willett, Frank   "      1 80
York, Randolph, 3 25
Yerxa, W. R., 50 10

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The overdraw in this account is due to heavy fall of snow and severe snowstorms during the month of February. We think a larger appropriation sufficient to cover the overdraw this year, should be made. Sidewalks in passable condition have become a necessity, especially for small children going to and from school, and sufficient funds should be raised to keep them in good order during the winter months.

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

Kidder, J. H., recording deeds, $1 00
Phillips, R. S., land, 75 00
Balance unexpended, 24 00

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### Fire Department and Watchmen.

Anderson, Joseph, trucking, $2 00
Atherton, Chas. A., straw, 3 91
Astle, J. L., trucking, 3 00
Adams, D. F., hay, 7 59
Brewer, Wilmot, labor, 88 00
Bangor Extension Ladder Co., gong, 11 15
Bachelder, John, labor, 1 50
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Rhoades, W. S., hay, 9 35
Royal, John J., repairs &c., 8 90
Smith, James R., oats, 8 74
Sinclair, J. H., watchman, &c., 456 24
Smith, E. M., oats, 7 63
Small, Geo. W., horse, 121 00
Sheehan, D., supplies, 1 20
Small, Geo. W., care of horse, 6 00
Sincock, Frank, straw, 3 93
Smith, John, oats, 11 00
Turney, R. L., hardware, 1 58
Taber, S. W., blacksmithing, 7 75
Tenney, C. P. & son, supplies, 3 00
Thompson, P A., hay, 8 07
Watson, John, wagon and sleds, 142 67
Watson, John, hardware and coal, 76 96
Webber, S. C., watchman &c., 456 24
Webber, S. C., chief engineer, 50 00
Yerxa, W R., trucking, 6 00
Balance unexpended, 36 79

$6,618 90

Amount appropriated, $6,500 00
Rec'd from sale of old pump, 4 00
" " " " coal, 14 90
" " " " horse, 75 00

$6,593 90

Manure to town farm, 25 00

$6,618 90

Of the above appropriation $500.00 was for new hose. But as there was a good supply of hose on hand only
$275.00 was invested in hose and part of the appropriation was used for purchase of truck wagon for which there was much need, and part to assist in getting a good horse for fire department in place of a poor one.

Sufficient funds should be appropriated to purchase runners for Fire Engine, for use during winter months. As it is now, after heavy snow storms, it would be impossible to get engine far out of immediate vicinity of Market Square, to any fire.

During the year the Selectmen have reported 14 fires to the Insurance Commissioner, and at Commissioner's request investigated cause of one fire. Hon. S. W. Carr, Insurance Commissioner was present at said investigation. Cost of same to the town was $49.32.

**Police and Constables.**

The Selectmen made the following appointments:
S. C. Webber, Police officer—day, and Saturday evenings.
J. H. Sinclair, Police officer—night, and charge of lockup.

**Constables.**

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Foster, Ira, janitor,
Foster, Mrs. James, cleaning,
Fortier, Mrs. Flora,
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware,
Felch, L. M., books,
Fitzgerald, Lizzie, cleaning,
Griffin, Abbie I., teaching,
Gentle & Ludwing, insurance,
Gray & Hamilton, supplies,
Gilman, W. S. & Son, printing,
Harkin, Frank, wood,
Hanson, S. H., enumeration of scholars,
Hammond, Geo. A., labor,
Heath, D. C., books,
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,
Hammett, J. L. Co., books &c.,
Harper, Isaac M., labor,
Hammond, Geo. L., lumber,
Herrick, Frank A., labor,
Houlton, L., shingles,
Harris, Blanche, cleaning,
Hickey, John, labor,
Harkins, Neal,
Hackett, J. D., wood,
Haskell, Annie M., teaching,
Houlton Water Co., water,
Houlton Sewer Co., sewer,
Ingraham, Mrs. W J., books,
Iott, Mrs. L., cleaning,
Iott, Hattie,
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Jenks, Ethel, teaching,
Jordan, Mrs. W. H., janitor, 6 50
Jordan, Wm. H., labor, 3 00
Johnson, Sadie, janitor, 4 20
Kingdon, John, 158 75
Keaton, M. M., furniture, 3 25
Lougee, Theo. P., painting and wood, 61 00
Lougee, Lillian V., teaching, 310 00
Logan, Frank, janitor, 11 20
Logan, Wm., lumber &c., 33 50
Lathrop Spooner Mfg. Co., wood dressing, 4 50
Long, Harry, labor, 7 50
Lowrey, John, 2 00
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Lyons, C. A., printing, 1 25
Mulherrin, Sarah E., teaching, 279 60
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McPartland, J. H., repairs and labor, 115 63
Merriam, G. & C. Co., books, 18 50
Manuel, Geo., painting, 16 62
McNair, Geo., labor, 22 50
Morse & Co., lumber, 42 38
Niles, M. C., janitor &c., 58 50
Orriss, H. M., binding, 52 85
Parks, Carrie, janitor, 11 70
Pennington, Annie, teaching, 279 00
Porter, Alice M., teaching, 279 00
Porter, Margaret A., 279 00
Putnam, H. L., supplies, 36 35
Putnam, S. W., labor, 68 62
Putnam, B. H., book, 4 00
Putnam, W. H., gravel, 110 90
Porter, Ira J., labor &c., 2 65
Piqua School Furniture Co., furniture, 79 98
Plummer, Mrs. J. W., cleaning, 4 00
Pearce, F. W., rocks, 1 20
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**Free High School.**

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Cary, Theo., printing, 18 25
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Cameron, Fred, " " 62
Clough, Guy, " " 62
Cornelison, E. B., services, 3 00
Chadwick & Davis, lumber, 3 63
Donnell, W. C., insurance, 27 00
Duuphy, J. H., sheep killed by dogs, 7 00
Drake, Geo. W., sheep killed by dogs, 17 50
Dempsey, James H., services as constable, 7 00
Drake, Fred H., services, 2 00
Dykeman, W A. services as constable, 2 00
Dobson, Wm., " " 2 00
Davenport, Chas., witness fee, 62
Dickinson, Jed, " " 62
Friedman, S. & Co., trunk, 3 50
Farrington, E. C., copy, 1 50
Fogg, A. H. & Co., hardware, 17 84
Frisbie, H. T., supplies, 3 45
Gilman, W S. & Son, printing, 96 15
Gillin, James Jr., cards and stamps, 7 74
Gray & Hamilton, supplies, 5 25
Gellerson, F. A., cash paid for stamps, 3 00
Gidney, A. W., running ferry, 12 00
Glidden, Herbert, witness fees, 62
Heywood, A. P., rent of hall, 20 00
Houlton Water Co., water, 5 00
Hall, Henry, sheep killed by dogs, 10 50
Hanson, Henry H., damages, 10 00
Hiscock, Elias, services as constable, 2 00
Hanson H. H., " " 2 00
Hotel Meduxnekeag, meals, 1 25
Hickey, John, labor, 2 00
Hutchinson Bros., washing, 2 00
Hatt, C. R., witness fee, 62
Hamill, E. E., " " 62
Hogan, Clarence B., " " 62
Hogan, Fred W., " " 62
Ingraham, Walter C., services, 2 00
Iott, Daniel, witness fee, 62
Ingraham, Harold, witness fee, 62
Kidder, E. H., enrolling militia, 25 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, 24 45
Lyons, Samuel, services, 2 00
Lawlis, Martin, costs in tax deeds, 15 90
Lawlis, Martin, serving papers, &c., 12 54
Lawlis, Martin, services as constable, 4 00
Lougee, Theo., wood, 15 00
Lyons, C. A. printing, 16 75
Miller, S. C., clerical work, 142 00
McCluskey, C. H., straps, &c., 6 87
McCluskey, J. C. & C. H., labor, 7 50
McCluskey, Geo. A., team, 3 62
Mooers, Reud, labor, 3 75
Mooers, S. S., " 5 25
McPartland, J. H., repairing sprinkler, 50
Madigan & Madigan, prof. services, 25 00
Niles, Chas., H., team, 4 50
Nevers, F. A., birth and death certificates, 22 75
Obey, J. H., witness fee, 62
Orris, H. M., binding 1897 town reports, 20 00
Putnam, H. L., birth and death certificates, 10 00
Putnam, W. H., burying horses, 4 00
Putnam, Thos. P., telegrams &c., 5 47
Powers & Powers, prof. services, 90 00
Patten, W. H., labor, 50
Perkins, A. P., services, 11 56
Robinson, J. E., telephone, 4 00
Reese, Chas. D., police badges, 9 50
Skiffington, Sidney, services, 2 00
Smith, E. B., services as constable, 2 00
Smart, A. B., " " " " 2 00
Smith, E. M., sheep killed by dogs, 3 75
Small, Geo. W., boughs and teaming, 4 00
Sinclair, J. H., witness fees, 62
Smith Bros., lockup supplies, 1 30
Smith, O. M., books, 4 20
Stetson, C. E. F., surveying, 15 50
Turney, R. L., hardware, 2 25
Terrill, J. W., sheep killed by dogs, 10 00
Taber, S. W., services as constable, 2 00
Taber, S. W., paint, &c., 2 00
Titcomb, F. W., lumber, 97
Tucker, A. J., weather strips, 80
Whitney, W. R., sheep killed by dogs, 6 00
Warren, E. B., services, 2 00
Watson, John, hardware and painting, 10 13
Williams, C. E., postage, &c., 1 50
Webber, S. C., killing dogs &c., 4 62
Whitney, R. H., services as constable, 2 00
Wiley, James, labor, 3 75
White, E. B., care of clock, 26 00
Yerxa, W. R., services as constable &c., 2 55
Balance unexpended, 183 48

Amount appropriated, $1,299 79

Rec'd from bills made by order of
Board of Health, 35 00
Rec'd fine for violation of pedlar law, 10 00
1896 dog tax refunded by State, 43 90
License fees, 48 00
Damages of sheep killed by dogs
refunded by State, 79 75
G. A. McCluskey, rent of hearse, 50 00
Railroad and telegraph tax from
State, 33 14

$1,299 79
Town Officers.

Putnam, Thomas P., Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, $450 00
Lane, Samuel, Assessors, Highway Surveyors, 250 00
Edblad, Hjalmar, 200 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, 137 84
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, 21 00
Chadwick, J. G., 36 00
Balance unexpended, 25 16

Amount appropriated, $1,800 00

Recapitulation.

Orders Drawn.

Interest, $1,232 67
Discounts, abatements and commissions, 3,494 42
Paupers off the farm, 906 23
Town farm, 1,115 04
Cemeteries, 296 95
Hannah J. Bailey cemetery fund, 300 00
Hancock barracks, 23 00
Street lights, 1,303 20
Memorial day, 100 00
Company L., N. G. S. M., 300 00
Rocks for County work-yard, 239 80
Fitzmaurice road, land damages, 85 00
Street signs and guide boards, 99 63
Roads, bridges and sidewalks, 2,646 86
Sidewalks, (winter) 477 00
Fire department and watchmen, 6,582 11
Engine house lot near C. P. R. station, 76 00
Schools, 10,513 08
Free high school, 1,529 82
Miscellaneous bills, 1,116 31
Town officers, 1,774 84
Loans refunded, 5,500 00
Temporary loans, 9,000 00

$48,711 96

908 orders drawn amounting to $48,711 96
State tax, 7,168 51
County tax, 9,235 30
Coupons on town bonds, 2,000 00

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

Financial Standing, &c.

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### Assets.

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Old tax deeds amounting to $37.39, and note of O. & F. Hanning $9.19, we have omitted from list of assets as they are worthless.
Recommendations.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Support of Poor, $2,000 00
Discounts, abatements, and commissions, 3,500 00
Interest, 3,000 00
Town Officers, 1,500 00
Miscellaneous bills, 1,000 00
Schools, 6,000 00
Free High School, 1,400 00
Supervisor of schools, 300 00
Repairs on school houses, 750 00
School books, 750 00
Fire department, 6,250 00
Memorial Day, 100 00
National guards, 200 00
Rocks for county work yard, 100 00
Street lights, 1,375 00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks, 5,500 00
Road commissioner, 450 00
Sidewalks in winter, 500 00
Cemeteries, 450 00
Letter B road, 100 00
B. J. Slipp road, 125 00
Dykeman " 200 00
Repairing Town Hall, &c., 250 00
Repairs &c., at Town farm, 200 00

Martin Lawlis, Collector.

In account with Town of Houlton.

1897.
March 10. To balance 1895 taxes, $2,211 66
" " 1896 11,639 04
" costs on 1896 taxes in tax deeds, 17 15
To int., on 1896 taxes in tax deeds, 9 93
To int., on 1895 taxes, 75 00
" " " 1896 " 300 00

December " 1897 taxes, 11,511 39

CR.

By cash and abatements on 1895 taxes, $1,041 70
By int., on 1895 taxes, 75 00
By cash and abatements on 1896 taxes, 8,331 44
By int., on 1896 taxes, 300 00
" 1896 tax deeds as follows:

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By cash and abatements on 1897 taxes, 928 78

1898

March 1 By balance 1895 taxes uncollected, 1,169 96
By balance 1896 taxes uncollected, 3,165 40
By balance 1897 taxes uncollected, 10,582 61

\[\text{---} \quad \$25,764 17 \]

The following is a list of tax deeds acquired by Town of Houlton during municipal years '96 and '97:

1896. E. A. Mansfield, $11 79
Robt. P. McNally, 28 54
S. D. Amazeen, 62 52
Sam'l E. Baker, 16 47
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Balance, $324 59
Frank A. Gellerson,
In account with the Town of Houlton.

1897.
Mar. 10.

To balance cash in Treasury, $571.34
  " tax deeds, 1895 taxes, 541.69
  " balance taxes year 1895, 2211.66
    "    "    " 1896, 11,639.04
        $14,963.73

  " Rec'd J. H. Gould in full for acct., 1.00
  "    " town Presque Isle, expenses M. Currie, 8.00
  " Rec'd town Bridgewater, support Clarissa Smith and son, 93.64
  " Rec'd town of Otisfield, support of C. F. Wight, 12.00
  " Rec'd town of Hodgdon, support of J. White et als, 79.50
  " Rec'd town of Bancroft, support of Jos. Lee, 16.51
  " Rec'd sale of old plank, 40.00
    "    "    " tar barrels, 4.55
    "    "    " coal, 14.90
    "    "    " horse, 75.00
    "    "    " street lamps, 18.00
    "    "    " pump, 4.00
    "    "    " calf from farm, 4.50
    "    "    " heifer from farm, 15.00
    "    "    " cow hide from farm, 4.11
    "    "    " potatoes " " 126.45
    "    "    " wood from schools, 10.00
    "    "    " books " " 2.10
    "    "    " tuition for schools from Hodgdon, 43.80
    "    "    "    " A. A. Stewart, 3.75
    "    "    " A. H. Fogg, for plank crossing, 6.53
    "    "    " V. B. Wilson, for plank crossing, 5.19
    "    "    " Mae E. Brown, for plank crossing, 3.52
    "    "    " John Hickey house, 35.00
    "    "    " G. A. McCluskey, for hearse, 50.00
To Rec'd fines for nuisances, 35 00
" " " " violation of pedlar law, 10 00
" " " " license fees, 48 00
" " " dog tax 1896 refunded by state, 43 90
" " " dog license 1897, 179 00
" " State for sheep killed by dogs, 79 75
" " " " pensions, 240 00
" " " " Militia Co., 100 00
" " " " Free high school, 250 00
" " " " railroad tax, 33 14
" " " " school fund and mill tax, 3,165 18
" " sale of 20 bonds $1000 each, 20,070 93
" " temporary loans as follows:
" " order No. 41 First Nat. Bank, $1,500 00
" Rec'd order No. 108, Farmers Nat. Bank, 5,000 00
" Rec'd order No. 181 First Nat. Bank, 2,000 00
" Rec'd order No. 285, M. E. Macomber, 3,000 00
" Rec'd order No. 290, M. A. Bickford, 1,000 00
" Rec'd order No. 337, First Nat. Bank, 500 00
" Rec'd order No. 474, Houlton Sav. Bank, 1,500 00
--- $14,500 00
" Rec'd interest and costs tax deeds 1896, 27 08
" Rec'd interest on taxes 1895 and 1896, 375 00
" Highway taxes 1896, 68 76
" " 1897, 633 51
" Cash tax assessed for 1897; 48,762 40

$104,172 83
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By paid State pensions, $ 240 00
" " dog license 1897 to State, 179 00
" " coupons on bonds, 2,000 00
" " order No. 122 of 1894, $3,000 00
By paid order No. 49 of 1895, 800 00
By paid order No. 50 of 1895, 200 00
By paid order No. 368 of 1895, 1,500 00
By paid order No. 449 of 1896, 5,000 00
By paid order No. 577 of 1896, 5,000 00
By paid order No. 579 of 1896, 5,000 00
By paid order No. 618 of 1896, 5,000 00

$25,500 00

By paid State tax in full, 7,168 51
" " County tax in full, 9,235 30
" " Town orders for year 1897, 43,211 96

" balance as follows:

Unpaid taxes, 1895
and 1896, $ 4,335 36

Unpaid taxes, 1897, 10,582 61

Tax deeds, 1895 and 1896, 324 59

Cash in treasury, 1,395 50

$16,638 06

$104,172 83

March 1st, 1898.

FRANK A. GELLERSON, Town Treasurer.

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM, Selectmen

SAMUEL LANE, of

HJALMAR EDBLAD, Houlton.
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:

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Tax deeds as follows:
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Total $324 59

$15,242 56

GEO. A. GORHAM, Auditor.

Houlton, March 1, 1898.

To the Citizens of Houlton:

At the first meeting of the Superintending School Committee after the town election Albert A. Burleigh was chosen chairman, and Harry L. Putnam was chosen Superintendent for the ensuing year. The annual census taken in April showed that there were 1306 children belonging to the town between the ages of 4 and 21 years. The following table may be of interest. It gives in the first column the number of children belonging to the town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, and in the second column the total number of different pupils registered in our common schools each year since 1890.

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The school records also show that there has been a constantly increasing attendance in the village schools while with few exceptions the number of pupils in the country schools has gradually diminished.

The exceptions referred to are Cary's Mills school, Deasy school, Johnson school and the Bray school in its present location on the Foxcroft road.

Out of a total registration of 927 scholars, 730 are registered in the different graded schools.

There are eight grades in our village schools leading up to the High school.

It has been our purpose to make this gradation as practical and well balanced as is possible under the conditions that prevail. The pupil who leaves school at the close of the Grammar school course should be thoroughly grounded and well equipped for the experiences of life.
Every effort is made to keep them in school till that time, but urgent need and often times indifference of parents draw them away and they are deprived of what, more than anything else, is their right and which life will prove to be their better necessity.

The record for attendance and punctuality has been for the most part, remarkably good.

It is the duty of the teacher to impress upon the pupil and so far as possible, upon the parent, that irregularity can not hope to compete with regularity and that neither pupils nor parents have any moral right to lessen the working value of a school by chronic tardiness. Those parents who wisely insist upon punctuality in their own children have a just cause for complaint against those who do not.

Requests for dismissal for trivial reasons are wholly out of place in the business-like management of any school, and if granted, work more serious harm than the merely casual observer could see or imagine possible.

Extensive repairs have been made upon the various school buildings.

At Cary’s Mills the school house was thoroughly renovated within and without. All the buildings connected with this school are in better condition than ever before.

The Cary’s Mills school is the largest country school in town and continues to maintain its average attendance.

The woodwork in the Grammar school building has been entirely revarnished. No repairs of this nature had been made in the building during the eight years it has been occupied.

Modern school furniture was placed in the Johnson school. This house has also been rearranged so that it will accommodate more pupils than before.

Six school houses have been painted this year and other general repairs made.

The total amount paid by Treasurer of
REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE OF HOULTON.

the town for maintaining the common schools during the year is, $10,707 75
Teachers, 7,210 20
Text books, (Free High School) 199 50
Text books, (Common Schools) 550 50
Fuel, 566 93
Janitors, 637 25
Repairs, 850 00
Furniture and apparatus, 205 20
Insurance, 33 50
Water and sewerage, 260 00
Overdraw from previous year, 194 67 $10,707 75
There remains unexpended, $117 08 as shown by the report of town Treasurer.

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

Attendance for the year was as follows: 80 at the summer term; 85 at the fall term; 82 at the winter term.

Funds available for Free High School are:
Appropriated by town, $1,400
From state, 250 $1,650.00
Amount expended for tuition at summer term $518; $629.15 at fall term; and $382.66 at winter term. Total $1,529.81.

This leaves an amount of $120.19 unexpended. However the payment of $382.66 on the winter term was for tuition to the date of writing this report (8 weeks of the term). The winter term will continue 4 weeks longer, ending March 18, 1898. This will consume the $120.19 remaining, and probably cause a deficit of about $70.00.

The terms arranged at the last town meeting were: The town to pay Ricker Classical Institute the regular tuition of $8 for fall term; $7 for the winter term and $7 for the summer term. Amounting to $22 per year for each High school scholar. All absences of entire weeks to be deducted. Fractional parts of a week to count as a whole week's attendance.
This was the best arrangement that the committee could make last year with Ricker Classical Institute and the same that was authorized by vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

If this arrangement is continued it will probably cost the town $2000 for tuition for its High school scholars the coming year at Ricker Classical Institute. Of this amount $250 is paid by the State. The expense of text books is not included in this amount which for the past year has cost $200, or $2.35 for each High school scholar.

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 primary school house on the Pleasant St., lot now owned by the town. The upper floor of the brick school building would then become available for High school purposes.

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

Atchinson, Dora M. 
Brannen, Virginia, 
Browne, Fayette S. 
Brown, Merton, 
Bruce, Katie, 
Cleveland, Arthur S. 
Cornelison, Mabel M. 
Denning, Margaret E. 
Dempsey, Frank M. 
Donnelly, Jas. A. 
Davis, Bertha A. 
Dunn, Carrie I. 
Garrison, Lydia, 
Gorham, Frank, 
Haley, Helen R. 
Ingraham, May H. 

Jackins, Alden, 
Millar, Bessie M. 
McElwee, Amy E. 
Newhouse, Arthur A. 
Niles, Guy A. 
Pearce, Emma L. 
Pearce, Evelyn H. 
Pierce, Leonard A. 
Riley, Mary L. 
Rideout, Olen B. 
Stevens, Gertrude T. 
Titcomb, May, 
Smith, Erva F. 
Van Allen, Hadley F. 
Wallace, Ada A. 
Wallace, Mellon L.
Admitted from Waldoboro High school, Phelan, Udalvilla M.

Admitted from Frances Ann High school, Mansur, Stella H.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing school year:

Schools, $6,000.00
Repairs and insurance, 750.00
Text books (including Free High school) 750.00

ALBERT A. BURLEIGH, Chairman,
VINAL B. WILSON,
JOHN B. MADIGAN,
WILLIAM C. DONNELL,
HARRY L. PUTNAM. Supt.,

Superintending
School
Committee.
Report of Board of Health.

We have the following record of contagious diseases for the municipal year: One case of Scarlet Fever, recovered, seventeen cases of Typhoid Fever, with fifteen recoveries and two deaths; no cases of Diptheria. Eight cases of Whooping Cough has been reported according to law, and several other cases have occurred which have not been reported. But few cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been reported,—not enough to make statistics of any value.

The Board has attended to its duties regarding investigation and abatement of nuisances, a somewhat smaller number than usual having been met with during the year.

Owing to the occurrence of several cases of Typhoid Fever among residents in the vicinity of the "Mill Pond," and the possible contamination of the water by the germs, this Board has felt it its duty to call attention to the fact that Typhoid Fever may be communicated by means of ice from infected water. Our influence therefore, has been exerted against the use of ice cut below the lower railroad bridge for purposes of drinking water. Our cautions to ice cutters in this matter, we have reasons to think, have been quite generally complied with.

CHARLES D. MERRITT, Chairman.
CHAS. E. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
A. B. SMART.
Chief Engineer's Report.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Houlton:

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

The Department is in good condition, and consists of steamer, hose wagon, three hose reels, 1 hose sled, hook and ladder trucks, 1 ladder sled, and three horses. There are 5000 ft. good hose, 500 ft. of new hose having been purchased this year. The Company consists of

S. C. Webber, Chief Engineer. O. B. Buzzell, Foreman.
L. O. Ludwig, Sec. and Treas.

PIPEMEN.

HYDRANT MEN.
Geo. A. McCluskey, Wm. C. Clark, Lowell E. Chandler.

SECTION MEN.
F. O. Smith, Harry C. Brown.

HOSEMEN.
Dow Hagerman, Engineer of Steamer.

HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO I.
F. E. Baker, Captain.
G. E. Wilkins Jr, A. A. Hutchinson, O. M. Smith, Dennis Sheehan.

The alarms have been as follows:

April 1st, '97—Alarm rung 10 a. m. Chimney burning out in P. P. Burleigh house on Main St. No damage.

June 28, '97—Alarm rung about 10 a. m. Fire in small building adjoining the O'Donnell house on Bangor St. Damage slight.

July 5, '97—Alarm rung 9.30 p. m. Slight blaze on roof of J. M. Rice building near Snell House. No damage.

Aug. 9, '97—Alarm about 12.30 a. m. Fire in old Unitarian Church, North St. Department responded promptly and prevented any loss to adjoining building. Church total loss.
Sept. 28, '97—Alarm rung at 1.20 a.m. Fire in house of J. H. McPartland, Water St. This proved to be a hidden fire, and the house was considerably damaged before the fire was put out.


Nov. 9, '97—Alarm rung in at 10.30 p.m. Fire in "Racket store," basement of Obey building, corner of Bangor and Bridge St's. Owing to the very high wind, the fire having such a start, and the building being stuffed with sawdust, this was a very hard and obstinate fire to fight, but after two and half hours hard fighting the firemen had fire all out but not without considerable damage to the building by both fire and water.

Nov. 16, '97—Alarm rung at 5.55 p.m. Fire in John Bryson's house on Green St., the promptness and good work of firemen averting a bad fire.

Dec. 1, '97—Alarm rung at 4.00 p.m. Fire in Dr. Nevers house on Court St. Damage slight.

Dec. 18, '97—Alarm about 9 a.m. Chimney in A. P. Kinney house on High St. No damage.

Dec. 28, '97—Alarm rung at 10.15 p.m. Fire in basement of Merritt brick block, corner of Main & Water St. There being no outside entrance to the building, and on account of the dense smoke, it was almost impossible to get water onto the fire. Men had to be lowered by ropes into the basement at the risk of their lives, before the flames could be reached and subdued. Here is where the Department needed a cellar pipe. Damage to building small, but considerable on stock of different occupants.

Jan. 3, '98—Alarm at 4.45 p.m. Chimney burning out in L. Powers house on Main St. No damage.

Feb. 27, '98—Alarm rung at 9.00 p.m. Fire in Wm. Fox & Sons clothing store, corner Main and Mechanic St's. Department responded promptly and by good quick work avoided a bad fire. Damage to stock considerable; to building, especially plate glass, considerable. I would say that The Underwriters Fire Extinguisher was used, and did good work in this fire.

I recommend that the Town raise money to start an alarm system of some kind. Thanking all for 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-first day of March, 1898, 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 what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ART. 5. 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. 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 the Fire Department, and Watchmen.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for shooting range, &c., for the National Guards of Houlton.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for rocks for County work yard.

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 authorize the Selectmen to employ the Town Clerk to recopy such old town records as they deem advisable, also to make proper indexes for town records, and what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for said purposes.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize, and instruct the Selectmen to contract with party or parties to build a bridge across the north branch of the Meduxnekag stream, near the pumping station on the County road, and if so, what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with party or parties to repair the bridge near the pumping station on the County road, and if so, what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for said purpose.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairing and building of roads, bridges, and sidewalks.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the services of Road Commissioner.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to keep the sidewalks in the village open during the winter of 1898-1899, 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. 19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a rock crusher and engine, and what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for same.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for cemeteries.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise towards a Free Public Library.

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

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing the shed and barn on town farm, and for painting the town farm buildings.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of re-silling the town hall building and making other needed repairs on the same.

ART. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will
vote to raise to purchase a heater for Fire Department.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for change in location of Letter B., road so-called near railroad crossing, as ordered by County Commissioners, and to pay land damages for same.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair or re-build the bridge and abutments over the Hodgdon stream on Military road at West Houlton.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise, in addition to the $100 raised last year to build the B. J. Slipp road, so-called, and pay land damages for same.

Art. 29. 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. 30. 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. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise towards paying off the town debt.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a gravel pit at West Houlton and what sum of money the Town will vote to raise therefor.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to complete the Dykeman road so-called, and to pay land damages for same.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will adopt the following ordinances:

Section 1. No person shall ride a bicycle upon any of the sidewalks in Houlton village.

Section 2. Any person who shall be guilty of violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than One Dollar or more than Five Dollars to be recovered with costs on complaint before any trial justice.
ART. 35. To see if the Town, for the purpose of refunding in part the indebtedness of the town which has or may hereafter become due, will vote to issue bonds of the town to an amount not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per centum (4½ per cent) per annum, payable semiannually, and maturing in not more than twenty years from this 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. 36. 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. 37. 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, 1898.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report as published by the Selectmen, March 1st, 1898.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Selectmen's Office in said Town, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th days of March, 1898, 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. 1898.

THOMAS P PUTNAM, Samuel Lane, Hjalmar Edblad. Selectmen of Houlton.

A True Copy. Attest: SAMUEL C. WEBBER, Constable of Houlton.