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Assessors' Report.

Following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in the Town of Houlton, April 1, 1903, the same being a copy of our return to the State Assessors:—

Real Estate, Resident,	\$ 1,437,542	
Real Estate, Non-resident,	139,975	
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Total Real Estate,		\$ 1,577,517
Personal Estate, Resident,	\$773,583	
Personal Estate, Non-resident,	17,275	
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Total Personal Estate,		790,858
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Total Valuation,		\$ 2,368,375
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No. of Polls taxed,	1451	
No. of Polls not taxed,	33	

Schedule of Personal Property.

Live Stock	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses,	844	\$ 58 50	\$ 49,375 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old,	32	57 90	1,825 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old,	41	30 24	1,240 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old,	68	21 91	1,490 00
Cows,	537	20 00	10,740 00
Three years old,	102	18 00	1,836 00
Two years old,	173	13 00	2,156 00
One year old,	162	7 00	1,134 00
Sheep,	809	3 00	2,427 00
Swine,	211	5 00	1,055 00
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Total value of live stock,			\$ 73,278 00
	No. Shares.		Value.
Railroad stock,		\$	4,000 00

Bank stock,	1271	151,515 00
Trust Companies' Stock,	114	12,665 00
Insurance Companies' Stock,	14	1,400 00
Water Companies' Stock,	75	1,875 00
Sewer Companies' Stock,	105	5,250 00
Money at interest,		224,700 00
Stock in trade,		230,805 00
Logs and lumber,		11,750 00
Estates held in trust,		19,000 00
Bicycles,	56	965 00
Carriages,	214	10,040 00
Musical instruments,	325	25,265 00
Furniture,		9,750 00
Finished products in mills,		500 00
Materials in stock,		1,250 00
Machinery not taxed as Real Estate,		6,850 00
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Amount,		\$ 717,580 00
Amount live stock brought forward,		73,278 00
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Total value of personal property,		\$ 790,858 00

Assessment 1902.

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 23rd, 1903, the following assessment was made:—

State tax,	\$ 6,452 02
County tax,	5,150 84
Public Library (Free),	300 00
Public Library lot,	1,250 00
Town officers,	1,750 00
Superintendent schools,	300 00
Schools,	5,000 00
School text books,	1,000 00
School repairs,	900 00
Insurance, school buildings,	600 00
Free High School,	2,000 00
Cemeteries,	500 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Miscellaneous bills,	4,650 00
Fire department,	7,750 00
Interest account,	2,600 00

Discounts, Com's and Abatements,	4,000 00	
Street lights,	1,450 00	
Memorial day,	100 00	
Militia,	100 00	
Burtt lot (High street)	855 00	
Damages (new streets)	2,150 00	
Roads, bridges and sidewalks,	8,000 00	
Carpenter road,	200 00	
State road,	200 00	
Town debt,	2,500 00	
Overlay,	804 52	
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TOTAL ASSESSMENT,		\$ 63,562 38
Tax rate on \$1.00 .025		
Tax on polls, \$3.00 each,	\$ 4,353 00	
Tax on real and personal estate,	59,209 38	\$63,562 38
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Below is given the number of polls and valuation of Houlton for 14 years :—

Years	Polls	Valuation
1890	997	\$ 997,703 00
1891	960	1,055,097 00
1892	1,061	1,107,166 00
1893	1,181	2,269,931 00
1894	1,141	2,228,880 00
1895	1,433	2,270,454 00
1896	1,441	2,256,648 00
1897	1,201	2,257,970 00
1898	1,219	2,244,739 00
1899	1,202	2,174,236 00
1900	1,183	2,193,246 00
1901	1,314	2,214,597 00
1902	1,347	2,304,162 00
1903	1,451	2,368,375 00

THOMAS P. PUTNAM,
 FRANK W. PEARCE,
 WALLACE A. DYKEMAN,
 Assessors of Houlton.

Report of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, etc.

Schools.

Abernethy, Chas., janitor,	\$ 6 25
Armstrong, Jas. S., labor,	1 50
Bachelor, A. M., janitor,	44 00
Bangor & Aroostook R. R., freight,	151 47
Barnes, Clara, teaching,	288 00
Bassford, C. W., tuning piano,	2 50
Briggs, E., trucking,	75
Burrill, F. W., cash pd. Mrs. Stetson,	41 50
Burrill, F. W., teaching,	150 00
Cameron, J. H., labor,	19 88
Cassidy, Ella M.,	290 00
Clark, James H., trucking,	2 30
Coffey, Joseph, labor on wood,	3 00
Coffey, Mrs. Jos., janitor,	10 60
Cogan, Cora, janitor,	6 50
Co., the Hincks Coal, coal,	489 76
Co., Houlton Sewerage, sewer,	65 00
Cornelison, Frank H., trucking,	75
Cosseboom, Eva A., teaching,	232 50
Cosseboom, May E.,	288 55
Cyr, Jos. A., labor,	1 75
Cyr. Lena, cleaning,	10 00
Dickinson, Albert E., janitor,	85 00
Donovan, Annie G., teaching,	321 00
Donovan, Jennie E., teaching,	288 00
Donovan, John T., wood,	2 00
Donovan, Joseph A., teaching,	52 50
Donovan, M. A., janitor,	4 00
Donovan, Winnie, teaching,	142 50
Drake, F. H., wood,	6 00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. E., janitor,	2 00
Fletcher, Earl M., janitor,	151 00
Fortier, Mrs. Flora, cleaning,	17 87
Fortier, Maud, cleaning,	5 00
Foster, Ethel, cleaning,	5 00
Foster, Frank, wood,	14 00
Foster, Mrs. Jas., cleaning,	3 00
Hagan, James B., janitor,	25 75

Hamm, E. E., wood,	58 50
Hammond, Mrs. J. A., con. scholars,	42 00
Hanning, Mrs. Blanch, cleaning,	9 40
Hanning, Collingwood, janitor,	4 25
Hanson, S. H., printing,	2 00
Harris, Mabel A., teaching,	111 00
Hogan, Frank W., trucking,	25
Hogan, Lizzie E., teaching,	127 50
Holyoke, Geo. T., enumerating scholars,	35 00
Hughes, Annie, teaching,	153 00
Hunter, Alta M., teaching,	121 00
Hussey, Harry, janitor,	7 00
Iott, Daniel, janitor,	363 20
Iott, Iona, cleaning,	1 00
Iott, Wm., labor,	1 50
Jackins, Kendall S., janitor,	105 30
Jones, Annie R., teaching,	136 00
Jordan, Henry, wood,	15 00
Logan, Frank A., wood, labor, &c.,	35 50
Logan, Fred R., janitor,	10 75
Lougee, Lillian V., teaching,	288 00
Ludlow, Inhabitants of, tuition,	3 00
Mansur, Lura S., teaching,	252 00
Merritt, E. & Sons, Elec. Lighting,	89 56
Mooers, Findley, janitor,	11 00
Mulherrin, J. A., teaching,	288 00
Mulherrin, Sarah E., teaching,	288 00
McCluskey Bros., con. scholars,	204 00
McCluskey Bros., del. coal,	67 86
McIntyre, Mrs. Thos., cleaning,	2 50
McMunigle, Frank, wood,	28 75
Niles, Guy A., wood,	91 00
Niles, Mellen C., janitor,	32 75
Packard, Lucretia, teaching,	15 00
Parks, Elizabeth, janitor,	4 50
Parks, Millicent, janitor,	9 90
Pearce, Emma L., teaching,	256 50
Pennington, Annie, teaching,	271 00
Perkins, Mrs. John, cleaning,	4 50
Porter, Alice M., teaching,	288 00
Porter, Margaret A., teaching,	288 00
Putnam, A. G., con. scholars,	55 00
Reed, Clara E., teaching,	153 00
Reed, Sam'l H., teaching,	116 50
Rideout, Lora L., cleaning,	11 50

Robbins, Georgia M., teaching,	136 30	
Seeley, J. M., con. scholars,	300 00	
Seeley, N. E. con. scholars,	21 00	
Sincock, S. H., wood,	12 50	
Smith, Etta G., teaching,	232 50	
Smith, Henry L., janitor,	18 25	
Stairs, Mrs. Margaret, cleaning,	6 00	
Steadman, Mrs. John, cleaning,	16 50	
Steadman, Mrs. Wm., cleaning,	2 50	
Stephenson, R. M., con. scholars,	5 00	
Stetson, May Frances, instruction,	46 80	
Stevens, Fred W., wood,	6 00	
Thompson, Owen, wood,	55 81	
Titcomb, Ethel, teaching,	135 00	
Tracey, Hattie, teaching,	36 00	
Vasseur, Joseph, janitor,	235 50	
Waters, George, labor,	1 00	
Wheeler, Myron, tuning piano,	5 00	
White, Jacob, labor,	8 00	
White, Phoebe, L., teaching,	238 00	
Wilson, John M., labor,	5 50	
Worth, Minnie, cleaning,	5 00	
Balance unexpended,	280 46	\$9,499 27
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Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Balance from last year,	397 40	
School Fund & Mill tax,	4,053 37	
Town of Hodgdon—Tuitions,	30 00	
John Bradley—Tuitions—	2 00	
Harry Monahan—Tuitions,	10 00	
C. W. Trafton—Tuitions,	6 50	\$9,499 27
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School Text Books.

American Book Co., books,	\$ 255 65
American Express Co., express,	6 00
Allyn & Bacon, books,	2 90
Anderson, A., freight and trucking,	1 60
Anderson, J. A., freight and trucking,	3 28
Babb, Edw. E. & Co., books,	52 05
Dempsey, Frank M., freight and trucking,	3 75
Ginn & Co., books,	124 04
Hammett, J. L. Co., books,	28 27
Heath, D. C. & Co., books,	123 01

Hogan, F. W., freight and trucking,	10 25	
Holden Patent Book Cover Co., book covers,	21 75	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies,	11 00	
Knowlton, D. H. & Co., supplies,	1 25	
Lyons, Chas. A., printing,	76 00	
McClure, Phillips & Co., books,	8 65	
Orris, H. M., books rebound,	72 55	
Rowles, E. W. A., books,	9 45	
Rumford Supply Co., books,	4 80	
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	6 04	
University Pub. Co., books.,	91 50	
Amount overdrawn last year,	202 62	
		<u>\$1,116 41</u>
Amount appropriated,	\$1000 00	
Ginn & Co., refunded,	25 00	
Rec'd, for books sold,	3 10	
Balance overdrawn,	88 31	<u>\$1,116 41</u>

Schools, Insurance, Apparatus, &c.

Anderson, J. A., freight and trucking,	\$ 1 00
Babb, Edward E. & Co., furniture,	57 64
Barbour, O. A., oil brush brooms,	10 00
Blethen, Frank, clock,	2 60
Bryson, J. Frank, music,	50 00
Burrill, F. W., postage, supplies,	6 93
Clark, J. H., freight and trucking,	3 24
Cook, F. L., supplies,	7 50
Cornelison, F. H., freight and trucking	4 81
Craig, W. A., box ink,	1 10
Dempsey, Frank M., freight and trucking,	2 10
Donnell, W. C., Insurance,	27 00
French, W. T., Opera House,	15 00
Gentle, Geo. S., Insurance,	84 25
Hall, A. W., Scientific Co., supplies,	75 00
Hatheway, H. J. Co., supplies,	3 05
Hogan, Frank W., freight and trucking,	3 75
Holt, Henry & Co., supplies,	3 50
Houlton Furniture Co., supplies,	5 95
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies,	19 25
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co., supplies,	6 26
Mulherrin, Josephine, oil table covering,	35
McIntrye, J. C., express,	8 55

Neostyle Co., supplies,	20 30	
Ryan, M. A., ribbon,	1 50	
Rand, McNalley & Co., supplies,	19 85	
Smith Bros., labor,	35	
Steinert, M. & Sons Co., bal. on piano,	130 50	
Watson, John Co., supplies,	26 45	
Wilson, O. W., filling diplomas,	5 60	
Amount overdrawn last year,	225 37	
		\$828 75
Amount appropriated,	600 00	
Balance overdrawn	228 75	\$828 75

School Repairs.

American Express Co., express,	\$ 50
Anderson, Joseph, trucking,	1 00
Billings & Watts, fence seats,	16 00
Briggs, E., trucking,	1 75
Cogan, James, supplies,	1 25
Cox, Fred, labor,	8 00
Davis, I. H., lumber,	8 82
Finn, John B., stock & labor,	2 75
Fogg, A. H. Co., supplies,	150 88
Foster, O. M., wheel barrow,	6 00
Hallett, J. A., labor and material,	3 15
Hamilton & Webber, supplies,	58 06
Hilton, J. E., labor,	1 50
Howard, A. H., hauling gravel, etc.,	70 00
Iott, Daniel, labor,	27 00
Johnson, W. M., labor,	5 00
McNair, George, labor,	25 75
McPartland, James, plumbing,	71 77
Niles, Mellen C., labor—self and man,	123 00
Pray, George R., hauling gravel,	44 25
Putman, W. H., gravel,	5 00
Putnam, W. H., labor with team,	14 00
Rogers, Richard C., labor,	50
Sincock, S. H., lumber,	29 55
Smith Bros., supplies,	33 57
Titcomb, F. W., lumber,	13 85
Turney, R. L., supplies,	27 45
Van Wart & Whitney, lumber,	21 06
Vasseur, Joseph, painting,	45 00

Watson, John Co., supplies,	7 00	\$823 41
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Labor of men and teams grading, &c., School yards and grounds— paid out of road funds,	\$46 92	
Town team—6 1-2 days,	22 75	
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	\$69 67	
Balance unexpended,	44 61	\$937 69
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Amount appropriated,	\$900 00	
Balance from last year,	37 69	\$937 69
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The amount unexpended in the foregoing Common School accounts, to wit:—Schools, text books, repair and insurance accounts, taken as a whole is \$8 01.

Free High School.

Briggs, Belle L., teaching,	\$350 00	
Burrill, F. W., teaching,	984 00	
Harris, Mabel A., teaching,	150 00	
Jordan, Theresa E., teaching,	225 00	
Rockwood, Marion, teaching,	550 00	
Balance unexpended	18 02	
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		\$2,277 02
Amount appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Balance from last year,	27 02	
State—High School Fund;	250 00	
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		\$2,277 02

For amounts needed to be raised this year for Common Schools, Free High School and other School appropriations, see report of School Committee.

BURTT LOT—HIGH ST.

Am't appropriated,	\$855 00
Paid J. B. Madigan & T. P. Putnam for deed,	855 00
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Fire Department, Police, &c.

Albright, Chas., labor,	\$9 00
Anderson, Frank H., painting coats,	4 50
Anderson, J. A., hauling hose,	5 00
Anderson, Richard, trucking,	75
Bay State Hardware Co., supplies,	5 60
Berry, Chas. E., supplies and harness,	94 00

Brewer, Wilmot, services,	99 63
Cates, H. M., repairs,	9 85
Clough & Taggett, rubber coats,	68 00
Cochran, R. J. supplies,	1 25
Coffey, Joseph, oats,	9 00
Currier, Enoch, wood,	3 00
Davis, I. H., lumber,	23 70
Donnell, W. C., insurance,	27 00
Fogg, A. H. Co., supplies and hose,	314 45
Fowler, H. M., police,	69 99
Gellerson & Berry, supplies,	1 25
Guiou, Wm. H., police and watchman,	651 61
Hagerman, H. D., engineer, 2 yrs.,	100 00
Hallett, J. A., labor and material.	16 20
Hamilton & Webber, supplies,	24 78
Harkins, Neal, oats,	26 40
Harris, Geo. L., services,	30 62
Houlton Fdry. & Mach. Co., repairs,	1 40
Houlton Water Co., hydrants,	2,516 40
Humphrey, Ernest, hauling firemen,	1 00
Iott, Daniel, clipping horses.	2 00
Keaton, David, sled,	25 00
Lovering, C. E., ice,	1 25
Lowrey, Frank, oats,	35 00
Lowrey, John, oats,	25 00
Merritt, E. & Sons, corn and oats,	91 00
McCluskey Bros., teams and hauling hose,	8 00
McDonald, W. W., shoeing horses,	29 02
McElroy, Daniel, oats,	24 00
McIntyre, B. B., Supt., coal,	91 85
McIntyre, J. C., express,	6 30
Palmer, Mark, services,	561 19
Putnam, T. P., paid express,	80
Reed, Hiram, hauling hose cart,	2 00
Royal, J. J., repairs,	27 25
Sheehan, repairs,	6 10
Small, Geo. W., labor with team,	3 00
Smith, John, oats,	49 05
Smith & Porter, corn and oats,	15 10
Smith & Porter, hauling hosecart,	2 00
Sockanossett Hose Co., services of men,	1400 00
Stevens, A. P., straw,	4 59
Stevens, Fred W., trucking ladders &c.,	4 00
Swett, Chas. A., labor,	16 00
Taber, Geo. H. & Co., oats,	25 00
Taber, S. W., repairs,	31 48

Turney, R L. supplies,	2 10	
Watson, John Co., supplies,	34 41	
Webb, Josiah, teams,	3 00	
Whitney, Ralph H., horseshoeing,	15 66	
Woodbury, E. & Co., shavings,	50	
Yerxa, Wm. R., oats,	42 00	
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	\$6698 02	
Overdrawn last year,	992 59	
Hay from cemetery,	90 00	
Boughs from farm,	2 00	
Balance unexpended,	2 39	\$7785 00
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Amount appropriation,	\$7750 00	
Manure to farm,	35 00	\$7785 00
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See Report of chief Engineer of Fire Department for full report of fires during the past year.

It was expected that sometime during this year we would have started a Fire alarm System. But the many things needed and expenses of the department would not allow this to be done without exceeding the appropriation, and no appropriation should be overdrawn if it can be avoided. A good Fire Alarm System is needed and should be had as soon as possible. A first class system comprising 9 signal boxes, a gong located at the Pumping Station and striking machine for the fire bell at Engine House, together with all necessary gravity batteries, testing instruments, lightning arresters and complete circuit of insulated wire, to be strung on poles now located or to be furnished by the town will cost some \$1450 00. This is for a ten signal box system such as the Selectmen thought sufficient for a beginning last year. But our village is growing and extending in several directions and we now think 12 or 15 boxes are required. This would require some \$1700 00, and we think that amount should be raised for a Fire Alarm System.

Fifteen new hydrants have been added on the extensions of the water pipes making 62 now in use and more will be added the coming year. Under the contract with the Water Company, the price per year is \$50 00 each for the first 50 hydrants and \$25 00 each per year for all above that number. So that some \$3000 00 should be raised for Hydrants. For pay of the firemen, teamster, repairs, improvements, and expense of keeping fire horses, \$2500 00 will be needed. The department is also in want of ladders

and a good truck with extension ladders and other apparatus. This will require \$900 00 to \$1400 00, according to size and quality. Many other things are needed, including a new span of horses; one of the old fire horses having died in February and the other is not suited for the work. For all the above at least \$8600 00 is needed.

This does not, however, include pay for Watchmen and Police. We think a separate appropriation should be made for Police Department and so recommend. For one Police Officer, as we now have, and assistance needed \$1000 00 should be raised. We believe, however, that at least two police officers—many think three—are now required in our town all the time. This is something the town must decide for itself. For two policemen and expenses \$1650 00 should be raised, for three policemen \$2200 00

During 1903, Policeman, W. H. Guioy, made arrests and got convictions and sentences from our Justice Courts, as follows:—Assault 5, nuisance 5, vagrancy 1, night walking 1, keeping house of ill fame 1, drunkenness 67.

Mr. Alexander Wilson, Building Inspector, reports to us, 41 dwelling houses, 5 store houses, 2 saw mills, 1 planing mill, 1 library building, and 13 outbuildings of various kinds, have been erected in Houlton this year. This is four more buildings than the previous year. Probably in no one year have so many new buildings been erected in the history of the town. Houlton is growing. How many of the foregoing needed improvements will be voted for at the Annual meeting? All are needed to keep along with the progressive spirit of the town.

Cemeteries.

Adams, John A., labor,	\$9 50
Boon, Chas. E., labor,	58 75
Buzzell, O. B., board of men &c.,	12 45
Colson, W. H., labor,	13 50
Crossin, Elias, labor,	15 75
Davis, I. H., Stakes,	4 45
Donovan, J. A., labor &c.,	55 25
Fogg, A. H. Co., supplies,	.70
Harrison, Thos. H., labor,	39 00
Hiscock, Elias, labor,	3 50
Laing, Wm. S., labor,	2 25
McCluskey, Bros., breaking roads,	1 50
Peabody, F. A. & Co., Insurance,	7 50
Pearce, Frank W., labor with team,	45 00

Sawyer, Walter H , plans & services,	213 60	
Skofield, C. E., wire gates &c.,	27 00	
Smith Bros., supplies,	47 03	
Stairs, Moses, labor,	10 50	
Watson, John, supplies,	1 50	
Watson, John Company, supplies	9 96	
Wiley, James W., services,	227 00	\$805 69
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Culvert pipe from Road account,		11 00
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		\$816 69
Amount appropriation,	\$500 00	
Balance from last year,	129 81	
J. O'Brien, Rent of Pasture, 1902,	22 00	
Income, Hannah J. Baily fund,	9 06	
Hay to Fire Department,	90 00	
Amount overdrawn,	65 82	\$816 69
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All the town cemeteries have been cared for as usual. Part of the new cemetery, on the Monson farm, has been laid out according to plan. Only a little more work in staking out lots is necessary and then said part will be ready to be allotted. More can be laid out as needed.

We think the Town should vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign or sell lots to non-residents, and an article for that purpose has been placed in the Warrant. There are many requests each year from persons in adjoining town, and residents of other states, who formerly resided here, for burial lots. Such persons are ready and willing to pay for same. The town now has a large amount of land for Cemetery purposes and the income received from sale of lots would materially assist in caring for the town cemeteries. The whole or some part of the sales could and ought to be set aside as a permanent cemetery fund, only the income therefrom being used each year. We trust the voters will consider this matter and give it their approval at the annual meeting.

For cemeteries we recommend the same amount as last year, \$500 00.

Library Lot.

Amount appropriated,	\$1250 00
Subscription, James K. Plummer,	150 00
Subscription, Martin Lawlis,	150 00

Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Deed of Homestead,	5 00	
From overlay in Assessment 1903,	695 00	\$2250 00
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Marion W. McIntyre, Deed,	\$1500 00	
Marion L. and Marion W. McIntyre, Deed,	750 00	\$2250 00
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After looking at several sites, the Committee elected by the Town at the 1903 Annual Meeting, consisting of Messrs. Albert A. Burleigh, John Watson, and John B. Madigan, purchased a Library Lot on Main Street, the same being part of the Woodbury lot so-called. Then after-wards purchased another parcel adjoining same on the East, making a total frontage of some 82 feet on the street and extending back some eleven rods. It makes a very desirable lot and location. Price paid for the first parcel, \$1500 00, and \$750 00 for the addition thereto.

By aid of donations from Mr. James K. Plummer and Mr. Martin Lawlis and by taking part of the Overlay in the 1903 assessment, the lot is wholly paid for, as appears above.

With the \$10,000 00 building fund received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, a good, substantial, granite, Library Building is being erected on this lot. It is now expected that same will be completed and ready for use in May or June. A full report of description and cost of building can better be made when the work is done.

We recommend that \$250 00 be raised for grading and laying out the grounds around the Library Building.

Houlton Public Library.

Amount appropriated,	\$300 00	
Amount rec'd. from State,	30 00	\$330 00
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Paid M. M. Clark, Treasurer of Houlton Public Library,		\$330 00
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During 1903, the books taken from the Library numbered 7503. This was 251 more than the previous year. Exclusive of pamphlets, magazines, books received from the State of Maine, United States Government and other like documents and official reports, the Library now contains 1717 volumes. This is a gain of 85 during the past year, of which 15 were

presented and 70 purchased by the Trustees. Seventeen (17) volumes were also purchased to replace books worn out or destroyed. Sixty-six (66) volumes have been rebound and 20 volumes are now at the bindery. Early in the spring of 1903, ten additional Macy sectional book cases were purchased to accommodate the increasing number of books.

The Library is well patronized by our citizens. There is a steadily increasing call for books, not only of late works but of the standard editions of the best authors. The Library will be moved into the new Library Building soon—and in accordance with vote of the Town when it accepted the Carnegie Building Fund, the sum of \$1,000 00 must be appropriated this year for library purposes.

Memorial Day.

Amount appropriated,	\$100 00	
Paid B. H. Putnam, Quartermaster		
A. P. Russell post, G. A. R.,	\$100 00	
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We recommend the usual appropriation.

Street Lights.

Amount appropriated,	\$1450 00	
Balance from year 1902,	1 86	
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		\$1451 86
Houlton Electric Co., for street lights and for Town Hall and Engine House,	\$1360 00	
E. Merritt & Sons, lights for streets, town lockup and approaches thereto,	41 42	
Balance unexpended,	50 44	\$1451 86
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New street lights are needed in many parts of the village, but none were added this year, as the Electric systems are overloaded and could not furnish additional lights.

We recommend the same appropriation, \$1450 00.

State Militia.

Amount appropriated,	\$100 00	
Rec'd. from State-Armory rent,	100 00	\$200 00
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Paid Captain R. H. Whitney, Co. L, N. G. S. M.,		200 00

We recommend \$100 00 be raised in addition to the amount received from the State for rent of Armory.

Town Debt.

Amount appropriated,		\$2500 00
Paid last payment on Pleasant St. School house loan,	\$1000 00	
Paid final payment on Cemetery loan,	500 00	
Paid temporary loan of last year,	1000 00	\$2500 00

As appears above the Pleasant Street School House Loan has been paid in full. The last payment on the new cemetery has also been paid. The first town water bond of \$800 due May 1st, 1903, has also been paid from dividends received on Houlton Water Company stock, as appears elsewhere in this report.

\$2,000 of our town debt is due Nov. 1st, 1904, and an appropriation for like amount should be made to meet it. The second town water bond for \$800 matures May 1st, 1904, but same will be paid from dividends on stock of Houlton Water Company owned by the town.

We think the town should start a sinking fund, and recommend that, at least \$1,000 also be raised therefore, this year.

Carpenter Road.

Amount appropriation,	\$200 00
Amount unexpended,	200 00

This road was laid out Sept. 1st., 1902, by the Selectmen. It would accommodate Mr. Claude Carpenter only. The Selectmen's report of the laying out was, "On the condition and understanding, however, that said Carpenter shall furnish and supply all lumber and timber needed and required to build the bridge across said stream and also that said Carpenter shall furnish all timber and lumber needed and required for the abutments and piers needed to build the bridge and needed to protect the bridge from logs and other things floating down said stream."

Mr. Carpenter failed to furnish or supply any of the lumber necessary, so the road and bridge have not been built.

State Roads.

Chap. 285, Public Laws of 1901.

Amount appropriated,		\$ 200 00
Amount rec'd from State,		100 00
		\$ 300 00
231 loads of gravel on North St., from B. H. Putnam's corner to C. E. Lovering's north line and spreading same,	\$ 173 25	
169 loads of gravel on Court St. from Wilson's corner to Green St.,	126 75	\$ 300 00

In addition to the above work, 47 loads of gravel were placed in and about Union Square, and 30 loads on Market Square. Also one culvert of 12 inch sewer pipe laid on North St. near A. T. Putnam's residence, 45 feet long, costing \$33 75, and a culvert of 12 inch sewer pipe and cedar, 54 feet long, costing \$45.90, on North street near Niles' store. Much other work was also done on North street, Court street and Calais road out of the regular road appropriation.

Under the present law, each town is entitled to receive from the State one-half of the amount actually expended in permanent improvement of said roads, not exceeding two hundred dollars a year. The appropriation must be exclusive of and in addition to the amount regularly raised for highways and bridges.

We recommend \$400 be raised this year to be expended on State Road.

Sidewalks in Winter.

Balance from 1902 appropriation,		180 62
E. Briggs, labor,	\$ 6 15	
R. N. Brown, labor,	2 70	
Chas. Albright, labor,	4 50	
Balance carried to roads, bridges and sidewalks account,	167 27	\$ 180 62

No special appropriation was made for this account last year. Nearly all work on sidewalks in winter has been done

with the town teams. No money has been paid out for same except as appears above. A small bill for work will be due Mr. Ephraim Briggs at the close of winter weather, but same will be paid out of regular road and sidewalk appropriation.

Damages on Streets.

Dilling, Richard,	\$42 00	
Fogg, Almon H. Company,	1500 00	
French, O. F.,	100 00	
Frisbie, H. T.,	300 00	
Inman, J. Warren,	125 00	
Johnson, L. B.,	2500 00	
Mansur, Walter, heirs of,	100 00	
Moore, Chas. A. and Annie,	250 00	
McIlroy, Delancy,	100 00	
Pierce, Clarence H.,	125 00	
Plummer, James K.,	900 00	
Smith, Van Buren & als.,	165 00	
Unitarian Church Society—School St.,	900 00	
Unitarian Church Society—Kelleran St.,	180 00	
Weiler, John S.,	58 00	
Whitney, Ralph H.,	33 00	
Wiggin, Mrs. Ada,	125 00	
Winslow, Mrs. Jane,	205 00	\$7708 00
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Amount appropriated,	\$2150 00	
Amount raised by loans, as per vote of the Town,	5450 00	
Amount from Misc. acct.,	108 00	\$7708 00
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From the awards of damages made by the Selectmen or allowed by the Town on School St., Mechanic St., Kelleran St., and Powers Avenue, no appeal was taken except by the Unitarian Society for land taken for School Street. In this case the award was \$650 00; and after appeal was taken to Supreme Judicial Court, a settlement was made for \$900 00; the Society paying its own costs.

There is \$100 still due Mr. Weiler.

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Abernethy, Chas., labor,	\$11 00
Abernethy, James, labor,	28 87
Adair, James, labor,	17 38
Albright, Chas., labor,	113 93
Albright, Fred, labor,	74 10
Albright, Wm., labor,	24 02
Anderson, A., trucking,	.50
Anderson, J. A., hauling pipe,	.50
Anderson, Richard, trucking,	2 00
Anderson, Thomas, labor,	28 00
Armstrong, D. T., labor,	6 00
Atchison, Wm. M., labor,	15 00
Auber, John J., labor,	9 56
B. & A. R. R. Co., frieght,	171 70
Belonga, Alex, labor,	6 00
Belonga, James, labor,	71 18
Benn, Lee, labor,	3 50
Benson, Thomas. labor,	17 00
Berry, C. H., span horses,	650 00
Berry, H. O., repairs,	16 50
Billings & Watts, curbing,	320 56
Billings, Stephen, labor,	1 50
Billings, W. H., labor,	74 53
Bradford, A. K., labor,	38 55
Brewer, John, labor,	3 50
Brewer, Melvin, labor,	3 00
Brewer, Wilmot, labor,	273 00
Briggs, E., trucking,	3 50
Brown, Chas., labor,	53 10
Brown, John F., labor,	15 75
Buzzell, O. B., teams,	1 50
Cameron, Henry, labor,	12 25
Carr, John, labor,	29 25
Carr, Melvin, labor,	401 34
Carson, Wm., labor,	12 12
Cates, H. M., repairs,	9 25
Chapman & Soden, pitch,	9 61
Clark, Frank, labor,	54 25
Cogan, Henry, labor,	4 50
Cogan, James, labor,	5 00
Company, Am. Express, express,	1 15
Co., C. P. Railway, freight,	30 00
Co., The Carritte-Patterson Mfg., tar,	106 25

Co., Houlton Fdry. & Mach., repairs,	27	19
Co., Houlton Water, dynamite &c,	17	10
Co., A. H. Fogg, supplies,	17	28
Co., John Watson, supplies,	9	98
Conaut, C. M. Co., Rd. Mach., repairs,&c,	214	10
Crawford, H. H., labor,	2	50
Daigle, Wm., labor,	1	65
Daley, James, labor,		.75
Dempsey, Frank, trucking,	4	50
Dickey, John labor,	98	16
Dickinson, Sam'l labor,	1	00
Dobbins, James labor,	21	25
Donovan, Bart, Jr., labor,	43	13
Donovan, J. C., labor,	19	25
Donovan, T. J., labor,	26	75
Dow, Horace, labor,	5	25
Dow, Stewart, labor,	12	63
Dunphy, Wm., labor,	49	14
Dunphy, Wint., labor,	15	60
Drake, Geo. W., rock,	6	50
Edblad, H., labor,	107	62
Elliot, Harley, labor,	2	25
Estabrooks, Elmer, labor,	1	75
Estabrooks, Lee, labor,	1	75
Ferranti & Maguire, bevel pinon,	1	75
Fitzgerald, James, labor,	43	94
Flemming, Benn, labor,	21	11
Foster, Ira, labor,	67	73
Fulton, J. E., labor,	4	75
Gallagher, Robt., labor,	133	88
Gidney, Wilmot, labor,	14	88
Golding, Thos., labor,	26	58
Grant, Wm., labor,	19	25
Hackett, John D., labor,	64	00
Hall, A. H., labor,	1	75
Hallett, J. A., labor,	1	50
Hamilton & Webber, supplies,	9	40
Hamm, Edgar E., labor,	6	00
Hammond, David E., labor,	10	00
Hanning, Collingwood, labor,	1	75
Hanson, Alfred, labor,	3	50
Harkins, M., labor,	9	00
Henderson, Guy, labor,	3	50
Howard, Al. H., labor,	147	88
Humphrey, Heman, trucking,	1	00

Hussey, B. T., labor,	19 50
Ingraham, B. L., labor,	152 38
Ingraham, Frank, labor,	47 69
Iott, Israel, labor,	133 02
Iott, Thomas, Jr., labor,	4 00
Iott, Wm., labor,	18 00
Johnston, James, labor,	7 62
Keaton, David, labor,	1 50
Ketchum, Frank, labor,	8 50
Kinney, Frank, labor,	3 50
Kinney, George, labor & rock,	15 50
Kinney, Herbert, labor,	5 25
Labell, Chas., labor,	23 63
Langan, Michael, labor,	3 00
Lawlis, Chas., labor,	83 48
Lawlis, Martin, labor,	264 25
Logan, Ellis, labor,	13 80
Logan, Henry, labor,	50 25
Lougee, E., set sleds,	33 00
Lowery, Frank, labor,	30 25
Manson, Duncan, labor,	13 50
Martin, Thomas H., labor,	1 25
Melville, Chas., labor,	22 75
Moore, Thomas, breaking roads,	3 00
Mooers, Albert, E., labor,	15 00
Moore, Geo. W., labor,	15 25
McCluskey Bros., labor and teams,	91 12
McCready, Thomas, labor,	2 25
McDonald, Geo., labor,	15 75
McDonald, John, labor,	15 00
McElwee, Frank, labor,	6 92
McGlinchey, John, labor,	8 63
McIntosh, Edw., labor,	5 62
McIntyre, Thomas, labor,	36 10
McKay, Wesley, labor,	13 61
McKessick, James, sleepers,	6 00
McLean, Geo., labor,	8 63
McMunigle, Frank, labor & cedar,	47 50
McTavish, Daniel, labor,	73 35
National Coal Tar Co., tar,	495 00
Niles, Mellen C., labor,	8 55
Palmer, Calvin, labor,	1 50
Parks Bros., labor,	4 75
Parks, Augustus, labor & rock,	10 00
Parks, D. L., teams,	20

Peabody, R. T., labor,	17 00
Phillips, R. S., labor,	3 50
Portland Pipe Co., drain pipe,	455 08
Pray, Ed., labor,	15 75
Pray, George R., labor,	200 12
Putnam, A. T., labor,	64 75
Putnam, A. G., labor,	10 00
Putnam, W. H., sand & labor,	165 55
Rafford, O., labor,	17 63
Rafford, Guy, labor,	50 40
Reed, Geo. W., labor,	83 00
Rideout, M., labor,	3 00
Royal, J. J., harness & repairs,	65 90
Russell, Murray, labor,	55 12
Schools, Chas., labor,	2 50
Seeley, N. E., labor,	85 75
Sincock, S. H., lumber,	168 34
Sleeper, Chas., labor,	5 63
Slipp, B. J., labor,	20 00
Small, Geo. W., labor,	57 75
Smith, E. M., labor,	12 69
Smith, Guy, labor,	3 50
Smith, James, labor,	196 00
Smith, John, labor,	65 25
Smith, Wm., labor,	22 50
Steadman, Wm., labor,	11 25
Stephenson, Robt., labor,	39 75
Stevens, Geo., labor	7 50
Stewart, A. A. labor,	4 25
Stewart, Thomas, labor,	3 00
Taber, S. W., repairs,	43 90
Taggett, John, labor,	38 00
Taite, Thomas, labor,	5 00
Thibadeau Bros., curbing,	25 80
Titcomb, F. W., labor & lumber,	103 29
Tupper, Sherman, labor	30 08
Turney, R. L., supplies,	11 25
Victory, Willard, labor,	3 45
Vinal, W. M., labor,	75
Webb, Howard, labor,	3 00
Weed, W. E., labor,	24 50
Whitney, W. R., labor,	288 74
Willette, George, labor,	20 12
Wilson, John M., labor,	3 75
Wilson, Matthew, lumber,	455 52

Wright, Sam'l, labor,	36 00		
Yerxa, W. R., Road com.,	612 00		
Yerxa, W. R., team & man,	12 25		
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Culvert pipe to cemetery, \$11 00	\$9,499 64		
Labor of men and teams hauling gravel, building culverts, &c. on State Road (See State Road), 300 00			
Labor of men and teams and work done on School grounds, yards and 69 67	380 67	\$9,118 97	
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Amount 1903 appropriation,	\$8,000 00		
Balance from last year,	30 02		
Balance from sidewalk—winter account of 1902,	167 27		
Cash received for labor, concrete, gravel, plank, materials sold, work of town team etc., as follows :			
R. L. Turney, sewer pipe,	38 54		
F. W. Pearce, " "	27 00		
Robt. H. Esters, pipe,	25		
John Hamilton, gravel,	1 50		
Houlton Grange, gravel,	15 10		
Dr. F. W. Mann, gravel,	3 50		
John Watson Co., sewer pipe,	35 70		
C. A. Lyons, concrete,	5 20		
L. B. Johnson, gravel,	6 00		
F. W. Pearce, concrete,	9 30		
Geo. B. Dunn, concrete,	35 30		
Cleveland & Ludwig, building road,	16 00		
H. N. Whitehead, building road	28 00		
C. D. Merritt, building road,	36 00		
A. H. Fogg Co., concrete and rocks,	86 00		
I. H. Davis, concrete,	4 80		
Farmer's Bank, concrete	8 00		
Geo. H. Wiggin, concrete	9 00		
G. W. Richards, plank,	3 47		
Mrs. M. E. Brown, plank, &c.,	6 37		
Mrs. H. F. Glidden, plank,	86		
Frank Blethen, concrete,	42 40		
Walter Cary, concrete,	33 00		

Houlton Water Co., plank and gravel,	24	50	
Methodist Episcopal Church concrete,	68	40	
VanWart and Whitney, team work,	10	50	
Powers & Archibald, building road,	48	75	
Frank R. Smith, concrete,	5	85	
John A. Millar, concrete,	11	30	
Ricker Classical Institute, plowing walks,	10	00	
David Adams, plank,	1	00	
N. E. D. Meat & Wool Co., Bbl.,		50	
N. E. D. M. & W. Co., team hauling ice,	21	00	
A. H. Fogg Co., team work,	2	50	
Chas. Carroll, rock,	16	50	
S. H. Sincock, team hauling logs,	19	50	
Frank Sincock, concrete,	29	13	
Balance overdrawn,	200	96	\$9,118 97

The overdraw in this account is apparent rather than real, as there is some \$300 00 or more due from private parties for concreting and work done by town team. Most of this probably will be paid between the date of this report and town meeting. For account of work done on Roads, Bridges, and Sidewalks, see report of Road Commissioner.

More than usual must be done next year. Our village and town is growing; the number of streets constantly increasing and that means more miles of roads and sidewalks to look after each year.

There are now some 42 bridges, large and small, 12 miles of sidewalk, and more than 80 miles of road in our town, and it takes time, work, and money to care for them all.

For the usual work on roads, bridges, and sidewalks, and for Road Commissioner we recommend \$8000 00; for repairing and rebuilding the Mansur bridge at West Houlton we recommend \$500 00 be raised; and for rebuilding other town bridges and extra work on roads separate appropriations should be made.

Pauper Account.

PAUPERS OFF OF THE FARM.

MRS. M. BARRY.

McGary Bros , supplies,	\$6 50	
McCluskey Bros., wood,	4 50	
Humphrey, Heman, trucking Fur.,	1 75	
Tinker, F. P., Agt., ticket,	1 00	\$13 75

MRS. FRED DERRAH.

Keaton & Betts, child's casket, ser., &c.,	\$13 00	
Watson, John, wood,	3 00	\$16 00

MRS. DEVOU. (Indian.)

Williams, Dr. C. E., Prof. ser. & med.,		\$22 90
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THOMAS FARRAR.

Dobbins, Mrs. Thos., board and care,	\$24 40	
Graham, Fied I. M., nursing,	22 00	
Hatheway, H. J. Co., medicine,	10 35	
Lawlis, Edw., nursing,	18 00	
Lyons, James, nursing,	6 00	
Mann, Dr. F. W., med. attendance,	22 00	
Tinker, F. P., Agt., ticket,	3 60	\$106 35

CHAS. H. FORTIER AND FAMILY.

Browne, J. A. & Co., supplies,	\$21 38	
Fox Bros., supplies,	4 25	
Merritt, F. F. shoes,	3 50	\$29 13

FIFIELD HARRIS FAMILY.

Drake, Geo. W., milk,	\$1 29	
Dyer, L. W., supplies,	3 50	
McCluskey Bros., wood,	2 50	\$7 29

JEREMIAH HANSON.

Town of Monticello, board and care,		\$24 20
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THEO. LASKEY AND FAMILY.

Lane & Pearce, supplies,	\$10 00	
Newhouse, O., supplies,	45 51	
Niles Bros., wood,	4 00	\$59 51

FRANK LESHORE.

Putnam, Dr. H. L., med. attendance		\$24 00
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ARCH H. LONDON

McCluskey Bros., wood,		\$3 00
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This bill to be paid by Town of Linneus.

JOSEPH LONGLEY.

Berry, A. H. & Son, supplies,	\$4 00	
Berry, C H., hearse,	3 00	
Brown, Robt. N., wood,	2 75	
Dyer, L. W., supplies,	17 00	
Fox Bros., supplies	7 00	
Gould, Mrs. S. A., supplies,	15 50	
Keaton, & Betts, casket &c.,	25 00	
Mann, Dr. F. W., Med. attendance,	9 50	
McCluskey Bros., wood,	2 75	
Willette, Geo , digging grave,	2 50	\$89 00

This bill, together with \$23 00 on same account for the year 1902, has been paid by Town of Caribou.

LEROY H. LURVEY AND FAMILY.

Town of Alton, supplies and med. attendance		\$116 51
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MRS. ELLEN PELKY AND FAMILY.

McCluskey Bros., wood,	\$3 00	
Rhoda, Frank L., wood,	16 00	
Smith, A. T., shoes,	7 60	\$26 60

MRS. JOHN PERKINS AND FAMILY.

Gilman, Geo. H., rent,	\$3 47	
Mann, Dr. F. W., med. attendance,	2 00	
Millar, J. A., supplies,	10 02	
Perks Bros., medicine,	1 00	\$16 49

Mrs. Perkins and children were moved to the farm Nov. 11, 1903.

JUDITH PIKE.

Eastern Me. Insane Hospital, board &c.,		\$192 59
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ALLEN E. RAFFORD.

Putnam, Dr. H. L., examination,	\$2 00	
Eastern Me. Insaue Hospital, board, &c.,	52 10	\$54 10

MRS. ELIZABETH RIDEOUT.

Slipp, B. J., milk,		\$4 53
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MARGERY SEWARD.

Houlton Fur. Co., casket & Ser.,		\$28 75
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BAPTISTE TIBO FAMILY.

Merritt, F. F., shoes	\$5 00	
Putnam, Dr. H. L., Prof. Ser.,	10 00	\$15 00

JANE WATSON.

Benson, Mrs. M. J., board & care,	\$74 30	
Putnam, Dr. H. L., med. attendance,	2 00	\$76 30

Miss Watson was removed to the Town Farm May 27th. 1903.

MR. AND MRS. A. WHITE.

Purington, W. A., Agt., tickets,		\$3 40
This bill has been paid by Town of Presque Isle.		

ALBERT WILSON AND FAMILY.

Town of Presque Isle, supplies, med. attendance &c., (small pox case)	\$ 404 50	
Pearce, F. W., cash paid out,	3 35	\$407 85

MRS. JAMES L. VIDITO.

Putnam, Dr. H. L., med., attendance,		\$8 00
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Transient and Other Paupers.

Pd. F. W. Pearce, cash paid for ticket,	\$1 15	
Pd. Dr. H. L. Putnam, med. ser.	6 00	
Pd. O. F. French, medicine,	4 45	
Pd. Clough & Taggett, supplies,	10 50	
Pd. Mrs. B. Saunders, meal,	25	
Purington, W. A., Agt., ticket R. Boulier,	2 20	
Purington, W. A., Agt., ticket, R. Cyr & F. Bushaw,	4 40	
Purington, W. A., Agt., ticket, Mrs. P. Michaud,	6 70	
Purington, W. A., Agt., ticket,		

Mrs. C. W. London & child,	1	90	
Purington, W. A., Agt., ticket,			
Mrs. Mersereau,	1	00	
Tinker, F. P., Agt., ticket,			
E. McAgley,	10	75	
Tinker, F. P., Agt., ticket,			
Mrs. McQuarrie,		50	
Pd. T. P. Putnam, expenses to Smyrna, Moro, and Hersey, looking up pauper case.	3	55	\$53 35
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Cost of Paupers off of Farm,			\$1398 60
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Town Farm.

Adams & Flinton, supplies,	\$23	68
Belonga, Amos, digging grave,	2	00
Berry, A. H. & Son, supplies,	27	88
Briggs, John, 1 cow,	25	00
Burningham, John, services,	1	50
Chamberlain, Albert, 1 pig,	3	50
Clark, Jas. E., teams,	1	00
Clough & Taggett, supplies,	26	95
Cogan, James, supplies,	12	00
Currier, James, labor,	8	63
Deasy, James, planting,	7	00
Dyer, L. W., supplies,		90
Dykeman, W. A., repairs,	1	10
Ebbett, T. W., repairing shoes,		75
Fogg, A. H. Co., supplies,	15	10
Fox Bros., supplies,	2	75
French, O. F., medicine, etc.,	69	70
Friedman, S., supplies,	5	25
Gellerson & Berry, supplies,	11	90
Gillin, E. A. & Co., supplies,	43	36
Hall, G. A., fertilizer,	37	00
Hamilton & Webber, supplies,	6	55
Hanson, S. H., Aroostook Times,	1	00
Houlton Fur. Co., casket and supplies,	24	65
Houlton Woolen Mill, gray rolls,	2	50
Hudlin, Bruce, labor,	1	88
Huuter, Anne, nursing,	21	00
Inman, J. W., supplies,	7	97
Keaton & Betts, caskets, robes, ser., etc.,	31	00
Lane & Pearce, supplies,	16	56

Madigan & Madigan, corn, bran, etc.,	96 60	
Merritt, E. & Sons, flour, wheat, etc.,	21 86	
McDonald, James, labor,	17 50	
McIntyre, Lee, labor,	1 88	
McLeod & Whitcomb, supplies,	2 16	
McNair, Geo., labor,	5 50	
Newhouse, O., supplies,	8 50	
Niles, Clarence, supplies,	37 84	
Palmer, Mark, cheese,	2 40	
Peabody, R T., sawing wood,	7 00	
Perks Bros., supplies,	6 20	
Phillips, R. S., supplies,	44 16	
Putnam, Dr. H. L., medical attendance,	42 00	
Richards, G. W. & Co., supplies,	23 03	
Riley, John, fish,	32 05	
Rose, J. C., shoes,	3 00	
Ryan, Miss M. A., hat,	58	
Sheehan, D., repairs and supplies,	26 85	
Shirley, Oscar, 2 pigs,	6 00	
Skillin, Warren, supplies,	23 70	
Smith, A. T., shoes,	1 25	
Smith Bros., supplies,	25 94	
Smith, E. M., services,	4 00	
Smith, John, fertilizer,	70 00	
Smith, Lee E., wood, etc.,	34 00	
Smith & Porter, supplies,	37 06	
Somerville, S. L., supplies,	34 02	
Starkey, A. M., meats,	19 59	
Starkey, C. W., meats,	23 83	
Taber, S. W., repairs,	26 75	
Taggett, D. W., overseer,	396 00	
Taggett, D. W., cash paid for labor, etc.,	19 62	
Treadwell, Miss L. B., expenses,	7 76	
Turney, R. L., supplies,	46 81	
Watson, John Co., supplies,	20 51	
Welch, Chas., labor,	11 00	
Willette, George, digging grave,	2 50	
Williams, Dr. C. E., medical attendance,	3 00	
Wilson, C. H., supplies,	91 85	
Woodbury & Co., flour,	29 25	\$ 1753 51

Town Farm Account.

Appraisal Feb. 28, 1903,

\$803 00

\$2556 51

Appraisal Feb. 20, 1904.

4 cows,	\$ 88 00
1 two year old,	15 00
1 yearling,	10 00
1 horse,	40 00
1 horse,	110 00
1 pig,	10 00
12 tons of hay,	108 00
2 tons of straw,	6 00
150 bushels of oats,	65 00
10 bushels of buckwheat,	4 00
80 bbls. potatoes,	160 00
40 lbs. butter,	10 00
1 bbl. pork,	18 00
Flour, kerosene and provisions,	40 00
Tools, wagons, furniture, etc.,	150 00
	\$ 834 00

Produce &c. sold off the Farm.

Potatoes,	\$159 40		
Cow,	26 00		
Premiums—at Fair,	5 00		
	\$190 40		
Boughts to Town Hall,	2 00	\$192 40	\$1026 40
			\$1530 11
Manure from Fire Department,			35 00
			\$1565 11
Net expense of Farm,			
Amount appropriation,	\$3000 00		
Balance from 1902,	72 37		
Town of Caribou for supplies furnished Jos. Longley and family,	112 00		
Town of Presque Isle for tickets to Albert White and wife,	3 40		\$3187 77
			\$3187 77
Expense of Paupers and Insane off the farm as above,	\$1398 60		
Expense of Farm as above,	1565 11		
Balance unexpended,	224 06		\$3187 77
			\$3187 77

During the past year, a larger number have been inmates of

the Town Alms House and cared for at the Farm, than ever before in the history of the town. Mr. and Mrs. David W. Taggett have continued as master and matron, with the same efficiency and economy, as since 1899 when they first had charge.

The number of inmates in the Alms House March, 1, 1903 was 11; admitted during the year, 11; present number, 14. Paupers now at the Farm.

	Age		Age
Louise Bowlby,	78	Willie Derrah,	9
Mary Wilson,	49	Clara Derrah,	13
Henry B. Cressy,	85	Matilda Perkins,	28
John McCarron,	70	Rosa A. Perkins,	4
Daniel McCann,	62	William Perkins	9
Moses Burns,	55	Frances J. Perkins	3mos.
Jane Watson,	79	Michael McFauls,	73

There has been three deaths at the farm during the year, viz:—John Smith, Albert Pelkey, and David M. Perkins (infant). Other paupers kept and discharged from the farm, are:—Jonathan Stockford, Naomi Stockford, Hattie Crockett, Samuel Jackson, and the Worth baby which was sent to the children's home at Augusta, and has since been adopted into a good family.

The cost of paupers off the farm, has been larger than usual; due to pauper bills from other towns.

For support of the poor, including pauper insane, and town farm, we recommend \$3000 00

Miscellaneous Bills.

Anderson, Joseph, services,	\$6 12
Albright, Fred, labor,	75
Anderson, Thomas, fighting fire,	1 25
Atherton, A. S. services,	9 63
Attridge, Margaret E., clerical work,	249 00
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight,	1 26
Bachelor, Benj. R., labor,	3 50
Baker, Dr. Wm. H., Prof. services,	113 00
Bamford, E. A., teams,	75
Benn, H. R., painting sign,	1 00
Berry, C. H., teams,	35 00
Brandon, Herbert, nursing,	60 00
Brewer, Wilmot, services,	144 00
Brown, Frank, labor,	9 75
Bryson, J. F. photographs,	1 00
Burleigh, Preston N., surveying,	27 90

Cameron, Henry, labor,	7 87
Campbell, George, fighting fire,	1 25
Carr, Melvin, labor,	40 00
Cassidy, P. O., services,	47 24
Chamberlain, Albert, drain & man holes,	525 06
Clark, James E., disinfecting,	2 50
Clark, James E., teams,	80
Clark, M. M., recording deaths, births, and marriages,	38 40
Clark, M. M., Rec. tax notices,	5 00
Clark, M. M., postage,	2 00
Clough & Taggett, supplies,	24 20
Company, A. H. Fogg, supplies,	52 45
Company, Houlton Fur., supplies,	32 73
Company, Houlton Water, labor & repairs,	17 50
Company, Ingraham Clo., supplies,	7 50
Cody, Michael, fighting fire	75
Cook, F. L., supplies,	3 70
Cosseboom, John H., services,	6 25
County of Aroostook, rent of lockup,	25 00
Davidson, John, fighting fire,	5 00
Dean, George, fighting fire,	1 25
Deasy, James, lambs killed,	14 00
Dempsey, James, teams & services,	6 00
Dickison, Dr. T. S., expenses,	10 40
Dickison, Dr. T. S., birth & death certs.,	8 50
Dobbins, Orland J., fighting fire,	6 75
Donovan, B. A., Jr., fighting fire,	4 00
Dow, Stewart, labor,	9 63
Drake, James A., sheep killed,	9 50
Dresser, W. R., shingles,	3 75
Drew, H. M., use of boat,	15 00
Edblad, Hjalmar, cash paid men,	9 50
Ertha, Mrs. Harcourt, birth cert.,	25
Flemming, Benj., labor,	16 12
French, O. F., supplies,	34 60
French, W. T., opera house,	20 00
Foster, Chas., fighting fire,	5 75
Gallagher, Robt., labor,	11 00
Gellerson, F. A., postage,	4 50
Gidney, A. W., running ferry,	12 00
Gillin, James, cash paid out,	2 40

Gilman, W. S., & Son., printing,	24 81
Guou, Wm. H., ser. and cash p'd out,	19 25
Hamilton & Webber. supplies,	5 25
Hanson, S. H., printing,	40 70
Harris, Wm., fighting fire,	8 15
Hatheway, H. J. Co., supplies,	11 50
Holyoke, Geo. T., Insurance,	7 50
Howard, Al. H., labor,	24 00
Hume, Frank M., postage &c.,	12 35
Ingersoll, A. W., cow killed,	26 00
Jacobs, O. A., services,	4 37
Kidder, Jas. H., Record deeds,	3 50
Lawlis, Martin, Coll. costs in tax deeds,	24 69
Lawlis, Martin, services,	11 00
Lewis, Davis W., grates &c.,	13 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	39 25
Loring, Geo. D., blanks,	3 10
Lyons, C. A., printing,	125 25
Madigan & Madigan, services,	30 00
Mahoney, Lee, fighting fire,	1 25
Mann, Dr. F. W., vaccinations,	8 00
Mann, Dr. F. W., services,	10 00
Martin, Thos. H., fighting fire,	7 50
Moore, David A., services,	4 37
Moore, S. S., services,	48 00
Mulholland, Jas., enrolling militia,	27 00
McCluskey Bros., buckboard,	6 00
McGary Bros., supplies,	51 66
McGuire, J. W., damages,	35 00
McIntyre, Geo., lunches,	6 75
McNair, Geo., labor,	10 25
McPherson, W. J., ser. & team,	7 00
Nash, Thomas, fighting fire,	1 00
Nevers, Dr. F. A., birth & death certs.,	4 00
Nightingale, Frank, fighting fire,	1 25
Niles, C. H., teams,	3 75
O'Brien, Mrs. Barbara, turkeys killed,	3 00
Palmer, Mrs. R. A., board &c.,	79 25
Peabody, F. A. & Co., Insurance,	9 38
Peabody, R. T., services,	9 50
Pennington, Geo. A., sheep killed,	5 00
Porter, Howard, services,	4 38
Powers & Archibald, services,	170 00
Putnam, Beecher, cash paid out,	10 00
Putnam, Dr. H. L., birth and	

death certs.,	11 25	
Putnam, Dr. H. L., Prof. ser. & cash paid out,	18 45	
Putnam, Thos. P., cash paid out,	8 14	
Putnam, Thos. P., rent of office and vault,	52 00	
Putnam, W. H., labor,	23 60	
Rafford, Al., fighting fire,	1 25	
Rafford, O., labor,	6 00	
Savoy, Frank, fighting fire,	3 50	
Seeley, J. M., milk, eggs, &c.,	5 00	
Sheehan, D., services,	2 00	
Sincock, S. H., labor,	24 50	
Slagget, Willie fighting fire,	3 75	
Smart, A. B., services,	5 00	
Smart, C. H., teams,	3 20	
Smith, Geo. B., teams,	7 45	
Smith, Bros. supplies,	9 83	
Stevenson, Geo. H. T. watching fire,	1 25	
Taggett, D. W., services,	5 50	
Titcomb, F. W., lumber,	65	
Tupper, Sherman, fighting fire,	10 25	
Turney, R. L., supplies,	13 76	
Twaddle, Geo., fighting fire,	1 50	
Vincent, Walter, fighting fire,	1 50	
Ward, Dr. P. M., birth and death certs.,	4 25	
Ward, Dr. P. M., Prof. services,	10 00	
Watson, John Co., supplies,	12 16	
Wetmore, J., telegrams,	1 86	
White, Chas. P., care of Town Clock,	26 00	
Whitney, M. D., services,	4 00	
Whitney, Wm. R., labor of team,	15 75	
Willette, George, labor,	14 00	
Williams, Dr. C. E., con. and vaccinations,	10 00	
Wingate, J. H., services,	2 63	
Yerxa, Wm. R., freight on horses,	15 25	
Yerxa, Wm. R., boards & cash paid out,	5 60	
York, Randolph, fighting fire,	2 62	
Amount to Street Damages Account,	108 00	
Overdrawn last year,	3663 37	\$6785 79
Amount appropriation,	\$4650 00	
State—1902 dog licenses refunded,	103 29	
Licenses—Public carriages,	105 00	
Other licenses,	44 00	

State—1902 taxes refunded,	422 14	
Bbbs. sold to J. O'Brien,	2 00	
Geo. M. Taber—for old stove,	5 00	
F. W. Fogg—rent of Hall,	2 00	
Supplementary 1903 taxes,	5 70	
Houlton Water Co.—rent of building,	50 00	
State—R. R. and Telegraph tax,	108 96	
State—damages to animals—refunded,	57 50	
Bal. overlay in 1903 assessment,	109 52	
Balance overdrawn,	1119 68	\$6785 79

For Miscellaneous bills we recommend that the sum of \$2200 00 be raised.

Interest Account.

1903 appropriation.	\$2600 00	
Balance from 1902,	43 14	
Houlton Savings Bank,		
Interest on Bailey Fund,	9 06	
Interest in 1902 Tax Deeds,	8 88	
Dividends Houlton Water Co.,	2400 00	
Interest on taxes collected and paid to Treasurer by M. Lawlis, Coll.,	265 50	
Amount overdrawn,	136 53	\$5463 11

By paid interest as follows:

J. K. Plummer on cemetery loan,	\$20 00
M. Lawlis on School House loan,	30 00
L. B. Johnson on 1902 temporary loan,	43 33
L. B. Johnson on 1903 “	44 16
J. K. Plummer, 1903 “	37 99
Marion L. McIntyre, 1903 “	10 16
Marion W. McIntyre, 1903 “	31 67
Farmers Natl. Bank, 1903 “	64 99
Houlton Sav. Bank, 1903 “	276 75

\$559 05

Coupons on Town Bonds, not including Water Bonds,	2495 00	
Amount to cemetery account,	9 06	
Amount to Houlton Water Company account,	2400 00	\$5463 11

Exclusive of Water debt, it will take \$2743 00 to pay

interest next year, besides amount also necessary to pay interest on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.

We recomend that \$3000 00 be raised.

Discounts, Commissions, & Abatements.

Amount appropriated,	\$4000 00	
Balance from last year,	11 73	
Amount overdrawn,	251 86	\$4263 59

Discounts.

Five per cent allowed on 1903 taxes paid Town Treas. before Nov. 1st.		\$2628 79
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Commissions.

Martin Lawlis in full to March 1st. 1903.		365 00
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Abatements.

Martin Lawlis, Coll. on 1898 taxes,	589 48	
“ “ 1899 “	24 55	
“ “ 1900 “	21 56	
“ “ 1901 “	65 47	
“ “ 1902 “	101 36	
“ “ 1903 “	24 50	
All other abatements,	442 88	\$4263 59

For this appropriation we recommend \$4200 00 be raised.

Martin Lawlis, Collector of Taxes.

In account with the Town of Houlton, Dr.
1903.

Mar. 1. To balance 1898 taxes,	\$437 43	
“ “ 1899 “	1,057 51	
“ “ 1900 “	1,466 75	
“ “ 1901 “	2,970 68	
“ “ 1902 “	7,851 94	
	<u>\$13,793 31</u>	
“ Interest on taxes,	265 50	
“ “ and costs '02 tax deeds,	33 57	
“ 1903 taxes	10,950 51	
	<u>\$25,042 89</u>	

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By 1898 taxes in part,	\$400 00
“ 1899 “ “ “	24 55
“ 1900 “ “ “	321 56
“ 1901 “ “ “	915 47
“ 1902 “ “ “	4,776 36
“ 1903 “ “ “	1,942 06
“ Interest on 1900 taxes,	25 00
“ “ “ 1901 “	30 50
“ “ “ 1902 “	210 00
“ 1902 tax deeds,	153 88
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	\$8,799 38

“ Bal. taxes as follows:—

1898 taxes,	\$37 43		
1899 “	1,032 96		
1900 “	1,145 19		
1901 “	2,064 21		
1902 “	2,955 27		
1903 “	9,008 45	\$16,243 51	\$25,042 89
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Town Officers.

Putnam, Thomas P.	{ Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, Highway Surveyors &c }	\$600 00	
Pearce, Frank W.		250 00	
Dykeman, W. A.		175 00	
Gellerson, F. A., Treasurer,		200 00	
Putnam, Harry L., Superintendent		300 00	
Clark, M. M., Town Clerk,		50 00	
Hersey, Ira G., Town Agent,		165 05	
Guiou, W. H., Truant Officer,		50 00	
Wilson, Alex., Building Inspector,		51 00	
Dickison, Dr. T. S., Health Officer,		55 00	
Smart, A. B., Health Officer		50 00	
Carroll, Chas., Health Officer,		50 00	
Jenks, W. F., Auditor,		50 00	
Amount overdrawn last year,		225 47	
		<hr/>	2271 52
Amount appropriation		\$1750 00	
For Superintendent		300 00	
Balance overdrawn		221 52	\$2271 52
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For this appropriation we recommend \$1800 00.

Houlton Water Company.

Dividends rec'd on stock owned by town.....	\$2,400 00
Balance from last year.....	172 50
	\$2,572 50
Paid town water bond, due May 1, 1903, \$800 00	
Paid interest on town water bonds.....	1561 00
Balance unexpended.....	211 50
	\$2,572 50

As appears above, the dividends received on the Water Company stock owned by the town, has paid the interest on the Town Bonds given for the purchase thereof, and also paid the first bond of \$800.00.

It is hoped and expected that this can be done each year, until all said town bonds are retired, and thus make the Water Plant pay for itself and become town property without any outlay by the town.

Much work in improvement of the plant and extending the water pipes was done during the year. Following is a statement of the extensions made and new pipe laid.

Filter to well, 348 feet 12 inch pipe. From pumps through station grounds, up County Road through Riverside street, across river to Bangor Street near O'Donnell house, 2758 feet 10 inch pipe. Gate in old main on Pumping Station grounds through County Road to top of hill where it again joins old 10 inch main 550 feet 10 inch pipe.

This piece was laid to cut out a section of old main where it crosses under B. A. & R. R. fill. There has been several bad leaks in this piece. All of this old pipe can be taken up except a few lengths in deepest part of R. R. fill.

Bangor street to Florence avenue.....491 feet 8 inch pipe.
 Florence avenue to Grove street.....487 feet of 8 inch pipe.
 High street, Park to Weeks street....872 feet 8 inch pipe.
 Military street, Pierce to Bangor St...728 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Bangor street to junction of Military...128 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Bangor St., Florence avenue to end....911 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Across Merritt lot to Grange street....253 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Grange street to Green street.....394 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Green street.....490 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Grove street.....447 feet 6 inch pipe.
 Alice avenue.....510 feet 6 inch pipe.

Fair street.....	825 feet 6 inch pipe.
Weeks St. High St. to Fair St.....	455 feet 4 inch pipe.
Washburn street to North street.....	148 feet 4 inch pipe.
North street, Washburn street to end..	350 feet 4 inch pipe.
Florence ave., Grove St. to end...	231 ft. 1 & 1 1-4 in. pipe.

The four inch pipe on Military street from the foundry to Pierce street was taken up and replaced with six inch pipe.

31 street gates were place on said extensions and 15 new hydrants located. These hydrants are all 6 in. valve double hose and steamer connections. Two of the old 4 in. hydrants were also replaced with the new 6 in. hydrants. There are now 62 hydrants for fire protection.

The increase in water rates has been larger than anticipated. 62 new services have been put in and there are applications for more as soon as the spring opens.

The rates received during the last year are as follows:

March to July, 1903.....	\$1,764 91
July to October.....	1,508 33
October to January 1, 1904.....	2,063 04
January to February 29, 1904.....	1,905 30
	\$7,241 58

We think the rates will average \$2,000.00 per quarter for the coming year. Bonds for \$50,000.00 were issued May 1, 1903, for paying outstanding obligations and extensions of the plant, and bonds for \$20,000.00 were issued July 1st, 1903, for purchase of the stock of the Houlton Sewerage Company and further extension of the water system. Price paid for 130 shares of the Houlton Sewerage stock being \$17,824.30.

It was intended to expend only about \$20,000.00 in extensions, but it was a good season for this work, the extra pipe lines were needed and would bring in good income, so the work was continued just as long as the weather permitted. The cost of extensions and improvements, includes purchase of land for reservoir and also about \$1,950.00 worth of pipe ready for use the coming season.

Below is given a statement of receipts and expenditures, including cost of extensions and improvements, since Mar. 1st, 1903,

Receipts.

Cash on hand March 1, 1903.....	\$ 294 32
Bonds sold and accrued interest.....	70,327 07
Water rates.....	7,241 58
Pipe, &c. sold.....	45 46
Labor.....	8 50
Coal sold.....	258 25
Dividend Houlton Sewerage Co.....	390 00
Rent, &c., Houlton Sewerage Co.....	100 00
Houlton Electric Co.....	3,000 00
Hydrant Rental.....	2,516 40
Public Library.....	90 61
Rebate on interest.....	2 00
New service connections.....	1,291 17
	\$85,565 36

Expenditures.

Office supplies, lights and rent.....	\$ 145 35
Safe, desk and chair.....	193 00
Town of Houlton, rent of building.....	50 00
Salaries, Pres., Treas. and Auditor.....	130 00
Tools.....	5 50
Rebates paid.....	17 62
Ordinary repairs.....	93 29
Miscellaneous expenses.....	124 18
Firemen and help.....	576 75
Taxes paid.....	144 88
Fuel, coal and wood.....	5,661 82
Clerk hire.....	260 00
B. B. McIntyre, Supt.....	933 34
Geo. Ingraham, Engineer.....	900 00
G. A. Ingraham, Asst. Engineer.....	480 00
Dividends paid.....	2,520 00
Labor and materials on services.....	1,099 36
Interest paid.....	1,500 36
Coupons paid on bonds.....	1,000 00
130 shares stock, Houlton Sewerage Co.....	17,824 30
Bills payable.....	26,000 00

Extensions and Improvements.

Dynamite and exploders.....	\$ 588 46	
Deeds, land and rights of way.....	650 00	
Blacksmith work.....	373 50	
Lead and hemp.....	762 96	
Tools, including steam drill.....	1,113 22	
Pipe, hydrants and specials.....	11,677 97	
Lumber and miscellaneous.....	661 64	
Labor.....	8,847 00	
Trucking and team work.....	588 42	
Freight.....	1,337 04	
	\$26,600 21	
Less credits.....	923 55	
Cost, including stock on hand.....	\$25,676 66	25,676 66
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1904.....		228 95
		\$85,565 36

In addition to the above cash on hand there is due \$599.48 from services and other accounts.

The present indebtedness of the company is \$74,000.00 to wit:—Bonds \$70,000.00 and bills payable \$4,000.00.

It is a pleasing fact, that nearly all of said bonds are owned by our own citizens, which speaks well for the management of the company and denotes the confidence of our own people in the growth and prosperity of the town.

If the town so votes, it is proposed this year to issue bonds for further extensions. The first made should be on Green St., Franklin St., Columbia St. and Court St.; and if town votes for a reservoir, then through entire length of Franklin Avenue to reservoir to be built on Pearce Hill.

Houlton Sewerage Company.

Under vote of the town at the 1903 annual meeting and per vote of the Houlton Water Company, all the stock of the Houlton Sewerage Company, except five shares, was purchased in Sept., 1903, by the Houlton Water Company, the price of sale being \$137.11 per share, par value \$50 per share. Total number of shares 135, of which the Houlton Water Company acquired 130 and each of the

Directors own one share in their own right, so as to keep up the organization under the charter.

By the terms of sale all the property of the Sewerage Company of every kind, including cash assets, passed with the stock.

Below is given a statement of the receipts and expenditures, for the short time since its control passed to the town, through the Houlton Water Company.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received at time of transfer.....	\$ 441 21
Rates received.....	797 72
Labor on services.....	37 80
Material on services.....	38 09
	\$1314 82

EXPENDITURES.

State Franchise tax.....	\$ 5 00
Office supplies.....	13 55
P. N. Burleigh. surveying.....	17 00
Tools	75
Rebates paid.....	2 92
Houlton Water Co., flushing tanks.....	75 00
Houlton Water Co., office work and rent	100 00
Labor.....	104 85
Materials	66 53
Paid auditor.....	10 00
Dividend paid on stock.....	405 00
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1904.....	514 22
	\$1314 82

It is intended that the dividends on the stock will pay the interest each year on the Water Company bonds given to purchase the Sewerage Company stock and also pay said bonds as they mature.

Before any extensive work is done on the sewerage system, the directors have decided to have a general plan of sewerage for the whole village made by a competent engineer, and then extend sewers to the several parts of the village under the general plan, as needed and as fast as can be done, from year to year.

Whether any work will be done in extending sewers the coming summer, depends on how soon the surveys and plans are completed. It is better to know what to do and

how to do it, before undertaking work of this kind. Sewerage is very much needed in several parts of the town and should be constructed as soon as possible, for sanitary and other reasons.

Financial Standing, Etc.

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds, Nos. 41 to 70, \$1000 each —	
4 per cent.	\$ 30,000 00
Town bonds, Nos. 71 to 107, \$1000 each —	
3½ per cent.	37,000 00
Town Water bonds—3½ per cent.	44,200 00
Accrued interest on above bonds.	1,285 40
Bailey Cemetery fund.	300 00
Loan, Jos. Solomon, due Nov. 1, 1904.	2,000 00
Loan, Mary K. Fassett, due Nov. 1, 1905.	3,450 00
(Said loans of \$2000 and \$3450 being for street damages.)	
Accrued interest on same.	159 50
Bal. due on 1903 County tax.	4,000 00
Outstanding claims—estimated.	900 00
	\$123,294 90

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.	\$ 691 33
Bailey fund in Houlton Savings Bank.	300 00
1920 shares of stock of Houlton Water Company—par value	48,000 00
Uncollected taxes.	16,243 51
Tax deeds.	220 85
Outstanding claims, estimated.	750 00
	\$66,205 69

OTHER TOWN PROPERTY.

Farm and wood lot.	\$ 3,900 00
Personal property on farm	834 00
Town Hall and lot, Water and Mechanic St.	5,750 00
Highway tools, horses, wagons, etc.	3,400 00
Town gravel lots.	600 00

Lumber, coal, pitch and tar.....	360 00
Fire Department property	7,125 00
Engine house and lot near C. P. Ry..	150 00
Monson farm.....	1,950 00
School houses and school property.....	44,200 00
	\$68,269 00

Recommendations.

As appears under the several accounts, we have recommended the following appropriations, for the ensuing year:

Poor, pauper, insane and town farm.....	\$3,000 00
Discounts, commissions and abatements	4,200 00
Interest	3,000 00
Town officers.....	1,800 00
Superintendent of schools	300 00
Miscellaneous bills	2,200 00
Roads, bridges, sidewalks and road commissioner.	8,000 00
Mansur bridge, West Houlton	500 00
State road	400 00
Public library	1,000 00
Grading library lot	250 00
Memorial day	100 00
State militia	100 00
Schools	5,200 00
Free high school	2,250 00
Repairs school buildings, &c.....	900 00
Insurance " " "	700 00
School text books	1,100 00
Street lights.....	1,450 00
Fire department and hydrants	8,500 00
Police department	1,650 00
Cemeteries	500 00
Town debt.....	2,000 00
Sinking fund.....	1,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM,	}	Selectmen,
FRANK W. PEARCE,		Overseers
W. A. DYKEMAN,		of Poor, &c.

March 1, 1904.

Treasurer's Report.

FRANK A. GELLERSON, Treasurer,
In account with TOWN OF HOULTON.

Mar. 1, 1903.

To balance cash in treasury	\$ 219 80
unpaid taxes, 1898	\$ 437 43
" " 1899	1,057 51
" " 1900	1,466 75
" " 1901	2,979 68
" " 1902	7,851 94
	\$13,793 31
tax deeds, 1900-1901	230 23
	\$14,243 34
received from sale of plank, gravel, rock, concreting, sewer pipe and labor of town team	\$ 720 72
sale of potatoes, from farm	159 40
sale of cow, from farm	26 00
sale of bbls. and stove	7 00
rent of pasture	22 00
rent of town hall	2 00
Aroostook Co. Agr. Soc. premium	5 00
Houlton Water Co., rent	50 00
State, rent of armory	100 00
damage to sheep by dogs	57 50
pensions refund	324 00
dog license refund 1902	103 29
1903 dog license from town clerk	160 00
State, public library	30 00
improvement of road	100 00
rebate on tax acct. of fire	423 14
free high school	250 00

To State, railroad and telegraph tax	108 96
school fund and mill tax	4,053 37
Mrs. Eliza Johnson, for deed	5 00
license public carriages	105 00
license fees	44 00
Ginn & Co., refund	25 00
Tuition acct. of schools	48 50
Books sold schools	3 10
Subsn. to library lot, M. Lawlis	150 00
" " " " J. K. Plummer	150 00
interest on Hannah Bailey fund	9 06
town of Caribou, acct. J. Longley	112 00
Presque Isle, tickets A. White	3 40
Houlton Water Co., 3% dividend	1,440 00
" " " 2 " "	960 00
received from temporary loans	24,650 00
order 207, Mary K. Fassett	3,450 00
333, J. Solomon	2,000 00
supplemental tax, 1903	5 70
interest on taxes	265 50
interest and cost on tax deeds	33 57
cash tax assessed	63,562 38
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	\$117,967 93

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By paid dog license to State	160 00
State pensions	324 00
State tax in full	6,452 02
county tax, balance 1902	4,000 00
county tax, part 1903	1,150 84
coupons on bonds	4,856 00
town orders No. 996 of 1900	1,000 00
" " " 16 of 1901	500 00
" " " 643 of 1902	1,000 00
" " 1903	81,364 73
difference on taxes paid	1 90
bounty on porcupines	2 75

By unpaid taxes, 1898... ..	\$ 37 43	
“ “ 1899... ..	1,032 96	
“ “ 1900.....	1,145 19	
“ “ 1901.. ..	2,064 21	
“ “ 1902.....	2,955 27	
“ “ 1903.... ..	9,008 45	
		\$16,243 51
tax deeds..... ..		220 85
cash on hand..... ..		691 33
		<hr/>
		\$117,967 93

FRANK A. GELLERSON, Town Treasurer.

Houlton, Me., March 1, 1904.

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 models of neatness and accuracy. Every order given has a voucher filed which corresponds with the order in amount and bearing the same ordinal number, and the amounts are properly charged to their respective accounts.

Their statements as published elsewhere in this report are correct:

I have also audited the books of the Houlton Water Co. for the year, and of the Houlton Sewerage Co. since it was acquired by the Houlton Water Co., and find the statements as they appear in the report of Selectmen to be correct. The Treasurer of the Houlton Water Co. has in his possession stock representing 1920 shares of the Houlton Water Co. valued at \$48,000, and stock representing 130 shares of the Houlton Sewerage Co. valued at \$17,824.30.

The uncollected taxes are as follows:

Balance taxes 1898.....	\$	37	43	
1899.....		1032	96	
1900.....		1145	19	
1901.....		2064	21	
1902.....		2955	27	
1903.....		9008	45	
				<u>\$16 243 51</u>

Tax deeds as follows:

Theo. Laskey, 1900....	\$	5	35	
Mrs. Louise Smith, 1901.		11	56	
T. J. Furse, "		26	13	
" " "		18	94	
Theo. Laskey, "		5	15	
Patrick O. Cassidy, "		23	61	
				<u>\$ 90 74</u>

Acquired in 1903.

Mary A. Miller, 1902.....	\$	21	80	
" " "		4	15	
" " "		15	42	
W. J. McPherson, "		10	44	
T. J. Furse, "		15	05	
" " "		26	80	
" " "		10	45	
Theo. Laskey, "		5	41	
Jas. Foster, "		5	62	
Louisa Smith, "		14	97	
				<u>\$220 85</u>
				<u>\$16,464 36</u>

W. F. JENKS, Auditor.

Houlton, Feb. 29, 1904.

Report of S. S. Committee.

The common schools of the town have been in session thirty-three weeks during the past school year.

There has been no change from the general policy of previous years of sufficient importance to require extended mention.

The attendance for the year has been good, the schools having been singularly free from sickness. We are still troubled by the pupil who wants holidays and vacations oftener and longer than the school calender allows ; and we still suffer at the hands of the parent who fondly thinks that his child should get on as well as the best, even though allowed to remain away from school for two or three sessions a week.

However, there are a great many parents in Houlton, as in other towns, who contribute in many ways to the success of the public schools. They send their children regularly and on time, neat and clean in person and in dress. They not only feel, but they take pains to show to the teacher, an interest in the work their children are doing. They are always ready to receive and to act upon suggestions by the teacher touching what she regards as the pupil's welfare. They visit the school now and then ; they speak kindly in praise of the teacher and her work.

A new course of study for the common schools has recently been prepared. This embraces the eight grades in our schools, leading up to the high school. It has been our purpose to make this gradation as practical as possible, that the pupil who leaves school at the close of the grammar school course should be well grounded in the common school branches.

The Foxcroft and Moose Brook schools have remained closed during the year. These schools are not able to maintain an average attendance of eight scholars as required by law. The children in these localities are conveyed to the village schools at the expense of the town.

The usual repairs have been made upon the different school buildings throughout the town. The Smith school house, in particular, was thoroughly overhauled and renovated, including a new stone foundation and painting.

The sanitary conditions of all the buildings are good, excepting that of the North street school. We have never, however, been able to devise any plan that would improve matters, until adequate and proper sewerage is provided for that portion of the village ; and even then, we have grave doubts if anything short of a new lot and a new school building would meet the needs of that section of the town. We question the advisability of going to much further expense in making repairs upon the present house.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The last catalogue of the Houlton High School was published in January, 1904. The voters of the town are referred to this publication for full and accurate information on all matters pertaining to our High School.

The third annual graduation occurred in the Opera House, June, 1903. The names of the graduating class, who performed their parts so creditably at that time are :

Astle, Alberta J.	Hunter, Alta M.
Brewer, Gladys E.	Jordan, Mabel L.
Connell, Bennett R.	Putnam, Emma R.
Cornelison, Ludlow R.	Shaw, Cordelia E.
Doherty, D. Fred	Stetson, Albert K.
Donovan, Joseph	Sullivan, Walter E.
Hallett, Cora J.	Weiler, Harold C.

Wiggins, Nina A.

Examinations for certificates of admission to Free High School were held June 16, and Aug. 28, 1903. The following were successful :

Atherton, Beatrice	Minard, Paul E.
Brown, Diantha C.	Mutch, Alfred J.
Buzzell, Louise M.	McGinley, Florence
Connor, Edna B.	Pierce, James M.
Crosson, Sarah A.	Russell, Sadie L.
Dunphy, Harry O.	Saunders, Margaret I.
Dunphy, Waldo L.	Seeley, Stella A.
Feeley, Arthur B.	Shaw, George H.
Ford, Evelyn I.	Smart, Ora E.
Harkins, Michael	Smart, Ara F.
Hillman, Hilda M.	Smith, Lelia B.
Hall, Nellie L. H.	Smith, Pansy E.
Lawlis, Robert M.	Swett, Fred A.
McKay, Helen E.	Thornton, Ethel
Miller, Albert	Weiler, Lawrence

Weiler, Pauline M.

The report of the Selectmen contains a full account of the management and expenditures of the school funds, to which the voters are respectfully referred for any desired information.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing school year :

Schools	\$5200 00
Text books, including High school.....	1100 00
Repairs	900 00
Insurance, apparatus and appliances.....	700 00
Free High School.....	2250 00

Houlton, March 1, 1904.

JOHN B. MADIGAN,
 WILLIAM C. DONNELL, } S. S. Com.
 RANSFORD W. SHAW, }
 HARRY L. PUTNAM, Superintendent.

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.

The past year has been very favorable for road making. The streets and country roads were put in as good condition as possible considering the amount of work to be done, and the funds available.

BRIDGES.

The bridge on Hovey road was put in new, with new abutments. The Reed bridge was re-covered and five new stringers put in. Garland bridge was re-covered with new plank. Smith bridge on Foxcroft road was newly covered. Niles bridge was re-covered. Cary's mill bridge was re-covered. Hammond's mill bridge was recovered and some new stringers put in. Porter settlement bridge is in bad condition. We put in new stringers and side. There will have to be a new bridge built there this year. We have bought and paid for plank to re-cover iron bridge and have same in town yard.

CULVERTS.

We have put in 14 new culverts this season as follows :

Pearce street.....	2
Burleigh street.....	1
Bangor street.....	2
North street.....	2
"B" road.....	2
Woodstock road.....	1
White settlement.....	2
Foxcroft road.....	1
Hodgdon road.....	1

Most of these have been put in with culvert pipe and the rest cedar.

DRAINS.

We have put in two drains as follows: One from Niles corner across the street. One from school street to Thibodeau's new store. The drains are in bad condition and there will have to be a great deal of work done on them this season.

SIDEWALKS.

Concrete has been laid on the following streets:

Main street.....	314	yards.
Pleasant street.....	280	"
Park street.....	78 2-9	"
Court street.....	335	"
Green street.....	208 1-3	"
North street.....	233 1-3	"

We did considerable work for private parties in concreting walks, also.

Plank has been laid on River Street for a short distance and we have the foundation laid for concrete on same street; also on new part of School Street.

GARRISON HILL.

We have done a great deal of work on Garrison Hill. We ditched on both sides of road from railroad crossing to summit of hill. It cost about \$270 as there had to be a great deal of blasting.

We have taken up all old plank driveways, and put in pipe. They will have to be made longer as they have driven over the ends of some of them and broken them. We made them the same length as the old plank crossings. If this hill was graveled it would be a much better road. Cook's Hill needs ditching. The only way you can keep a road in good condition is to have good ditches.

ROCK CRUSHER.

Our rock crushing outfit consists of a No. 8 Acme Crusher, one 25-horse power engine, elevator and rock-bin, besides crowbars, shovels, pickaxes and sledges. We have a roller for rolling our crushed rock after putting it on streets while macadamizing, and it is far too light. A great many people ask why these new streets settle in places. The reason for this is our roller is not heavy enough to drive the rocks to their places. The main thing in making macadamized streets is to have a heavy roller; one about 15 or 20 tons so it will drive the crushed rock to its place. The roller which we now have is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and we put on a ton of iron which makes it only $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and that is far too light. We have macadamized the following streets: From Cushing's crossing to Kelleran street crossing, a distance of 1030 feet in length and 25 feet in width, which makes $94\frac{2}{3}$ square rods

of macadamized road with an average fill of $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches. We had to cut this street down about 31 inches on an average. It cost \$1448 to do this work. We also built the extension to School Street a distance of 450 feet in length and 25 feet in width, which made $41\frac{1}{3}$ square rods of macadamized road with an average fill of about 27 inches. We had to cut this street in some places $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and in other places we had to fill in two feet before macadamizing; total cost, \$579. We built these streets according to Mr. Burleigh's survey. Any one wanting to see profiles of same can find them at Selectmen's office.

A great many people want to know why we don't macadamize the the Square and Court Street. The reason for not doing so is that the town has never raised the money. These are the poorest streets in town and should be the best. If the town will raise money to do this it will make one of the finest squares in Maine, but it will cost a great deal of money. We can haul gravel and fill up the holes, but the more gravel we put on the more mud we get. I think we can fix these streets with asphalt. In New York city and other places they are building streets this way, and they claim it is a great deal cheaper than paving. I think the business men of the town ought to talk this thing up and try and do something about the matter.

TOOLS.

The highway tools which belong to the town of Houlton are in good condition, and are as follows:—

- 2 road machines, one bought new last summer.
- 2 winter road plows.
- 3 sidewalk plows.
- 3 triangular plows.
- 3 scrapers.
- 6 crow-bars.
- 12 picks.
- 12 shovels.
- 6 cant-dogs.
- 1 dump cart and forward wheels.
- 1 jigger wagon.
- 1 set bob-sleds.
- 2 long sleds.
- 1 heavy road plow.

Also outfit for making concrete sidewalks and tools used with same, besides numerous other tools such as saws, hammers, augers, etc. Also rock crusher and outfit, account of which is previously given.

We bought one pair of horses for road work which we think paid the town well. They worked on the roads until snow came. They lost but one day and a half during that time. We think they have

saved the town a good deal of extra expense in keeping the sidewalks and roads passable during the winter. We have paid out but \$4.50 for shoveling snow from sidewalks this winter.

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. All bills contracted in this department the past year are paid up to and including February 27, 1904.

Respectfully yours,

W. R. YERXA, Road Commissioner.

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 its usual good condition, with the exception of a Ladder Truck and Ladders.

The alarms have been as follows :

April 15, 1903. Alarm at 7.15 P. M. Chimney in house of Rev. K. McKay, High St. No damage.

April 20, 1903. Alarm, 7.05 P. M. Chimney in house occupied by Mrs Whitney, North St. No damage.

April 30, 1903. Alarm, 5.30 A. M. Travors house near C. P. R. Cause unknown; total loss.

May 5, 1893. Alarm, 3.00 P. M. Wm. Faulkner house near C. P. R. Cause not known. Building badly damaged.

May 15, 1903. Alarm, 6.30 A. M. Cogan house, Bangor St. Chimney. No damage.

May 16, 1903. Alarm, 12.30 P. M. Jewett house, Pleasant St. Cause, ashes. No damage.

May 25, 1903. Alarm, 3.30 P. M. A. A. Burleigh house, Pleasant St. No damage.

May 27, 1903. Alarm, 7.05. Pioneer building, badly damaged. Cause, defective flue.

May 28, 1903. Alarm, 3.03 P. M. Fire in Pearce woods, no buildings caught; fire checked by bucket brigade.

May 30, 1903. Alarm, 12.05 P. M. Buzzell Furniture store. Cause, unknown; damage slight.

June 1, 1903. Alarm, 9.00 A. M. H. O. Berry paint shop. No damage.

June 1, 1903. Alarm, 4.00 P. M. B. H. Dunphy house near C. P. R. Slight damage.

June 7, 1903. Alarm, 1.40 A. M. Donald Ross building near C. P. R. Cause unknown, damage slight.

June 23, 1903. Alarm, 1.30 A. M. Lovering ice house, partly destroyed; cause unknown.

July 11, 1903. Alarm, 2.05 P. M. Judson Niles house, North St. Considerable damage by fire and water. Cause, defective chimney.

July 17, 1903. Alarm, 5.45 P. M. V. B. Wilson house, Court St. Cause, lightning; damage slight.

July 28, 1903. Alarm, 4.00 A. M. John Watson building on flat. Cause, ashes; slight damage.

Aug. 28, 1903. Alarm, 10.00 A. M. Snell house chimney. No damage.

Aug. 31, 1903. Alarm, A. M. Holland buildings, Leonard St. Cause, ashes; no damage.

Sept. 27, 1903. Alarm, Extract office, near C. P. R. No damage.

Nov. 14, 1903. Alarm, 10.15 A. M. J. E. Burnham house, Pleasant St. Cause, defective chimney. Considerable damage by both fire and water.

Nov. 16, 1903. Alarm, 12.15. O. B. Buzzell house, High St. Chimney; no damage.

Dec. 9, 1903. Alarm, 12.10 P. M. Adams & Thirton's market. Cause, oil stove. No damage.

Dec. 16, 1903. Alarm, 8.00 A. M. Baptist Parsonage, Leonard St. chimney; slight damage.

Dec. 19, 1903. Alarm, 5.35 P. M. Merritt Shoe store, chimney; no damage.

Dec. 27, 1903. Alarm, 3.20 P. M. Mrs. L. White house, Military St., chimney; slight damage.

Jan. 1, 1904. Alarm, 5.05 P. M. Smith & Porter, Feed store, chimney; no damage.

Jan. 3, 1904. Alarm, 7.20 A. M. Titcomb Mill. Cause, unknown. No damage.

Jan. 5, 1904. Alarm, 10.15 P. M. Titcomb Mill. Cause, unknown. Slight damage.

Jan. 11, 1904. Alarm, 7.20 P. M. Frisbie tenement, School St., chimney; no damage.

Jan. 13, 1904. Alarm, 6.00 A. M. Harrigan house, North St., fire in a bed probably from the use of matches. Slight damage.

Jan. 16, 1904. Still Alarm, 11.30 A. M. Wm. Small house, Leonard St. Slight damage to roof from burning chimney.

Feb. 3, 1904. Alarm, 9.55 P. M. Sylvester house, Franklin Ave. Cause, lamp exploding. Total loss.

Feb. 8, 1904. Alarm, 10.00 A. M. W. H. Sincock house, North St., chimney; no damage.

Feb. 17, 1904. Alarm, 1.40 A. M. W. A. Nickerson house, Franklin Ave. Cause, defective chimney. Total loss.

I would recommend that the town raise enough to buy a first class hook and ladder truck and suitable ladders.

Thanking all for any assistance rendered, I remain

Respectfully,

S. C. WEBBER, Chief Engineer.

Houlton, Me., Feb'y 29, 1904.

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health of the Town of Houlton respectfully submit their annual report for the municipal year ending Feb. 29th, 1904, as follows:—

The records of contagious diseases reported to the Board for the year, show smallpox two (2) cases with no deaths; diphtheria none; typhoid fever three (3) cases, no deaths; measles none.

We have been unusually free from contagious diseases during the year, although there may have been some unreported cases of measles and chicken pox, and perhaps typhoid fever.

The attention of the public is again called to the law in regard to reporting all cases of contagious diseases; and the attention of physicians is respectfully called to the law requiring the reporting of cases of croup, meningitis and consumption, as no such cases have been reported.

The Board is pleased to report, that with the cordial co-operation of the physicians, we have been able to entirely stamp out the epidemic of diphtheria that occurred in the summer of 1902 and early part of the winter of 1903.

We are also pleased to report that although we have had smallpox around us during the year, we have had to care for only two mild cases, and this was done at small expense to the town.

Several nuisances have been reported during the summer, but this condition has apparently very much improved, and the Board feels that the public ownership of the sewerage system will remove most of the nuisance question.

We also wish again to urge that a by-law be passed to prohibit the housing of hogs within certain specified limits.

A. B. SMART,	} Board of Health.
CHARLES CARROLL,	
T. S. DICKSON,	

Houlton, Me., March 1, 1904.

Marriages in 1903.

Recorded by Town Clerk.

- Jan. 6. Frank Longstaff and Bertha Bamford.
 " 7. Robert H. Dickinson and Mabel M. Lincoln.
 " 16. Patrick Francis McManimin and Mary Elizabeth Morrisey.
 " 1. B. Frank Leslie and Hannah McKusick.
 " 20. Daniel C. Doherty and Mabel Shanks.
 " 24. Charles Reuben McNeal and Ada E. Andrews.
 " 28. Frederick Albright and Alevida Hanson.
- Feb. 4. Wilmot Devaou and Alice White.
 Feb. 11. Charles M. Price and Laura L. Hill.
 " 11. Fred R. Miller and Stella Rogers.
 " 11. Lucine Anson Hill and Eliza Jane Hall.
 " 16. Frank Higgins and Blanche Nickerson.
 " 23. Fred Nadeau and Hattie Iatt.
- Mar. 4. Wilfred G. Lane and Susie P. Vincent.
 " 5. H. C. Delong and Janie Durgin.
 " 9. John D. Boone and Annie M. Ackerley.
 " 12. Robert W. Annis and Annie Bell Grant.
 " 10. Howard J. Peabody and Maud Tapley.
 " 23. Charlie Dickinson and Lottie M. Dow.
 " 26. Henry Beek and Katie Yetton.
- Apr. 2. John F. Harper and Delia M. Fleming.
 " 3. Samuel Graham and Annie Bustred.
 " 9. Robert McCluskey and Ethel Kennedy.
 " 14. Harold Gray and Maria Hayden.
 " 15. John Lowrey and Sarah Fulton.
 " 16. Frank E. Flewellyn and Caroline Seward.
 " 17. Hugh Burns and Catherine Gallagher.
 " 20. Robert Bustard and Mary Dykeman.
 " 18. Perley E. Whitney and Caro Etta Lermond.
 " 22. Abijah G. Ingraham and Rubina Mina Wilson.
 " 28. George Parsons and Ella Veazey
 " 28. George F. Riley and Rosa McGuire.
- Apr. 29. Monie L. Buck and Helen Barrett.
- May 6. Percy Dow and Marion Mooers.
- June 2. Benjamin Gilbert and Celestia Harris.
 " 10. George A. Wilkins and Levina E. Grant.
 " 13. Bennie A. Fleming and Matilda May Nelson.
 " 17. Coleman Scott and Rilla Hamm.
 " 17. William T. Scott and Hannah Ross.
 " 26. Stephen D. Jones and Lucinda Jones.
 " 24. William Dobbins and Helen A. Crabb.
 " 25. Fred Niles and Carrie Worth.
- July 1. Charles Wilbur Harris and Mary Helena Amos.
 " 7. Joseph McDonough and Margaret Jessie Mooers.
 " 7. Henry Finnermore and Tressa C. Lynch.
 " 9. W. J. Wright and Alice M. Hourahan.
 " 14. Francis McGuire and Ellen Brennan.
 " 15. Alfred Grant and Lizzie Estey.
 " 17. Walter Bryonton and Alzada J. Moore.
- June 17. Charles W. Phillips and Gladys E. McKeen.
 " 24. Fred C. Toby and Margaret M. Shattuck.
- July 22. Robert J. Riley and Elizabeth Dickinson.

- July 27. Ralph L. Pitcher and Martha Shea.
 " 27. Andrew B. Scott and Maggie Dow.
 " 29. Arthur H. Whitman and Evangeline M. Garrison.
 " 25. William H. Segee and Minnie Teeling.
 Aug. 1. William S. Laing and Carrie M. Johnston.
 " 12. Leroy Porter and Delia W. Taylor.
 " 12. Hiram Astle and Etta Hatfield.
 " 16. Robert E. Dow and Addie E. Swazey.
 " 18. Charles Hugh Noyes and Gertrude Hadden Hovey.
 Sept. 9. Wallace W. Henderson and Sophronia M. Dow.
 " 23. James Duffy and Bridget McGlynn.
 " 23. Henry E. Dickson and Tence Dow.
 " 28. James L. Vedito and Ella M. Stearns.
 Oct. 5. Olin B. Buzzell and Clara A. Swain.
 " 7. Frank Brown and Amy M. Kitchen.
 " 12. Fred Melville and Mary E. Sullivan.
 " 12. Samuel C. Webber and Mary Alice McClusky.
 " 15. Clarence Lester and Cheary Worth.
 " 21. Gleason Erastus Taylor and Melvina Gerow.
 " 28. Harry Beecher Littlefield and Margaret Allen Russell.
 Nov. 2. Tom Farel and Mary Agnes Frances.
 " 3. Frederick A. Powers and Virginia Pauline Hewes.
 " 4. John McGinley and Hannah Gillen.
 " 4. Harry Glenville and Bessie Phillips.
 " 9. Reuben Niles and Fannie Burpee.
 " 16. Isaac Hunter and Margaret Belongie.
 1902.
 Sept. 17. John L. Merrill and Carrie E. Thorn.
 1903.
 " 19. George E. Gove and Viola M. Weatherbec.
 " 25. Edward McSheffrey and Alice Bagley.
 " 25. Willie Grant and Edith Ritchie.
 Dec. 12. Charles Wright and Etta Parsons.
 " 12. G. H. Law and Nellie Jones.
 " 16. Albert C. Green and Cora Libbey.
 " 16. Ernest E. Lyons and Beulah P. Sowers.
 " 22. Warren D. McIntyre and Alweda Waters.
 " 24. John Brownlow and Ella Parent.
 " 29. Fred Faulkenter and Barbara Dickson.
 " 31. Myron Eugene Hill and Lena S. Mansur.
 Sept. 30. William F. Edwards and Millie M. Rockwell.
 Dec. 1. Frank G. Lowery and Edith E. Henderson.
 " 24. Barney A. Craig and Lilian A. McKinley.

Births in 1903.

Recorded by Town Clerk.

1903.
 Jan. 7. Mrs. Horace W. Hughes, a son.
 " 12. " James Nichol, a son.
 " 18. " Batchelder, a son.
 " 22. " Olonzo P. Hanagan, a son.
 " 22. " Olonzo P. Hanagan, a son.
 " 3. " Samuel D. Hamilton, a daughter.
 " 11. " Thos. S. Dickson, a daughter.
 " 25. " Frank Beek, a daughter.

Feb. 2.	Mrs. Frederick F. Harrison, a son.
" 1.	" Thomas J. Graham, a daughter.
Jan. 27.	" Chester J. Lombard, a son.
Feb. 12.	" George T. Dobson, a son.
" 14.	" Charles S. Gray, a son.
" 14.	" Frederick H. Moore, a daughter.
" 21.	" Herbert W. Savage, a son.
" 25.	" Fred M. Russell, a daughter.
" 26.	" Charles H. Berry, a daughter.
Mch. 2.	" Mathew Wilson, a son.
" 5.	" Thomas P. Dobbins, a daughter.
" 10.	" Frank A. Peabody, a son.
" 12.	" John C. Tracey, a daughter.
" 18.	" Harry D. Smith, a son.
" 25.	" Frederick N. Wakefield, a daughter.
" 28.	" Winthrope Robinson, a son.
April 3.	" Thomas J. Iott, a son.
" 25.	" Frank M. Dempsey, a son.
" 27.	" Carleton O. Grant, a son.
" 28.	" Birdsell B. McIntyre, a daughter.
May 1.	" Frank M. Hume, a daughter.
" 11.	" Fred S. Dunlap, a son.
" 12.	" John F. White, a son.
1902.	
July 27.	" Richard Anderson, a daughter.
Mar. 18.	" Wm. Webb, a daughter.
Nov. 4.	" Michael McLaughlin, a son.
Nov. 2.	" Geo. E. Bruce, a son.
July 30.	" E. C. Monahan, a son.
June 27.	" Geo. F. Faulkner, a son.
Sept 29.	" Douglas Kennedy, a daughter.
Jan. 15.	" Harry Willetts, a daughter.
Mar. 31.	" Joseph Sylvester, a daughter.
June 30.	" P. R. Carle, a daughter.
Mar. 12.	" Wm. M. Earle, a daughter.
Dec. 7.	" Edward B. White, a daughter.
Sept. 23.	" Chas. P. White, a daughter.
Dec. 24.	" E. C. Hamilton, a son.
1903.	
Feb. 9.	" R. P. McNally, a son.
May 28.	" Samuel Price, a daughter.
1901.	
May 30.	" Edw. S. Shields, a son.
July 31.	" Thomas McIntosh, a daughter.
Aug. 16.	" Ward Emery Pickles, a daughter.
Dec. 14.	" John McLaughlin, a son.
1902.	
June 26.	" Leander Benn, a daughter.
Sept. 28.	" Walter Benn, a daughter.
Nov. 30.	" Robert Porter, a son.
Nov. 12.	" Fred Albert, a son.
1903.	
Jan. 17.	" John A. Riley, a daughter.
Jan. 24.	" Edwin C. Hamilton, a son.
Jan. 14.	" Franklin W. Hall, a son.

Feb. 8.	Mrs. Alpheus Colpitts, a daughter.
Feb. 22.	“ William Victory, a daughter.
Mar. 22.	“ Charles E. Estes, a son.
April 23.	“ Howard Peabody, a daughter.
May 11.	“ Michael Comdy, a daughter.
June 8.	“ John Tebeau, a son.
June 20.	“ John S. Murray, a daughter.
June 22.	“ Ferdinand C. Nealey, a daughter.
July 3.	“ D. Clarence Libby, a son.
June 29.	“ Harry R. Chase, a son.
July 9.	“ Jeremiah McKay, a son.
“ 14.	“ James Adair, a son.
“ 21.	“ Frederick A. Hogan, a son.
Aug. 19.	“ Walter Parker, a son.
1902.	
Dec. 20.	“ Geo. E. Billing, a son.
1903.	
Jan. 9.	“ Jeremiah Dennehy, a daughter.
Feb. 9.	“ Glennie Smith, a daughter.
Mar. 7.	“ Samuel Naves, a son.
May 1.	“ Mickel Malony, a son.
“ 2.	“ Olie Olson, a daughter.
“ 19.	“ Robt. Anderson, a daughter.
“ 30.	“ James Boyrie, a son.
July 10.	“ Chas. H. Shaw, a son.
Aug. 1.	“ Joseph H. Morrissy, a son.
“ 22.	“ Walter Elder, a daughter.
“ 23.	“ Wm. J. McKinna, a son.
Sept. 7.	“ Wm. H. J. Webb, a daughter.
“ 10.	“ Elmer J. Cameron, a son.
“ 23.	“ William Daigle, a son.
Oct. 1.	“ Fred F. Merritt, a daughter.
“ 13.	“ Frank W. Hogan, a son.
“ 23.	“ George A. Gorham, Jr., a son.
Feb. 13.	“ Fred Deland, a son.
Mar. 6.	“ Wm. Iott, a daughter.
“ 6.	“ Geo. Russell, a son.
“ 8.	“ John Adams, a son.
“ 10.	“ H. R. Benn, a son.
“ 12.	“ Joseph E. Sylvester, a daughter.
Apr. 29.	“ Jos. Cyr, a son.
May 12.	“ Blackie Dumphy, a daughter.
“ 23.	“ Bernard Hughes, a daughter.
“ 24.	“ J. A. Haskell, a daughter.
“ 29.	“ James Stewart, a son.
“ 31.	“ Augustus Hannigan, a son.
June 4.	“ Arthur McCready a daughter.
July 31.	“ Bert Brown, a son.
Aug. 3.	“ Oscar Clough, a son.
“ 5.	“ Howard Webb, a son.
“ 19.	“ Wm. Gage, a daughter.
“ 24.	“ Al. Howard, —
“ 29.	“ Stephen Logan, a son.
“ 30.	“ Wm. Patten, a son.
Oct. 10.	“ F. L. Dyer, a daughter.
Nov. 11.	“ John C. Harrigan, a daughter.

Nov. 28.	Mrs. Warren Jones, a son.
Dec. 1.	“ L. Spurgeon Purington, a son.
Sept. 16.	“ John Knox, a daughter.
“ 12.	“ Chas. Woolhopter, a daughter
Oct. 4.	“ Trenton Curry, a son.
“ 26.	“ Henry Beek, a daughter.
Dec. 4.	“ Wm. J. Smith, a daughter.
“ 22.	“ Orin H. Hodgins, a daughter.
“ 25.	“ Robert Riley, a son.

Deaths in 1903.

Recorded by Town Clerk.

1903.

Jan. 2.	Ephraim Hall, aged 86 yrs., 6 mos.
“ 4.	Lydia Hosford, aged 49 yrs.
“ 6.	Nora B. Callahan, aged 11 yrs., 16 days.
“ 15.	Ivory N. Jeffords, aged 80 yrs.
“ 14.	Madeline E. Swett, aged 3 days.
“ 18.	Infant Bachelder, aged ———
“ 25.	Baby Dickison, aged 14 days.
Feb. 11.	Stephen H. Sincock, aged 73 yrs.
“ 10.	Infant Hanagan, aged 18 days.
“ 12.	Infant Hanagan, aged 20 days.
“ 16.	Mary A. Hanagan, aged 42 yrs., 4 mos., 3 days
“ 20.	Christine Mutch, aged 8 yrs., 10 mos.
“ 21.	Infant Frazer, ———
Jan. 26.	Jerusha A. Putnam, aged 59 yrs., 8 mos., 1 day.
Mar. 10.	Gladdis M. Gray, aged 2 yrs.
“ 12.	Infant Peabody, aged 2 days.
“ 21.	Sophia Longley, aged 46 yrs.
Apr. 12.	Adrain Vandine, aged 76 yrs., 1 mo.
June 15.	Mary Adelaide Gellerson, aged 41 yrs., 11 mos., 15 days.
“ 14.	Anna M. Gilpatrick, aged 63 yrs., 9 mos., 12 days.
Feb. 23.	Maggie J. Dykeman, aged 39 yrs., 6 mos., 15 days.
Aug. 22.	Sarah F. Austin, aged 83 yrs.
“ 5.	Judson E. Dickinson,
“ 22.	John Danah, aged 4 yrs.
Sept. 9.	Pauline A. Gage, aged 14 days.
“ 13.	Mary Elizabeth Carson, aged 73 yrs., 7 mos., 24 days.
“ 23.	Martha Blanche Haven, aged 50 yrs., 10 mos., 14 days.
Oct. 15.	Infant Dyer, aged 5 days.
Mar. 10.	Newell Whitmore, aged 64 yrs.
Oct. 31.	Mary L. Ingraham, aged 55 yrs., 10 mos., 22 days.
Nov. 14.	Ethel Mackey, aged 18 yrs., 7 mos., 3 days.
Dec. 2.	Jeremiah Harrigan, aged 76 yrs., 11 mos., 2 days.
“ 1.	Eva J. Armstrong, aged 2 yrs., 1 mo., 4 days.
“ 28.	H. C. Bradbury, aged 71 yrs., 8 mos.

WARRANT.

To WILLIAM H. GUIOU, 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, 1904, 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 for School apparatus and appliances and Insurance on School Buildings.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to buy the "Blair Lot" so-called, on West side of High Street for school yard for Fair Street school house and what sum of money the Town will raise for the same.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the repairing and building of roads, bridges and sidewalks.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to be expended on the "State Road."

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Fire Department, rent of hydrants, and for a Fire Alarm System and Ladder Truck.

ART. 15 To see what sum of money the Town will raise for police and police department.

ART. 16. 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 lock-up.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Houlton (Free) Public Library.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for grading and laying out the Library Lot.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for observing Memorial Day.

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

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for cemeteries.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise toward paying off the town debt.

ART. 23. 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. 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sinking Fund, and what sum it will raise therefor this year.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase the outstanding stock of the Houlton Water Company and what sum will be raised for that purpose.

ART. 26. To see if the Town, as owner of 1,920 shares of stock of the Houlton Water Company, will instruct the Selectmen at any legal meeting of said Houlton Water Company to vote said stock for and in behalf of the town in favor of the following propositions:—

FIRST. To elect Directors of said Houlton Water Company.

SECOND. To construct new works and extend, repair and improve the present works of said Company to such an extent and amount as to said Directors may seem wise and prudent and build a reservoir.

THIRD. To pay the existing debts of said Houlton Water Company.

FOURTH. To issue bonds of said Houlton Water Company to an amount not exceeding Thirty Thousand dollars, to aid in said construction, extensions, improvements and repairs of said works, the payment of said debts and to build a reservoir on Pearee Hill, and to fix the date, amount, denomination, rate of interest, and maturity of such bonds, and to authorize the Directors of said Water Company to execute, negotiate, and issue said bonds.

ART. 27. To see if the Town, will authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the town to vote such stock of the Sewerage Company as may be owned and controlled by the town, by virtue of its ownership in said Houlton Water Company in favor of the following propositions:—

FIRST. To elect Directors of said Houlton Sewerage Company.

SECOND. To construct new work, repair, extend and improve the present works, to such an extent and amount as to the Directors of the Sewerage Company may seem wise and prudent; and to purchase the sewer built by private parties and the town on Mechanic street in 1903.

THIRD. To issue bonds of said Houlton Sewerage Company to an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand dollars to aid in said construction, repairs, extensions, improvements, and purchases of said Mechanic St. Sewer, and to fix the date, amount, denomination, rate of interest and maturity of such bonds, and to authorize the Directors of said Sewerage Company, to execute, issue, and negotiate said bonds.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will raise to rebuild and repair the "Mansur Bridge," so-called, at West Houlton.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to repair and raise up the "Innis Bridge," so-called, and what sum of money will be raised for that purpose.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to sell lots in the new cemetery to non residents and fix the price of same—and will authorize the Selectmen to assign lots in said Cemetery to non residents on payment therefor.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three or more voters to draw up a city charter to be submitted to the next Legislature.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to sell the vacant School house lots on Military St., on Presque Isle road and on Foxcroft road and authorize the Selectmen to execute deeds of the town's interest therein.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer for and in behalf of the Town, to execute release deeds to the owners of land sold to the Town for taxes, on payment of the amounts due therefor.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following ordinance for the preservation of good order in the Town of Houlton. Section one: No persons or persons, association or organization shall assemble, collect or congregate in and upon any of the streets within the Fire District, so-called, in the Village of said Houlton, so as to obstruct and encumber the streets within said District, or with music, singing, shouting or loud noises, collect, assemble and gather together persons so as to interfere with, retard, obstruct or impede the progress of public travel or disturb the peace within said District, without first having obtained the consent of the municipal officers of said Town of Houlton. Sect. Two: All persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of five dollars on complaint before any trial Justice.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to accept a street called Watson Avenue, 3 rods wide, extending from Fair St. to a line parallel with the East line of land of F. A. Gellerson as shown on plan of C. E. F. Stetson, made for H. N. Whitehead in 1903 and on file in Aroostook Registry of Deeds.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to accept a street called Avon Street, 3 rods wide, extending from Weeks St. to said Watson Avenue as shown on said plan of C. E. F. Stetson.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to accept "Grange Street," so-called, as dedicated to the town by C. D. Merritt, 4 rods wide, extending from Bangor St. to Green St. as now laid out.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to accept "State Street," so-called, 3 rods wide, extending from Grange St. to Franklin St. as laid out on plans of the "Green farm" made by C. E. F. Stetson.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept "Sunnyside Street," and that part of "South Street," each 3 rods wide as shown on plan of "Sunnyside Addition," so-called, to the village of Houlton, on file in the Aroostook Registry of Deeds.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept that part of South Street, so-called, dedicated to the town by Geo. A. Hunter, 3 rods wide, as shown on plan made by E. E. Burleigh, recorded in Vol. 164, Page 370 of the Aroostook Registry of Deeds.

ART. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept that part of South Street, so-called; 3 rods wide, extending southerly from Geo. A. Hunter's land to westerly extensions of Cleveland Street; also that part of Cleveland Street, so-called, 3 rods wide extending west from Franklin Street to said South Street; also that part of Columbia Street, so-called, 4 rods wide extending westerly from the west terminus of said Columbia Street as heretofore accepted by the Town to said South Street; all according to plan and survey of E. E. Burleigh in 1903, in "Fairview" Addition to the village of Houlton.

ART. 42. To see if the Town will accept a Town way, 4 rods wide laid out by the Selectmen, Feb. 26, 1904 on petition of James Archibald and 13 others, the center line of which is described as follows, to wit:—"Beginning in the center of the easterly end of Park street, so-called, thence easterly along the dividing line between land formerly owned by Lewis B. Johnson and land formerly owned by the late Matilda Gray, about 12 rods to the center of road turnpiked in 1903 by Don A. H. Powers and James Archibald, and also from thence southerly through land now owned or occupied by said Powers and Archibald to the center line of the northerly terminus of a three (3) rod street, leading northerly from Franklin Avenue, so-called, on the westerly side of land owned or occupied by Jacob White and marked "Fourth" Street on plan of Pearce Addition Number Two, to

the village of Houlton as recorded in Vol. 131, Page 271 of the Aroostook Registry of Deeds"—and what sum of money the Town will raise to build the same.

ART. 43. To see if the Town will fix a time when taxes shall be due and payable; and 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. 44. 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 1904.

ART. 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report as published by the Selectmen, March, 1st 1904.

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, 1904 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. 1904.

THOMAS P. PUTNAM, } Selectmen
FRANK W. PEARCE, } of
W. A. DYKEMAN, } Houlton.

A True Copy.

Attest: WILLIAM H GUIOU, Constable of Houlton.