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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 548

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN REGARD TO THE CASE
OF JOHN McDERMOTT (HOUSE DOC. 300).

STATE OF MAINE

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of Oxford, were notified on the morning of the 25th of February, 1910, that there was a man frozen to death in the road in the east part of the town. We at once called a doctor, undertaker and coroner, the coroner saying that we should not need his services without we found the body bruised or evidence of foul play, and as we found neither we proceeded to care for the body. The man was a stranger to us all. In his pocket we found an envelope by which we were able to trace him to Auburn. There we learned by the city marshal that he was let out of the county jail there the day before and that his name was John McDermott, and that he was a mill operative and that he had worked in Sabattus. At Sabattus we learned that his home was in Blackstone, Mass. We at once notified his people through the overseer of the poor of that place, hoping they would come and get the body and pay the bills, but they would not answer, so the town buried the body.

We have tried ever since to get an affidavit from the man's brother but cannot in regard to his residence, as you will see by our counsel letter.

C. B. HASKELL,
E. W. EDWARDS,
S. D. JILLSON,
Overseers of Poor of Oxford.