

# Minutes and Reports

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY

OF

## The County of Halifax, N. S.

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SPECIAL MEETING

—AND—

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

January, 1881.

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DONALD ARCHIBALD, Esq., J. P.,  
WARDEN.

W. H. WISWELL,  
CLERK.

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IN THE COURT OF  
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# Municipality of the County of Halifax, 1881.

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County Warden—DONALD ARCHIBALD, Esq., J. P.  
County Clerk—WILLIAM H. WISWELL.  
County Treasurer—WILLIAM EVANS, J. P.  
County Stipendiary—WILLIAM EVANS, J. P.  
County Clerk of License—WILLIAM EVANS, J. P.  
Auditors—HON. P. C. HILL.  
J. C. P. FRAZEE.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1881.

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### Public Accounts and Finance.

Councillors John E. Shatford, (Chairman); B. W. Chipman, D. W. Archibald, Edmund Ryan, Geo. A. Leslie.

### Public Property and Tenders.

Councillors J. L. Griffin, (Chairman); B. W. Chipman, Jos. Himelman, Norman Hayes, Jr., John G. Bissett, E. Ryan.

### Licenses.

Councillors E. E. Burgess, (Chairman), James Crook, Joseph Hamilton, Jas. E. Shatford, G. H. Madill, Jas. L. Griffin.

### Roads and Bridges.

Councillors Jno. E. Shatford, (Chairman), Geo. A. Leslie, John D. Tupper, W. B. Christian, Geo. H. Madill.

### Assessments.

Councillors Wm. Guild, (Chairman) Thos. O'Leary, Adam Dean, A. Hubley, John Hayes.

### Lunatics.

Councillors B. W. Chipman, (Chairman), E. Ryan, Geo. Rowlings, J. L. Griffin, Jos. Himelman.

### Law Amendments.

Councillors Jas. E. Shatford, (Chairman), J. L. Griffin, G. A. Leslie, D. W. Archibald, William Guild.

### Jury Lists.

Councillors B. W. Chipman, (Chairman), E. E. Burgess, E. Ryan, J. L. Griffin, J. D. Tupper.

### Poor.

Councillors Geo. Rowlings, (Chairman), Wm. Guild, A. Dean, J. G. Bissett, James Fitzgerald.

\*.\* The Warden is *ex-officio* a member of all the above Committees.



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## Special Committees.

### Committee on Bye-Laws.

Councillors B. W. Chipman, (Chairman), G. A. Leslie, A. Dean, Jas. E. Shatford, D. W. Archibald.

### Committee on Nominations.

Councillors D. W. Archibald, (Chairman), E. Ryan, J. D. Tupper, Jno. E. Shatford, G. A. Leslie.

### Committee for Conference with Dartmouth.

The Warden, Jno. E. Shatford, Edmund Ryan.

### Committee on P. A. Frederickson's Complaint.

Councillors John E. Shatford, E. Ryan.

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M. Byrnes.

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*Registrar of Deeds*—W. H. KEATING, ESQ.  
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SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
*The First Municipal Council*  
OF  
THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

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FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, FRIDAY, January 7th, 1881.

Pursuant to notice from the Warden, the County Council met at the Court House, in the West Court Room, at 10.30 o'clock.

On motion of Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Tupper, Councillor Donald Archibald was appointed Chairman.

At the suggestion of Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, the Clerk read the notice of the Warden, calling this meeting of Council.

The Clerk called the Roll. Present—Councillors Monk, O'Leary, Jas. E. Shatford, A. Hubley, Burgess, Hamilton, Tupper, Dean, Ryan, Belfontaine, Crooks, Griffin, Donovan, Jno. E. Shatford, Himelman, Donald Archibald, Jno. Smith, and subsequently, Councillors Henneberry, Umlah and Dillman—20 in all.

Read notes from Councillors W. Guild and A. W. Smith, stating their inability to be present. Also a letter from the Warden, mentioning his being unexpectedly obliged to proceed to England, and regretting his enforced absence.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford referred to the present meeting as being chiefly for the purpose of obtaining reports of the several Committees and receiving the Treasurer's accounts, so as to know in what position the Municipality stood. Also referred to the resolutions of May meeting not being acted upon in regard to Mr. Gietz, Collector District 33, and his bondsman, and wished an explanation.

Conversation followed on various matters by Messrs. Ryan, J. E.

Shatford, Tupper, Himelman and others. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the accounts not being ready. The indebtedness of the City and Dartmouth was also discussed.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Gaetz and his bondsman, J. H. Anderson, J. P., had been written to and the amount due demanded. That Mr. Anderson had replied, asking reconsideration, but had not paid anything yet. That he had not been authorized to take legal steps and employ an attorney. In reference to the Treasurer's accounts, the Incorporation Act had changed the closing of all accounts to December 31st, a month later than the Sessions, and the Auditors had not attended in consequence but a few times, as the claims against the County were not received.

Moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and passed:

"That each Committee prepared present their report."

The Chairman enquired if any Committee was ready.

There being no response, it was moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"That the Court adjourn until 11 o'clock to-morrow to enable the Committees to prepare their reports."

Passed.

The Council then adjourned.

## SECOND DAY.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1881.

The Council met in the West Court Room at 11 o'clock.

The Roll was called. Present—Councillors Burgess, Hanneberry, Jas. E. Shatford, Habley, Umlah, Dillman, Tupper, Dean, Ryan, Belfountain, Griffin, Donovan, Jno. E. Shatford, Himelman, O'Leary, Donald Archibald, Smith and Monk—17.

Minutes of previous day read, amended and confirmed.

While waiting for a *querum* the Clerk stated that circulars had been sent to all parties known to have accounts, and letters to the Prothonotary for return of jury fees, and Sheriff for jury fines. The Prothonotary had furnished a brief report, with a suggestion that all jury fees should be paid by litigants to County Treasurer. He had also paid over to Treasurer bal-

ance in his hands. The Sheriff had received no fines since last returns paid to the Treasurer in May.

The Chairman stated that the business was principally the Reports of Committees. The Report of Committee on Jury Fines Fees, and Attorney General's complaint, prepared by the Warden, was submitted and read.

### Report of Committee on Jury Fees and Fines, and Attorney General's Complaint against the Treasurer.

*To the Warden and Council, County of Halifax :*

Your Committee have examined into the whole question of Jury Fees received by the Prothonotary and paid over to the County Treasurer, and find that no satisfactory record of the amounts received or paid has been furnished. The work has been loosely and therefore unsatisfactorily done.

As far as can be ascertained, in 1877 amount paid to Jurors, \$1564.25; amount received from Prothonotary, 510.50; balance met by County, 1053.75. In 1878 the amount paid to Jurors, 1199.90; amount received per Prothonotary 518.09; balance met by County, 681.81. In 1879, amount paid to Jurors, 1329 60; amount received, 331.60; balance met by County, 998.60; less received to 30th January, 1880, 176.75 = 821.85.

The Amendment to the County Incorporation Act, if carried out in its true spirit, will, it is hoped, obviate these difficulties.

Your Committee interpreted the amended clause to mean that a detailed account of all Jury Fees collected, stating the case for which that amount was paid, shall be furnished at the end of each quarter, so that the accounts may then be verified; and with this arrangement carried into effect, your Committee apprehend that there need be no trouble in future; but they would recommend that a notification that this return will be required be forthwith sent by the Warden to the Prothonotary.

In regard to Jurors' Fees, your Committee notice that the total amount of fines received (less 5 per cent retained as commission) is \$248.30, which seems an absurdly small sum to have collected in three years—1876, 1877, 1878; also that the Sheriff holds \$42.75, being total of fees for 1879, which he has retained on account of a debt stated to be due to him by the County; this is clearly wrong, all sums received to credit of County should be at once paid over, and all accounts against the County sent in for settlement. Sec. 44, Chap. 92 Revised Statutes provide for the levying of a fine of \$2.00 on all absent jurors, and Sec. 45 of same Chap. for the collection of same, and enacts that a statement of all fines imposed, whether collected or not, shall be returned by the Sheriff to the Prothonotary to be laid before the Court. Your Committee consider that this statement (after being approved by the Court), which is of importance to the County as verifying the accounts and shewing one source of revenue of the County, should be forwarded to the County Clerk for the information of the Finance Committee and Council.

In reference to the subject of fees to Crown Witnesses, your Committee feel that this important subject demands serious consideration. The County

Treasurer, it now appears, is required to pay these fees on the Prothonotary's certificate; and whilst the County is protected by the requirements of Sec. 63, Appendix B, it does not always appear that these requirements have been fulfilled previous to the issue of the Prothonotary's certificate. It is, therefore, recommended that a form of certificate as appended be established, and that the Treasurer be directed to make payments on this form only:

Considerable expense is saddled on the County by the postponement of the trials of cases, and your Committee feel that it is extremely unfair that this burden should be borne by the ratepayers. If the County provides means for the administration of justice, and the parties are not ready for trial at the time named, it seems but reasonable that the party at whose instance the case is postponed should bear all expenses caused by the postponement, and your Committee would urge that an application be made that the law be amended to carry out the above suggestions.

Your Committee have had a later letter from the Hon. Attorney-General submitted to them, and regret that they are unable to obtain particulars of the cases alluded to by the Hon. Attorney-General in his first letter containing the complaints. The County Treasurer has satisfied the Committee that, in many cases, the requirements of the law were not carried out, and that charges were made which were in excess of what is generally understood as admissible. If the County Treasurer exceeded his duty, he erred with a desire to save the County extra expenditure. Your Committee feel that the Council will unite with them in regretting that any discourtesy should be experienced by any gentlemen having dealings with the County officials, but feel assured that all has arisen from a misunderstanding. Your Committee trust that the suggestions they have made in reference to the new form of certificate to be sent in by the Prothonotary to the Treasurer will obviate any possibility of a recurrence of such unpleasantness.

All of which is submitted for the consideration of the Council.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE, *Chairman.*

#### PROPOSED CERTIFICATE.

A B has made affidavit that he is entitled to                      Dollars for his fees as  
a Crown Witness in the case of the Queen v.                      The Attorney-General  
has certified to his attendance under the subpoena, and that he gave evidence  
and is entitled to receive the amount claimed, which also has been approved  
by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

I certify to the correctness of the above claim as being in accordance  
with the law, and require the County Treasurer to pay the amount named.

Signed

Prothonotary.

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Councillor Jno. E. Shatford made some explanations in reference to the efforts of the Sessions to get the fines and fees rectified and paid over by the Prothonotary, without success. After remarks by Councillors Tupper and Himelman.



Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"That the Report of the Committee be adopted and referred to the new Council to deal with."

Passed.

Read a series of Resolutions from the proceedings of the Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings 1880, having the nature and force of Bye-Laws, compiled by the Clerk and approved by the Warden for the action of the Council, with the view of inserting them with the other Bye-Laws for publication.

After discussion and suggestions, moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Dean:

"That the suggestions be referred to Bye-Law Committee."

Councillor Griffin, Chairman, presented Report of Committee on Public Property, which was read, together with letter from Sheriff Bell, and Report of Dr. Woodill, Surgeon.

### Report of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

*To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee visited the jail regularly, weekly and monthly in turn, and found the prisoners carefully dealt with, the premises clean and orderly, and the jailor ever attentive.

Your Committee, in accordance with the desire of his Lordship Bishop Binney, has instructed the jailor to divide the rations for the prisoners, so as they may have three meals each day.

Your Committee has from time to time given instructions, when necessary, for the repairs of the jail building and fence, as brought to their notice, and now find, from the Report of the jailor, that the roof of the jail building is in a bad state, leaking, and probably would require a new roof of slating.

Your Committee recommend a light to be placed in the corridors of the jail building, for the accommodation of the prisoners therein, during four months of the winter season—from the first of November till the first day of March, in the evenings until nine o'clock, at which time said light is to be removed and taken away by the jailor.

Your Committee recommend that the Surgeon who attends the jail should once a week visit the jail, in addition to the times he may be sent for; and that, whenever attending, he should register his name in the book and mention anything necessary with regard to the health or condition of the inmates of the jail; also, make a written Report to the Committee half yearly.

Your Committee, in compliance with the requirements of the jail in forwarding prisoners to the Penitentiary at Dorchester, on the application of Sheriff Bell, and on his suggestion, do recommend that four pairs each of patent adjustable handcuffs and leg irons be immediately provided for such use as the Sheriff may require, and that Sheriff Bell be instructed to obtain the same.

Your Committee, from the Report of Dr. Woodill, Surgeon of the jail, would recommend that the Surgeon of the jail to be empowered to remove such patients from the jail to the hospital as he may deem fit.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

JAMES L. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*,  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
DANIEL DONOVAN.

In reply to Councillor Shatford, Councillor Griffin mentioned that the changes made were in compliance with request of the Bishop. They did not involve increased expense as to meals, nor danger or vitiation of insurance in respect to lights. Before further action Councillor Himelman asked to have existing Jail regulations examined and read.

The Chairman stated, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, that he had a partial report prepared, but a number of the Schedules asked for by the Provincial Secretary were still wanting.

The Clerk said, on receiving notice from the Government, that the Schedules must be returned without delay, he had sent a circular to that effect to all Councillors, with fresh blanks, but there were quite a number of these yet unfilled.

Councillor Ryan, Chairman, presented Report of Committee on Insane Patients, which was read.

### Report of Committee on Hospital for Insane.

Your Committee find that they have since February last committed twenty-three patients to the Hospital—ten from the City of Halifax, six from Dartmouth, and seven from the Municipality. Two of those from the City are chargeable to Government, two are paying, and two others are paying part maintenance, and one from the Municipality paying part maintenance, leaving sixteen chargeable to the County.

Your Committee have removed to the Poors' Asylum in the City, nine patients from the Hospital for Insane, and are now chargeable as poor paupers to the City of Halifax, thus relieving the County of a very heavy charge.

Your Committee have secured the services of William Taylor, Esq., J. P., to make an investigation of the charges of the Hospital against this Municipality.

Your Committee are of opinion that the charge of ten dollars to the two doctors (five dollars each) for examining a patient seeking admission to the Hospital for Insane exorbitant, and trust that the Council will take such steps as will be necessary to obtain legislation to have the fees reduced.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND RYAN,  
JAMES L. GRIFFIN.

He explained some matters in connection with it, and referred to the large expenses connected with this Service. The subject of admission fees was discussed. The general opinion of the Council was that they were too high, being \$10 for medical certificates.

On motion of Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Himelman, the Report was received.

Councillor Himelman here read that portion of the established Jail Regulations concerning lights, which, by inference, warranted the action of the Committee on Public Property in that particular.

Moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Tupper:

"That the Report of the Committee be adopted."

Passed.

Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, Chairman Committee on Public Accounts, reported verbally that he had expected to submit the Financial Statements, and had endeavored to fulfil that duty by urging the Treasurer, by letter, some weeks ago, to have the accounts audited and prepared. There was no use to summon his Committee unless there was business for them to do. The Treasurer was not yet ready, but he and the Auditors were now engaged at the Accounts.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read, and led to a general and lengthy discussion on the subject of the reserved balance. Messrs. Jno. E. Shatford, Ryan, Dean, Himelman, Dillman, Hubley, Donovan explained the necessity for extra allowances in their districts, and other points. On motion, the Report was amended by the insertion of the amounts named for District 32, \$17.00; 31, \$2.10; 20, \$4.56; 22, \$2.68.

### Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*To the Worshipful Warden and Council:*

Your Committee has carefully gone over the summary of Roads and Bridge commissions for 1880, and find the accounts very satisfactory. Only in one instance has the amount been overdrawn, namely, in District 22, to the amount of \$2.68, while three or four Districts have not yet fully drawn the amount allotted them. In the distribution of the road allowance, a balance of one hundred dollars was reserved for emergencies. There are two applications, one from District 22 for \$20 to repair a bridge, on which already there has been two accidents, and one from District 32, where a bank had fallen down and stopped the travelling on the mail road, involving an expense of \$17 00. Also \$4.36 to District No. 20, and \$2.10 for District 31. Your Committee recommend that these four amounts be allowed, and the balance carried to next years' road grant.

Your Committee regret to find that a great number of the overseers of Statute Labor have neglected to send in their returns, and would recom-

mend that the Councillors for each District notify the overseers that the returns must be sent in without delay.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, *Chairman.*  
R. E. MONK,  
JOHN E. SHATFORD.

Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Dean :

"That the Report as thus amended be adopted."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor E. Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford :

"Resolved, That all Councillors drawing money from the reserved fund, the same shall be considered as advances from next year's grant, and be charged against them as such."

Passed (two Councillors dissenting.)

On motion of Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Tupper :

"Resolved, That the Reports on the Schedules be handed to the Committee on Roads and Bridges to make up."

Passed.

Councillor Ryan addressed the Council on the subject of the indebtedness of Dartmouth, which was still unsettled and increasing, also the non-payment of assessment of 1880, and previous balances by the City of Halifax. He submitted a memo. of the Dartmouth debt, as follows:—

Due County yearly taxes 1874 to 1880, inclusive, (about \$1513 per year) for 7 years, is .....		\$10591 00
Less received on account in 1874.. ....	Nil	
" " 1875.....	\$1000 00	
" " 1876 .....	2000 00	
" " 1877.....	1500 00	
" " 1878... ..	1000 00	
" " 1879.....		
" " 1880.....	1500 00	
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		\$3591 00
School Assessment, yearly \$3263, 7 years	\$22841 00	
Cr. as Drawback for Schools, yearly \$1060, 7 years.....	7420 00	
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Total due County.....		\$19012 00

Steps should be taken to have this matter settled immediately. He thought that this could be done, and that the City, also, could be compelled to pay up at once.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford and others took part in the discussion, in which it was shown that the City Council had caused the County tax for 1880 to be levied and collected from the citizens, but that they withheld the same, in contravention of the Statute and precedent.

The following resolution by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, was moved, and passed unanimously :

*“Resolved, That Councillor Donald Archibald and Councillor Jno. E. Shatford be appointed a Committee, with power to employ an attorney, to prepare a Bill to present to the Government, asking for legislation to compel the Town of Dartmouth to pay all moneys due by said town to this Municipality.”*

On motion, the Council adjourned, to meet Monday at 11 o'clock.

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### THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, January 10th, 1881.

The Council met in the County Court Room at 11.30, Councillor Donald Archibald in the Chair.

The Roll was called. Present—Councillors Hubley, Monk, Umlah, Griffin, Burgess, Dillman, Tupper, Dean, Ryan, Guild, Belfontaine, Donovan, Himelman, O'Leary, John Smith, Jno. E. Shatford, Jas. E. Shatford—19.

Read a letter received from Dr. Ternan, complaining of the interference of the Councillor for District (No. 17) with him in the discharge of his duty as Overseer of Highways to which he had been appointed, and asking action of the Council thereon.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Ryan :

*“Resolved, That the letter of Dr. Ternan, as submitted, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.”*

Passed.

Councillor Griffin presented the Report of Committee on Bye-Laws which was read, and in connection therewith, the resolutions recommended to be added to the existing Bye-Laws as marked on the Clerk's copy. The resolutions not considered advisable to add, were also read on request. The whole were separately considered, and on the clause relating to the Poor considerable discussion took place. The dropped clauses were passed over, and the report on motion was received and passed as a whole.

## Report of the Committee on Bye-Laws.

To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee recommend all the resolutions marked thus × on the additional Bye-Laws be embodied and become Bye-Laws.

Your Committee recommend that all officers or officials shall be appointed annually by the Council.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

JAMES L. GRIFFIN.  
EDMUND RYAN.  
E. E. PURGESS.  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.  
JOHN D. TUPPER.  
WM. GUILD.

### ADDITIONAL BYE-LAWS.

Being "Resolutions" passed at the Annual Meeting and Semi-Annual Meeting of the Council, and having the nature and effect of Bye-Laws.

No. 1. See Minutes January Meeting. Page 6. "The election of County Officers shall be by ballot."

No. 2. Order of business, not fixed by Bye-Law among these for proceedings of Council. See p. 8.

#### *Order of Business.*

1. The Chairman having called the Council to order, the Clerk shall call the Roll.
2. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
3. The Warden shall state the order of the day.
4. Communications, Petitions, or Memorials to be received.
5. Unfinished Business from Warden's List.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Reconsideration of action on Motions, &c.
8. Notices of Motions.
9. New Business.

#### *Bye-Laws Relating to County Clerk.*

× "That the Clerk perform the duties heretofore performed by the Clerk of the Peace, also all duties required of him by the Council, and those laid down in section 35 and 36 of the Incorporation Act and other Statutes."

The amount of Bond to be given by the Clerk be for One Thousand Dollars.

#### *Treasurer.*

× "Resolved, That the Treasurer do all the duties contained in section 37 of the Act, and all other duties in connection therewith, as required by the Council."

× "That the Bonds of the County Treasurer be the same as formerly, Eight Thousand Dollars, currency." Passed.

× "Resolved, That the Treasurer present a statement of the Finances of the County in January of each year, for circulation among the Councillors, showing assets and disbursements of the fiscal year; and that a copy thereof be furnished to each Councillor."

× "Resolved, That the Treasurer place in a Bank to be named by the Council, all moneys that pass through his hands belonging to this Corporation, in the name of said Corporation." Passed.

× "That the funds of this Municipality be deposited by the Treasurer with the Halifax Banking Company, to be drawn as required." Passed.

#### *County Officers.*

× "Resolved, That the Warden be instructed to take charge of the bonds of the

Clerk and Treasurer, and that the same be handed down to the keeping of every succeeding Warden of the Municipality." Passed.

× "Resolved, That the Warden have power to call upon a committee of Councillors, to be nominated by him, at any time to meet, to whom can be referred any matters of emergency."

That the Warden be considered a member of all Committees *ex officio*.

*District Officers.*

× "Resolved, That all presiding officers for holding municipal elections be appointed not later than the semi-annual meeting in May. In case of a vacancy occurring among such officers before such election takes place, the Warden shall have power to fill such vacancies." Passed.

*Bye-Laws Relating to Roads and Bridges.*

× "Resolved, That the Clerk of the Council forward to the various Councillors a sufficient number of blank Returns for the expenditure of the Government money; and each Councillor appoint Commissioners and fill up such blanks; and that the Clerk shall also notify each Councillor the amount of money to the credit of their respective districts." Passed.

"Resolved, That the section of the road known as Kearney Road, about five miles in length, leading from Bedford Basin to Hammond's Plains, be included in Municipal District No. 16." Passed.

"Resolved, That all applications for Road Expenditure, Committees for appraising damages, or laying out new roads, or regulating Statute labor, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges."

"Resolved, That the Pittsburgh and N. S. Mining Company, doing business at Tangier, have permission to build a race or flume across the main road at Tangier, for the purpose of conveying water to the crusher, the bottom of said race or flume to be at least twelve feet above the road."

× "Resolved, That the license fees and fines, when expended, be drawn from the Treasurer by the sworn account of the party expending the same, who shall be appointed by the District Councillor, and the account shall be accompanied by a certificate from such Councillor that the amount has been satisfactorily expended for the benefit of Roads and Bridges."

See also Clauses 3, 4 and 6 of the January Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*Licenses.*

"That licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted by the Council, on the recommendation of the License Committee, to such persons as request them."

"That the license fee for the sale of intoxicating liquors be fixed at \$40."

"That any Acts of the late Court of Quarter Sessions conflicting with the Bye-Laws of this Council are hereby declared null and void."

*Assessments.*

× "That as soon as the Assessment Roll is handed to the Councillors for the different districts, they be at once handed over to the Collectors for immediate collection."

"Resolved, That any Councillor who requires three Assessors in his district shall have power to appoint them." Passed.

*The Poor.*

× "Resolved, That in all cases when Poor Rates are collected, the Treasurer of the Overseers of the Poor for the Section be required to give bonds for double the amount of such sum as may be held by him, the said bonds to be filed with the Clerk of the County; and the Overseers of every District shall be required to report to the Council, at the January meeting, a full account of the year's proceedings. The Bond to be approved by the Councillor of District."

Councillor Griffin begged to enquire of the Councillor for District 36 whether he had obtained a special allowance of \$50 for roads in his District by or through one of the County members.

The enquiry elicited a lengthy debate, in which such a course was strongly reprobated as infringing the prerogatives of the Municipal Councils, leading to confusion and tending to a reduction of the fund for Roads and Bridges the succeeding year.

Councillor Smith replied that he could not state where the money came from. He had applied to the Warden and Clerk for \$50 extra for a bad road, and it was refused. He then went to Mr Harrington, and the money was obtained. He did not think it would be taken out of next Grant.

Councillor Himelman referred to the subject of extra allowance to Assessors in certain cases, and handed in a claim from Assessors of District 33 for 5 days' extra duty.

A discussion followed, in which the whole subject of the duties and pay of Assessors was considered, also the number of them for each District. The Chairman read the Sections from the Local Act (1862), and the Clerk pointed out the clauses in Chap. 21, Rev. Stat. (of County Assessments) bearing on points not provided for in the Local Act referring to duties neglected by most Assessors. From the printed proceedings, the course pursued last year was quoted, and Messrs. Jno. Shatford and Ryan cited the County Incorporation Act and Amendment thereto.

Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the remuneration for the services of Assessors having been arranged at a former meeting of this Council, no extra allowances be granted."

Passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, January 10th, 1881.

The Council met in the County Court Room at 4.30. Present, the Chairman and 14 Councillors.

The Minutes were read and passed. The Chairman of Finance Committee reported progress. The accounts would not be ready until Tuesday morning.

The Report of Committee of Public Property on the County Jail was submitted by the Chairman, Councillor Griffin, including that of Mr. Chambers, the Jailor, for the term from May to December 31st. During that time the persons incarcerated were 162 criminals, 165 debtors. Total, 327. At present there were in the Jail 11 criminals, 5 debtors=16. Of the criminals, 24 were sentenced for larceny, 32 for assaults, 38 for drunkenness, and the remainder for petty crimes and misdemeanors. The committals were from the following Courts for the year 1880:—

From City Courts, 200; Supreme and County Courts, 105; Dartmouth,



32; County Magistrates, 78; Coroner, 1. Total, 476. During the year the fees received for board of military prisoners and room rent was \$78.34.

### Report of Committee on Public Property, Enclosing Jailor's Report.

*To the Municipal Council, County of Halifax:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Property having examined carefully the Report of the Jailor for year ending December 31st, and finding it correct, report favorably on the same.

J. L. GRIFFIN.  
EDMUND RYAN.  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

After some conversation respecting the large number of committals from the City, some of which should have been made to the City Prison, it was moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Monk,

"That the Jailor's Report be received and handed to the Committee to annex to their General Report."

Moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan:

"Resolved, That all accounts against the County be made up to and rendered not later than 31st December, instead of 30th November, as hitherto, in each year, and payable thereafter."

Passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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## FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 11th, 1881.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Present, the Chairman and 22 Councillors. Reading of Minutes deferred.

The Chairman called for the Report of Finance Committee, which was submitted by the Chairman, Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, who, with Councillor Hubley, spoke favorably of the assistance of the Clerk and the satisfactory manner in which the business of the County entrusted to him was carried out and presented to the Council.

## Report of the Committee on Public Accounts and Finance, December 31st, 1880.

To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County Council:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the County Treasurer, from 30th November, 1879, to 31st December, 1880, and have found them to be correct. In order to comply with the requirements of the Act of Incorporation, the Committee have had to bring all expenditures down to the latter date, making the actual term 13 months, as the accounts made up under the Sessions by the Grand Jury of 1879 were only to the close of November of that year.

We have made up a statement of Assets and Liabilities of the County, of which the following is a succinct account:—

LIABILITIES.	
Lunatic Asylum .....	\$27623 37
Jail Accounts .....	618 20
Court House .....	332 80
Coroners and Medical Services .....	400 00
Grand Jury and their Secretary .....	192 00
Salary of Clerk, 2½ months, to Dec. 31st .....	190 00
Revisors and Assessors .....	105 00
County Constables .....	39 50
Constable Supreme Court .....	53 00
Printing and Stationery .....	122 65
Municipal Election Expenses, Nov. 1880 .....	183 76
Contingent Expenses .....	226 25
Sheriff Bell, Sundry Expenses .....	76 05
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$30212 58</b>
ASSETS.	
Balance due by City of Halifax .....	\$27981 00
Cash Balance in Bank .....	6779 74
Due by Rural Districts .....	1800 00
Amount due by Dartmouth .....	19094 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$55654 71</b>
Balance due County .....	\$25442 13
Due Local Government as advance on account of Dartmouth...	7137 61
<b>Nett Balance.....</b>	<b>\$18304 52</b>

Your Committee strongly recommend that some prompt action be taken in regard to the collection of the amount due by the City of Halifax. They feel that they will be unable to pay anything on account of amount due the Lunatic Asylum, until they receive the amount due from the City,

as the greater portion of that account is due on behalf of Lunatic Paupers from the City and Dartmouth.

Your Committee are of opinion also, that in the accounts rendered by the Board of Public Charities, there are a number of Patients charged to this County who have no settlement therein, and the charges for these should be deducted,

In order to ascertain this definitely, Wm. Taylor, Esq., has been employed to investigate the claims of said Patients upon the County, and report to the Council at their May Session.

It will be seen by the above statement of Liabilities and Assets that the balance, though large, is not at present available. That part of it, which appears as cash, will be required to meet the current exigencies of the Municipality before the yearly assessments can be again collected from the several Districts.

With reference to the legacy left to us by our predecessors in the form of the debt due by Dartmouth, it must be specially noted that there is being added to it a large sum yearly, and in order to adjust the same your Committee, while relying fully upon the promise of the Government to the Committee appointed to confer with it last May to provide legislation to enable the County Council to collect the amount due, yet feel that before calling for such legislation it would be desirable to ask the Town Council of Dartmouth to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this Council with a view to an amicable settlement of the whole matter.

It is hoped that the suggestions made by the Committee on Jury fines and fees in their report may be carried into effect so that the large outlay for Jurors and Witnesses fees hitherto, may be obviated, and the amount yearly saved the County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*  
DONALD ARCHIBALD,  
JOHN E. SHATFORD.

Remarks were made upon the debts due by the City and Dartmouth. Councillor Shatford explained matters in connection with the claim against the latter.

Moved by Councillor Himelman,

"That the Report of the Finance Committee be received and approved."

Seconded by Councillor Tupper, and passed.

Councillor Himelman submitted the Jailor's Report for 1880, a synopsis of which was read Monday afternoon. Being too lengthy, the reading was deferred.

Councillor Ryan, in reply to a question, explained as to the right of

the City to the use of the County Jail, and Messrs. Hubley, Jno. E. Shatford, Himelman, Jas. E. Shatford and N. Hayes, Jr., discussed the subject.

The Report was then adopted.

Councillor Griffin (Chairman) submitted Report of Committee on Assessments, which was read.

### Report of the Committee on Assessments for 1880.

*To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee cannot recommend any reduction in the taxes of Benjamin Colp, in District No. 32 on the ground that his property has been valued by three sworn Assessors, and which, in our opinion, is entitled to credit in preference to the appellant; therefore, do sustain the assessment of District No. 32.

Your Committee also beg to state that we cannot recommend any reduction in the assessed value of Henry Wisdom's taxes, as he is not present, neither is his petition accompanied by affidavit; therefore, do sustain the assessment of District No. 30.

Your Committee on receiving a communication from W. D. Sutherland, Esq., in reference to his assessment on gold areas, cannot recommend any reduction in his taxes for reasons as above, he (the appellant) not being present to state grievances on oath; therefore, do sustain the assessment of District No. 31.

By resolution of the May Session, the following action was taken with respect to District No. 11 in reference to a correspondence with the Assessors of said District, respecting sending back the assessment roll for revision. We find that they responded to the request of your worshipful Council, by adding to the assessment roll the sum of \$16,000, thereby rectifying their previous return and establishing the decision of the Council that there existed a necessity for the revision.—

A lengthy correspondence took place between the County and City authorities on the subject of the valuation return which, by law, the Mayor should make annually to the Clerk, in order to make up the assessment for the whole County. The correspondence can be at any time examined. It is at present only necessary to say that, under the advice of the Attorney-General, the valuation last obtained from the city was taken, and the assessment based accordingly. On the amount of assessments being furnished to the City Council, that body notified the Clerk of their refusal to accept it. It is, however, a curious commentary on their own conclusion respecting it, that the city proceeded to assess the citizens at the rate named by the County, and have collected a large portion of the amount, but instead of paying over the sum, as the Statute requires, to the County Treasurer, they have retained and devoted it to city purposes, and the County so far has not received one dollar of it.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

JAMES L. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

The memorials of W. Sutherland, H. Wisdom and B. Colp were enclosed; also letter of Assessors of District 11.

The Clerk mentioned that a large number of appeals against over valuation had been received, and either allowed or rejected on consulting with Assessors and the Warden; also explained the late issue of the Assessment Rolls was in consequence of the City refusing to give or accept the valuation required by law. A large amount of correspondence was submitted relating thereto.

After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford,

"That the Report, with the Petitions enclosed therein, be all referred to the new Council."

Passed.

The Clerk, as acting Sheriff, appointed 2 o'clock instead of 12 for the meeting of the new Council.

Councillor Monk, on retiring, expressed his thanks for the pleasant and satisfactory intercourse he had experienced with all members of Council and wished them success.

The Council was then dissolved.

# SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF

## The Municipal Council

OF

### THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

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#### FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, January 11th, 1881.

Pursuant to Statute and the notices of the Clerk of the County, the Councillors met in the West Court Room of the County Court House, at 2 o'clock p. m., this day.

The Clerk read the Proclamation and Election Notices, and being by law authorized to act as Sheriff and Chairman *pro tem.*, produced the Ballot Boxes, Presiding Officers' Returns and Poll Books, and declared the following gentlemen duly elected Councillors for the term of two years, as follows :

District.	Address.
7. John Hays, J. P. ....	Herring Cove.
8. James Fitzgerald .....	Portuguese Cove.
9. John Tough .....	Sambro.
10. W. B. Christian, J. P. ....	Upper Prospect.
11. James E. Shatford, J. P. ....	Indian Harbour.
12. Alvan Hubley .....	French Village.
13. Geo. Umlah .....	Spryfield.
14. B. W. Chipman .....	N. W. Arm, or Halifax.
15. E. E. Burgess, J. P. ....	Bedford (4-Mile House).
16. Norman Hays, Jr., J. P. ....	Hammonds Plains.
17. Joseph Hamilton, J. P. ....	Bedford.
18. Col. Laurie, J. P. ....	Oakfield.
19. G. H. Madill, J. P. ....	Milford.
20. Danl. Dillman .....	Meagher's Grant.
21. John D. Tupper, J. P. ....	Middle Musquodoboit.

22. Adam Dean, J. P ..... Upper Musquodoboit.
23. Edmund Ryan, J. P ..... Lower Prospect.
24. Solomon Fancy ..... Moser's River,
25. David W. Archibald, J. P..... Sheet Harbor,
26. George A. Leslie, J. P ..... Spry Bay,
27. William Guild ..... Head of Jeddore,
28. John Lapierre, J. P ..... Chezzetcook,
29. James Crook ..... Lawrencetown,
30. James L. Griffin, J. P ..... Preston,
31. John G. Bisset, J. P ..... Cole Harbor,
32. John E. Shatford, J. P..... Hubbard's Cove,
33. Joseph Himelman ..... Eastern Passage.
34. Thomas O'Leary..... West Quoddy,
35. Donald Archibald, J. P..... Little River,
36. Geo. Rowlings, J. P..... Musquodoboit Harbour.

The Councillors being all present except Col. Laurie, took the Oath of Allegiance and Office, and signed the Roll.

The Clerk congratulated the meeting on the large number of the first Council elected to serve again, welcomed the new members, alluded to the absence of the late Warden, Col. Laurie, and stated that a letter from him would be submitted to the Council. He also referred to a remark that he had omitted his own name from the officials to be elected. Neither the Law nor the Council had fixed his tenure of office, but he would now make application for re-appointment. In order to hasten organization and resume his special duties, he requested that a chairman be appointed.

*Moved*, That Councillor John E. Shatford take the Chair.

Passed.

Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes, moved that Councillor Donald Archibald be Warden.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford took the Chair.

An enquiry was made as to the term of office of the Warden, whether for the year or the whole term. The Clerk read the 3rd and 4th Sections of the Incorporation Act, by which the Warden holds office until next Municipal Election takes place.

*Moved* by Councillor Guild, seconded by Councillor Tupper :

*"Resolved*, That Donald Archibald, Esq., be appointed Warden of this County for the term appointed by Law."

*Passed* unanimously.

Councillor Archibald then took the Chair, and expressed his thanks for the honor, which had taken him by surprise. Referring to the satisfactory fulfilment of the duty by the late Warden, he would endeavour to carry

port the wishes of the Council and the requirements of the position to the best of his ability.

The following applications were submitted by the Clerk and laid on the table :—

*For County Clerk*—W. H. Wiswell ; *for County Treasurer*—Wm. Evans ; *for Surgeon to Jail*—Drs. Cowie and Trenaman ; *for Keeper of Court House*—Jas B Sentell ; *for County Constables*—D. Webber, John Sullivan, Thos A James, John Murphy, H. K. Murphy, R. J. Lehan, P. A. Fredericson, M. Byrnes.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford,

“That W. H. Wiswell be County Clerk for the present year.”

Passed unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Hamilton,

“That the Clerk's salary be \$1000.”

Passed.

After some complimentary remarks, referring to the Clerk and the extent of his work and duties, it was moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Jno E. Shatford :

“Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Clerk of this Municipality for his untiring efforts to promote the welfare of this Council and the interests of the County generally.”

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford stated that he held an application from Wm. Evans, Esq, for the position of County Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin,

“That this Council re-appoint Wm. Evans, Esq, as County Treasurer for the coming year.”

Passed unanimously.

The following vote of thanks was moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Leslie :

“Resolved, That this Council pass a vote of thanks to the late Warden, Col. J. W. Laurie, for the able and diligent manner in which he filled that office, and that the Clerk be directed to forward to him a copy of this resolution.”

Passed unanimously.

Some discussion followed in reference to the amount of salary which should be attached to the office of Treasurer.



Moved by Councillor Hamiltan, seconded by Councillor Madill,

"That the salary of County Treasurer be fixed at Six Hundred Dollars for present year, with an addition of Two Hundred Dollars for services as Stipendiary."

Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin, moved in amendment,

"That the salary of the Treasurer for coming year be One Thousand Dollars."

The amendment on being put, passed 19 to 3, some not voting.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford,

"That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Treasurer for his arduous and untiring efforts on behalf of the financial interests of the County."

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Leslie, Councillors D. W. Archibald, Tupper, Ryan, Jno. E. Shatford and Leslie were appointed a special committee to nominate the Standing Committees and report next meeting. Passed.

The Warden submitted the applications for Surgeon to Jail, and for County Constables, which were read.

Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Tupper,

"That Dr. Thos. Trenaman be Surgeon to the County Jail for the current year."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor B. W. Chipman,

"That D. Webber be County Constable for present year at same salary as formerly (\$200).

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Dean :

"That Hon. P. C. Hill and J. C. P. Frazee be County Auditors for the present year."

Passed.

The remaining applications to be referred to Committee of Public Property.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, January 12th.

The Council met in the West Court Room at 10 o'clock.

Roll was called ; Warden and 28 members present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read.

In reply to Councillor Dean, the Clerk reiterated the vote respecting salary of Treasurer—19 to 3.

The Minutes were confirmed.

The Clerk and Treasurer were sworn into office by Councillor Ryan.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford enquired whether the report was correct in the newspapers that the Assessment Committee had rejected all the petitions of parties who appealed against their valuations ?

The Warden, referring to their Report, read the Resolution transmitting it to Committee of new Council.

Councillor Shatford also enquired whether the Bye-Laws had been sanctioned by the Government, and if so, considered that they should be acted upon. He complained of interruption by a Councillor whilst addressing the Chair.

The Clerk replied that the Bye-Laws, as last amended in May, had been so approved, and were now in force.

The Treasurer, in reference to the appointment of P. A. Frederickson as a County Constable, begged to remark that such officers should be appointed as would do the work of the County when required. This man had refused to serve processes, on the plea that he was engaged in duties connected with the Sheriff's office.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford :

“That the appointment of P. A. Frederickson, as County Constable, be rescinded.

Passed.

The Warden asked leave of absence. Councillor Ryan, on motion, took the Chair.

Councillor D. W. Archibald (Chairman) presented Report of Committee on Nominations of Standing Committees 1881.

The Clerk read the Report.

Councillor Rowlings, seconded by Councillor Lapierre, moved :

"That Councillor Griffin's name be added to Committee on Licenses."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Dean :

"That the several Standing Committees be read and passed separately.

Passed.

The Report of the Committee on the Standing Committees was then adopted as a whole, as below :—

### Report of Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.

The Committee submit the following list of names to constitute the different Standing Committees for the ensuing year. They recommend the first named on each Committee to be Chairman thereof ; also, recommend that any Special Committee be named by the whole Council.

(Signed)

D. W. ARCHIBALD,  
Chairman.

### Standing Committees, 1881.

*Public Accounts and Finances*—John E. Shatford, B. W. Chipman, D. W. Archibald, Edmund Ryan, G. A. Leslie.

*Public Property and Tenders*—J. L. Griffin, B. W. Chipman, Jos. Himmelman, Norman Hayes, John G. Bissett, Edmund Ryan.

*Licenses*—E. E. Burgess, James Crook, Joseph Hamilton, James E. Shatford, Geo. Madill, J. L. Griffin.

*Roads and Bridges*—John E. Shatford, G. A. Leslie, J. D. Tupper, Wm. B. Christian, Geo. Madill.

*Assessments*—Wm. Guild, Thomas O'Leary, Adam Dean, A. Hubley, John Hayes.

*Lunatic Asylum*—B. W. Chipman, Edmund Ryan, George Rowlings, J. L. Griffin, Joseph Himmelman.

*Law Amendments*—James E. Shatford, J. L. Griffin, G. A. Leslie, D. W. Archibald, Wm. Guild.

*Jury Lists*—B. W. Chipman, E. E. Burgess, Edmund Ryan, J. L. Griffin, J. D. Tupper.

*Poor*—Geo. Rowlings, Wm. Guild, Adam Dean, John G. Bissett, Jas. Fitzgerald.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Dean :

"That the Special Committees for this Council be now appointed."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin :

"That the Warden, Councillors Jno. E. Shatford and Ryan be a Committee to confer with Dartmouth to arrange the financial position of the two Corporations, and that the Clerk at once notify the Warden of Dartmouth that a conference is desired, and request a reply."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Burgess :

"That Councillors Chipman, Leslie, Dean, Jas. E. Shatford, and D. W. Archibald be a Committee on Bye-Laws."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Dean :

"Resolved, That the Clerk and Treasurer's Bonds be same as last year, viz. : Clerk, \$1000; Treasurer, \$8000."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Rowlings :

"Resolved, That the Committee on Bye-Laws be empowered to define the duties of the Committee on Poor."

Passed.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Col. Laurie, referring to business of the past year, and offering some practical suggestions for the consideration of the present Council.

The letter was read, and on motion of Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Jas. E. Shatford :

"That the recommendations contained in the letter from the late Warden be received and published with the proceedings of this meeting of Council."

Passed.

### Letter from Col. Laurie.

London, December 29th, 1880.

*Gentlemen of the Municipal Council :*

In closing the first year of our existence as a Municipality and in vacating the office of Warden, I feel that I may offer you my hearty congratulations on the manner in which the work of the Council has been carried on. Whilst assembled with an earnest desire to discharge our work to the best of our ability, thorough harmony has characterized our proceedings, and I cannot recall a single harsh word or unpleasant incident at any of our meetings. Party differences in Provincial or Dominion matters have been entirely put aside in dealing with County affairs, and each and all

have cheerfully undertaken any work, in Committee or otherwise, that may have been assigned to them by the Council.

I much regret that a severe attack of illness has incapacitated me during a large part of the year from taking such an active part as I could have wished in the work of the Municipality; hence I have little especially to report to you, but I feel it my duty to submit various matters for your consideration, and possibly, if so deemed advisable, for your action.

In my enforced absence I have placed the Bonds of the County Clerk and Treasurer in the hands of the President of the Halifax Banking Company for safe keeping, and to be delivered by him to the incoming Warden.

In carrying out the provisions of the Municipal Act, you will have found out any weak point or deficiencies, and it will be well that any proposed amendments should be well considered at the present meeting and a strong Committee named who would press the alterations you would suggest on the Provincial Legislature at the ensuing session.

Much of the real work of the County is done by the several Committees during the year; their reports will be laid before you and will, I believe, shew that they have faithfully discharged their responsible tasks.

In accordance with your instructions, I addressed the Government, requesting the appointment of Commissioners in whom the title to the Court House should vest, but, beyond correspondence which will be laid before you, no action has been taken. In view of the financial position of the County, to be considered later, no action has been taken in relation to alteration of the room selected as a County Council Chamber.

As the City of Halifax has taken no decided step toward the settlement of the outstanding account, nearly \$28,000, for County Taxes, actually collected or in process of collection by it, being now due to the Municipality, and as the County is thereby incapacitated from discharging its liabilities, I by your authority placed the matter in the hands of the Honorable the Attorney-General, as our legal adviser, for collection; a comparatively small sum has been paid over on account and the public services have been so far maintained without incurring the authorised loan, for which, however, I obtained the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and made arrangements with the Halifax Banking Company to furnish the funds as required.

No progress has been made in the Dartmouth matter, which remains as reported to you last year. Our financial position demands your most serious consideration. Some steps must be taken, first to enforce the law as it at present stands, and then so to re-organize that this, or similar trouble, shall not arise in future.

I see no better plan than that suggested by me last Session, that the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth shall be set apart as separate Municipalities for all purposes, and that the rural portions of the County shall be divided into an Eastern and Western District.

The most important part of our duty is to provide the ways and means for the ordinary services of the County, of which the most pressing is the maintenance of the means of communication, and as the Provincial Road

Grant diminishes, greater care must be exercised that the amount allowed to us is economically and judiciously expended, and that the burden of providing the remainder is equitably distributed.

First, therefore, it is important that property shall be fairly and equally appraised; you will recollect that in this the present system has not been found to work satisfactorily.

Secondly, that the taxes actually assessed on property should be collected; at present our Collectors are bound in penalties to pay over whatever they actually collect, but no obligation is imposed on them to press the collection of the taxes, consequently considerable amounts annually remain uncollected; to remedy this, the Collectors' duties might be more strictly defined.

Councillor D. W. Archibald's resolution of last year, providing for the preparation of the electoral lists from the assessment of the same year, and solely on the valuation made and taxes paid, would at least secure that those who exercised the franchise contributed in due proportion to the County funds.

By carrying out the instructions as prescribed at page 46 of the printed proceedings of May last, and posting up the Assessors' lists of valuation of property, their work will be subjected to the criticism of the community, and a fairer and more equitable appraisement be made.

The County funds also suffer serious loss from the difficulty of collecting the taxes from non resident land owners, and some readier means than those at present provided under statute are required to facilitate the collection.

The system of furnishing a varying number of days' labour for maintenance of roads is also extremely unsatisfactory. In this case the statutory provision is that *eight hours* work shall be counted a day's labour, or a commutation of 50 cents be paid in lieu of each such day's work. Reference to the returns of Overseers of Statute Labour will shew that, in more than one case, the parties paid in the commutation fee of 50 cents, and were then employed a day of *ten hours* for \$1 25. Further, so many exemptions from this service are allowed, that, in some districts hardly any road work is performed. All exemptions should be abolished, as recommended by this Council last year, and I believe it is fully time that the road tax should be collected in cash, on *all property*, and expended under the orders of the Council, and that it should be so expended in the District in which the property is situate.

Section 6 of Chap. 21 would imply that the *property* should pay the Statute Labour, &c., but the law is generally interpreted according to Sec. 3 of same Chap., that it is only a *male* possessing the property who can be called on to furnish the labour, or pay the commutation fee, and then only in the District in which he *resides*. (See Sec. 20).

Under the present general interpretation of the law, all the Statute Labour due from non-resident property is therefore virtually lost. We are thus brought back to the subject of non-resident property holders; their properties lie generally unimproved and unproductive; they contribute very little, if anything, to the County Funds and Poor Rates; nothing whatever as a general thing to School Rates or Road work; held in this way,

they are obstacles to the development of the County; the bona fide settlers are forced to take up land far from roads, and almost inaccessible to market; the public funds are frittered away in opening up new roads to their clearings; whilst miles of road are maintained through wilderness land thus held. In some of the Western States of the American Union, wilderness lands thus held are saddled with double taxation for all municipal purposes; whilst in Ontario the owners are afforded reasonable opportunities of paying the taxes assessed on them, but if they fail or neglect to do so for three years, the property is put up to auction, and can thus at once be bought and brought into cultivation; a very decided improvement on the method prescribed in our law, of first stripping the land of its timber and poles, thus rendering it valueless to the back-woods pioneer, and then selling it in portions.

When these tracts of land were originally granted, the grants were probably accompanied by some conditions implied or expressed as to improvement and settlement; and as no steps have been taken to this end, the lands should surely revert to the Province and be open for regranteeing and settlement.

If the Crown Lands of each County were transferred to the Municipality, with all the records and maps I believe that active Committees from the Councils would take up this whole subject, and would thus open up vast tracts of lands for settlement, thus increasing the population without seriously increasing the expenditure, and a revenue would thus undoubtedly accrue from the sale of these lands.

I am aware that in making this proposition I am reverting to an idea formerly expressed by me, that the County Councils might very economically discharge much of the work now allotted to the Provincial Government. Equally I can see no reason why, if it was possible to assimilate the Criminal law of the Dominion and take its administration into the hands of the General Parliament, the civil law could not equally be consolidated and administered under the same authority, our Magistrates would then obtain all their authority from the one source and be responsible to the one head.

The withdrawal of these duties from our Provincial Legislature would leave it so short of work that it would soon be recognized that but little reason remained for its continued existence, and the present Dominion subsidy could be paid over directly to the several Counties, which, thus receiving from \$20,000 to \$25,000 yearly, could readily assume their share of what all now know as Provincial charges—Education, Hospital for Insane and Poores' Asylum.

All this must come before you for thought now, and for action in the not distant future. I therefore offer you these ideas now that we may be the better prepared to deal with this subject when it ripens so as to be dealt with.

As Town meetings for the Poor are abolished, it is desirable that a Standing Committee should be appointed to receive the reports and examine the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor; these reports and accounts should be published for the information of the rate-payers; and it

would be well if the Committee would fully consider the working, and suggest any improvements they deem desirable in the method of dealing with the poor. Books have been supplied to the Overseers and a regular system can now be established and followed up.

It will be found that in some cases considerable sums remain in the hands of the Overseers, and a more preferable plan would certainly be that the amounts assessed on, and collected in Districts, should be paid over by the Collector to the County Treasurer with the County Rates, and be placed by him to the credit of the particular District, and such sums as are from time to time actually required could be drawn by orders from the Overseers.

Resolutions, establishing Standing Regulations, are, from time to time, passed at our meetings; these are virtually Bye Laws, and as such should be submitted for approval and embodied in our Bye Laws.

In regard to the Jail, the regulations now in force might well be reconsidered. A fixed hour for admission might well be established, especially for prisoners from other lock-ups; and as a new medical officer is now to be appointed, it seems very desirable that his duties might be more defined. It seems but right, and following the practice pursued everywhere else that all prisoners on admission should be subjected to a medical examination, as it is manifestly improper that, by the compulsory association incident to imprisonment, contagious diseases should be imparted. The regulations, when so considered, must be submitted for the approval of the Judges of the Supreme Court. Dr. Woodill having resigned the Jail Surgery, on removal from the Province, it will be necessary to appoint a new medical officer, and I hand in an application from Dr. Trenaman, the only one I have received.

It would be well that the contracts for Jail Supplies should terminate with the calendar quarter, so that the accounts could be closed at the end of the year.

As the Jailor and Turnkey are paid by the County, and are under the supervision of a Committee of Council, it seems fitting that they should be appointed by the Council and not by the Sheriff as at present. I believe the present Jailor attends to his duties with satisfaction to the Jail Committee, but occasion might arise when, in the interests of the rate-payers, the authority of the Council might require to be asserted, and it would be better that the alteration should be made now when all was smooth.

Regulations defining the duties of the Jailor and any other officials paid by the County and employed in the County buildings, should also be framed and enforced under the supervision of the appropriate Committee.

Again expressing regret at my unavoidable absence from your deliberations, and feeling assured that the interests of the District I represent, as well as of the whole County, will receive your fullest attention,

I remain your obedient servant,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Warden, County of Halifax.



The following Resolution was moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald seconded by Councillor Guild :

"Resolved, That in consideration of the excessive amount of labor imposed upon the Clerk, that he be authorized to employ assistance during each Session of the Council, such assistance to be paid out of County funds."

In the conversation which followed the Clerk said that at certain times it was impossible for him, though working 12 to 14 hours per day, to undertake the work of the three positions held by him, and the salary of \$1 000 did not admit of his employing an assistant. His predecessor, holding but one office, was paid \$1,400 and extras, and had to have a clerk constantly. The Government had added new functions to the office of County Clerk, but did not provide any pay.

Moved in amendment by Councillor Chipman, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes, Jr. :

"That the Clerk have power to employ an assistant during the Sessions, or if required, at a salary of not more than fifty dollars per annum."

The amendment passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Fancy :

"Resolved, That any sums the County Clerk had to pay out of his salary during the past year for an Assistant, shall be made good to him out of County funds."

Passed.

The Warden submitted a letter and Memorial received from the Warden of Antigonish County, relative to a reduction of the representation and expenses of the House of Assembly, and the abolition of the Legislative Council, and recommending united action of all the Municipalities thereon.

After brief discussion, a motion to take action in the matter was superseded by an amendment moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan :

"Resolved, That the documents just read be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments to report upon."

Amendment passed—16 to 11.

Read a letter from J. A. Mann, Esq., Hon. Secretary Halifax Cotton and Woollen Mills Company, enclosing their Prospectus, and asking exemption from all County Taxes for thirty years.

On motion of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Griffin, the letter was referred to the Finance Committee to report upon to the Council.

Read a letter from the Chief Justice, referring to the necessity of increased court room accommodation, and being reply to one from the County Clerk prior to the meeting of Council, asking that the West Court Room be granted for that purpose, as formerly to the Quarter Sessions,

the County Incorporation Act requiring the Council to meet in the Court House in January and May. The Clerk detailed a conversation on the same subject with his Lordship and the County Court Judge, but nothing definite resulted. Finding the room unoccupied for the present, he had named it as the place of meeting, but could not say when they might be called upon to vacate it, to make room for the Equity or some other Court

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Hubley:

"That the letter lie on the table."

Passed.

Councillor Tupper presented a petition from P. R. Clarke, collector of taxes for District 21, asking that, having collected all the amounts in full for the past year, he be paid the extra  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. under such circumstances allowable by law. A discussion arose on the possibility of, by so granting the addition, establishing a dangerous precedent, inasmuch as collectors would be tempted in many instances to pay small accounts outstanding themselves in order to gain the additional  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. They might as well offer a premium for all public officers for faithfully performing their duty. It was stated in favor of the petition that such additional grant was perfectly allowable by law, had always been paid, was a fair and proper incentive to faithful and complete work, and thereby largely beneficial to the County.

The Warden read the section from Revised Statutes, 4th Series, Chap. 21.

Moved by Councillor Joseph Himelman, seconded by Councillor John D. Tupper:

"That  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. be allowed to all collectors who have collected the whole amount of assessment in their several districts for the past year, 1880."

Moved in amendment by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Jas. L. Griffin:

"That this Council give no extra allowance to collectors in the future."

Amendment carried, 14 to 10.

On motion, resolved:

"That the applications for position of County Constables not passed upon yesterday be referred to Committee on Public Property."

The Council adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, January 12, 1881.

The Council met at 2.20.

Present—the Warden and 28 Councillors.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

The Warden submitted and the Clerk read a correspondence in May last between the Hon. Provincial Secretary, the Warden, County Clerk, and Hon. Attorney-General, on the subject of legislation promised by the Government in the Dartmouth case. The Provincial Secretary declines to proceed in the matter on the ground that the Court had not definitely decided the points brought up and that judgment had not been entered up as he had understood from the conference with the Special Committee of the Council.

After some explanations by the Clerk, the correspondence was ordered to lie on the table for further consideration.

Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Dean, submitted the following resolution, which was read :

*“Whereas*, This Council has, on various occasions, felt the necessity of having a legal adviser, as is usual with all such bodies ;

*“And Whereas*, The unsettled state of affairs now existing between this Council and the Municipalities of the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth will necessitate the services of a legal gentleman in order to carry out the resolutions of this Council ;

*“Therefore Resolved*, That this Council engage a legal adviser for one year, with the same duties to perform and under the same regulations as the Recorder of the City of Halifax, and that this Council regulate the salary to be paid him.”

The mover made some remarks in connection, and read from the City Laws and Ordinances the functions and services of the Recorder, who acts in the capacity referred to above.

The discussion was continued by Councillors Griffin, Hubley, John E. Shatford, Ryan, Chipman, Himelman and others.

A resolution to defer the matter to May was moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Griffin, and by consent of the seconder afterwards withdrawn.

It was then moved by Councillor Chipman, seconded by Councillor Leslie :

*“That Councillor Shatford’s Resolution remain over until to-morrow, and that the Clerk meantime ascertain from the several attorneys during the past year the amount of their claims against the Corporation.”*

Passed.

Read a letter from P. A. Fredericson, being a reply to the statement of the County Treasurer that he had refused to perform his duty as County Constable, and asking that the charges be investigated, his appointment rescinded.

Moved by Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Himelman :

"That Councillors Jno. E. Shatford, Griffin and Ryan be appointed a Committee to investigate the charges brought against Mr. Frederickson by Justice Evans."

Passed.

Read a draft of an Act recommended by the Committee on Education, to be submitted to the next session of the Provincial Legislature, relating to the education of children at the Halifax Blind Asylum, and the defraying of expenses of poor blind children while at the institution by the District or County to which they belonged.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Dean, it was referred to the Committee on Laws and Amendments.

The Warden requested the Clerk to submit and read the correspondence between the late Warden, County Clerk, Hon. Prov. Secretary and Hon. Attorney-General on the title to the Court House, and vesting it and the Jail in Commissioners as required by Law.

From this correspondence, it appears that the public property of the County has not been vested as required by the Act of 1864 in any persons, but simply supervised and managed by a Committee of the Sessions and Council. No Commissioners were nominated by the Governor in Council nor appointed since the decease of the members of the first Board. The Hon. Attorney-General opines that the investment cannot be made in the Warden, the Chairman of Public Property and the Chairman of Finance Committees, by official designation as requested, and on the names of certain Councillors being given, raises the objection that changes in the Council would probably result in the Councillors being removed, &c. The Act thus expounded is inoperative and the appointments cannot be made.

On motion, the correspondence was ordered to lie on the table.

Councillor Chipman, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, moved :

"That the Legislature be asked to change the time of the semi-annual meeting of this Council to the third Tuesday in April instead of in the month of May, as heretofore."

The motion was received and referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

The Council adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

## THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 13, 1881.

The Council met at 10 o'clock.

The Roll was called,—the Warden and 28 Councillors present.

The Minutes were read. Considerable time was spent discussing the number of votes on the Treasurer's salary, Councillor Dean claiming there were 6 instead of 3 voting against the higher salary. The majority decided that the Minutes were passed yesterday and should stand confirmed.

Councillor John E. Shatford, Chairman, presented Report of Committee appointed to investigate the complaint of P. A. Fredericson on the statement made against him by the County Treasurer, as follows:

### Report of Committee on Complaint of Mr. P. A. Fredericson.

Your Committee after a careful consideration of the charge, consider the office held by Mr. Fredericson as Deputy Sheriff is quite sufficient, and as his time is wholly occupied as such, he cannot conveniently attend to the duties of County Constable.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
JAMES L. GRIFFIN.

Moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Hubley:

*“Resolved, That the Report be adopted.”*

Councillor John E. Shatford presented the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, which was read and discussed.

### Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Your Committee beg to report that they have gone carefully over the Road and Bridge appropriations, and find that there should be to the credit of this Municipality in the Provincial Treasury the sum of \$179 59, of which sum \$55.84 remains to the credit of some of the Districts, long undrawn by the Councillors of said districts to which it was appropriated. The balance is the amount reserved last May for cases of emergency, none of which was drawn. Your Committee have also gone carefully over the schedules of the various Districts. They furnish a statement of the number of bridges 20 feet span and upwards, with the aggregate length in feet. Also the number of miles of post roads and second class roads, as contained in

the Schedules, which can be sent to the Government for any further information they need in reference thereto.

Your Committee had also laid before them a bill of \$5.50 from District No. 26, for repairs to roads and bridges. Also one from No. 21 for \$4 for the same service. Also one from No. 25 of \$7.50 for the same service. All of which they recommend to be paid out of the funds and forfeitures to the credit of their respective Districts at once.

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

	Amount Granted.	Amount Expended.	Amt. to Cr. Dist.	Amount over- drawn.
1 John Hayes .....	\$81 00	\$81 00	.....	.....
8 Richard Monk .....	94 60	94 42	0 10	.....
9 Martin Henneberry.....	65 00	65 00	.....	.....
10 N. P. Christian .....	75 00	76 00	.....	1 00
11 James E. Shatford.....	176 00	176 00	.....	.....
12 A. Hubley.....	172 70	172 70	.....	.....
13 George Umlah .....	186 40	185 50	.....	0 10
14 H. F. Worrall .....	62 30	62 30	.....	.....
15 E. Burgess.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
16 Norman Hayes.....	172 20	176 07	.....	3 87
17 Joseph Hamilton.....	186 80	185 30	1 50	.....
18 Colonel Laurie.....	171 00	171 00	.....	.....
19 G. H. Madill.....	238 96	238 96	.....	.....
20 D. Dillman.....	367 40	367 40	.....	.....
21 J. D. Tupper.....	341 00	341 00	.....	.....
22 Adam Dean.....	308 70	391 38	.....	2 68
23 Edmund Ryan.....	33 00	33 80	.....	.....
24 A. W. Smith.....	146 60	145 60	1 00	.....
25 D. W. Archibald.....	183 00	183 19	.....	0 19
26 G. A. Leslie \$334, and Icelandic Settlement \$60.00.....	394 40	378 86	15 54	.....
27 W. M. Guild.....	382 00	366 06	15 94	.....
28 A. Belfontaine.....	113 10	113 10	.....	.....
29 James Crook.....	145 40	145 40	.....	.....
30 J. L. Griffin.....	210 20	203 88	6 32	.....
31 D. Donovan.....	155 80	155 39	0 41	.....
32 John E. Shatford.....	104 80	104 80	.....	.....
33 Joseph Himelman.....	165 80	165 80	.....	.....
34 Thomas O'Leary.....	104 60	100 00	4 00	.....
35 Donald Archibald.....	143 80	133 65	10 15	.....
36 John Smith.....	172 70	172 70	.....	.....
	\$5295 06	\$5247 26	\$55 64	\$7 84

Amount of Government Grant.....		\$6252 81
LESS— Advances to Members.....	\$43 12	
Instalment on Bank Loan.....	600 00	
Interest on Bank Loan.....	168 00	
Withheld for Jury Fees.....	7 10	818 12
		<u>\$5434 69</u>

## SCHEDULE OF NO. OF BRIDGES OVER 20 FEET.

No. of feet in the Aggregate. No. of Line of Mail Post Roads, with  
No. of 2nd Class Roads.

No. of Districts.	No. of Bridges.	Length in feet.	Miles of Main Post Road.	Miles of 2nd Class Road.
7	3	50	8	6
8	5	160	9	11
9	2	190	3	11
10	2	59	15	8
11	5	130	16	24
12	9	285	17½	24
13	3	46	28	20
14	1	30	3	6½
15	4	100	16	.....
16	6	263	35	.....
17	14	643	34	19
18	14	571	37	9
19	24	1358	22	29
20	12	794	39	21
21	18	784	20	73
22	35	1428	48	57
23	1	30	7½	.....
24	8	471	11	20
25	8	765	37	18
26	7	248	43	24
27	9	997	59	28
28	3	510	13	10
29	7	1026	22	11
30	9	376	10	43
31	3	18	47	20
32	6	187	14	8½
33	13	487	31	12
34	4	410	13	7
35	7	530	10	23
36	10	695	11½	34
	252	13746	679½	578

Amount of Grant available, as per other sheet.....	\$5434	69
Amount Expended.....	\$5247	26
"    Overdrawn.....	7	84
		<hr/>
		5255 10
Amount to credit of Municipality (still undrawn).....		<hr/>
		179 59

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,  
 JOHN D. TUPPER,  
 G. A. LESLIE,  
 W. B. CHRISTIAN,  
 GEORGE H. MADILL.

Moved by Councillor James E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan:

"That the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges be adopted."

Passed.

The Clerk reported having written to the Warden of Dartmouth and received a reply that he would submit the proposal for a Committee at first Meeting of the Town Council.

Moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor O'Leary:

"Resolved, That the wish and opinion of this Council is that the Provincial Grant for Roads and Bridges be paid by the Government to the County Treasurer, and drawn by the Councillors from him direct."

The motion was, after some discussion, referred to Committee on Law Amendments.

Moved by Councillor Crook, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"Resolved, That a new Statute Labor Section be made in District 29, from Canterbury Bridge to William Shaw's barn, including Charles Crowell and Daniel Dares, and that Section No. 4 in said District be extended to Rocky Run Bridge."

Passed.

The petition of Henry Aker, in Section No 4, District 29, for permission to perform his Statute Labor on his own road, was granted.

Councillor Rowlings, Chairman, submitted Report of Committee on Poor, which was read:

Moved by Councillor Madill, seconded by Councillor Tupper:

"That to-morrow be devoted to the nomination and appointment of District Officers and Revisors."

Passed.



## Report of Committee on Poor.

The Committee beg to submit the Returns of the Overseers of Poor for 1880, so far as received to present time, as follows:

District.		Balance in hand, 1879.	Collected of Assessment, 1880.	Total.	Expended.	Cash Bal. on hand. 1881.
7			61 55	61 55	31 44	30 11
8	No vote.					
9	No returns.		93 39	93 39		
10	do.		53 80	53 80		
11	do.		85 48			
12	do.		127 81			
13	do.		51 75			
14	do.		161 78			
15	No vote.					
16	do.					
17	do.					
18		200 80	213 86	414 66	255 83	158 83
19	No return.		88 28	88 28		
20			59 81	59 81		
21	Add Bast. case	52 00	184 90	236 90	73 00	163 60
22		87 52	97 07	134 59	52 80	78 39
23	No returns.		37 50	37 50		
24	No vote.					
25	No returns.		159 88	159 88		
26	do.		67 08	67 08		
27	No vote.					
28	do.					
29			154 02	154 02	126 30	27 72
30		11 90	42 40	54 30	9 43	44 87
31		83 49	115 79	199 23	147 85	51 43
32			144 65	144 65	120 58	24 07
33		4 70	204 87	209 57	128 95	19 52
34	No vote.					
35	do.					
36	No returns.		75 07	75 07		

Your Committee suggest that the returns of each Board of Overseers of Poor be certified by the Councillor of the District to be correct and just expenditure, and also that the bonds of Secretary and Treasurer to Over-

seers of Poor be submitted to the Councillor of each Distrct for his approval before sending to the Clerk of the County.

GEORGE ROWLINGS, *Chairman*,  
W. GUILD,  
A. DEAN,  
JOHN G. BISSETT,  
JAMES FITZGERALD.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor D. W. Archibald, the Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Leslie :

*Resolved*, That this Council at once call upon Norman Ritchie, Esq., their attorney in the Dartmouth School assessment case, and urge upon him to take decisive and immediate action in respect to the suit now pending with Dartmouth, and to bring the matter to a final result, and have judgment entered up at once, if not already done."

Passed:

The Warden submitted, and the Clerk read, the lengthy correspondence between the County and City officials in April, May and June last on the several points in the Local Act and the action of the City in refusing to give the valuation or make the Assessment for County Rates for 1880. The substance of this correspondence, in brief, is that the County Clerk made the regular legal requisition to the Mayor, as the Local Act provides, for the City valuation, so as to make up the whole County assessment, including the City and Dartmouth, as hitherto. The City valuation for the previous year was then taken as the law directs, and subsequently as advised by the Attorney General the valuation of the year, unofficially returned by the Mayor. The Assessment was thus delayed two months, and on the rate and amount being notified to the City, the Council refused to accept it on the plea that they had not received an answer to their enquiry as to what the details of their proportion of the Assessment were. The Estimate published by the County Council was furnished to the Mayor and the City Clerk and they were further informed that the services to be paid for were the same as in previous years.

On motion, the correspondence was ordered to lie on the table.

The Council then adjourned, to meet at 10 a. m. next day.

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## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, January 14th, 1881.

The Council met in the Warden's Room (the Court Room being occupied), at 10 o'clock.

Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors.

The Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and passed.

Councillor Lapierre asked permission to set off two new Statute Labor Sections in District 28—viz, John Murphy's to Porter's Lake Road, and John Niforth's to main road. Also to correct the mileage of roads in his District, which was more than that calculated last year, being 30 instead of 21½ miles.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Rowlings :

"That the applications be granted for changes in District 28."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Guild :

"Resolved, That the Council grant leave to extend District No. 24 up Moser's River, so as to include the new settlers in said District."

Passed.

The Lists of District Officers for the County, except these for Districts 17 and 18 (the Councillors for these being absent), were submitted, and handed by the Warden to the Clerk to be filed, and a certified copy forwarded with Assessment Roll.

The Clerk presented List of Officers for 1880 in District 18, with a note from Col. Laurie, Councillor, recommending their re-appointment.

The List was approved and filed.

Moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, and—

"Resolved, That the lists of District Officers for 1881, as prepared and submitted by the respective Councillors, be approved by this Council."

Passed.

The Revisors of Electoral Lists for the Revisal Sections in the County were then nominated and appointed for the year. The Clerk referred to the necessity of re-appointing some of the former Revisors, as the duty was an important one. Also mention that some difficulty occurred last Municipal Election in making up the voters list in District 31, which includes the residents of the Town who have no vote in such elections. The Clerk was empowered to arrange for details and copy of Dartmouth Municipality valuations.

Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess :

"That the Revisors be paid for their services the same remuneration as heretofore—six dollars each."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Shatford.

"That John Glendinning, the Revisor for Dartmouth last year, be re-appointed this year."

Passed.

Councillor Hubley presented a petition from the rate payers in part of District No. 12, asking that an additional road section be established, viz.: from Wm. Hubley's road to Benjamin Boutilier's. The petition was read and Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Himelman, moved:

"That the prayer of the petition respecting change of road Section 12 be granted."

Passed.

Submitted, a petition from J. Lingley, Esq., J. P., for leave to erect a hay scale at Waverly, District 18.

Moved by Councillor Dillman, seconded by Councillor W. Guild:  
"That permission be granted."

Moved in amendment by Councillor Juo. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"Resolved. That Mr. Lingley's request respecting a hay scale be deferred by this Council until a petition of the inhabitants of the locality be received by this Council."

The Amendment passed.

Read, a petition from John Cox, District 35, asking that his name be removed from Assessment Roll of District 20 to that of District 35, he not being resident in the former as entered in error last year by the Assessors.

It was ordered that Councillor Dillman request the Assessors of District No. 20 to make the alteration and enter the petitioner as a non-resident of District 20.

Read, a letter from Judge Johnstone, dated 13th January, stating the inconveniences and want of accommodation for purposes of the County Court in the present Court Room, and asking for a conference with a Committee of the Council and Hon. Attorney General on the subject.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property, with the Warden, meet with Judge Johnston and hold a conference, as per request in his letter."

Passed.

Messrs. Pugh and Harrington, M. P. P.'s, were present at the Council, and requested that the Road and Bridge returns be made as soon as possible, as it was important to have them in hand so that in the apportionment of

the Government road grant Halifax might be fairly represented. They also promised to assist in the legislation required when the subject should be under consideration in the House.

The Clerk enquired what the fee for Ferry Licenses should be for the year 1881.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess :

*"Resolved, That Ferrymen in this Municipality be allowed their Licenses free."*

Passed.

Councillor D. W. Archibald, Chairman, reported verbally from the Committee on A. Drillio's matter, that the subject not being within their jurisdiction would have to be left to the Government to deal with.

Moved by Councillor Guild, seconded by Councillor Rowlings :

*"Resolved, That the Report of Committee respecting A. Drillio, J. P., be received and adopted."*

Passed.

Councillor Dillman presented a petition from District 20, Meagher's Grant, asking that a bounty be offered for the destruction of wild cats and bears in that district, which was read.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Burgess, and

*"Resolved, That the petition from Councillor Dillman's District respective bounties for bears and wild cats be referred to Committee on Bye-Laws."*

Passed.

The boundary between Districts 13 and 23 being indefinite, Councillors Umlah and Ryan differing in opinion respecting the Road and Bridge outlay therein it was moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess :

*"Resolved, That Councillors Christian, John Hays and Fitzgerald be a Committee to settle the disputed boundary between said Districts and report thereon."*

Passed.

The Report of Committee on Law Amendments was submitted by the Chairman, Councillor James E. Shatford, and read by the Clerk.

### Report of Committee on Law Amendments.

*To the Worshipful the Warden and Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg leave to recommend—

1st. That a respectful Memorial be prepared by our Warden on behalf of this Municipal Council, and presented to the Provincial Legislature at its next sittings, and also addressed to the Dominion Parliament asking that such changes be made in the Constitution of this Province as shall provide that each County shall be allowed to send but one Representative to the Provincial Legislature.

2nd. That a respectful Memorial be prepared by our Warden on behalf of this Council and presented to the Provincial Legislature at its next sitting, and also addressed to the Dominion Parliament, asking that such changes be made in the constitution of the Province as shall provide for the early abolishment of the Legislative Council of this Province.

3rd. That Sec. 41 to 42 of the County Incorporation Act be amended by modifying the Auditors' duties to simply auditing the yearly accounts.

4th. That non-residents be liable for their proportion of Statute Labor, mailed notice to be considered sufficient.

5th. That the Jury Fees be paid to the County Treasurer direct, who will certify the same for the information of the Prothonotary, who is desirous that the same should be done. By a reference to the Report of the Committee on Jury Fines and Fees, we find that the amounts paid to the County Treasurer for fines and fees to be so very small, when compared with the amounts paid out by him to Juries that some improvements in the law should be made respecting Juries, to compel litigants to pay their own Jury Fees in future, and further that the postponement of cases from day to day, after the Jurors have been sworn is entailing unnecessary expense upon the County, which in the future we are unwilling to bear.

6th. That the appointment of the Jailor and Turnkey should be vested in the Council, as they are County Officers.

7th. That in view of the large amount of work to be performed by Councillors, for which there is no remuneration, they be exempted from Statute Labor.

8th. That the Government allowance for Road and Bridge service be each year handed over to the County Treasurer in order to avoid expense and inconvenience attending the present system.

Your Committee would further recommend that the day for the Semi-Annual meeting be fixed for the third Tuesday of April, instead of the day the law now provides.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. SHATFORD, *Chairman,*

WILLIAM GUILD,

D. W. ARCHIBALD,

G. A. LESLIE.

JAMES E. SHATFORD, *Chairman,*

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments be received and passed clause by clause."

Passed.

The first clause was discussed by Councillors Ryan, Himelman, D. W. Archibald, James E. Shatford, Chipman.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Rowlings:

"Resolved, That the first clause be amended to read that the Counties of Halifax and Pictou have each two members and the other Counties each one member."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Chipman, seconded by Councillor Himelman:

"Resolved, That the second clause be amended to read that half the Council be abolished."

The amendment was lost on being put to vote.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"That the second clause stand as first written."

Passed.

The 3rd clause passed.

The 4th clause, after discussion by Councillors Himelman John E. Shatford, D. W. Archibald, N. Hayes, Chipman and Ryan, also passed.

The remaining clauses passed, when the Report, on motion, was received as a whole and adopted.

After some conversation in reference to the returns to be made of Assessment Rolls and Revisal Lists, the Council, on motion, adjourned to 2 p. m. this day.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, January 14, 1881.

The Council met in the Warden's Room, (the Court occupying the Court Room.) Present, the Warden and 27 Councillors.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Councillor John E. Shatford referred to Bye-Laws of County of Lunenburg respecting Peddlers.

The Warden having to attend a conference with the Hon. Attorney-General, on motion, Councillor James E. Shatford took the Chair.

Councillor W. B. Christian submitted

### Report of Committee on Disputed Boundary between Districts 13 and 23.

Your Committee recommend that the river and bridge in dispute between Councillors Umlah and Ryan be taken into Councillor Ryan's District, (23).

(Signed,)

W. B. CHRISTIAN,  
JAMES FITZGERALD,  
JOHN HAYS.

On motion of Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor John Hays,

The Report was received and approved.

The Chairman, Councilor Guild, submitted Report of Committee on Assessments, which was read, and on motion of Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Fancy, received and adopted.

### Report of Committee on Assessments.

*To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Assessments beg leave to report as follows:—

In examining the petitions of the several appellants, we find that only one has been made according to law. We therefore recommend that the Assessments of Districts No. 30 and 31 be sustained.

After careful consideration of Benjamin Colp's petition, which has been made according to law, we recommend that the Assessors and the appellant be notified to appear before your Committee at the next semi-annual meeting of this Council, that your Committee may be able to hear and determine the case.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that some mode be adopted by this Council whereby disputes arising on Assessments may be more easily and readily settled than the present way.

All of which we respectfully submit.

WILLIAM GUILD,  
JOHN HAYES,  
ADAM DEAN,  
ALVAN HUBLEY,  
THOMAS O'LEARY.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor W. B. Christian:

*Resolved,* The clauses respecting Peddlers who are rate-payers contained in Bye-



Laws Council of Lunenburg, and sanctioned by the Governor and Council, be embodied in the Bye-Laws of this Council."

Passed.

The subject of deficiency in Assessment of District 36 for the year 1879 was discussed

Councillor Rowlings, seconded by Councillor Griffin, submitted a resolution testifying to the good character of the Collector and authorizing the Clerk to rebate half the amount of claim upon his sureties.

It was moved in amendment by Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Tupper :

"Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Council on the 7th May, 1880, with respect to County moneys collected by Samuel Gaetz, in East Chezzetcook, be enforced."

The amendment was put and carried by a large majority.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

The Report of the Committee on Public Property was submitted by the Chairman, Councillor Griffin, and read, as follows :

### Report of Committee on Public Property.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg leave to report that they visited the County Jail and found everything in a satisfactory condition, and on inspection of the stock on hand, found them complete, as per inventory of Mr Chambers, Jailor.

Your Committee, from certificate of William H. Wiswell, County Clerk, find that the County Court House is insured in the Halifax Fire Insurance Office for the sum of \$10,000. and in the Lancashire Fire Insurance \$10,000, and the County Jail in the Royal Insurance Office in the sum of \$8,000.

Your Committee on considering the applications of Thomas A. James and John Sullivan for the office of County Constables, which have been submitted to them to report upon, beg leave to recommend that the said Thomas A. James and John Sullivan be appointed to the office of County Constable for the ensuing year.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

JAMES L. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*,  
B. W. CHIPMAN,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
NORMAN HAYS.

The subject of Assessments for the Poor in the various Districts was brought up. The Councillors handed in written requisitions, and the following appropriations were made by separate votes :

District 7, \$60; 10, \$50; 11, \$100; 12, \$85; 18, \$250, 19, \$75; 21, \$100; 22, \$50, 23, \$15; 24, \$130; 25, \$150; 26, \$150; 27, \$30; 28, \$100; 29, \$60; 30, \$40; 31, \$100; 32, \$65; 33, \$110; 36, \$60. The Districts not named do not require any poor appropriation.

On motion of Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor D. W. Archibald:

*“Resolved, That the Report on Public Property be adopted.”*

Passed.

The Warden made a verbal report of an interview with Judge Johnston and the Attorney General, who desired improved accommodation for the County Court, and promised to use their influence with the Government to have the Government pay half the expenses of the required improvements.

The whole subject was discussed by Councillors Jno E. Shatford, N. Hayes, Jr., Ryan Himehman, Jas. E. Shatford, and others.

Moved by Councillor Jas E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess,

*“Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property be authorized to have an estimate and plans prepared for the required improvements and building, the same to be presented at the May meeting of the Council.”*

On the vote being taken, it stood 11 to 11. The Warden gave the casting vote in favour of the Resolution.

Passed.

Moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

*“Resolved, That when the Government of the City and Dartmouth are prepared to bear their proportion of the cost of the additional accommodation required at the County Court House, the County Council will be ready and willing to co-operate.”*

Passed.

The County Clerk enquired whether Councillor Hamilton was present, and if so, to mention amount required for Poor Assessment for District 17.

Councillor Hubley mentioned that no motion had been made with reference to pay of Warden and Councillors for the present and special session. Action thereon was deferred till to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned till 11 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

## FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, January 15th, 1881.

The Council met in West Court Room at 11 a. m.

Roll called, Warden and 27 present.

The Minutes were approved. In connection therewith, the Clerk stated that J. N. Ritchie, Esq., had that morning moved in Supreme Court for final proceedings in the Dartmouth case, with the view of judgment being entered up. The Bench would consider the application and give decision shortly. Also stated that Dartmouth Town Council had not yet appointed a committee on conference, asked for on 12th inst.

Read letter signed Jno. C. Ross, containing objections, as agent of W. C. Henley, against the election of G. A. Leslie for District 26, on the ground that the paper used for ballots was not according to Statute.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Shatford :

"Resolved, That the letter from J. C. Ross, referring to the return of Councillor Leslie as Councillor, lie on the table."

Passed.

The Committee on Licenses reported through Councillor Burgess, the Chairman, recommending that Licenses be Thirty Dollars each for the current year.

Moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor John Tough :

"That the License Fee remain at Forty Dollars."

The vote being a tie, (11 to 11,) the Warden gave the casting vote in favor of Forty Dollars.

Passed.

By leave of the Chair, Councillor Himelman moved in amendment the following resolution, seconded by Councillor Dillman :

"Resolved, That no Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors be granted by the Council for the present year."

Lost by vote of 15 to 7.

Councillor Shatford, Chairman, presented Report of Committee on Public Accounts and Finance.

## Report of Committee on Public Accounts and Finance.

1. Your Committee beg to report as follows: They have carefully gone into the estimates for the year 1861 (our Financial position having already been laid before this Council, your Committee decided it unnecessary to go over it again,) and we have submitted for the approval of the Council the estimates for the various services of the County, a schedule of which is annexed hereto.

2. Your Committee regret to inform the Council that the various services and liabilities of the County cannot be paid by the Treasurer until he receives the money due by the City of Halifax and town of Dartmouth, as the amount due the Asylum is very large and as that service is largely, if not nearly altogether, owing for patients from the city of Halifax and town of Dartmouth, they therefore recommend that, pending a settlement with the City and Dartmouth, no money be paid on account of the Insane Hospital.

3. Your Committee do not feel warranted in recommending or placing in the estimates any sum to increase the accommodation in the Court House until a fair and satisfactory arrangement be arrived at, with respect to the financial position of the City and County; but they do recommend that as soon as a fair understanding is arrived at with the Government, City, and Dartmouth that a sum sufficient to meet the requirements for the Court House be put in the estimates.

4. Your Committee have had laid before them an application from the Secretary of the Cotton and Woollen Mills Company, asking to be exempted from taxation should they erect their mills in the County, outside the limits of the city. Your Committee beg to recommend that, in the event of their erecting mills within the limits of this County, they be exempt from taxation for a period of twenty years.

Your Committee have had laid before them a Bill in form of a warrant from a Mr. Torrance, J. P. for Tangier, for Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$10.50, which we beg to recommend be not paid until the matter be fully investigated. The Committee feel that if they begin to pay such claims they will be establishing a dangerous precedent.

Your Committee also have had laid before them a Grand Jury list, in which they find many irregularities;—one is that the Jury, by giving leave of absence to two of their number, failed to form a quorum, thereby not being able to go on with their work, through their own act, and then charging the County for their services. The Committee therefore recommend that the bill be not paid and they hope in future that no bill be paid unless the law in all cases be complied with. Your Committee recommend that stringent measures be adopted to collect all County funds due and outstanding.

It will be seen by the annexed schedule of the estimates that the sum of \$20,693.00 is required to be assessed on the County for the present year, to which must be added \$8,214.00 for Schools, making in all \$28,907.00, being \$1,093.00 less than last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
D. W. ARCHIBALD,  
G. A. LESLIE,  
B. W. CHIPMAN.

The Report was read clause by clause, and discussed, the Chairman pointing out the reasons for deductions, etc.

On the clause relating to pay of Grand Jurors 1880. it was moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"*Resolved*, That the Report be so amended that it will be necessary to deduct from the pay of Grand Jurors the amount for two days only, which was charged against the County, while, in consequence of their own action, no work was done."

Passed.

The Estimate was then read, shewing a considerable reduction in several items as compared with last year, as follows:—

#### Estimate for the Year 1881.

Hospital for Insane.....	\$12500 00
Jail Estimate.....	2000 00
Treasurer's Salary.....	1000 00
Clerk's Salary.....	1000 00
Councillors Travelling Fees.....	700 00
Petit Jury (Supplementary Amount).....	500 00
Keeper of Court House and Cleaning do.....	450 00
Crier of Supreme Court and Equity, do.....	250 00
Coroners and their Juries.....	250 00
Grand Jury and Secretary combined.....	200 00
Fuel for Court House.....	150 00
Insurance on Court House.....	75 00
Water Taxes.....	175 00
Constable to Supreme Court and Grand Jury.....	200 00
Revisors.....	198 00
Crown Witnesses.....	120 00
Crier and Constable (County Court).....	75 00
County Constable.....	200 00
Stationery and Printing.....	200 00
Contingent Fund.....	450 00

\$20693 00

On motion the Estimate was passed.

Councillor Chipman (Chairman) submitted the Report of Committee on Bye-Laws as follows :

### Report of the Committee on Bye-Laws.

*To the Worshipful the Warden and the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax.*

GENTLEMEN — With reference to the Bye Laws passed by the Municipal Council in 1880, as appears in their proceedings, and last amended by the Bye Law Committee, to meet the objections of the Hon. Attorney General, we recommend that they be incorporated with the succeeding Bye-Laws now reported on and published.

Also,—That the Election of County Officers shall be by Ballot.

Also,—That any Acts of the late Court of Quarter Sessions conflicting with the Bye-Laws of this Council are hereby declared null and void.

We recommend that there be no bounty paid by the County for killing Bears and Wildcats.

We also recommend that the clauses respecting Pedlars, Hawkers, and Auctioneers, contained in the Bye-Laws of the County of Lunenburg, and sanctioned by the Governor and Council, be adopted by this Municipality.

We also recommend that the Auditors' pay be \$2.00 each, per day, while actually engaged auditing accounts.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

B. W. CHIPMAN, *Chairman.*  
 JAMES E. SHATFORD,  
 G. A. LESLIE,  
 D. W. ARCHIBALD,  
 ADAM DEAN.

The Clerk read also the Bye-Laws respecting Pedlars from the Bye-Laws of the County of Lunenburg, which were sanctioned by the Governor in Council, 1880. The Report was adopted. It was ordered that the several Bye-Laws be added to the previous Bye-Laws, and sent to the Government for confirmation.

On the remuneration to be made to County Auditors, moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan,

That the amount be twenty dollars each.

A discussion took place, and the amount allowed by other Municipalities was stated as being from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day while actually engaged and time limited, and Dartmouth \$25 each.

An amendment was proposed, but the resolution on being put was carried by 15 to 10. Names were called.

*For*—Councillors Ryan, Griffin, Burgess Crook, Lapierre, Madill, Tupper, J. Hayes, O'Leary, Fancy, Umlah, Dillman, N. Hays, Jr., Himmelman, Jno E. Shatford—15.

*Against*—Hubley, Jas. E. Shatford Fitzgerald, Rowlings, D. W. Archibald. Tough. Chipman, Leslie, Christian, Dean—10.

The Warden called attention to an account claimed by J. F. Torrance, J. P., for expenses connected with a trial for petty larceny at Tangier, the convicted party having been sentenced for six months confinement in County Jail. The Treasurer had declined payment, as the charges were partly unnecessary and exorbitant.

Moved by Councillor Guild, seconded by Councillor Dean,

"*Resolved*, That Councillors Griffin, D. W. Archibald, and Rowlings, be appointed a Committee to investigate the claim made against the County by J. F. Torrance, J. P., of Tangier."

Passed.

On the question of Mileage payable to Counsellors, the Wardens read the Sections of County Incorporation Act. The Council decided that they were entitled by the Statute to Mileage, for the Special as well as the present Session of Council.

On subject of Fines for non-attendance, &c., moved by Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan,

"*Resolved*, That this Council extend the time for Swearing in the Councillor for District 18, now in England, to the May meeting."

Passed.

It appearing from the returns of the Treasurer that a considerable amount was due from a number of Districts on last Assessment,

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan :

"*Resolved*, That all arrears of Assessment be collected not later than the 1st day April next and paid over then to the County Treasurer."

Passed.

In relation to appointing Standing Council, it was moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Madill :

"*Resolved*, That the appointment of an Attorney at a yearly salary for this Council be deferred until the May meeting."

Motion passed by 14 to 10.

Names were called for as follows—

*Yeas.*—Councillors James E. Shatford, Ryan, Hubley, Griffin, Burgess, Lapiere, Madill, Tupper, John Hays, Tough, Christian, Dillman, Guild, Hamilton. 14.

*Against.*—Councillors John E. Shatford, Leslie, Chipman, Dean, N. Hays, jr., Tough, D. W. Archibald, Rowlings, O'Leary and Fancy. 10.

Moved by Councillor B. W. Chipman, seconded by Councillor John E. Shatford :

"*Resolved*, That the Clerk be requested to ask for tenders and contract for stationery and books ; also, for printing for the ensuing year."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor James E. Shatford :

"*Resolved*, That the Clerk be hereby authorized to have the Minutes of this January Session printed, and to add thereto the Minutes of the final Session of the Council of 1880."

Passed.

#### SATURDAY ATERNO N, Jan'y 15th, 1880.

The Council met at 2.30 o'clock in the West Court Room.

Present—the Warden and 21 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Councillor Griffin, Chairman presented Report of Committee on matter of J. F. Torrance, J.P., *vs.* McNamara that in consequence of the voluminous correspondence and shortness of time, they were unable to report fully this session.

Report adopted.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Leslie :

"*Resolved*, That the Committee be authorized by this Council to investigate the case of r. Torrance, and report to the Warden at the earliest day possible ; and that the Warden, upon receiving their Report, act in the matter as he deems best."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Ryan :

"That the County Treasurer be instructed to withhold Constable's fees in the Tangier case until after the Committee report."

Passed.

Councillor John E. Shatford stated that Councillor Hamilton had asked for an investigation of complaint in connection with Statute Labor, District



17. made against him by Dr. Ternan. The parties had been notified, and appeared but the Councillor was not present.

The Warden said he had received a letter from Councillor Hamilton, stating that he was unable to attend, and stating reasons therefor.

Councillor Shatford thereupon moved the following resolution, seconded by Councillor Hubley :

"In consequence of the absence of Councillor Hamilton, the Road and Bridge Committee have been unable to investigate the charges against him by Dr. Ternan.

*"Therefore Resolved,* That the investigation be deferred until the May meeting."

Passed.

Councillor Tough handed in a requisition for Assessment for Poor in District No. 9 for 1881, Seventy-five Dollars. Seconded by Councillor Dillman and passed.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor J. L. Griffin :

*"Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Council be instructed to proceed against all District Officers refusing to take the oath of office after being duly notified, and also against those who, having taken the oath, refuse to act, provided such persons are qualified."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Chipman :

*"Resolved,* That the pay of Councillors be one dollar per day for actual attendance, including Sunday, with travelling expenses, as allowed by Incorporation Act, and that the pay of the Warden be fifty dollars per year."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Guild :

*"Resolved,* That Col. Laurie, Councillor for District 18, be exonerated and freed from all fines for non-attendance at present Session of the Council, as he is absent in Europe and unable to attend."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Chipman, seconded by Councillor Burgess :

*"Resolved,* That the recommendation of the Committee on Assessments last year, that rate-payers be notified of the valuation of their property at the time of the assessment, be adopted. A printed or written form to be filled in by the Assessors and furnished by the Clerk."

Passed.

## FORM.

To MR. JOHN SMITH :

You are assessed in District No. 39 for the year 1881, on Real Estate, \$1,000; Personal Estate, \$200. Total, \$1,200.

(Signed)

A B, }  
C D, } *Assessors.*

*Date, May 31, 1881.*

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor J. L. Griffin,

"*Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to send the Bye-Laws with the additional sections adopted this Session to the Government for approval at the earliest possible day."

Passed.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Pay Roll for members was prepared and delivered to County Treasurer for payment as called for by each Councillor.

Moved by Councillor Hubley, and seconded by Councillor Umlah.

"*Resolved*, That any Resolution of the nature of, or relating to, a Bye-Law, not included in the Report of the Bye-Law Committee, be added to those to be published."

Passed.

There being no further business, the Clerk read the Minutes up to 4 o'clock this day. On motion, they were approved and confirmed.

On motion, Councillor Ryan took the Chair.

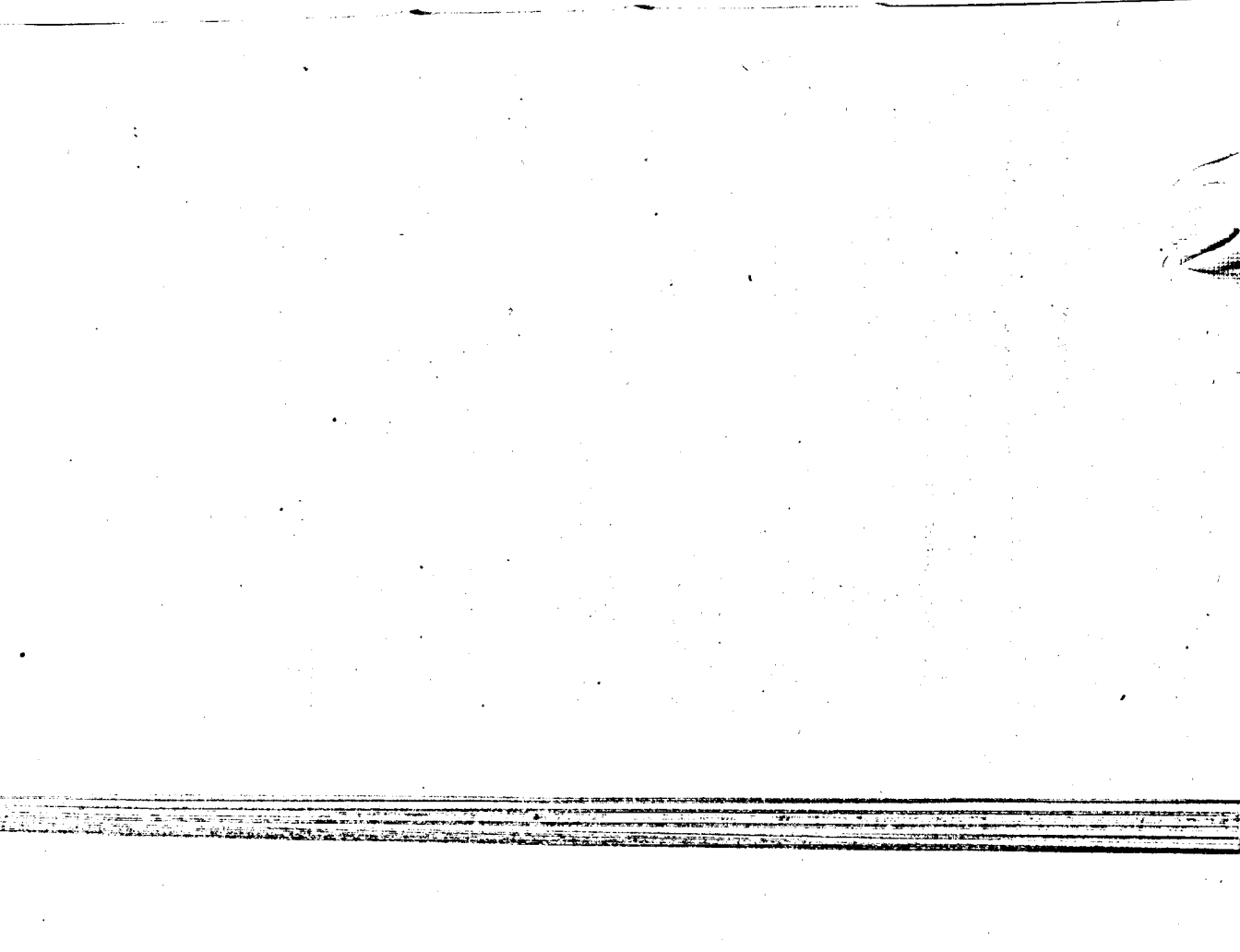
An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Warden for the able and impartial manner in which he had presided over the business of the Session.

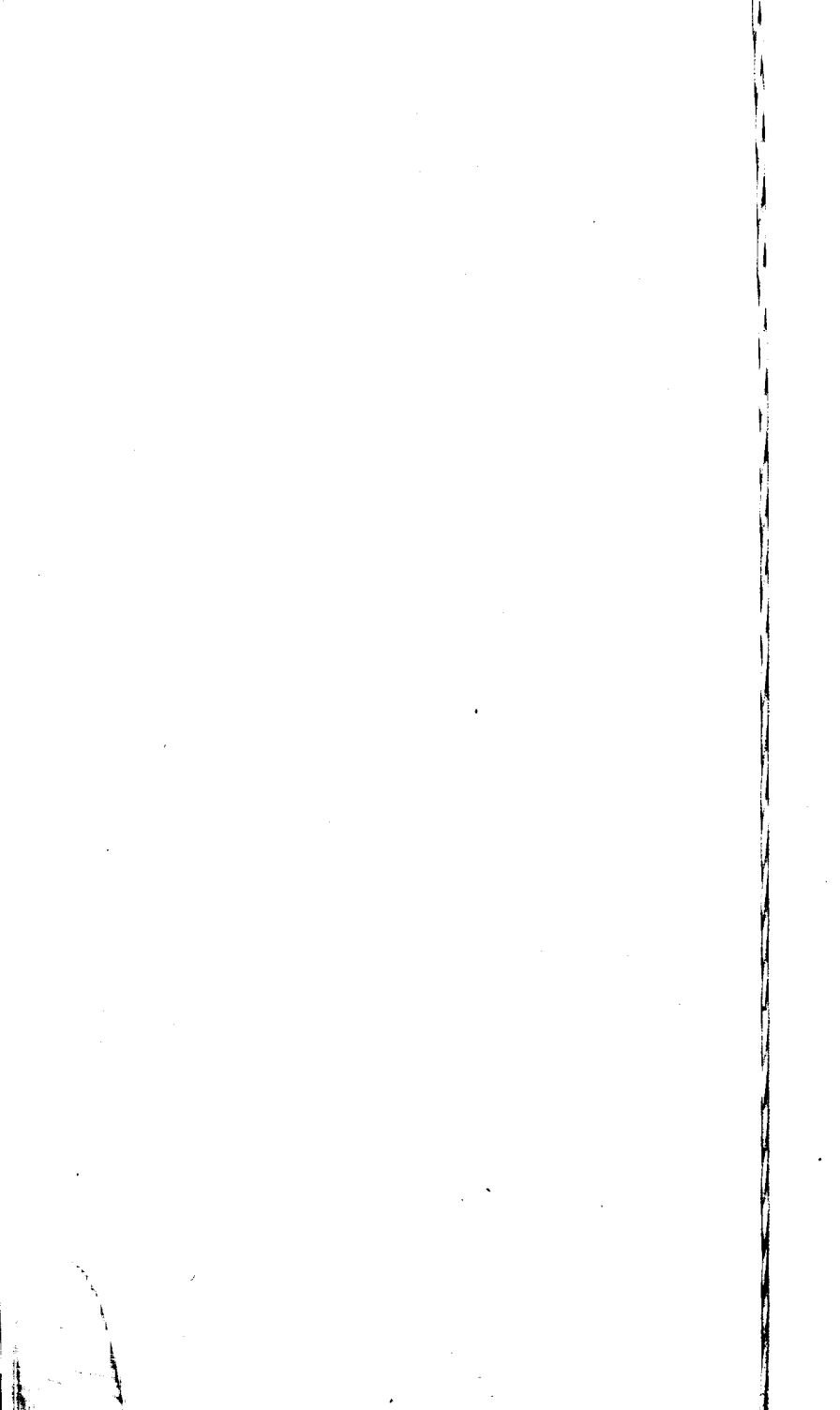
The Warden expressed his acknowledgments and thanked the Council for the satisfactory and orderly way in which they had accomplished the business, rendering his duty in the Chair pleasant and easy

A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the County Clerk for the important information afforded, and the systematic arrangements by which the work of the Session was forwarded and facilitated.

The Clerk replied briefly, thanking the gentlemen of the Council for their courtesy and good will.

The Council, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.





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County of Halifax

Council Minutes

May 1881

# SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OF

## *The Municipal Council*

OF

### THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

MAY, 1881.

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#### FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 3, 1881.

As required by law and pursuant to notice, the County Council met at the Court House, in the County Court Room, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Roll was called. Present, The Warden, Councillors John Hays, Fitzgerald, Christian, James E. Shatford, Hubley, Chipman, Burgess, N. Hays, Hamilton, Madill, Tupper, Dean, Ryan, Fancy, Leslie, Lapierre, Crook, Griffin, Bissett, John E. Shatford, Himelmsn and Rowlings.—23.

The Warden took the Chair, and the Clerk read the Minutes of last meeting.

The Warden then addressed the meeting as follows:—

*Gentlemen of the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax:*

In calling you together to attend to your duties on this second meeting of the second Council of this County, I have thought proper to prepare a list of some of the most important matters to which your attention will be directed.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of Council, I directed a memorial to be addressed to both branches of the Legislature

asking for the abolition of the Upper Branch, and that the Lower Branch of the Legislature be reduced to one representative for each County, excepting Halifax and Pictou, which Counties were still to have two representatives each. These memorials were presented, and in both instances were ordered to lie on the table.

The report of Committee on Bye-Laws, which was unanimously passed at our last meeting, has been forwarded to the Attorney-General for his concurrence, and he has consented to their approval, with one or two trifling exceptions.

The recommendations submitted by the Law Amendment Committee and approved by the Council, were presented to the Legislature, but I am sorry to say that in only one instance was any notice taken of them, and that recommendation was accepted by a change made in the Incorporation Act.

In accordance with the resolution passed last meeting a Committee was appointed to meet with a Committee that might be appointed by the Town Council of Dartmouth to try and arrange amicably the dispute between the two Municipalities. I directed a communication to be forwarded to the Warden of Dartmouth, but owing to a misunderstanding, that body refused to appoint such Committee until quite recently; and had it not been for the election of Councillors and Warden for that Municipality to-day, such conference would have been held yesterday. But I can inform you that the present Council are anxious that such conference shall take place before the close of our present meeting. In the meantime our Attorney in the Dartmouth case has succeeded in getting judgment filed against that Municipality in the sum of upwards of \$15,000.

According to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the old Council, for the appointment of some person or persons to investigate claims for inmates of the Insane Asylum, chargeable to this County, I can say that I procured the services of William Taylor, Esq., for that purpose, and while he has been unable to fully investigate the whole number chargeable to the County, yet by his partial report, which will be submitted to you, it will be seen that, in his opinion, we are paying for quite a number that have no legal claim upon the County.

You will be called upon to carry out the provisions of an Act passed by the Legislature at its last sitting to amend the Incorporation Act of 1879, with respect to the appropriation of public money on Roads and Bridges.

Your attention will also be directed to a Permissive Bill which passed the Legislature respecting increased Court Room accommodation.

Upon application to the financial officer of the Government we have been informed that the amount to the credit of Halifax County for Roads and Bridges is \$6,587 for the present year.

Since we last met the small-pox broke out in District No. 31, which was promptly attended to by Councillor Bissett for that District, and as the statute provides that any expense in connection with an epidemic of that kind shall become a County charge, a bill of costs will be presented to you for approval; and I think that the thanks of this Council are due to Councillor Bissett for his promptness in attending to it on its first appearance, and in his endeavors to make the expense as small as possible.

I am sorry to inform you that our financial condition has not improved since our last meeting. We have been endeavoring to meet the current expenses of Court House and Jail, but have been unable to pay anything whatever to the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities on account of our insane paupers. The amount due by the City remains unpaid, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of the City authorities being in a position to liquidate our claim upon them. It was expected that a Bill would have been presented to the Legislature at its last session empowering the City authorities to borrow money to fund their debt, and in this way our claim would have been paid, but these expectations have been thwarted, and it now remains for us to decide what steps shall be taken to relieve us from our embarrassing condition.

Your attention will also be directed to many other matters of minor importance.

The Clerk stated that the Attorney-General had caused that portion of the amendment to the County Incorporation Act relating to Roads and Bridges to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, copies of which were distributed among the Councillors.

Some emergencies arising from the recent storm had also been provided for in Districts 29, 11, and others.

Councillor James E. Shatford announced that in his district (No. 11) three bridges had been blown down in the storm of 15th April, and that under instruction from the Government he had taken tenders for the erection of the structures, and awarded the contract to the lowest tender, and that the work was now under way.

Councillor Crook presented an account of expenses of repairs of bridge in District 29 damaged by the same storm.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Hubley:

"That the bill of Councillor Crooks be referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Rowlings, seconded by Councillor Chipman:



"Resolved, That a Statute Labor District be made from Crawford's Bridge to Gates' Camp, in District 36, and that Daniel Dares be Overseer thereof."

Passed.

Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillors Griffin and Burgess, moved:

"That Daniel Smeltzer be appointed Road Overseer in District 12, vice A. Wauger removing from District, and Ezrom Garrison and George Fraser, Constables."

Passed.

Read letter dated May 2nd from Dr. Ternan, calling attention to the bad condition of a bridge at Bedford, near the Railway.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Clerk read a letter from Messrs. McDonald, Rigby & Tupper, presenting the claim of Thomas Neville, mail-driver for \$80 damages for the loss of a horse and wagon. The horse broke both legs by going through a bridge on the Herring Cove road. After an explanation by Councillor Fitzgerald District 8, it was moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"That the letter be laid on the table."

Passed.

Read the petition of Alexander Hawkins and others requesting that a road district be established at Oyster Pond. It was referred to Councillor Guild, of Jeddore, on motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Rowlings.

A conversation took place relative to the subject of Road Expenditure for current year.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Chipman:

"That the discussion of the Road and Bridge service as affected by the amendment to the Act of 1879, passed at the last session of the Legislature, be set down for to-morrow morning."

Passed.

The Warden submitted several bills amounting to \$210.64 incurred in connection with the small pox at Tufts' Cove. Councillor Bissett from Dartmouth explained how they were incurred.

Moved by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"That these accounts be referred to the Finance Committee."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Tupper, and—

10 "Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Dartmouth Committee on assessment be empowered to confer with a delegation of the City Council of Halifax."

The Warden stated that the Mayor and Recorder of the city were prepared to take part in the discussion of the subject with the Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 3, 1861.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. The Warden and 21 Councillors present.

The Warden having to attend the conference with the City Council, Councillor Jas. E. Shatford took the Chair.

The Minutes were read and passed.

The Clerk read the correspondence with the Warden of Dartmouth referring to a conference on the subject of an adjustment of the assessment matter, the small pox cases, and a letter giving the valuation for 1880.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jno. Hays, and—

"Resolved, That the Clerk address a letter to the Warden of Dartmouth, asking what time it would be convenient for their committee to meet a committee of this Council in reference to the matter."

Passed.

On motion of Councillor Bissett, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"Resolved, That this additional sum of \$80 be levied on District 31 for support of the poor for the present year."

Passed.

Read a request from Justice Torrance, of Tangier, to be heard before the Council on his complaint against the County Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor John E. Shatford:

"Resolved, That J. Fraser Torrance and the County Treasurer be heard at half-past three o'clock before the full Council, and a copy of this resolution be served on both parties."

Passed.

The Warden submitted the correspondence between the Clerk, the Bondsmen, and Councillor Rowlings in the matter of Collections in District 36, in 1879, by Collector Samuel Gaetz, who was said to have been robbed. The Clerk stated that he had received \$25 cash and a joint note for \$28, which covered the amount due. Councillor Rowlings asked that from the good character of Gaetz, who was a poor man, and the hardship of the case, the note be withdrawn. The \$25 had been subscribed by a few friends.

It was moved by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor John E. Shatford.

"That Mr. Gaetz's note be returned to him, and the matter dropped."

Passed.

The Warden presented a letter from Judge Johnston, which was read, asking for better accommodation for the County Court, and suggesting a conference; also a plan sent by the Judges of the Supreme Court and other papers in connection with the proposed additions to the Court House.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Tupper they were referred to the Committee on Public Property.

The charges against Mr. Evans were stated verbally at length by Mr. Torrance, to the effect that he had refused to pay warrants for costs drawn by Mr. Torrance as a Justice of the Peace, and to co operate as Clerk of License in prosecuting a violation of the license law by J. W. Corbin, of Tangier. Mr. Evans replied, stating that for interests of the County he had taken no action in the matter, as the expenses of the suits were large, and he was prepared to explain fully the reasons for not proceeding in the License case and in this matter.

Moved by Councillor Rowlings, seconded by Councillor John Hays,

"That the charges made by J. F. Torrance, J. P., of Tangier, against the County Treasurer and Clerk of Licenses, be referred to a Committee consisting of Councillors James E. Shatford, Griffin and Tupper, for investigation."

Passed.

The list of District Officers for District 17, which was omitted by Councillor Hamilton at January meeting, was submitted and passed.

Moved by Councillor Dillman, seconded by Councillor Rowlings, and passed,

"That Thomas Cole be appointed Overseer of Highways in District 20, instead of George Grant, who is over age and exempt."

In reply to an enquiry, the Clerk said that printed Reports of the January proceedings would be ready to-morrow, and explained delay in publication.

The Council adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 4, 1881.

The Council met at 10 a. m.

Roll called. Present—the Warden and 24 Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk supplied the Councillors with copies of proceedings of the Annual Session in January.

Read the partial Report of Wm. Taylor, Esq., who had been appointed to investigate the accounts rendered by Board of Public Charities against Halifax County for Insane Patients. The report showed that he had examined the Insane Asylum accounts, and they might be divided into two classes: 1st those for patients now either dead or discharged from the institution and whose expense had been paid out of the County funds; 2nd, for patients now under treatment and which stand against the County. He had not looked into the first sufficiently to report on them. He could report, too, on only a few of the second class, which he thought were not properly payable by the County. The grounds were largely, want of residence in the County and very defective papers of admission as County patients. He submitted a list of names of patients, the time they had been treated, the amount paid, and the reason they were not chargeable to the County. The patients numbered eleven, and the total sum thus wrongly paid was \$12,465.00 as below:

W. Saunders,	21 years,	\$2640 00
Jas. Way,	20 "	2580 00
W. Williams,	13 "	1440 00
x M. Bligh,	14 "	1400 00
C. Boutilier,	12 "	1200 00
x E. A. Thomas,	10 "	1000 00
x M. Norris,	12 "	1200 00
C. Norwood,	4 "	480 00
Fanny Forbes,	2 "	200 00
x H. McPherson,	2 "	200 00
x Annie McLeod,	2 "	125 00

There are several other names which might have been placed on the list but he had not sufficiently examined them to report at present. There was little doubt that if these were carefully investigated a still further sum could be added to that above named, as well as payments made on account of patients who have died or been discharged and who would clearly be seen to be erroneously charged to this County. He expressed his regret at being unable to continue the investigation and his willingness to hand over his

notes and information. The Commissioners of Public Charities had afforded him every facility for acquiring information.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Burgess,

"The Report was referred to Committee on Lunatic Asylum."

The Warden submitted petitions received from Elias Dauphiney and others asking that a road be left open from main post road to Brook Point, (District 12). Also a counter petition by John Longard and a large number of persons. From residents of District 12 in favour of Jeremiah Tanner, also John Dechman; David Umlah (District 12); and from Alexander Ogilvie and others, for Statute Labor to be done on new road (District 35.)

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor E. E. Burgess,

"That all said Petitions be referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges."

Passed.

Read a petition from W. Kandick and A. N. Brennan, bondsmen for Mrs. Margaret Allison, showing that they had gone bail for her, but that she had left the Province. They had applied to the Sheriff and City Marshal, but they had no power to re-arrest her, and that she had escaped; they therefore prayed to be relieved from their bond.

Referred to the Finance Committee on motion of Councillors Griffin and Himelman.

Read letter from Mrs. B. Colp, relative to over-assessment and inability of her husband (B. Colp) to be present personally before the Assessment Committee.

On motion, referred with other appeals of the same kind to Committee on Assessments.

The Warden reported that the Bill for Education of Pauper Blind, of which a draft was submitted at the Annual Meeting, had not been introduced into the Assembly, the Attorney-General stating the Municipalities generally were opposed to it.

On motion, the proposed Bill was laid on the table.

The Warden submitted the Road and Bridge Bill as being the order of the day. The following are the sections specially bearing on the subject.

Extracts from Act further to amend the County Incorporation Act:  
 Section 1. No part of the grants which may be made by the Legislature from time to time to the several Counties of the Province, for the Road and

Bridge service, shall be expended under commission or by commissioners, but the moneys so granted shall be appropriated by the Councils of the respective Municipalities, and shall thereafter be expended under the inspection of Supervisors of Highways of whom not more than four shall be appointed in each Municipality by the County Council. The Municipalities in which more than one such Supervisor may be appointed shall be divided between the Supervisors so appointed the district allotted to each being defined. Every such Supervisor shall at each regular meeting of the Council, after his appointment, make to the Council a report upon the condition of the roads and bridges within the district, and shew what appropriations will, in his judgment be necessary. The Supervisors shall be paid such remuneration as shall be decided on by the Councils respectively.

2. No Councillor shall be a Supervisor of Highways, and any person holding the office of Supervisor who shall be elected a Councillor shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his office as Supervisor.

3. All the road and bridge moneys granted by the Legislature from time to time for the road and bridge service shall be expended by tender and contract, or after competition by public auction, after reasonable notice, and by contract entered into thereafter, and in accordance with such contract.

4. The provisions of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Expenditure of Moneys on Roads," relating to contracts, shall apply to contracts to be entered into under the provisions of this Act, and the conditions and forms of agreement specified in said Chapter may be used for contracts to be let under this Act, but the provisions of said Chapter, relative to dispensing with tender and contract, shall not apply.

5. Sections 9 and 45 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1880, entitled, "An Act to amend the County Incorporation Act of 1879," are hereby repealed.

6. The road moneys granted by the Legislature shall be drawn from the Provincial Treasury on returns, duly attested to by the persons under whose direction the work was done, and certified by the Clerk of the Municipality, and the Supervisor of Roads if the work has been done within the jurisdiction of a Supervisor; otherwise by the Councillor for the district in which the work was performed.

Councillor John E. Shatford opened the discussion by pointing out the defects of the Act under the system of tender and contract for Districts such as No. 31, and showed that the Act was impracticable. He moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"That this Municipality be divided into four Districts, with four Supervisors, in accordance with the amendments to the County Incorporation Act, as passed in the Session of 1881, and that the Members for the County and Edmund Hubley, Esq., of St. Margaret's Bay, be said Supervisors in and for the following Districts (giving the numbers), as follows:

"That they be paid \$1 per day for every day actually employed from their homes on business connected with their offices as such Supervisors of Roads."

The resolution was discussed at length by Councillors Jas. E. Shatford, N. Hayes, Hamilton, Ryan, Tupper, Himelman, Griffin, Hubley, D. W. Archibald, Guild, Chipman, and others.

A motion to adjourn the debate till the afternoon passed by 18 to 3.

The Council adjourned to 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 4, 1881.

The Council met at 2 o'clock.

Roll called: The Warlen and 25 Councillors present.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Councillor Himelman said that he understood that the County Members were willing to serve as Supervisors. Councillor Fancy said Mr. Harrington had so stated to him.

Councillor James E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes, moved the following amendment to the resolution of this morning:

"Resolved, That the Council do not appoint any Supervisors, so that the Government may control the Road Moneys."

The amendment was put and lost.

The original resolution, altered as under, was then put and carried by a majority of 8:

"Resolved, That the Municipality of Halifax County be divided with three Supervisors, in accordance with the amendment to the Incorporation Act as passed by the Legislature during the Session of 1881, and that the three Members for the County be the Supervisors, and that the said Supervisors be paid at the rate of \$1 per day for every day they are actually employed from their homes on business connected with their offices as such Supervisors of Roads."

Names being called for, they appeared thus:—

*For the Resolution.*—Councillors John E. Shatford, Himelman, Griffin, Burgess, D. W. Archibald, Fancy, Dan Fitzgerald, Chipman, Christian, John Hayes, Madill, Bissett, Hubley and Ryan.—16.

*Against.*—Councillor Rowlings, Lapierre, Tupper, N. Hayes, Dillman, Hamilton, Gould and James E. Shatford.—8.

Councillor James E. Shatford gave notice of re-consideration.

A petition of David Brown for leave to perform his statute labor on his own road was referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Sheriff Bell's bill for expenses of conveying prisoners to Dorchester, and board of jurors in criminal trials at last term, amounting to \$69.48, was handed in and referred to the Finance Committee.

John Merson was appointed Overseer of the Poor for District 19 in place of Robert McDonald, deceased.

It was resolved to assess \$400 in District 14 (N. W. Arm), and \$70 additional in District 27 (Jeddore), \$60 in District 17 (Sackville), \$-0 additional in District 24, Moser's River, for the support of the poor.

On motion of Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor Rowlings,

"Resolved, That the Councillor for District 25 be authorized to draw \$25 out of fines and fees at the credit of the District for the support of a Ferry across the East River of Ship Harbor for the present year."

Passed.

Councillor Fitzgerald enquired as to the duty of Constable Webber. When sent to his District to collect taxes from defaulters he had called for resident Constables to assist him. Mr. Webber explained. Several Councillors considered that the local Constables should perform that work, instead of Webber being sent from Halifax to any part of the County for such purposes. It was decided that when so engaged he was entitled to the assistance of the local Constables.

Councillor Chipman (Chairman) submitted Report of Committee on Lunatics:

### Report of the Committee on Insane Patients.

The Committee find from the Report made by William Taylor, Esq., that there are still a number of patients chargeable to this County who properly belong to the Province. They therefore recommend a meeting of this Committee with the Board of Public Charities, with a view to define the settlement of the patients reported by Mr. Taylor. The Committee further recommend the appointment of a suitable person to complete the work commenced by Mr. Taylor.

The claim of the Board of Charities for Insane Patients to 31st March, 1881, amounts to \$30 850.45, and the Committee hope this amount may be somewhat reduced by a proper adjustment according to the Report above referred to. The recommendation of the Law Committee for a reduction of fees of medical examiners was presented to the Legislature, but was not assented to.



Since the 13th January six patients have been admitted from this County.

- B. W. CHIPMAN,
- J. LESTER GRIFFIN,
- JOSEPH HIMELMAN,
- EDMUND RYAN,
- GEORGE ROWLINGS.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Himelman,

"Resolved, That the Warden be empowered to engage a person to complete the revision of the accounts begun by Mr. William Taylor."

Passed.

The Report on Lunatics was then adopted.

Councillor Madill asked that the Committee on Roads and Bridges hasten the appropriations for that service, as most of the Councillors were desirous of getting away.

The Clerk said that no Ferry Licenses had yet been taken out as the Bye-Laws demanded. The Bye Law on the subject was read, and the Warden requested the Councillors interested to have it carried out.

Moved by Councillor N. Hays, jr.; seconded by Councillor Rowlings, and passed:

"Resolved, That the fines for selling liquor in District 24, and collected in District 34, be credited to 24."

Councillor Chipman, (Chairman) submitted the Report of Committee on Bye-Laws:

### Report of Committee on Bye-Laws.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the Bye-Laws collated from the proceedings of the Council at the several Sessions were prepared in due form by the Clerk and transmitted to the Hon. the Attorney-General, for the approval of the Governor-in-Council; they have been returned by the Attorney-General, who has approved of all except Nos. 13, 14 and 16, with the notice that on a fair copy of the same being sent to him, he will have them formally accepted as the law requires.

We also recommend that the Bye-Laws when completed be published as soon as they can be got ready.

- B. W. CHIPMAN,
- D. W. ARCHIBALD,
- JAMES E. SHATFORD,
- ADAM DEAN.

The Report, on motion of Councillors Rowlings and N. Hays, was adopted.

Councillor Guild, Chairman of the Committee on Assessment, reported favorably on Benjamin Celp's petition, complaining of excessive assessment, that \$3.66 be remitted him.

On motion of Councillors Hays and Fancy,

"The Report was adopted."

The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock Thursday.

### THIRD DAY

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1881.

The Council met at 2 o'clock.

Present, the Warden and Councillors.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The Clerk read the Minutes of yesterday relative to vote on appointment of Supervisors, as far as notice of re consideration.

Councillor James E. Shatford enquired whether any correspondence had been received on the subject, and if so, requested it to be read.

The Warden submitted and the Clerk read a letter, dated 5th inst., received from the County Members, Messrs. Harrington, Stairs and Pugh, in which they state that their attention was called by the published reports of the Council, which stated that they had been appointed Supervisors of Highways in this county, and they continue as follows:

"You are more fully aware than we can tell you of the evils which, for many years previous to our present Parliamentary term, were inflicted on our road and bridge service by the expenditure of such moneys being considered a part of the patronage falling to the lot of members of the Legislature. It is a matter of Provincial history that under that system the most extravagant expenditure was found to be necessary to keep up the efficiency of the service, and that the members were, in many cases, not free from the suspicion that political advantage guided them in the exercise of that patronage rather than a strict regard to economy. The County Incorporation Act, by removing the road and bridge funds from the control of the members and calling into existence the Municipal Councils of the Province, accomplished what we believe the whole country now recognizes as a most salutary and necessary reform. When the Councils had become established,

however, it was found that in some parts of the Province the evils which had been supposed to be eradicated were being repeated in an aggravated form; that, while the members of the House of Assembly no longer controlled the road and bridge grant and made them subservient to political ends, the Municipal Councils were charged with the same offence; that commissions were often promised to secure votes for Councillors, and at other times are given to reward the services of friends. It was also found that most of the Councils had adopted the practice of dividing the grant among the polling sections of the Counties oftentimes giving the lion's share to the most populous and most thickly settled polling districts, which had the least need for a liberal allowance, because they had the statute labor to depend on, and leaving comparatively unprovided for the roads in large and thinly settled districts, as well as bridges on the dividing lines between sections. It was also found, that in spite of the experience of the past, the wasteful system of expending the moneys by commissioners for small amounts was being continued. To remedy these great evils the amendments of last Session were adopted. First, placing the expenditure of road and bridge moneys under the inspection of Supervisors, not more than four of whom shall be appointed in each County, while the distribution of the funds were still to be controlled to a large extent by the Councils. Second, requiring all works to be done under tender and contract, as is done in the other Provinces and in all well managed communities.

We have to express thanks to the Council for our almost unanimous election as such Supervisors. We feel that it is a gratifying expression of confidence and an assurance that we, at least, are entirely free from the suspicion that in our hands the road and bridge grants would be likely to be distributed as some previous members of the Legislature are charged with having distributed them, with a view to securing political power.

We accept it likewise as an assurance that our administration of the road and bridge grant, while it was in our hands in 1879 (and to a limited extent under the special grant of 1880) was acceptable to our constituents. While we would be glad to be of service to the County in any position, we feel however, that there are strong reasons why we should not accept the honor which you have conferred on us. In the first place the appointment of the members for a County to any office by virtue of which they would necessarily have control of the road and bridge grants, would be a departure from the policy which brought about the County Incorporation Act of 1879, and should only be sanctioned in cases of urgent necessity. In the next place such an appointment might be a precedent dangerous to be followed if the representation of the County should fall into the hands of persons whom the Council would not be willing to appoint so cheerfully, and by so large a vote as that by which we learn we are elected. In the third place we feel that, as we are all residents of the incorporated City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, the outlying and thinly settled sections of the County might fear the want of attention and due consideration which they experienced,

it is said, under the system by which the largest and most influential polling sections obtained the larger proportion of the grants. For these reasons we beg to call your attention to section 17 of chap. 1 of the Acts of 1879 which provides that members of the Legislature shall be exempt from serving in any municipal office unless with their own consent, and to decline with thanks the honor which the Council has proposed to confer upon us."

Councillor James E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Guild, moved,

"That the vote of the previous day, appointing the County Members Supervisors of Roads, be rescinded."

The motion, on being put, was lost, 11 to 6.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor John E. Shatford,

"Resolved, That the letter of the County Members be laid on the table."

Passed.

The Warden submitted a request from Justice Torrance, asking leave to explain to the Council the costs in the case of the Queen vs. Mason.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin:

"That Justice Torrance be heard for a short time as requested."

Passed.

Mr. Torrance stated the circumstances which led to the arrests in said case being made which caused the incurring of the bills which he now complained the County Treasurer refused to pay. He described the state of affairs at Tangier as most disgraceful till he, as a magistrate, began to take active measures to suppress disorder at the risk of life and property to himself and local constables.

Councillor James E. Shatford said the committee investigating the dispute between the Treasurer and Mr. Torrance had come to a dead lock in consequence of the refusal of one of the witnesses to answer questions put to him. The committee asked for instructions.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor John E. Shatford:

"Resolved, That the matter be referred back to the committee to deal with as they think best, and report to the Council."

Read a petition from Daniel Hallissey, asking to be relieved from taxation levied on a house which was burned down just after being valued last year.

On motion of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor N. Hays, it was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

Read a petition from residents of Waverley, asking that permission be given Mr. Justice Lingley to put up hay scales on the highway.

Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Madill, moved that—

"The prayer be granted, Mr. Lingley appointed Weigher, and the fees fixed at 20 cents per load."

Passed.

The Warden handed the petition of Alex. Hawkins and others, of Oyster Pond, to Councillor Guild, who, seconded by Councillor H. W. Archibald, moved to refer it to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Passed.

The Warden, as Chairman, submitted the

### Report of Committee on Conference with City Council.

Your Committee beg to report that they met with His Worship the Mayor and the Recorder, and the Attorney General was also present. The assessment was fully discussed and the legal position of the County Council as regards the returns to be made by the city authorities was established, and is as follows:

That the County Council are not bound to furnish any detailed statement of the yearly assessment to be made, but that any official from the City Council can apply at the office of the County Clerk for any information desired in connection with it and take a copy thereof. The Mayor, without reference to this course, is to furnish the valuation, as heretofore, to the County Clerk, and any matters of dispute thereafter as to the services or objects of the estimate, may be made a subject for arbitration between the two corporations as the law provides. With reference to the present indebtedness, nothing further could be said than that arrangements would be made to pay it as soon as possible.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, Warden,  
JNO. E. SHATFORD,  
EDMUND RYAN.

After conversation thereon, the report was adopted, on motion of Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The subject of enforcing payments due the County by the City was discussed.

Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor N. Hays, moved—

"That the Warden be empowered to instruct our lawyer, the Attorney-General, to proceed immediately against the City for their indebtedness to the County."

The subject of a County Solicitor was discussed by Councillors Jno. Shatford, Chipman, Ryan, Jas. Shatford, Griffin and others, during which it was stated that two lawyers were already acting for the County, and that their bills, though promised, had not been received yet. The Warden said he had requested the attendance of the Attorney-General at the conference, and he had materially assisted the Committee to a conclusion on the points desired in reference to City matters.

An amendment to employ standing counsel was lost.

The Resolution was then put and carried.

Councillor Chipman moved, seconded by Councillor Rowlings :

"Whereas, The appointment of the three members of the county as supervisors of roads not being intended as a vote of confidence in those gentlemen, and after consideration the reasons urged by them as to their incapacity under the law and otherwise to perform the duties of such office ;

Be it therefore resolved, that the resignation of the three County members as supervisors of roads be accepted by this Council."

The discussion of this resolution was deferred, and the Council adjourned to proceed with committee work until Friday at 10 a. m.

## FOURTH DAY

FRIDAY MORNING, May 6, 1881.

The Council met in the Warden's Room, (the Court Rooms being occupied), at 10 a. m.

Present—The Warden and 24 Councillors.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

Petitions were presented and read from Assessors of District 22, asking for \$6 extra pay for work as Assessors; also a letter from J. K. Munnis charging the County Constable with dereliction of duty in not securing a man for debt, and asking investigation.

The Clerk directed the attention of the Council to the unequal and inequitable payment of Assessors. All were paid alike, though some Districts, from greater area and population, required four times the time and labour. The valuation notices had also much increased the work of Assessors. Really competent men were needed, and several of these had

notified him of the injustice, and their unwillingness to serve. Several Councillors made similar remarks.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Madill,

"That the claim for extra services for Assessors, District 22, lay over till January."

Passed.

Constable Webber was asked for an explanation in reference to Mr. Munnis' charge, and said that he had twice endeavoured to serve the papers, but the party lived on an island, and no boats were available, &c.

It was moved and seconded,

"That the letter of Mr. J. K. Munnis be laid on the table."

Passed.

Councillor Chipman's resolution was next brought up. (See Minutes of 5th May.) He said that with the assent of the seconder he would withdraw his resolution, as the majority of the Council considered it unnecessary as the original resolution was considered a very good joke.

Councillor John E. Shatford said his resolution was not intended as a joke.

Councillor D. W. Archibald read the following resolution, seconded by Councillor J. D. Tupper :

"Resolved, That in consideration of the Hon. members of Provincial Parliament in and for the City and County of Halifax declining to serve as Supervisors of Highways in and for the said County, that this Council do at once proceed to apportion the Road and Bridge Grant available for the present year, through their Road and Bridge Committee, as heretofore, and that the Council divide the County into four Supervisory sections, appointing a competent Supervisor of Highways for each, who shall superintend the expenditure of all monies apportioned to their respective sections, giving to each supervisory section such proportion of said money as this Council may direct."

After discussion the resolution was declared out of order, as the Supervisors though appointed had not yet been officially notified; consequently their letter could not be considered as a resignation.

Councillor John E. Shatford presented Report of the special Committee appointed to investigate charges against Councillor Hamilton, brought by Dr. Ternan. They state that "after examination on oath of said parties and other witnesses, we hold that Councillor Hamilton was justified in the course he pursued."

The Chairman made some explanations, after which the report was, on motion of Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Lapierre, adopted.

On motion, resolved that \$40 be assessed for support of poor in District 34, (Salmon River.)

"Also resolved, That \$6.20 be assessed for Poor purposes in District No. 16."

Councillor Ryan drew attention to the fact that pedlers must be licensed, and moved the following resolution :

"Resolved, That this Council do order that the Clerk insert in three newspapers, for one week, viz., *Chronicle, Herald and Recorder*, the Bye-Law respecting Pedlers and Hawkers of Goods in this Municipality."

Seconded by Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, and passed.

Councillor Burgess (Chairman) submitted the Report of Committee on Licenses.

### Report of Committee on Licenses.

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Halifax :

GENTLEMEN.—The Committee on Licenses beg to report as follows :— They have examined the petitions of Thomas Ward, District No. 14 ; Robert Allen, of District No. 15, and James H. Power, of District No. 10, and beg to recommend Thomas Ward, of District No. 14, and Robert Allen, of District No. 15, to obtain a license for the sale of spiritous liquors in then said Districts, they having complied with the law, and recommend Jas. H. Power's license for District No. 10 be granted him, provided he complies with the law.

And your Committee would respectfully suggest to the Council the advisability of giving your Committee the power to use their discretion and to order the Clerk of License to grant a license to any person they may deem worthy to hold such license, provided they in all respects comply with the law during the recess of your Honorable Council, such licenses so granted to terminate on the 1st day of May, 1882.

E. F. BURGESS, *Chairman.*

J. LESTER GRIFFIN.

JAMES E. SHATFORD.

GEO. H. MADILL.

JOSEPH HAMILTON.

Moved by Councillor N. Hays, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald :

"That the Report of Committee on Licenses be adopted."

Passed.

Councillor Guild, as Chairman, submitted the Report of Committee on Assessments, 1880,



## Report of Committee on Assessments.

*To His Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Assessments beg leave to report that they have examined the papers handed to them from parties appealing from their Assessment. We recommend that the valuation of Wm. White, District 7, be remitted in full, as it is widow's property ; also, that the sum of \$200 be deducted from the valuation of George Mason, as it belongs to the estate of the late Charles Hall and in possession of his widow, of District 18. That the sum of \$40 be deducted from the personal property of John Hawes, jr, of Spry Bay, District 26. Also, that the sum of \$55 be deducted from the valuation of George Hill, of District 27. That the sum of \$50 be added to the present valuation of John Power, as per sworn statement, District 28. Also, that the sum of \$150 be deducted from the valuation of John Brooks, District 30. That the sum of \$100 be deducted from the valuation of Michael Edwards, District 33. Also, that the sum of \$45 be added to the present valuation of James Bayer, District 36. Your Committee further recommend that the valuation of Hugh Dunn, of District 25, and also the valuation of Samuel J. K. Boutilier, District 12, be sustained as made by the Assessors.

Your Committee have taken no action with reference to John McPhee and Thomas L. DeWolf, both of District 18 and W. D. Sutherland, District 31, as their complaints were not handed in in a formal manner. All of which we humbly submit.

WILLIAM GUILD,

ADAM DEAN,

JOHN HAYES,

ALVAN HUBLEY.

On motion of Councillor Jas. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess, the Report was received and adopted.

Councillor Jno. E. Shatford (Chairman) presented the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

## Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*To the Worshipful Warden and Councillors :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to recommend that the account of road expenditure, \$45, and for bridge 80 cents, in District No. 29, be paid out of said district's proportion of Government grant for the present year. Also that the prayer of petitions of David Umlah and others in District 12, Jeremiah Tanner and others in same district, John Dechman in District 22, and that of Alexander Ogilvie and others in District No. 35, be granted, their Statute Labor being performed

under the supervision of Overseers of Statute Labor in these sections. Also that the petitions of John Longard and others, and Elias Dauphney and others, in District No. 12. be not granted.

We also beg to submit herewith a Road Scale for the present year, showing on a subdivision, after careful deliberation, the amounts to be drawn from the Provincial Treasury for the road and bridge service for the various districts of the County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*

GEO. A. LESLIE.

JOHN D. TUPPER.

GEO. H. MADILL.

The Road Scale was based on the mileage of the Districts at \$1.00 per mile, with special allowances for Bridges for each. (See the scale as amended May 7th.)

The mileage was taken from the Schedules sent by Councillors to the Provincial Secretary, with a few corrections.

Councillor Shatford made some explanatory remarks.

Councillor Bissett enquired the mileage allowed for District 31, as his predecessor had given only the main post roads.

Councillor James E. Shatford said that his allowance was wholly inadequate for the needs of his district.

Councillor Bissett said that his mileage was nearly 60 miles instead of 30, as calculated, and asked to have it amended, as he was not aware that the Committee were preparing the Scale on last year's basis.

Councillors Himelman, Ryan, Griffin and Lapierre supported the claim for that district (No. 31.)

Councillor Crook said one section of it had been overlooked last year, and was so bad as to need a special grant.

Councillor Ryan said he had more than required, and would transfer \$15 to Councillor Shatford's grant.

A lively discussion followed on the action of the County Members in giving special grants to private applicants, as shewn by the Financial Returns, to be nearly \$1,000. Councillors Chipman, Jas. Shatford, Hubley, N. Hayes, Dean, Tupper, D. W. Archibald, Ryan, Bissett, John Shatford, Himelman, Rowlings, Madill and others took part.

Councillor Lapierre explained that three amount's for his District were payments for 1879. The Warden said the same for a charge for District 35.

On motion,

"Resolved, That the Road Scale be referred back to the Committee on Roads and Bridges to be amended as suggested, and reported to-morrow."

Councillor Himelman gave notice of re-consideration of the Report.

\$15 was transferred from Councillor Ryan's District appropriation to Councillor James E. Shatford's District.

The Warden, as Chairman of the Committee of the County Council for a conference on the Dartmouth Case, reported verbally that they had met with the Committee of the Dartmouth Town Council, and that the matter of Dartmouth indebtedness to the County, being as submitted to the end of the year 1880, \$19,000, not including costs, &c., was discussed. The Warden of Dartmouth and members of the delegation seemed anxious to have the matter settled; and the Council's Committee had offered verbally to take \$5,000 off the debt if the Dartmouth Council took immediate steps to arrange a settlement of the balance \$14,000, and admitted the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court against which the Town had appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. It was uncertain whether the Dartmouth Council would accept the proposition, and of course it would require to be ratified by the County Council as well.

No motion was made in reference to the Report, and the Council adjourned to 10 o'clock Saturday.

## FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, May 7th, 1881.

The Council met at 10 o'clock in the Warden's Room.

The warden and 21 Councillors present.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

A letter was read from Col, Laurie, dated March 19th, from Cape of Good Hope, stating his inability to attend, from his unexpected trip to that Colony, leaving the matter of filling the position for District 18 to the decision of the Council, and hoping to return early in Summer, also trusting that legislative action of a suitable character had been taken on points referred to in previous letter, and on other matters.

On motion of Councillor John Shatford, seconded by Councillor Griffin,

"Resolved, That this Council authorize the Warden not to call for an election to

fill the place of Col. Larré, (District 18) until November next, or until he receives further communication from Col. Laurie."

The Clerk said that Mr. Justice Lingley had attended to the requirements of that District.

Read Petition from E. Baker and others of East Jeddore, asking for protection against strangers gathering berries and destroying the vines in their neighborhood.

Moved and passed that it be laid on the table.

Councillor Griffin, in the absence of the Chairman, reported on the charges made by Mr. Justice Torrance against the County Treasurer.

### Report of Committee on Justice Torrance's Matter:

*To the Worshipful the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee investigated the charges of J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., against Wm. Evans, as County Treasurer, carefully on oath, and after examination of the papers, documents, warrants and writs of every description in reference to the first charge against said Treasurer for violation of Sec. 60, Chap 171 of the Appendix, Revised Statutes, 4th Series, in refusing to pay Constables' fees on warrant issued by said J. Fraser Torrance, J. P., your Committee consider the Magistrate's Warrant sufficient authority for said Treasurer to pay said Constables' fees. Nevertheless, knowing that said charge was not in accordance with law from facts known to him, said Treasurer, and fully admitted by said J. Fraser Torrance Esq., J. P., of the omission in not inserting costs in said Warrant of Commitment; and from the admission of said J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., as well as facts proven by said County Treasurer, in receiving instructions from Chairman of Finance Committee not to pay any more money without an order from Council we therefore recommend the Council to exonerate said County Treasurer of said charge.

The charge of J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., J. P., against Wm. Evans, Esq., Clerk of License, for refusing to take proceedings against J. W. Corbin, of Tangier, for selling intoxicating liquors without license, in the written complaint and guarantee of said J. Fraser Torrance and Mr. Lucien Scarfe, said guarantee being produced and examined carefully, and although the word "guarantee" is mentioned in said document, your Committee have doubts of the legality of said document purporting to be the guarantee; and from the evidence of Clerk of License, as well as from the admission of J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., that if there was a sufficient bond given to the Clerk of License he would proceed against the said J. W. Corbin, your Committee therefore do recommend the said Clerk of License to be exonerated of said charge.

Your Committee in receiving the testimony given by said J. Fraser

Torrance, Esq., J. P., as well as the evidence given by William Evans, Esq. Clerk of License in reference to the conduct of Clerk of License when visiting Tangier on writ of summons issued against him as Clerk of License, fail to see any impropriety in putting up at the first boarding house he came to, more particularly after travelling from Halifax to Tangier, distance 60 miles, that day, and it being about half-past nine o'clock at night when he arrived at Tangier in company with Edmund Ryan, Esq., J. P., who also asserts on oath that he saw nothing wrong while in said house occupied by the said J. W. Vorbin, it being a decent and a respectable house to board at; that from the statements produced your Committee do fully recommend said Clerk of License to be exonerated from the third charge. Your Committee also, after hearing the evidence of J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., J. P. as well as Wm. Evans, Esq., Clerk of License relative to conduct of said Clerk of License towards said J. Fraser Torrance while at Tangier, your Committee believe the conduct of each of these parties towards each other was quite out of order and uncalled for; and as it appears from evidence, said J. Fraser Torrance commenced the abusive language, as admitted by himself, said J. Fraser Torrance, towards said Clerk of License, your Committee do therefore recommend said Clerk of License to be exonerated from charge as aforesaid, your Committee being of the opinion that it was an oversight on the part of said J. Fraser Torrance, Esq., J. P. not having inserted the costs in his Warrant of Commitment in question, thereby causing the refusal of the amount of costs claimed, \$10.05. Your Committee do recommend the said amount of costs claimed on said warrant be paid out of any fines at credit of Tangier District, and if none, then out of County funds, but not to be considered a precedent.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

JAS. E. SHATFORD.

J. LESTER GRIFFIN.

JOHN D. TUPPER

The attention of the Warden was called to the presence of strangers in the Council, but as they were stated to be present by invitation of Councillors, they were permitted to remain.

Councillor John Shatford objected to that portion of the Report referring to the order given by him as Chairman of the Finance Committee. What he did state was that no payment of *illegal* charges should be made. Magistrates' Warrants, legally drawn, were payable by the County Treasurer when presented, as the Statute provides.

Councillor Leslie objected to the recommendation that Justice Torrance be paid \$10.05 out of funds at credit of District 26 which were subject to his order for road and bridge repairs. He requested that the clause be struck out.

The Report was referred to the Committee for amendment in the foregoing points.

The Warden submitted a petition, which was read, from Justice Torrance against a certain portion of the Committee's Report, and claiming that the charges were sustained, as shewn by the evidence, also stating that the conduct of the Treasurer during the investigation was disgraceful; that a feeling existed among leading citizens that the Treasurer is not qualified for his office, his salary is extravagant, and that such opinions existing must seriously affect his usefulness, and the credit of the Council; also asking on these grounds that the Treasurer be forthwith dismissed, and a successor appointed at a lower salary.

The amended Report of the Committee was submitted.

Mr. Torrance, desiring to be heard on the matter, a discussion took place, as to time to be granted, 15 minutes and five minutes being proposed.

It was moved by Councillor Leslie, seconded by Councillor Guild:

"Resolved, That Mr. Justice Torrance be heard on the Report of Committee to investigate charges against him; time not to exceed 10 minutes."

The resolution was put and lost.

Moved by Councillor D. W. Archibald, seconded by Councillor Ryan:

"Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate certain charges preferred by Justice Torrance, of Tangier, against the County Treasurer, as be adopted."

Councillors John E. Shatford and Hubley moved in amendment,

"That the Report of Committee on Torrance v. Evans be referred back to the Committee to be reported on in January."

This amendment was put and lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed by 13 to 7.

The names were called for.

**For adopting Report.**—Councillors Guild, Chipman, Rowlings, Tupper, John Hayes, D. W. Archibald, Bissett, Ryan, Lapierre, Fitzgerald, Dillman, Burgess, Griffin.

**Against it.**—Councillors Umlah, Fancy, Leslie, Himmelman, Hubley, Crook, James E. Shatford.

The Chairman (Councillor Griffin) submitted the Report of the Committee on Public Property.

## Report of Committee on Tenders and Public Property

To the Worshipful Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg to report as follows, in reference to the proposed alterations to the Court House:—

The Legislature passed a permissive bill, giving this Council power to borrow money, and provide in conjunction with the Provincial Government, to make such alterations and improvements as they think best. Your Committee have also examined the plans submitted, and read a letter from His Honor the Judge of the County Court. And while your Committee are most anxious to extend and improve the accommodation of the Court House, they do not, under the present financial state of the County, feel justified in recommending your Honourable Body to borrow money for this purpose, while there is such a large amount now standing over due from the City of Halifax, and Town of Dartmouth.

Your Committee have visited the Jail regularly, weekly and monthly, in turn, have found the prisoners carefully taken care of, and the premises clean, and the Jailor attentive.

Your Committee, in examining the Doctor's Report, would recommend that some measure may be arrived at, whereby persons sent to the Jail in a state of intoxication may be compelled to pay for such medicine as they may require while there, if in a position to do so.

Your Committee have examined the Jailor's Reports, and find them correct, which shows a large proportion of Prisoners committed are from the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, as follows, viz., City Court, 65; Dartmouth, 10; County Magistrate's Court, 25; Supreme and County Courts, 33; and of these numbers, there were 59 Criminals and 74 Debtors.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

J. LESTER GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

B. W. HIPMAN,

JOSEPH HIMELMAN,

EDMUND RYAN.

The Jailor's detailed statement and the Surgeon's Report were enclosed.

The Surgeon states the ventilation and sanitary condition of the Jail and surroundings and the health of the prisoners to be generally good. Only a few surgical cases required attention. With reference to committals for prolonged drunkenness and delirium tremens, he says: "Many are able to pay, but all expect free board, medical attendance and medicines. These are a class of cases which cause a great deal of trouble, and are attended with no little responsibility. They are usually committed as a matter of safety, as well as convenience to their friends, and I would recommend to your Council that some measure be devised by which a suitable charge shall be made for maintenance, and that they be expected to pay for medical treatment and such medicines as they may need."

On motion, the Report, including the Jailor's and Surgeon's Returns, was adopted.

The Chairman of Road and Bridge Committee submitted the amended Road Scale, by which District 31 receives \$62 more than first allotted, that amount being deducted from various districts. District 11 to have \$15 added, which is taken off District 23. The following will then be the correct Scale of Road and Bridge appropriations, 1881.

### Amended Road and Bridge Scale, 1881.

No. of District.	No. of Miles.	Rate per Mile.	Amt. of Mileage.	Extra for Bad Bridges.	Total.
7	15	\$4 00	\$60 00	\$25 00	\$85 00
8	19	4 00	76 00	25 00	101 00
9	10	4 00	40 00	25 00	65 00
10	15	4 00	60 00	30 00	90 00
11	40	4 00	160 00	80 00	240 00
12	40½	4 00	162 00	45 00	207 00
13	46	4 00	184 00	45 00	229 00
14	9½	4 00	38 00	25 00	63 00
15	16	.....	60 00	15 00	75 00
16	33	4 00	132 00	76 00	208 00
17	52	.....	202 00	25 00	227 00
18	40	4 00	160 00	80 00	240 00
19	58	4 00	232 00	135 00	367 00
20	61	4 00	244 00	55 00	299 00
21	90	.....	353 50	175 00	528 50
22	105	4 00	420 00	80 00	500 00
23	7	4 00	28 00	.....	28 00
24	34	4 00	136 00	45 00	181 00
25	45	.....	175 00	155 00	330 00
26	66	.....	260 50	150 00	410 50
27	80	4 00	320 00	155 00	475 00
28	30	4 00	120 00	45 00	165 00
29	31	4 00	124 00	60 00	184 00
30	53	4 00	212 00	45 00	257 00
31	37	4 00	148 00	92 00	240 00
32	22	.....	83 00	57 00	140 00
33	37	4 00	148 00	45 00	193 00
34	19	4 00	76 00	51 00	127 00
35	32	.....	118 00	55 00	175 00
36	40½	4 00	162 00	45 00	207 00
Icelandic Settlement.....					60 00
					<b>\$6687 00</b>



On motion, the amended Scale was adopted.

Councillor Rowlings, seconded by Councillor Guild, moved to rescind the resolution appointing Messrs. Harrington Stairs and Pugh, road supervisors. But as a similar resolution had been already lost, the Warden ruled this out of order, and the Clerk was authorized to notify the supervisors officially of their appointment, and request them to be sworn in.

On motion, Charles Leslie was appointed Overseer of Statute Labor for District 26 instead of Geo. Leslie, absent; Geo. W. Marriott to be Presiding Officer for District 13.

The Clerk mentioned that the Attorney-General had asked him to notify the Committee on Jury Lists that a new panel would be required very shortly, and wished to know when they could meet. The Chairman, on consulting with the others, said in the middle of June.

The Chairman, Councillor Jno. E. Shatford, submitted the Report of the Committee on Finance.

### Report of Committee on Public Accounts and Finance.

The Committee on Public Accounts and Finance beg to report as follows:—

1. They recommend that the Bail Bonds given by Messrs. Kandick and Brennan, on account of Mrs. Margaret Allison, and forfeited in consequence of her absconding, be cancelled. The Bondsmen, in the judgment of your Committee, made every effort to have her arrested, but did not succeed; and as her incarceration under a conviction would have entailed a much larger expense upon the County, and for other reasons, they consider the County and country are the better of her absence.

2. In the matter of Samuel Gaetz, so often referred to, the Committee have received the commutation of his indebtedness assented to by vote of Council.

3. With regard to Sheriff Bell's account for conveyance of prisoners to Dorchester and Board of Juries in criminal cases, we recommend that the amount, \$69.48, be paid.

4. We recommend in reference to the Bill of the City against the County for Water Rates outstanding, 1875 to 1880, that the City be credited the amount, and that vouchers be passed for the same.

5. In reference to the expenses attending the cases of small pox in District No. 31, we recommend that such portion of the same as is chargeable to the City of Halifax, on account of the Lovett family, be separated from the whole account by the County Clerk, and paid by the City, as that family were and are residents of Halifax, and that the rest of the account be assessed upon the County, as the Law provides.

6. In regard to our financial position, we regret to state, that the County is in the same state as at last Report, in respect to income. Neither the City nor Dartmouth have paid any portion of the very large sums due, by each of them, and the claims of the County have been so far paid out of the balance of Assessments received from the Rural Districts for 1880. Such a condition of things cannot long exist, as the funds in the Treasurer's hands will be exhausted.

7. As some unexpected expenditures have been occasioned since the Estimate was prepared, your Committee recommend that Three Hundred dollars be added thereto for contingent expenses.

JOHN E. SHATFORD,

D. W. ARCHIBALD,

G. A. LESLIE,

EDMUND RYAN,

B. W. CHIPMAN.

On motion the Report was adopted.

The Clerk requested that the Councillors of all Districts in arrears for County and Poor Assessments would see to the immediate collection of the balances, so as to know what deficits to add to next Assessment. Also asked that all Rolls of 1879 be returned without delay.

Moved by Councillor John E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan,

"That the Assessment Rolls for 1880 be sent back to the Collectors with instructions to collect any balances therein, and return the same with the amounts by the 30th of May."

Passed.

Councillor Lapierre stated that in consequence of the draw in Porter Lake Central Bridge being near the shore of District 29, the burden of keeping up the greater part of the bridge, say 650 feet, fell to him, and he asked for an equal division.

Moved by Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor Umlah, and

"Resolved, That the centre of Porter's Lake Bridge be the division boundary between Districts 28 and 29, and that each Councillor keep up half as his proportion."

Passed.

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Archibald :

"Whereas, Complaint was made by former Councillor for District 24 against Justice Drillio, for malfeasance in office, in neglecting or refusing to remit to the County Treasurer fines imposed by him; and

Whereas, The present Councillor for said District makes the same complaint against the aforesaid Justice Drillio;

*Be it Therefore Resolved*, That this Council recommend to the Government that the Commission of the Peace be taken from said Justice Drillio. A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Government."

Passed

On motion of Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Hubley,

"*Resolved*, That the Minutes of this May meeting of Council be printed at the earliest possible day and circulated among the Councillors."

Passed.

On motion, Councillor Griffin took the Chair, and a vote of thanks to the Warden for his able conduct in the Chair was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

The Warden expressed his sense of the honor done him, and hoped that in endeavouring to perform his duty impartially, and by carrying out the Bye-Laws, he had not done or said anything to wound the feelings of any Councillor, as such was not intended.

The May Session of the Council was then adjourned *sine die*.

# LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

—FOR THE—

## COUNTY OF HALIFAX,

### For the Year 1881.

#### District No. 7.

*Overseers of Poor*—James Conway, William Hays, John Brown, 2nd.  
HERRING COVE.

*Constable*—George Brown.

*Overseer Statute Labor*—Patrick Brown.

*Revisor*—Edward Hayes, Jr.

*Assessor*—William Brackett.

*Collector*—Edward D. Hayes.

#### FERGUSON'S COVE.

*Constable*—John Thomas.

*Overseer Statute Labor*—John Beverly.

*Assessor*—Francis Henion, Sr.

#### PURCELL'S COVE.

*Constable*—John Selig.

*Overseer Statute Labor*—James Purcell.

#### SPRYFIELD.

*Constable*—Alfred Brunt.

*Overseer Statute Labor*—John Glazebrook.

#### District No. 8.

*Presiding Officer*—Francis Munro, Esq., J. P.

*Revisor*—Francis Munro, Esq., J. P.

*Overseers of Poor*—Francis Purcell, 1st, Daniel Johnson, Sr., Richard

Flemming, Esq.

*Assessors*—John Sullivan, John O'Neil.

*Collector*—Simon Mackey.

## KETCH HARBOUR.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—William Higgins, East Side; James Flemming, West Side.

*Constables*—John Brooks, James Gallahar, 2nd.

*Fence Viewers*—James Fagan.

## PORTUGUESE COVE.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—William Quan, Jeremiah Holland.

*Constables*—Christopher Purcell, Martin O'Neill.

*Fence Viewer*—William Sadler.

*Overseers of Skids*—Patrick Power, Francis J. Purcell.

## DUNCAN'S COVE.

*Overseer of Statute Labor*—Peter McNeill.

*Constable*—John Welcher.

## BEAR COVE.

*Overseer of Statute Labor*—James Johnson.

*Constable*—William Johnson, 2nd.

*Fence Viewer*—Stephen Gray.

## District No. 9.

*Assessors*—Charles Smith, Caleb Nickerson.

*Collector*—Patrick Twohig.

*Overseers of Poor*—George H. Marryatt, James Rodgers, James W. Hennebery.

*Commissioner of Roads*—John P. Smith.

*Overseers of Roads*—Robert Greenwood, Sambro North; James Hart, Sambro South; George Findlay, Coot Cove; Charles Gray, Coot Creek; Joseph G. Gray, West Pennant; Ephraim Marryatt, Long Cove; George Snair, East Pennant; William Smith, Ball Rock.

*Constables*—Charles Hennebery, Lewis Nickerson, Caleb Gray, Simon Vaughan, Jeremiah Gray, Ball Rock.

*Revisor*—Jacob J. Marryatt, Esq., J. P.

## District No. 10.

*Assessors*—Michael Power, John Mullins.

*Collector*—Patrick Duggan, Jr.

*Overseers of Roads*—Michael Purcell, Thomas Mihan, Patrick Christian, Jr., Michael Burke, S. Bay; Thomas McGrath, E. Dover; Joseph Tanner, E. Dover; James Power, Kelly's Point.

*Constables*—Michael McGrath, Martin Christian, Samuel Mihan, Prospect; John Hornish, East Dover.

*Overseers of Poor*—James Edgar, Martin Walsh, Michael Mihan.

*Revisors*—James A. Coolin, Lawrence Saul.

## District No. 11.

*Surveyors of Highways*—John Publicover, John Innis, John W. Richardson, Charles Covey, Peter B. Isnor, John Grono, William Cornelius, Joseph Westhaver

*Constables*—James Mira, Marcus Crooks, James Adam, George A. Garrison, George Covey, Elias Grono, Henry Gates, John Holland and Edward Moor.

*Fence Viewers*—Abraham Publicover, James Daubin, Jr., Henry Johnson, George Frail, Benjamin Covey, William Covey, David Gates, Daniel Frolick and James Umlah.

*Overseers of Poor*—John H. Garrison, John Umlah and Robert Innis.

*Assessors*—Robert Munro and William Munro, Esq.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—James J. Cornelius.

*Presiding Officer*—William Munro, Esq.

*Revisor*—Thomas Mahar, Esq.

## District No. 12.

*Assessors*—George Maling, Edwin Hubley, Ephraim Rafuse.

*Overseers of Roads*—Benjamin Cyrus Boutilier, Samuel Shatford, Ambrose Hubly Samuel J. Boutilier, Charles Brunswick, Elias Dauphney, Edward Johnston, George H. Boutilier, Daniel Smeltzer, William J. Boutilier, John Awalt.

*Fence Viewers*—John Joseph Hubly, John Harshman, John Snare, Joseph Joe Boutilier, James Johnston, Isaac Dauphney, David Smeltzer, Elisha Smith.

*Lumber Surveyors*—Ambrose Hubly, William Hubly, George E. I. Boutilier, John M. Boutilier

*Constables*—David Umlah, Jr., Edmund Deal, William Smeltzer, Stephen Dauphney, Samuel J. Boutilier, William Mason, Ezrom Garrison, George Fraser.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Edmund Deal.

*Revisor*—James Croucher, Jr., J. P.

*Overseers of Poor*—Edmund Deal, Henry Garrison, Peter G. Boutilier.

*Presiding Officer*—Ezrom Boutilier.

*District Clerk*—Isaac Hubly.

*Clerk of License*—Peter G. Boutilier.

## District No. 13.

*Overseers of Poor*—Richard Roach, Samuel Kemp and John Umlah.

*Assessors*—John G. Drysdale and James Merriott.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—John Umlah, Jr.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—John G. Yeadon, Terrence Bay, Road William Umlah, Brookside; Charles Drysdale, Greenhead; Richard

Bishop, Beach Hill; William L. Umlah, Goodwood; John Umlah, Spryfield; William Brunt, Harrietsfield; Benjamin Brunt, Harrietsfield.

*Constables*—George Merritt and John W. Umlah.

*Revisor*—William Umlah.

*Presiding Officer*—Geo. W. Marriott.

### District No. 14.

*Assessors*—E. L. Fenerty and Peter Gebhard.

*Collector*—Charles E. Piercy.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—William Deal, 3 Mile House to North West Arm Bridge; Andrew Yeadon, North West Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge; Patrick Kehoe, North-West Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge.

*Fence Viewer*—J. E. Deal.

*Overseers of Poor*—Geo. Piers, Geo. P. Henry, John Doull.

*Constables*—James Keddy, Amos Geizer, David J. Boutillier.

*Health Officers*—D. Keating, — Ormiston.

*Hog Reeve*—Joseph McClearn.

*Revisor*—Peter Gebhard.

*Presiding Officer*—John E. Hosterman.

### District No. 15.

*Revisor*—Thomas Paine.

*Assessors*—G. L. Chipman and James Doyle.

*Collector of District Rates*—Edward Boutillier.

*Overseers of Roads*—John Gray, Senr., from 3 Mile House to 7 Mile House; James Archibald, from 7 Mile House to Sackville Bridge; Patrick Grenan, from Piers' Mills to Kenny's Road.

*Health Officers*—Jeremiah Daniels and Robert Allen.

*Overseers of Poor*—J. A. K. Wier, William Whytal, and Robert Romans.

*Constables*—Thomas Donaldson, John Percelle, John Mitchell, and George Van Buskirk.

*Fence Viewer*—John Oaks.

*Surveyor of Lumber*—James Archibald.

*Presiding Officer*—George L. Chipman.

### District No. 16.

*Revisor*—Henry Schmidt.

*Assessors*—James Haverstock, Vernon Melvin.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—Section No. 1, Henry Haverstock; 2, Samuel Isenor; 3, James MacGowan; 4, Alexander Emerson; 5, David Wright; 6, Henry Lecua.

*Constables*—Samuel Iseonor, James Locus, Michael Byrns, Samuel Whyly.

*Overseers of Poor*—James Thomson, Thomas Gillan.

*Collector of County Rates*—Amos Bezanson.

*Fence Viewers*—Charles Thomson, Pierce Byrns, George Smith.

### Dist ict No. 17.

*Assessors*—Bennett D. Fultz, John Rasley, Henry Bambrick.

*Collector*—Winckworth G. Fenerty.

*Overseers of Highways*—No. 1, Augustus Fenerty; 2, Joseph Ellis; 3, William Kelse; 4, Robert Barrett; 5, Bennett D. Fultz, New Road; 6, William Burnett; 7, Joseph Heffler; 8, William Slaughenwhite, Old Road; 9, Richard Barrett; 10, Moses Nelson, Beaver Bank Road; 11, Charles F. Miller; 12, John D. Miller; 13, Michael Kehoe, Old Cobequid Road; 14, Flemming Smith, Church Road.

*Constables*—Albert Tolson, Richard Peveril, David Pulsifer, Joseph Ellis, Thomas Walsh, Charles McGuire.

*Fence Viewers*—George Fultz, Samuel Weston.

*Overseers of Poor*—Deblois Fultz, Grey Schultz.

*Surveyor of Lumber*—Nathan Ellis.

*Health Officers*—William Tolson, Henry T. Wright.

*Presiding Officer*—Francis Webber.

### District No. 18.

*Surveyors of Highways*—James Skey, Jr., No. 1, from Wm. Leonard's to J. B. Laidlaw's Store; John Stephen, No. 2, from J. B. Laidlaw's Store to old Episcopal Church; Wm. King, No. 3, from Episcopal Church to Grand Lake Inn; Charles Todd, No. 4, from Grand Lake Inn to County line; Jno. Wright, No. 5, from Red Bridge to Oldham, and half way to Goff's; James Miller, No. 6, from A. R. Rutherford's in to Saw Mill; Martin Smith, No. 7, from Saw Mill to African Meeting House; John E. McDonald, No. 8, from African Meeting House to District line, and half way to Oldham; James Otte, No. 9, from G. L. Marshall to Donahoe's Corner, and thence to Old Cobequid Road; John Kelly, No. 10, Old Cobequid Road; R. C. Watson, No. 11, from J. Donahoe's Bridge beyond Rocky Lake; Willard Miller, No. 12, from Canal Bridge to First Lake.

*Constables*—Jonn E. McDonald, John McDowell, John Skerry, James Reeves, Joseph Keys, Robert Parnell.

*Fence Viewers*—William Goff, John E. McDonald, Joseph Keys, William King, A. B. Temple, James Skerry, Jr.

*Surveyors of Lumber, &c.*—Peter Spriggs, Joseph Keys, William Goff, James Otte, W. C. Morrison.

*Presiding Officer*—Jno. Lingley, Esq.

*Overseers of Poor*—A. B. Temple, Wm. King, G. L. Marshall.

*Assessors*—B. C. Wilson, Jno. E. McDonald, Wm. King.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—G. L. Marshall.

*Weighter of Hay, &c.*—John Lingley (Waverly).



## District No. 19.

*Overseers of Roads*—No. 1. Thomas Logan; 2, Isaac Isenor; 3, Terrance Croll; 4, Peter McDonald; 5, John Merson; 6, Robert Killough; 7, James Annand; 8, William Killough; 9, Archibald McMullin; 10, Samuel Rankin; 11, John McMichael; 12, Samuel Moore; 13, William Wilson; 14 Joel Corbett.

*Constables*—Edward Iselor, Peter McPhee, George Landles, James McMichael.

*Fence Viewers*—Isaac Logan, Peter McPhee, Jas. Annand.

*Overseers of Poor*—James Dowling, Robert McDonald, William Annand.

*Assessors*—Norman Logan, James Annand.

*Revisors*—David Annand, Isaac Logan.

*Collector*—John Wilson.

*Presiding Officer*—David Annand.

*Clerk of License*—William McKeen.

## District No. 20.

*Overseers of Roads*—No. 1. From Jos. Bayer's to Mouth Harbor Road, Jos. D. Bayer. 2. From John Kerr's south line to Wm. McBain's north line, John Mills. 3. From McBain's north line to Ogilvie's Bridge, including Bye-roads, Joseph H Roberts. 4. From Cox's Bridge to back road, George Grant. 5. From Ogilvie's Bridge to Stretches' Bridge, Timothy Scott. 6. From mouth Bambrick's Road to Cox's upper line, George Scott. 7. From Alex. Dillman's to main road Alex. Dillman. 8. From Sibley's upper line to Nuttill's Brook, including Thomas Rayne's, Peter Tully. 9. From mouth Nuttill's Road to district line, Isaac Tully. 10. From Antrim Church to Matthew Bruce's, and from Guysboro' Road to Narrows Bridge, Peter Mills. 11. From Narrows Bridge to District line, Robt. McHeffy. 12. From mouth Musquodoboit Road to Cook's Mill, George Cook. 13. From Thomas Rayne's west line to Kenneth Dillman's west line, Thomas Cox. 14. From Kenneth Dillman's west line to district line, Patrick Stone. 15. From Guysboro road to district line, including John T. Kerr's, Danl. McDougall.

*Constables*—George Sibley, George Scott, George Miller.

*Overseers of Poor*—Timothy Scott, John Miller, George Grant.

*Assessors of Poor and County Rates*—Robert McHeffy, Geo. Sibley.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Peter Tully.

*Surveyors of Lumber*—Daniel Grant, J. D. Bayer.

*Fence Viewers*—John Dunbrack, Chas. son, Jas. Seeton.

*Scalers of Logs*—A. K. Sibley, T. B. McLeod.

*Presiding Officer*—Ezekiel Sibley, Esq.

*Revisor*—E. Sibley, Esq.

## District No. 21.

*Overseers of Highways*—Section 1, Din. W. B. Reid; 2, Francis Guild; 3, George Reid; 4, Charles N. Sprott; 5, John A. McFetridge; 6, Robert Higgins 2nd; 7, Henry Lindsay; 8, George Higgins 3rd; 9, William H. Gladwin, Senr.; 10, Robert Reid; 11, Samuel P. White; 12, Alexander Dickey; 13, William Bates, including James and Wm. Bryson; 14, William McLean; 15, Robert Rhodes, junr.; 16, Joseph McMullin; 17, George Taylor; 18, Robert Taylor; 19, John McFetridge; 20, Alexander Tays; 21, William Læck, junr.; 22, Alex. G. Taylor, Moose River

*Constables*—Robert Ervin, William Logan, Wm. J. McMullin, Francis Guild.

*Surveyors of Lumber*—Alexander Murchy, James Murphy, Robert Reid David Nelson.

*Fence Viewers*—George S. Dickey, Esq., George McLeod, William McCurdy, George Bell, Charles N. Sprott, Esq.

*Overseers of Poor*—Walter McCurdy, Esq., Charles B. Archibald, John McBain.

*Hog Reeve*—Alexander S. McCurdy, Alexander Lindsay.

*Assessors of Poor Rates*—William Sedgewick, David McKeen, Robert Kaulback, junr.

*Assessors of County Rates*—John H. Taylor, Esq., John R. McCurdy, Esq., John Higgins, Esq.

*Præsidens Officer*—John H. Taylor.

*Clerk*—Francis Layton, Esq.

*Revisor*—George McLeod, Esq.

*Collector*—Peter R. Clark.

## District No. 22.

*Overseers of Highways*—No. 1, Augustus Hamilton; 2, Richard Lemon; 3, Charles Dean 2nd; 4, James Dean 4th; 5, Edward Stewart; 6, James D. D. Henry; 7, Charles Stewart; 8, William Horton; 9, John Butcher; 10, Philip Butcher; 11, William J. Archibald; 12, Samuel McKenzie; 13, Donald McKenzie; 14, John Gault; 15, Charles Fisher; 16, James Fraser, Senr.; 17, George Kent; 18, James Benvid; 19, John Redman; 20, Edward Horn; 21, Robert Miller; 22, John Dechman; 23, ———; 24, William Bruce; 25, John Fisher; 26, Archibald G. Henry.

*Overseers of Poor*—William F. Redman, Charles McGunnigle, Samuel J. Henry.

*Constables*—James D. D. Henry, George Jennings, William Bruce, William Dechman; Alexander Dean John Mathias

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Frederick Henry.

*Assessors*—George Burris, John Reynolds, Esq., Chas. McGunnigle.

*Sellers of Leather*—Robert A. Henry, George Hamilton.

*Clerks of the Market*—David Archibald, Esq., William Horton.

*Surveyors of Lumber*—Berry Hamilton, John Reid, John Barron, Esq.  
*Sealers of Logs*—Robert Chaplin, William J. Archibald, David Kent,  
 John Redman, T. A. Parker, Esq.  
*Health Officer*—William Pearson, M. D.  
*Fence Viewers*—George Stewart, Francis Henry, George Fisher, Alexander Redman, George Kent.  
*District Clerk*—James Henry, Senr.  
*Presiding Officer*—David Archibald, Esq.  
*Revisor*—George H. Parker, Jr.  
*To Swear in District Offices*—T. A. Parker, Esq.

### District No. 23.

*Revisor*—William H. Ryan.  
*Assessors*—John P. Slaunwhite, Michael Rice.  
*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Samuel Blackburn.  
*Overseers of Highway Labor*—Samuel Blackburn, James W. Slaunwhite, John P. Slaunwhite.  
*Constables*—Michael Rice, John P. Slaunwhite, Dennis Ryan.  
*Overseers of Poor*—W. H. Ryan, James W. Slaunwhite.  
*Fence Viewer*—John F. Slaunwhite.

### District No. 24.

*Assessors*—Alexander F. Smith, Edward Moser.  
*Collector*—Daniel Cameron.  
*Overseers of Poor*—Charles R. Wooden, Isaac Walters, Andrew Moser.  
*Road Overseers*—Sub-District No. 1, Horigan Cove, John Fraser, junr.; 2, Moser's River, David Moser; 3, Moser's River, William G. Pye; 4, Smith's Cove, Alex. W. Smith; 5, Ecum Secum, George Hartling; 6, Ecum Secum, John Pace; 7, Moser's River, Aaron Webb.  
*Constables*—Levi Hartling, James M. Smith, John Fraser, Ephraim Moser, Ansel Smith.  
*Fence Viewers*—George Irven, James U. Smith.  
*Lumber Surveyor*—Daniel Cameron.  
*Revisor*—Alexander W. Smith.  
*Presiding Officer*—John U. Smith, J. P.

### District No. 25.

*Assessors*—Hugh McEachren and James A. Lindsay.  
*Collector*—T. B. Simonson, Esq.  
*Revisor*—Edward Quillinan.  
*Overseers of Poor*—Wm. Hall, Sidney Smith, John Murphy.  
*Road Overseers*—Ronald McDonald, East River District; John J. McCarty, Lochaber District; George Lowe, Watt's District; Wm. Wambold, Eastern Passage District; Wm. Geddes, Sober Island District; Wm.

Sutherland, West River District; Nicholas Redman Pace's District; George Boutilier, Mushaboon District.

*Constables*—O. P. Fraser, George Dunn, James Coady, John McPhail, John Verge, Daniel Farnell, Henry Hall, George F. Grant, Horton Hall.

*Fence Viewers*—Wm. Rutledge and Wm. Hall.

*Pound Keeper*—Wm. Hall.

*Lumber Surveyors*—T. A. Baker, Angus McDonald, Edwd. Quillinan, Duncan McKenzie, Andrew McDonald, John Hall Sr., John Hall, 2nd, Albion Ryan, James Hall, E. H. Belmore, Archd. Hall, Abijah Scott, J. A. Lindsay, John F. McKenzie, Edward Murray, T. B. Simensen.

*Presiding Officer*—John F. McKenzie.

*Hog Reeves*—Henry Hall, James A. Cruickshanks, John A. Maley.

### District No. 26.

*Assessors*—Henry McKenzie, John C. Ross.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Leonard Conrod.

*Revisor*—Henry Leslie.

*Overseers of Poor*—William Hay, Andrew Goston, Henry Shelnutt.

*Presiding Officer*—William Hay.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—No. 1, Wm. McCarthy; 2, Charles Leslie; 3, Isaac Henley; 4, Henry Jusey; 5, Wm. Cameron; 6, George Conrod; 7, Wm. McKenzie; 8, Wm. Mason, junr.; 9, Wm. Eddy; 10, John C. Ross; 11, John Beaver, senr.; 12, Philip Fahie; 13, Jonathan Irving; 14, James Hilshey; 15, Russel Higgings.

*Constables*—Charles Percival, Henry Gerrord, Henry Feltham, Thomas Borgal, Charles Shelnutt, Cornelius Henley, senr., Thomas Jackson, John Alner, George Jusey, Wm. E. Murphy.

*Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood*—Thomas Hilshey, James P. Miller.

*Fence Viewers*—Henry Jusey, Martin Prest, Geo. A. M. Leslie, Wm. Mason, junr.

*Hog Reeves*—George Hilshey, George Mason, James Hilshey, John Borgal, junr.

### District No. 27.

*Overseers of Roads*—James Marks, junr.; Geo. A. Jamison, Esq., M.D., Joseph Parker, Owl's Head; John Robinson, Clam Harbor; Frederick Slaughterwhite, Pleasant Point and Oyster Pond; John Warnell, Joseph Dooks, James Arnold, Joseph Blakely, West Jeddore, Isaac Hopkins, senr., William Arnold, junr., William A. Webber, junr., William Faulkner, Lakeville; John Faulkner, Musq. Harbor, Andrew Meser, do.; Daniel Blakely, senr., Point; David Williams, Williams Settlement; James Foley, David Mitchell, James Myers, George Stoddard and John R. Webber.

*Constables*—Lawrence Marks, junr., John Williams, Capt. John Siteman, William Laybolt, John W. Webber, Jeremiah Harpell, junr., Richd.

Stevens, Fred. Stoddard, John Baker, (East Side), Isaac Foley, Albert Myers, Robert Dooks, junr., Philip Mitchell, James S. Richardson, John Martin.

*Fence Viewers*—Isaac Webber, Frederick Bowser, John Laybolt, Wm. Robinson Chas. Slade John Smith, John A. Blakely, Harris H. Corkum, James Myers, (Navy Pool), Colin Mitchell, (Union).

*Overseers of Poor*—Conrod Marks, Nathaniel Dooks, George Smith, John D. Mitchell.

*Hog Reeves*—George Stoddard, Andrew Siteman, John Smith, Peter Hartlin, 2nd.

*Collector*—John D. Mitchell.

*Presiding Officer*—George A. Jamison, Esq., M. D.

*Assessors*—Jacob Robinson, Daniel Blakely, Robert Stevens.

*Revisor*—Peter W. Maskell.

*Lumber Surveyor*—Andrew Mitchell.

### District No. 28.

*Overseers of the Poor*—Raymond Wolfe, Andrew Neiforth, Andrew Bellfountain, J. P.

*Assessors of Poor Rates*—Joseph Julien, Martin Gaetz.

*Assessors of County Rates*—Joseph Myett, George Neiforth.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates and Treasurer*—George Lapierre.

*Road Overseers*—Francis Bonin, junr., Shore Road, from Coach Road to Joseph Roma's; Andrew Manette, Coach Road to Chapel; Dominick Murphy, from Luke Manette's to main road; Joseph Bellfountain, from Chapel to John Conrod's Bridge and to Lake Porter; Daniel Lapierre, from John Conrod's Bridge to Prosper Lapierre's; George Julien, junr., from Martin Lapierre's to Dyke; Joseph Conrod, from Prosper Lapierre's to James Gaetz's; John Gaetz, from James Gaetz's to Rocky Run Bridge; Alexander Graham, from main road to David Graham's; Henry Myrer, from William Graham's to main road. **NEW DISTRICTS.**—George Murphy, from Jno. Murphy's to Porter's Lake road; John Murphy, from John Neiforth's to main road.

*Constables*—Louis Roma, Ephraim Lapierre, Edward Neiforth.

*Fence Viewers*—George Murphy, William Lapierre, William Murphy.

*Appraisers of Damages*—John Lapierre, James Gaetz, Stephen Lapierre, Prosper's son.

*Presiding Officer*—Donald McLaren, J. P.

*Revisor*—Donald McLaren, J. P.

### District No. 29.

*Revisor*—James H. Sellers, Esq.

*Overseers of Highways*—No. 1, Ephraim Corkum, from Salmon Hole Road to Salmon River Bridge; 2, Michael Hiltz, from Joseph Conrod's Barn to Salmon Hole Road; 3, Daniel Murphy, from head of Down's Field to Salmon Hole Road; 4, Gasper Leslie, from head of Down's Field

to Recky Run bridge; 5. John Lloy, junr., from George Lloy's to Henry Merson's north line; 6. Reuben Crowell, from Henry Merson's north line to Mill Brook; 7. Daniel J. Dares, from Canterbury Bridge to William Shaw's barn; 8. James Clark, from Mill Brook to Barnett's north line; 9. Alexander S. Crook, from William Shaw's barn to Lawrencetown Road.

*Constables*—Thomas Gammon, John Hiltz, Colin McDonald, Len. Lloy, Joseph Conrod, junr., James Goldsworthy, William Shaw.

*Fence Viewers*—Patrick Daley, Reuben Sellers, George Dares.

*Assessors of Damages*—Albert Leslie, Joseph Lloy, James Dares, junr.

*Overseers of Poor*—Patrick Conrod, Alexander Conrod, Charles Crowell.

*Assessors*—George G. Hawkins, John McDonald.

*Collector of Rates*—James T. Sellers.

*Presiding Officer*—James H. Sellers, Esq.

### District No. 30.

*Overseers of Roads*—William Thompson, from Little Bridge, near McKay's, to Partridge River; Samuel Clayton from Partridge River to Little Salmon River; John Nelson, from Old Road at Thompson's to Main Road; John Thompson, Senr., Upper O'Brien's Street; Thomas Carvery, Lower O'Brien's Street; James Carvery, Lake Eagle Road; Richard Saunders Frog Lake Road; George Cribby, Old Road from Evans' Hill, to Little Salmon River; Samuel Smith, from Ernst Bridge, to Widow Henry Kane's; James Kizer, West side Porter's Lake, to Brown's Bridge; Adam Griswell, from Porter's Lake Bridge to Dry Bridge.

*Appraisers of Damages*—John Williams, William Stuart, John Glasgow, Jas. Bishop, and Robt. B. Innes.

*Fence Viewers*—John Delvery, John Williamson, John Wiseman, Asa Davidson, Alex. Griswell.

*Constables*—Joseph Evans, John Williams, Rufus Conrod, Danl. Downy, H. Davidson.

*High Reeves*—George Clayton, Robert Williams, David Dear.

*Pound Keeper*—George Thomas.

*Assessors*—Adam Griswell, Jr., Charles Carter.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Joseph Evans.

*Overseers of the Poor*—Richard Croud, Wm. Brown.

*Revisor*—James Keizer.

*Presiding Officer*—George Cribby.

### District No. 31.

*Assessors*—John Merash, John O'Connor, Daniel Brennan.

*Collector*—John McDonald.

*Overseers of Poor*—George Bell, (Preston), William Lawler, Daniel Donovan.

*Overseers of Roads*—From Dartmouth to Wright's, William Orman;

Wright's to Bedford, Charles Shuffleburg; Dartmouth to Barry's Brook, Thomas Farrell; Barry's Brook to Leonard's, T. Wright; Forks of Road to Lamont's Mill, Gordon Kuhn; Lament's Mill to Boland's, Alex. Hutchinson; Boland's to Salmon River, Isaac Knock; Chebucto Road, Henry Bell; Cross Road at Church to Earnet's, James Reddy; Lake Loon Road to Junction Dewolf Road, Alex. Bell; Dewolf Road to Waverly Road, Benson Gladwin; Dartmouth to Herbert's Brook, Wm. O'Sullivan; Herbert's Brook to District Line, James A. McNab; Preston Road to Cole Harbor, Daniel Brennen; Walker's to Cole Harbor, John Ross; Ellen Vale to Cranberry Lake, Stephen B. Cross; Tobin's to O'Connor's Mill, James Farquharson; Dartmouth to Clifford's Bridge, Artemus Isnor; Clifford's Bridge to Beck's, Charles Bissett; Beck's to Salmon River, Alex. Morash; Cole Harbor Road to Beach, Enos Conrod; Bissett's to District Line, William Lawlor; Gaston Road, John Watson.

*Constables*—Robert Preeper, Wm. McDonald, Charles Lawlor, Alex. Wagner David Rutherford.

*Fence Viewers*—Gordon Kuhn, Henry Baker, Edward Moreash.

*Pound Keeper*—Judson Settle

*Presiding Officer*—James Farquharson.

*Revisors*—James Turner, John Glendenning.

### District No. 32.

*Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Peter F. Boutillier.

*Assessors*—J. D. Winock, David Webber, John Mason.

*Revisor*—Nathaniel Mason.

*Overseers of Poor*—John Gibbons, Ephraim Hubley, Peter J. Boutillier.

*Overseers of Roads*—Thomas Mason, Frank Mason, (Mason's Point) James Dauphiney, Edmund Colp, Simon Whyngaught, Chas. Wm. Dorey, Wm. Conrod, Francis Schwartz, Wm. Trueman, Amos Hubley, Wm. Boutillier, Boutillier's Point.

*Fence Viewers*—Benj. Colp, Edward Conrod, Matthew Boutillier, Chas. Mason.

*Constables*—Hector Dorey, Wm. Trueman, Simon Colp, Val. Brigly, Thos. Kennedy, Joseph Hume, George Isaac Boutillier, John B. Boutillier, David Greno, John Mason.

*Health Officers*—John Gibbons, John Webber.

### District No. 33.

*Revisor*—John A. Shiers.

*Assessors*—Lewis Turner, George Bowes.

*Collector*—Thomas Negus.

*Overseers of Statute Labor*—James Butler, John Himelman, Thomas Negus, Daniel Moser, Richard Bowes, John Smith, Francis Macdonald, William Hensberry, Mr. Skinner.

*Constables*—James Myers, Junr., Jno. DeYoung, Kenneth McKenzie, Louis Himelman, Daniel Moser, Junr., Jno. Heneberry.

*Fence Viewers*—Peter Moser, James Hawkins.

*Overseers of Poor*—John Shiers, Esq., Daniel Moser, Senr., Peter Himelman.

*Health Officers*—John Himelman, Edward Romkey, John Bowes.

### District No. 34.

*Assessors*—Henry Hartling, S. River; James Hartling, junr., Quoddy.

*Collector*—James Whitman, senr.

*Overseers of Roads*—Henry Hawbolt, William St. Clair, son of John, William Smiley, Abraham Harvey, John O'Leary, senr., John McDonald, George Snow.

*Constables*—Leonard Whitman, junr., Alex. Gammon.

*Overseers of Poor*—Capt James McLeod, Capt. F. Glawson, John Kirker, J. P.

*Revisor*—John Kirker, Esq.

### District No. 35.

*Surveyors of Highways*—No. 1, from Tulley's East line to Red Bridge, including Rourk's Road to Bridge, Edward Cruikshank; 2, from Red Bridge to Gay's River line, and to Peter Ogilvie, Esquire's line, William R. Ogilvie; 3, from Peter Ogilvie's East line to Weagher's Bridge, including Alex. Brown's Road, James Brown; 4, from Brown's shop to McWilliams' West line, including Road to James Taylor's East line, George Cruikshank; 5, from Cole's Bridge to Alex. McMullins, including Donald Cruikshank's Road, John McWilliam; 6, from Taylor's gate to Rhodes' line, including Higgins' Mill Road Alexander Cole; 7, from Cole's Bridge to Guysborough Road and Great Road to Rourk's Bridge, George Cole; 8, from Red Bridge to Taylor's East line, John Taylor.

*Constables*—Thomas McMullin, Alexander Cole, George Rhind.

*Assessors of County Rates*—Alexander Taylor, Alexander Cole.

*Collector of County Rates*—John Grant.

*Surveyors of Lumber*—Alexander McMullin, John Taylor, William R. Ogilvie.

*Fence Viewers*—Alexander Taylor, John Taylor, Hugh A. Hurley.

*Appraisers of Damage*—George Cole, Joseph Ogilvie.

*Hog Reeve*—William Rhind.

*Clerk*—Samuel Burris, Esq.

*Revisor*—William R. Ogilvie.

*Presiding Officer*—Samuel Burris, Esq.



## District No. 26.

*Revisor*—John Anderson, senr.

*Assessors*—David B. Power, George G. Gaetz, Daniel Dares.

*Collector*—Albert Gaetz.

*Owners of Statute Labor*—Isaac Gaetz, junr., from L. Bayer's Boom to Kidd's Bridge, and from Head of Musquodobeit Harbor to Rowling's Corner; John Bayers, from Manse to James Bayers, Petpiswick Harbor; Alexander Gaetz from Musquodobeit Harbor School House to Gilbert's Hill; John Anderson, from Gilbert's Hill to Charles Clergy's; George Myria, from Charles Clergy's to sea shore; William Anderson, junr., from John Young's to Deep Cove; James Andersen, from Deep Cove to Little River; Andrew Gaetz, from Samuel Braden's to Long Bridge; George Richards, from Samuel Braden's to DeLukrey's Bridge; John Myria, from DeLukrey's Bridge to Porter's Lake Bridge; Nicholas Conrod, commencing at Post Road and including all the Roads in Conrod's Settlement; George Conrod, from Main Post Road to Larry Petipaws; William Misoner, from Larry Petipaws to Deep Cove; John Conrod, son of Peter, from Deep Cove to Graff Beech; James Conrod, senr., from Chezzetcook Road to Petpiswick Harbor; Daniel Dares, from Crawford's Bridge to Gaetz's Camp.

*Constables*—James A. Anderson, Jeremiah Gaetz, James Greenough, Samuel Braden, James Richards, William Roast.

*Fence Viewers*—Samuel Gaetz, John Anderson, senr., Isaac Gaetz, junr., William Wournell, junr., Edward Conrod, senr., James Conrod, son of Peter.

*Appraisers*—John Kidd, John H. Anderson, George Guild, Capt. William Wournell, Justin Colford, Charles Conrod.

*Lumber Surveyor*—John Kidd.

*Overseers of Poor*—Isaac Gates, junr., George Kiser, Charles Conrod.

*Presiding Officer*—Issac Gates, junr.

# Memorial to the Legislature,

*Referred to in Report of Law Amendment Committee,  
January, 1881.*

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova Scotia  
in Annual Session now convened,*

The respectful Memorial of the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax, HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That the changes which have resulted since the Union of the Provinces, and subsequent measures relating to Dominion and Provincial affairs have so greatly reduced the labor and responsibilities of Members of both Branches of our Legislature as to render a diminution of the number and pay of Members of the House of Assembly, and the cessation of the functions and constitution of the Legislative Council under existing financial conditions both desirable and necessary.

Your Memorialists respectfully present that the continuation of the Upper House as a separate body is not now requisite, not merely on financial considerations, although these are now of paramount importance, but they also submit that less complex and extensive machinery of Government would be sufficient for the present and future requirements of the Public Service.

The Province of Ontario has progressed successfully with but one Chamber; that of Prince Edward Island and the adjoining Province of New Brunswick have initiated similar measures as Governmental principles essential to the interests and general welfare of their people, and as retrenchment and other essential conditions demand such change in this Province, Your Memorialists respectfully ask Your Honorable House to adopt such early and effective proceedings as will be requisite in order to limit or reduce the Legislature, so that there shall be the House of Assembly alone, composed of Twenty Members,

And your Memorialists as in duty bound

Will ever pray.

On behalf of the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax,

DONALD ARCHIBALD,  
Warden.

W. H. WISWELL, County Clerk.

*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia  
in Provincial Parliament now convened,*

The respectful Memorial of the Municipal Council of Halifax County,  
HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That in the past few years important changes have been made in the Constitution of this Province by which as well as by the direct Legislative action of your own body much of the responsibility hitherto attaching to the Provincial Legislature has been relegated to other bodies, and especially as the Road and Bridge Service of the Province is now attended to by the several County Councils, Your Memorialists present that it is no longer necessary that the several Counties should have so large a representation in Your Honorable Body, nor that the services required of that body require so large an expenditure of public funds for its maintenance.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that such changes may be at an early day effected as shall provide that each County shall have but one representative, with the exception of the Counties of Halifax and Pictou, which shall have each two members to represent them in Your Honorable Body, and that the pay of each representative shall not exceed Five Dollars per day, and not more than Two Hundred Dollars per Annual Session, in addition to Travelling Expenses, going to or returning from each Session of the Legislature.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound,

Will ever pray.

For the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, N. S.,

DONALD ARCHIBALD,  
Warden.

W. H. WISWELL, County Clerk.