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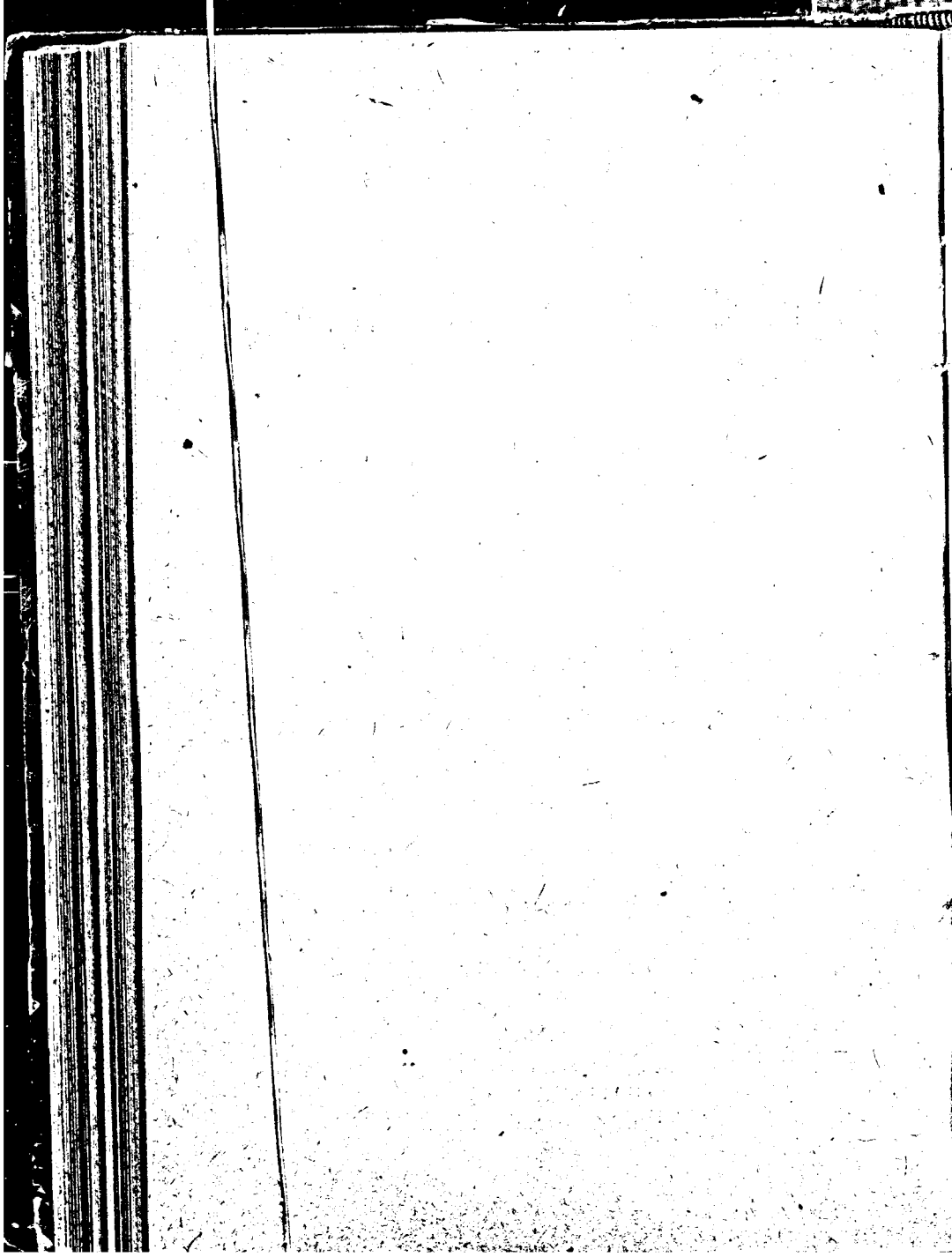
COUNTY OF HALIFAX, N. S.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1885.

B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., WARDEN.

W. H. WISWELL, CLERK.

HALIFAX, N. S. :
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1885.



Municipality of the County of Halifax,

1885.

County Warden—B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq.
County Clerk—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.
County Stipendiary and Clerk of Licenses—J. L. GRIFFIN, Esq.
County Auditors—JNO. E. ALBRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT, Esqrs.
County Treasurer—WM. GUILD, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1885.

*** The first-named on each Committee is Chairman, and the Warden is *ex-officio*, a member of all Committees.

Public Accounts and Finance.—Councillors Shatford, Ryan, Leslie, Lawson, and N. Hays.

Public Property.—Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himmelman and C. E. Smith.

Licenses.—Councillors Burgess, Sellars, H. Cruickshank, Poole and F. F. Hubley.

Roads and Bridges.—Councillors Leslie, Tupper, Bissett, Lawson, E. S. Hubly and Dennis Smith.

Assessments.—Councillors O'Leary, Parker, Maskell, Sullivan and A. Cruickshank.

Hospital for Insane.—Councillors Lawson, Himmelman, N. Hays, Bissett and Ryan.

Law Amendments.—Councillors Madill, Leslie, Shatford, Lawson and Tupper.

Poor.—Councillors McLaren, A. W. Smith, Deloughry, Longard, and Jno. Hays.

Jury Lists.—Councillors N. Hays, Ryan, Himmelman and Dart.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Early Trial of Criminals in Jail.—The Warden, Councillors Lawson, Ryan and N. Hays

On New Polling District, Dover.—Councillors Shatford, Longard, Poole, Parker, F. F. Hubley.

On Payment of Criers, &c.—Deputy Warden, Councillors Wilson, O'Leary, Himelman.

On Statute Labor in the County.—Councillors Poole, Parker, Sellars.

Municipality of the County of Halifax.

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Warden, Councillors Wilson and Burgess, Hon. Judge Thompson,
Hon. Judge Weatherbe.

COUNTY OFFICERS, ETC.

County Constables—Patrick Monaghan (Chief), M. Byrnes, Thos. A. James, R. J. Lehan (Dartmouth), Jno. McLellan, and John McBain (Dartmouth).

Keeper of County Jail—Thos. A. Chambers.

Keeper of Court House—J. B. Sentell.

Criers Supreme Court—Jas. S. McKay, Michl. Byrnes.

Stipendiary Constable—Patrick Monaghan.

COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

High Sheriff—Donald Archibald, Esq.

Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

Registrar of Deeds—W. H. Keating, Esq.

Judge of Probate—Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Registrar of Probate—Wm. Howe, Esq.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Clerk, &c.—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

Librarian, &c., Law Library—Geo. A. Allison, Esq.

The Court Rooms and Offices of the above are in the Court House, and the hours of business of most of the foregoing officials are from 10 to 4 o'clock daily, (Sundays and Holidays excepted).

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
FOURTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
OF THE
COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Jan. 13th, 1885.

In accordance with the Statute, and by advertisements, and special notices, issued by the County Clerk, the Councillors for the several Polling Districts of Halifax County, elected Nov. 18th, 1884, attended at the County Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1885.

The Clerk read from the new Revised Statutes, (1884), Chap. 56, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 30, the course of procedure for the Annual Meeting, took the Chair, and having called the Meeting to order, declared the following persons duly elected Councillors for their respective Districts, as notified to him by the Presiding Officers, and verified by the Poll Books, &c. He said that there were some objections in two or three Districts, but with these he had no authority to deal. They should be settled under the Special Act for Controverted Elections in the County Court.

- District 7—Herring Cove—John Hays, J. P.
" 8—Portugese Cove—Jno. Sullivan.
" 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith. ,
" 10—Upper Prospect—George J. Longard, J.P.
" 11—Hackett's Cove—Fredk. F. Hubley.
" 12—French Village—E. S. Hubley.
" 13—Spryfield—W. H. Dart.
" 14—N. W. Arm—B. W. Chipman.
" 15—Bedford—E. E. Burgess, J.P.
" 16—Hammond's Plains—Norman Hays, J.P.
" 17—Sackville—Professor Lawson.
" 18—Waverly—B. C. Wilson, J.P.

- District 19—Gay's River—Geo. H. Madill, J.P.
 " 20—Meagher's Grant—E. R. Poole, J.P.
 " 21—Middle Musquodoboit—J. D. Tupper, J.P.
 " 22—Upper " —Thos. A. Parker, J.P.
 " 23—Lower Prospect—Edmund Ryan, J.P.
 " 24—Moser's River—Alex. W. Smith.
 " 25—Sheet Harbor—Angus Cruikshanks.
 " 26—Tangier—George A. Leslie, J.P.
 " 27—Jeddore—Peter W. Maskell, J.P.
 " 28—Chezzetcook—Donald McLaren, J.P.
 " 29—Lawrencetown—Jas. H. Sellars, J.P.
 " 30—Preston—Dennis Deloughry.
 " 31—Cole Harbor—John G. Bissett, J.P.
 " 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J.P.
 " 33—Eastern Passage—Jos. Himmelman.
 " 34—Salmon River—Thomas O'Leary, J.P.
 " 35—Little River—H. Cruikshanks, J.P.
 " 36—Musquodoboit Harbor—Dennis Smith.

The Oath of Allegiance and Councillor's Oath were then taken by the foregoing Councillors, with the exception of Alex. Smith, District 24, who had not reached the city.

The Chairman called for nominations for a Warden and a Deputy Warden, to serve for the term of this Council. The vote to be then taken unless the Meeting wished to adjourn to 2 p.m.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

That the Election of Warden be now proceeded with—Passed.

Councillor Wilson, in a few complimentary remarks, nominated Councillor John E. Shatford, District 32, as a fit and proper person to serve as Warden. Seconded by Councillor Charles E. Smith.

Councillor Lawson commended the past services of the former Warden, B. W. Chipman, and nominated him for re-election. Seconded by Councillor Poole. The two gentlemen expressed their acknowledgements.

The Ballot was taken, (two Councillors acting as Tellers), with the following result:—For B. W. Chipman, 19; John E. Shatford, 7. The Clerk declared B. W. Chipman duly elected Warden.

The Warden was sworn into office, took the Chair, and thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him. He said that he would prepare as soon as possible a statement of matters requiring the attention and action of the Council at this Session.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Burgess—

Resolved, That W. H. Wiswell be re-appointed Municipal Clerk of this County /
 —Passed unanimously.

The Clerk, in returning thanks for the nomination, stated that he had applied for the Clerkship only, as a clause had been inserted in the Revised Statutes in passing through the Upper House last

winter, by which the offices of Clerk and Treasurer could not be held conjointly by the same person. This did not appear in the published Statutes of last year, but had recently been declared by Order in Council to be in force. The clause had a general application, so that it affected all other Municipalities. The Standing Order of the Legislative Council that all Bills affecting County affairs should be first submitted to their governing body, had not in this instance been acted upon. The measure was understood to be a suggestion made in the Legislative Council where it was afterwards passed. Some discussion followed, but further action was deferred to another day.

On Motion of Councillors Ryan and Lawson—

Resolved, That Councillor John E. Shatford be Deputy Warden of the County—
—Passed unanimously.

Copies of the Incorporation Act, Bye-Laws and Minutes of Council for 1884 were distributed among the Councillors.

The Meeting, on motion, adjourned to 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

JANUARY 13th, 1885.

The Council met at 2.30 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 28 Councillors.

The Warden inquired whether (as the printed Minutes of last Session were in the hands of each Councillor) it was necessary to take up the time reading them.

Councillor Lawson referred to the last two lines in the Minutes as superfluous, or not strictly belonging to them. Others concurring, it was decided that they be omitted in future reports.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and accepted.

On motion of Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Bissett, it was

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees, viz., Councillors Lawson, Tupper, Ryan, Poole and Leslie—
—Passed.

The election of County Officers was resumed. Applications were read for the position of County Constables from Patk. Monaghan, Thomas A. James, Chas. McGinn, John McBain and David McLellan, of Dartmouth (recommended by Town Council) and Michl. Byrnes. For the position of Crier from the latter; of Jail Surgeon from Dr. Trenaman; of Janitor of Court House from J. B. Sentell. A note was read, signed by Chief Justice and Judge Johnston, stating the appointment of James S. McKay as Crier of the Supreme Court *vice* J. Murphy, deceased. This Crier to get the usual fees in addition to the salary to be paid by the Council from 1st October, 1884.

On motion of Councillors Bissett and Ryan, John McBain and David McLellan were appointed County Constables, Dartmouth; Dr. Trenaman was re-appointed Surgeon to the Jail; Thomas A. James was re-appointed County Constable. On the subject of Criers, a lengthy discussion followed. The Warden mentioned the proposition of the Chief Justice, that the amount of pay of Crier and Constables last year be taken as a standard, and be divided among the new Criers.

Councillors Longard and Shatford objected strongly to the practice of the Judges or Commissioners making appointments of whom they pleased, and then asking the Council to pay more money than the Estimate named for these persons.

Councillor Lawson and the Warden stated that the Commissioners had made no appointments.

The Clerk said, that by Law, the Judges appointed the Criers; and the Sheriff, the Jailor and Turnkey, but the County fixed and paid their salaries. As Treasurer, he had not exceeded the Estimate for any of the officials, although more was claimed to be due to them.

It was moved by Councillors Lawson and Bissett, and

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to enquire into the number of Criers of Court, their appointment, duties, salaries, and sources of payment, for the information of the Council:—Depty. Warden Shatford, Councillors Ryan, O'Leary and Himmelman.

Further remarks were made by Councillors Longard, C. Smith, E. S. Hubley. Instead of Councillor Ryan (he being a Commissioner) Councillor Wilson was named.

The Resolution then passed *thus amended*.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Bissett—

Resolved, That J. Lester Griffin be appointed Clerk of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and other Licenses now issued in the County.

On motion, J. B. Sentell was re-appointed as Janitor of the Court House, the Committee on Public Property to define his duties.

Moved, seconded, and passed, that Councillors Burgess and Norman Hays, be Commissioners of the Court House for the current year.—Passed unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Burgess, that Messrs. John E. Albro and F. G. Wainwright be appointed Auditors for present year—Passed.

It being late, Councillor Lawson's suggestion that the whole Council inspect the County Jail, which was in a bad state of repair, was deferred, to be acted on to-morrow, (Wednesday) morning.

Councillor Himmelman's Resolution respecting the course to be taken regarding a Treasurer of the County was deferred, to come up at the Morning Session.

Council adjourned to half-past 10 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 14th, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors.

Councillor A. W. Smith, elected for District 24, being present, was sworn into office, and took his seat in the Council.

The Minutes of last Session were read and confirmed.

The Warden then read the following Address on the past, present, and future affairs and business of the Council:—

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council,—

This session is the beginning of the sixth year of our work as a corporation under the Municipal Act of 1879. The election for Councillors to serve for the next two years was held in November last and resulted in the return of twenty-two of the old members and eight new ones. Owing to neglect on the part of the electors of district eight, their nomination papers not being complete and in time, a special election in that district was held by order of the Governor-in-Council which resulted in the return of Councillor Sullivan. In consideration of our financial position at present, a short glance at the past may be of some interest, especially to new councillors. You will find in reference to the minutes of 1880, the first year under the new act, that we commenced our work under a legacy left us by the Sessions. We then owed the Government on account of insane patients \$14,517.71, and the superintendent of education \$7,137 on interest. Dartmouth at that time owed us for school taxes \$15,818. These amounts have been annually increased by the amount of school taxes not collected from Dartmouth, for the want of which we have had to increase our indebtedness to the Government. You will see by reference to the Warden's Address in 1880, that the financial outlook was anything but pleasant. He spoke of the possible necessity of closing the court-house, throwing open the jail, and all county expenditures to cease. Well, we have managed so far to keep the machinery of the courts in motion, meet all necessary county expenses, and to keep all the convicts in jail; although, perhaps, not using as harsh means and as much energy in collecting from the city as some might think necessary; yet in the Dartmouth case all is being done that is possible.

The decision of the court in April last was favorable to the Municipality, but, as was expected, it was appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, where judgment has not yet been given. The committee appointed to urge the City for further payments have, through the assistance of our treasurer, been fairly successful, \$5,000 having recently been paid in on old accounts. After several interviews with the Government we succeeded in obtaining \$300 towards

the expenses of the court-house, which we expect will be continued annually.

The committee on the Rifle Range met with General Laurie and others and obtained such alterations as were required for the safety of residents in that district. The increase in the assessment the last year was caused by extra expenditure, such as increased school grant, interest on court-house debentures and unpaid liabilities of previous years. The amount received from licenses has been considerably in excess of last year, although half of the fees under the act of our local legislature are paid to the Provincial Government.

The expenditure for the County Jail having exceeded the estimate, was caused by repairs, which could not be delayed, and a much larger number of prisoners than the previous year, and the telephone which cost \$40 for the year. Further repairs on the building are also much needed.

You are, no doubt, aware that the City Council have been discussing the desirability of representation. It will be well for you to give this matter some consideration. The bill respecting incorporated towns, having for its object the exemption of such towns from the greater portion of their county taxes, was thrown out by the Legislature, but may be brought up again the ensuing session. An act passed the last session of the Legislature, by which deaf and dumb persons requiring education may be admitted to the Asylum under the order of the Warden. For each pupil so admitted the sum of \$60 per annum is paid out of the county school funds. An act having passed the Legislature whereby it becomes imperative for the Municipalities to provide fire escapes on public buildings, you will require to deal with the matter during the present session. The recommendation of the committee on law amendments for an act to regulate the pay of assessors was not dealt with by the legislature last session. The matter of assessment has frequently been before the House of Assembly, and it is quite probable a general act regulating assessments will be enacted at no distant day. The subject of roads and bridges will be more easily dealt with at our semi-annual session, the date of which meeting we now have the power to fix. The sum of \$6,000, borrowed by authority of this Council, under a special act of the legislature last session for small bridges, was borrowed from the Union bank at 6 per cent interest. \$1,000 of this sum and the interest will be taken from our road grant, the present year. The amount received on account of jury fees has grown gradually less each year, and is now likely to be altogether abolished under the new Judicature Act. Some change has been proposed by an addition to the number of criers in the courts. This matter will require some consideration. The account of receipts and expenditure for the current year will be laid before you at the earliest opportunity. Some changes have been made in the incorporation act. The section more particularly affecting us at this time is the

separation of the offices of Clerk and Treasurer, which will require your consideration at this session. These and other measures that will naturally come before you, I commend to your careful consideration. Again thanking you for the honor you conferred on me for the second time, I wish you all a happy and prosperous year.

Councillor Shatford referred to the necessity of a more equitable mode of Assessment for County Rates, as the valuations were very unequal and unsatisfactory. He had prepared and would submit a plan to be discussed on Friday, which he hoped would meet some of the difficulties.

The Warden said that the City desired some improvement in the Out Districts, the City having largely increased valuations, while the County had decreased in the aggregate.

Councillor Shatford said some Districts were over-valued, while others were not valued enough.

Councillor Lawson remarked that there was a very false impression abroad as to the work and responsibilities of the County Council. Most people knew nothing about either. He said the Warden's Address should be published in the papers, as it would show what Councillors had to contend with and to accomplish.

Councillor Wilson, referring to the Licenses, mentioned that the papers stated that the Dominion Liquor Law being *ultra vires*, the amounts paid into the County might be demanded back again.

Councillor Longard said he was opposed to Licenses being issued at all.

The Clerk read Deputy Warden Shatford's plan in regard to County Assessments.

Remarks were made by Councillors Pool, Parker, and others.

Deputy Warden Shatford wished discussion deferred until Friday forenoon.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

That the discussion on the subject take place on Thursday morning—Carried.

In reply to the Warden, Councillor Lawson said that the Committee on nominating the Standing Committees were not ready to report, some of the members not having attended the Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Himelman—

That the Council proceed to visit and inspect the Jail, to ascertain the condition of the building, and thereafter adjourn to 2.30 p.m.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 28 Councillors.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

Councillor Himelman introduced the subject of appointing a Treasurer. The Hon. Provincial Secretary had been conferred with, and it was found that the Law must be carried into effect, though it was not imperative to appoint an officer for a longer time than sufficient to ascertain the action of the Legislature next Session, in respect of rescinding or repealing the clause separating the officers of Clerk and Treasurer. After further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Shatford, and seconded by Councillor N. Hayes, and

Resolved, That this Council proceed to appoint a Treasurer with the distinct understanding, that in the event of the Local Legislature at its next meeting, or any subsequent meeting, changing the present Law, so as to allow the offices of Clerk and Treasurer to be combined, he should vacate the office, as it is the desire of this Council in view of economy that the offices of Treasurer and Clerk be amalgamated; and that the new officer be served with a copy of this resolution, as expressing the condition upon which he was appointed—Passed.

Read the Report of the County Auditors, Albro and Wainwright, on the Treasurer's Accounts for 1884 :—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 12th, 1885.

To His Honor the Wardens and Councillors, &c.

GENTLEMEN,—

Having examined the Books, Accounts, Vouchers, &c., of the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer for the past year, we have great pleasure in stating that all have been found correct and satisfactory, and that the balance of \$2588.02 is at the credit of the Municipality in the Halifax Bank.

We cannot close our Report without giving our testimony to the neat and efficient manner in which the Books and Accounts are kept, and the perfect order of the Vouchers.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

JOHN E. ALBRO,

F. G. WAINWRIGHT.

} *County Auditors.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*The Municipality of Halifax County, in Account with the Treasurer
for the Year Ended 31st December, 1884.*

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Commissioners of Public Charities on account of Insane Paupers.....		\$16000 00	
" on Account Lunacy Certificates, 1883-4.....		135 00	
" on Account Public Schools, 1883, and Grants May and October.....		8026 97	
" Superintendent of Education for Loan in May 1884.....		4772 00	
" County Jail Expenditure, 1884.....		2414 32	
" County Court House Expenditure, 1884.....		1691 20	
" Interest on Court House Loan (in part).....		850 00	
" on Account Judicial Expenses, viz: Crier \$200, Constables Supreme Court 324 75.....	\$524 75		
" Grand Jury and Secretary.....	289 90		
" Petit and Special Juries.....	497 70		
" Crown Witnesses (on account).....	87 06		
" High Sheriff, Accounts 1883 and 1884, (in part).....	339 02		
" Constable County Court, (Salary).....	80 00		
		<u>1818 43</u>	
" County Stipendiary, Salary.....	800 00		
" County Constable ".....	200 00		
		<u>1000 00</u>	
" County Clerk and Treasurer (Salary).....		1600 00	
" Coroner's Juries and Medical Evidences (on acct.).....		405 00	
" Contingent Expenses.....		163 82	
" Legal Expenses on acct. Dartmouth (1882) at Ottawa.....		175 00	
" Printing, Stationery and Advertizing.....		231 59	
" Pay of Warden and Councillors, and Mileage.....	742 50		
" Expenses Councillors Election (30 Districts).....	136 88		
		<u>879 38</u>	
" Revisors and Assessors (on account).....		410 36	
" Services of Auditors, 1883.....		40 00	
" Collector's Commission, 1883-4 (on account)....		515 33	
" Bounties on Wild Animals.....		165 00	
" Revision of Jury Lists by Committee.....		168 00	
" Poor Rates, 1833, Repaid to Overseers Poor....		69 02	
" Expended on Roads, &c., out of Fines and Fees		132 72	
" Govt. Nova Scotia proportion of License Duties		350 00	
" Dartmouth Small Pox Expenses, 1882, Credited		662 93	
		<u>\$42676 07</u>	
Government Grant for Roads and Bridges, 1884, Balance, 1883, and Loans, 1884.....		10844 03	53520 10
Balance Carried Down.....			2588 02
			<u>\$56108 12</u>

RECEIPTS.

By Balance in full from Last Account, 1883.....		\$6734 65
City of Halifax, on Account Assessment, 1882.....	\$5000 00	
Do. Weekly Payments, do., 1883.....	2407 99	
Do. do do., 1884.....	12109 08	
	<hr/>	\$19517 07
Received on Account Deficits District Assessments, 1883.....		771 36
District Assessments, 1884.....		9708 59
Received from 30 Districts, to Dec. 31.....		} 4772 00
Superintendent of Education.....		
Loan to Pay May School Grants.....		101 47
Poor Rates Deposited with Treasurer, 1884.....		796 66
License Duties and Fines in full, under Dominion Act.....		93 00
Pedlers and Auctioneer's Licenses.....		350 23
Stipendiary for Fees Collected in his Office, 1884..		1500 00
Town of Dartmouth on Account of Assessments, 1883		662 93
Do. for Amt Small Pox Expenses, 1882, cred.		
N. S. Govt. Grant toward Expenses of Court House, 1884.....	300 00	
Court House, Sale of Grass on Lot.....	1 00	
County Seal Fees Received.....	2 50	
County Jail, Rent of Debtors' Rooms, &c., 1884....	84 99	
Prothonotary, for Jury Fees.....	30 00	
Rec'd. on Acct. Maintenance Insane Patients, 1883-4	222 58	
Fines and Fees Paid in from Magistrates' Courts....	132 50	
Govt. N. S., half of Fine for Breach of Marriage Laws.....	100 00	
		<hr/>
		\$39146 88
Government Road Grant for 1884 and Balance 1883 Grant.....	10226 59	
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		49373 47
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		\$56108 12
By Balance carried down.....	\$2588 02	

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WM. H. WISWELL,
Municipal Treasurer.

Examined and Certified to be Correct—

JNO. E. ALBRO. }
F. G. WAINWRIGHT, } Auditors.

HALIFAX, January 12th, 1885.

On motion of Councillors Himelman and Burgess, the Report passed unanimously.

The Treasurer submitted and distributed printed copies of the foregoing Yearly Accounts for 1884 to December 31st, as above.

Read Petitions handed in by Councillors of Districts 10 and 11 from Electors of East and West Dover, praying that those two Sections be set off into a new Electoral and Municipal District, for special reasons set forth therein. A discussion followed as to the inexpediency of the change by Councillors Parker, Shatford, Tupper, Lawson, Poole and others.

It was moved by Professor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Shatford, and

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be a Committee to consider and report upon these Petitions, namely, Councillors Longard Hubley, Shatford, Poole and Parker, (Councillor Shatford, by request of Councillor Longard, consented to be Chairman) Passed.

The amount of salary to be paid the Treasurer was brought up.

Moved by Councillor H. Cruickshanks, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes—

That the Salary of the Treasurer be at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars per annum.

Considerable discussion followed. A number of Councillors thought that for a competent person, the sum named was too low, more especially if his office were to be in the Court House.

Councillor McLaren said that for the convenience and safety of the transaction of the public business, the office should be in that building.

On motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor McLaren,

Resolved, That the office be in the Court House— Passed.

The amount of salary was further discussed by Councillors Shatford, Lawson, Himelman, E. S. Hubley, and others. The resolution was amended by making the amount "Six Hundred," and on being put, passed by 18 to 9.

Applications for the office were read from Wm. Guild, Adam C. Fife, Selwyn H. Shreve, and W. L. Sandford. It was moved by Councillors Himelman and Lawson—

That the appointment of the Treasurer be deferred until to-morrow morning.

The motion was put and lost by 17 to 9.

It was decided that the ballot be taken after the nomination of each candidate, instead of for the whole of the names together.

Councillor Tupper, seconded by Councillor A. Cruickshanks, nominated Mr. Wm. Guild as Treasurer.

Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor F. Hubley, nominated Mr. W. L. Sandford to be Treasurer.

Councillor Lawson explained as his reasons for not voting for the immediate appointment, that it was very important to know something of the qualifications and character of the persons to take the office, and that he knew of another who wished to apply. There was not time to ascertain information on such matters.

Councillor Shatford also said he preferred not to vote for much the same reasons. He could not give an intelligent vote without further enquiry. He nominated Mr. Shreve; the nomination not being seconded, the ballot was taken for the two gentlemen named.

Councillor Longard asked if Mr. Fife had not been named.

The result of the ballot, which was counted by the Warden (the Clerk being Teller) was, 18 for Guild, 5 for Sandford, and 1 for Fife.

The subject of the Clerk's salary was then taken up. It was moved by Councillor Longard seconded by Councillor Poole.

That the salary of the Clerk be as before, \$1100 per year.

The Clerk said he hoped that the Council would kindly reconsider the sum named, as it was now quite insufficient. The separate appointment of a Treasurer would entail much more work, as he would have to initiate him in his duties, and resort to the old system of drawing orders and keeping separate accounts and books. He had taken the three offices at the low salary of \$1600, paying for all assistance, and working double time, saving thus to the County \$1100 and over per year. Mr. Clarke had been paid as Clerk of the Peace alone \$1400 and extras. The work was nearly four times greater than under Sessions 5 years ago.

It was moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor O'Leary—

That the Clerk's salary be fixed at the rate of \$1400 per annum, until the Council consider it necessary to make another arrangement.

On the vote being taken, there was found to be 14 for and 10 against. The resolution was declared carried.

Several petitions relating to Roads, &c., were deferred until to-morrow.

Councillor Lawson, Chairman, reported for the Committee on nominating the Standing Committees for 1885.

The List was read in separate Sections, and amended as follows:—Councillor Longard to go on "Poor," instead of "Public Property"; Councillor C. E. Smith transferred from "Poor" to "Public Property"; Councillor D. McLaren to be Chairman of "Poor," and Councillor Dennis Smith to be added to "Roads and Bridges" Committee. The List would then stand as follows:—

Public Accounts and Finance—Councillors Shatford, Leslie, Ryan, Lawson, N. Hayes.

Public Property—Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himelman, C. E. Smith.

License—Councillors Burgess, Sellars, H. Cruickshank, Poole, F. Hubley.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors Leslie, Tupper, Bissett, Lawson, E. Hubley, D. Smith.

Assessments—Councillors O'Leary, Parker, Maskill, Sullivan, A. Cruickshank.

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Lawson, Himelman, N. Hayes, Bissett, Ryan.

Law Amendments—Councillors Madill, Leslie, Shatford, Lawson, Tupper.

Poor—Councillors McLaren, A. W. Smith, DeLouchry, John Hayes, Longard.

Jury Lists—Councillors N. Hayes, Ryan, Himelman, Dart.

The Council adjourned to following morning at 10.30.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30 a.m. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors.

Read the Report of Committee on the union of East and West Dover as a new Electoral District, and a copy of a Bill to effect the same to be submitted to the Legislature, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO MAKING A NEW POLLING DISTRICT AT EAST AND WEST DOVER.

Your Committee beg to Report, that after due investigation of all the facts of the case, and after hearing arguments on both sides, they have come to the conclusion it is in the interest of the people of both districts, viz., 10 and 11, that the prayer of the petition be granted. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the Bill herewith attached be now read before the Council.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,
GEO. J. LONGARD,
E. R. POOLE,
T. W. PARKER,
FREDERICK F. HUBLEY.

Councillor Tupper asked if this did not unnecessarily increase the expenses of the County by adding Councillor's pay, Revisors, Assessors, &c. He would consider it better to reduce the number of Councillors, rather than add to them. Ten would be quite enough to do the business properly.

Councillor Shatford explained that the change was required on account of the School Section, convenience of voters, and general benefit of the two Dover Villages.

The copy of the Bill creating East and West Dover an Electoral District was read.

The measure was fully discussed by Councillors Shatford, Lawson, Ryan, Parker, Longard, F. Hubley, and E. S. Hubley.

Moved by Councillors Ryan, and seconded by Councillor Shatford—

That the Report and copy of the Bill for uniting and creating a new Electoral and Municipal District, consisting of East and West Dover, be approved and passed. The motion passed.

Councillor Shatford stated that his attention had been called to the dilapidated state of the Indexes in the Office of the Registry of Deeds, and the necessity for providing new Books for that object. He moved, seconded by Councillor Wilson—

That this Council appropriate a sum sufficient to purchase Index Books for the Registrar of Deeds office— Passed.

The following Bridges, on motion of the District Councillors, duly passed were ordered to be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883:

- No. 1. Flake Bridge, so called, in District No. 12.
2. Salmon River Bridge, in District 34.
3. Falls Bridge over the East River, Lawrencetown, District 29.
4. The Bridge and Causeway near Sawlor's, District 31.
5. Crawford's Bridge between Districts No. 20 and 36.
6. Three Bridges in District No. 20. viz., Tully Bridge, Gully Bridge, and Bayer's Mill Bridge, under the Act for Small Bridges, 1884.

Councillor McLaren enquired whether steps could be now taken to lay out the Road to Three Fathom Harbour Beach, or what the Committee had done, or were to do about it. He moved, seconded by Councillor E. Ryan, the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Road from Rocky Run Bridge to the Western side of Three Fathom Harbour be taken into consideration by the Committee on Roads and Bridges— Passed

Moved by Councillors Deloughry and J. Hayes—

That Councillors Sellars and McLaren be added to the Road and Bridge Committee. The motion was lost.

Read a Petition from certain Ratepayers of District No. 36, asking that, as action was now pending in the County Court against Councillor Dennis Smith for irregularities practiced at his election, 1884, the list of District officers composed largely of illiterate persons, be not passed, but that another list, sanctioned and offered by the petitioners, be substituted.

On motion, it was decided that the Petition be laid on the table.

Read a Petition from Alexander Conrad, District No. 29, asking that he be allowed half his Statute Labour on a road leading near his house to the main road, it being largely used by the public.

A long discussion followed, on the propriety of leaving such matters to the discretion of the Council, and on granting permission to persons to do Statute labour on private roads, &c.

Read the complaint of Fredk. W. and William Henry, District 22, against the action of a Road Overseer, in causing their lands to be flooded, &c. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The following matters, relating to Roads, were all passed:—

Moved by Councillors H. Cruikshank and Tupper—

That Wm. Burris, Alex. McMullin, and Alex. Brown, be a committee to appraise the damages on the new line of Road leading to John Higgins' Grist Mill, in District No. 35, as laid out by committee last year.

By Councillors Maskell and Poole—

That the Road District No. 3 in District 27, be changed from Smelt Brook to Harris Arnold's Bridge, instead of D. H. Webber's, as heretofore.

By Councillors Madill and Leslie—

That the McDonald Section, so called, in District 19, be extended to the new Bridge past Geo. H. Madill's, and that Geo. H. Madill and Robert Logan be included or added to that Section.

By Councillors Parker and Leslie—

That the road from Sheet Harbour Road to George Lemmond's, in District 22, be a road section.

By Councillors F.F. Hubly and E. S. Hubly—

That Road District No. 3 in District No. 12, be bounded at Deal's gate instead of Point gate as at present.

By Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

That the piece of new road opened in District 18, in 1884, be added to the road section No. 4 in said District, for the levying and expenditure of Statute labour in common with the other portion of road included in such road, Section No. 4.

Council adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15th 1885.

The Council met 2.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The subject of assessment being the order of the day.

Councillor Shatford seconded by Councillor Longard moved—

That the paper submitted by him on Tuesday be read—Passed.

The Clerk read Deputy Warden Shatford's mode of assessing the County as follows—

“Beginning with the year 1886, let one or two competent men who thoroughly understand the value of real and personal property be appointed by the Council for the shore or fishing Districts of the County, and one or two for the rural or farming or lumbering Districts of the County to be called General Assessors—say one for East and one for West Halifax as now defined in the fishing Districts, and the same for the farming or rural Districts. Those for the west to meet at the Court House in Halifax, and those for the east to meet at any place named in east Halifax, with two local assessors from each District in the County, once every four years. The two local assessors to be appointed as at present and to meet the General Assessors at the time and place to be named with a complete list and schedule of all the property real and personal within the limits of their respective Districts. The property of each district to be valued by the general assessor and the two local assessors. The local assessors for one District shall have no voice in the valuation of another. Each roll of the valuation of the respective Districts shall be signed by the two local assessors for the District and the general assessor, when so done to be completed. The local assessors

to receive the same pay as at present for preparing the schedule of property prior to meeting the general assessors. During the time the local and general assessors are meeting the local assessors shall receive \$1.50 per day, and the general assessors the same. Time of meeting for each not to exceed six days, and the general assessors in addition to receive five cents per mile each way, coming and returning. Each set of local assessors shall not receive pay for any time after their roll is completed.

"A record of the time occupied to complete the rolls shall be kept by the general assessor on each board, and lodged with the County Clerk. The assessment of the County shall be done in the three intervening years as at present."

A long conversation followed.

Councillor Bissett was opposed to the time and pay of all local assessors being the same. Those who had large and populous Districts should receive more pay, otherwise they were unfairly and unjustly treated.

Councillor Ryan had long favoured, as the law allowed, the employment of County Assessors, agreed with Councillor Bissett, as to unequal pay of local Assessors and gave illustrations of its bad effects.

Councillor Longard remarked the improper and unreliable way in which the valuations were made. In some cases it was quite as good to sit down in the house and write them up as to go through the mere form of visiting the properties.

Councillor Lawson, said the plan embraced the old and new system and might prove advantageous. He instanced the case of Assessors in his District who had to travel over a wide area, pay a week's board and horse's expenses, lose their own time while away from home and then make up their books, for only three dollars. There was need, first, of better pay for local Assessors, second, of some way of controlling their work.

Councillor Poole said the value of real estate and other property varied greatly in different places, and the distance from the city or from railway facilities was another consideration. Difficult to find persons qualified as County Assessors to allow for all these matters.

Councillor Tupper was opposed to the change of system as proposed. It did not meet essential requirements.

Councillors Parker, McLaren, Himmelman, Hubley and others, thought it better to cancel the present local Act, and come under the general Act. Councillor Madill thought that Revisors were not essential. Better that their pay be given to the Assessors and these could do the work of both quite as well.

Councillor Wilson showed how the system could be managed by the County and Local Assessors conferring together.

Councillor Chas. E. Smith, said some kinds of taxable property

could not be properly valued by County Assessors. It would be well to consult District Councillors before forwarding the returns to Clerk.

The whole matter was on motion referred to the Assessment Committee to consider and report upon.

Councillor Tupper in amendment, moved that it be deferred three months. The motion was lost, and the original motion carried.

The following bridges were on separate motions voted to be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883.

Bridge at head of North West Arm, in District 14.

Hubbard's Cove Bridge, District 32.

Salmon River and Partridge River Bridges, in District 30.

Long Bridge over Petpiswick Lake 150 feet in length on main Eastern Road, District 36.

Moved by Councillors D. Smith and McLaren—

Resolved, That 3 miles of a new road built in 1884, from East Chezzetcook to the Oxford Gold mines be added to the mileage of District 36—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Bissett—

That the pay of Assessors while engaged assessing, be \$1.00 per day, time to be certified by the Councillor of the District—Lost.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Lawson—

Whereas, the present remuneration of Assessors as provided by Chapter 24, Acts of 1862, is insufficient to secure the efficient performance of the work in the County of Halifax.

Resolved, That such Act as far as it relates to the remuneration of Assessors be repealed, and that the Assessors of said County be paid at the same rate as in other Counties, namely, one dollar and fifty cents per day for each Assessor as provided in Chapter 21, Revised Statutes, 4th Series, time to be certified by the Councillor of the District.

Carried and referred to Law Amendment Committee.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan and John Hayes—

That both the people of Bear Cove as well as of Halibut Bay, District No. 8, assist in keeping the highway clear of snow when required—Passed.

Moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Poole—

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to ascertain the amount of Statute labour performed in each District within the County for the year 1884.—Passed.

Moved by Councillor Leslie and Cruickshank—

Resolved, That the committee to investigate and report on the Statute labour returns be Councillors Parker, Poole, and Sellars—Passed.

The Clerk stated that the Road Returns were defective, and a number not yet received. Some were only received from Councillors at the annual meeting and could not be audited by him in time.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 next day.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1885.

The Council met at 2.30 p. m. Present the Warden and 28 Councillors.

The minutes of last session were approved.

Read a petition from 55 inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit asking for a Hay Scale in said district.

Councillor Tupper said he could not at present give information as to details, but would do so before next meeting.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Ryan—

Resolved, That action on the matter be deferred until the April Session, in order to obtain further information—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Longard and Poole—

That all the District Officers for 1885 be passed at this meeting—Lost.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Shatford—

That the lists be passed separately and that any list be read if required by a Councillor—Passed.

The Clerk submitted the lists, one by one.

Councillor Longard requested that the list for District 23 be read, and remarked that no Presiding Officer was named in it.

Some discussion ensued after which the list was passed.

The whole of the lists from District 7 to District 36 passed.

On the appointments of overseers of Highways and Poor, and of Assessors, several Councillors commented on the change of time made by the Legislature as being inconvenient and unsuitable for this County.

Councillor Lawson quoted sections of the County Incorporation Act relating to the general subject of District appointments.

The Clerk read Chapter VII, Statute 1882, which fixes the beginning of the duties of Overseer of Poor and Highways on 1st May.

Considerable difference of opinion was expressed as to the necessity of appointing all the Officers in January.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and O'Leary and

Resolved, That in view of emergencies that may possibly arise during the year it is not desirable to tie down the Council to the appointments of all District Officers at this present meeting—Carried.

The following Presiding Officers were appointed :—

District No. 7—Edward Hayes, (William's son.)

District No. 9—Andrew Gray, Jr.

District No. 33—John A. Shiers, J.P.

District No. 36.—Isaac Gaetz.

A motion to appoint John Jollimore Presiding Officer for District 23 was lost.

Moved by Councillor John Sullivan, seconded by Councillor John Hayes—

That Bear Cove and Halibut Bay be one Road District—Carried.

Read a petition from William A. Gray, District 15, complaining of persons interfering with his business of keeping a summer hotel and pic-nic grounds at Princes's Lodge, by selling refreshments and liquors on the highway, and asking that no licenses be granted to such persons for reasons given.

On motion referred to Committee on Licenses, April Session,

Read a letter from Malcom McJ. Logan, Middle Musquodoboit, stating his having been appointed by the Government to define anew the boundaries of Polling Districts, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26, under Chapter 5, Revised Statutes, 4th Series, and asking that one or more persons be appointed to represent those districts in defining the courses of the lines.

On motion by the several Councillors interested therein, the following were appointed viz.—

District 20—James Dunbrack.

“ 21—Daniel W. B. Read.

“ 19—James Anuand.

“ 35—William Burris.

“ 36—Capt. Wm. Warner.

“ 18—John E. McDonald.

“ 22—David Archibald, Esq.

“ 26—J. E. Conrad of Spry Bay.

“ 25—David W. Archibald of Sheet Harbour.

A resolution by Councillors Shatford and Burgess, that the expenses of these surveys shall be borne by the District if not paid by the Government, was lost.

Read a letter from the Provincial Secretary enclosing one from the Provincial Engineer, stating the injury caused to the draw bridges at Porter's Lake and Jeddore, by the want of a careful person to attend to the machinery on opening and closing the draw in each, and recommending that a keeper be appointed to operate them.

On motion of Councillor S. Maskill and Leslie—

Resolved, That the matter of such appointments be deferred till April Session of the Council—Passed.

The following papers were submitted, read, and by separate votes referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges:—

By Councillor Maskill—

Petition from East Jeddore, asking for a survey for a new road around the shore through the Settlement.

Petition from Musquodoboit Harbour, asking that the road from William's Settlement to West Jeddore, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, be laid out and placed in the Road Grant, District 27.

Petition from 25 inhabitants of Gay's River, asking that there be a road made from Mitchell's Hill through lands of McGeorge, and also Blade's lands to the main road, near the latter's house, now largely used by the public, &c.

Petition of F. W. Henry and Wm. Henry, against action of Road Overseer Section 7, District 22, in causing their lands to be flooded by diverting the water from the proper drain, &c.

Petition from inhabitants of Duncan's Cove, District No. 8, to have a road opened through lands fenced by Richard Monk, which was formerly used as a direct way from their dwellings to the main road.

Report from Kent Sibley, of the adverse decision of public meeting, at Meagher's Grant, against precept issued to a Committee to lay out in 1884, a road to wood lands of J. Ogilvie and others.

A motion by Councillors Maskell and Madill, for the County Clerk to notify Overseers to attend and prepare lists of Statute labour on call of District Councillors, was pronounced to be *ultra vires*.

On the subject of Revisors, the Clerk stated that District 13 had annually appointed such officer, but there being four Polling Districts in the Revisal Section, (No. 10.) he had never acted and that serious errors had in consequence occurred, by which qualified persons were disfranchised in 1884.

The matter was fully considered and on motion of Councillors N. Hays and Lawson it was—

Resolved, That Electoral District 16, be added to Districts 17 and 18, forming one Revisal Section, and District 13, 14 and 15 to be another Passed.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Longard—

That in view of the great amount of Statute labour lost on the roads in consequence of Overseers not being sworn in at an earlier date,

Therefore Resolved. That this Council ask the Legislature to repeal Chapter VII. of the Acts of 1882, so far as relates to Surveyors of Highways—Passed.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 a.m. Saturday.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17TH, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30. The Warden and 26 Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday read and passed.

Read certificate from Messrs. George Bowes, John Morash, and William Weir, a committee under precept issued last year to lay out road from the main road to Ems Conrad's, stating that it had been so laid out, 31 feet in width, and satisfactory to all parties concerned in District 31.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Ryan—

That the Report of the Committee, aforesaid, be received and approved—
Passed.

The Chairman (Councillor J. E. Shatford,) submitted the—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Having examined the Treasurer's accounts, we find a balance in hand on the 30th December, 1884 of \$3205.46, independent of road monies. The following will show the financial state of the county at the end of the year, 1884 :

ASSETS.

Amount in hand for 1884.....	\$ 3,205.46
Due from districts, 1884.....	1,037.40
Due from the City of Halifax 1882-3-4.....	25,482.25
	<u>\$ 29,725.11</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due Hospital for Insane.....	\$ 26,286.59
" Schools.....	290.56
" Assessors and Revisors.....	60.00
" Collectors.....	91.58
" E. E. Burgess, loan and interest.....	520.00
" Court House expenses.....	127.50
" Medical and Coroners' accounts.....	47.00
" Lunacy certificates.....	228.00
" Criminal prosecutions.....	141.20
" Interest on Court House.....	250.00
" Poor Rates.....	121.10
" Auditors.....	40.00
" Insurance on Court House.....	18.75
" Fines and Fees.....	101.25
" Treasurers of Poor.....	108.50
" Sheriff's claim attending Court.....	75.00
	<u>\$27,507.63</u>
Balance.....	2,218.08
	<u>\$29,725.11</u>

On reference to last year's financial statement it will be seen that our position appears a little more hopeful.

Twelve months ago the immediate liabilities of the County exceeded its assets by \$3,865.00, while this year the balance is on the other side, the nominal assets exceeding the immediate liabilities by \$2,218.08. The immediate liabilities are \$4,787.05 less than they were this time last year, and the assets are \$2,296.03 in excess of that period, but these assets are nearly all made up of debts due the County by the City, and a small debt of 1,037.60 due the County by the rural Districts. While our financial aspect is still

gloomy we have reason to congratulate ourselves on a somewhat improved state of affairs, we can only hope it may continue until we can show a clear balance sheet.

Your committee beg to remind the Council that they have not taken into account the \$7,001 due the Local Government, as it has always been the understanding that the amount is to be settled out of the money due the County by Dartmouth, as it was advanced on account of Dartmouth with that understanding.

By an agreement between the County Court Judge and a committee of the Council the item in the estimate for criers and constables for the Supreme Court is not to exceed the \$630 named, and is to be paid to whatever parties the Chief Justice and County Court Judge employ for the purposes named in the estimate, and to be paid on orders signed by the Chief Justice and County Court Judge. The following are the estimates for the ensuing year:

Hospital for the Insane.....	\$14,000
County Jail	2,250
County Court House	2,000
Clerk's salary	1,400
Treasurer's salary.....	600
Criers and Constables, Supreme and County Courts.....	630
County Constable.....	200
Grand Jury and Secretary, etc.....	300
Petit Jurors.....	500
Crown witnesses.....	230
Sheriff's accounts.....	150
Coroners' Juries and expenses	400
Printing and Stationery.....	250
Auditors	40
Postage and expressage.....	50
Councillors' pay.....	800
Revisors and Assessors	450
Contingent Fund.....	200
Sundry unpaid accounts.....	2,000
Interest on Court House	1,000
Bounties	200
Stipendiary Magistrate's Salary	800
E. E. Burgess, interest on loan.....	30

\$28,480

To which is to be added for public schools, as the law requires

9,545

Total.....\$38,025

In conclusion, we cannot refrain from saying we have good reason to congratulate the Clerk; (who was also the late Treasurer),

for the efficient manner in which he has kept the Accounts, and managed the whole County affairs, so as to bring about the improved state of things now existing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD,
GEORGE LAWSON,
GEO. E. LESLIE,
EDMUND RYAN,
NORMAN HATS.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Himmelman—

Whereas, by Chap. 46 Revised Statutes, it is provided that it shall be lawful for any person liable to perform highway labor thereunder, to commute each day's labor which he is liable to perform, by payment of fifty cents to the Overseer thereof.

Resolved. That the rate of such payment shall be Eighty Cents for each day's labor, and that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments, in order that the Act may be so amended.

On being put, the motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Lawson—

Resolved. That Clause 4 of Chap. 46 Revised Statutes be amended, so that males over 60 years of age shall be liable for the performance of Statute Labor for any sum in excess of \$500, instead of \$1000, as at present—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and O'Leary—

That Section 3rd of Chap 46 of Highway Labor be amended as follows:— All males, whose names are included in the Assessment Roll, and assessed for any sum over \$10, should be liable to perform in addition to Poll Tax, one day's work for every hundred dollars for which they are assessed, and proportionally for fractional amounts up to \$1000, and for all excess of that sum at the rate of half-a-day per hundred, or fraction of such excess.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Councillors D. Smith and McLaren—

Resolved. That the Bridge over East River at head of Porter's Lake, District 36, near Richard Innes' Mill, be put under the Bridge Act, said Bridge now carried away by the recent freshet—Passed.

The subject of Liquor Licenses was discussed. In anticipation of the Dominion Act of 1883 being repealed, some Councillors deemed it necessary to provide for the contingency.

Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Bissett, moved

That Licenses for sale of Intoxicating Liquors shall be granted by this Council to all persons who qualify according to Law, the Fees to be Thirty Dollars.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Himmelman, in amendment—

Resolved. That the Licenses be fixed at \$50.00.

Discussion followed by a number of Councillors.

The Warden suggested the old rate of Forty Dollars. On the amendment being put, it was lost by 9 for and 16 opposed. The

original resolution was put and carried. Names being called for there appeared—*For*, Councillors N. Hayes, Wilson, H. Cruickshank, Shatford, Burgess, McLaren, Bissett, Ryan, J. Hayes, Sullivan, Longard, D. Smith, Poole, Deloughry, Leslie and Smith, 16. *Against*—Councillors Tupper, Sellars, Maskell, Himmelman, Madill, O'Leary, Fred. Hubley, E. S. Hubley, Parker, 9.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Road Scale be so amended as to divide the Statute Labor more equitably, viz., from \$200 to \$300, 2 days; from \$300 to \$400, 3 days; and also to include any person assessed \$100, instead of the excess of that sum as at present—Passed.

Read a Petition from 50 residents of Lower Jeddore, East, asking that the Council pass a Bye-Law, restraining persons from gathering Fox Berries before 1st Sept., and destroying the vines, &c.

Councillor Maskill explained that the value of the crop was about \$1000, and in reply to the Clerk, said that the lands were Crown grants. It was decided that the Council had no jurisdiction, the owners could have redress by actions at law against the trespassers.

On motion, Michael Byrnes was appointed a County Constable.

Read, as submitted by the Chairman, Councillor Wilson, the Report of Special Committee on Criers and Constables.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the practice and precedent pursued in regard to the Criers and Constables of the several Courts, beg to

REPORT

That they find the appointment of Criers is vested in the Judges, and that of the Constables in the Council, and that the paying of these men, beyond what they receive in fees, is vested in the Council.

Further, that at present, Mr. McKay is the chief Crier, and has been assisted in this service by County Constable Burns, who gets remuneration, *pro rata* with his services. Also, that Chas. McGinn having been appointed by the County Court Judge, has occasionally officiated as Assistant Crier.

Your Committee find, that taking the preceding year as a precedent, the cost for Criers and Constables for the several Courts which the County had to pay was \$631.00, and it is suggested by the Chief Justice and Judge Johnson that they could make the service more satisfactory if they could have the appointment of Chief Crier and such number of assistants as might be required, and that the Council swear in one or more of these assistants, thereby combining the offices so as to give greater remuneration to each, without increasing the cost in the aggregate.

In view of which your Committee would advise that the sum not exceeding \$630.00 be placed in the estimates as remuneration for such Criers and Constables, to be paid out on the joint order of the Chief Justice and Judge of the County Court, and that the

recipient out of such fund in such proportion as the said Judges may define shall for the current year be, McKay as Chief Crier, Burns as assistant Crier and County Constable, which appointments have already been made, as also such other assistant to act as Crier if desired, as the Judges may appoint.

All of which is respectively submitted.

B. C. WILSON, *Chairman.*
EDMUND RYAN,
JOHN E. SHATFORD,
THOMAS O'LEARY.

It was moved and seconded that the Council adjourn till Monday at 10 p.m. *For*—7. *Against*—18. A motion to adjourn for one hour was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present the Warden and 25 Councillors.

Minutes of Morning Session were approved.

Read a letter from Kent Sibley, Meagher's Grant, Secretary of a meeting held there in reference to Precept for a new road, and stating as the minutes of said meeting, that the inhabitants were opposed to any assessment being made for the cost of making the road, Councillor Poole explained that the Committee appointed had not fulfilled the Precept, and it did not appear how or by whom this meeting had been called or held.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Councillor Lawson presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUNATICS.

The Committee find from lists furnished by the Bursar of the Hospital for Insane to December 31st 1884, that the number of patients chargeable to the County, who were admitted during the year was as follows :

Males.....	7
Females.....	21
	—
Total.....	28

Number of County patients returned from trial :

Males.....	1
Females.....	8
	—
Total.....	9

Number of County patients discharged or died :

Males.....	16
Females.....	9
Out on trial.....	1
Total.....	<u>26</u>

Number of County patients in Hospital at the end of 1884 :

Males.....	42
Females.....	62
Total.....	<u>104</u>

The Committee are informed by Mr. Hunt that the Superintendent considers that of these there are twenty-three weak-minded patients, who could be removed to the Poor House, and the Committee recommend that the necessary steps be taken to so remove them. The accounts submitted by the Hospital authorities show a balance of \$25,286.59 due at the close of the year.

Halifax County Patients Admitted for Year ending 31st Dec., 1884.

ADMISSIONS.

No.	Date.	No.	Date.		
1811..	Feb'y 27..	D. Studdard.	1823. April 15..	Margaret Walledge.	
1812..	" 28..	T. E. Fraser.	1805..	" 17..	Elizabeth Glawson.
1827..	April 24..	Patrick Cronan.	1840..	June 18..	Johanna Hannan.
1855..	July 29..	Ephraim Corkum.	1841..	" 16..	Sophia Hardiman.
1860..	Aug. 30..	A. W. Hart.	1844..	" 24..	Mary A. Dunn.
1883..	Dec. 22..	Allan McDonald	1845..	" 29..	Annie McDonald.
1884..	" 23..	Richard N. Laurilliard.	1857..	July 20..	Mary Manning.
1803..	Jan'y 27..	Kate Macklin.	1851..	Sept. 1..	Johanna Downie.
1807..	Feb'y 8..	Laura Bruce	1864..	" 16..	Elizabeth Connors.
1814..	March 5..	Ann Davis.	1868..	Oct. 21..	Alice Fitzgerald.
1817..	" 28..	Julia McCarthy.	1874..	" 30..	Annie Kiddy.
1818..	" 29..	Ellen Gallagher.	1876..	Nov. 11..	Fanny Abraham.
1815..	" 7..	Emma George	1878..	" 18..	Alice Maud Henry.
1822..	April 10..	Elizabeth Baulf.	1880..	" 27..	Mary Hogan.

Patients Returned from Trial.

Sept. 5..	Michael Burns.
Nov. 24..	Cassie Houseman.
" 28..	Mary Kennedy, (went out) 14.5.84.
May 8..	Ellen Maclean.
Sept 3..	Theresa Martin (went out) 29.8.84.
May 26..	Ann Davies (went out) 5.4.84.
Oct. 11..	Mary Ann Dunn.
Feb. 21..	Isabella Graham (went out) 1.2.85.
Oct. 11..	Mary A. Dunn (went out) 5.9.84.

*Halifax County Patients Discharged and Died for Year ending
Dec. 31st, 1884.*

MALES.

No.	Discharges.	On Trial.	Dischgd.	Died.
1674.	Peter Findlay.....	22.12 83	7.2 84	
1779.	Douglas Crane.....	22.12.83	7.2.84	
1885.	John Cody.....	22. 1.84	23.4.84	
1751.	Thos. B Rogers.....	18. 4.84	28.4.84	
1195.	Christopher Norwood.....	26. 3.84	18.6.84	
1679.	Timothy Sullivan.....	30. 8.83	18.6.84	
1761.	James Steel.....	16. 4.84	30.6.84	
1827.	Patrick Cronan.....	19. 5.84	30.6.84	
1812.	Edward Fraser.....	14. 5.84	30.6.84	
1855.	Ephraim Corkum.....	8. 8.84	11.8.84	
1788.	Edward Brine.....	15. 4.84	8.9.84	
1793.	Edward Dauphiney.....	30. 4.84	9.9.84	
107.	Samuel Fowler.....			22.10.84
1790.	Patrick Hayden.....	20. 7.84	5.11.84	
1756.	Michael Burns.....	26.10 84	6.11.84	
1860.	A. W. Hart.....	15.11.84	8.12.84	

FEMALES.

1526.	Margaret Fanhoot.....	5. 8.83	7. 2.84	
1715.	Charlotte Grun.....	8. 3.84	7. 2.84	
1794.	Maria Boutillier.....	5. 5.84	10.6.84	
1823.	Margaret Walledge.....	16. 5.84	30. 6.84	
1807.	Laura Bruce.....	29. 5.84	30. 6.84	
1369.	Fanny Forbes.....			15.7.84
1803.	Kate Macklin.....	25. 7.84	25. 9.84	
1854.	Mary Manning.....	9. 9.84	25. 9.84	
1629.	Eva M. Whidden.....	28. 8.83	6.11.84	
	Out on Trial, Elizabeth Glawson.....	2.10.84		

*Names of Halifax County Patients in Hospital for the Insane,
Dec. 31st, 1884.*

MALES.

William Graham.	Thomas F. Knight.	Charles E. Evans.
*Patrick Harmony.	*James A. Allan.	Henry Ascott.
John McCarthy.	William Caldwell.	*William Stowell.
John Kennedy.	*Samuel Foster.	*Michael Lauchlin.
*William Williams.	Charles Brodie.	*James C. Woodworth.
*William McAlice.	Thomas Lynch.	Dougald McKay.
Richard Barry	Thomas Roland.	Charles Thompson.
*Michael Brennan.	Michael O'Hearn.	Newton Strong.
Dennis Moriarty.	Nicholas Power.	Patrick J. Ead.
*Charles Dunbrack.	Daniel Gallagher.	*Thomas Shea.
*Joseph Groggett.	*James Purcell.	John Gough.
John L. Dunn.	Charles M. Nolan.	D. W. Stoddard.
John H. Stewart.	William Alb. Williams.	Allan McDonald.
*Lawrence Hickey.	Benjamin Umlah.	Richard N. Laurilliard.

FEMALES.

Mary Ann Ring.	Margaret Norria.	Mary Ann Fraser.
Margaret Grant.	Ellen Hubley.	Theresa Martin.
Margaret Ferguson.	Jane Green.	Ellen Higgins.
Mary Ann Kennedy.	Eleanor Gilfoy.	*Sarah Ann Wylde.

Catherine Coolan.
 Catherine Houseman.
 *Mary Bontillier.
 *Isabella Gillis.
 Susan McKenzie
 Johanna McKenna.
 *Mary E Morgan.
 Elizabeth Foster.
 Charlotte Knowles.
 *Catherine Hayes.
 Elizabeth Pye.
 Catherine Reddy.
 Ellen J. Wall.
 Caroline Watson.
 *E. A. Thomas.
 Mary Delaney.
 *Mary A. Flowers.

Jane Caldwell.
 Mary Doyle.
 Maria Norris.
 Bridget Dunlay.
 Elizabeth Savage.
 Joanna Durward.
 Catherine Colford.
 Esther S Godfrey.
 Emily Mosher.
 Annie McLeod.
 Margaret Sawler.
 Mary Swindles.
 *Isabella Graham.
 Jannet Cole
 Emma Royffee.
 Mary Kennedy.
 Ellen McLean.

Ann Davis.
 *Julia McCarthey.
 Ellen Gallagher.
 Emma George.
 Elizabeth Glawson.
 Johanna Hannan.
 Sophia Hardman.
 Mary Ann Dunn.
 Annie McDonald.
 Johanna Downie.
 Elizabeth Connors.
 Alice Fitzgerald.
 Annie Keddy.
 Fanny Abraham.
 Alice Maud Henry.
 Mary Hogan.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Chairman*.
 JOS HIMMELMAN,
 JNO. G. BISSETT,
 NORMAN HAYES.
 EDMUND RYAN.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.
 Moved by Councillors Lawson and Ryan and

Resolved, That the Board of Charities be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to remove from the Hospital for Insane, all patients chargeable to Halifax County, who are reported by the Superintendent as suitable for removal to the Poor House, the Committee on Lunatics to assist in carrying out this object—
 Passed.

The Clerk mentioned that in consequence of the inconvenient and crowded state of the present Poor House it was doubtful whether the transfers could be made for some time. He read the names of such patients (*vide* those marked with a * in the list above) in order to discover to which Poor District they would be chargeable after removal. They were as follows: Charles Dunbrack, District 20; William Stewell, District 29; James C. Woodworth, Shubenacadie; Mary Bontillier, District 12; Mary E. Morgan, District 10. The others were from the City and Dartmouth.

Councillor Leslie, *Chairman*, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition of Peter W. Maskill, J. P., and others, of East Jeddore, District 27, be granted, that a Precept be ordered and the proposed road laid out, as provided by Chapter 44, Fourth Series, Revised Statutes; that the roads asked for by the petitioners Wm T. Kent and others, in District 27, and George Landells and others, of Gay's River, District 19, be laid out by a Precept, as the above, and that the Report of James Cook and Joseph McDonald, *in re* extension of a road to Three Fathom Harbour, be cancelled and a new Precept ordered, and the proposed extension of road laid

out "in the most convenient place," as requested by the Petition of John Lapierre, J. P., and others, dated 2nd April 1883; the expenses in all cases to be a charge against the Districts through which the several roads lead.

The Committee also recommend that Alexander Conrad, District 29, be allowed one half the Statute Labour for which he is liable as requested in his petition.

With regard to the petition of F. W. and Wm. Henry, Road Section 7, District 22, your Committee recommend the Councillor for said District to take the matter in charge, and use all means in his power to prevent a repetition of the alleged doings of the Overseer of Statute labour in said Section, in turning the Water Courses from roads on property of residents, and to intimate to said Overseer that he must personally undertake the responsibility of any damage that may be occasioned by such acts.

The Committee suggest that a Committee of three disinterested persons be appointed to investigate the matter of the petition of the Messrs. Holland, of Duncan's Cove, in District No. 8, and report to this Council at the next (or April) Session thereof.

GEORGE LESLIE, *Chairman.*

GEORGE LAWSON.

JOHN D. TUPPER.

J. G. BISSETT.

E. S. HUBLEY.

DENNIS SMITH.

Moved by Dept. Warden Shatford and Councillor Bissett—

That the Report be received and adopted—Passed.

Councillor Lawson gave notice that he would make a motion at the April Session to have two special County Constables, appointed, one for the eastern and the other for the western part of the County. At present there were many misdemeanors committed in various Sections of the County that never came to the notice of the authorities, and it was for the purpose of bringing all law breakers within reach of the law, that he would submit such a motion and ask the Council to ratify it.

Councillor Wilson, (*Chairman.*) presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Committee having examined the several documents laid before them, and visited the Jail and also investigated the general condition of affairs, beg to report that the returns of commitment to the County Jail for the year show:

Of Criminals.....	268
Of Debtors.....	135
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	403

When compared with 1883 this shows an increase of 18 criminals, and a decrease of 8 debtors, which would seem to indicate that as a community, while improving financially, we are morally deteriorating. The Report of the Jailer, which goes very definitely into details and statistics, shows that the 403 commitments were sent to Jail as follows:

From Magistrates' Courts.....	27
The Municipality of Dartmouth.....	29
Supreme County Courts	58
From the City Court.....	289

The Revenue from the rent of rooms, boarding merchant, sailors, etc., was \$84.99, an increase of \$48.39 over 1883. The Committee found the management quite satisfactory, but the sanitary condition of the building, of which they had personal evidence, as well as the Jail Surgeon's Report, cannot be so favourably considered and must command attention, and if possible, be improved.

The Surgeon to the Jail presents his Report, hereto annexed, which explains itself, and which we beg to refer to the Council. He also explained, that owing to circumstances over which he has no control, his duties are yearly increasing, while his pay has stood still, and considers increased remuneration as now in order.

Your Committee, while recognizing these facts, as also his valuable and unremitting services, regret that the Municipal Finances do not admit of their recommending as much as they would like to do, but would suggest that he be paid \$100 for the current year.

Your Committee find that many repairs to the Jail Property are absolutely necessary, both from a sanitary and commercial point of view, and consider, that with all due regard to economy, and the state of our funds, a sum of not less than \$750.00 should be placed in the Estimates for this service, to be as carefully and judiciously expended as the Committee on Public Property are capable of doing. They would mention, for the information of the Council, the following as among the principal requirements, viz:

1.—Repairs to, or a new fence on the west side. 5.—New floor in basement of the Jail. 3.—Three new windows and repairs to old ones. 4.—Repairs and paint on internal walls and fittings, and 5.—Painting, or in some way protecting the external east and south walls. 6.—A prepared cell or special bed for violent and insane persons temporarily incarcerated.

There has been already expended in repairs very recently this year \$53.80, as per Johnston's bill and memo. herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. C. WILSON, *Chairman*,
EDMUND RYAN,
J. G. BISSETT,
JOS. HIMMELMAN,
CHAS. E. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE JAIL.

To His Honor the Warden and the Councillors, &c.

In presenting my Report on the sanitary condition of the County Jail and its inmates, it will be found to differ but little from those of previous years. A comparatively large number of those admitted to the Jail during the year required medical treatment of longer or shorter duration, some extending over the entire period of their incarceration. The only sickness of an epidemic nature that showed itself was a case of measles and several cases of mumps. The usual large and constantly increasing number of cases of alcoholism and delirium tremens—one-third of all the criminals registered on the Jail books for 1884—demanded much attention, because of the lack of means for properly treating them. The County Jail is now virtually an inebriate asylum, and as the physician I recommended to the Council that one or more of the cells be properly fitted up for the reception and treatment of violent patients. A great deal of sickness having prevailed during the spring months in the family of the Jailor, all of the members having been more or less seriously affected, I made a careful examination of the main building in May, and found the walls on all sides, particularly on the east and south almost constantly wet, and the plastering much stained and injured, the apartments contiguous to these were necessarily damp and unwholesome, giving good and sufficient cause for the ailments. I accordingly addressed a letter to Prof. Lawson, Chairman of the Committee on Public Property, calling attention to the existing bad state of the building, and urging that steps be taken to remedy the defects. This was promptly acted upon, and the evil in some measure abated; but much yet remains to be done to ensure the safety of the building, and the health and comfort of its inmates. There were five insane persons admitted during the year. These all showed much improvement under treatment while in jail. Three were subsequently taken charge of by their friends. One was sent to the Poor's Asylum, and the remaining one to his friends in New Brunswick, whence he recently came.

I have again to thank the Jailor and Mrs. Chambers for thoughtful attentions to sick prisoners.

The food has been good in quality, and well cooked, and the building is kept in a cleanly and otherwise satisfactory condition.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully,

THOS. TRENAMAN,
Physician to County Jail.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Shatford, the Report was received and adopted.

It was moved by Councillors Himmelman and Lawson—
That the amount recommended by the Report for special repairs to the Jail, \$750.00, be added to the Estimate for 1885—Passed.

Councillor O'Leary, (Chairman), handed in the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee on Assessments beg to Report as follows:—

There are many disputes arising from the present system of assessment in this county. Some arise either from the inability of the assessors to equalize the valuations of property in their districts, or from their not being allowed sufficient time and pay to do so. We had an instance yesterday, where an owner of property came before us and stated he was willing to pay the amount of taxes levied on his property, but he felt sure that an injustice was done him by the assessors in not equalizing the value of his property with that of others in the same district.

Another trouble comes from the assessors, by their neglect to post up in their districts the list of valuations, so that people could appeal from their valuations, if they thought them too high.

Councillor Tupper gave your committee a letter from Mr. Leek, Gay's River, stating that he was taxed too high. But it is not now in the power of your committee to relieve him from such taxes.

We are of the opinion that there is not a uniform valuation of properties throughout the county, and that there is great injustice done to some districts from the want of an equitable valuation throughout the county. We recommend that the county be divided into four sections, each section to have a general assessor to confer with the local assessors, for the purpose of equalizing the valuations; and that assessors be paid for every day while performing their labor.

The annexed table shows the amount of taxes due by each district at the end of the past year:—

Districts.	Deficits of Districts in Arrears.
7.....	\$ 13 02
8.....	96 56
9.....	2 13
10.....	211 61
11.....	3 58
12.....	27
13.....	4 72
14.....	140 93
15.....	99 95
16.....	97 36
17.....	6 34
18.....	Balanced.
19.....	13 25

Districts.	Deficits of Districts in Arrears.
20.....	29 02
21.....	1 44
22.....	14 89
23.....	57 73
24.....	55 61
25.....	8 91
26.....	34 84
27.....	11 44
28.....	36 57
29.....	Balanced.
30.....	9 20
31.....	16 64
32.....	4 73
33.....	6 65
34.....	7 18
35.....	14 97
36.....	29 76

\$1,057 40

The committee recommend that the School Grants be withheld from the districts that are so much behind in paying their taxes.

THOMAS O'LEARY, *Chairman.*

T. A. PARKER.

JOHN SULLIVAN.

PETER W. MASKILL.

The Report was very fully discussed, and a suggestion made that each Councillor explain the cause of the deficit in his District. The new Councillors said that they were not in a position to explain, not being aware that the taxes were not all paid.

The Clerk said the Statement was made up to December 31st, and that several Councillors had paid in balances of amounts due (or on account) at this Session. Other Councillors stated the reasons for non-collection of rates, and that Warrants of Distraint were out which would probably clear all up before next Session.

Objection was made to the clause advising that the County be divided into four Sections and valued by General Assessors &c. On motion it was struck out. The clause relating to time and work of Assessors, was amended by adding after the words "their labour," the words, "the number of days to be authorized and certified by the Councillor of the District," and the clause to come in force after being passed by the Legislature.

With these amendments, the Report was received and passed.

The Council, on motion, adjourned till Monday at 2.30 p.m.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 19th, 1885.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m. Present the Warden and 25 Councillors. The Minutes of Saturday's Session were confirmed. The Clerk submitted the Bond of the County Treasurer. The amount was for \$8,000, and with the sureties named, was approved.

Read the application of J. L. Griffin Esq. J.P., for re-appointment as County Stipendiary for present year. The Clerk explained that the lateness of this application was not from discourtesy, but from an impression that the position was not an annual appointment.

On motion Mr. Griffin was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Read the County Stipendiary's Return of Fees collected in his Office for the past year. March Quarter \$73.80, June Quarter \$78.70 September \$96.60, December 101.15, Total \$350.23. Read also Report of Fines and Convictions for 1884. Number of convictions for various offences 32. Amount of fines \$174.00, of which the County received \$65.33. Fines not paid \$65.00. Return of Licenses. 9 Pedlers and Hawkers, \$83.00. 1 Ferry, \$2.00. 1 Auctioner's, \$8.00. Total Receipts for Licenses, \$93 00.

Read the following letter from the County Stipendiary.

To the Worshipful, the Warden and Council for the County of Halifax.

GENTLEMEN: I desire to call your attention to a defect that has come to light in the Statutes under which I hold my appointment as Stipendiary Magistrate for the County of Halifax, owing to the fact that the City of Halifax, within which I discharge the duties of my office is not strictly included in the Municipality of the County of Halifax. An objection based upon this fact, was taken to my jurisdiction in the Cause of the Queen vs. Hughes, and was upheld by the Supreme Court on certiorari. As it was clearly intended that I should have jurisdiction as Stipendiary in all cases not properly coming within that of the City Stipendiary, I would respectfully request that the Council should apply to the Legislature to procure an Act to remove the difficulty, and give the jurisdiction which it was intended that I and my successors should exercise.

J. LESTER GRIFFIN, J. P.,
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Halifax, January 16th, 1885.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and N. Hayes—

Resolved, That the Legislature be asked to pass a Bill, granting power to the County Stipendiary to hold his Court in the City of Halifax—Passed.

In reply to the Clerk as to the time from which the Criers should be paid, it was, on motion—

Resolved, That the pay of Criers and Assistants, for which \$630 is provided in the Estimates, shall begin from October 1st, 1884, being the time of their appointment by the Judges.

On the subject of Licenses, a short discussion took place, as to the charge for Liquor Licenses, and the Laws under which they should be issued, the Dominion Law of 1883 having been declared by the Supreme Court of Canada *ultra vires*. The following resolution was moved by Councillors Himmelman and Maskell—

Resolved, That this Council hereby indemnify the County Clerk of License against loss in cases of appeal from Magistrates' Courts for infraction of the Liquor Law in cases where the Clerk of License is the prosecutor, and the informer declines to come to the front, or refuses to give the necessary bonds, provided always that in such cases the Clerk of License, by being the prosecutor, is practically the informer, and that therefore the real informer shall not be entitled to the half of the fines in such cases, but that the informer's share shall revert to and be for the benefit of general funds of the County—Passed.

The following motions relating to Committees for laying out certain roads, under precepts, were moved by the Councillors for the several districts, seconded and passed:—

Resolved, That Jno. Falconer, Sr., be substituted for Jas. W. Butler to lay out the road from Musquodoboit Harbour in Jeddore.

Resolved, That John Maskell, Sr., James Arnold and Peter Bowser, be appointed to lay out a road from Musquodoboit to Jeddore, and report to the Council the first opportunity after so made out.

Resolved, That Harris Corkum, Stephen Jennox and David Mitchell be a committee to lay out or survey the road leading down the east side of Jeddore, district 27.

Resolved, That Norman Logan, Wm. Killough, and Terrence Carroll, be a committee to lay out a road in district 19, in accordance with the prayer of the petition from George Landells, James Annand, and others.

Resolved, That Geo Hawkins and John Lloy, be appointed to lay out the road from Rocky Road to the beach of Three Fathom Harbor.

Resolved, That James Fitzgerald, John Burk, and Jerry Holland, Jr., be a committee to lay out the road to Duncan's Cove, district 8

A resolution, moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Shatford, proposing that the Council request the Local Government to increase the pay for statute labor from fifty to seventy-five cents a day, was lost. Notice of reconsideration to-morrow morning was given by Councillor Lawson. Agreed to.

Councillor McLaren, Chairman, presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on the Poor (after all possible research) hereby submit to this Council all the returns sent up to date.

We are sorry to say that a full Report cannot be made, as many of the Districts have not complied with the Law in making their returns to the Clerk of this Council for the year 1884; and would, therefore, recommend forcibly, that the proper forms of blank accounts be sent annually with the assessment roll to the Councillor of each district. Also, that a copy of the Section of the Law, requiring them to make such yearly returns, be sent therewith.

District.	Balance on hand, 1883.	Collected of Assessment 1884.	From other Sources.	Total.	Expended.	Balance on hand, 1884.	Amount to be Assessed for 1885.	Due on Account of Paupers.
24	.....	53 75	.....	53 75	52 67	1 08	50 00	.....
25	29 45	216 01	.....	245 46	128 80	116 66	150 00	.....
26	210 66	96 35	.....	307 01	129 00	187 01	*100 00	.....
27	No Poor Assessment for 1884, and none required for 1885.							
28	32 34	158 19	.....	190 43	107 97	82 96	100 00	Cr. 8 85
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	42 53	22 80	.....	66 28	39 78	26 50	.....	.....
31	128 21	197 50	.....	325 71	220 44	105 27	150 00	.....
32	17 87	.....	.....	17 87	56 41	.....	100 00	Dr. 38 54
33	14 67	100 56	.....	115 23	98 75	16 48	90 00	.....
34	No Assessment required.							
35	No returns in.							
36	21 22	48 00	3 30	72 52	76 46	.....	100 00	Dr. 3 94

STATEMENT OF POOR RATES ASSESSED, 1884.

District 7—Herring Cove	\$ 35 70
“ 10—Upper Prospect.....	56 06
“ 11—Hackatt's Cove.....	136 35
“ 12—French Village.....	32 68
“ 13—Spryfield.....	21 17
“ 18—Waverley.....	351 16
“ 19—Gay's River.....	97 73
“ 20—Meagher's Grant	88 65
“ 22—Upper Musquodoboit.....	141 57
“ 24—Smith's Cove	62 96
“ 25—Sheet Harbour.....	162 16
“ 26—Spry Bay.....	107 02
“ 28—Chezzetcook West.....	159 76
“ 30—Preston.....	25 29
“ 31—Dartmouth or Cole Harbor.	213 31
“ —Eastern Passage.....	107 03
“ —East Chezzetcook.....	53 73
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	\$1852 18

All the above we respectfully submit to this Honorable Body.

(Sgd.)

DONALD McLAREN, *Chairman.*
ALEX. W. SMITH,
DENNIS DELOUGHRY.
JOHN HAYES,
GEO. J. SANFORD.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Shatford—

Whereas, The County of Halifax has no recognized or proper place for the care and protection of the poor persons in the various districts are the recipients of

public charity, but are farmed out to such persons as circumstances make convenient, without the consideration to humanity and comfort which is compatible with Christianity,

Therefore Resolved, That it is expedient that this Council take action looking toward the establishment of a Poor Farm or Asylum, provided that it shall appear desirable so to do, and that a committee be appointed to collect the requisite information, both from local sources and also by communication with the authorities of other Counties in the Province which have taken steps in that direction, and are now in working order, and who will be enabled to afford much information as to the advantages resulting, and the relative cost of such arrangements; and further, that such committee consist of Councillors Wilson, N. Hayes, Lawson, and Maddill, who shall report at next Session of this Council—Passed.

Assessments for the Poor, as requested by the Councillors of the Districts were passed as below, on motions separately made:—

District 9.....	\$ 50 00
“ 10.....	40 00
“ 11.....	40 00
“ 12.....	50 00
“ 20.....	50 00
“ 21.....	100 00
“ 22.....	100 00
“ 24.....	50 00
“ 25.....	100 00
“ 28.....	100 00
“ 31.....	150 00
“ 33.....	90 00
“ 34.....	100 00
“ 36.....	100 00

Moved by Councillors N. Hayes and Lawson—

That the instructions concerning the duties of Overseers of Poor, Fence Viewers, and Clerks of License, be printed by the Clerk, and sent to each Councillor with the notices of their office—Passed.

The Clerk said this would be done as soon as the new Revised Statutes could be had, as there had been numerous changes therein.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, 10 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 20th, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30 a.m. Present, the Warden and 26 Councillors.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A resolution was moved by Councillors Shatford and Madill—

That arrangements be made by a committee for the daily publication of the Minutes of the Council in one of the newspapers, &c.

After discussion and explanations, the motion was put and lost.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Bissett—

That the Minutes of the Council be printed for distribution as usual—Passed.

On motion, John A. Blakeny was appointed Clerk of License for District 27.

Moved by Councillors Parker and Tupper—

That Parker's Bridge, District 22, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883 - Passed.

The Statute relating to Fire Escapes, Chap. 17, 1884, was read, but the consideration of it deferred.

Councillor Lawson, according to previous notice, moved the re-consideration of his motion of yesterday for an increase of the commutation for Statute Labour to 75c

Several Councillors supported the resolution to rescind the action taken thereon, but on being put, it was lost by 16 to 10.

The Warden, in reply to Councillor Burgess, as to a room and requirements for County Treasurer, said there was a vacant room which might be obtained for that purpose for present use.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Madill, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property make such temporary provision as may be necessary for the Treasurer, until the action of the Legislature shall be known in regard to the tenure of his office—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess, and

Resolved, That the remuneration for the Councillors shall be \$2.00 per day while in Session, for the term for which they are elected, being the years 1885 and 1886, and mileage, as fixed by Statute—Passed.

Councillor Lawson, Chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

The committee having considered the several matters referred to them, and the measures necessary to give effect to any needed changes in the Provisions of the Act, beg leave to recommend that the following additions and emendations be submitted to the Legislature at its next Session :—

1. That the Legislature be requested to so change the provisions of the forthcoming series of the Revised Statutes relating to the office of clerk and treasurer of the council, that both offices may be held by one individual as heretofore.

2 The committee recommend that such part of the Local Act of 1862 as relates to the compensation of assessors be repealed, and the following substituted :—“Assessors shall return with the assessment roll a statement of the time spent by them in such duties, and such compensation for their service not to exceed \$1.50 per day for each assessor, on being certified by the councillor for the district, shall be a county charge, and be added to the amount to be assessed upon the county.”

3. That the third section of chap. 46 Revised Statutes of highway labor, be amended by substituting the words “not less than” for the word “over”—and that the scale in said section shall be changed by

the substitution of "300" for "400" where the latter number first occurs, by the substitution of the word "two" for "three" as it now stands, and by the addition of the following:—"300 to \$400 three days."

4. That in the fourth section of said chapter, the words "five hundred dollars" be substituted for "one thousand dollars."

5. The committee recommend that in section five, the word "imperial" be inserted immediately before the word "army," and that the word "couriers" be omitted.

6. That a bill be introduced to empower the County Stipendiary Magistrate to hold his court in the City of Halifax.

7. That the committee recommend such change in the time of annual assessment as shall make it more in accordance with the city assessment.

In connection with the above, the following Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, 5th series of County Incorporations," has been prepared, and is submitted by your committee for approval by the Council.

Be it enacted by the Governor-in-Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. The fourth section of chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, of "County Incorporations," is amended by inserting before the words "the next election of Councillors" the words "the first meetings of the Council after."

2. The twenty-fourth section of such chapter is amended by substituting for the words therein after "three months" the words "before the biennial election of Councillors."

3. The thirtieth section is amended by substituting the word "biennial" for the word "annual."

4. The sixty-third section is amended by substituting the word "fifty-one" for the word "twenty-four."

5. The sixty-ninth section is amended by substituting the words "Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department" for the words "Board of Ordnance."

6. The eightieth section is amended by inserting after the words "Stipendiary Magistrates" the words "who shall when so appointed act."

7. The eighty-ninth section is amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "six."

8. So much of the chapter hereby amended or of any other existing enactment as is inconsistent with this act is repealed.

The Report having been read clause by clause, it was, on motion of Councillors Shatford and Himmelman, received and unanimously adopted."

The Clerk read (as submitted by the Chairman) the

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATUTE LABOUR.

The committee appointed to collect the amount of Statute Labour in each District within this County have found it to be a more laborious undertaking than they thought of, in consequence of the returns of Statute Labour not having been forwarded to this office.

This compelled your committee to have resort to the Assessment Roll of each District, and have had to go over each individual assessment throughout this County. We do not claim for our Report that it is pure and undefiled, but we have done our best to lay before this Council the amount of Statute Labour that is in each District.

There will be found some errors through the exemption of individuals that are over age. One Councillor came before your committee, and stated that it was impossible to work out the amount of Statute Labour, as he had the large amount of \$30,000 exempt in his district. We admit this looks large, but when reduced to its proper sphere, it assumes the large amount of twenty-eight days to be taken off his district. Now, Sir, this will not alter the object we have in view. Our object is to get at the amount of labour in each district, and to make use of that labour in the district for the benefit of the County and public at large. This matter seems never to have been taken in view by the Road and Bridge Committee, in the distribution of the Road Grant,—it did not suit their purpose.

Your committee have turned this over in many ways, and have come to the conclusion that there is but two ways that it can be used for the benefit of the public at large. First, for the amount of labour assessed for, to be collected as other rates. Second, by granting to the Councillor of each district the power to use this labour in any place within his district. There are localities in every district that are thickly settled, and there are long stretches that are sparsely settled, and under the present system this labour cannot be utilized, and in consequence, we lose a large amount of our Statute Labour. The next thing to be looked at, is the nature of the land over which our public highways are constructed, and the material at hand that can be utilized in each district for that purpose. The next thing to be considered, Sir, is the system that has been established since the inauguration of this Municipal Council of our Road Grant. We do not consider it worthy of our consideration in any way but one, and that is for the spoilation of office. This brings prominently before this Council the system that has been followed by the Road and Bridge Committee for the last four years. Sir, their system has been as follows :—There is a certain amount granted yearly, of this they have taken about three-fourths and distributed it throughout the County at so much per mile. The remaining fourth has been distributed as follows :—The five committee men have taken to themselves for the years 1881, 1882 and 1884, the one-third, and for the year 1883, they took two-thirds of this one-fourth. What was left

has been dribbled out as they thought fit. In this committee three of the Councillors have sat since the inauguration of this Council, two have changed by the result of elections, but still these districts that were represented by those Councillors have still continued to receive a large share of this so-called extra grant. There is one more subject that we should like this Council to take into consideration, that is the warning note that was given at our meeting by the Honorable Provincial Secretary. Sir, when a man or body of men are driven by necessity to a state of borrowing, it will not be long before they are driven to do something else. Gentlemen, set your house in order, and be prepared to meet this prowling wolf when he enters your door.

Hoping that we have accomplished the object we had in view, and that this Council will take this matter into their consideration, and deal with it in such a manner that will leave no room for grumbling from any section of this country in the future.

We are, gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

(Sgd.) T. R. PARKER, *Chairman*.
E. R. POOLE,
J. H. SELLARS.

Amount of Statute Labour due in each District within this County.

District.	Labour.	Mileage.
7	584	14
8	428	20
9	381	14
10	719	23
11	983	40
12	613	42
13	323	48
14	347	15
15	383	16
16	534	35
17	929	53
18	622	50
19	731	51
20	522	61
21	1017	93
22	1080	112
23	290	7
24	495	31
25	785	55
26	1083	67
27	1250	87
28	1109	23
29	498	43

District.	Labour.	Mileage.
30	480	53
31	1141	63
32	777	22
33	729	37
34	692	27
35	342	33
36	942	50
19,439 Days.		1285 Miles.

(Sgd.)

E. R. POOLE,
J. H. SELLARS,

Considerable discussion followed.

Exception was taken by Councillors Shatford, Leslie and Tupper to the charges made against the Committee on Roads and Bridges for the years mentioned, and explanations as to exemptions, mileage, &c., were made by Councillors Bissett, Longard, Tupper, and others.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report be laid over to next Session.

It was suggested that each Councillor endeavour to bring with him to the April Session a correct statement of the Statute Labour, number of days, with distances and exemptions in his district.

Moved by Councillors Poole and Sellars—

That the Councillors have power to move the Statute Labour in their Districts to the sections where it was most needed.

On motion of Councillors Tupper and Hayes, it was laid on the table.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Madill, and

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Councillors Shatford, Madill, Burgess, Lawson, Tupper, O'Leary, and Poole, be appointed to enquire into the working of the present system of Statute Labour in this County, such committee to examine the Returns from the several Districts, and ascertain as far as possible irregularities that may exist and report to the Council the results of their investigations, with such suggestions for improvement, or a change of system as they may be able to devise as a suggestion to the Council, the committee's report to be submitted at next Annual Session of the Council—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Tupper, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Governor and Council to call a Sitting of the Supreme Court to try the Criminals now in the County Jail awaiting trial—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Tupper and Cruickshank—

That this Council shall meet on the Third Tuesday in April next—Passed.

On motion of Councillors Hayes and Shatford—

Resolved, That this Council do now adjourn—Carried.

The Council accordingly adjourned to 3rd Tuesday in April.

List of District Officers.

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1885.

DISTRICT No. 7.

HERRING COVE. *Assessors*—William Bracket, Francis Henrion. *Overseers of Statute Labour*—James Hayes. *Constable*—Edward S. Hayes.

FERGUSON'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—Henry Bazley. *Constable*—James Bracket.

PURCELL'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—James Purcell. *Constable*—Saml. Selig.

SPRYFIELD. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—Thomas Roach. *Constable*—Henry Hughes. *Revisor*—Edward Hayes, William's son. *Collector*—Edward Dempsey. *Overseers of Poor*—Thomas Hayes, Sr.; George Munroe, William Bazley, Jr. *Clerk of License*—Walter Shepperd.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Revisor—Jas. Fitzgerald. *Collector*—Jeremiah Holland, 2nd. *Assessors*—Richard Martin, John Burk. *Overseers of Poor*—Simon Mackey, Jeremiah Holland, Francis Purcell.

KETCH HARBOUR. *Overseers of Statute Labour*—Edward Gallagher, Richard Flemming, 2nd. *Constables*—Charles Martin, 2d; Walter Martin. *Fence Viewer*—William Flemming, 2nd.

PORTUGUESE COVE. *Overseers of Statute Labour*—Hugh Munro, Martin O'Neil. *Constables*—William Smith, Dennis Purcell. *Fence Viewer*—Charles Petipas.

DUNCAN'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—Charles Holland. *Fence Viewer*—John Welcher.

BEAR COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—George Johnson. *Constable*—Joseph Johnson. *Fence Viewer*—James Petipas.

HALIBUT BAY. *Overseer of Statute Labour*—Joseph Scallion. *Overseer of Public Landing*—Benjamin Burk, John Smith.

DISTRICT No. 9.

SAMBRO. *Overseers of Roads*—Joseph Gray, Sambro South; Robert Greenwood, Sambro North; Charles Gray, Creek; George Findlay, Sr., Coot Cove; Andrew Twohig, Pennant; Ephraim Marryatt, Long Cove; George Schnair, East Pennant; William Smith, Ball Brook. *Constables*—Lewis Nickerson, John Findley, James M. Henneberry. *Fence Viewers*—James Trueman, Sambro; Simon Vaugh, Pennant. *Appraiser of Damages*—John J. Gray, Caleb Nickerson, Henry Findley. *Overseers of Poor*—George H. Marryatt, Benjamin Smith, Lewis Gray. *Assessors*—Gideon Smith, David Gray. *Collector*—James W. Henneberry. *Revisor*—John Tough. *Presiding Officer*—Andrew Gray, Jr.

DISTRICT No. 10.

PROSPECT. *Assessors*—David Duggan, David D. Redmond, Daniel Merlin, Sr. *Collector*—James H. Power. *Overseers of Poor*—Joseph D. Merlin, Samuel Christian, Joseph Tanner. *Road Overseers*—Thomas Lynch, East Dover; Thomas McGrath, McG. Cove; David Coolen, East Shad Bay; John Synke, West Shad Bay; John Noonan, Kelley's Point; Charles Christian, son of Wm. deceased, Prospect Village; Michael Mullins, Prospect Village; Patrick Ryan, Prospect Village. *Constables*—George Merlin, James McGrath, Norman Fader, East Dover. *Health Inspector*—William B. Christian. *Clerk of License (if any)*—James A. Coolen. *Revisors*—James A. Coolen, Laurence Saul. *Presiding Officer*—Nicholas P. Christian.

DISTRICT No. 11.

HACKETT'S COVE. *Assessors*—James Dwyer, Peter B. Isnor, James Zink. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—James Cornelius. *Road Overseers*—James Isnor, John Gaetz, William Grono, 2nd.; Horatio Isnor, Amos Corkum, John W. Richardson, Wesley Crooks, James Morash, Jr. *Constables*—Edward Moore, William Cornelius, Edward Grono, George C. Allan, Robert Richardson, Ezrom Richardson, Rupert Daubin, Edward Morash, Jr. *Overseers of Poor*—John Umlah, Peter B. Isnor, Sidney Garrison. *Fence Viewers*—William Marvin, George B. Boutilier, John Grono, Henry Johnston, James Daubin, Simon Cleveland. *Hof Reeves*—Matthias Keddy, Leander Wambold. *Health Officers*—Thomas E. Chase, M. D., Frederick Boutilier, John Garrison, Robert Innis, Edward Morash, Sr. *Presiding Officer*—Robert Munro. *Revisor*—Robert Munro. *Clerk of License*—Charles Covy.

DISTRICT No. 12.

FRENCH VILLAGE. *Presiding Officer*—Alfred Worger. *Revisor and District Clerk*—James Croucher, J. P. *Clerk of License*—Nathan Hubley. *Assessors*—Judson J. Hubley, George Mayling, J. P., Isaac Croucher. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Peter James Boutilier. *Overseers of Poor*—Edmund Deel, Isaac Dauphinee, James Currie. *Overseers of Roads*—Edward Redmond, Benjamin F. Boutilier, Benjamin Barkhouse, Francis Hubley, John Awalt, Isaac Murphy, Albert J. Boutilier, Isaac Dauphinee, Elisha Smith, James Swallow, Edwin Hubley, Freeman Boutilier. *Constables*—John Umlah, Jr., Warden Hubley, Charles Hubley, Neil McDonald, Wm. F. Boutilier, Judson J. Hubley, Wm. Smeltzer, Levi Hubley, Isaac Conley, Frederick Longard, Samuel J. Boutilier, Henry Awalt, James R. Slaunwhite, Wallas Mayling, Homer Boutilier, John Johnson. *Fence Viewers*—Wm. J. Boutilier, John Calleshaw, Archibald D. Boutilier, John Snare, Henry Garrison, Elias Dauphinee, John Smith, Elias J. K. Boutilier, Jacob Slaunwhite, George Fraser, Norman Boutilier, Stephen Longard. *Lumber Surveyor*—Wm. M. Hubley.

DISTRICT No. 13.

SPRYFIELD—*Overseers of Poor*—G.W. Sutherland, G.W. Marriott, Alexander Fraser, Jr. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Thomas Drysdale, Brookside; John G. Yeadon, Terence Bay Road; Charles Drysdale, Greenhead; Richard Bishop, Beech Hill; John Umlah, Jr., Spryfield; John Merlin, Harrietsfield; William Brunt, Harrietsfield; Joshua Umlah, Goodwood. *Constables*—George Umlah, Alexander Fraser, Jr.; John G. Drysdale. *Assessors of Rates*—John W. Umlah, Robert A. Yeadon. *Collector of County Rates*—John Umlah, Jr. *Presiding Officer*—George W. Marriott. *Revisor*—George W. Sutherland.

DISTRICT No. 14.

N. W. ARM. *Assessors*—E. L. Fenerty, Peter J. Gepherd. *Collector*—Peter J. Gepherd. *Overseers of Statute Labour*—Thomas Gooley, Three Mile House to N. W. Arm Bridge; Andrew Yeadon, N. W. Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge; Joseph McClearn, N. W. Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge; John Jollymore, Lower Arm and Lawson's Mills; John Rose, Margaret's Bay Road to Harrietsfield Road, South side Chocolate Lake. *Fence Viewers*—George Deal. *Constables*—Wm. Frye, Daniel Keating. *Health Officers*—Mr. Billman, O. Warner. *Hog Reeve*—George Deal. *Overseers of Poor*—Peter J. Gepherd, John E. Deal, Geo. P. Henry. *Presiding Officer*—John E. Hosterman. *Revisor*—Peter J. Gepherd.

DISTRICT No. 15.

BEDFORD. *Assessors*—John Farquerson, Jeremiah Daniels. *Collector*—Edwd. Boutilier. *Revisor*—Thos. Payne. *Presiding Officer*—Robert Allan. *Surveyors of Land*—James Archibald, Andrew Hefler. *Overseers of Poor*—Jeremiah Daniels, Robert Allan. *Health Officers*—Thomas Beech, Albert Tolson. *Constables*—William Purcell, Albert Gray. *Fence Viewer*—Thomas Mitchell. *Overseers of Statute Labour*—John Ingraham, from 3 Mile House to 7 Mile House; Thos. Mitchell, from 7 Mile House to Sackville Bridge, Peter Grenan, from Piers' Mills to Kearney Road.

DISTRICT No. 16.

HAMMOND'S PLAINS—*Presiding Officer*—H. Schmidt. *Revisor*—Amos Bezanson. *Assessors*—J. Schmidt, David Thomson, Vernon Melvin. *Collector*—S. Isenor. *Overseers*—Section No. 1, J. Haverstock, Sr.; do. No. 2, Pierce Byrns; do., No. 3, James McGowans; do., No. 4, Wallace Locus; do., No. 5, Alexander Emerson; do., No. 6, David Wright; do., No. 7, Reuben David. *Constables*—Samuel Isenor, William Haverstock, Samuel Whyley. *Overseers of Poor*—Amos Bezanson, George Mason, Jr.; William Shay. *Fence Viewers*—William Schmidt, Michael Shay.

DISTRICT No. 17.

SACKVILLE. *Presiding Officer*—Elias Calkins. *Revisor*—Francis Webber. *Collector*—Charles Fenerty. *Assessors*—Bennett Fultz, D. Hallisey, Thomas Patten. *Overseers of Roads*—Section 1, Windsor Road, from Sackville Bridge to Twelve Mile House and Lily Lake Road, Nicholas Meagher. 2, New Windsor Road from Twelve Mile House to Middle Sackville Post Office, Robert Barrett. 3, from Middle Sackville Post Office to B. McCabe's, John Davis. 4, from B. McCabe's to Mrs. Witham's Gate, Alex. Mollison. 5, from Mrs. Witham's Gate to Hant's County Line, John Lewis. 6, Old Windsor Road, Lower Section, Charles Peverill, Jr. 7, Old Windsor Road, Upper Section, E. H. Oland. 8, Old Road beyond Springfield. 9, Robert Patten. 9, Beaver Bank Road, Lower Section, Benjamin Dean. 10, Beaver Bank, Upper Section, Edward Rosley. 11, Old Truro Road, Twelve Mile House to Railroad, Peter Williams. 12, Junction Road, Michael Kehoe. 13, Road on S. E. of Railroad near Bedford, William McGrath. *Constables*—Robert Patton, Thomas Geddes, Joseph Robinson, John Rossley, Walter Bambrick, David Pulsiver. *Fence Viewers*—Samuel Weston, George Fultz. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Nathan Ellis. *Health Officers*—A. F. Church, John G. Corbin. *Overseers of Poor*—G. H. Kerr, Gray Schultz. *Pound Keeper*—Richard Peverill. *Road Commissioner*—Deblois Fultz.

DISTRICT No. 18.

WAVERLEY. *Presiding Officer*—John Lingley. *Revisor*—John Lingley. *Assessors*—John E. McDonald, Peter Spriggs, Albert Stuart. *Overseers of Poor*—John Stephens Wm. A. Conrad, Alonzo Tulloch. *Collector of Rates*—John Stephens. *Keeper of Hay Scales*—John Lingley. *Constables*—John E. McDonald, Albert Stuart, Jas. Skerry, Jr.; Wm. Morrison, Jas. Isenor, Henry Tarr. *Fence Viewers*—Wm. King, Jas. Skerry, A. Horne. *Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, &c.*—Jas. Rutherford, Dennis Ryan, Albert Stuart. *Health Officers*—Albert Stuart, Wm. A. Conrad. *Surveyors of Highways*—Sections No. 1, Jas. Skerry, Jr. 2, Albert Stuart. 3, Wm. King. 4, Chas. Todd. 5, Patrick Doyle. 6, Jas. Rutherford. 7, A. Horne. 8, John E. McDonald. 9, Jas. Otto. 10, William Wrin. 11, Edmund Thomas. Border District between Nos. 17 and 18, William Miller.

DISTRICT No. 19.

GAY'S RIVER. *Supervisor of Roads*—R. Killough. *Overseers of Roads*—Sections No. 1, Thos. Logan. 2, Edwd. Isenor. 3, Norman Logan. 4, Robert Logan. 5, James Dowling. 6, Robert Killough. 7, William J. Tays. 8, John Josley. 9, Reuben Lively. 10, Jas. Rankins. 11, Alex. McWilliams. 12, Samuel Moore. 13, James Wilson, Jr. 14, Sylvanus Corbett. 15, Robert Newman. *Constables*—Daniel Isenor, Robert Woodworth. *Overseers of Poor*—Terrence Carroll, John Merson, Robert Killough. *Assessors*—Isaac Logan, Frederick Gordon. *Collector*—John K. Andrews. *Fence Viewers*—James Woodworth, John Benjamin. *Surveyors Lumber, Timber, &c.*—William Annand. *Clerk of License*—William McKeen. *Presiding Officer*—John K. Andrews.

DISTRICT No. 20.

MEAGHER'S GRANT. From James Bayers' to mouth of harbour road, Sidney Dickey. From John Kerr's south line to William McBane's north line, John Kerr. From Wm. McBane's north line to Sibley's upper line and to Ogilvie's bridge, Alex. Ogilvie, Jr. From Grant's bridge to back road, Alex. Hurley. From Ogilvie bridge to Stretch's bridge, James Stretch. From Bambrick's road to Cox's upper line, John Gilbert. From Alexander Dilman's house to main road, Alex. Dilman. From Sibley's upper line to mile hill bridge and Nuttall's road to district line, John McMullin, (of Jas.) From Wyse's corner to district line, George Tulley. From church to Matthew Bruces, John Murphy. From Guysborough road to Narrow's bridge and district line, James McUree. From mile hill bridge to Cox's west line, James Kerr. From Guysborough road to Doyles, John Ledwidge. From Cox's west line to

district line and bye roads, Michael Smith. From John Kerr, Sr. to Hirtle's and district line, James Hirtle. *Presiding Officer*—Thos. Wilks, Esq. *Constables*—George Miller, Alex. Hurley, Joseph H. Roberts. *Overseers of Poor*—Arnold McBane, Jas. Murphy, Michl. Smith. *Assessors of County and Poor Rates*—John Milne, Thos. Wilks, Esq., James G. Kerr. *Collector of Rates*—Andrew Grant. *Fence Viewers*—Thomas Cole, John McMullen, (of James). *Revisors*—John McMillen, (of Joseph), Thos. Wilks, Esq. *Surveyors of Lumber*—John Ledwidge, Jas. Hirtle, Jas. D. Bayers, George Tulley. *Scaler of Logs*—Alex. Hurley. *Treasurer and Clerk*—James Murphy.

DISTRICT No. 21.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT. *Overseers of Roads*—Sections 1, John Guild. 2, Robert Leck. 3, William Logan, Jr. 4, William Archibald. 5, Allen McCurdy. 6, Jno. Higgins, 6th. 7, Alex. Higgins. 8, John Higgins. 9, Thomas B. Gladwin. 10, Robert Reid. 11, Samuel P. White. 12, David Dickie. 13, Albert Bryson, 14, John Fox. Ephraim Scott. 16, Robert Rhodes. 17, William Annand. 18, Alexander Taylor. 19, Wallace Sargent. 20, Samuel Erwin. 21, William Leck. 22, Andrew Whyte. 23, Henry Morris. *Constables*—Adam McLeod, Robert Erwin, William J. Archibald, William J. McMullin. *Overseers of Poor*—William Sedgwick, Robert A. Logan, Francis Guild. *Fence Viewers*—George Dickie, Esq., William McCurdy, George Bell, Samuel Dickey. *Surveyors of Lumber*—James Murphy, James Murchy, Robert Reid. *Assessors of Rates*—John H. Taylor, Esq., Robert Meatrige, Dan. W. B. Reid. *Collector of Rates*—Peter R. Clark. *Revisor*—George McLeod. *Presiding Officer*—John H. Taylor, Esq.

DISTRICT No. 22.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT. *Overseers of Highways*—Sections 1, Jas. Gaston. 2, Wm. Lemond. 3, Alex. Redman. 4, Wm. F. Redman. 5, Moses Henry. 6, Edwin Henry. 7, Chas. Stewart. 8, Geo. Fraser. 9, John Watson. 10, William Butcher. 11, G. H. Parker. 12, William Drady. 13, Isaac Farnell. 14, David Fisher. 15, William Farnell. 16, James Fraser. 17, William Archibald, 4th. 18, William Butcher, Jr. 19, George Archibald. 20, John Redden. 21, Robt. Miller. 22, William Cooper. 23, ————. 24, ————. 25, Alexander Fraser, Jr. 26, Kidson, Henry. 27, Augustus Hamilton. 28, Alexander Kent. 29, G. Farnell. *Overseers of Poor*—William F. Redman, Charles McGunigal, George Fisher, James Butler. *Constables*—George Fraser, George Kent, Orio Geddes, James Redman. *Collector of Rates*—F. W. Henry. *Assessors of Rates*—William Archibald, 3rd, George Burris. *Sealers of Leather*—Robt. Henry, Josiah Farnell. *Clerks of*

Market—James Muir, Alexr. Burnett, *Surveyors of Lumber*—Edward Hamilton, Neil Archibald, John Barron. *Surveyors of Logs*—James D. D. Henry, David Kent, W. F. Redman. *Fence Viewers*—Frank Henry, George Fisher, George Kent. *Health Officer*—William Pearson, M. D. *District Clerk*—Charles McGunigal. *Presiding Officer*—David Archibald, Esq. *Cattle Reeves*—Charles Henry, Daniel Ross. *Pound Keeper*—F. W. Henry. *To Swear in Town Officers*—John G. Reynolds, J. P. *Revisor*—G. H. Parker.

DISTRICT NO. 23.

LOWER PROSPECT. Overseers of Poor—James W. Slaunwhite, Dennis Ryan, William H. Ryan. *Constables*—Mark Brophy, John Jollimore, Alfred O'Brien. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Francis Slaunwhite, son of J. G. S.; Michael Rice, Daniel Slaunwhite. *Assessors*—John P. Slauchenwhite, Dennis Ryan. *Collector*—W. H. Ryan. *Revisor*—W. H. Ryan. *Fence Viewer*—John F. Slaunwhite.

DISTRICT NO. 24.

MOSER'S RIVER. Assessors—Charles Wooden, Thomas E. Smith. *Collector*—Euos Moser. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Section 1, James Fraser. 2, Jasper Moser. 3, Andrew Moser. 4, James McG. Smith. 5, David Smith, Sr. 6, George Barnard. 7, Levy Hartling. 8, Aaron Hebb. *Constables*—Ephraim Moser, Edward Lowe, Edward Jewers, Henry Pye, John Romkey, James Kerr. *Overseers of Poor*—Daniel Cameron, James Kerr, Ephraim Moser. *Presiding Officer*—Mathias Moser. *Revisor*—Solomon Fancy. *Lumber and Log Surveyors*—Daniel Cameron, Solomon Fancy. *Fence Overseers*—William Pye, James M. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 25.

SHEET HARBOR. Assessors—Edward Quillinan, James A. Lindsay. *Collector*—Finley McMillin, M. D. *Presiding Officer*—John F. McKenzie, J. P. *Overseers of Poor*—D. W. Archibald, Hugh Dunn. *Road Overseers West River*—Hny. Quillinan; Pace's District, Michael Killean; East River, — — —; Sheet Harbor, James Cruickshanks, Sr.; Lochaber District, P. P. McCarty; Rutledge's Section, Robert Rutledge; Watt's and Murphy's, Patrick Murphy, Jr.; Sober Island, John Verge; Sheet Harbor Passage, Wm. Wambolt; Mushaboon, George F. Boutillier. *Constables*—O. P. Fraser, John McPhail, Daniel Farnale, Robt. Sample, Wm Low, Isaac Wambolt, Henry Hall, Wallace Gaston. *Fence Viewers*—Wm. Sutherland, William Rutledge. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Andrew McDonald, Angus McDonald, Edward Quillinan, Arch. Hall, Abijah Scott. *Revisor*—Edward Quillinan. *Hog Reeves*—James McG. Cruickshank, Daniel McPherson. *Pound Keeper*—Thomas Hall.

DISTRICT NO. 26.

TANGIER. *Assessors*—J. E. Conrad, John C. Ross. *Collector*—Leonard Conrad. *Revisor*—Henry Leslie. *Presiding Officer*—P. J. Leslie. *Overseers of Poor*—Wm. Hay, J. E. Conrad, Henry Shellnutt. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Sections 1, Samuel McCarthy, 2, George Leslie, Jr. 3, Wm. Charles Henley. 4, Thomas Hawse. 5, Edward Cameron. 6, George Courad. 7, Wm. McKenzie. 8, Wm. Mason. 9, Anthony Cooper. 10, Andrew Glawson. 11, Stephen Snyder. 12, Wm. E. Murphy. 13, ———. 14, Isaac, Hilshey. 15, George Prest. *Constables*—Isaac Henley, Isaac Leslie, Charles Percival, Gasper Leslie, George H. Jusey, Daniel R. Jusey, Abram Gerrard, William Mayers, Matthew Gaston, Patrick Coffee, John Hawse, Sr.; Hector Jackson, Josiah Clottenburg, John Prest, Jr.; Thomas Borgal, Andrew Glawson, Charles Shellnutt, Gregory Murphy, Henry Monk, Sr.; John Newcomb, Thomas Monk. *Surveyors of Lumber and Measuring Wood*—Thomas Hilshey, Jas. P. Miller. *Fence Viewers*—Abram Gerrard, George Moson, Thomas Borgal, James Hilshey.

DISTRICT NO. 27.

JEDDORE. *Overseers of Roads*—Musquodoboit Harbour. Sections 1, John Falconer. 2, Henry Stevens, Jr. 3, Thomas Williams, Sr. 4, W. T. Kent. 5, Fredk. Moser. Jeddore Head and West. Sections 1, John Warnell. 2, John Myers, son of John. 3, Nath. Dooks, Sr. 4, Simeon Richardson. 5, Luke Harpell. Jeddore Head and East. Sections 1, Albert Warnell. 2, David Mitchell. 3, John Jemex. 4, John Weston. 5, Isaac Hopkins, Sr. Lakeville. Sections 1, William Falconer, Sr. 2, Jacob Webber. 3, Isaac Webber. Clam Harbor. Sections 1, Walter Stoddard. 2, Jacob Robinson. Owl's Head. Sections 1, David Palmer. 2, Jas. Debay. Ship Harbor. Sections 1, Lawrence Marks. 2, Capt. John Siteman. 3, James Eisson. *Constables*—Jacob Temple, Jas. Temple, James F. Williams, Thomas Bevans, Elijah Blakeny, Gideon Blakeny, James Myers, son of Peter; Andrew Day, James Myers, son of Jas.; John Baker, Colin Mitchell, son of Colin; Albert Shellnutt, Edward Dean, Gardner Wilcox, Ebenezer Homans, John W. Webber. *Fence Viewers*—Adam Bowan, Henry Newcomb, John Laybolt, Sr.; Colin Mitchell, Sr.; Joseph Dooks, Jr.; Charles Slade, John Smith, Josiah Mitchell, Harris Corkum, James Arnold. *Overseers of Poor*—Charles McDean, John G. Mitchell, Peter Myers, West Head; John Falconer. *Assessors*—Robert Stevens, Josiah Mitchell, Conrod Marks. *Revisor*—John A. Blakeny. *Presiding Officer*—George A. Jamieson, Esq. M. D. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Andrew Mitchell, William Robinson. *Health Officer*—Geo. A. Jamieson, M. D. *Collector of Rates*—John D. Mitchell. *Clerk of License*—John Blakeny.

DISTRICT No. 28.

CHEZZETCOOK. *Overseers of Roads*—From William Graham's to main road, Henry Myers. From David Graham's to main road, Alexander Patterson. From Rocky Bridge to William Nieforth's, Andrew Leslie. From James Gaetz, Sr. to William Nieforth's, Andrew Nieforth. From William Nieforth's to Prosper Lapiere's, Jacob Nieforth. From Prosper Lapiere's to John Conrod's Bridge, Martin Julien, Sr. Lake Road, Daniel, Lapiere. From Dyke to Martin Lapiere's, George Julien. From John Conrod's Bridge to Church Gate, Lawrence Bellfontaine. From Porter's Lake to harbour, Alexander Bellfontaine. From church gate to Clergy's bridge and to end of new road, Dennis Murphy. From Clergy's bridge to Harvey road, Daniel Roma. Shore road to main road, Joseph Mayette. From Oliver Mayett's road to main road, Luke Mayette. *Overseers of Poor*—Hallarion Murphy, Joseph Gaetz, Dennis Murphy. *Assessors of County Rates*—George Murphy, Daniel Lapiere, Martin Gaetz. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—George Conrod. *Constables*—Lewis Roma, Francis Roma, James Lapiere, George Crawford, William Bellfontaine. *Fence Viewers*—Gasper Conrod, Andrew Conrod, William Murphy. *Appraisers of Damages*—Andrew Petipas, Andrew Petipas. *Presiding Officer*—Andrew Bellfontaine. *Revisor*—John McLaren.

DISTRICT No. 29.

LAWRENCETOWN.—*Overseers of Roads*—Sections 1, from Joseph Conrod's to Forks, Minesville road, Isaac Sellars. 2, from Salmon River to Forks, Minesville road, James T. Sellars. 3, from Wm. Shaw's barn to Forks, Minesville road, William Shaw. 4, from head of dower field to Forks, Minesville road, William Conrod. 5, from Rocky, new bridge, to head of dower field, Gaspar Leslie. 6, from George Lloy's barn to Henry Merson's north line, Elisha Crowell. 7, from Merson's north line to James Dare's, Sr., house, Reubin Crowell. 8, from mill bridge to district line, James Clark, Sr. 9, from Canterbury bridge to Wm. Shaw's barn, Daniel J. Dares. 10, from Monivan's corner to district line, Benjamin Deal. *Constables*—John Hiltz, Charles Moreash, Joseph Byers, John Monivan, George Hawkins, George Roast, Reubin Crowell, Jr. *Fence Viewers*—John Lloy, Albert Leslie. *Appraisers of Damages*—Alexander Conrod, John Bremner, Jr., Joseph Conrod, Jr. *Overseers of Poor*—Jasper McDonald, Joseph Lloy, Henry Aker, *Revisor*—John McDonald. *Presiding Officer*—John Hiltz. *Assessors*—Andrew Moreash, Adam Leslie. *Collector of Rates*—James T. Sellars.

DISTRICT No. 30.

PRESTON. *Assessors*—Samuel McKay, William Trimble. *Overseers of Poor*—Richard Croud, William Brown. *Collector of Poor*

and County Rates—Joseph Evans. *Overseers of Roads*—From Salmon River to Partridge River, Arthur Griffin. Partridge River to Salmon River, Wm. Thompson. Dry Bridge to Porter's Lake, Robert B. Innes. Main Post Road to Brown's Bridge, Jesse Parks. From Griffin's to Thompson's old road, John Nelson. From Nelson's to Salmon River, old road, James Colly. Griffin's corner to near Hall's, John Colly. Ernsts' Mill to Hall's, James Ernst. O'Brien street, John Thompson, Jr. Hall's to widow Kane's, William Kane. O'Brien street road, Charles Carter. Frog Lake road, John Evans. Lake Eagle Road, John Johnson. *Appraisers of Damages*—Daniel Johnson, William Stuart. Asa Davidson, Stuart Innes. *Fence Viewers*—George Dare, Robert B. Innes, Samuel Turner, Horatio Davidson. *Constables*—Joseph Evans, John Nelson, Daniel Johnson, James Bishop, Sr.; Joseph Thomas. *Revisor*—Arthur Griffin. *Presiding Officer*—William Trimble.

DISTRICT No. 31.

Assessors—James Farquharson, Daniel Brennan, Alexander Morash, Jr. *Collector*—Joseph Giles. *Overseers of Poor*—Daniel Donovan, William Skerry, John Morash. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Sections 1, George Hawkins. 2, Albert Shuffelburg. 3, Thomas Farrell. 4, Thomas Fisher. 5, Daniel Donovan. 6, W. B. McDonald. 7, Wm. Skerry. 8, Joseph Grant. 9, James Reddy. 10, Alex. Bell. 11, Jenkin Price. 12, Daniel Brennan. 13, John Ross. 14, Aubrey Hunt. 15, James A. McNab. 16, John Watson. 17, Henry Baker. 18, John Beck. 19, Alexander Morash, Jr. 20, Enos Conrod. 21, Levy Lloy. 22, John Lapiere. 23, Alex. Innes. *Constables*—W. B. McDonald, John Thornham, Lewis Morash, Wm. Farquharson. *Fence Viewers*—Peter Farquharson, James Turner. *Health Officers*—John G. Bissett, J. P.; William McKenzie, J. P.; James Farquharson, J. P. *Revisors*—John A. Shiers, J. P., District 33; James F. Turner; Alfred Elliott, Dartmouth. *Presiding Officer*—James Farquharson.

DISTRICT No. 32.

HUBBARD'S COVE. *Revisor*—John Mason. *Assessors*—Francis Mason, Caleb Hubley, William Dauphinee. *Collector County Rates*—Peter F. Boutilier. *Presiding Officer*—Peter D. Dauphinee. *Overseers of Roads*—Sections 1, Alonzo Keans. 2, Simon Colp. 3, Thomas Kennedy. 4, Edmund Colp. 5, Martin Boutilier. 6, Thomas Mason. Mason's Point, Charles Fader. Slaughenwhite's Point, John Fader. Boutilier's Point, William Boutilier. Conrod's Settlement, Wm. Conrod. Conrod and Hornish Settlement, James Conrod. Schwartz Settlement, John Schwartz. East Side Hubbard's Cove, Wm. Dauphinee. Cleaveland's road, John Cleaveland. *Constables*—Hector Dorey, Valentine Brigley, Jos. Shankel, Jr., Ira G.

Mason, Hibbard Hubley, Jno. Nicholas Boutilier, C. Graves. *Fence Viewers*—James Garrison, Hezekiah Brigley, Amos Hubley. *Overseers of Poor*—Peter F. Boutilier, James Hubley, Peter D. Dauphinee. *Health Officer*—John Gibbins.

DISTRICT No. 33.

EASTERN PASSAGE. *Assessors*—Charles Hutt, John Bowes, John Suttis. *Collector*—John Himmelman. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—McNab's Island, James Finlay. Devil's Island, William Henneberry. From York's corner to Hartlies, William Dunworth. From Hare's north line to York's corner, George Horn. From York's corner to River bridge, James Himmelman. From River bridge to meeting house corner, John Bowes. From John Osborn's to Mint Brook, George Bowes. From Passage Road to Lewis DeYoung's, Benjamin Hynes. From Lewis DeYoung's to Passage church, Edwd. DeYoung. *Constables*—George Morash, Daniel Moser, John DeYoung, John Bowes, Jr.; James Bowes, William Nangle, Jr. Thomas Negus, George DeYoung. *Fence Viewers*—Peter Moser, Peter DeYoung. *Overseers of Poor*—John A. Shiers, Peter Himmelman, Daniel Moser. *Health Officers*—Alvin Hymean, William Wells, George Morash. *Presiding Officer*—Jno. A. Shiers, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 34.

Presiding Officer—William Romans. *Assessors*—Abraham Harvey, Thomas Hartling. *Collector*—John O'Leary, Sr. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—John Cameron, Beaver Harbor. Thomas Hartlin, Salmon River West. Charles Diggins, Salmon River East. Edwd. Archibald, from Post road to gold mines. John Fogler, West Quoddy. Lewis Hartling, East Quoddy. George Snow, Snow's Island. Joseph Atkins, Harrigan Cove. *Constables*—Niel Kirker, Abraham Harvey, Alexander Gammon. *Overseers of Poor*—James H. Whitman, Francis Clawson, John Kirker, J. P. *Clerk of License*—James H. Whitman. *Revisor*—John Kirker, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 35.

Revisor—William R. Ogilvie. *Presiding Officer*—William R. Ogilvie. *Surveyors of Highways*—Sections 1, George Rhind. 2, Lemon Grant. 3, James Brown. 4, William Rhind. 5, Alexander McMullin. 6, William Bruce. 7, Thomas McMullin. 8, Alexander Taylor. *Constables*—George Ogilvie, George Cole, Arthur Killen. *Fence Viewers*—John Taylor, Alexander Taylor, Hugh A. Hurley. *Appraisers of Damages*—Edward Cruickshank, Lemon Grant, Wm. G. Cole. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Alex. Taylor, John McWilliam, Wm. R. Ogilvie. *Overseers of Poor*—George Cole, Alex. Taylor. *Assessors of County Rates*—Alex. McMullin, Wm. Burns. *Collector*—John Grant.

DISTRICT No. 36.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Sections 1, from L. Bayer's barn to Kidd's bridge, and from Head Musquodoboit harbor to Rawlings' corner, Isaac Gaetz, Jr. 2, from Manse to James Bayers, Petpiswick, Michael Power, Jr. 3, from school house lot head to Smelt Brook, Alexander Gates. 4, from Smelt Brook to Gilbert's hill, James Bayers. 5, from Gilbert's hill to Charles Clergy, Charles Clergy. 6, from Charles Clergy to sea shore, William Bayers, son of Wm., West Petpiswick. 6, from John Young's to Deep Cove, Joseph Greenough. 7, from Deep Cove to Little River, James A. Anderson. 8, from Kaizer's store to Long Bridge, Martin Gates. From Kaizer's store to DeLukrey's bridge, Owen Redmond. From DeLukrey's bridge to Lake Porter, John Kaizer, son of John. Conrod's Settlement, Peter Conrod, son of Peter. From Main Post Road to Larry Pettipas, Justin Colford. From Larry Pettipas to Deep Sea Cove, William Misener, 1st. From Deep Cove to DeLukrey's Point, Chas. Conrod. From DeLukrey's Point to Graff Beach, Joseph Ferguson. From Chezzetcook Road to Petpiswick, John Conrod, son of John. From Crawford's bridge to Gates' Camp, Archibald Crawford. *Constables*—Josiah Ferguson, James Owens, James Richards, Justin Colford, William Wournell, James McKinley, *David Power, Jr., Samuel Ogilvie. *Overseers of Poor*—Martin Gates, Alex. Gates, Joseph Ferguson. *Fence Viewers*—John Conrod, son of Peter; Capt. Wm. Wournell, Isaac Gates, Jr.; Samuel Gates. *Appraisers*—Joseph Young, John Kidd. *Lumber Surveyor*—John Kidd. *Revisor*—Capt Wm. Warner. *Assessors*—David B. Power, George G. Gates, George Kaizer. *Collector of Rates*—William Roast. *Presiding Officer*—Isaac Gaetz, Jr.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
FOURTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1885.

As required by Law, and in accordance with motion of adjournment, Tuesday, January 20th, 1885, the Municipal Council met at the Court House, in their Council Room, on Tuesday, April 21st, at 12 o'clock, noon. Present—The Warden, Deputy Warden, and Councillors John Hays, Sullivan, C. E. Smith, Longard, F. F. Hubley, E. S. Hubley, Dart, Burgess, N. Hays, Lawson, Wilson, Madill, Poole, Tupper, Parker, Ryan, A. W. Smith, Maskell, McLaren, Sellars, Deloughry, Bissett, Himmelman, O'Leary, and D. Smith.

The Warden read Telegram from Councillor Leslie, stating he would arrive to-morrow.

The Clerk read Report of Hon. the Judge of the County Court, stating his decision in relation to Controverted Election in District 36, and also County Clerk's Report of his proceedings therein, as follows :—

In the County Court for the County of Halifax, District Number One, and the Court, for the Trial of Controverted Municipal Elections for the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

An Act further to amend the County Incorporation Act of 1879.
Election of a Municipal Councillor for the Municipality Council of the County of Halifax, for Polling District Number 36, in said County of Halifax, holden on the 18th day of November, A. D., 1884.

Election Petition of John H. Anderson, of Petpizwick Harbor, Polling District Number 36, in the said County of Halifax.

JOHN H. ANDERSON, *Petitioner.*

vs.

DENNIS SMITH, Senior, *Respondent.*

DOMINION OF CANADA,
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
COUNTY OF HALIFAX. }

To wit :

I hereby certify to the Municipality of the County of Halifax, that in the matter of the above petition, I have determined that said Election in said District, holden on said 18th day of November, A. D., 1884, was and is void, and that I dismissed the petition as to the charges of personal bribery by the Respondent. My Judgment herein was delivered to the above effect on the 23d January, 1885.

Halifax, January 23rd, 1885.

J. W. JOHNSTON,

Judge of County Court, District No. 1.

In addition to the foregoing certificate, I hereby, in pursuance of Section 19 of Chapter 1 of Acts of 1881, report as follows :—

a. No corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any of the candidates of such election.

b. That the Respondent having admitted the charges of bribery and corrupt practice by agents, no evidence was given as to the names of any persons guilty of the same.

c. That corrupt practices prevailed at said Election, but to what extent, was not shown for the reason set out in (b).

Halifax, January 23rd, 1885.

J. W. JOHNSTON,

Judge of County Court, District No. 1.

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK

In re Action taken on Report of Judge of County Court, on Election in District 36, &c.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Halifax, N. S.

I, William H. Wiswell, Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, do hereby certify that the annexed document, stating the proceedings of His Honor the Judge of the County Court, in said Municipality, and his decision therein, in relation to the Petition of John H. Anderson, against the return of Dennis Smith, as Councillor for District No. 36, in Halifax County, was delivered to me, and filed in my office, on the 24th day of February, 1885.

And whereas, the said decision rendered null and void the Election of a Councillor for said District No. 36, and the representation thereof was vacant, and it was necessary before the next Session of the Municipal Council of Halifax County to hold an Election for the return of a Councillor, I thereupon notified Isaac Gaetz, Jr., in said District, to be sworn as Presiding Officer, and thereafter issued to him the necessary Warrant, Order, Voter's List, Instructions, Poll Book, and all things necessary for holding said Election, and caused Proclamation thereof to be made as the Law requires, namely, for Nominations to be received up to Wednesday, 8th day of March, and if more than one Candidate was duly Nominated, a Poll to be taken on 31st day of March, 1885.

And the said Isaac Gaetz, Jr., made return that all proceedings were taken as ordered; that only one Candidate, viz., Dennis Smith, filed a Nomination up to the time named; and that he thereupon proclaimed him as the Councillor for District No. 36 in the County of Halifax, for the remainder of the term of the County Council aforesaid.

Signed at Halifax, this 31st day of March, A. D., 1885.

W. H. WISWELL,
County Clerk.

The Reports were received and adopted, and Councillor Dennis Smith, who was re-elected, as above stated, took the Oath of Allegiance and Councillorship, and his seat in the Council.

The Minutes of the last day of the January Session were read and approved.

Deputy Warden Shatford referred to the Report of Committee on Statute Labor as laid over to present Session, to be then considered.

Copies of the Minutes of that Session, the Bye-Laws, and Revised Incorporation Act, proclaimed 1885, were distributed in the Council.

His Honor the Warden then read the following Address, on the Business to come before this Session:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:

Our semi-annual session following so closely on our January meeting, but little has transpired to lay before you in the form of an address. I have, however, prepared a memo. of what has been done and what may require your attention. I think I can fairly congratulate you on the fact that you have still room in this building, as it was thought at one time that 18 additional chairs would be required for the 18 aldermen of the city. It is fortunate, however, for us that when certain corporations make unreasonable demands, they are so extreme that they cannot command the serious consideration of any legislative body. Consequently our work of defence was

comparatively easy. In regard to the new election in district 36, the County Court rendered the election void and ordered a new poll.

No opposition was offered to the return of the former Councillor, Dennis Smith, and he was declared duly elected by the presiding officer, and will be sworn in this session.

All the assessment rolls are now in, but the Clerk says some were received very late, and others were not made up as required, and many errors had to be corrected. Revisors' lists should all be in not later than the 20th April. Quite a number are not yet received. It is presumed that all District Officers qualified and legally required to be sworn have been so installed into office, but the lists are not yet filled. When the overseers of poor and highways are sworn these lists should be immediately forwarded to the Clerk. The committee on Jail delivery or early trial of prisoners, waited on the Attorney General, who thought it scarcely worth the expense attending an extra Session of the Court, as the regular Term would commence within a few weeks at most from that time.

The Committee on Poor House and Farm have probably attended to the duty imposed on them, and will report during this Session. The removal of harmless insane paupers from the Insane Asylum could not be affected for want of room in the present Poor House.

The Committee on Criers will almost need to do their work over again, in consequence of the complications and unsatisfactory way in which their recommendations have been carried out by the authorities. A more definite and settled mode of apportioning the number and pay of Criers is necessary.

Nothing more has been effected in the matter of the Dartmouth Debt Suit. Owing to delay in one of the points raised by the Respondents, nothing has been done by the Court here. The Appeal to Ottawa is still pending, and no decision has yet been given there.

HALIFAX CITY DEBT.

Nothing has been paid on the Assessment Balances of 1882 and 1883, and only a comparatively small portion of the balance for 1884 has been received by the Treasurer, in consequence of which the debt due the Government has not been much reduced. The Clerk has notified the City that interest will be charged, etc. The Government, being determined to have the amounts due by the several Municipalities collected, with interest, passed a bill, authorizing them to Assess for the amounts now due extending over five years.

The Clerk and Councillors have been pressing the Districts in default, to pay up their deficits, and the Treasurer will submit a memo. of the amounts received.

The School Grants undrawn at the close of the year have been paid to those Sections whose taxes have since been received, but there are still two or three with-held.

The precepts for new roads or extension of roads have been issued to the Committees appointed for the several Sections.

Owing, doubtless, to the immense quantity of snow, those Committees have made no return to the Clerk.

The Committee on Public Property have had such repairs made to the Jail as were necessary, at small expense; but the more extensive repairs must be made during the summer, sufficient funds for which will require to be added to the Estimate.

The recommendations of the Committee on Law Amendments, as confirmed by the Council, were sent to the Provincial Secretary to be introduced to the House as occasion permitted. Several of the measures required have been passed upon, and will become law this year. Others are still under consideration, and some are opposed, and may not be attended to until next Session.

The list of Bridges was forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and Provincial Engineer. As the government have this service in their own hands, and the Legislature occupying most of the time, no report has been received of the number or localities of the Bridges which they propose to build this year.

The Road Grant will be about the same as last year, less the instalment on the small Bridge expenditure, and interest.

The advances made to Districts over and above last year's grant are also to be now accounted for.

As the principal business before us at this time will be the appropriation of the Road Grant, and the mode of expenditure, whether by Superintendents or Commissioners, if the several Committees will report as early as possible, I see no reason why our business, at this Session, should not be brought to a close within a few days.

Councillor Shatford enquired as to the result of application to the Legislature for Law Amendments.

The Clerk reported verbally thereon—

1. That the Bill forming East and West Dover into a new Municipal District, (slightly amended, but not materially altered), had passed both Branches of the Legislature. The time for electing a Councillor for said District was not yet known.

2. That a Bill had been presented by the City Council, (but without the inspection or concurrence of this Council), asking that the whole of the Aldermen form part of this Council as representing the City therein. This Bill was opposed, and the Warden and Councillors in Halifax considered it advisable to retain Mr. Motton on behalf of the Municipality in this and the Town Incorporations Bill. The Assembly Committee, on hearing the objections, reported against the Bill, and the House thereupon referred it back, in order that some arrangement mutually agreeable to the two Corporate Bodies might be adopted in regard to City representation. Since then, nothing more has been done in the matter.

3. That the Bill for the Incorporation of Certain Towns, includ-

ing Dartmouth, held over from last year, was again brought before the House Committee on Bills and Law Amendments. The Warden and Councillors Ryan, Lawson, Shatford, N. Hayes, attended; also, the Clerk and Mr. Motton, who presented leading arguments against it. The Committee declined to favor it, unless modified to meet some of the objections. Subsequently, the Bill partially amended, passed the House and went to the Council. The Clerk, in the absence of Mr. Motton, attended and referred to objections. The Legislative Council Committee on Bills were not favorable to this Bill, as it then stood, and would hear later on the arguments against it. The Chairman thought it would remain in suspense. Mr. Motton had since made enquiry, and was watching progress. His opinion was, that it would not pass this Session.

4. That the County Council's requisitions respecting changes in the Law, respecting Statute Labour, had not come up for discussion. The whole subject had been avoided in the House, and the Members did not seem disposed to broach it at this Session, as it was now so late. So with regard to Assessments. The matter of Assessors' Pay would most likely, as heretofore, be disregarded.

6. That the proposed alterations in the County Incorporations Act had been submitted to the Executive in detail, and the most important points would become Law. One of these, the union of the offices of Clerk and Treasurer had been fully discussed, had passed the House, and was now before the Committee on Bills in the Legislative Council after the second reading. The Chairman had notified the Clerk, who attended and heard the several sections read, and given explanations thereon. The clause respecting the Clerk and Treasurer as now modified, renders it optional with any Municipal Council to combine the two offices, and adds some restrictions which were thought advisable.

7. The jurisdiction of the Stipendiary is also assented to and amplified, so as to apply to *all* Counties which require such an official. The attention of the Committee was directed to the omission from the Bill (probably by inadvertence) of those clauses to amend the County Incorporation Act asked for, in order to overcome ambiguity, obscurity and conflict in the sections of the old Act, 1879, and they were referred to the Revising Committee to be attended to.

8. That the attention of Mr. Longley, M. P. P., a member of that Committee, had been called to the County Assessment Act, declared in 1866, 1875 and 1880, the last being omitted in the Revision. He had promised to rectify this before the Session closed, as it was not formally repealed.

On Motion of Councillors Himmelman and Ryan, it was

Resolved, That the Warden's Address be received and printed. Passed unanimously.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, 21st April, 1885.

The Council met at 2.30. Present—the Warden and 25 Councillors.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and confirmed.

Councillor Sullivan presented a petition from parties in Duncan's Cove, District 8, with plan, asking that steps be taken to open a road through property lately bought by R. E. Monk, who had fenced it where a road had formally run. Other parties on each side of Monk had given a right of way. The Committee on this matter, appointed in January, did not forward their Report with this petition.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a petition from Jas. Roche, East Bedford Basin, District 31, asking leave to do his Statute Labor on his own road, which is also used by the public.

A long discussion followed as to the propriety of the Council dealing every Session with petitions to allow persons their Statute Labor on private roads. A number of petitions, relating to new roads, or extension of roads, were also submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor F. F. Hubley—

Resolved, That referring to Statute Labor on private roads, the matter be left with the Overseers of the Section and the Councillor of the District. Passed 14 to 11.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and

Resolved, That the petitions now presented be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, with the recommendation to consult the Councillor of each District before granting the privileges prayed for, and that nothing herein contained shall militate against the right of any person feeling aggrieved to appeal for redress to this Council. Passed.

Read, a petition from inhabitants of Sambro, District 9, asking a change of the road near Grand Lake, so as to avoid heavy snow drifts at that point.

Submitted Return of Precept and Report of Committee appointed to lay out road at Williams' Settlement, District 27.

Petition for Statute Labor on bye-road from Stephen Lennox and others in same District.

Petition from East Jeddore, for new road to Abicambec, District 27.

Petition from Wm. Conrod and others, District 29, for leave to do half of Statute Labor on road leading to Fox Island.

Petition from Henry Akers and James Akers, District 29, for their Statute Labor to be done on an Island at outlet of Lake Porter.

Petition from Gasper, James, and Adam Leslie, for two days labor each on bye-road in Lawrencetown.

Petition from David Monivan and three others, for one day's Statute Labor each to be allowed on private road.

Petition of John McDonald and David Brimmer, Jr., for half their Statute Labor each to be allowed on private road at Mineville.

Petition from David Coolen, for half his Statute Labor on his road in District 10.

The whole of the above were referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Applications for Liquor Licenses were submitted from Edward Coolen, Mrs. Mary Power, James H. Power, and John D. Duggan, in District 10.

From Thomas Beach, P. C. Connolly, and Robt. Allan, in District 15, and from John Brady in District 31.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Ryan—

Resolved, That all Petitions for sale of Intoxicating Licences be referred to the Committee on Licences. *Passed*.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Ryan—

That \$80 be added to the sum voted in January for Poor in District 33. *Passed*.

By Councillors D. Smith and McLaren—

Resolved, That \$25 be added to the Poor Rates, to be collected in District 36.

By Councillors Parker and Maskill, and

Resolved, That \$50 be added to the Poor Grant for District 22.

The Chairman of Public Property stated that they had nothing special to report to this Session, but that it was necessary to provide for the Repairs of Jail in the Estimate.

Therefore Resolved, That the sum of \$750.00, recommended by the said Committee in the January Session, be placed in the Estimate for 1885, and Assessed. *Passed*.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess—

That Robt. Colp and Joseph Fader be Constables in District 32, in place of Charles Graves.

On motion, Jeremiah Tanner was made Overseer of Statute Labor instead of Albert J. Boutilier, District 12.

George Walker to be Overseer of Highways, in place of Thomas Farrell, District 31.

In District 11, the road leading from the Main Road to Paddy's Head, to be a new Road Section, and Fredk. Boutilier to be Overseer.

In District 19, George Stone, to be Overseer of Road from the District Line, Gay's River to Marrow Bridge Lake Egmont.

In District 27, James Webber, to be Overseer of Road, in place of Wm. Falconer; Wm. Richardson in place of James E. Debay; and Colin Myers, Jr., in place of John Myers.

The subject of payment of Criers and Constables of the Supreme and County Courts, referred to in the Warden's Address, was considered.

The Clerk said that the arrangement made by the Special Committee with the Judges last January had not been carried out, and in consequence, difficulties had arisen between the Criers. The County Clerk and Treasurer were unable to rectify matters, and the men had to go unpaid for the last Quarter, because the Judges did not concur in the amount to be paid to them. A third Crier at the same salary as the other two, had been appointed for the County Court, and this would over-run the \$630 allowed for the services in full for the year for all the Courts.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Ryan—

Whereas, At the Annual Meeting of Council in January last, the sum of \$630 was placed in the yearly Estimate to pay for all Criers and Constables of the Supreme and County Courts for the year ending Oct 1st, 1885,

And Whereas, It was agreed between the Chief Justice and a Committee of this Council, that James S. McKay and Michael Byrnes should receive \$250 each out of the above sum for said period, and the remaining \$130 to a third person, or for whatever further Assistants the Judges should require.

Therefore Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the above James S. McKay and Michael Byrnes the above sums, on the order of the Chief Justice, in either monthly or quarterly instalments, and that the balance of \$130 be paid on the joint order of the Chief Justice, and the County Court Judge to whosoever they may decide;

And Further Resolved, That all Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed. A copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Chief Justice. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Shatford, it was

Resolved, That in future no slaughter house, or place of slaughtering animals for sale shall be established within 200 yards of any dwelling house or public highway within the County of Halifax, and where such establishments already exist within such limits, and are an annoyance to individual or the public; the health officer of the district, upon complaint of any person, shall investigate the case, and if found offensive and a nuisance, and they consider it should be abated, they shall forthwith notify the proprietor to use such disinfectants, and take such preventive measures as they may suggest and deem necessary, or remove his slaughterhouse outside the prescribed limits, and in case the proprietor refuse and neglect such preventive measures, or remove his establishment as directed by the health officers, he shall be liable to a fine of \$20 for each offence, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace or Stipendiary Magistrate, upon the complaint of the Health Officer, or any other person.

The Council adjourned till 10.30 Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 23 Councillors.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

The Warden submitted Report of Overseers of Poor for District 29, which was referred to Committee on Poor.

Also, applications for Liquor License from Thos. Ward, District 14. Referred to Committee on Licenses.

The following additions to and changes in District Officers were severally moved, seconded, and passed :—

District 24, Lewis Kindervater, to be Road Overseer, Section 8, in place of Aaron Hebb, removed from the place.

District 15, Alfred Byers, Overseer of Statute Labor, instead of John Ingram, left the District—3 Mile House to 7 Mile House.

District 36, Samuel Ogilvie, to be Overseer of Statute Labor, instead of James Anderson ; and Samuel Gates, to be Overseer of Poor, instead of Alex. Gaetz.

District 31, Alex. Niforth, to be Constable, in place of Lewis Morash.

District 34, John Watt, Sr., to be Overseer Statute Labor, instead of John Fogler.

District 21, William Bruce, Robert McGunnigal, and John McFtridge, to be Constables ; Henry Higgins to be Road Surveyor, Section 24 ; Daniel Higgins, to be Surveyor of Lumber ; Peter R. Clark, to be Town Clerk.

District 9, James Marryatt, to be Overseer of Roads, in place of Ephraim Marryatt.

District 25, John A. McDonald, to be Surveyor of Roads, West River Section, instead of Henry Quillinan.

District 23, Samuel Blackburn, Sr., to be Health Officer.

District 19, Duncan Bayers, to be Health Officer.

District 8, Christopher Purcell to be Road Overseer, instead of Hugh Munro ; Francis O'Neill, to be Constable, instead of Dennis Purcell, gone away ; Francis Fagan, Ketch Harbour, instead of G. Martin.

District 30, Duncan Bayers, to be Health Officer.

Councillor Wilson presented a Bill from Assessors of District 18, asking 50c. per day additional pay.

This led to a long discussion on the subject of Assessor's pay and Assessments, when it was moved by Councillors Himmelman and Tupper—

Resolved, That the matter be deferred to Friday morning.

The Clerk said it was necessary to decide upon the mode of expending the Road Grant for the present year.

The Warden read the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Act of 1883, Chapter I, relating to it.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess, and

Resolved, That this Council proceed to take into consideration, and decide in what way the Provincial Road Grant shall be expended, whether by Commissioners or Supervisors, and also decide remuneration for same, and for laborers. Passed.

Councillors Longard, McLaren and others, wanted a higher rate per day for labor, as it could not always be had at \$1.00 per day. Councillors Ryan, Shatford, Himmelman, O'Leary, Wilson and Tupper, were in favor of last year's rate.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Ryan, and

Resolved, That the Road Money of the County be expended by Commissioners as in the past two years, and that the price of labor be the same.

In amendment, it was moved by Councillors Longard and A. Cruickshank—

Resolved, That in the event of skilled labor not being obtainable in any District, the Councillor may pay \$1.25 per day, if necessary, to employ mechanics in special cases. Lost.

Moved by Councillors Maskell and Parker—

That when the labor cannot be had at \$1.00 per day, the work is to be awarded by tender and contract at public sale.

Withdrawn, as the Law already provides that course.

A Resolution by Councillors McLaren and Lawson—

That where special skilled labor (as for blasting, etc.) is required, the Commissioner may pay, at any rate, not to exceed \$1.50 per day, was also Lost.

The original Resolution, therefore, remains intact. Labor not to exceed \$1.00, and Teams as follows:—Ox and cart, 75c.; a pair of oxen and cart, not to exceed \$1.00; horse and cart, not above \$1.00; and plough not above 50 cents per day. (See Minutes, 1883, page 49).

The Council adjourned to Thursday morning, at 10.30, to enable Committees to prepare Reports.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, A. M., April 23rd, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 29 Councillors, (Councillor Leslie having arrived).

The Minutes of last Session were approved.

Councillor McLaren submitted, as Chairman, the Report of the

Committee on Poor (as supplementary to their January Report). Only one Return has been sent in, District 29, as follows:—Expenditure, 1884, \$4.59, leaving a balance in hand, 1885, \$27.49. There are at present no poor in the District.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Councillor Hubley referring to January Report, said that Blanks should have been sent to Overseers, to make up Returns.

The Clerk said that the Overseers were notified to send detailed accounts and vouchers. The forms referred to were abstracts on which were made statements, to be filed here for reference. No special form of account blanks would suit each District, and the Overseers went out of office on 1st May, when their successors were appointed. Their accounts should then be made up in accordance with Law.

Councillor Lawson, Shatford and Longard, proposed some changes to facilitate accounts being made up at the end of the Calendar year.

Read a petition from John G. Ferguson and other residents of District 28 for a new road, in order to avoid straining their cattle over a steep hill 300 feet long and 300 feet high, where petitioners' grandfathers settled over seventy years ago. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee, on motion of Councillors Lawson and McLaren.

Read a petition from Chas. E. Smith and numerous other residents of Sambro road, Turn's Bay, asking for a grant to open a road of four miles from Pennant to connect with the main road from Halifax to Prospect.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Ryan—

Resolved. That the Council request the Councillor to explain to the petitioners that they regretted there was no fund from which the advance asked for could be taken. *Passed.*

Read, the Report of Committee on Licenses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Licenses beg to Report as follows:—

They have examined the petitions of applicants as below. These persons having complied with the Law, they recommend that they obtain Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors in said Districts:—

Mrs. Mary Power.....	District No. 10
Edward H. Coolen.....	“ 10
J. H. Power.....	“ 10
John D. Duggan.....	“ 10
P. C. Connolly.....	“ 15
Robert Allan.....	“ 15

Thomas Beech.....	District No. 15
Thomas Ward.....	" 14
John Brady.....	" 31

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 1st of May, 1886.

Also, your Committee, after due consideration on the petition of William Gray, respecting the erection of tents or booths in front of his property at Prince's Lodge, consider it inadvisable to grant License for these to be placed on the limits of highways, in front of said property.

E. E. BURGESS, *Chairman.*
 HENRY CRUIKSHANK.
 E. R. POOLE.
 F. F. HUBLEY.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Burgess, the Report was received and adopted.

The Electors of Dartmouth, desiring the concurrence of this Council in regard to representation therein, the following motion was handed in by Councillors Wilson and Shatford, to elicit the opinions of the Council thereon:—

Whereas, The Town Council of Dartmouth has resolved to ask the Legislature for representation in the Municipality of Halifax County,

And Whereas, In the opinion of this Council, the said Town being subject to taxation by vote of this Council, should be represented therein.

And Whereas, Such representation would, in the opinion of the Council, conduce to a better understanding between the respective Municipalities.

Therefore Resolved, That this Council will welcome a fair representation from said Town, and will approve of legislation providing for that object.

The motion introduced the subject, and was withdrawn, after a lengthy discussion by various Councillors.

It was then moved by Councillors Lawson and Shatford, and

Resolved, That this Council will be prepared to recommend a representative from the Electors of Dartmouth so soon as the present suit between the two Municipalities is settled; and in the meantime, request His Worship the Warden, the Deputy Warden, and Councillor Wilson, to consult the Council's Attorney, to ascertain whether such a measure would in any way, if now adopted, effect the suit now in Court. Passed.

Read a letter from Judge Johnston, asking that Charles McGinn be appointed an additional Constable to the Supreme and County Courts. After consideration, it was resolved, on motion of Councillors Ryan and McLaren to inform the Judge that, in the opinion of the Council, the present County Constables could do all the duties required as Constables for the several Courts. Passed.

Councillor Longard having asked that the County's proportion of License, duly paid by Edward Coolen, 1884, be returned or credited to District 10, it was moved by Councillors Himmelman and Lawson as follows :—

Resolved, That whereas, in certain Districts the proportion of Dominion License moneys appropriated by the Dominion Act to Counties, has been paid into the general funds of the County, whereby the Districts have been deprived of the customary License fees used for Road purposes,

And Whereas, the Dominion Act has been declared "ultra vires," and the former Bye-law will be reverted to,

Therefore Resolved, That such sums be appropriated to the respective Districts in which they have been paid, to be used for Road purposes as hitherto, under the direction of the Councillor.

The subject was discussed, and an amendment by Councillors Shatford and Burgess was read, proposing that the monies referred to be not appropriated, but await future results, etc.

The Clerk said that the License fees paid in last year were credited to general account, as required by the Act of last Session of the Local Parliament, one-half thereof being re-paid to the Province, and also that the County's proportion had long since been paid away amongst the general expenditure of 1884.

The mover and seconder agreed to suspend the original resolution giving notice to have it brought up next January. The amendment was therefore withdrawn.

Read, a petition from Wm. Beazley and others, of District 7, asking a grant to repair a road at Ferguson's Cove, damaged by freshets, beyond the power of the Statute labor to repair. Referred back to the Councillor for the District, who had not been consulted on the subject.

Referring to the new bridge and road thereto, made last year, on recommendation of Councillor McPhee, in District 19, Councillor Madill asked that the appraisalment therefor be assessed in 1885.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Poole, and

Resolved, That the amount of \$100.00 allowed for roadway to the new bridge at Milford, as per former Minutes of Council (1884, page 38), be assessed in District 19, in the present year, and paid by the Treasurer, when collected, to the owner of the property. Passed.

On motion, the Halifax sides of the new Gay's River bridge, and the "Richards" Shubenacadie bridge, were placed on the Government Bridge Act.

The Council adjourned till 10.30 a.m. Friday.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, A.M., April 24, 1885.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 29 Councillors.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Read statement in detail of the Provincial Engineer of small bridges built and repaired in the County, under Chapter 31, Acts of 1884, in all, 12, costing \$4,725.38.

Several Councillors made explanations and remarks on the bridges, from which it appeared that several of the bridges had since become defective, and would require to be renovated and made good again.

The statement was filed as under:—

Construction and Repairs of Small Bridges, Halifax County, under Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1884.

No.	Name of Bridge.	Name of Foreman or Contr.	Amount.	Remarks.
1	Hubbard's Cove	Amos Hubley	\$ 49 26	Contract.
2	Shad Bay	William Yeardon	248 84	Days Work.
	"	M. E. Keefe	200.00	Contract.
3	Paper Mill	Andrew Hefler	36.03	Days Work.
4	Paper Mill & Donaldson's	Robert Romans	37.00	"
5	Jenning's	George Fisher	133 30	"
6	Ferguson's Cove	John Hayes	23.46	"
7	Red	Henry Cruickshanks	8.00	"
8	Dillman	Edward R. Poole	10.00	"
	"	Alexander Ogilvie	280.00	Contract.
9	Sambro	James Hefler	450.27	Days Work.
10	Pennant			
11	Musquodoboit Bridges	T. A. Parker	120.10	Contracts.
12	Stretches	John Cole	36.65	Days Work.
13	Preston Road	Alexander Conrod	16.73	"
14	Woolen's	Edwin B. Hubley	349.00	Contract.
15	Dare's Cove	Joseph Conrod	48.75	Days Work.
16	Purcell's Cove	John Hayes	16 76	"
17	McIntosh	Thomas Roche	35 30	"
18	Mosher River	Daniel Cameron & J. Kirker	766.64	"
19	Margaret's Bay	Thomas Mason	79.79	"
20	Long Lake	Arthur L. Griffin	3 16	"
21	Salmon River	John Hartle	30.00	"
22	Crawford Falls	Ben. Dares	23.30	"
23	Rocky Run	Donald McLaren	345.66	"
24	Smelt Brook	John Lloy	9.90	"
25	Oyster Pond	David Mitchell	297.00	Contract.
26	Indian River	John E. Shatford	334 43	Days Work.
27	Ship Harbor	J. W. Hill	400.00	Contract.
28	Dean's	A. G. Henry	20 00	Days Work.
29	Still Water	Pierce Burns	35.00	"
30	Canal	McDonald and McDowall	240.00	Contracts.
31	North West Arm	Patrick Kehoe	21.00	Days Work.
32	Turn's Bay	Samuel Slaughenwhite	20.00	"
	Total		\$4,725.38	

MEMO — The Councillors whose names appear in above List disclaimed being either Contractors or interested, being merely applicants for the work to be given out to parties who would perform it, and who had drawn the pay thereafter.

COUNTY CLERK.

Read, as submitted by Councillor Leslie, *Chairman*, the
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to recommend that the prayer of the petitions of John G. Ferguson, *et al*, District 28, A; John Gray, *et al*, District 9; and John G. Mitchell, *et al*, District 27, be granted that precepts be ordered in each case, and persons appointed to lay out the several proposed roads, and report to the Council; and that the Act be carried out in regard to the new road as per report of John Marshall, Sr., *et al*, in District 27.

With regard to the petition of Jeremiah Holland, *et al*, of Duncan's Cove, District 8, although your Committee has no report from persons appointed at the January Session to investigate the matter as then recommended, we are led to believe that the petitioners, by being deprived of a right of way, are put to quite considerable inconvenience. We therefore recommend that the road referred to in said petition be re-opened in the regular way.

The Committee also recommend that Jas. Roche, of Bedford Basin; Stephen Jennex, *et al*., of Jeddore; Wm. Conrad, *et al*.; Gasper Leslie, *et al*; David Monovan, *et al*.; and Henry and James Aker, all of Lawrencetown, District 29; John McDonald and John Brimner, Jr., of Mineville, District 29; and David Coolen, of Shad Bay, be allowed to perform Statute Labor, as requested by their several petitions.

The amount of Government Road Grant for the present year voted in full for this County is.....\$11,147 00

LESS.

Interest 4 p c. on Bridge Acct.....	\$ 649 84	
First instalment of Loan small Bridges, and interest.....	1,174 75	
		1,824 59
Sum to be distributed.....	\$ 9,322 41	

Apportioned as follows:—

District		Less overdrawn on 1884 Grant.	Nett Grant, 1885.
No. 7.....	\$ 78 50.....	\$ ———	\$ 78 50
8.....	108 50.....	———	108 50
9.....	73 50.....	———	73 50
10.....	128 50.....	———	128 50
11.....	273 50.....	7 00.....	266 50
12.....	303 50.....	63 50.....	240 00
13.....	278 50.....	21 50.....	257 00
14.....	103 50.....	5 00.....	98 50
15.....	78 50.....	———	78 50
16.....	263 50.....	51 00.....	212 50
17.....	333 50.....	182 70.....	150 80
18.....	438 50.....	8 25.....	430 22
19.....	408 50.....	60 80.....	347 70
20.....	457 00.....	———	457 00
21.....	682 00.....	———	682 00
22.....	722 00.....	79 10.....	642 90
23.....	38 50.....	———	38 50

District.		Less overdrawn on 1884 Grant.	Nett Grant, 1884.
No. 24.....	227 25.....	—	227 25
25.....	482 00.....	30 40.....	451 60
26.....	592 00.....	34 00.....	558 00
27.....	672 00.....	5 50.....	666 50
28.....	213 50.....	—	213 50
29.....	266 00.....	27 20.....	238 80
30.....	328 50.....	20 60.....	307 90
31.....	431 00.....	—	431 00
32.....	272 00.....	13 85.....	258 15
33.....	238 50.....	—	238 50
34.....	197 00.....	11 30.....	185 70
35.....	278 90.....	16 65.....	261 85
36.....	308 50.....	35 02.....	273 48
Icelandic Settlement	45 91.....	—	45 91
	<u>\$9322 41</u>	<u>\$666 37</u>	<u>\$8656 04</u>

The Report was discussed at length. Some Councillors desired that it should be made up as hitherto, with the number of miles and amount for Bridges in each District stated in detail.

A motion to receive and adopt the Report was amended by Resolution of Councillors Himmelman and W. McLaren—

That the Report lie on the table for the information of Councillors at present.
Passed.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess, it was

Resolved, That all parties taking out Liquor Licenses shall pay to the Stipendiary, as Clerk of Licenses, a fee of \$1.00 for each License, upon the delivery of such License to the applicant, which fee shall go into the general funds of the County. Passed.

The subject of Bridges, under the Act of 1884, was considered, with a view to placing a number of Bridges before the Government, to be built this year.

The Clerk said that Mosher's River Bridge, which cost \$766.74, would probably be transferred to the Expenditure under the Bridge Act of 1883. He had asked the Provincial Engineer to recommend this to the Government.

On motion, the McIntosh Bridge, between Districts 14 and 13, was placed under the Small Bridge Act of 1884. The two Bridges known as North and South Bridges, Pleasant Point, District 27, were also put under the Bridge Act, said Bridges being now unfit for travel. Bayer's Bridge, over the Musquodoboit River, between Districts 28 and 36, and Mill Brook Bridge, District 24. Quoddy Bridge, District 34; Smelt Brook Bridge, Head of Dover, District 11; Caldwell's Bridge, District 33; Barry's Bridge, District 31, and Mill Brook Bridge, District 29, were placed each, on motion, under the Small Bridge Act.

On motion of Councillors McLaren and Ryan, it was resolved by a vote of 14 to 10, that

Whereas, The Draw-Bridge on the Main Road, at Porter's Lake, is in danger of being sometimes left open, and of being injured by malicious persons, which might endanger the public travel over said Bridge;

Therefore Resolved, That a custodian be appointed for such Bridge, whose duty shall be to keep the Bridge locked, and keep the key, and open and shut the draw at the passing of all vessels, boats and rafts; and that this Council allow the said custodian the sum of Twenty Dollars yearly for his services, said money to be a County charge.

On motion of Councillors Deloughry and Smith, Mr. Robert B. Innis was appointed such custodian.

On motion of Councillors Maskell and O'Leary, it was resolved by a vote of 16 to 7,

That Albert Warnell, of Jeddore, be keeper of the Draw Bridge at Jeddore, District 27, and that his salary be Thirty Dollars per year, and he be required to enter into sufficient bonds to the County for the faithful performance of his duty, the said salary to be paid out of the County funds.

Councillors O'Leary, Shatford, and Leslie, were appointed a committee to fix the rate of toll for passing through Jeddore and Porter's Lake Bridges.

On motion of Councillors Sullivan and Ryan, it was Resolved that

Whereas, The inhabitants of Portuguese Cove keep a public landing at their own expense,

Therefore Resolved, That the Overseers of the Public Landing at Portuguese Cove be empowered by this Council to charge not less than 20 cents nor more than \$1 for all boats coming to the said landing with the intention of fishing; and that the said Overseers keep the said landing clear, so that everyone coming, may have their boats hauled up in safety.

Councillor Sullivan, District 8, was, on motion, granted a precept to lay out and build a road from Duncan's Cove to main Halifax road, all costs to be paid by the District.

John Ferguson and Geo. Conrod were appointed to lay out the road from Isaac Lapiere's Corner to the north line of Matt. Conrod's property.

Messrs. John G. Mitchell, John G. Weston, and John Siteman, were, on motion, appointed a committee to lay out the road from East Jeddore to Ebicumbeck, as recommended to be laid out by precept.

On the subject of Assessor's Pay, Councillor Wilson asked that the Bill presented by him for Assessors of District 18, be sanctioned. A long discussion followed on the general subject. The Sections relating to it in the Local Act were read.

The Clerk said that the Legislature had not as yet passed upon the Sections submitted in the Law Amendment Committee's Report.

On motion of Councillors Himmelman and Bissett, it was

Resolved, by 13 to 9, that the District Assessors be allowed the sum of \$1.00 per day for every day's extra labor actually employed in Assessing their several Districts, to be approved by the Councillor of the District.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess, the Bill for Assessing District 18, amounting to \$13.50, was passed.

Council adjourned till 2 p.m.

FINAL SESSION.

FRIDAY, P.M., April 24th, 1885.

The Council met at 2 p.m. The Warden and 28 Councillors present.

Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

Read, a Petition from John Maskell, Sr., John A. Blakeney, and 60 others, of Jeddore Harbour, asking regulations for gathering Sea Manure, by which the same now being sold to Foreign vessels, might be sold to the inhabitants of the Harbour, and used for the benefit of farming in the place.

The Clerk said there was no provision for such a purpose, and read the Bye-Laws concerning the gathering of Sea Weed and Kelp.

On motion of Councillors Maskell and A. W. Smith—

Resolved, That Printed Forms of these Bye-Laws be forwarded to these Councillors who may require them, to be posted up where needed. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Poole, and passed,

That the Halifax County side of the Elmsdale Bridge across the Shubenacadie be placed under the Government Bridge Act.

By Councillors H. Cruickshank and Tupper, and passed—

That the Bridge known as Taylors Bridge, leading to Taylor's Grist and Lumber Mills, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883.

On motion of Councillors Leslie and Madill, George K. Tower and James P. Miller were appointed Constables in District 26.

The printed copy of "The Act for the Assessment of Municipalities for payment of their indebtedness for Insane Paupers," which passed the Legislature at present Session, was read and commented on. As Halifax City owed a large sum, say \$20,000, it was thought expedient to enforce the payment, and hand the amount over to the Government.

The Clerk said that the chances of getting money speedily from the City were very slim; that the tenor of the Act made it imperative to assess at once, as in addition to the large amount due 31st Dec., to the Government, another quarter was due; and further, that on this debt, interest was chargeable, which was a new debt to be provided for, and would be this year \$1500, and must be added to the Estimate, even should the principal not be assessed.

The Warden said that the City had been notified by the Clerk that in consequence of the Government demanding interest, it would be necessary that interest be charged the City also.

The matter was fully discussed, and on motion of Councillors Shatford and Lawson—

Resolved, That in reference to the Asylum Act, passed by the Legislature at last Session, this Council do not consider it necessary to assess the amount named therein, until every legitimate means be used to collect the debt due us by the City. Passed.

Read, a letter from Kent Sibley, Meagher's Grant, reporting (as Secretary of a meeting held there last Fall) that those present were opposed to assessment of cost for new road, for which a precept had been issued to a Committee there. The precept had been returned also, without any report from the Committee.

On motion of Councillors Poole and Shatford—

Resolved, That, referring to the letter of Kent Sibley, and the precept sent back from Meagher's Grant, the County Clerk be authorized to forward the precept back to the Committee appointed by this Council to perform their duty according to said precept. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Burgess, ——— Barrett was elected Road Surveyor in District 17, in room of John Rossley. Councillor O'Leary (Chairman) presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee on Assessment beg leave to Report as follows:—

Herewith, your Committee hand in a List, showing the Increase and Decrease in Valuations, in the several Districts, compared with last year's books.

The decrease is \$19161.00 against an increase \$79596.00, which, after deducting the decrease, we have a clear increase of \$60435.00. This would be very well, if all the Districts had increased their value more or less. But your Committee find that several have been going down in value from year to year. Your Committee are at a loss as to what to say about those Districts in which the valuations have decreased from year to year.

The Clerk will read the list, and this Council can then decide what is best to be done with the rolls which show such a continuous decrease.

With a few exceptions, the Roads are in very good order. In some, the names are not put down in alphabetical order. This neglect of the Assessors work gives the Clerk a great deal of labor, and causes much loss of time. Your Committee recommend, that in cases where the Assessors do not return their rolls to the Clerk in good order, that their pay be withheld from them.

Your Committee cannot pass over Roll No. 23 without saying a few words about it. We find it not in a satisfactory state.

Your Committee recommend that some means be adopted by this Council, whereby this unsatisfactory work will be remedied.

We also hand in a sheet, showing the deficits of Taxes in 1884.

All of which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS O'LEARY.

T. A. PARKER.

ANGUS CRUICKSHANKS.

P. W. MASKELL.

J. O. SULLIVAN.

Statement of Valuations in each District in Halifax County, April, 1885, with the Increase or Decrease, as compared with 1884 Returns.

	1885 VALUATIONS.		Total.	1885 Increase.	1885 Decrease.	1884 Decrease.
	Rl-Estate	Rl Est'te				
District 7	24745	10480	35225		425 00	
8	20205	8120	28325		895 00	\$835 00=\$1730 00
9	15984	6504	22488	235 00		
10	41959	17858	59817	3962 00		
11	48225	20745	68970		3305 00	
12	34555	6395	40950	560 00		
13	26868	4293	31161		107 00	
14	127550	7050	134600		4325 00	14825 00=19150 00
15	79210	9850	89060	7170 00		
16	39094	7271	46365	719 00		
17	97350	17248	114598	6934 00		
18	42685	26320	69005	9566 00		
19	64320	21047	85367		3102 00	
20	39295	12477	51772	2987 00		
21	85260	35810	121070	4959 00		
22	68930	26105	95035	1016 00		
23	14080	9510	23590		650 00	2178 00=2828 00
24	30192	8967	39159		182 00	
25	52405	23225	75630	10995 00		
26	64165	16776	80941	4626 00		
27	76135	26553	102688	12673 00		
28	51615	19065	70680	1795 00		
29	45663	6208	55871	381 00		
30	23880	3731	27611		4024 00	30 00=4054 00
31	129430	16695	146125	4170 00		
32	58525	9025	67550	925 00		
33	62340	7155	69495		1645 00	
34	39343	13385	52728	1942 00		
35	28590	11239	39829		501 00	
36	53665	17135	70800	3981 00		
	\$1590263	\$426242	\$2016505	\$79395 00	\$19161 00	
		Deduct decrease.....		19161 00		
		Showing an increase....		\$60435 00		

Statement of Deficits of Assessment, 1884, Due April 24, 1885.

District.	Amount.
8.....	\$ 18 69
9.....	2 13
10.....	134 54
11.....	3 58
13.....	3 72
14.....	59 35
15.....	17 15
16.....	13 45
17.....	6 34
19.....	13 25
20.....	6 95
21.....	1 44

23.....	38 70
24.....	16 97
25.....	8 91
26.....	4 34
27.....	11 44
30.....	8 60
31.....	11 34
32.....	3 93
33.....	6 65
36.....	11 35
Districts 7, 12, 18, 22, 28, 29, 34 and 35 are paid up } except few Cents.	
Total.....	\$402 82

The Report was discussed, and the last paragraph objected to by Councillor Ryan, who wished an explanation.

The Chairman said the remark applied to the Assessors who made up the Roll in a very defective style.

Moved by Councillors Maskell and Shatford—

That the Assessment Roll of District 23 be sent back to the Assessors for correction, and to be made up in better order. Passed.

The last Clause of the Report was amended, and the several paragraphs read and approved, after which the Report was received and adopted as a whole.

The causes of decreased valuations in Districts 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 23, 30, 33, 35, etc., were explained by Councillors to be depreciation in Fishing, Mining and Lumbering operations, removal to other parts, Selling Live Stock, Vessels, etc.

The Clerk explained the deficits, a number of which would come in under Warrants of Distraint still running, before next Assessment was made up. Those smaller amounts which were uncollectible would be added to the Assessment of the specified Districts this year as the Law provides.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Maskell, and

Resolved, That a sufficient number of Constables be sent to any defaulting District where taxes have not been paid, the charges therefor in excess of their fees to be Assessed upon the District the next year. Passed.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, laid over from Morning Session, was taken up, and after remarks and explanations, was, on motion, finally accepted.

The Clerk said he had made up for each Councillor a copy of the Assessment Roll, and all blanks for the Statute Labor. Also, for Overseers of Poor, all of which officers are by Law required to be sworn in on the 1st of May in each year. Also, requested each Councillor to let him know early the number and names, etc., of Commissioners to expend the Road and Bridge money.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Shatford, and

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be requested in future to adopt such mode of appropriation of Road Grant as shall enable the Council to know the reasons in each case for any inequalities that may appear in such appropriation. Passed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BRIDGE TOLLS,
JEDDORE, &c.

The Committee appointed to name a fee for Schooners and Boats passing through the Draw Bridges at Jeddore and Porter's Lake, Report that Registered Vessels should pay One Cent. per ton ; Boats not registered, 10 Cents each, for each time the Draw is raised. The Bridge keeper to collect the said fees, and make a quarterly return thereof to the County Treasurer certified. Passed.

Councillor Longard wanted to know if the Committee on the Insane Asylum could not compel the sending home of cured inmates instead of their being kept there to work, but their maintenance charged to the County, as he believed was the case with several inmates he cited.

The Clerk stated that they must be formally discharged by the Superintendent of the Hospital for Insane, and the Chairman of Committee on Insane said, that for want of room in the present Poor Asylum the harmless Insane could not yet be received there.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Shatford, and Resolved,

That an outstanding claim of about \$60.00 for legal expenses having been brought before the Council by Mr. Chambers, the Keeper of the Jail, by whom it had been incurred in defending himself in a suit for erroneous imprisonment, but which, in consequence of the death of the late Stipendiary, and the absence of the plaintiff in the suit, he was unable to recover, the Council refer said claim for consideration to a Committee to ascertain whether in the circumstances, it is just and proper to relieve Mr. Chambers of any portion of such expenses, with power to do so to an extent not exceeding \$30.00, and such action to close the claim. The Committee to be composed of the Warden, Deputy Warden, and Councillor Lawson. Passed.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that there was nothing special to report upon, and handed in the Treasurer's Abstract of Receipts and Payments since January 1st to date, showing Balance in hand of \$1493.78.

RECEIPTS, 1885.

Cash Balance, January 1st.....	\$2588 02
On Account District Deficit, 1884.....	583 77
Dartmouth County Rates, (on Acct).....	2000 00
City of Halifax	3244 87
Fines and Fees.....	12 00
County Jail Fees.....	4 80
Fees in Stipendiary's Court.....	56 10
Pedlars' Licenses.....	2 00
Lunatics' Account.....	13 00
Poor Rates Received.....	24 00

\$8528 56

EXPENDITURE, JANUARY 1st TO APRIL 21st.

Hospital for Insane, 1832-4, Paid on Acct.....	\$3000 00
E. E. Burgess, Loan and Interest	525 00
County Council, January Session.....	559 30
School Grants, 1884.....	67 28
Assessors and Revisors.....	57 00
Collectors' Commission.....	48 87
Medical Doctors and Coroners.....	264 00
Court House Balance of Interest.....	262 50
Auditors, 1884 Accts.....	40 00
Poor Rates, repaid Districts.....	67 28
Jail Accounts and Salaries.....	479 76
Criers and Constables.....	137 50
Grand Jury and Secretary.....	88 50
Petit Jury and Talesmen... ..	195 00
Crown Witnesses.....	115 00
Sheriff's Accounts, 1884.....	75 00
Stipendiary's and Constable's Salaries.....	250 00
Printing and Stationery.....	37 40
Bounties	27 00
Road Expenditure (Grants).....	106 32
County Clerk.....	350 00
County Treasurer.....	117 00
Court House Expenses.....	139 25
Miscellaneous.....	5 97
County Court Constable, 1884.....	12 59
Roads, per Fines and Fees	7 35
Balance.....	1493 79
	<u>\$8528 56</u>
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$1493 78</u>

The Clerk said that Judicial Expenses for the last two Court Terms had been much heavier than usual, and that it would be well to increase the Estimate for such services. Also, that this meeting of Council had increased Assessors Pay, voted Legal Expenses, Bridge Keeper's Pay, Jail Repairs, etc., which he asked leave to put in the Estimate before making up the Annual Assessment Rate. It was also necessary that a formal vote be passed, authorizing the year's Assessment of the Estimate, on the usual basis.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and O'Leary, and

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Council be authorized to make up the County Assessment for County, School, and other Rates, for the year, on the basis of the Assessment Rolls of the several Districts, as furnished by the Assessors, conjoined with the valuations of the City and Dartmouth as heretofore for the amount of the Estimate passed in January Session, and now increased and amended, Passed.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

Whereas, By a recent Act of the Legislature it is made optional in Counties so desiring it, to combine the offices of County Clerk and County Treasurer in one person,

And Whereas; The present Treasurer was appointed *pro tem*, upon the understanding that he should vacate office if such an Act were passed, and his term of office has therefore expired,

Therefore Resolved, That W. H. Wiswell, the County Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the County for the balance of the current year, upon his duly qualifying therefor, and that his remuneration in the premises shall be the same *pro rata*, as he received for similar service in 1884 Passed.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and N. Hays—

Resolved, That 500 Copies of the Minutes of the two Sessions of this Council be printed for distribution among the several Councillors as heretofore. Passed.

There being no further business before the Council, a vote of thanks to the Warden for his careful attention to and satisfactory regulation of the business of the Session was passed unanimously, and the Session adjourned *sine die*.

GOD. SAVE THE QUEEN.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

COUNTY JAILOR'S REPORT.

Return of the number of Criminal Prisoners committed for each offence during the Term ending Dec. 31st, 1884.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Drunkenness.....	75	11	86
Larceny.....	49	9	58
Assault.....	28	5	33
Deserting Vessels.....	9	...	9
Disorderly Conduct.....	8	...	8
Threatening Language.....	5	1	6
Burglary and Larceny.....	11	...	11
Deserting H. M. Service.....	5	...	5
Unsound Mind.....	3	2	5
Assault and Threats.....	4	...	4
Basturdy.....	4	...	4
Refusing Duty on board Vessel.....	11	...	11
Leading a Dissolute Life.....	1	2	3
Burglary.....	3	...	3
Arson and Larceny.....	2	...	2
Embezzlement.....	1	...	1
Threats.....	1	1	2
Forgery.....	1	...	1
Rape.....	1	...	1
Assault and Robbery.....	1	...	1
Attempting to Shoot.....	1	...	1
House Breaking ..	1	...	1
Highway Robbery.....	1	...	1
Common Prostitutes.....	...	1	1
Breaking Windows.....	1	...	1
Standing on Street Corners.....	1	...	1
Larceny and Embezzlement.....	1	...	1
Neglecting to Provide for Family.....	1	...	1
Destroying Household Property.....	...	1	1
Obtaining Goods under False Pretences...	1	...	1
Perjury.....	2	...	2
Neglecting Duty as a Private in the 66th Regt. Active Militia.....	?	...	2
	<hr/> 235	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 268

THE amount of monies received for boarding Merchant Sailors and Deserters of H. M. Service, and room rent during the year is \$84.99, shewing an increase of \$48.39 over the previous year.

The Sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good, and little sickness, excepting my own family, who have been suffering

from colds and influenza to a greater extent than in any previous year. This is to be attributed to the damp condition of the Jailor's apartments, caused by the water driving through the walls of the building during every rain storm.

The most of the sickness in the prison department was amongst the prisoners committed temporarily from the City Court, charged with drunkenness, 86 in number for the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS A. CHAMBERS,
Jailor.

MEMO. BY COUNTY CLERK.

The cost of maintenance of each Prisoner per day, in 1884, for diet only, was 21 Cents. Total average cost per Prisoner, counting Salaries, Extras, Fuel, etc., 52 Cents per day.

LIST OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,

Sworn in by the Municipal Clerk, from January 1st., 1880, to May 1st, 1885.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	WHEN SWORN.
W. S. Symonds.....	Dartmouth.....	January 9th, 1880.
James G. Foster.....	Dartmouth.....	May 10th, 1880.
Jeremiah J. Donohoe	Halifax.....	May 11th, 1880
R. Adlington, M. D.....	Gay's River.....	April 22nd, 1880.
A. Whitman Hart.....	Halifax.....	August 7th, 1880.
John W. Burton.....	".....	August 20th, 1880.*
Peter Hogan.....	".....	October 2nd, 1880.
James Dempster.....	".....	October 9th, 1880.
J. Sprott Stewart.....	Upper Musquodoboit.....	November 24th. 1880.
Wm. Perry.....	Sheet Harbour.....	January 7th, 1881.
John Barren.....	Middle Musquodoboit.....	January 7th, 1881.
John Simmons.....	Lower Prospect.....	March 31, 1881.
William Hay.....	Tangier.....	April 28th 1881.
Peter W. Maskell.....	West Jeddore.....	September 17th, 1881.
George Barris.....	Upper Musquodoboit.....	September 28th, 1881.
John H. Bartlett.....	Terence Bay.....	March 1st, 1882.
Thomas O'Leary.....	West Quoddy.....	March 6th, 1882.
Alfred G. Ogilvie.....	Little River.....	March 30th, 1882.
Benjamin Russell.....	Dartmouth.....	May 19th, 1882.
James Crossland.....	Tangier.....	July 7th, 1882.
C. Carvoosa Hart.....	Sheet Harbour.....	July 10th, 1882.
Richard Nagle.....	Halifax.....	October 20th 1882.
Isaac H. Mathers.....	".....	October 20th, 1882.
Patrick M. Duggan.....	".....	October 30th, 1882.
William Murray.....	".....	November 3rd, 1882.
Thomas P. Connolly.....	".....	October 5th, 1882.
John Connolly.....	".....	March 9th, 1883.
Edward R. Poole.....	Meagher's Grant.....	March 12th, 1883.
Frank Gundry.....	Halifax.....	March 19th, 1883.
Charles C. Blackadar.....	".....	June 18th, 1883.
Archibald S. Mitchell.....	".....	June 20th, 1883.
John P. Sypher.....	Tangier.....	June 23, 1883.
George Maling.....	Head Harbour.....	July 14th, 1883.
Alexander Forrest.....	Halifax.....	September 6th, 1883.
Frederic Darragh.....	Herring Cove.....	September 24th, 1883.
Alvan Hubley.....	French Village.....	December 20th, 1883.
John P. Longard.....	Halifax.....	February 29th, 1884.
Charles F. Mott.....	".....	March 22nd, 1884.
William Chisholm.....	".....	April 10th, 1884.
William Sedgwick.....	Upper Musquodoboit.....	April 29th, 1884.
Charles N. Sprott.....	".....	April 29th, 1884.
Clarence J. Spike.....	Halifax.....	April 29th, 1884.
William McKenzie.....	Preston Road.....	June 12th, 1884.
Thomas Wilks.....	Meagher's Grant.....	June 27th, 1884.
E. Lawson Fenerty.....	North West Arm.....	August 6th, 1884.
William Geddes.....	Sheet Harbour Passage.....	November 18th, 1884.
Caleb F. Hubley.....	Black Point.....	November 22nd, 1884.
George Hartling, Jr.....	Ecum-Secum.....	November 26th, 1884.
John K. Andrews.....	Dutch Settlement, District 19.....	January 30th, 1885.
William M. King.....	Wellington Station, ".....	18 February 12th, 1885.

