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# MINUTES AND REPORTS

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## Council of the Municipality

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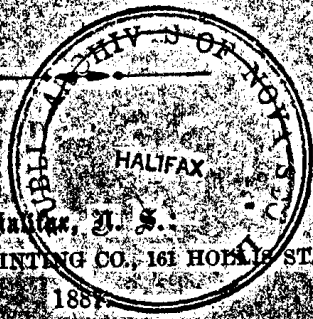
### COUNTY OF HALIFAX, N. S.

*Wm. H. Wiswell C. C.*

Annual Meeting, January, 1887, and Semi-Annual Meeting, April, 1887.

E. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., WARDEN.

W. H. WISWELL, CLERK.



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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—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1887.

\* \* \* 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, N. Hays, Chase, and Poole.

*Public Property*—Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himelman, and Chase.

*Licenses*—Councillors Burgess, Sellars, Cruickshank, Poole, Bishop, Fader, and D. Smith.

*Roads and Bridges*—Councillors Wilson, Himelman, O'Leary, Poole, Shatford, and C. E. Smith.

*Assessments*—Councillors O'Leary, Parker, Blakeney, Fitzgerald, Fraser and Croucher.

*Hospital for Insane*—Councillors Lawson, Himelman, N. Hays, Chase, Bissett, and Ryan.

*Law Amendments*—Councillors Shatford, Madill, Parker, Ross and Tupper.

*Poor*—Councillors C. E. Smith, Lapierre, A. W. Smith, Longard, Thomas, and John Hays.

*Jury Lists*—Councillors Ryan, N. Hays, Himelman, Bissett and Burgess.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*On Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth*—Councillors Wilson, Shatford, N. Hays and Ryan.

*On Poor Farm Buildings, &c.*—The Committee on Public Property.

*On Affairs District No. 10.*—Councillors Ryan, Croucher, Chase and Himelman.

*On Memorial to Dominion Government in re Prisoners*—The Warden, Councillors Lawson and Ryan.

*On Dartmouth School Question*—The Warden, Councillors Shatford, Chase and Himelman.

# Municipality of the County of Halifax,

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## COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

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

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## COUNTY OFFICERS, ETC.

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*County Constables*—Patrick E. Phelan (Chief), Louis Nickerson,  
A. James, John McLellan, Johnson Medley, Wm. McKenzie, and  
John McBain, (Dartmouth).

*Keeper of County Jail*—Thos. A. Chambers.

*Turnkey*—D. Sutherland.

*Keeper of Court House*—J. B. Sentell.

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

*Crier County Court*—Chas. W. McGinn.

*Stipendiary's Constable*—Patrick E. Phelan.

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## COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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*High Sheriff*—Donald Archibald, Esq.

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

*Registrar of Deeds*—A. J. White, Esq.

*Judge of Probate*—Hon. S. L. Shannon.

*Registrar of Probate*—Jas. G. Foster.

*Vice-Admiralty Court Judge*—The Chief Justice.

*Registrar*—Lewis W. DesBarres.

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## COUNTY COURT.

*Judge*—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

*Clerk, &c.*—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

*Librarian of 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  
FIFTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

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FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, Jan. 11th, 1887.

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 16th, 1886, attended at the County Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1887.

The Clerk read from the Revised Statutes, 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. In two Districts (23 and 25) the candidates were stated to be disqualified under the Act of last session, chap. 25, sec. 1. He applied to the Hon. the Attorney General for instructions as to swearing them in, who informed him that there was no authority for Municipal Clerks to refuse or reject the parties, as controverted elections were to be settled by the County Court.

- District 7—Herring Cove—John Hays, J. P.
- “ 8—Portuguese Cove—Jas. Fitzgerald.
- “ 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
- “ 10—Upper Prospect—George J. Longard, J. P.
- “ 11—Hackett's Cove—Thos. E. Chase, M. D.
- “ 12—French Village—Jas. Croucher, jr., J. P.
- “ 13—Spryfield—Richard Bishop.

- District 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.  
 “ 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—Orestes P. Fraser.  
 “ 26—Tangier—John C. Ross.  
 “ 27—Jeddore—Jno. A. Blakeney.  
 “ 28—Chezzetcook—Danl. Lapierre.  
 “ 29—Lawrencetown—Jas. H. Sellers, J. P.  
 “ 30—Preston, Joseph Thomas.  
 “ 31—Cole Harbor—John G. Bissett, J. P.  
 “ 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J. P.  
 “ 33—Eastern Passage—Jos. Himelman.  
 “ 34—Salmon River—Thomas O'Leary, J. P.  
 “ 35—Little River—H. Cruickshank, J. P.  
 “ 36—Musquodoboit Harbor—Dennis Smith.  
 “ 38—Dover—Henry Fader.

The Clerk administered the oath of allegiance and Councillor's oath to all the above, except Councillor Bissett, who was too ill to attend, and Councillor Longard not arrived.

The sections relating to appointment of County Officers were then read, and nominations for Warden requested.

Councillor Shatford moved, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes, that B. C. Wilson be appointed Warden. The mover referred in complimentary terms to the valued services of the late Warden, and said he thought that now and then the honors should be distributed among the Councillors.

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor John Hayes, moved that B. W. Chipman be Warden. The mover alluded to the past services of Mr. Chipman. He was always at hand, familiar with the affairs of the Council, and to be easily reached when legislation and special matters required attention, and it was very desirable that he be re-appointed.

Councillors Ryan and Shatford were named as Tellers, and on the Ballots being counted, there were for Councillor Chipman 20, Councillor Wilson 6.

Councillor Chipman was declared as the Warden for the next two years, and sworn in by the Clerk. On taking the Chair, he thanked the Council for the honor, and said the routine of business

would be got ready without delay, after the usual appointments were made.

The Clerk submitted applications for various County Officers.

On motion of Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Croucher, it was

*“Resolved, That W. H. Wiswell be appointed Clerk and Treasurer of this Municipality for the present year, and that his salary be the same as last year.”* Passed unanimously.

The Clerk returned thanks, and was sworn in by the Warden. The Council adjourned to 2.30 p.m.

## Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, Jan. 11th, 1887.

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

The Warden suggested, that as the Minutes of the last day of the former Council's Session were in the hands of the Councillors, it was unnecessary to take up time reading them, unless objected to or amended.

On motion, the reading of the same was waived.

The Warden mentioned the order for procedure and business for the day.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess, Councillor John E. Shatford was unanimously elected Deputy Warden.

Moved by Councillor N. Hays, seconded by Councillor Blakeney,

*“That the Warden, Councillors Wilson and Burgess, be elected Commissioners of the Court House.”* Passed.

On motion, Messrs. John Albro and F. G. Wainwright were re-elected County Auditors.

On motion, J. B. Sentell was re-appointed Janitor of the Court House.

Applications for the position of Chief County Constable were received from Patrick Monaghan, Patrick E. Phelan, Louis Nickerson, and Jas. McCarthy. A number of Councillors considered it advisable to defer the appointment until the fitness of applicants was duly ascertained. The subject was left over till next morning's session.

Applications for the Crierships were read from Charles McGinn, J. S. McKay, and Michael Byrnes. Also a letter from Jas. S. McKay, Chief Crier, complaining of neglect of duty by McGinn, one of the Criers. The latter had, however, been approved and recommended by the Chief Justice and Judges in writing.



The Minutes of last year and the Statutes of Nova Scotia regarding Criers, were referred to and read, and discussion followed.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and O'Leary,

“*Resolved*, That Mr. McKay be informed that any complaint he wishes to make against the Crier of the County Court should be made to the Judges of the Supreme Court, to whom he is subject, in regard to his Supreme Court duties.” Passed.

On motion, Jas. McKay and Michael Byrnes were appointed Criers of the Supreme Court, and Charles McGinn Crier of the County Court and a County Constable.

Read application from Geo. Dinnaford to be appointed a County Constable, stating his having held the office two years ago. The Clerk said that Dinnaford had acted last year as such without being appointed by the Council. The Attorney General had employed him to serve writs, etc., and he had presented accounts for the same amounting to over \$40, which the Treasurer had refused to pay, as being unauthorized.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Himelman, “That Mr. George Dinnaford’s request to be appointed as Constable be declined.”—Passed

On account of serious illness, Councillor Bissett was, on motion of Councillor Himelman, exonerated from all fines for this session.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess, and

“*Resolved*, That the Councillors receive ten (10) dollars each and the usual travelling fees in full for services at this session, irrespective of the number of days they may be occupied.”

This was succeeded by a lively discussion, and the motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

Moved by Councillors Himelman and Croucher, and

“*Resolved*, That Councillors Poole, Lawson, Ryan, N. Hayes and Chase, be a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the year.” Passed.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 a.m., Wednesday.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 12th, 1886.

Council met at 10.30 a.m. The Warden and 29 Councillors present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Councillor Longard, having arrived, was sworn into office.

The Warden submitted and read the following address :

### WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

*Gentlemen of the Municipality :*

The business of this Council being somewhat limited, and defined by the Legislature under the Act of Incorporation; to prepare an address to lay before you at each session must necessarily be largely a repetition of the past.

Each Warden, since the incorporation of this Council, has opened with the indebtedness of the city and closed with that of Dartmouth, and a large portion of the time of the Council during the session has been devoted to the same subject. I will first call your attention to some of the most important Acts passed by the Legislature during the last session of Parliament. 1st.—The Temperance Act, which requires the appointment of an Inspector of Licenses for the County, the city having already appointed one. The Inspector, according to the Act, must be a member in good standing of some Temperance organization.

2nd.—Under the Act relating to Boards of Health and Fire Escapes, certain officers will require to be appointed at this meeting to carry out the law.

3rd.—The Local Acts of the County in reference to Assessments having been repealed, we now come under the provisions of the Provincial or General Act, and, in accordance therewith, the Assessors of last year were authorized to make the assessment at the same time that all other Counties do so, viz. : between November 1st and December 1st. All have not yet returned the rolls. In order to include the city in the assessment as before, a special Act was passed at the last session of the Legislature in connection with this Act. It will be seen that an Arbitration Committee must be appointed at this meeting of Council.

An Act was also passed, as mentioned last session, by which insane persons are to be maintained at the expense of each corporation wherein they have their settlements, so under this Act the City, Dartmouth, and the Municipality will each take over their own insane patients.

Another Act was passed, in accordance with the desire of this Council, for the purchase and management of a Poors' Farm; the report of the Committee for that purpose will be submitted. Several Acts amending the County Incorporation Act were passed at the last session of Parliament which will require your attention.

During the past summer the Commissioners of the Court House, finding that two rooms were vacant, and, being required by the Judge of the Admiralty Court, the Commissioners let them for that purpose at a rental of \$150 per annum.

In order to get through with the business speedily, the various Committees will report as early as possible, and District Officers appointed. The Treasurer's accounts will be submitted without delay, which will bring before you by far the most important business for the Council to deal with during this session: the depressed financial state of the Municipality, caused entirely by the failure so far to recover the part school taxes from Dartmouth, and the unwarrantable action of the City Council in withholding moneys collected and taxes due the Municipality.

In some verbal remarks, the Warden explained for the information of the new Councillors the reasons for the increased taxation. The affairs of the County were in a bad financial condition. Such matters as the Council could definitely control were economically managed, but those that were not within its jurisdiction, such as admission and cost of insane paupers at Mount Hope Hospital, Court trials and convictions, were liable to be expensive. He cited a case where a conviction had been followed by sentence of eighteen months in County Jail, instead of sending the prisoner to Dorchester. He referred to the financial difficulty with the city, and read from Alderman Worrall's report to the City Council some of the mis-statements therein made, and his proposal that the estimate for County purposes be only \$9,000 next year, a little over one third the amount assessed last year. This report further cut down the debt due by the city from \$49,000 to \$25,000. But the County Treasurer had received nothing on account of this debt since first of July. He referred to the action of the First County Council under like circumstances, and recommended a small but efficient Committee to be appointed, with power to engage a competent attorney to assist in a settlement. Also, recommended as being less expensive than casual advice, &c., the employment of permanent counsel, as legal expenses in the past had been very heavy; meantime suggested that the Council transact the ordinary routine business, and thereafter adjourn.

On motion of Councillors Himelman and Burgess—

*Resolved*, That the Warden's address be inserted in the Minutes when printed."

After some discussion on the main topics, it was moved by Councillor Ryan, and seconded by Councillor Himelman—

*Resolved*, That Councillors Lawson, Wilson, Shatford, N. Hays, and Ryan, be appointed an Arbitration Committee in accordance with section 78 of chap. 27, N. S. Acts, 1886, with power to confer with a committee of the City Council, so as to determine the amount of assessment to be chargeable against the City. Also, said committee to deal with the Dartmouth case, and report to the Council as early as possible." Passed.

Councillor Shatford referred to a conference held with the Provincial Secretary in reference to the City debt and claim of the Government for an old account for Insane, repudiated by the Sessions. Also stated the result of the meeting, that the County Clerk should furnish a reply to the Government's claim for payment of instalments and the current account due for Lunatics, stating what had been done toward getting the money from the City due the County for the years 1882 to 1886. The Provincial Secretary would then write to or interview the City authorities on the subject, as the larger portion of the amount would go to the Government.

Councillor Himelman read the following extract from the Minutes as printed, of the City Council, Jan. 11th:—

“Read, letter from Provincial Secretary Fielding, as below:—

“The County of Halifax (as well as some other Counties) is largely indebted to the Province on account of the maintenance of patients in the Hospital for the Insane. The Government having pressed the County for payment, the County officials have informed us that, while the debt is nominally a County one, it is really a City one; and that, although the City Corporation has levied and collected from the citizens sums due to the County for the services, the moneys have been improperly withheld from the County treasury, and consequently the County is unable to pay its debt to the Government. It is, of course, no part of my duty to interfere in matters of business between City and County. I am, however, doubly interested in the present difficulty. First, as Provincial Secretary, seeking to collect the debts due to the Province; and, secondly, as a representative of both City and County anxious to see the two Corporations acting in harmony in the discharge of their respective duties. From these standpoints, and in the hope that the apparent misunderstanding between the two bodies may be quickly removed, I beg to ask you to place this before your Council, with the accompanying copies of letters from the County Clerk to the Department of Public Works and Mines. I am sure that you and the Aldermen will agree with me, that it is not desirable that the reasons given by the County for non-payment should be placed before the Legislature, without my first making the City authorities aware of the allegations of the County officials, as to illegal retention by the City of moneys said to have been levied and collected for County purposes.

“The correspondence was quite voluminous, and it, with the letter, was placed on the order of the day, by suggestion of Ald. Lyons.”

Applications were read from Thomas A. James (city), John McBain of Dartmouth, for appointment as County Constables. Also from Town Clerk, Dartmouth, requesting that Johnson Medley be made a County Constable.

On motions of Councillors Ryan and Shatford, and Sellars and Tupper, they were so appointed.

Applications were submitted, with recommendations for appointment as Chief County Constable, from Patrick E. Phelan and Louis Nickerson, also from Patrick Monaghan, the former officer, and J. M. McCarthy. After discussion as to qualifications, character and fitness of the several applicants, Councillors C. E. Smith and Fitzgerald nominated Nickerson, and Councillors O'Leary and Ryan nominated Phelan for the position. The ballot was taken showing—For Nickerson, 9; Phelan, 20. The latter was declared elected.

The Committee on Nominations reported through their Chairman, Councillor Poole, the following as forming the Standing Committees for the current year:

*Public Accounts and Finance*—Councillors Shatford, Ryan, Hayes, Chase and Poole.

*Public Property*—Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himelman and Chase.

*Licenses*—Councillors Burgess, Sellars, Bishop, Cruickshank, Poole, Dennis Smith and Fader.

*Roads and Bridges*—Councillors Wilson, Poole, Shatford, Himelman, O'Leary and C. E. Smith.

*Assessments*—Councillors O'Leary, Parker, Blakeney, Fitzgerald, Fraser and Croucher.

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

*Law Amendments*—Councillors Shatford, Madill, Parker, Ross and Tupper.

*Poor*—Councillors C. E. Smith, Lapierre, A. W. Smith, Thomas, Longard and J. Hayes.

*Jury List*—Councillors Ryan, N. Hayes, Bissett, Himelman and Burgess.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Applications for the Inspectorship of Licenses for the County, together with certificates of standing in Temperance organizations as required by law, were received and read from W. Y. Gray, of Bedford, John A. Mackasey, of Halifax. Sections relating to the requirements and duties of such official were quoted from the new License Act, Chap. 3, 1886. The subject was discussed, and action thereon referred to the License Committee to report thereon.

Councillor Wilson submitted a resolution—"That the County Councillors receive \$10 each and the usual travelling fees in full for services during the present session, irrespective of the number of days that may be occupied." He explained that the object was to expedite the business. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Read, a letter from Hon. Attorney General, dated January 11th,

referring to George Dennafor's account for serving and attending witnesses in Supreme Court, and which the Treasurer had refused to pay on the ground that Dennafor was not appointed County Constable. After explaining, he recommends payment, as the work was done. On motion of Councillors Lawson and N. Hayes, the letter was referred to the Finance Committee for enquiry and report.

Read, a Memorial from the Sisters of Charity in charge of the school at Upper Prospect, requesting the payment of the County School Grant for two terms, being \$224, withheld by the Treasurer on account of non-payment of taxes by the ratepayers of the District, and which they say is not a valid reason for refusing payments to which they are entitled, and may lead to closing the school, &c. The Deputy Warden remarked that it seemed to be a settled course with the people of that District not to pay their lawful taxes. This had been the case for years, and though it was perhaps hard for teachers to wait for their money, yet the Council had, in consequence, authorized the County authorities to defer payment of the grants until the rates were collected. All other Districts came under the same rule, but it had been needless to apply it except in No. 10 and an adjoining District. Councillor Longard approved Deputy Warden's statements, and explained difficulty in collecting in District 10. Lately a constable (a stranger from another District, and not a County Constable) had come there, and people had refused to pay him. Constable Mihan, of District 30, had also refused to collect. Until delinquents of former years, as well as this year, were forced to pay, the better disposed people would not pay. He had not and would not pay his own taxes unless stringent and effective means were used with all who owed rates. Councillor Ryan suggested that the Constable in District No. 10 be punished for neglect of duty, and said that if the Councillor would inform the Stipendiary when delinquent ratepayers from the District were sending up fish, a levy could be made for their rates.

Moved by Councillors Burgess and N. Hayes—

"That the Constable, Thomas Mihan, of Upper Prospect, and all other officers of District No. 10, for neglect of duty, be fined." Passed.

The Deputy Warden, seconded by Councillor Wilson, submitted the following resolution:

"Whereas, A petition from the Sisters of Charity of Prospect has been laid before the Council in reference to the County School Grant being withheld, the same being withheld in accordance with a resolution of this Council in consequence of the non-payment of County and County School Rates by the people of Prospect;

"And whereas, The Councillor for that District endeavors to lay the blame of the non-collection of taxes on the authorities of the County;

"*Therefore resolved*, That a Committee of this Council be appointed to investigate the cause of the failure to collect said rates, and also to devise means whereby they may be collected, and report to this Council at an early day, with any suggestions they may see fit to offer; and

"*Further resolved*, That such Committee be composed of Councillors Ryan, Croucher, Chase and Himelman." Passed.

The Council then adjourned to 2 p.m.

## Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12th, 1887.

Council met at 2 p.m., the Warden and 25 Councillors present. The Minutes of morning session were read and adopted.

Councillor Shatford enquired as to penalties upon officers derelict of duty, and the mode of enforcing them.

Read sections 50, Incorporation Act, and 182, sub-section 13, and Revised Statutes, Chap. I., sections 8, 10 and 16.

The Warden submitted the County Auditors' Report, covering the County Treasurer's accounts of Receipts and Expenditures, as follows:

HALIFAX, January 7th, 1887.

*To His Honor the Warden and the Municipal Council of Halifax County:*

GENTLEMEN,—We have examined the books and vouchers of the County Treasurer for the year ended 31st December, 1886, and have much pleasure in reporting the same to be correct, and that his duties have been carefully and correctly performed. The balance of \$2,199.06, as per account herewith submitted, is at the credit of the Municipality in the Halifax Bank.

JOHN E. ALBRO,  
F. G. WAINWRIGHT, } *County Auditors.*

The Treasurer stated that in consequence of the city not paying over the Assessment due for 1886, he had only been able to pay to the Government \$3000 on account of Insane. In the settlement for 1886 Assessment on the city, a rebate would have to be made for maintenance of Insane taken over by the city.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The Municipality of Halifax County in Account with the Treasurer,  
for the Year ended 31st December, 1886.*

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid Commissioners of Public Charities on account of Insane Paupers.....		\$3000 00
“ on Account Lunacy Certificates, 1885-6.....		306 25
“ on Account of Public Schools, 1885, and Grants May and October, 1886.....		7958 59
“ Superintendent of Education for Loan in May, 1886.....		4772 00
“ County Jail Expenditure (on account).....		2117 17
“ County Court Expenditure.....		1438 30
“ Interest on Court House Loan, 1886, (on acct). on Account Judicial Expenses, viz :		937 50
“ Criers and Constables Supreme Court, 1885-6	\$645 23	
“ Grand Jury and Secretary .....	343 30	
“ Petit and Special Juries.....	659 40	
“ Crown Witnesses, 1885-6.....	556 30	
“ High Sheriff, Accounts 1885 and 1886 (in part)	431 72	
“ County Court Crier and Special Jury.....	210 00	
“ Criminal Prosecutions, Sundry Expenses .....	69 85	
		<u>2915 86</u>
“ County Stipendiary, Salary.....	800 00	
“ County Constable, “ .....	200 00	
		<u>1000 00</u>
“ County Treasurer.....	500 00	
“ County Clerk.....	1100 00	
“ Coroners' Juries and Medical Evidence (in part)	476 00	
“ Contingent Expenses.....	356 67	
“ Printing, Stationery and Advertising .....	213 97	
“ Pay of Warden and Councillors and Mileages.	914 40	
“ Expenses Councillors' Election, 1886.....	185 65	
“ County Auditors.....	40 00	
“ Revisors and Assessors, 1885-1886.....	642 50	
“ Collectors Commissions, 1886, and Balances for 1885.....	625 99	
“ Bounties on Wild Animals.....	260 00	
“ Poor Rates, Repaid to Overseers Poor for 1884-5-6.....	138 92	
“ Expended on Roads, &c., out of Fines and Licenses.....	402 42	
Government Grant for Roads and Bridges, Paid Balances, 1885, and Expended 1886, and Advances.....		9764 00
Poor Farm, Purchase of Premises and Expenses....		1827 51
		<u>\$41893 64</u>
Balance carried down.....		<u>2199 66</u>
		<u>\$44092 70</u>





## RECEIPTS.

By Balance in full from last Account, Dec. 31, 1885.....		\$ 3769
City of Halifax, on Account Assessments, viz:		
Weekly Payments, 1884 do. ....	\$ 603 12	
do. 1885 do. ....	4932 35	
do. 1886 do. to July 6th	3064 02	
		\$3599 49
Received on Account Deficits, District Assessments, 1886 .....	\$ 926 78	
District Assessments, 1886 .....	} 10965 05	
Received from Districts to Dec. 31st .....		
		\$1189 83
Superintendent of Education.....	} 4772 00	
Loan to Pay May School Grants, 1886....		
Pedlers, Auctioneers and Ferry Licenses .....	54 00	
Stipendiary for Fees collected in his Office, 1886	334 05	
Town of Dartmouth on Acct. of County Rates.	3000 00	
N. S. Government Grant toward Expenses of Court House, 1886.....	300 00	
County Seal Fees Received.....	2 50	
County Jail, Rent of Debtors' Rooms, Deserters, &c.....	58 22	
Received on Account Maintenance Insane Patients, 1886, to May.....	43 02	
Fines and Fees paid in per Stipendiary and other Magistrates .....	128 91	
Liquor Licenses (6 Districts).....	295 00	
Government Road Grant for 1886.....	11147 09	
Less repaid on account of Bridges, 1885, and interest.....	2303 26	
		\$3843 74
For Debentures for Poor Farm.....		2000 00
		\$40322 74
		\$44092 70
		\$2199 06
By Balance carried down.....		

E. &amp; O. E.

WM. H. WISWELL,  
*Municipal Treasurer.*

Examined and Certified to be Correct—

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

HALIFAX, Jan. 10, 1887.

Printed copies thereof were given to each Councillor. Several Councillors enquired about the City's proportion, and school grants. Councillor Ryan asked for statement of city and Dartmouth's taxation, and gave some illustrations of the relative amounts assessed. Councillor Longard referred to annual payment of interest on Court House loan, and enquired whether any sinking fund was to be provided to pay the same, and when, as the amount was a heavy one to assess. The Warden said the Debentures had 20 years from their date of issue to mature, and could then be renewed.

Submitted, Report of Keeper of County Jail for year 1886; also

that of Dr. Trenaman, Surgeon to the Jail, and application from him for re-appointment. Referred to Committee on Public Property.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Ryan, that Dr. Trenaman be re-appointed as Jail Surgeon, with same salary as heretofore. Passed.

The Treasurer's Accounts and Auditor's Report were referred to the Finance Committee, and the Jailor's and Surgeon's Reports to Committee on Public Property.

The Clerk requested the Lists of District Officers to be sent in, and mentioned the necessity of their being full and complete, as the law required them to be printed and posted in each District. A License Inspector and Boards of Health and Fire Escapes must be appointed at this Session, and no more than *three* Overseers of Poor appointed for a District. The Statute required that all officers be sworn under the Municipality Oath, except the Auditors and Revisors. All parties had to sign the oath, and blanks would be sent to Councillors for that purpose.

The Warden submitted and read applications for the office of Chief Inspector of Licenses for the County from W. Y. Gray and John A. Mackasey, which were referred to Committee on Licenses to report upon.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Himelman, the Clerk was directed to notify the City's Committee to meet that of the County at the County Clerk's office to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that the Council do now adjourn to visit the Jail, and meet to-morrow, (Thursday,) at 2 o'clock, so that Committees may prepare Reports. Passed.

## THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, Jan. 13th, 1887.

The Council met this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Present—The Warden and 29 Councillors.

The County Clerk reported that he had written to the City Clerk asking for a conference with the City Council's Committee on the assessment arbitration, and in reply he had received the following letter:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
Halifax, 13th January, 1887.

W. H. WISWELL, Esq., County Clerk:

*Dear Sir,*—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant on behalf of the County Council, in

reference to conference in relation to financial matters concerning Municipal assessments, and to inform you that the Committee of the City Council has not yet been appointed. I may, however, state that the subject has been on the Council's "Order of the Day" for some time, but, owing to a press of business, has not yet been reached. Should the matter be finally settled at a meeting to be held on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., I will notify you thereof.

Your obedt. servant,

THOS. RHIND,  
*City Clerk.*

Several Councillors referred to the city's failure to appoint this Committee as required by the law, stating it was understood that a Committee had been appointed about three weeks ago, by a resolution in which the City Council requested the County Council to appoint a similar Committee.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Hays, it was resolved that the letter be recorded in the Minutes of the Council.

Read, applications from J. Seymour Woodill, W. Y. Gray, John A. Mackasey, and Wm. Brooks for the position of License Inspector for the County. The applications were accompanied by certificates of qualification, to the effect that the applicant was a member in good standing of some Temperance organization. Some discussion took place on the amount of salary which the Inspector should receive, the kind of person wanted, his qualifications, and whether his expenses were to be included in the salary or be extraneous.

Read, Sections 1, 4, 33, 54, 121, 123, of "The License Act of 1886," and the amendment thereto, showing the duties, qualifications and expenses of such Inspector, including an office for him, &c.

The following resolution, moved by Councillor Lawson, and seconded by Councillor Himelman, was then put:

"That the salary of the Chief Inspector of Licenses for the Municipality of Halifax County be fixed at \$500 for the present year."

A number of Councillors were in favor of more than one Inspector, owing to the County being so large, but the resolution carried by a vote of sixteen for and ten against. On names being called for, there appeared: *For*—Councillors Lawson, Cruickshank, Burgess, Poole, Chase, Shatford, Croucher, Madill, Tupper, Sellars, Blakeney, C. E. Smith, Himelman, Lapierre, D. Smith and John Hayes—16. *Against*—Councillors Ryan, O'Leary, Parker, Fitzgerald, A. W. Smith, Fraser, Ross, Thomas, Bishop and Fader—10.

The following resolution, moved by Councillor Lawson, and seconded by Councillor Burgess, was carried:

"That a Board of Health be appointed for Districts 15 and 17,

and such Board shall consist of Jeremiah Daniels, Andrew Heffler, William Hare, J. G. Corbin, A. B. Wilmot, Bennett Fultz, E. E. Burgess and George Lawson."

Councillor Wilson submitted, read and explained the

## REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Commissioners of the Court House deem it consistent to report to your honorable body the demands made upon them by occupants of offices in the County Court House, and the conditions of the case as they find it.

In the Statute relating to the Court House the Commissioners constitute a body corporate for the purpose of holding the property in trust for the County, but have no authority to increase the capacity of the building, or to expend money thereon in any way. The Statute, however, defines that offices for certain therein-named departments shall be provided and maintained by the County. When, however, any repairs are required, the Commissioners find themselves in the position of a buffer between two antagonistic forces, and in case of repairs necessary they can only call on the Committee of Public Property to do such repairs as are necessary for the protection of the property, or for the proper maintenance of the offices; but a case has arisen wherein the Prothonotary has made a demand upon the Commissioners not only for repairs which they consider reasonable, but also for additional office room or facilities, which the Committee on Public Property consider they have no jurisdiction over, and declined to entertain.

Therefore, the Commissioners beg that your body, as a whole or by a Committee, will enquire into the matter, and either authorize the additional office facilities called for by the Prothonotary, or, by refusing the same, relieve the Commissioners of responsibility in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. W. CHIPMAN,  
B. C. WILSON,  
E. E. BURGESS.

Halifax, 12th January, 1887.

The Warden stated that negotiations had been concluded between the Commissioners of the Court House and the Department of Justice for the use of the two front rooms, formerly the Clerk's office, for the Vice-Admiralty Court, at a rental of \$150 per year.

After discussion the Report was, on motion, laid over till the April session to consider.

Read, the following summary of the business of the County Stipendiary's office for the year ended December 31st, 1886:

*Return of Convictions made by me, as County Stipendiary, from 1st January to the 31st November, 1886.*

Name of Prosecutor.	Name of Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of conviction	Name of the convicting officer	Amount of penalty, fine or damage.	Time when paid or to be paid.	To whom paid over by said Justice.	If not paid, why not, and general observations, if any.
Newton Kuhn ...	Wm. B. McDonald	Assault .....	Mar. 18th.	J. Lester Griffin.	\$ 10 00	Not paid.		Constable declined to collect unless indemnified.
John H. Anderson	David Vaughan ...	Selling liquor without lic.	Mar. 18th.	Norman Hayes.	10 00	Mar. 19th.	W. H. Wiswell, Co. Treasurer.	
John H. Anderson	William Roast....	do. do.	do.	J. Lester Griffin.	10 00	do.	do.	
John H. Anderson	John Young .....	do. do.	do.	do.	10 00	do.	do.	
John H. Anderson	Wm. Anderson ...	do. do.	do.	do.	10 00	do.	do.	
Wm. Y. Gray .....	John Boutilier....	do. do.	Mar. 23rd.	J. L. Griffin and Edmund Ryan	10 00	Not paid.		Went to jail 20 days.
Hannah Gross ...	James Gross.....	Assault .....	April 7th.	J. Lester Griffin.	2 00	do.		Went to jail 10 days.
Wm. Y. Gray .....	John Boutilier....	Selling liquor without lic.	July 6th..	do	50 00	Aug. 10th.	Co. Treas., \$25.00	Bal. cannot be collect'd
Phebe Wiseman ..	Emma Lapiere....	Assault .....	July 28th.	do.	2 00	July 28th.	do.	
Henry Brady .....	William Keddy ...	Selling liquor without lic.	Aug. 2nd.	do.	50 00	Not paid.		Went to jail one month.
D. A. Laurenceson	Rayne Bayers ...	Assault .....	Aug. 26th.	do.	5 00	Aug. 26th.	Co. Treasurer...	
Patrick Hagarty..	Simeon Dares ...	Distilling liquor illegally	Oct. 2nd..	do.	100 00	Not paid.		Went to jail 6 months.
Patrick Hagarty..	George Dares.....	do. do.	do.	do.	100 00	do.		Went to jail 6 months.
Patrick Hagarty..	Simeon Dares ...	Having in his possession on premises distilling apparatus illegally....	do.	do.	100 00	do.		Com'ted to jail 6 mos.
Patrick Hagarty..	George Dares.....	do. do.	do.	do.	100 00	do.		Com'ted to jail 6 mos.
Joseph Himelman.	Arthur Himelman.	Violating bye-laws relating sea manure.....	Dec. 30th.	do.	2 00	do.		Time allowed not exp'd
Joseph Himelman.	Joseph Ronkey ..	do. do.	do.	do.	2 00	do.		Time allowed not exp'd

I certify the above to be a correct return of fines imposed and partly collected, all of which I respectfully submit,

J. LESTER GRIFFIN, County Stipendiary Magistrate.

*Summary of Business and Receipts in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court for the year ended December 31st, 1886.*

No. of Writs issued March quarter .....	147.	Fees .....	\$ 52 20
" " June " .....	177.	" .....	81 10
" " Sept. " .....	248.	" .....	95 45
" " Dec. " .....	267.	" .....	105 30
Totals .....			839
			\$334 05

Conviction and Fines per Return 17..... 573 00  
 Of which amount collected and paid Treasurer, \$72.00.  
 For the remainder the parties were sent to County Jail.

*Receipts for Liquor Licenses.*

From Benj. Gordon, Tavern License, District 30...	\$30 00	
" John Brady, " "	31... 30 00	
" Robt. Allen, " "	15... 30 00	
" David Vaughan, " "	36... 30 00	
" William Roast, " "	36... 30 00	
" Thomas Ward, " "	14... 30 00	
" James Finlay, " "	33... 30 00	
" P. C. Conley, " "	15... 30 00	
" Thomas Beech, " "	15... 30 00	
		270 00

*Other Licenses.*

Auctioneer's License, P. W. Maskell, District 27, half year	4 00	
Pedler's License, Joseph Lavers, (team).....	\$10 50	
" Richard Burrows, (pack) .....	2 50	
" James Hershman, (team).....	8 50	
		21 50
Ferry License to Saml. Purcell, Purcell's Cove. ....	\$1 00	
" W. A. Purcell, Point Pleasant.....	1 00	
" James Tracey, Ship Harbor.....	1 00	
		3 00
		\$1205 55

Total of all Licenses, \$298.50.

I certify the above to be a correct return of all Fees, Fines and Licenses for 1886.

J. LESTER GRIFFIN.

*County Stipendiary and Clerk of Licenses, &c.*

Halifax, Dec. 31st, 1886.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and John Hays—

"Resolved, That the Stipendiary's Report be printed in the Minutes of this Council." Passed.

The Council adjourned till 2.30 p.m. Friday.

## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Jan. 14th, 1887.

Council met at 2.30. Warden and 29 Councillors present.  
 Yesterday's Minutes read and adopted.  
 Councillor Burgess (Chairman), presented the

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Having had before us several applications for the office of Chief Inspector of Licenses for the Municipality, your Committee beg leave to say that they cannot agree on the appointment of any one of them, and request that the appointment be made by the body of the Council.

(Signed)

E. E. BURGESS, Chairman.  
 E. R. POOLE,  
 HENRY CRUICKSHANK,  
 JAMES H. SELLARS,  
 DENNIS SMITH,  
 HENRY FADER.

He said they had difficulty in deciding upon the appointment of an Inspector, and preferred that full Council should decide upon the person. The Warden suggested that the appointment be delayed till later on in this Session, so as to get definite and full information as to the most eligible party. Much discussion followed till Councillor Parker proposed that D. W. B. Reid, of District 21, be appointed. He was supported by Councillor Tupper. A number of Councillors objected that no application or credentials were received from Mr. Reid, whilst other applicants had complied with all the requirements. The two Councillors guaranteed that the necessary qualifications would be forthcoming by first mail.

Councillors Burgess and Wilson nominated W. Y. Gray.

Councillors Cruickshank and Fader nominated Seymour Woodill.

Councillors Himelman and D. Smith nominated Wm. Brooks.

Councillors Ryan and John Hayes nominated John A. Mackasey.

On the first ballot there were for Woodill, 3; Mackasey, 3; Brooks 5; Gray, 7; Reid, 12. The two first were dropped, and ballot stood—for Brooks, 10; Gray, 7; Reid, 12. Gray was dropped, and on the third ballot there appeared—for Brooks, 14; Reid, 15. Mr. Reid was declared elected.

On motion, the bond to be given by the Inspector was fixed at \$1000.

Councillor O'Leary (Chairman), submitted the

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Assessment beg to report that there is a large amount of the assessment of 1886 unpaid, and some of the rolls not returned to the County Treasurer, so that our Report will not give the full amount of taxes due at this meeting of the Council. The accompanying sheet shows the amount due in several Districts, which, when added together, makes \$832.96.

Your Committee hope to give a full report of deficits at the April meeting, and trust that the Councillors will see that the Assessment Rolls be returned to the Treasurer not later than the first of November, as the law directs.

Your Committee find that the assessment for 1887 in District 10 has not been made, and as the Councillor for that District says that he will not pay his taxes, we trust that the Committee appointed to inquire into the Municipal affairs of District 10 will be able to show who is responsible for those lawless actions in that District.

THOMAS O'LEARY, Chairman.

T. A. PARKER,

JOHN A. BLAKENEY,

ORESTES P. FRASER,

JAMES FITZGERALD,

JAMES CROUCHER.

### Deficits due by Districts up to January 12th, 1887:

District 7.....	\$ 7 50	District 22.....	\$103 52
" 8.....	37 47	" 23.....	13 62
" 9.....	4 56	" 24.....	4 74
" 12.....	4 27	" 25.....	49 67
" 13.....	7 43	" 26.....	120 62
" 14.....	0 50	" 27.....	29 62
" 15.....	14 26	" 28.....	6 29
" 16.....	180 00	" 31.....	174 81
" 17.....	39 11	" 32.....	6 28
" 18.....	3 98	" 33.....	1 82
" 19.....	3 21	" 35.....	90
" 20.....	38 96	" 36.....	5 59
" 21.....	13 19		
		Total.....	\$832 96

The report was adopted on motion of Councillors Himelman and Ryan.

The report of the Special Committee, appointed to inquire into the unsatisfactory condition of District 10, and to suggest a remedy therefor, was read.



## REPORT ON AFFAIRS DISTRICT No. 10.

The Committee consider that the school grant for the Sisters of Charity at Prospect may be deemed as settled, it having been referred to the Finance Committee by the Council. In reference to the charge made by Councillor Longard that the County authorities are to blame for the non-collection of taxes in that District, the Committee find that the Clerk and Stipendiary Magistrate had done all in their power to assist the local authorities in their duties, and consider that Councillor Longard has not only neglected to render the authorities that assistance which it is his duty to do, but had set a bad example by refusing to pay his own taxes. The Committee also find that some of the District Officers positively refused to do the duty which the law requires of them. In proof of the fact that the District Officers had refused to do their duty the Committee were shown the roll, and regretted to say no attempt to assess had been made in the District, the roll being returned in the same condition as sent to the officers by the Clerk. In reference to providing a remedy for this state of affairs, the Committee recommend that the County Clerk immediately carry out the resolution of the Council in reference to the punishment of officers who refuse to do their duty, and that the Chief Constable, with a sufficient posse, and facilities, if necessary, for removing goods levied on to some place of safety until the day of sale, be immediately sent to District 10, and the law against delinquent ratepayers be strictly enforced. That the Clerk may know who to proceed against, the Committee recommend that Councillor Longard hand to him a list of officers in this District who have neglected or refused to do their duty.

E. RYAN.

T. E. CHASE.

JAMES CROUCHER, JR.

JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Council then adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

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**FIFTH DAY.**

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 15th, 1887.

Council met at 10.30. The Warden and 28 Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

Councillor Burgess desired reconsideration of the vote for D. W.

B. Reid as Inspector of Licenses, his application and credentials not having been presented to the Council as with the others. After discussion, the bye-law showed that the notice should have been given yesterday, and was now out of order.

Lists of District Officers were submitted by the several Councillors, except that for District 10. On motion of Councillors Longard and O'Leary, a Committee composed of Councillors Longard, Parker and Fraser was appointed to prepare said list for 1887.

Councillor Wilson (Chairman), presented the following

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Committee on Public Property beg to report that the County property, represented by the Court House, County Jail, and ground therewith connected, are all in a fair state of repair and efficiency.

During the year 1886, such ordinary repairs to these buildings as from time to time were imperatively necessary, were attended to with as strict a regard for economy as efficiency permitted. The bills for plumbing are somewhat in excess of former years, in consequence of the water-closets and a bath, which had outlived their usefulness, and were endangering the building as well as the health of the inmates, had to be put in anew, and further, through the malicious action of one of the prisoners setting fire to the Jail in the month of November, whereby some of the water pipes were melted off and other injury done to the water closets in the females ward, and necessitating immediate repairs or new work.

The Jailor's report herewith accompanying shows that the commitments for criminal causes was one less than in the preceding year, and of debtors twenty-eight less; and a tabulated statement shows that of the 315 commitments in 1886, but 24 of them were from the rural districts, which showing forms a fair illustration of the relative demands of the city and country upon the County.

The Committee have several times been called upon by the "Commissioners of Court House" to make repairs and provide additional facilities. In the matter of repairs, where the Committee deemed such necessary and imperative, they gave the matter due attention, but considered the providing of additional facilities as beyond their jurisdiction, and declined to entertain the same without authority from the Council, and, other than this, the Committee are not aware of anything calling for special provision beyond keeping good the ordinary wear and depreciation incident to all property.

In the matter of Poors' Farm, which was also placed under the management of your Committee, they have to report: That several properties were offered them, one of which, on Bedford Basin, was considered eminently desirable, but it was found that the conditions of title were so complicated as to practically rule it out of the

market. The next best property offered was at Cole Harbor, a little over six miles from Dartmouth, in District No. 31, and which, after due consideration, was purchased for \$1730. The property comprises something over 300 acres in all, a number of which are under cultivation, the rest being heavily wooded, a very large proportion being of very fine, heavy hardwood, and valuable, and there is an almost unlimited supply of wood for fuel within a few hundred yards of the dwelling. The hay on the place, some 8 or 10 tons, was gathered and stored in the barn and premises. Plans and specifications of a suitable building have been made, and tenders received for its erection.

Your Committee also beg to explain that in view of the demand made by the Government that the County shall take over and otherwise provide for certain of its more harmless insane patients now cared for at Mount Hope Asylum, that provision has been made to some extent in the proposed building, with a view to taking or accommodating a limited number, and as this can be done without practically increasing the cost, it will afford the County an opportunity for experiment, and if at any future time it is found more economical to provide for all our incurable insane at this establishment, provision can be made accordingly.

Your Committee wish to explain that owing to the time occupied in perfecting titles, &c., the season was so far advanced that it was deemed inexpedient to proceed with the erection of the building during the late autumn, consequently the asylum is not ready for occupancy so soon as defined by resolution of the Council, or as was anticipated, but it is stipulated to be completed and ready for reception of inmates by first of August coming.

The statute relating to this institution requires that a Committee of Management be appointed. During the past year this power was delegated to the Committee of Public Property, but may be confirmed or changed at the will of the Council.

B. C. WILSON.  
EDMUND RYAN.  
THOS. E. CHASE.  
E. E. BURGESS.  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

A long discussion took place relative to the site, cost and arrangements of the Poor Farm and proposed buildings. Councillor Sellars asked if there was not a lawsuit pending against the owner of the property at purchase, and since decided against it. Councillor Wilson said there was about an acre in dispute in court, but this strip of land the Committee did not buy. The Warden said the lawsuit did not affect the County's purchase, and that Mr. Sedgewick was employed to search the title very carefully, and had reported the farm free of all encumbrance. Read petitions from Districts 28,

29 and 31 against the purchase of Poor Farm on several grounds, and asking that it be sold and the proceeds paid back to County Treasurer. The Warden read the resolution passed by the Council April, 1886, (see Minutes that year, page 76.) Councillor Longard said it was reported that the Committee themselves were not agreed upon this site. The members of the Committee present said this was not the case. Councillor Wilson explained very fully as to the nature of the property, plans, cost, facilities, and read extracts from the law relating to this and other County buildings. The expenses of the poor and harmless insane would be very much less at the Farm than as at present for both Districts and County. Councillor Sellars asked that a vote be taken on the petitions.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Shatford

“*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Public Property be received and adopted.” Carried.

Names being called for, there appeared : *For*—Councillors Lawson, Wilson, N. Hays, Chase, Poole, Burgess, Shatford, Ryan, Croucher, Himelman, John Hays, C. E. Smith, A. W. Smith, and Longard—14. *Against*—Councillors Cruickshank, Fader, Thomas, Bishop, Blakeney, Sellars, Parker, Tupper, Ross, Fitzgerald, Lapierre, and D. Smith—12.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess, and

“*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Property be the Committee to take charge and management of the Poores' House and Farm.” Passed.

The Council adjourned to Monday next at 2 p.m.

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## SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Jan. 17th, 1887.

Council met at 2.30 p.m. Warden and 29 Councillors present.

Councillor Sellars enquired why it was necessary to pay over \$16 per month at the Poor Farm for a keeper who had nothing to do. Councillor Ryan explained that there was work to be done, and that some person had to oversee the place, as there was hay in the barn, and that to keep the policy of insurance intact there should be a keeper. The Warden corrected the newspaper report in reference to deferring the Report to April. He had said “a few days” only.

Read, certificate of D. W. B. Reid's standing in the Elmsdale Division, S. of T., as qualification for the position of License In-

spector for the County, to which he had been appointed. Some discussion ensued on the salary, and whether the expenses were to be paid in addition to the \$500 salary. The mode of appointment, and Inspector's qualifications and duties, as provided by the Liquor License Act, 1886, were read; also clause 121, showing that all expenses were extra and to be paid by the County.

Read, also, the amendment to that Act respecting extension of time for issuing the Licenses up to 16th March, 1887. The wording of the first clause appeared so indefinite that no action was taken upon it.

Read, a letter from the Warden of Kings County, enclosing copy of Memorial to the Legislature, asking that in matters affecting Municipal interests the bills be submitted to the County Councils before action be taken thereon, &c. On motion, it was referred to Committee on Law Amendments to report upon.

The Warden submitted the

## REPORT OF THE KEEPER OF THE COUNTY JAIL,

*For the year ending December 31st, 1886.*

For the year ending this date there were 206 criminals, 109 debtors, showing an increase of one criminal and a decrease of 28 debtors, being a total of 21 prisoners from the previous year.

At present there are 18 criminals and two debtors in the Jail.

The largest number of persons in Jail at one time during the year was 30.

Annexed is a statement showing the number of prisoners, and the crimes for which they were committed, during the year. Also, the number of prisoners committed in 1885 who were not released until 1886. During the year ending this date there were 315 prisoners committed to Jail, viz :

From the City Court.....	221
“ Supreme and County Court.....	53
“ Magistrates' Courts.....	24
“ Municipality of Dartmouth .....	17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>315</b>

Amount of moneys received for boarding merchant sailors, deserters from H. M. service, and room rent during the year, and paid to County Treasurer, was \$58.22.

The sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good, and little sickness, excepting with those committed temporarily from the City Court for drunkenness, of which there were for the year 38.

The conduct of the prisoners has been good with two exceptions, viz.: 1. Sarah Beals, who, on the evening of November 20th, set fire to the Jail, which came near being attended with disastrous

results. 2. Jose Antonio Martinez, a Spaniard sentenced for 18 months, committed a murderous assault upon the Turnkey on the morning of Decembar 19th, with an iron bar which had been used for bracing the windows open, which he had succeeded in wrenching off and concealing in his cell on the previous evening.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS CHAMBERS, *Jailor.*

*Synopsis of Commitments in 1886.*

The following is a statement of the number of persons, male and female, confined in the Halifax County Jail during 1886, with the offences with which they were charged :

	Males.	Females	Total.
Assault.....	26	5	31
Forgery.....	4	0	4
Larceny.....	22	2	24
Bastardy.....	4	0	4
Robbery.....	3	1	4
Vagrancy.....	1	0	1
Burglary.....	4	0	4
Buggery.....	1	0	1
Arson.....	2	0	2
Murder.....	2	0	2
Bigamy ..	1	0	1
Stowaways.....	2	0	2
Drunkenness.....	33	5	38
Unsound mind.....	3	2	5
Disorderly conduct.....	12	3	15
Burglary and larceny.....	9	2	11
Threatening language.....	5	0	5
Cruelty to animals.....	2	0	2
Deserting vessels.....	9	0	9
“ H. M. service.....	2	0	2
Stabbing and wounding.....	1	0	1
Shooting and wounding.....	2	0	2
Assault and wounding.....	1	0	1
Keeping disorderly house.....	1	1	2
Uttering counterfeit money.....	1	0	1
Refusing duty on vessels.....	4	0	4
Keeping houses of ill-fame.....	0	2	2
Distilling liquor without license.....	3	0	3
Selling liquor without license.....	6	1	7
Obtaining money under false pretences.....	4	0	4
Destroying government property.....	4	0	4
Having distilling apparatus in possession.....	3	0	3
Having stolen goods in possession.....	5	0	5
	182	24	206

The Report was ordered to be printed with that of Committee on Public Property.

Read, the Report of Dr. Trenaman, Physician to the County Jail.

### REPORT OF THE SURGEON TO THE JAIL.

The Report states that the cases demanding treatment were fewer in number than during the preceding year. No epidemic or contagious disease had occurred. About thirty of the prisoners admitted were suffering from some stage of alcoholism, and six were insane persons committed to Jail for safe keeping. Of the latter, four were subsequently removed to the Hospital for the Insane, one to the Poores' Asylum, from which he had escaped, and one returned to his home in New Brunswick. Aside from these the cases requiring treatment have been colds, injuries, the results of previous excesses, and chronic diseases such as bronchitis, rheumatism, ulcers, etc. Since the repairs to it last year the Jail building has been more comfortable, and the health of the inmates has correspondingly improved. The Report recommended that the enforced idleness which a sentence in the County Jail often carries with it having a deleterious effect upon the moral, as well as the physical health of the prisoners, some form of punishment should be devised by which the sentence "hard labor" could be, to some extent at least, carried out.

(Sgd.)

THOMAS TRENAMAN, M.D.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Remarks were made by Deputy Warden Shatford, and others, referring to the expense and inconvenience of prisoners under long sentences, who should more properly be sent to the Penitentiary. In reference to the large cost of conveyance to the latter at Dorchester, it was moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess, and

"*Resolved*, That this Council memorialize the Dominion Government in reference to the amount charged for railway transit from Halifax to Dorchester Penitentiary, with a view to obtaining a free pass for the prisoners and those in charge of them;

"*Further resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up such a memorial, such Committee to consist of Councillor Lawson, the Warden, and Councillor Ryan." Passed.

After one or two suggestions by Councillor Lawson verbally amending it, the following resolution, moved by Councillor Tupper and seconded by Councillor Sellars, was adopted:

"*Whereas*, The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada is adverse to the County in the Dartmouth School Assessment case;

"*Therefore resolved*, That the following Special Committee be

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authorized, under advice of legal counsel, to carry the case to Her Majesty's Privy Council for final decision, viz.: Councillors Shatford, Chase and Himelman, with the Warden."

The amendments of the Legislative Session of 1886 made to the "Public Instruction Act of 1884," were read. Also Chapter XII, Statutes of 1886, relating to Assessment for School Grants. These amendments, however, were found to give no new mode of assessment, or special power to deal with disputed claims as in the Dartmouth case, but merely rectified the error made in the R. S. of 1884, which made the action of Dartmouth legitimate thereafter in refusing to pay. The Act of 1886 affords protection to the County only in regard to the progress of the suit in Supreme Court.

The Warden called for the Lists of District Officers for 1887, in order to have them ready for acceptance. The Clerk said that under the latest Statute it was very desirable that the Lists be full, complete, and, as far as possible, not liable to change, as these Lists had to be printed and sent within two weeks to each District to be posted up as the authentic record of Officers for the year, and they must then be sworn in and each oath signed and filed.

The following motions for Assessments for Support of the Poor were submitted, read, and passed, viz.:—

Moved by Councillor Croucher, seconded by Councillor Chase, that the Council sanction the Assessment of the sum of Fifteen Dollars for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1887, on District 12.

By Councillors Chase and Poole, Fifty Dollars on District 11. ✓

By Councillors Wilson and Burgess, One Hundred Dollars on District 18. ✓

By Councillors Poole and Chase, Seventy-Five Dollars on District 20. ✓

By Councillors Tupper and Parker, Sixty Dollars on District 21. ✓

By Councillors Parker and O'Leary, Fifty Dollars on District 22. ✓

By Councillors A. W. Smith and Fraser, Sixty Dollars on District 24. ✓

By Councillors Fraser and O'Leary, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars on District 25.

By Councillors Thomas and Sellars, Forty Dollars on District 30. ✓

By Councillors Himelman and Croucher, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars on District 33. ✓

By Councillors Dennis Smith and John Hayes, Seventy-Five Dollars on District 36. X

The Lists of District Officers were received, and, on motion of Councillors Parker and O'Leary, it was

"Resolved, That the Lists of District Officers for the several Districts be passed as handed in." Passed.

*\* See also Report of Committee p. 38*  
*and D<sup>c</sup> 27 p 65 (25) and D 26 p 73 (250)*



Deputy Warden Shatford introduced the subject of the County's financial condition, and showed the embarrassed position the Municipality was placed in by the failure and refusal of the city to pay the past assessments, the pressure of the Government for their claim, and the adverse decision in the Dartmouth affair. The Treasurer was unable to meet current demands, and in view of all these difficulties it would be well to suspend all payments until next meeting. As Chairman he submitted the

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg to report that, after having given due consideration to the financial position of the County, they have arrived at the following conclusions, viz.: In view of the present unsettled state of affairs existing between the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth, and the County Municipality, they cannot see how they can provide means legitimately to continue paying the demands made on the County. They find they are indebted to the Government in a large sum, say \$34,000, and the Government are pressing for the amounts, which they are unable to pay in consequence of the action of the City Council refusing or neglecting to pay to the County what they justly owe it. The debt due the Government is entirely a debt due by the city for the maintenance of patients in the Lunatic Asylum for past years, for which the County was then liable and could not pay, in consequence of the city not paying the County its just dues. Your Committee have, therefore, come to the following resolution: "That whereas it is impossible to provide for the various services of the county unless the city pay their proportion of County rates, and the Government is entitled to receive their just proportion due them by the County, and as under the present state of affairs the County Municipality is unable, from the sums collected from the rural districts, to pay all the just demands in the County, and as it is manifestly unfair for the rural districts in the County to provide for all County claims and demands, when nine-tenths of the County institutions and County services are for the benefit of the city and the Town of Dartmouth, therefore resolved, that the Clerk and Treasurer be directed and authorized to pay no more claims on the County, and make no assessments on the rural districts, until such time as the city authorities pay, or arrange to be paid, with interest, all arrears due the County to this date, and also enter into arrangements for the future in respect to paying their proportion of County rates, or, in event of such an arrangement not being made, until such time as the Legislature shall pass an Act or enact such legislation as will effectually remove all disputes between the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth, and the County of Halifax, as well as to cause the City of

Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth to pay the arrears of County rates due the County by them respectively."

JOHN E. SHATFORD,  
THOS. E. CHASE,  
E. R. POOLE,  
NORMAN HAYS.

(Councillor Ryan did not sign the Report.)

The discussion of the Report was deferred until next morning at 10.30, and the Council adjourned till then.

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## SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 18th, 1887.

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

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee was taken up for discussion. Councillor Ryan said that the Municipality must expect hereafter to bear a much larger portion of the taxation in consequence of the changes in the Statutes, and the action of the city authorities, who all along were dissatisfied. He stated that for all services the County paid in only \$12,000. Including Schools, Assessors, Revisors, Councillors, Bounties, nearly the whole of this was paid back to the County, leaving only \$740 to pay for maintenance of Lunatics, and all other charges in which it and the other corporations were mutually interested. Councillor Lawson objected to the latter part of the Report. The course proposed by the Committee would not be advisable until all other means were exhausted. The proposal not to pay the liabilities, while the Councillors took their own pay and went away leaving other creditors without their money, was not commendable nor honest. He thought auditors or accountants should be employed to adjust matters and steps be taken for a settlement. The Deputy Warden justified the suggestions of the Report in that no steps would be taken by the city or Dartmouth to pay, and the Government, while pressing its claim, would not assist until driven by necessity. Extreme measures had been proposed by Mr. Worrall, General Laurie, and other members in the First Council under similar circumstances. What was now proposed was merely to postpone the Estimate until April, which would make no differ-

ence, as to raising the money, as the Assessment cannot be made till late in the spring.

On motion, the Finance Committee's Report was read clause by clause, and clauses 1, 2 and 3 discussed and passed. On the 4th paragraph Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved the following as an amendment:

*"Resolved, That this Council are deeply sensible of the absolute necessity of adopting vigorous action to secure a speedy settlement and payment of claims against the city and Dartmouth authorities, yet the recommendation of the Committee now read, if carried out, would seriously interfere with the performance of the duties of the Council for an indefinite period. The Council therefore resolve that this recommendation be not approved of nor sanctioned in its present shape, but that the preparation of estimates for future expenditure be delayed till the April meeting. Further, that in the present embarrassed state of affairs the Treasurer be instructed to confine his payments strictly to such demands as will merely keep the most important departments of the County machinery in motion; such payments to be made out of such sums as may be paid by the city, there being at this season no other sources of income."*

On the amendment being put there were found to be 12 for and 12 against. Being a tie, the Warden declared the amendment lost, as the Statute directs. The names were called: *For*—Councillors Lawson, Cruickshank, Wilson, Burgess, Madill, Tupper, Parker, Thomas, Blakeney, Ross, Fraser, A. W. Smith, Fitzgerald—12. *Against*—Councillors Poole, Fader, Chase, Bishop, Longard, O'Leary, Croucher, Himelman, Lapierre, D. Smith, John Hayes, Shatford—12.

The original clause was then put and lost by 13 to 11. *For*—Councillors Fader, Poole, Bishop, Shatford, Croucher, Himelman, O'Leary, Longard, Lapierre, D. Smith, J. Hayes—11. *Against*—Councillors Lawson, Wilson, Burgess, Cruickshank, Madill, Tupper, Thomas, Blakeney, Ross, Fraser, A. W. Smith, Fitzgerald, Ryan—13. After further comments by several Councillors, further action was deferred till afternoon session.

Several notices of Poor Assessments were filed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

*"Resolved, That Statute Labor Section No. 5, District No. 18, at Oldham, be increased by including the new road from Cantfield's Hotel eastward to District line."* Passed.

Moved by Councillors Fitzgerald and Chas. E. Smith—

*"Resolved, That James Power and Peter White be the Overseers of Public Landing, Portuguese Cove, with power to prosecute all persons obstructing said Landing before one Justice of the Peace, and the fine not to exceed two dollars for every offence."* Passed.

Read, Annual Report of Samuel and W. A. Purcell, of Ferry between Point Pleasant and Purcell's Cove, Halifax County, stating number of persons crossing each way to be: Paying, 1492; free, 348; total, 1840; rate, 7 cts.; amount received, \$104.44. No grant has been given to this, or any Ferry, for several years. The Report was received and adopted.

Councillor Wilson stated, in reference to a claim from one Alex. Ogilvie, of District 35, presented last year, for damage caused by his team upsetting and causing the loss of a cask of molasses over a bank in Waverley District in consequence of a hole in the road, that before Ogilvie reached the hole he was off the road, and on the verge of the bank where he went over. The accident was his own fault, and for several reasons he could not substantiate his claim, and, therefore, it should not be paid.

A resolution by Councillor Himelman, as supplement to Finance Committee's Report, was deferred to next meeting.

The Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, p.m.

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## Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18th, 1887.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present—The Warden and 29 Councillors.

The Minutes of the morning session were read. Councillor Ryan requested that the remarks made by him relating to the County's proportion of taxes be omitted in the printed Minutes, but on Councillor Shatford remarking he was glad the Councillor was not ashamed of the course he had taken, he said the statements should remain. The Minutes were then adopted.

The Clerk submitted a bill from the Bridge Keeper, Jeddore.

Moved by Councillor Sellars, seconded by Councillor Poole—

“Resolved, That the custodians of all Draw Bridges be notified by the Clerk to report the number of times the draws have been opened, the amount of labor performed by them in looking after said Draw Bridges, and the condition of the same, in writing to this Council at the April meeting.” Passed.

Read, the Second Report of the License Committee, submitted by Councillor Burgess.

## SECOND REPORT OF THE LICENSE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee deem it necessary to recommend that Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors for Halifax County for the year 1887-8.

E. E. BURGESS, Chairman.  
D. SMITH,  
HENRY CRUICKSHANK,  
E. R. POOLE,  
RICHARD BISHOP,  
JAMES H. SELLARS.

A discussion arose concerning the object and proper meaning of Chapter 4, Acts of 1886, amending the Liquor License Act.

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor N. Hays, offered a motion in connection with it, providing that Liquor Licenses for the County be received by the Committee on Licenses, submitted to the Inspector, and laid before the April Session of the Council. This was afterward withdrawn, and the following substituted and passed :

“Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Council decide to issue Licenses in accordance with the Act, of the several kinds authorized, viz. : 1. Hotel ; 2. Shop ; 3. Wholesale Licenses.”

Councillor Shatford, Chairman, submitted the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

Nothing having been brought before your Committee except the annexed Petition to be submitted to the Legislature asking that measures affecting the business and interests of Municipalities should be first considered by their Councillors, your Committee beg to report that they fully concur with the views of the petitioners, and suggest that this County Council fully recommend the prayer of the petition.

J. E. SHATFORD, Chairman.  
GEO. H. MADILL,  
JOHN D. TUPPER,  
T. A. PARKER,  
JOHN C. ROSS.

*To the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the Province of Nova Scotia, in Session.*

The Petition of the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County,

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners are a body corporate and politic, incorpo-

rated under the Provisions of the County Incorporation Act, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, Chap and Amendments thereto, for the purposes, upon the conditions, and with the powers and jurisdiction therein mentioned.

That from time to time Amendments altering, modifying, enlarging, or limiting the constitution under which your Petitioners act, and affecting the public interests which they represent, are introduced and passed by your Honorable House during the closing days of your annual Session.

That in such circumstances your Petitioners are precluded from the opportunity of considering, revising, affirming, or petitioning against said Amendments, although the same may largely affect the important interests which it is their duty to represent and protect.

That your Petitioners humbly submit that this practice is at variance with constitutional usage and principle, and respectfully pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to protect their interest and those of their constituents in the matter, by amending your Rules of Procedure to the effect,—

That Amendments to the County Incorporation Act and Amending Acts shall be printed; and, after having been introduced and read a first time, copies shall be posted to the Clerk of each Municipality, and the second reading shall not be had until after the expiry of twenty days after the first reading, ——— or otherwise as may to your Honorable House seem just and reasonable.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Councillor C. E. Smith (Chairman), submitted the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT OF POOR.

The Committee on the Poor beg to submit to the Council an account of all the returns placed in their hands. They regret that all reports are not in, and would request the Councillors of the several Districts to have their Overseers of Poor make returns according to law.

(Sgd.)

CHARLES E. SMITH, Chairman.  
DANIEL LAPIERRE,  
ALEX. W. SMITH,  
JOSEPH THOMAS,  
GEO. J. LONGARD,  
JOHN HAYES.

District.	Balance on hand, 1885.	Collected on Assessm't, 1886.	From other Sources.	Total.	Expended.	Balance on hand, 1886.	Amount to be assessed, 1887.	Due on Ac-count of Paupers.
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On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Councillor Wilson presented and advocated a Memorial for aid to the Musquodoboit Railway.

Councillor Wilson moved that the Council aid the proposed Railway by making the land damages a charge upon the Municipality. After discussion, it was moved by Councillors Lawson and Hayes in amendment—

“Resolved, That the consideration of the petition be deferred till the April Session of Council.”

On being put the amendment passed by 14 to 12. Names were taken, viz.: *For*—Councillors Lawson, N. Hays, Fader, Shatford, Bishop, Sellars, Longard, Croucher, Himelman, John Hayes, D. Smith, Lapierre, Fitzgerald, Ryan—14. *Against*—Councillors Wilson, Cruickshank, Poole, Madill, Parker, Tupper, O'Leary, A. W. Smith, Fraser, Ross, Blakeney, Thomas—12.

Councillor Himelman, on explanation of cases brought before the Stipendiary by him against parties in District 33 for removing sea manure in violation of the bye-law, was exonerated from payment of costs (\$11.00) credited in Stipendiary's returns.

Councillor Lawson (Chairman), presented the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSANE.

COUNTY COURT HOUSE, HALIFAX,  
17th January, 1887.

It has been customary for the Committee to report to the Council at the January meeting, annually, the number of Pauper patients chargeable to the County, who were admitted during the year; the number re-admitted during the year; the number discharged or died; and the number of Halifax County Pauper patients in Hospital at the close of the year. On this occasion the Committee have not had before them information on the above-mentioned points, except as indicated in a subsequent part of this Report.

The Committee have had before them, from the Department of Public Works, an account against the County Municipality, with lists of Pauper patients and charges on their account, together with statements of arrears, balances, credits, interest, &c., for the year. The Committee have examined these documents with care, and have prepared from them abstract statements of balances; *but have not* the means of checking their accuracy at the present time.

By Chapter 66 of the Acts of 1886, it is provided that the expenses of Pauper Lunatics of the Halifax Municipality shall be charged against the Municipality apart from those chargeable to Halifax City and Dartmouth. The Act was passed on the 11th day of May, 1886, at which date, it is presumed, the separation of the patients chargeable to the several corporations should be made. In the accounts, however, before the Committee, and already referred to, there is apparently no separation up to 30th September, 1886. In the subsequent accounts the County patients are, to some extent, separated. It appears, however, that the separation is imperfect, thirty-six pauper patients being charged for. The Committee examined the lists with care, and brought them before the whole Council assembled, so as to obtain the fullest available information respecting County patients. The result of these enquiries have enabled the Committee to ascertain that the following Pauper patients are really chargeable to the County, viz.:



*List of Pauper Patients in the Hospital for Insane chargeable to Halifax County.*

MALES.

Charles Dunbrack.....	District No. 20.
Nicholas Power.....	" " 7.
William Stowell.....	" " 28.
James C. Woodworth.....	" " 19.
Charles Thompson.....	" " 16.
D. W. Stodart.....	" " 27.
Walter Umlah.....	" " 13.
Henry Ascott.....	" " 31.
David Goffigan.....	" " 17.
William Stowell.....	" " 29.
James P. Mosher.....	" " 24.
Chas. Robertson.....	" " 17.

FEMALES.

Mary A. Kennedy.....	" " 20.
Catherine Coolin.....	" " 10.
Mary Boutilier.....	" " 32.
Susan Mackenzie.....	" " 29.
Ellen Hubley.....	" " 26.
Mary Doyle.....	" " 20.
Janet Cole.....	" " 20.
Margaret Sawlor.....	" " 31.
Emma Roffee.....	" " 31.
Ellen Higgins.....	" " 7.
Julia McCarthy.....	" " 17.
Rebecca Tough.....	" " 7.

The following patients, although not included in the Hospital Accounts, are apparently chargeable to the County, and should be added to the above lists :

Catherine Power.....	District No. 10.
T. Sullivan.....	" " 10.

The following patients, chargeable at present against the County, are included in the Accounts placed before the Committee, cannot be ascertained with present information, to be so chargeable, viz. :

William Williams, attributed to Halifax County, but believed to be from Colchester or Hants.

Donald McKay, supposed to belong to Cape Breton.

James Stoneman, supposed to be from Yarmouth or Newfoundland.

Caroline Watson, supposed to be from Colchester.

Elizabeth A. Thomas. Parents said to have come from England to Oldham, in Hants, and went to United States, leaving patient in District 18, Halifax County, without settlement.

To meet the expenses of the County Pauper Patients in the Hospital for Insane for the ensuing year, it is estimated on the basis of the present number of patients, that the sum of \$3,800 will be required.

The Committee propose to meet again at an early day, in order to confer with the Hospital authorities to ascertain definitely the settlement of disputed and doubtful patients.

Now that the patients of the city and Dartmouth have been separated by Act from those of the County proper, it appears desirable that provision should be made for their admission by the officers of those Incorporations, instead of through a Committee of the County Council, who should be charged only with the admission of their own County patients.

GEORGE LAWSON, Chairman.  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
THOS. E. CHASE,  
NORMAN HAYS.

Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald, moved the following—

“Resolved, That the patients now chargeable to the County be a charge to the several Districts in the Municipality from which they are located, instead of on the whole County as at present, and that the Committee on Law Amendments be authorized by this Council to have the Law amended accordingly.”

Moved in amendment by Councillors N. Hays and Cruickshank,

“Resolved, That the motion respecting Insane Paupers, moved by Councillor Himelman, be laid over till next semi-annual meeting.”  
Passed.

The Treasurer reported that he desired instructions concerning payment of current accounts and liabilities of last year. After reserving funds for Poor Farm and other specialties demanded by law, and paying the Council, the balance shewn in his accounts would be all absorbed.

It was moved by Councillors Himelman and Wilson, and

“Resolved, That owing to not having arrived at a satisfactory settlement with the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of Halifax, this Council does not feel in a position to make any assessment at present, or until the Committee appointed by this Council meet with a Committee of the city and Dartmouth, and report to this Council. That in the meantime the Treasurer be authorized to pay no bills, he not being in a position to do so for want of funds, and this Council not being disposed to borrow money for carrying on the business of this Municipality, (unless the City

in the meantime forward funds to our Treasurer for the same,) excepting in cases of delinquent Districts which shall pay their arrearages, when the Treasurer shall be empowered to pay the County School subsidies due to such Districts." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Parker and Tupper, that a By-Law be added, to restrict the opening of dams for lumbering purposes from 1st July to 1st October, under penalty of \$20.

It was shewn that the Statute, Chap. 69 Rev. Statutes, provided for the requirement asked for.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and John Hayes, and

"*Resolved*, That the Councillors be paid \$2.00 per day for attendance at this Session." Passed.

Read, the Report of the Appraisers on a portion of road leading to a landing at Cow Bay, as submitted. One of the Appraisers had not been sworn and had not attended with the other two, and as there was some doubt as to the legality of the proceedings of these two, the matter was referred back to the Committee to appoint another person.

Read, petition from free holders in Beaver Harbor, setting forth that a road used by the public, which had been opened for twenty years, had been closed by the present proprietress of the land on which the road was situated. The holder claims that she has not been compensated therefor.

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Fraser, it was

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter of dispute arising from Mrs. Curry fencing off a road leading from Beaver Harbor to Sheet Harbor Passage, and report to this Council at its April meeting. Henry J. Balcom, John Kirker, J. P., and James McLeod, to be such Committee." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and J. Hayes—

"*Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Council for this Session be printed as usual." Passed.

The Deputy Warden having taken the chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously adopted to the Warden for the manner in which he had presided during this Session, to which he made a suitable reply.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Hayes, the Council then adjourned, to meet again on the third Tuesday of April next.

# LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1887.

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## DISTRICT No. 7.

HERRING COVE. Overseer Statute Labor—Francis Hayes. Constable—George Bennett. Assessor—James Delukrey. Revisor—Edward Hayes, (Wm.'s son). Collector—Michael Sullivan. Overseers of Poor—James Brown, David Thomas, Henry Beazley. Fence Viewer—Patrick Scallion.

SPRYFIELD. Overseer Statute Labor—Thomas Roach.

FERGUSON'S COVE. Overseer Statute Labor—John Beverly. Constable—Wm. McLellan, jr. Assessor—Francis Henrion, sr.

PURCELL'S COVE. Overseer Statute Labor—John Selig. Constable—George Smith.

Overseer of Statute Labor from Queen's Quarries to Lawson's Mills, Patrick Keefe.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Revisor—Moses Brooks.

Assessors—Charles Holland, George H. Martin.

Collector—Francis McDonald.

Overseers of Poor—Jeremiah Holland, Francis Purcell, John Johnson.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Hugh Munro, Benjamin Burk, Portuguese Cove.

Overseers of Public Landing—James Power, Peter White.

Constables—Francis O'Neil, Lawrence Bowers.

Fence Viewer—Isaiah Pettipas.

Overseers of Statute Labor—William Flemming, 1st, Joseph Martin, Ketch Harbor.

Constables—Henry Whalen, James Martin.

Fence Viewer—Lawrence Myett.  
 Overseer of Statute Labor—Thomas Holland, Duncan's Cove.  
 Fence Viewer—Peter McNeil.  
 Overseer of Statute Labor—James Pettipas, Bear Cove.  
 Constable—Joseph Scallion.  
 Fence Viewer—James Johnson.

### DISTRICT No. 9.

Overseers of Roads—John J. Smith, Sambro South; Benjamin Smith, Sambro North; Gideon Smith, Creek; George Findley, sr., Coot Cove; Andrew Twohig, Pennant; Ephraim Marryatt, Long Cove; George Schnair, East Pennant; Henry Smith, Bull Rock.  
 Constables—Samuel Smith, Joseph Marryatt, John Findlay.  
 Overseers of Poor—George H. Marryatt, Isaac Gray, Lewis H. Gray.  
 Fence Viewer—Simon Vaughan.  
 Assessors—Charles Twohig, Rufus Gray.  
 Collector—James H. Heneberry.  
 Revisor—John E. Tough.  
 Presiding Officer—Andrew Gray, jr.

### DISTRICT No. 10.

Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian.  
 Revisor—Lawrence Saul.  
 Assessors—Michael McGrath, James H. Power.  
 Collector—Clarence Christian.  
 Health Officer—W. B. Christian.  
 Overseers of Statute Labor, Prospect—Michael Walsh, Patrick A. Duggan, Michael Purcell; Kelly's Point, Pat. Power; Shad Bay—Michael Burk.  
 In charge of Public Landings—Pat. W. Christian.  
 Constables—Martin Merlin, Joseph Mason, jr., John W. Christian.  
 Overseers of Poor—Samuel Christian, Joseph D. Merlin, James W. Christian.

### DISTRICT No. 11.

Presiding Officer—Robert Munro.  
 Revisor—Robert Munro.  
 Collector—James Cornelius.  
 Health Officer—William J. Cornelius.  
 Clerk of License—Peter R. Isnor.

Pound Keeper—John Grono.

Assessors—William J. Cornelius, Frederick Boutilier.

Surveyors of Highways—William Hornish, Henry Gates, Daniel Croucher, Peter B. Isnor, Amos Corkum, James L. Richardson, Daniel Morash, George Covey.

Fence Viewers—Isaiah Cornelius, William Grono, 2nd ; Norman Covey, Rupert Daubin, Simon Hubley, James Dwyer.

Constables—William Miller, William J. Cornelius, James E. Grono, George C. Allen, Amos Corkum, Walter Garrison, Rupert Daubin, John Holland.

Overseers of Poor—Peter B. Isnor, John W. Richardson, William J. Cornelius.

Board of Health—Isaiah Cornelius, Robert Munro, James E. Grono, George C. Allen, Peter B. Isnor.

### DISTRICT No. 12.

Presiding Officer—Alfred Wager.

Revisor—Isaac Croucher.

Clerk of License—Alvin Hubley.

Assessors—Isaac Dauphney, Simon P. G. Boutilier, John R. Umlah.

Collector of Rates—Peter J. Boutilier.

Overseers of Poor—Edmond Deal, Henry Garrison, John Longard.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Edward Redmond, Archibald D. Boutilier, David Smeltzer, John Snair, sr., John Awalt, David Grono, Jeremiah Tanner, Isaac Joe Boutilier, James Slaughenwhite, Peter Brunswick, jr., John Smith, James Currie, Norman C. Boutilier,

Constables—Robert Hubley, William Joe Boutilier, Wm. M. Hubley, jr., William Smeltzer, jr., Alfred Snair, William G. H. Boutilier, Edward Johnston, Isaac Joe Boutilier, jr., Samuel J. R. Boutilier, John Slaughenwhite, James Swallow, Homer Boutilier.

Fence Viewers—Benjamin Collishaw, Benjamin Barkhouse, George P. Boutilier, Isaac Murphy, Charles Frederick, Stephen Smith, James Swallow, John Johnston.

Lumber Surveyor—John Awalt.

### DISTRICT No. 13.

Overseers of Poor—John Merlin, John Doyle, Benjamin Brunt, Secretary.

Overseers of Statute Labor—William Umlah, Brookside ; Robert A. Yeadon, Turn's Bay Road ; Charles Drysdale, Green Head ; John W. Umlah, Beech Hill ; George Umlah, Spryfield ; David Drysdale, Goodwood ; George Marriott, John Doyle, Harrietsfield.

Constables—Albert Marriott, Alfred Drysdale, Charles Raine.  
 Collector of County Rates—John Drysdale, Green Head.  
 Assessors of Rates—John W. Umlah, Robert A. Yeadon.  
 Fence Viewer—Alexander Drysdale.  
 Presiding Officer—George Marriott.  
 Revisor—George Marriott.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

Assessors—E. L. Fenerty, Robt. Pickford.  
 Collector—Peter J. Gephard.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Three-Mile House to N. W. Arm Bridge, Amos Geizer; Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge, Andrew Yeadon; N. W. Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge, Joseph McCleave; Lower Arm, Fred. Jollymore, Robt. Inness; South side of Chocolate Lake, John Rose.

Fence Viewer—Geo. Deal.

Constables—D Keating, Wm. Purcell, Fred. West.

Board of Health—J. Billman, Chas. Bennett, G. P. Henry.

Hog Reeve—Geo. Deal.

Overseers of Poor—Geo. P. Henry, P. J. Gephard, John E. Deal.

Presiding Officer—E. L. Fenerty.

Revisor—Peter J. Gephard.

#### DISTRICT No. 15.

Assessors—Joseph Archibald, Alfred Bayers.

Collector of Taxes—James Doyle.

Revisor—Thomas Payne.

Presiding Officer—Robt. Allen.

Surveyor of Lumber—James Archibald.

Overseers of Poor—Andrew Hefler, James Doyle, and Robert Allen.

Health Officer—Jeremiah Daniels.

Constables—Albert Gray, Edward Boutilier, Raymond Bayers, and Albert Tolston.

Fence Viewer—Dougal McEachren.

Overseers of Statute Labor—From Three-Mile House to Seven-Mile House, P. C. Conley; from Seven-Mile House to Sackville Bridge, James Doyle; from Piers' Mills to Kearney Road, Rattrick Grenan.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

Presiding Officer—Henry Schmidt.

Revisor—Amos Bezanson.

Assessors—James Schmidt, Sec'y., Onesimus Hayes, William Haverstock.

Collector—Samuel Izenor.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. No. 1, James Haverstock, sr.; Sec. No. 2, Pierce Byrnes; Sec. No. 3, Edward Thomson; Sec. No. 4, Andrew Locus; Sec. No. 5, David Anderson; Sec. No. 6, George Langille; Sec. No. 7, James Jones.

Constables—Samuel Izenor, Wm. Haverstock, Samuel Whyly, James Locus, Samuel Langille.

Overseers of Poor—Amos Bezanson, Sec'y., Geo. Mason, jr., William Shay.

Fence Viewers—William Schmidt, Michael Shay.

### DISTRICT No. 17.

Presiding Officer—Elias Calkin, Old Windsor Road.

Revisor—Francis Webber, J. P., Old Windsor Road.

Collectors—Charles Fenerty, New Windsor Road.

Assessors—John Davies, New Windsor Road; C. Peverill, Old Windsor Road; David A. Nicholson, Beaver Bank.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, Sackville Iron Bridge to Twelve Mile Corner; also Lily Lake Road, Robert Ward, Lower Ford; 2, New Windsor Road from Lower Fork to Conley Road, Robert Barrett; 3, New Windsor Road, from Conley Road to Upper Fork, and Cross Road to Beaver Bank Road, George Barrett; 4, From Upper Fork to Mrs. Witham's Gate, Walter Bambrick; 5, From Mrs. Witham's Gate to Hants County line, John Lewis; 6, Old Windsor Road, from Lower Fork to Conley Road, Charles Peverill; 7, Old Windsor Road, from Conley Road to Upper Fork, David Pulsifer; 8, Old Springfield Road, Robert Patton; 9, Beaver Bank (lower section), Benjamin Dean; 10, Beaver Bank Road (upper section), David Shuneman; 11, Old Cobequid Road, from Lower Fork to Railway line, John Williams; 12, From Railroad to Fletcher's, John A. Robinson; 13, Road South-east of Railway, near Bedford Basin, William McGrath; 14, Border Section, between Districts Nos. 17 and 18, John A. Robertson.

Constables—George Mollison, Upper Sackville; John Peverill, Lower Sackville; Joseph Hefter, Middle Sackville; Joseph Robertson, Lower Sackville.

Fence Viewers—Samuel Western, Springfield; George Fultz, Lower Fork.

Surveyor of Lumber—Nathan Ellis, Middle Sackville.

Pound Keeper—Richard Peverill, Lower Sackville.

Overseers of Poor—C. H. Kerr, Thirteen Mile House; Gray Schutz.



## DISTRICT No. 18.

Presiding Officer—I. Lingley.

Revisors—John Stephen.

Assessors—John E. McDonald, Wm. M. King.

Overseers of Poor—John Stephen, A. B. Temple, A. R. Tulloch.

Collector of Rates—John Stephen.

Keeper of Scales—John Lingley.

Constables—Gasper Osborn, John E. McDonald, Albert Stuart,  
Wm. Morrison, Jas. Skerry, jr., M. Tobin.

Fence Viewers—Wm. M. King, Jas. Skerry, Andrew Horne.

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, &c.—Albert Stewart, Ernest Goff,  
Jas. Rutherford, Dennis Ryan, Wm. Cantfield.

Surveyors of Highway—Section 1, James Skerry, jr.; 2, Albert  
Stuart; 3, Wm. M. King; 4, John Furgesson; 5, Patk. Doyle; 6,  
James Rutherford; 7, Andrew Horne; 8, John E. McDonald; 9,  
Jas. Otto; 11, Wm. Wrin; 12, Edmund Thomas.

Board of Health—A. B. Temple, Peter Spriggs, John E. Hardman.

## DISTRICT No. 19.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, Thos. Logan; 2, Israel Keys; 3,  
Terence Carroll; 4, Robert Logan; 5, James Dowling; 6, Wm.  
McGeorge; 7, James E. Annand; 8, John Jodrey; 9, Samuel  
McMullen; 10, James Rankins; 11, Alex. McWilliams; 12, Robt.  
J. Moore; 13, William Wilson; 14, Sylvanus Corbett; 15, Robt.  
Newman; 16, Edward Isenor; 17, Geo. Flemming.

Assessors—James E. Annand, Norman Logan.

Revisors—Robert H. Kilough, T. Wilkes.

Overseers of Poor—Terence Carroll, John Merson, James  
McDonald.

Fence Viewers—James Woodworth, John Benjamin.

Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, George Cook.

Constables—Gordon McKeen, William McGeorge, Edward Isenor.

Collector—John K. Andrews.

Presiding Officer—John K. Andrews.

## DISTRICT No. 20.

Presiding Officer—Thomas Wilkes, Esq.

Constables—James Dunbrack, of John 2nd, Alexander Hurley,  
George Miller, Alonzo Grant, Arthur Cruickshank.

Revisors—John McMullen, Thomas Wilkes.

Assessors—Duncan B. Bayers, John Dunbrack, 2nd.

Collector—Arnold McBane.

Overseers of Poor—Treasurer, James Murphy, Michael Smith, John Milne, Joseph H. Roberts.

Surveyors of Lumber—John Ledwidge, Miles Grant, George Tulley, Stephen Hirtle.

Scaler of Logs—Alexander Hurley.

Fence Viewers—John Dunbrack, 2nd ; John McMillan, of Joseph.

Overseers of Roads by Districts—No. 1, Duncan B. Bayers ; 2, John Kerr ; 3, J. H. Roberts ; 4, Alexander Hurley ; 4, James Streach ; 6, John Gildert ; 7, Alexander Dilman ; 8, Lewis Dilman ; 9, William Cole ; 10, John Murphy ; 11, James Milne ; 12, Robert Milne ; 13, James G. Kerr ; 14, Michael Smith ; 15, James Hirtle ; 16, John Ledwidge ; 17, Peter Doyle ; 18, Stephen Hirtle.

### DISTRICT No. 21.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, John Guild ; 2, Thomas Guild ; 3, James McFtridge ; 4, James Murchy ; 5, Albert McCurdy ; 6, Duncan Higgins ; 7, Joseph Higgins ; 8, William Brown ; 9, Thos. Hadley ; 10, Robert Reid ; 11, Samuel P. White ; 12, Azor Kaulback ; 13, Adam Fleck ; 14, R. A. Logan ; 15, Ephraim Scott ; 16, R. Rhodes ; 17, Hy. Annand ; 18, Wm. Taylor ; 19, Jno. H. Taylor ; 20, Jas. Brown ; 21, Wm. Leck.

Overseers of Poor—R. A. Logan, Francis Guild, William McCurdy.

Surveyors of Lumber—James Murphy, James Murchy, David Nelson.

Constables—Hugh G. Reid, George Bell, Adam McLeod, Wm. J. McMullin.

Fence Viewers—Geo. Dickey, William McCurdy, George Bell, Samuel Dickey.

Revisor—George McLeod.

Collector of Rates—Henry A. Murphy.

Assessors—Dan. W. B. Reid, Robert A. Logan.

Town Clerk—Henry Murphy.

### DISTRICT No. 22.

Overseers of Poor—Wm. Horton, Jas. Butler, and Charles McGunigle.

Constables—Geo. Kent, John Redman, Neil Archibald, and Frank Henry.

Collector of Rates—Wm. Henry.

Assessors of Rates—Wm. Horton and T. P. Dean.

Surveyors of Lumber—Wm. F. Redman, Wm. Holman and John Barron, Esq.

Surveyors of Logs—J. D. Henry, David Kent and Wm. F. Redman.

Fence Viewers—Frank Henry, Wm. Horton and Geo. Kent.

Health Officer—Wm. Pearson, M. D.

District Clerk—Samuel J. Henry.

Presiding Officer—David Archibald, Esq.

Cattle Reeves—Chas. Henry and Daniel Ross.

Pound Keeper—Edmund Henry.

To Swear in Town Officers—In the event of Councillor Parker not being able to appoint two, F. G. Reynolds, Esq., be the one appointed.

Revisor—G. H. Parker.

Overseers of Highways—No. 1, I. Chaplin ; 2, Wm. Lemon ; 3, Orlo Geddes ; 4, James Deane, 4th ; 5, Edward Stewart ; 6, Sam. Archibald ; 7, Chas. Stewart ; 8, Jas. McFatrige ; 9, Edw. Dellar ; 10, Wm. Butcher ; 11, W. J. Archibald ; 12, Wm. Drady ; 13, J. G. Farnell ; 14, David Fisher ; 15, Ben. Hutchinson ; 16, Sam. Watson ; 17, David Archibald, 4th ; 18, Jas. Benvie ; 19, George Archibald ; 20, John Redden ; 21, Robt. Miller ; 22, John Dechman ; 23-24, Robt. Wright ; 25, Alex. Fraser, jr. ; 26, Kidston Henry ; 27, John Hamilton ; 28, Alex. Kent ; 29, Gordon Farnell.

### DISTRICT No. 23.

Overseers of Poor—James W. Slaunwhite, Dennis Ryan, Peter Jollimore.

Constables—John Jollimore, Alfred O'Brien.

Road Overseers—Edward Slaunwhite, Turn's Bay, District No. 1 ; Daniel Slaunwhite, District No. 2 ; William Mullins, Lower Prospect.

Assessors—John P. Slaunwhite, Dennis Ryan.

Revisor—William H. Ryan.

Presiding Officer—Michael Rice.

### DISTRICT No. 24.

Assessors—Thomas E. Smith, James Kerr, jr.

Collector—John Kerr, sr.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section No. 1, George McDonald ; 2, Jasper Moser ; 3, Daniel Cameron ; 4, James W. Smith ; 5, David Smith ; 6, Henry Pye ; 7, George Hartling ; 8, Louis Kindervater.

Overseers of Poor—Ephraim Moser, Solomon Fancy, Edward Moser.

Revisor—Solomon Fancy.

Lumber and Log Surveyors—Matthew McMan, Daniel Cameron, James M. Smith, William G. Pye.

Presiding Officer—Edward Moser.

Coastables—Albert Shiers, William E. Jewers, Ansel Smith, Alexander Pye.

### DISTRICT No. 25.

Presiding Officer—John F. McKenzie, J. P.

Revisor—Edward Quillinan.

Collector—Angus Cruickshank.

Assessors—Wm. Lowe, Jas. A. Lindsay.

Overseers of Poor—Hugh Dunn, William Sutherland.

Fence Viewers—Wm. Rutledge, Archibald Hall.

Health Officer—Finlay McMillan, M. D.

Road Overseers—West River Section, Daniel Farnell; Pace's Section, Nicholas Redmond; East River Section, Thomas Hall; Rutledge Section, Robt. Rutledge; Murphy's Section, Patrick Murphy, jr.; Lochaber, William Maloy, jr.; Mushaboon, Geo. F. Boutilier; Sober Island, John Verge; Passage, Isaac Wambold.

Constables—Wm. Knight, Daniel Farnell, Hadley Lindsay, Patrick Coady, Robert Sample, John McLeod, Andrew McDonald, Robt. Rutledge, John McPhail, John Verge, Wm. Wambold.

Surveyors of Lumber—Angus McDonald, T. A. Baker, Andrew McDonald, Wm. Tupper, Edward Quillinan, Archibald Hall, Abijah Scott, Murdoch McDonald, Duncan McKenzie.

Pound Keeper—Thos. Hall.

Hog Reeves—Geo. Tabor, Wm. Fahie.

### DISTRICT No. 26.

Assessors—J. E. Conrod, Peter Mason.

Collector—Leonard Conrod.

Revisor—Henry Leslie.

Presiding Officer—D. T. Leslie.

Overseers of Poor—Thomas Ferguson, Wm. McCarthy, John Hutt.

Constable—Alex. Mason.

Road Master—Henry Prest, for Mooseland.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, Samuel McCarthy; 2, George Leslie, jr.; 3, William Henley, sr.; 4, Thomas Hawes; 5, Michael McDonald; 6, George Conrod; 7, William McKenzie; 8,

James Jennings; 9, Anthony Cooper; 10, Thomas Borgle; 11, Stephen Synder; 12, William E. Murphy; 13, George Cameron.

Constables—Charles Percival, George Leslie, jr., Gasper Leslie, Daniel R. Josey, Cornelius Henley, Alfred McKenzie, William Meyers, Matthew Gaston, Patrick Coffee, George Player, Thomas Hilchie, Michael Davidson, Josiah Clattenburg, Hiram Hilchie, George Hilchie, Gregory Murphy, William Power, Charles Murphy.

Surveyors of Wood and Measurers of Lumber—James P. Miller, Thomas Hilchie.

Fence Viewers—Danl. R. Josey, Abram Gerrard, James Jennings, Thomas Borgle, Thomas Hilchie.

## DISTRICT No. 27.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Musquodoboit Harbor, Section 1, George Smith; 2, Henry Stevens; 3, John Williams; 4, Amos Slaughenwhite; 5, Thomas Bevens. Jeddore Head West, Section 1, John Warnold; 2, Colin Myers, jr.; 3, Joseph Dooks; 4, Simeon Richardson; 5, Jeremiah Harpell. Jeddore Head East, 1, Albert Warnold; 2, Daniel Mitchell; 3, Harris Corkum; 4, John Baker; 5, Isaac Hopkins, sr. Lakeville, Section 1, Wm. Webber; 2, David McPherson; 3, Samuel Webber. Clam Harbor, Section 1, Frederick Stoddard; 2, Jacob Robinson. Owl's Head, Section 1, David Palmer; 2, William Richards. Ship Harbor, Section 1, Albert Shellnutt; 2, Capt. John Siteman; 3, James Eisan. Hartling Settlement, Stephen Jennix.

Constables—Jacob Turple, James L. Williams, Albert Slaughenwhite, Jeremiah Harpell, jr., Gideon Blakeney, Benjamin Faulkner, Andrew Day, Jas. Meyers, son of James, John G. Weston, Colin Mitchell, son of Colin, John Marks, George Newcomb, Ebenezer Homans, John W. Webber, Reuben Smith, Gardener Wilcox.

Fence Viewers—Henry Bowser, Henry Newcomb, John Laybetter, Colin Mitchell, sr., Robert Dooks, Charles Slade, John Smith, Josiah Mitchell, James Arnold, John Jennix.

Overseers of Poor—Charles M. Dean, John G. Mitchell, Daniel Blakeney, sr., Charles Slade.

Assessors—Robt. J. Stevens, Enos Baker, Conrad Marks.

Revisor—Peter W. Maskell.

Presiding Officer—George A. Jamieson, M. D.

Surveyors of Lumber—Andrew Mitchell, William Robson.

Health Officer—Geo. A. Jamieson, M. D.

Collector of Rates—John D. Mitchell.

## DISTRICT No. 28.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, From William Graham's to Main Road, John Gaetz; 2, From David Graham's to Main Road, Alexander Patterson; 3, From Rocky Run Bridge to Gaetz's Bridge, Seaforth, James Gaetz, James' son; 4, From Gaetz' Bridge to Lapierre's line, Edward Niforth, son of George; 5, From Isaac Lapierre's to John Ferguson's, Gasper Conrod; 6, Back road, from Niforth's to Main road; George Niforth, jr.; 7, From Prosper Napier's to John Conrod's bridge, Raymond Wolff; 8, Lake Road, Frederick Bonin; 9, From Martin Lapierre's to Dyke, Thomas Lapierre; 10, From John Conrod's bridge to Church gate, William Murphy; 11, From Main road to Canterbury bridge, Francis Belfountain; 12, From Church gate to Clergy's bridge and back to west end of New road, Francis Murphy; 13, From Clergy's bridge to Harvey road, Daniel Romeo; 14, Shore road, Francis Bonin; 15, From Main road to Oliver Myett's, Dominick Murphy.

Overseers of Poor—John Conrod, (John's son), Joseph Wolff, James Gaetz, (Edward's son).

Assessors of County Rates—William Murphy, Wm. Lapierre, Martin Gaetz.

Collector—George Lapierre.

Constables—James Lapierre, George Crawford, George Pettipas, Charles Niforth.

Fence Viewers—Andrew Belfountain, Joseph Belfountain.

Appraisers of Damage—William Crawford, Gabriel Murphy.

Presiding Officer—William Myette.

Revisor—Simon Lapierre, (Joseph's son.)

## DISTRICT No. 29.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Road Section No. 1, Jas. T. Sellers, Salmon River to Minesville road; 2, Isaac Sellers, Joseph Conrod's house to Minesville road; 3, William Conrad, West Mouse road to Head of Dowerfield; 4, Albert Leslie, Rocky Run bridge to Head of Dowerfield; 5, James Crowell, G. Lloy's barn to Merson's North line; 6, Jas. Dares, jr., Merson's north line to Canterbury road; 7, Geo. Clark, Canterbury road to District line; 8, Daniel Dares, Canterbury bridge to Shaw's barn; 9, Patrick Daly, Shaw's barn to Methodist church; 10, Benj. Deal, Monivan's corner to District line.

Overseers of Poor—George Hawkins, Gasper Leslie, John Lloy.

Assessors—Albert Leslie, Daniel Dares.

Constables—Charles R. Conrod, Charles Moreash, Jos. Conrod, jr., Francis Leslie.

Fence Viewers—Alex. Conrod, George Lloy, jr.  
 Appraisers of Damages—James Misener, Samuel Hiltz, Adam Leslie.  
 Collector of Rates—James T. Sellers.  
 Revisor—John McDonald.  
 Presiding Officer—John McDonald.  
 Board of Health—Andrew Moreash, Pat. Conrod, Alex. Crook.

### DISTRICT No. 30.

Overseers of Roads—From Salmon River to Partridge River, John Glasgow, jr.; Partridge River to Salmon River, Wm. Thompson; Salmon River to Dry bridge, Benj. Gordon; Dry bridge to Porter's Lake, Jas. Gordon; Main post road to Brown's bridge, Horatio Davidson; Old road near Griffin's to Thompson's, John Nelson; Old road Salmon River to John Nelson's, James Colley; Frog Lake road, Jos. Evans; Upper O'Brien's Street, John Deliver; Lower O'Brien's Street, John Brown; Lake Eagle road, John Johnson; Griffin's corner to Hall's, Joseph Smith; Ernest Mills' to Gabriel Hall's, Samuel Smith; Hall's corner to Widow Kane's, William Kane.

Appraisers of Damages—Jesse Parks, John Davidson, John Williams, Daniel Johnson.

Fence Viewers—John Ewing, George Diggs, Robert B. Innes, James Gordon.

Constables—Joseph Evans, Daniel Downey, John Nelson, Horatio Nelson.

Assessors—John Davidson, Chas. Carter.

Health Officers—William Trimble, Joseph Evans.

Overseers of Poor—Jos. Evans, Thos. Crawley, Benj. Gordon.

Collector of Rates—George Thomas.

Pound Keeper—George Thomas.

Revisor—Wm. Trimble.

Presiding Officer—Wm. Trimble.

### DISTRICT No. 31.

Assessors—James Farquharson, J.P., Gordon Kuhn, Alexander Morash.

Collector—Joseph Giles.

Overseers of Poor—Danl. Donovan, Wm. Skerry, John Morash.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, James Myles; 2, Albert Shuffleberg; 3, Edward Lethbridge; 4, Thos. Fisher; 5, Judson Baker; 6, Alex. Hutchinson; 7, William McKenzie; 8, Gore Montague;

9, Jenkin Price; 10, Henry Spark; 11, John Hirtle; 12, Alex. Innes; 13, Hugh Morash; 14, Aubrey Hunt; 15, Jas. A. McNab; 16, John Lapiere; 17, John M. Watson; 18, Daniel Brennan; 19, John Giles; 20, Charles Lydiard; 21, John Settle; 22, Alex. Morash; 23, Enos Conrad.

Constables—William Farquharson. William McDonald, John Thornham, Alex. Niforth.

Fence Viewers—Robert Settle, jr., Stephen B. Cross, Edward Morash.

Presiding Officer—James Farquharson, J.P.

Revisors—James T. Turner, District 31; Jas. Farquharson.

### DISTRICT No. 32.

Revisor—John Mason.

Collector—Peter F. Boutillier.

Assessors—Wm. Dauphinee, John Webber, Nathaniel Mason.

Overseers of Roads—Thos. Mason, John B. Boutillier, Edmund Colp, Thos. Kennedy, Simon Colp, Geo. L. Keans, main post road; Schwartz Settlement, Frank Schwartz; Conrad Settlement, William Conrad; Edward Conrad's road, James Conrad; Boutillier's Point road, Wm. Boutillier; Mason's Point, Frank Mason; Slaughenwhite's Point, John Fader.

Constables—Lambert Conrad, Zekiah Brigley, Simon Colp, Wm. Weaver, John N. Boutillier, Robert Colp, Thomas Dorey, William Boutillier, jr., Henry Conrad, John Reyno, Caleb Johnson.

Overseers of Poor—Peter D. Dauphinee, James Hubley, John Webber.

Fence Viewers—Mark Scott, Ephraim Hubley, John D. Winock, James Garrison.

Health Officer—James Conrad.

### DISTRICT No. 33.

Assessors—Francis McDonald, Richard Bowes.

Collector—John Himelman.

Overseers of Roads—George DeYoung, Devil's Island; James Findlay, McNab's Island; Edward Trider, from North Line to York's Corner; James Hawkins, York's Corner to Hartlie's; John Goreham, York's Corner to River Bridge; William Moser, River Bridge to Meeting House Corner; Alexander Osborn, John Osborn's to Mint Brook; John Hynes, for Hynes' Road; John Smith, from Passage Church to Lewis DeYoung's.

Constables—George Williams, George Morash, Simeon Dunworth, William Nangle, sr., James Moser, Freeman Osborn.



Fence Viewers—Enos DeYoung, James Bowes, Peter Moser.  
 Health Officers—Nelson Naugle, John Osborn, sr., James Hutt,  
 Charles Faulkner, Andrew Conrod.  
 Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, Enos DeYoung, Daniel  
 Moser, sr.  
 Revisor—Daniel Moser.

### DISTRICT No. 34.

Presiding Officer—Wm. Romans.  
 Assessors—Henry Hartling, Salmon River ; and James Hartling,  
 Quoddy.  
 Collector—John O'Leary, sr.  
 Overseers of Statute Labor—John Hartling, Beaver Harbor ;  
 Thos. Hartling, Salmon River West ; Charles Diggins, Salmon  
 River East ; Abraham Harvey, West Quoddy ; Lewis Hartling, East  
 Quoddy ; George Snow, Snow's Island ; Samuel Hartling, Harri-  
 gan's Cove ; Sydney Salter, from Clawson's Shore to Branch Road  
 of Dufferin Mines.  
 Constables—Neil Kirker, Abraham Harvey, Leonard Whitman,  
 Thomas Hartling.  
 Overseers of Poor—James C. Whitman, Henry I. Balcam, J. P.,  
 John Kirker, J. P.  
 Revisor—John Kirker, J. P.  
 Fence Viewers—John O'Leary, sr., Matthew Gallagher.

### DISTRICT No. 35.

Surveyors of Highways—Sec. 1, Archibald McLellan ; 2, Wm.  
 R. Ogilvie ; 3, Samuel Green ; 4, Geo. Cruikshank ; 5, Alexander  
 McMullen ; 6, William Bruce ; 7, William G. Cole ; 8, Prescott  
 Dean.  
 Constables—George Ogilvie, Arthur Killen, Allison Brown.  
 Fence Viewers—James Brown, George Brown, Edward Cruik-  
 shank.  
 Appraisers of Damages—Peter Cruikshank, Arthur Killen, Pres-  
 cott Dean.  
 Surveyors of Lumber—Alex. Taylor, William R. Ogilvie, John  
 McWilliam.  
 Overseers Poor—Alfred G. Ogilvie, Saml. Burris, Thos. McMullin.  
 Assessors of County Rates—William Burris, Alex. McMullen.  
 Collector—John Grant.  
 Revisor—Wm. R. Ogilvie.  
 Presiding Officer—Alfred G. Ogilvie.  
 District Clerk—Geo. W. Cole.

## DISTRICT No. 36.

Overseers of Statute Labor—East Petpeswick, Section 1, from David Powers, sr., house to Kidd's Bridge and head Musquodoboit Harbor to Rowling's Corner, including D. Power's, sr., James Ritcey; 2, From Manse to James Bayers, Petpeswick, George Bayers; 3, School House to Head Smelt Brook, Alexander Gaetz; 4, Smelt Brook to Gilbert's Hill, including Gilbert's, James Bayers; 5, Gilbert's Hill to Charles Clergy's, Charles Clergy; 6, Charles Clergy's to Seashore, William Bayers; West Petpeswick, 7, John Young's to Deep Cove, William Anderson, jr.; 8, Deep Cove to Little River, Samuel Ogilvie; Chezzetcook, 7, Long Bridge to Kaizer's Store, Wm Warner, jr.; 10, Kaizer's Store to DeLukrey's Bridge, John Myett; 11, DeLukrey's Bridge to Lake Porter, Howe Kaizer; 12, Conrad's Settlement, Matthew Daly; 13, Main Post Road to Larry Petipas, Dennis Petipas; 14, Larry Petipas to Deep Cove, John Misenor, sr.; 15, Deep Cove to DeLukrey's Point, Charles Conrad; 16, DeLukrey's Point to Draff Beach, John Conrad, son of George; 17, Chezzetcook Road to Petpeswick Harbor, Thomas Conrad, jr.; 18, Crawford's Bridge to Gaetz' Camp, Archibald Crawford; 19, From Main Road, East Chezzetcook, through Gold Mines to Main Road Petpeswick, John Weston.

Overseers of Poor—Martin Gaetz, Charles Conrad, Samuel Gaetz.

Constables—Josiah Ferguson, James Owens, James Richards, Justin Colford, William Wournell, jr.; James McKinlay, Samuel Ogilvie, Alex. Gaetz.

Fence Viewers—John Conrad, son of Peter; Jas. Ritcey, Capt. Wm. Wournell, Samuel Gaetz, Joseph Young, George Conrad.

Land Surveyor—John Kidd.

Revisor—John Anderson, sr.

Assessors—James Kaizer, George Kaizer, David Power, sr.

Collector—Samuel Bradden.

Presiding Officer—Capt. Wm. Wournell.

Surveyor of Lumber—Alexander McInnis.

## DISTRICT No. 38.

Revisor—David Duggan.

Fence Viewer—Edw. Morash, sr.

Assessors—David McGrath, James Morash, jr.

Constables—John Hornish, James E. Zink.

Road Overseers—John McGrath, Cove Road East Side; Andrew Scott, East side; James Morash, sr., Michael Morash, West side; Noah Fader, sr., Shad Bay, West side.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—Wm. Baker.

Overseers of Poor—Robert Connors, sr., James Morash, sr., Noah Morash.

Clerk of License—David Duggan.

Presiding Officer—Norman Fader, Shad Bay, West side.



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County of Halifax

Council Minutes

April 1887

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
FOURTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, TUESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1887.

As required by Law, and in accordance with motion of adjournment, Tuesday, January 20th, 1887, the Municipal Council met at the Court House, in their Council Room, on Tuesday, April 19th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Present—The Warden, Deputy Warden, and Councillors John Hays, Fitzgerald, Longard, Chase, Croucher, Bishop, Burgess, N. Hays, Lawson, Wilson, Madill, Poole, Tupper, Parker, Ryan, A. W. Smith, Blakeney, Fraser, Lapierre, Ross, Sellars, Thomas, Bissett, Himelman, O'Leary, D. Smith, Cruickshank and Fader.

The Clerk stated that Councillor C. E. Smith could not attend, being out of the Province, and asked to be relieved of Fines.

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

The Warden stated that the Business was largely a continuation of that of last Session. Reports of Committees then appointed and the distribution of the Road Grant for 1887, which would be obtained in a day or two, and new business accumulated in his fyle, or to come up, and the consideration of important subjects left over from January as unfinished business.

The Committee on Arbitration had met that of the City, and had come to an amicable and equitable settlement of the proportion to be paid by the City for County purposes for this and following years. The past indebtedness was not yet adjusted, but it was expected that a meeting of the City and County authorities would take place at once, and arrive at a speedy settlement, if not, the Government would assist in bringing it about. The Dartmouth case was still undecided, so far as carrying the question to the Privy Council. The subject of a memorial to the Dominion Government, respecting expenses of Prisoners to Dorchester, would be attended

to, now that the Legislature had met. Other matters would be submitted in due course.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Bissett—

“*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be a Committee to meet the City Council or a Committee thereof, to determine the amount they are indebted to the County, with a view to obtaining a final settlement.”—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess, and

“*Resolved*, That the Clerk notify the City Council to meet the Finance Committee of this Council at as early a day as possible, to determine the past indebtedness of the City to the County.”—Passed.

Councillors Ryan and N. Hays requested leave to resign their positions on the Finance Committee, for reasons named.

On motion of Councillors Himelman and Bissett, their resignations were accepted, and

On motion of Councillors Poole and Wilson, Councillors O’Leary and Tupper were placed in their stead on the Finance Committee.

On motion of Councillors Fitzgerald and Fraser, Councillor Ryan was placed on the Road and Bridge Committee vice C. E. Smith, absent.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and John Hays, and

“*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to confer with the City in regard to the indebtedness of the City to the County, be clothed with full powers to arrange and decide upon such indebtedness for the past.”—Carried.

A number of appointments of District Officers, omitted January Session, to fill vacancies, were regularly moved and passed.—(See last page.)

Submitted and read, a letter from Geo. M. Elliot, of Sherbrooke, Mail Contractor, addressed to the Warden. Also, one to the Clerk, dated March 2nd, complaining of neglect of the Overseer of Roads and people in District 24, to shovel snow on the Mail Road leading from Sherbrooke to Sheet Harbor Passage, by which he, his horses, harness, and coach were injured, mails delayed, &c., and claiming damages to extent of \$100 for the same.

Read, a letter from Councillor A. W. Smith, to whom the Clerk had forwarded the complaint, stating that the statements were largely unfounded and exaggerated, the shovelling unnecessary, and that the horses were in the habit of running away, &c. Councillor Smith made verbal explanations of the case, and, on motion, the letters were ordered to lie on the table.

Submitted, an appeal from Jos. H. Townshend against over-valuation of his property by the Assessors of District 26; also letters from Jas. E. Conrod, one of the Assessors, in reply to Clerk’s letter relating to the matter.

Submitted, letter from Daniel Blakeney, District 27, complaining

of over-assessment, and stating details of his property as amounting to \$300 instead of \$450 as valued.

Both complaints were referred to Committee on Assessments.

Read, copy of Presentment of the Grand Jury, 1887, to Supreme Court respecting necessity of providing hard labour for prisoners in the County Jail, and also incomplete and defective returns of Committee on Jury Lists.

**EXTRACT FROM PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY  
DATED MARCH 28TH, 1887.**

The Grand Jury have had their attention called to the fact that prisoners sentenced to jail with hard labor have neither labor nor sufficient exercise to keep them employed. The idleness caused by this want tending to lead to the commission of crimes which they would not otherwise have time to think of, and the Grand Inquest would respectfully suggest that steps be taken to correct this evil.

We would also direct your attention to the necessity of more care being taken in the drawing of Jurors so as to avoid having the names drawn of so many who are exempt by law, thus reducing the numbers actually on the Jury to so few, as in the case of the present Grand Jury.

(Sgd.)

W. M. D. PEARMAN, Foreman.

The Clerk said that the expense for Juries was gradually becoming greater each year, and that in addition to having to provide for Grand and Petit Jurors, a new burden was now imposed for payment of Special Juries, which was formerly borne by the litigants, as was only right and proper. Juries in the County Court were also chargeable upon the County. In view of this, and from the extraordinary fact that Halifax alone among all the Counties was cut off from receiving Jury fees in any suit or cause, if the Law Amendment Committee would report up a memorial to the Legislature to remedy this anomaly, he would prepare a bill for that purpose to pass the House if possible in its present session.

On motion, referred to Committees on Public Property and Jury Lists.

Submitted and read the following

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION FOR  
COUNTY AND CITY.**

The Arbitration Committees of the City and County, appointed to determine the proportion of the assessment for County purposes



to be borne by the City of Halifax, beg to report that (1) the Committee met by appointment at Halifax on the 8th March, when there were present on behalf of the City, Aldermen Lyons, Pearson, Taylor and Worrall; on behalf of the County, Councillors Lawson, Shatford, Ryan and Wilson. Ald. Lyons was appointed Chairman of the joint Committee, and W. H. Wiswell Secretary. Ald. Taylor and Coun. Shatford were appointed, without dissent, a sub-Committee to investigate the accounts, and report, if possible, a scheme for agreement. (2) That on the 24th March the final meeting of the joint Committee was held. The sub-Committee submitted their report, and, after discussion, the following resolution was moved by Ald. Taylor and seconded by Coun. Shatford, and agreed to without dissent: "Resolved, That the report of the sub-Committee be adopted and approved, and that for the present and future years the City pay nine-elevenths of the amount estimated by the County Council of Halifax for the subjects mentioned in the estimate for 1886, omitting Hospital for Insane, Revisors and Assessors, sundry unpaid accounts and bounties." (3) It was further resolved that the Chairman and Secretary prepare the report of the joint Committee and submit the same, embodying the resolution and the report of the sub-Committee, to the City Council and the Municipal Council, as the agreement arrived at by the Arbitration Committee.

(Sgd.)

J. N. LYONS, Chairman.

W. H. WISWELL, Sec'y.

## SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The sub-Committee to whom was entrusted the duty of submitting a basis of agreement on said subjects, beg to report as follows:

From the Estimate of the County for 1886 the amount required for City and County purposes for one year will be about \$12,356.

The last assessment is as follows:

Valuation of Dartmouth.....	\$ 1,195,125 00	
"    County.....	2,053,721 00	
"    City.....	21,092,040 00	
		<u>\$24,340,886 00</u>

Apportioning the year's requirements of.....	\$12,356 00
On this valuation then Dartmouth will pay..	606 67
County will pay.....	1,042 52
City of Halifax will pay.....	10,706 81

Total.....\$12,356 00

This appears an inequality to the City, which, as the Act anticipates, requires an adjustment. For a basis of calculation for apportioning the required sum of \$12,356.00 your sub-Committee recommend the following, viz.:

Dartmouth and County to be represented by.....	\$ 4,000,000 00
And the City of Halifax by.....	18,000,000 00

A total of.....	<u>\$22,000,000 00</u>
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The calculation on this basis will be for Dartmouth.....	\$ 606 67
For the County.....	1,584 02
“ City.....	10,165 31

Total.....	<u>\$12,356 00</u>
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Items deducted from the Estimate of 1886 :

Total estimate .....	\$30,456 00
Deduct for insane.....	\$14,500 00
For revisors.....	600 00
Bounties.....	200 00
Unpaid accounts.....	2,800 00
	<u>18,100 00</u>

Net amount.....	\$12,356 00
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(Sgd.)

WM. TAYLOR.  
JOHN E. SHATFORD.

The report was adopted by the City Council. At the same time two letters from the Provincial Secretary regarding the balances for past assessment due by the City to the County were referred to the Committee on Public Accounts, together with the report of the Committee as above adopted, and ordered that a settlement be effected upon the basis agreed to.

Councillor Shatford showed clearly the reasons for adopting a method of adjustment which should be fair and equitable. By raising the assessment of the Districts and Dartmouth and lowering the City to an average which it had borne for several years, without deducting any items but those strictly chargeable to the County, the result was as near a true result as could be reached. The difference to the County was only about \$500 increase, which was taken off the City. The main increase in County taxation would be for lunatics and schools, &c.

Councillor Ryan explained the reasons for adopting an imaginary basis. The out-Districts had been valued very low—no increase in fact for ten years—while the City had come up several millions of dollars.

Councillor Lawson adverted to the kindly spirit in which the two Committees carried on the conference. The City Committee were prepared and desirous of going back to the old debt and adjusting that on the lines of the first arbitration award, but it was shown that the Statute (Chap. 27, Section 78, 1886) did not admit of this course. He agreed with Councillor Ryan that the valuations in the out-Districts were not only too low, but very unequal, especially as between Districts, and there was a necessity for changing the whole system.

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Bissett, the report of the Arbitration Committee was approved and adopted.

Read, a petition from District 36 for a license and aid to a Ferry between East and West Petpeswick, (across the harbor), hitherto kept up by John Young without subsidy.

Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Council adjourned to 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

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## Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1887.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m. Present—The Warden and 29 Councillors. Morning Minutes read and adopted, after the Clerk stated that in Printed List of Committee on Roads and Bridges, the Chairman should be Councillor Lawson instead of Wilson.

Submitted Petition for closing in District 18 (on the Cobequid Road so-called) the portion from Fletcher's Lock to its junction with the main road, now disused and unavailable as a thoroughfare.

Councillor Wilson explained the position of affairs there. There had been much trouble between parties owning the lands along the road, each claiming their rights, and objecting to closing; but it was finally agreed to leave 100 feet of the road open, and close the rest.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved that

*"Whereas, John A. Robertson and Major C. Jamieson have presented a memorial in reference to closing a piece of old Road in and between Districts 17 and 18, and have taken the preliminary steps required by Statute in such cases provided;*

*"And Whereas, It has been explained to this Council that there are other parties who have raised certain objections, but who agree to compromise by consenting on condition that 100 feet of said road be left open;*

*"Therefore Resolved, That the said memorialists be permitted to put up a gate across such piece of old road known as Cobequid Road*

from the African Chapel to the old Fletcher Locks, provided they leave open 100 feet of said road at the southern end, near the aforesaid African Chapel."—Passed.

Read Petition from inhabitants of District No. 38, (Dover,) asking for \$20 in aid of a road at the head of Dover Swaw, from Duke's Head to Albert Myrer's,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to main road, near Power's Hill.

Read Report of Committee appointed last Session to carry out a precept for settlement of a dispute on a road in Salmon River, District No. 34, Mrs. Curry, owner of the land, having caused a gate or fence across it, and thereby interfered with the use of it.

Councillor O'Leary fully detailed the facts, and the Statute was read bearing upon the matter.

Councillor Lawson mentioned a similar trouble in his District. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Read Petitions from J. R. Umlah and Edmund Redmund. Also Levi Longard and others, in District No. 12, asking to be allowed to do their Statute Labor on their own Roads.

Considerable discussion arose on the impolicy of this course. It was shown that, under a By-Law such matters were left to the Councillor of the District and the Road Overseer. The Petitions were so referred in these cases.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Himelman :

"That the power to allow Ratepayers to place their Statute Labor, or any part of it, on private roads or sideways, be delegated to the Councillor of the District." Passed.

Read letter from Town Clerk, Dartmouth, asking that William McKenzie and John McLellan, Police Constables, be appointed County Constables.

On motion, both were so appointed.

Several District Officers were appointed. (See last page.)

Moved by Councillor Blakeney, seconded by Councillor Sellars, that \$25 be assessed for support of poor in District 27 for current year ending Dec. 31st. Passed.

Councillor Lawson introduced with appropriate remarks the subject of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and, seconded by Councillor Chase, moved the following resolution :

"That a Committee be named to draw up a loyal and dutiful address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress on the occasion of her completing the fiftieth year of her reign, and to present the same for consideration and approval of the Council."

The Deputy Warden supported the motion, and suggested the attendance of Councillors to take some part in the demonstrations to be made in the City on 20th June.

Committee named were Councillors Lawson, Chase, O'Leary, Wilson and Shatford.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk reported the decease of Mr. J. B. Sentell, late Janitor of the Court House, on January 27th, and that the following applications were received for the vacancy: Mrs. Sentell, who had discharged the duties to date, John Mitchell, Patrick E. Phelan, Wm. Cameron, John Newell, I. Kirby, (withdrawn), George P. Skelly, E. M. Veith, J. Hermon, I. Beazeley, L. Nickerson.

Councillor Lawson deprecated immediate action, as most of the applicants were known to few of the Councillors present. It was a very important charge, and required to be held by a respectable, sober and reliable person. He moved, seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"That the appointment be deferred till to-morrow." Passed.

Mr. D. W. B. Reid, Inspector of Licenses, reported briefly as to his work since his appointment. He said he had been sworn into office on 22nd February; since then visited a number of Districts, and had taken legal proceedings against some of the parties who had no licenses. Finding that there were a number of persons willing to comply with the requirements, but unable to do so as the law was defective or ambiguous as to time, &c., he had consulted the Provincial Secretary, and prepared a bill for extending the term for licenses for out-Districts; and finding that there were some other points needed he had drawn up a new bill, to which he asked the sanction of the Council.

The bill was then read, which permits the issue of liquor licenses after 15th March, or for the remainder of the year, under the general provisions of the original Act.

Councillor Himelman enquired whether it was a beneficial thing and favorable to temperance for the County to issue licenses?

Mr. Reid said his duty and main object was to carry out the law and the decisions of the Council, he could not take up the temperance question at present as regards the results of the Act.

Councillors Shatford and Lawson commended the course pursued by the Inspector, and urged that the Council support his action and approve of the bill. He also suggested an additional clause.

Councillor Longard spoke of the necessity of carrying out the present law in its entirety, especially as to posting up the names of applicants and those who signed their requisitions in the several Districts, &c.

Inspector Reid said he had endeavored to fulfil all that the law required. He expected to have the willing aid and co-operation of the different Councillors. Councillor Longard did not make good his promise to him as to reporting selling liquor in District No. 10.

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

"Resolved, That the proceedings of the Inspector of Licenses be approved in bringing the bill before the Legislature, and that the suggestion of Prof. Lawson as read be added thereto." Passed.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills from Assessors for their work making up the Rolls for 1887, and the schedules for the franchise to be handed to Revisors. He said that the pay of some of the Assessors was now nearly quadrupled, while their work was very carelessly and inefficiently done, and it was necessary, as under the Local Act, to limit both the time and the pay of Assessors for the future.

It was moved by Councillors Lawson and Shatford

"*Resolved*, That the Assessors' accounts be referred to Committee on Finance to be specially reported upon before payment be authorized." Passed.

The Council adjourned for Committee work till Wednesday, at 2 p.m.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present—The Warden and 29 Councillors. Minutes of Tuesday afternoon were read and passed.

Councillor Norman Hays submitted a Petition, with a large diagram for a change of Road from the people of Districts 16 and 17. The road proposed would cut off much of the distance, and prove better in several respects than the present one. After the explanation by Councillors Burgess and Hays, it was moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess, and

"*Resolved*, That a precept be granted to lay out the road as asked for in Districts 16 and 17, and that James Doyle and Andrew Hefler be a committee to lay out the same."

The Clerk asked instructions in reference to Accounts from several of the persons appointed last year to assist Mr. Logan, Government Surveyor, in running the boundary lines of several Polling Districts, viz., Jno E. McDonald, District 18, \$3.40; James Dunbrack, District 20, \$83.00; David Archibald, District 22, \$28.00; James E. Conrad, District 26, \$12.00; Saml. Soles, District 36, \$10.00. Considerable discussion ensued as to the large expense of the Surveys, and the right of all other Districts to have the same service. No report of the work done, or the time occupied, or diagram of the lines surveyed had been received from the Government Surveyor, and there was no fund or provision in any Estimate from which the Treasurer could pay such accounts.

Councillor Wilson stated that the people of his District had sent a protest against the new lines between his District and District 20 to the Legislature, and that the Government had not proceeded legally in making the Surveys.

Councillor Poole contended that District 18 had for 19 years usurped the collection of Rates, which should have been paid to his District, and explained the difference between the former and present lines.

Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan, moved

"That each Polling District bear the expenses of surveying the lines of said District."

Remarks were made, pro and con, by Councillors Lawson, Shatford, Ryan, Himelman, Cruikshank, Madill, Tupper, Wilson, Longard, Parker, Fitzgerald, and on being put, the motion was lost by 20 to 7.

The Resolutions respecting the Railway through Musquodoboit (Halifax and North Eastern Railway) laid over from January Session, were introduced and read as follows:

Moved by Councillor B. C. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Poole,

*Whereas*, a Syndicate of capitalists has been formed for the purpose of organizing a company and obtaining a charter to construct a line or lines of Railway extending from the Town of Dartmouth, and thence by the best route to connect with the Intercolonial Railway at the Station of Windsor Junction, and also starting from the Town of Dartmouth, and running thence by the most approved route through the valley of the Musquodoboit to the confines of Halifax County.

*And Whereas*, Such Trunk and Branch lines will greatly facilitate the internal trade of Halifax County, will develop its resources, enlarge its revenue, and open more frequent and easy communication between the towns and villages lying along said lines of Railway and the City of Halifax.

*And Whereas*, the projectors of said lines of Railway, as a condition of such undertaking, deserve and require assistance from the Municipality, and whereas it is the opinion of this Council that the costs, charges, and expenses connected with the right of way of said lines of Railway, including branch lines or sidings, and all land damages in connection therewith which may be suffered by said proposed Railway Company within the Municipality of Halifax County, should be made a county charge, and should be assessed, levied, collected, and paid by the County of Halifax to the person or persons to whom the same may be awarded under and by virtue of the provisions of the chapter 53, Revised Statutes, 5th series, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

*And Whereas*, Also, that in the opinion of this Council the property of the said proposed Company, real and personal, situate within the Municipality of Halifax County, should be exempted for twenty years from the payment of any tax for any purpose whatever to the Municipality of Halifax, or any District thereof.

*Therefore Resolved*, That the committee on law amendments be instructed to see that the necessary legislation is obtained at the present session of the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, making the said land damages a charge upon the County of Halifax, the assessment, collection and payment of the same in accordance with sec. 106 of chapter 56, Revised Statutes, 5th series, and otherwise procure such other Legislation as may be necessary to carry out the opinions of this Council in connection with said Railway project as hereinbefore expressed.

*Further Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary.

B. H. Pearson, Esq., Solicitor, and Mr. Chandler, Engineer of the Railway, were present with general and profile plans and surveys of the road and sections from the terminus at Tufts Cove, Dartmouth, and *via* Waverly and Westville, to the Musquodoboit end. Mr. Chandler described the route, and proposed connections with the Intercolonial R. R. Line, and the requirements as to right of way which the Railway Syndicate expected the County to contribute in consideration of. the amount of money to be expended, and the benefits which would result from opening up the Musquodoboit and Stewiacke valleys. The Local Government would grant a subsidy of \$3500 per mile, and the Dominion Government the same.

Councillor Wilson referred to the survey so far as District 18 was interested. The people there, for the 15 miles or so required, were willing to give the right of way, but would not like to pay in addition for other parts of the country likely to derive equal or greater benefit from the road. He advocated strongly the county paying the small amount of damages which it would be necessary to give, in order to secure the offset of benefits to be obtained.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and O'Leary,

"That the consideration of the Railway damages to be paid by the county be the order of the day for Friday morning next."—  
Passed.

Councillor Lawson gave notice of an amendment which he intended to move when the subject of the Railway is discussed, and read a copy of it.

The Clerk submitted and read the report of the Committees on Arbitration for County Rates so far as relates to the Town of Dartmouth for the current and succeeding years till materially altered, as per following resolution, unanimously passed at the conference held Wednesday morning, April 20th, 1887.

*Resolved*, That the Town of Dartmouth will pay for the present and all future years, until a readjustment is made under the provisions of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1886, one-nineteenth of all sums assessed for Municipal purposes for which the Town is properly chargeable."



Councillors Lawson and Shatford gave some explanations of the basis and reasons for arriving at this conclusion.

On motion, the Committee's report was adopted.

The Warden stated that as the greater part of the matters on his file had been attended to, the Council need not be detained later than Friday if Committees were ready to report early.

Councillor Shatford asked if the Committee on Memorial to the Dominion regarding prisoners' expenses to Dorchester could report.

Councillor Ryan asked for report, if any, of the Committee on the Dartmouth School case; also Committee on settlement with the City for past indebtedness.

The Warden replied that he had none of these reports as yet.

The Clerk stated that he had notified the City and the Government of the desire of each of these Committees to hold a conference as soon as possible; also had requested the Provincial Secretary to inform him of the amount of the Road Grant for 1887.

On motion, several District Officers were appointed. (See last page).

The appointment of a Janitor was taken up, and the various applications submitted and considered. The Clerk said that it was very necessary that the duties of the Janitor be clearly defined, and new regulations made to suit the improvements and changes in the Court House.

Moved by Councillors N. Hays and Lawson, and

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Property be requested to define the duties of Janitor and post the same for the information of officials in the building." Passed.

Moved by Councillors O'Leary and Parker, and

"*Resolved*, That Mrs. Sentell be continued in the office as Janitress of the Court House, for the present year till January meeting of Council, she having attended to the duties of said office since the death of her husband, J. B. Sentell. The salary to continue at the same rate as heretofore."

In answer to enquiries as to fitness and means of performing the duties, it was stated that Mrs. Sentell's son had attended to the heating, &c., and that she expected her father to come and live with her, and he would assist in those matters requiring to be done by a man.

The resolution passed.

The Council, on motion, adjourned to Friday, at 10 a.m.

## THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, April 21st, 1887.

The several Committees, viz.: Public Property, Licenses, Assessments, Roads, Finance, and Public Accounts, occupied the day in preparing reports, and obtaining information on matters coming before the Council Friday.

## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, April 22nd, 1887.

The Council met at 10 a.m. The Warden and 26 Councillors present.

The Minutes of Wednesday were approved.

Read, a petition from the people of Cole Harbor asking for the laying out of a piece of road between that place and Lawrencetown across Cole Harbor Dyke, a distance of one and a-half miles, which would save the residents a distance of 15 miles around the harbor.

On motion of Councillors Bissett and Sellars, it was  
*“Resolved, That a precept be granted to open said road.”*

Read, a petition from inhabitants of District 17 asking for the laying out of a road from Middle Sackville post office to Windsor Junction in said District.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Shatford, ordered that a precept be issued to have such road laid out as requested by the rate-payers of District 17.

On motion, the following bridges were asked to be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883, and amendments up to 1887:

By Councillors Thomas and Bishop—Partridge River Bridge in District No. 30.

By Councillors Himelman and Bissett—The bridge known as Moser's River Bridge, District 33.

By Councillors Bissett and Ryan—The bridge on old Preston road between Districts 30 and 31.

By Councillors Thomas and Sellars—Long Bridge on the old Lookout road in District 30.

By Councillors O'Leary and Fraser—Turner's Bridge and Snow's Bridge in District 34.

By Councillors Sellars and Parker—The bridge known as Crook's Bridge, at Minesville, District 29.

By Councillors Parker and Tupper—Hutchinson Bridge in District 22.

By Councillors N. Hays and Croucher—Indian River Bridge, District 16.

The Clerk reported that a letter from the Hon. Provincial Secretary stated the willingness of the Executive to meet a Committee of the Council on the Dartmouth and other matters at 11.30 a.m. on a day to be hereafter named, as the Government were at present too greatly pressed for time. Also containing memo. of Road Grant for 1887:

Total Road Grant for 1887.....	\$12,004 00
Less interest on Bridge account.....	1,558 89
	\$10,445 11
To third instalment on loan and interest paid Union Bank (for small bridges expenditure).....	1,240 00
	\$ 9,205 11

Being an increase over last year of \$361.37.

The Clerk said that under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road and Bridge Act, Chapter 46 Revised Statutes, it was requisite that the Council vote the mode in which the Grant should be expended—by Supervisors or Commissioners.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Bissett, and

“Resolved, That the Government Road Grant be expended by Commissioners.” Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ross and A. W. Smith—

“That \$50 be assessed for support of poor in District 26, in addition to the sum voted at January session.” Passed.

Submitted a bill of \$36 from Alex. Tough, District No. 9, for damages to his vessel returning from Upper Prospect, where she was employed by the County Constable to remove goods levied upon for taxes, if necessary. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Chairman, Councillor Wilson, submitted the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Committee on Public Property beg to report that their attention has been called to the insecure condition of the wall or fence around the Jail yard, and they find some repairs to the same imperative. Some small items of repairs are also required about the Jail building, but your Committee hope that all these can be provided for by an appropriation of one hundred and twenty dollars.

The Commissioners of Court House have also advised your Committee that an appropriation of about one hundred dollars will be required for repairs to that building. These two items will make

a total of two hundred and twenty dollars, which your Committee ask the Council to approve, as being in their judgment the very lowest figure these repairs can be done for.

Referring to presentment of the Grand Jury suggesting that employment be furnished for the prisoners, your Committee, while fully concurring in the advisability of such a course, find themselves confronted with more difficulties in initiating such a system than probably the Grand Jury did in suggesting it. As at present constituted the Jail premises are in no way provided with facilities for conducting any employment if such were furnished, and to provide the same, commensurate with proper security, would involve a large outlay and mature consideration, greater in fact than could be given it on so short notice, but your Committee will consider the matter and see what suggestions they can offer at our next session.

In reference to the Poors' Farm your Committee have to report that, in consequence of suggestions and requirements presented by the Government, and the necessary changes and modifications which these involved, much delay was experienced in getting to work. At last, however, a satisfactory style and arrangement of buildings was arrived at, and new tenders were called for, resulting in offers ranging about four hundred dollars less than those received in January last, and the one the Committee considered the most eligible, that of Mr. John Wilson, of District 17, was accepted, and work has been commenced, and it is anticipated the place will be ready for occupancy in August—or not later than 1st September—perhaps sooner.

In view of the fact that the County now has to provide for its own insane at the Mount Hope Asylum at a cost of about three dollars per week for each, and that a large number of these are classed as "harmless insane," and may readily be provided for at the Farm for about (or less than) half what it now costs us at the Asylum, your Committee anticipate a saving to the County of from \$750 to \$1,000 per year in this way, independent of the advantages expected to result from the investment as a Poors' Asylum.

B. C. WILSON, Chairman.  
E. E. BURGESS,  
EDMUND RYAN,  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN,  
THOS. E. CHASE.

In connection with the report Councillor Lawson referred to a letter of the Govt. Board of Works, received from Mr. Gilpin, stating the necessity for rebuilding the fence between the south end of the Jail lot and Governor's garden. He advocated the erection of a substantial brick or stone wall, as being in the end more

economical than the constant rebuilding of wood, and moved, seconded by Councillor Himelman,

"That the Committee on Public Property be requested to consider the propriety of erecting a permanent stone or brick wall around the Jail yard, and, if thought advisable, to obtain estimates and confer with the Dominion and Provincial Governments and the authorities of St. Paul's Church, so as to ascertain their willingness to assume a reasonable proportion of the expense." Passed.

The order of the day being the Musquodoboit Valley Railway, the resolution submitted and deferred from the January Session was read, as moved by Councillors Wilson and Poole.

Read, from Chapter 70, Revised Statutes, and from the County Incorporation Act, the sections referring to County taxation for railway damages. Councillor Parker asked that the discussion be deferred till afternoon for further information.

A resolution was submitted by Councillors Shatford and Lawson, but it was decided to defer the debate till afternoon.

The question as to whether the City and Dartmouth could be assessed for the project as to right of way, was discussed.

It was moved by Councillor Lawson and Ryan, and

"Resolved, That His Worship the Warden be requested to obtain a legal opinion as to whether the County Council have the legal right to assess the Corporations of Halifax and Dartmouth for land damages." Passed.

The Chairman submitted the following

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee beg to present the following report, which gives a statement of deficits of taxes in the several Districts, also showing the increase and decrease in valuations for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887.

We find the total valuations for the present year to be \$455 less than in 1866, but in 1886 we had an increase of \$10,624, and in 1885 an increase of \$60,335, which gives us a total increase since 1884 of \$70,606. Some Districts have fallen off in value one year and come up the next, others have been decreasing every year. If the Councillors for those Districts which have decreased every year since 1884 do not show some cause for such work, your Committee recommend that new rolls be sent to the Assessors of those Districts which have so decreased, and, in the event of the Assessors not raising the valuations, that Assessors be appointed from adjoining Districts.

The old trouble still exists with regard to the unequal valuations in adjoining Districts. Your Committee feel that it would be

unwise for them to suggest any remedy now, there being a Bill before the Government intended for the working of Municipal Assessment. We trust that the Bill won't pass as it is, for it would ask Assessors to do the work of census enumerators, and it would exempt many men from paying any tax.

We find that there is a bill of about \$95.55 for expenses in collecting Taxes in District No. 10. The question arises as to whether it will be charged to the District or to the County. Your Committee are of opinion that it should be charged to the District.

We had letters before us from persons who claim that their properties are not equalized in valuation with their neighbors in the District. One from William Blakeney, of Jeddore, in which he said his property was valued \$475.00, but upon examining the Assessment Roll, we found the value much less than he stated. We therefore recommend that the assessment be sustained. Councilor Fitzgerald referred to a man in his District that was complaining of excessive taxation, but as he did not appeal in any way, we recommend that the assessment be sustained.

We also had letters from Mr. J. Townsend, in which he complains of very unfair treatment by the Assessors in his District, and as he is present to make a statement in person, we recommend that this Council grant him a hearing.

All of which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS O'LEARY,  
T. H. PARKER,  
O. P. FRASER,  
JAMES FITZGERALD,  
JOHN A. BLAKENEY,  
JAMES CROUCHER.

*Statement of Valuations in each District of Halifax County, showing increase and decrease for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887.*

Dist. No.	1885.		1886.		1887.		Total increase and decrease from 1884 to 1887.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
7	.....	\$ 425	.....	\$ 660	.....	\$ 910	.....	\$ 1995
8	.....	895	.....	667	\$ 1018	.....	.....	544
9	\$ 235	.....	\$ 794	.....	.....	182	\$ 847	.....
10	3962	.....	.....	12589	3475	.....	.....	5152
11	.....	3305	.....	10220	.....	1110	.....	14635
12	560	.....	.....	618	.....	342	.....	400
13	.....	107	.....	62	173	.....	.....	16
14	.....	4325	2725	.....	.....	3900	.....	5500
15	7170	.....	.....	2035	1750	.....	6885	.....
16	719	.....	375	.....	95	.....	1189	.....
17	6934	.....	.....	848	.....	3140	2946	.....
18	9566	.....	3370	.....	770	.....	13706	.....
19	.....	3102	.....	.....	.....	387	.....	3489
20	2987	.....	2423	.....	.....	696	4714	.....
21	4959	.....	3670	.....	.....	2880	5749	.....
22	1016	.....	2684	.....	2298	.....	5998	.....
23	.....	650	870	.....	.....	1030	.....	810
24	.....	182	791	.....	564	.....	1173	.....
25	10995	.....	11270	.....	.....	120	22145	.....
26	4626	.....	2084	.....	.....	2790	3020	.....
27	12673	.....	1723	.....	3998	.....	28394	.....
28	1795	.....	4101	.....	.....	3841	2055	.....
29	381	.....	694	.....	.....	566	509	.....
30	.....	4024	80	.....	1975	.....	.....	1969
31	4170	.....	7515	.....	.....	1020	10646	.....
32	925	.....	.....	1110	5955	.....	5770	.....
33	.....	1645	1635	.....	920	.....	910	.....
34	1942	.....	370	.....	.....	1849	463	.....
35	.....	501	.....	.....	.....	1360	.....	1861
36	3981	.....	.....	2460	2291	.....	3812	.....
38	.....	.....	.....	.....	381	.....	331	.....

*Statement of Deficits for the year 1886.*

Districts.

No. 7	.....	\$ 3 50
" 8	.....	37 50
" 9	.....	4 56
" 10	.....	99 36
" 11	.....	8 56
" 12	.....	1 83
" 13	.....	67
" 14	.....	34 23
" 15	.....	14 26
" 16	.....	5 66
" 17	.....	20 00
" 18	.....	3 98
" 19	.....	3 21

No. 20.....	14 52
" 21.....	Paid up.
" 22.....	7 87
" 23.....	8 52
" 24.....	4 74
" 25.....	16 97
" 26.....	32 27
" 27.....	26 42
" 28.....	1 26
" 29.....	Paid up.
" 30.....	Paid up.
" 31.....	37 20
" 32.....	6 28
" 33.....	1 82
" 34.....	10 02
" 35.....	90
" 36.....	3 39
" 38.....	Paid up.
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	\$406 54

The statement of valuations of the several Districts was commented on, and explained as to the falling off in several Districts, by their Councillors.

The deficits of each District were then read and explained by the Councillor thereof and the Clerk as to the causes where the amount short was greater than heretofore. The Clerk said that the School Grants for last term due to Districts No. 10 and No. 8 were still withheld, as he had received no money for the balance of taxes, but merely orders for Fishery bounty due about June. As these were under the supervision of the Councillors of those Districts, they would probably be secured. In that case the Grants would be paid. Notwithstanding this, there would still be a large amount due from District 10 in consequence of the large expense of collecting by special effort, as directed by the Council in January and previous session.

Warrants had been issued, and in some Districts renewed, so that there would still be rates to come in before next assessment was forwarded to Collectors.

It was suggested that the Report be taken up by separate clauses in the afternoon, and the Council then adjourned to 2.30 p.m.



## Afternoon Session.

FRIDAY, April 22, 1887.

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

Read, the previous Minutes, which were accepted.

The Warden reported that he had attended to the duty imposed upon him in regard to legal authority to tax the County for Railway Land Damages. He had consulted Mr. Sedgewick, and now submitted his written opinion. He had also seen Mr. B. Russell, of Dartmouth, who said that there was no doubt as to the right and power to assess the whole County, including the City and Dartmouth, for the proportion of each for such damages in relation to the Halifax and North-Eastern Railway as should cover so much of the right of way as the County Council might assent to.

The letter from Mr. Sedgewick was read, and placed on file.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S.,  
22nd April, 1887.

SIR,—

Under the existing law no Municipality is liable to pay for the right of way required by any railway to be built in the Province. If a company seeks to impose such a burden on a Municipality it must get an Act of the Legislature for that purpose.

In the event of the Legislature imposing this burden upon the Municipality of the County of Halifax in respect to the Halifax and North-Eastern Railway Company, making it a *County* charge, there can be no doubt but that both the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth will be liable to contribute their proportion. Everything, however, will depend upon the particular words of the special clauses of the Act of Incorporation, (which I have not seen). I would advise (before the Municipal Council agrees to the application of the company for the right of way) that it has before it the proposed legislation, so that it may fully know what it is doing.

Yours truly,

ROBT. SEDGEWICK.

B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., Warden, Halifax.

The Assessment Committee's report was resumed, and read clause by clause and discussed. On motion, clause No. 1 passed. Clause No. 2 was rejected. No. 3 passed. On clause No. 4 Councillor Longard spoke at length, and raised objections. He considered that in order to prove the authority and ability of the Council to enforce the laws and by-laws, the expenses over and above what was usual should be a County charge. Several Councillors opposed this view,

and the clause then passed. Councillor Lawson gave notice of motion (which was read) as follows :

" *Whereas*, Serious difficulties have arisen in the dealings of this Council with District No. 10 as now constituted ;

" *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of readjusting the division of the County into Districts in such manner as may be likely to ensure the possibility of this Council being able in future to carry out the provisions of the Municipal Act."

This motion to be considered at the next January session.

Clause 5 was read. The Chairman explained that on examining the Roll Mr. Blakeney's assessment in District 27 was only the \$350 which he acknowledges to be right. He had taken notice of the wrong name. In regard to Mr. Townshend's appeal it was decided that being present he should be heard briefly.

The Report as modified was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Jos. H. Townshend, of District 26, went fully into the general assessment of that District as being unequal, partial and illegal from the improper and unjust way in which it was made up by the Assessors. He also entered upon a lengthy detail of the nature and history of the property upon which he claimed a reduction.

Councillor Ross, who had been Assessor for District 26 eleven years, denied the assertions, and said that there were some thousands of acres of granted land owned by Mr. Townshend, and it had escaped assessment up to last year. The Assessors could never get from him the number of acres or value.

Mr. Townshend resumed, but not being concise, the discussion was closed by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moving

"That the appeal and documents submitted by Mr. Townshend be referred to the Committee on Assessment, and that the Committee be requested to give Mr. Townshend an opportunity to furnish any further information which they consider has a direct bearing on the matter before them." Passed.

The Chairman of the Committee said they had not passed upon the proposed Assessment Act—a copy of which had been handed them by the Clerk—as the Council had not referred the same to them, and it was more a subject for the Law Amendment Committee.

The Clerk said that there was but one copy to be had, which the Provincial Secretary had asked him to give an opinion upon as to the machinery of the Act. He considered that among other defects there was too much machinery, and too great expense likely to be incurred in effecting the collections, as well as gathering in the data required. The proposed tax upon incomes as there laid down would

fall heavily on those already overburdened with other rates, and the subject of poll tax was involved and unequal. The returns asked for were as elaborate as for taking a census, and would be a source of confusion and error.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess—

*“Whereas, There is an Assessment Act before the Legislature which this Council deems it impossible to carry out in this Municipality in consequence of its complicated nature ;*

*“Therefore resolved, That this Council beg to express its desire and request that the Legislature will not pass the said Act, and that the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Provincial Secretary.”*  
Passed.

The Warden reminded the Council of the order of the day, and the subject of Railway Land damages was considered. After Councillors Shatford, Wilson, Lawson, Parker, O’Leary, Longard, Ryan, Madill, Bissett, and others, had spoken, the following Resolutions were moved by Councillors Shatford and Lawson :—

*“Resolved, That the Municipality of the County of Halifax do grant aid towards the construction of the Line of Railway proposed to be constructed by the Halifax and North Eastern Railway Company by paying the land damages of said Company’s right of way, and the land taken for Station purposes on that part of said Line of Railway, commencing at the confines of the Town of Dartmouth, and running thence eastward to the boundary of Halifax County, where the said line enters Colchester County.”*

*“Further Resolved, That the following conditions shall be observed in the assessment of the said land damages, that is to say :*

*“1. So soon as the contemplated Railroad is graded through the several Districts of this County through which it is to pass, assessors shall be appointed to appraise or assess the land damages to the several claimants through whose land it may run. One of said assessors, to be named or appointed by the Warden of the County of Halifax, and another by the owners of the land or claimants of damages. And if those should not agree as to the amount of damages to be awarded or assessed, then these two may appoint a third, or in default of such agreement, then the Provincial Secretary to appoint a third assessor. The decision of the majority of the assessors shall be final.*

*“2. After the damages shall be determined as above, and the assessors deposit in the office of the Clerk of the County, of the County of Halifax, a schedule of the names of the various claimants and the amount of damages set opposite each name, and duly vouched and signed by a majority of the assessors, the County Clerk shall, at the time the next assessment following after the said sche-*

dule is deposited with him, make an assessment of the said damages on the County of Halifax in the manner and form following:—

“3. Namely—One quarter of the said assessed damages shall be assessed according to the valuation continued in the latest rate roll in equal proportions, on the District through which the road passes, and the other three quarters on the rest of the County in the same proportion and same manner as the County Rates are now assessed and levied.

“4. The assessors shall be paid a reasonable remuneration for their services, not to exceed three dollars a day each during the time they are employed; and also any other reasonable expenses they may incur, the same to be a County charge on the County of Halifax.

“5. If necessary, this Resolution to be sent to the Legislature for any legislative action that may be required to make it operative.”

It was proposed that the Railways be exempted from the payment of all annual taxes, and the following Clause (No. 5) was moved by Councillors Lawson and Wilson:—

“5. That the said Halifax and North Eastern Railway be exempted from the payment of all Rates and Taxes annually levied by the Company, but that the remission of said Taxes be limited to the Railway Line, Rolling Stock, Station Houses, and other buildings necessary for working the Line.”

The whole of the clauses being read over a third time, were passed without dissent.

Submitted an application from Mr. George Dinaford for appointment as a County Constable. Ordered to lie on the table.

The Council adjourned to Saturday at 10 a.m.

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## FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 23, 1887.

The Council met at 10 a.m. Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of yesterday were read and passed.

Read application for Chief Warden of County Poor Farm from James F. Turner, of Cole Harbor, submitted by Councillor Bissett. On motion, referred to Committee on Public Property to consider.

Submitted and read the

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF LICENSES.

*To His Worship the Warden and Municipal Council for the County of Halifax:*

As Inspector of License in and for the County of Halifax, I beg leave to submit the following report:

Although appointed at the January meeting of your Council, I was not sworn into office until February 23rd, and have not had sufficient time to visit all of the Districts in the County, but have confined myself to those Districts where I had information that the law was being violated, and, after visiting some thirty places of which I had information of liquor being sold illicitly, in only four instances did I consider the evidence sufficient to warrant me in entering an action. In each of those cases I have succeeded in convicting the parties, viz.: William Wilson, of St. Margaret's Bay; James Ward, Bedford; Daniel McCarthy, of Windsor Junction; and John Hawes, of Tangier. There are other parties who I intend taking action against as soon as I consider the evidence sufficient to warrant me in so doing.

In those Districts which I have been unable to visit I have written to the Councillor for the District for information, and the suggestions received by me in their answers to my enquiry shall receive my attention as soon as possible.

As you are aware, the law would not allow the granting of Licenses until after December next, and as there had been several applications for Licenses, I thought it best to apply to the Legislature now in session to have the Act so amended that License could be granted for the remainder of the year.

The following are the applications that have been received up to the present time, viz.: J. H. Power, from District No. 10; Thomas Ward, District No. 14; Thomas Beech, Patrick Connolly and Robert Allan, from District No. 15.

Upon examining the petitions I find J. H. Power has complied with the provisions of the Act, excepting that there are five names on his petition which are not found on the Assessment Roll as rate-payers; Patrick Connolly and Robert Allan have complied with the law, excepting the deposit of \$10 which the law requires; Thomas Beech and Thomas Ward have complied with the provisions of the Act fully, and I would recommend that these Licenses be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. W. B. REID,

*Inspector of License for Halifax County.*

Halifax, April 22, 1887.

The Report was briefly discussed and explained. On motion, it was received and adopted.

Several appointments to fill District Offices were made.

Read, Report from Councillor Thomas, District 30, on the defective condition of Porter's Lake Draw Bridge, urging that it be remedied at once, so as to avoid damage or loss, and expenses.

Read, a Report from Draw Bridge Keeper Innes, saying that the bridge was in good condition, and machinery working well, but that heavy teams going over it caused the wedges to get loose, which he attended to thrice per week.

Read, Report of Joseph Lloy, keeper of Rocky Run Bridge, stating that he had to open the bridge only once during last year, and kept regular inspection after boats passed through. Had put on some repairs. The bridge is now in a good state, also machinery, and does not need repairs.

Read, Report of Albert Warnoll, keeper of Draw Bridge at Jeddore, District 27, stating that during the open season, one schooner made regular trips, say 24 times, and rafts and boats passing often at night to suit the tide, demanded his attendance about four times per week. The Draw Bridge is in good repair, but the approach at the west end is dangerous, and calls for attention.

Read, Report from Joseph Conrod, Keeper of Canterbury Draw Bridge, Porter's Lake, stating that he had raised the draw three times only during the past year for large vessels, there being sufficient space for the smaller vessels to pass under; but he had to attend every Sunday, and often through the week, to prevent boys and others interfering with and injuring the bridge. Persons trotted their horses over the bridge, although he had placed notices at each end, forbidding it. The machinery was in good order, and he had made what slight repairs were needed to the rails, &c. *He desires to know the law for protecting the Bridge.*

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess, and

"*Resolved*, That the keeper of Canterbury Bridge be instructed to affix a chain and lock to the draw to prevent it being opened during his absence, and that painted notices be placed on the bridge prohibiting teams trotting over it; and that the keeper take notice of any infraction of rule, that proceedings be at once taken to impose the penalty, as provided by Statute."—Passed.

The Custodians of the foregoing Draw Bridges were appointed for the year. See last page.

Moved by Councillors Sellars and Parker,

"That the pay for Custodians of Draw Bridges, viz., Innes Bridge, Canterbury Bridge, and Rocky Run Bridge, be Twelve Dollars in place of Twenty Dollars, as at present."—Passed.

The Chairman, Councillor Shatford, submitted the

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee having gone over the various accounts submitted to them, beg to report as follows :

1. A bill from District No. 22, signed by Councillor Parker, for assessing in said District, amounting to \$12, we recommend to be paid.

2. A bill from Assessors from District 17 ; we recommend the payment of \$12.

3. A bill from Assessors from District 29 ; we recommend the payment of \$6.

4. A bill from Assessors from District 27 ; we recommend the payment of \$12.

5. A bill from Assessors of District 21 ; we recommend the payment of \$12.

6. A bill from Assessors of District 20 ; we recommend the payment of \$10.

7. A bill from Assessors of District 28 ; we recommend the payment of \$9.

8. A bill from Assessors of District 35 ; we recommend the payment of \$6.

9. A bill from Assessors of District 30 ; we recommend the payment of \$9.

10. The only bill presented to your Committee for the revision of District lines and bounds properly vouched was from James Dunbrack, of District 20, for \$83. Your Committee considered the charge exorbitant, and recommend the payment of \$1.25 per day for the time engaged, viz., four and a-half days, being the same rate as the Surveyor paid other persons in the same employ.

Your Committee beg to present the following estimates for the year 1887, not having made our presentment at the January meeting as is usual :

## Estimate for the year 1887.

County Insane.....	\$3800 00		
County Jail.....	2600 00		
Court House.....	1800 00		
Clerk and Treasurer.....	1600 00	✓	
Criers and Constables Supreme and County Courts.....	800 00	✓	
County Constable.....	200 00	✓	
Grand Jury and Secretary.....	300 00	x	
Petit Juries.....	500 00	x	
Crown Witnesses.....	500 00	x	
Sheriff's accounts.....	400 00	x	
Coroners' Juries and expenses .....	450 00	x	
Printing and Stationery.....	300 00	x	
Postage and Expressage.....	60 00	✓	
Auditors.....	40 00	✓	
Warden's and Councillors' pay.....	850 00	✓	
Revisors and Assessors .....	660 00	x	County only.
Contingent Fund.....	300 00		
Interest on Court House.....	1100 00	✓	
Bounties on Wild Animals .....	200 00		County only.
Stipendiary Magistrate's salary.....	800 00	✓	
Repairs to Jail and Court House.....	200 00		
Legal expenses.....	1000 00	✓	County only.
Poors' Farm.....	800 00		County only.
Inspector of Licenses salary.....	500 00		County only.
			\$19710 00
To which is to be added for Public Schools, at 30 cents per head for the population of the County.. .....			8350 00
			<u>\$28060 00</u>

Certificates \$ 200  
Short \$ 1000  
2620

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Your Committee had before them a letter from the Hon. Attorney General respecting the services of one Dennaforde, who had performed services as a constable, but not having any bill before us we could not deal with it.

Your Committee beg also to report that they have not gone into the financial state of the County in consequence of not knowing the exact amount due by the City, a settlement having not yet been reached; also there is an amount for County rates due by Dartmouth which is not determined. They have, therefore, deferred giving the financial state of the County until the next annual meeting.

Your Committee cannot close without congratulating the Council on having come to an amicable settlement with the City and Dartmouth respecting the matter of County rates for all future time, and



it only remains to effect a settlement for the past. When that is done we anticipate more harmony and good feeling to exist between ourselves and our sister corporations.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, Chairman.

JOHN D. TUPPER.

THOS. O'LEARY.

THOS. E. CHASE.

E. R. POOLE.

The Chairman made some explanations in reply to questions and comments respecting Assessors' pay and boundary surveys, &c.

It was moved by Councillors Poole and Lawson—

“That a list of the pay of the Assessors of each District for the Assessment of April, 1886, be furnished to this Council at this session.”

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

The Report was then read in separate sections, and these were passed from No. 1 to No. 9. On No. 10 remarks were made by several Councillors upon the large outlay and unsatisfactory result of the surveys of District lines, and upon the defective and uncertified character of the bills for the service.

Councillors Shatford and Ryan moved—

“That each Polling District bear the expenses of the survey of the lines thereof.”

The point was discussed at length, and the motion, on being put, was lost by 20 to 7.

Moved by Councillors Cruickshank and Wilson—

“That the pay of nominees appointed to assist in running the District lines be \$1.50 per day.”

The motion was withdrawn, and clause 10 of the Report passed.

The remainder of the Report was adopted.

The Estimate for 1887 was then read item by item.

The Treasurer said a number of the services would exceed considerably the amounts named for them, for instance Special Constables, Jury fees, Councillors' pay, Poor Farm for maintenance and keeper, Draw Bridges and Ferries, Inspector of License expenses, interest on Insane accounts, and survey of District lines.

It was moved that \$50 be added to Grand Jury expenses. A motion to add to the Petit Jury item was withdrawn.

The Estimate, after some explanation by the Chairman of Finance Committee, passed as made up. The amount for Schools is calculated at thirty cents per head on the 31 Districts of the Municipality on the basis of the last census.

The Warden submitted a memorial from Jas. Hanrahan, on

behalf of the ratepayers of Districts 7 and 14, asking that the Council grant aid for a new road to extend from that of Sandford Fleming, Esq., to York Redoubt, as previously petitioned for and refused by the Council on account of large claims for right of way for the whole distance, and stating that this would be given.

The Warden said the road was a public necessity, and that the road grants for the two Districts were insignificant and needed elsewhere. He strongly urged that provision be made to begin the work this year. He would request that say three per cent. be donated from the allowances to each District for roads for this purpose.

The Chairman of Road Committee stated there was \$40 unappropriated which might be transferred to the Warden's District.

The former minutes referring to the proposed road were referred to and read.

Moved by Councillor Shatford and Bissett, and

"*Resolved*, That the Forty Dollars be appropriated to the Warden's District, and 2½ per cent. be deducted from the appropriations for each District as it now stands, and expended this year as proposed on said Road."—Passed.

Councillors Burgess and Wilson moved

"That the Clerk and Treasurer, W. H. Wiswell, have a vacation of four weeks, for the benefit of his health, say from about 1st August."—Passed.

The Clerk thanked the Council, and said that he would take advantage of their kindness, if he found that it did not retard or interfere with the office duties and business of the County.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Wilson—

"*Resolved*, That James H. Power, of Upper Prospect, and others, be granted Licenses, if they comply with the Law, on or before the 1st May."—Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2 o'clock, p m.

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## Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, April 23, 1887.

The Council met at 2 p.m. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The reading of the previous Minutes was waived. Councillor Lawson, Chairman, submitted the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

*To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India:*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Warden and Municipal Councillors of the County of Halifax, desire on this auspicious occasion to approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound respect, as becometh the representatives of loyal and dutiful people.

We desire to express our heartfelt gratitude that, by the blessing of the Almighty, Your Majesty has been permitted to reign over the vast British dominions for half a century,—a period unexampled in the history of the world in the development of arts and industries, commerce, science, literature, liberty, education, and the spread of the Christian faith to the remotest parts of the earth.

The County of Halifax, a portion of the ancient Colony of Acadia, named by His Majesty James I. Nova Scotia, is a County rich in natural resources, having extensive productive deposits of gold in the rocky barrens that line its Atlantic coast, and fertile inland valleys that yield abundantly of agricultural produce. Its shores teem with valuable fish, and the great banks in the Atlantic Ocean are frequented by our fishermen. Our people are thus engaged in diversity of occupation,—some in the fisheries and commercial marine, mining, lumbering, and the several local manufactures common to civilized countries, and the largest number in agriculture. Whilst our people are of diverse origin, originally settlers from Britain, and some from other old countries of Europe, and engaged in diversity of pursuits, all are as one in faithful loyalty to Your Majesty.

And we devoutly pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to continue the benign rule that has in the past ministered so much to the happiness and contentment of so many millions of your loyal subjects.

B. W. CHIPMAN, WARDEN.  
JOHN E. SHATFORD, J.P.  
E. E. BURGESS, J.P.  
B. C. WILSON, J.P.  
THOS. E. CHASE, M.D.  
GEO. H. MADILL, J.P.  
JOHN D. TUPPER, J.P.  
HENRY FADER.  
RICHARD BISHOP.  
JOSEPH THOMAS.  
GEORGE J. LONGARD, J.P.  
ALEXANDER W. SMITH.  
JOHN A. BLAKENEY.  
ORESTES P. FRASER.  
JAMES H. SELLARS, J.P.  
JOHN C. ROSS, J.P.

JAMES FITZGERALD.  
DANIEL LAPIERRE.  
DENIS SMITH.  
JOHN HAYES, J.P.  
JAMES CROUCHER, JR., J.P.  
JOHN G. BISSETT, J.P.  
JOSEPH HIMELMAN, J.P.  
EDMUND RYAN, J.P.  
THOMAS O'LEARY, J.P.  
HENRY CRUICKSHANK.  
CHARLES E. SMITH.  
THOMAS A. PARKER, J.P.  
NORMAN HAYS, J.P.  
GEORGE LAWSON, PH.D., LL.D.  
EDWARD R. POOLE, J.P.  
WM. H. WISWELL, CLERK AND TREASURER.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

The following motion was submitted and read :—

“Resolved, That the Dams on the Musquodoboit River be opened from 1st July to 1st October in each year. Any person convicted of shutting down said dams during the time above mentioned before two Justices of Peace, shall pay a penalty not to exceed Forty Dollars, said fine to go to the County Fund ; and that the above resolution be incorporated in the Bye-Laws of this Municipality. Also, that a copy of the same be sent to the District through which the river runs, and at least three copies be posted up in the District.”

(Sgd.)

J. E. SHATFORD,

G. H. MADILL,

J. D. TUPPER,

T. A. PARKER.

The resolution passed.

The Clerk said so many new Bye-Laws had been made, some dropped, others amended and some omitted, that it was necessary to have them revised after this session.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

“That Councillors Lawson, Ryan, Bissett, Himelman and Shatford, be a committee to revise and collate the Bye-Laws, and report to this Council at next January meeting. Passed.

Councillor Lawson (Chairman) submitted the

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

23RD APRIL, 1887.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to report that the total amount of road monies for the year is

Nine thousand two hundred and five dollars and eleven cts.	\$9205 11
Being an increase of.....	361 37
On the amount of 1886, which was .....	8843 74

As per statement submitted from Hon. Provincial Secretary's office.

The Committee have carefully considered the circumstances of each District, have heard Councillors, and obtained information otherwise, and now submit the following scheme of appropriation to the several Districts, which is recommended to the consideration and approval of the Council.

In accordance with instructions from the Council the sum of \$269.03 is set aside as a special grant for Districts 7 and 14.

The statement of appropriation is as follows :

Appropriated to 31 Districts.....	\$8936 08
Additional special grant for Districts 7 and 14.....	269 03

\$9205 11

*Amount of Road Grant for 1887 apportioned to the several Districts*

No. of District.

7.....	\$ 92 63
8.....	126 75
9.....	82 88
10.....	73 13
11.....	209 63
12.....	302 25
13.....	312 00
14.....	92 63
15.....	97 50
16.....	238 88
17.....	404 63
18.....	355 88
19.....	346 13
20.....	472 88
21.....	526 50
22.....	668 11
23.....	82 88
24.....	219 38
25.....	370 38
26.....	385 13
27.....	531 38
28.....	199 88
29.....	268 13
30.....	336 38
31.....	443 63
32.....	234 00
33.....	419 25
34.....	312 00
35.....	263 25
36.....	341 25
38.....	126 75

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\$8936 08

Special for Districts 14 and 7..... 269 03

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\$9205 11

The Committee recommend that a Precept be granted for laying out road from Beaver Harbor Road to Sheet Harbor Passage, in accordance with report of Special Committee submitted.

That a Precept be granted for shifting road leading through John Mitchell's field, in accordance with petition from ratepayers of District 27.

That a Precept be granted for road from the shore of Duke's

Head to the main highway at Power's Hill, in accordance with petition from ratepayers of East and West Dover.

A petition was considered from people of District 36 for a Ferry License and a grant of money to John Young as ferryman. The Committee recommend that the ferry sought for be established under Chapter 53 R. S., 5th series; the rate for passengers to be seven cents each.

GEORGE LAWSON, Chairman.

JOHN E. SHATFORD.

T. O'LEARY.

EDMUND RYAN.

JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

E. R. POOLE.

The whole of the Report relating to Precepts was passed. On the subdivision of the Government Grant, as per Road Scale submitted, several Councillors complained that the amounts for their districts were far too small, being much less than heretofore, while other districts were considerably increased. The Chairman and members of Committee explained that, after hearing and considering all the information and reasons offered, they had done the best in their power to apportion the amount equitably.

It was moved by Councillors Lawson and O'Leary—

"That the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges be approved and sanctioned as a whole." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Himelman and Sellars—

"Resolved, That the Petition for laying out a road between Districts 29 and 33 be granted, and George Bowes and Gasper McDonald be appointed to lay out the same." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and O'Leary—

"That Joseph Hefler and Dand Hefler be appointed to lay out under precept the new road leading from Middle Sackville Post Office to old Windsor Road, near the Parish Church." Passed.

Moved by Councillors O'Leary and Lawson—

"That John Kirker, J. P., Capt. McLeod and James H. Whitman, be appointed to lay out the road, according to Precept, granted for District 34 by this Council." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Blakeney and Sellars—

"That John Mitchell and Colin Mitchell be appointed to lay out the road as granted under Precept of the Council in District 27." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burgess and Wilson—

*Resolved*, That Councillors Lawson, Wilson and Shatford, be a Committee to confer with the City of Halifax in reference to all matters of unsettled accounts, with full power to decide upon and settle the same." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess—

"*Resolved*, That the Councillors' pay for this session be \$2 per day, and travelling fees as heretofore." Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Himelman—

"That the Minutes of the Council be printed as usual." Passed.

In reference to Councillors' pay, &c., the Clerk said that the Estimate ought to be increased to the amount for the two sessions, which was already beyond the sum stated therein; also that no provision being made for items voted later on, and he should have to add them.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Wilson, the Council was adjourned *sine die*.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS.

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The following appointments were made during the April Session to supply vacancies and supplement those made in January, being moved by the Councillor of the Districts named, seconded and passed :—

### APRIL 19TH.

District 27.—To be Road Overseers, Benjamin Day, instead of Colin Myers, and John DeBay instead of Wm. Richardson, the former appointees being away.

District 8.—William B. Johnson, to be Overseer of New Road Section, from Three Birches to Halibut Bay.

District 30.—Robt. B. Innes, to be Road Overseer from Porter's Lake to Salmon River, and Wm. Little, Overseer from Salmon River to Partridge River.

District 34.—Edward Archibald, to be Overseer of Statute Labor, Clawson's Shore to Branch River Road of Dufferin Mines, instead of Sydney Salter; Wm. Hartling, to be Overseer of Beaver Harbor Section, in place of Jacob Hartling.

District 35.—Arthur Cruickshank, to be Road Overseer of Section 10, in place of John Murphy, over age.

District 21.—To be a Board of Health for the District, Robt. A. Logan, John H. Taylor, Esq., Walter McCurdy, Esq., John Burris and Robt. Higgins.

District 31.—Benjamin Tolliver, to be Road Overseer for Road Section 24.

District 19.—Daniel Isener, to be a Constable.

District 23.—Michael Rice, to be a Collector of Rates, and James O'Brien, Overseer of Roads.

### APRIL 20TH.

District 24.—To be Constables, Edwin Moser and John Romkey.

District 25.—T. A. Baker, to be the 3rd Overseer of Poor, two only having been appointed last meeting.

District 17.—To be Road Commissioner for the whole District, George Barrett.

### APRIL 22ND.

District 34.—Alexander Gammon, to be a Constable.

District 7.—Edward Hayes, to be a Constable.

District 26.—James Jennings, to be a Constable; John Prest, Jr., of Mooseland, to be one of the Assessors.



District 34.—To be a Board of Health, Capt. McLeod, Henry J. Balcom, and Capt. Clawson.

District 21.—Wm. Archibald, Overseer of Roads for Section 4, instead of James Murchy, over age; Alfred Murphy for Section 13, instead of Adam Fleck, gone to U. States; and Wm. Bruce for Moose River Gold Mines Section.

District 24.—To be a Board of Health for the District, George Hartling, J. P.; Solomon Fancy and Andrew Drillio.

District 25.—To be a Board of Health, Finlay McMillan, M.D.; John Porley, M.D.; and Malcolm McFarlane.

*Licensed Ferrymen.*

Point Pleasant and Purcell's Cove, Halifax, W. & A. Purcell.  
Sheet Harbour, James Tracey.

APRIL 23RD.

*Custodians of Draw Bridges, 1887.*

Rocky Run Draw Bridge—Joseph Lloy.

Jeddore “ —Albert Warner.

Canterbury “ —George Mayette.

Porter's Lake “ —J. Howe Keizer, instead of Robt. Innes.

District 11.—Lawson Pace, to be Road Surveyor in place of Wm. Hornish, gone away.

District 17.—William Nelson, to be a Constable.

Each of the above Officers to serve during the Municipal year.

