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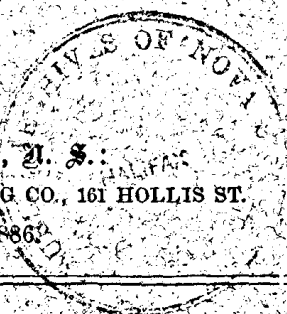
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County Warden—B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq.
County Clerk—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.
County Stipendiary and Clerk of Licenses—J. L. GRIFFIN, Esq.
County Anditors—JNO. E. ALBRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT, Esqrs.
County Treasurer—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1886.

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

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

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

Licenses.—Councillors Burgess, Sellars, H. Cruickshank, Poole, Dart, and D. Smith.

Roads and Bridges.—Councillors Leslie, Lawson, Poole, Shatford, Sellars, and C. E. Smith.

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

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

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

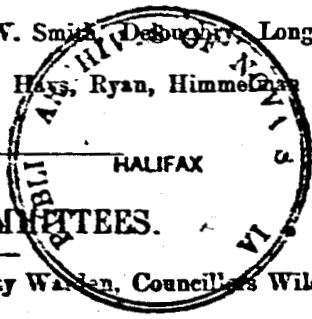
Poor.—Councillors McLaren, A. W. Smith, DeBouché, Longard, and John Hays.

Jury Lists.—Councillors Wilson, N. Hays, Ryan, Himmelman, and Bissett.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

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

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



Municipality of the County of Halifax,

1886.

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

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

COUNTY OFFICERS, ETC.

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

Keeper of County Jail—Thos. A. Chambers.

Keeper of Court House—J. B. Sentell.

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

Crier County Court—Chas. W. McGinn.

Stipendiary's Constable—Patrick Monaghan.

COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

High Sheriff—Donald Archibald, Esq.

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

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

Judge of Probate—Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Registrar of Probate—Wm. Howe, Esq.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Clerk, &c.—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

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

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

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

HALIFAX, Jan, 12th, 1886.

In accordance with the Statute, and by advertisement, and special notices issued by the County Clerk, the Councillors for the several Polling Districts of Halifax County attended at the County Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1886.

The Warden having taken the Chair, the Clerk called the Roll, and the following Councillors answered to their names: Warden Chipman, Messrs. John Hayes, John O'Sullivan, Chas. E. Smith, Geo. J. Longard, Dr. T. E. Chase, E. S. Hubley, W. H. Dart, E. E. Burgess, Norman Hays, Prof. Lawson, B. C. Wilson, G. H. Madill, E. R. Poole, Jno. D. Tupper, T. A. Parker, Ed. Ryan, A. W. Smith, Angus Cruikshank, Geo. A. Leslie, P. W. Maskell, Donald McLaren, J. H. Sellars, Dennis Deloughry, Jno. G. Bissett, John E. Shatford, Jos. Himelman, Thos. O'Leary, Dennis Smith.

The Warden introduced Thos. E. Chase, Esq., M. D., the Councillor recently elected for District 11, by acclamation. The Clerk said he had been sworn in shortly after the election.

On motion, the Minutes of the last day of the April Session, 1885, were read and adopted.

The Warden then read the following address:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council,—

We are now beginning the second and last year of this Council, and I take this most fitting opportunity to extend to you all the congratulations of the season.

The business coming before you at this Annual Session will be the election of County Officials and the appointment of District Officers for the ensuing year, nominating the Standing Committees and the reception of their reports.

The proposed Assessment Act to come before the Legislature at the approaching session, copies of which have been sent to each Councillor, will require some consideration.

Several Acts passed at the last session of the Provincial Parliament will require the special attention of this Council. The most important of these are: changes in some sections of the Incorporation Act; the extension of the Electoral Franchise, and an alteration which seriously affects the interests of the Municipality made in the act relating to Public Instruction; also, an act relating to Boards of Health and Infectious Diseases, the appointment of such boards being now imperative; also, an act relative to returns being made by revisors of taxable property not hitherto placed on the assessment rolls; also, an act requiring the appointment of a Board of Fire Escapes for the Municipality, in connection with the previous act.

Persons were appointed last year by the Government and this Council to define certain boundary lines of some polling districts, but no report of such work has been received.

A circular, referring to articles for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, has been received by the Clerk, and will be laid before you.

A committee appointed to obtain information in reference to the support of the poor, have been gathering information, and will report thereon.

The matter of Statute Labor will require your careful consideration, several districts making no returns and, in fact, seeming to have got beyond control of both Surveyors of Highways and Councillors.

A by-law having been passed that no petition be received after the second day of the session, Councillors will please govern themselves accordingly.

A new electoral district, No. 38, (Dover,) having been added to the Municipality, a Councillor will need to be elected before our next meeting.

A vacancy having occurred in District 11 by the resignation of Councillor Hubley, a special election was held, resulting in the return of Dr. Chase, without opposition.

The financial position of the Municipality will appear in the Treasurer's Report, which has been audited, and will be laid before you without delay. Our indebtedness to the Government continues to increase, owing to our inability to realise on outstanding assets, so often alluded to on previous occasions.

The business I have briefly referred to, with other matters that will naturally arise during the session, I commend to your careful consideration.

Deputy Warden Shatford spoke of the Reports of the Special and Nomination Committees.

Councillor Ryan suggested the appointment of the County Officers as first business, and moved, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

That W. H. Wiswell be Clerk and Treasurer for the current year at present salary.—Passed unanimously.

The Clerk thanked the Council and hoped that he should be able to satisfy the wishes and requirements of the Councillors and public.

Submitted applications from the Auditors, County Constable, and Janitor of Court House.

On separate motions, Messrs. Jno. E. Albro and F. G. Wainwright were re-elected Auditors, and Patrick Monaghan Chief County Constable. Read application from J. B. Sentell to be Janitor of the Court House. Considerable discussion followed on the unsanitary state of the Building—defective water closets, &c., and the Janitor's duties relating to these and other matters were recommended to be defined by and placed under control of the Commissioners.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Wilson—

Resolved. That J. B. Sentell be re-appointed Janitor of the Court House, with the understanding that he be subject to the Commissioners thereof, whom he is under, and that he attend fully to the sanitary condition of said Court House.—Passed.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Hays, Councillors Wilson and Burgess were continued as Commissioners of the Court House for present year.—Unanimous.

The Act of 1881 vesting the Court House in Commissioners was read.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shatford—

That the attention of the Commissioners of the Court House be called to the present sanitary condition of the Court House, which requires immediate attention.—Passed.

The Clerk submitted the Auditors' Report, with the Treasurer's Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31st Dec., 1885; also copies of the Statutes 1885, Incorporation Act, Bye-Laws, &c.

The Auditors' Report was read as follows:—

HALIFAX, January 7, 1886.

To His Honor the Warden and the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Having examined the Books, Accounts, Vouchers, &c., of the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer for the past year, we have much pleasure in stating that all have been found correct and satisfactory.

We now beg to submit to your Honor and the Councillors, the Account made up to the 31st December, ultimo, shewing a Balance of \$3769.96 at the credit of the Municipality in the Halifax Bank.

The efficient manner in which the Books are kept, and the perfect order of the Vouchers, greatly facilitates the checking of the accounts and making up the yearly Abstract.

We are, gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed) JNO. E. ALBRO, } County
F. G. WAINWRIGHT, } Auditors.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*The Municipality of Halifax County, in Account with the Treasurer
for the Year ended 31st December, 1885.*

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Commissioners of Public Charities on account of Insane Paupers.....	\$12000 00	
" on Account Lunacy Certificate, 1885	205 00	
" on Account Public Schools, 1884, and Grants May and October, 1885	8069 65	
" Supt of Education for Loan in May, 1885.....	4772 00	
" County Jail Expenditure.....	2742 03	
" County Court House Expenditure.....	1205 38	
" Interest on Court House Loan	1087 50	
" on Account Judicial Expenses, viz :		
" Criers and Constables Supreme Court, 1884-5	\$697 96	
" Grand Jury and Secretary	167 10	
" Petit and Special Juries	792 30	
" Crown Witnesses (on account)	799 16	
" High Sheriff, Accounts 1884 and 1885 (in part)	190 51	
" County Court.....	12 50	
" Criminal Prosecutions, Sundry Expenses.....	179 40	
	<hr/>	2838 93
" County Stipendiary, Salary	800 00	
" County Constable,	200 00	
	<hr/>	1000 00
" County Treasurer and W. Guild, Treasurer, pro tem.....	607 00	
" County Clerk.....	1100 00	
" Coroners' Juries and Medical Evidence	479 00	
" Contingent Expenses	115 33	
" Printing, Stationery and Advertizing	237 39	
" Pay of Warden and Councillors, and Mileage.	938 70	
" Expenses Councillors Elections, 1884-5 (special)	12 99	
" County Auditors Pay, 1884.....	40 00	
" Revisors and Assessors (on account).....	467 50	
" Collector's Commission, 1884-5 (on account) ..	533 71	
" Bounties on Wild Animals	161 00	
" Poor Rates, 1884, Repaid to Overseers Poor..	173 50	
" Expnd. on Roads, &c., out of Fines & Licenses	411 73	
" Loan and Interest repaid E E Burgess	525 00	
Government Grant for Roads and Bridges, Paid Balances and Expended.....	<hr/>	9019 19
Balance Carried Down		\$48742 52
		3769 96
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		352512 49

RECEIPTS.

By Balance in full from last Account (1884)		\$2588 02
City of Halifax, on Account Assessment, viz :		
Weekly Payments, 1884.....	4715 88	
do. 1885	16892 51	
		\$21598 30
Received on Account Deficits District Assessments, 1884.....		802 69
District Assessments, 1885		9800 44
Received from 30 Districts, to Dec 31		
Superintendent of Education		4772 00
Loan to Pay May School Grants		
License Duties and Fines in full, from Six Districts		311 50
Pedlers and Auctioneers' Licenses		26 00
Stipendiary for Fees Collected in his Office, 1885....		358 30
Town of Dartmouth on Account of Assessments, 1884		2000 00
N. S. Government Grant toward Expenses of Court House, 1885		300 00
County Seal Fees Received.....		7 50
County Jail, Rent of Debtors' Rooms, &c., 1885		42 70
Prothonotary for Jury Fees.....		34 20
Received on Account Maintenance Insane Patients, 1884-5		283 54
Fines and Fees Paid in from Magistrates' Courts....		114 80
Government Road Grant for 1885, less Repaid on ac- count of Bridges, 1884, and Interest.....		9322 41
		<u>49924 47</u>
		<u>\$52512 49</u>
By Balance carried down	\$3769 97	

E. & O. E.

WM. H. WISWELL,
Municipal Treasurer.Examined and Certified to be Correct—
JNO E. ALBRO, }
F. G. WAINWRIGHT, } Auditors.

HALIFAX, January 12th, 1885.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

On motion, Councillors Lawson, Leslie, Poole, Hubley, Maskell,
and Wilson, were appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing
Committees for the year, and report to-morrow.

The Council adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1886.

The Council met at 2.30 p. m., the Warden and all Councillors present.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and passed.

Deputy Warden Shatford suggested early adjournment, so that Special and other Committees could expedite their Reports. Councillor Wilson said the Council were expected to visit the Jail this afternoon.

Councillor Ryan stated that the Commissioners of Public Charities invited the Councillors who might wish to do so, to visit the New Poor Asylum.

A discussion took place as to action to be taken in reference to the Government Circular respecting a new mode of Municipal Assessment. Councillor Ryan and others thought the Circular called for replies from individuals only. Councillors Shatford, Himelman, Tupper and others, that it should be discussed in the Council. Councillor Lawson pointed out that besides the Circular, there was the proposed Act relating to Municipal Assessments, which should be considered carefully.

Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Poole, moved—

That the subject of Assessment be discussed on Thursday morning next.

Councillor Wilson in amendment moved that the time of discussion be limited to half a day. It was finally decided, with Councillor Himelman's assent, that Thursday afternoon be the time for discussion. This motion passed.

The Treasurer's Account was presented and referred with the Auditor's Report to Committee on Finance.

Read— Report of County Clerk of License, shewing that Licenses had been issued to qualified applicants in Districts 14, 15, 31, 32, and 33, amounting to \$187.50; Pedlers', Ferry and Auctioneers' Licenses, \$26; all which expire in May.

Read also Stipendiary's Report of Fines received for convictions during 1885, amounting to \$97.00, of which \$70 were paid to Receiver General, the balance to the County Treasurer, 27.00.

The Treasurer said that the amount of the Fines paid to the Receiver-General, was for breaches of the Militia Law, and paid over without deduction. These cases cost the Stipendiary much time, labor and stationery, for which no per centage came to the office, as with the Sheriff and Prothonotary, who, in County Fines for Jurors, &c., retained each ten per cent.

The Account of Fees returned by the Stipendiary for the year, as per his detailed Statement and Treasurer's Account, was \$358.30.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Bissett—

Resolved, That J. I. Griffin, Esq., be County Clerk of License for the present year.—Passed.

Read the Jailor's Annual Report of Commitments and other matters connected with the Jail.

REPORT OF T. A. CHAMBERS, KEEPER OF THE COUNTY JAIL, FOR 1885.

I beg respectfully to report for the information of the County Council, that 205 criminals and 131 debtors have been confined in the Jail during the year,—a decrease of 63 criminals and 5 debtors, making a total decrease of 67 from the previous year. At the present date there are 15 criminals and 1 debtor in the Jail. The largest number of persons in the Jail at one time during the year was 28. During the year ending this date there were 336 prisoners committed to Jail, of which there were from

The City Court	225
Supreme Court	62
Magistrate Courts	32
Municipality of Dartmouth	16
Admiralty Court	1
Total.....	<u>336</u>

The amount of monies received for boarding merchant sailors, deserters from H. M. Service, and room rent during the year, was \$42.70. The sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good and little sickness since the necessary repairs have been completed, excepting those committed temporarily from the City Court for drunkenness, of which for the year there were 42. One of the number, James Rooney, died in delirium tremens. A Coroner's inquest was held and returned a verdict of death from the excessive use of liquor, and exonerating the Jail officials from all blame.

The following is a return of the number of criminal prisoners committed for each offence during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1885 :

Crime.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Rape	6	0	6
Arson	1	0	1
Larceny	14	6	20
Insanity	12	0	12
Robbery	2	1	3
Bastardy	5	0	5
Prostitution	0	8	8
Assault	32	5	37
Drunkenness	40	2	42
Burglary	4	0	4

Burglary and Larceny	12	0	12
Destroying Property.....	1	0	1
Vagrancy	3	2	5
Disorderly Conduct	11	4	15
Deserting Vessel	8	0	8
Assault and Wounding... ..	1	0	1
Cruelty to Animals	1	0	1
Scuttling Vessel	1	0	1
Threatening Language	2	0	2
Threatening to Shoot	1	0	1
Highway Robbery	2	0	2
Concealing Birth of Child	0	1	1
Drunkenness and Neglecting Family ...	2	0	2
Deserting H. M. Service	3	0	3
Defrauding the Revenue	2	0	2
Obstructing Public Roads.....	2	0	2
Stabbing and Wounding	2	0	2
Exposing person on street.....	2	0	2
Selling Liquor without License	1	0	1
Obtaining Money under false pretences	1	0	1
Obtaining Board under false pretences .	1	0	1
Aiding Sailors of H. M. S. to Desert ...	1	0	1
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	176	29	205

On motion it was referred to Committee on Public Property.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees, and the Special Committee on Statute Labor, were notified to meet immediately.

The Council then adjourned to visit and inspect the Jail, and meet Wednesday morning at 10.30.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Jan. 13th, 1886.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

Councillor Lawson reported the List of Standing Committees as follows:—

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

Public Property—Wilson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himmelman, and Chase.

Licenses—Burgess, Sellars, Cruickshank, Poole, Dart, and D. Smith.

Roads and Bridges—Leslie, Lawson, Poole, Shatford, Sellars, O'Leary, and C. E. Smith.

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

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

Laws and Amendments—Shatford, Madill, Leslie, Lawson, and Tupper.

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

Jury Lists—Wilson, N. Hays, Ryan, Himmelman, and Bissett.

Councillor Longard suggested that a change be made on Roads and Bridges Committee, so as to have some one from Shore Districts, and moved that Councillor Dart be appointed. Motion not seconded.

Moved by Councillors Hubly and Longard, that the several Committees be read and passed separately. This was done, and the whole passed as above.

Read, a numerous signed petition from Three Fathom Harbor, Chezzetcook and Petpeswick, against fishing lobsters at night, as derogatory to the general fishing interests of the coast. After consideration, it was moved by Councillors Wilson and Shatford, and

Resolved, That the Council, while recognizing the justice and importance of the subject, have to express our inability to deal with it under the Statutes, but would express our sympathy with the petitioners, and recommend that they lay the matter before the Local and Dominion members—Passed.

Read a Petition from inhabitants of Districts 7 and 14, for improvements to be made to the Road, now in very bad condition, between North-West Arm and York Redoubt, being part of the Road to Herring Cove recommended by the Warden in April Session, 1883, which was referred to. (See minutes 1883, page 44.)

Read a Petition for a precept for a new road to connect the West Jeddore post road with Point Pleasant road, and to provide for a small bridge on said new road.

Read a Petition from Leonard Hartling and inhabitants of West Quoddy for a right of way through a road on Wm. Hartling's property, which they had been using for years, and which had been lately fenced and closed up by him. It was referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read Report of the Jail Surgeon, for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1885. Referred to be embodied in report of Committee on Public Property.

Read Application of Dr. Trenaman, to be re-appointed Surgeon of the Jail.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Bissett, Dr. Trenaman was re-appointed Surgeon of the County Jail for 1886, at the same salary.

Submitted a Circular containing various questions to be answered in regard to the proposed Municipal Assessment Act, printed copies of which had been sent to the Councillors for consideration. Also, Read a Circular from F. F. Congdon, Secretary to the Commissioners on that subject, addressed to the Warden, suggesting that a Committee of the Council be appointed to consider it, and report thereon.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess,

Resolved, That Councillors Shatford, Lawson, Leslie, Poole, Hubley, Tupper, Ryan, McLaren, and Longard, be a Committee to consider the revision of the Municipal Assessment Law—Passed.

Read Petition from a number of residents on the road to Bedford to allow John Boutillier, a cripple, to remain keeping a store on the highway, near Prince's Lodge. Also, a counter Petition from W. Y. Gray, against the permission being granted, on the ground that the place was an obstruction to the highway, and liquor was illegally sold therein. After discussion, taken part in by Councillors Wilson, Tupper, Ryan, Burgess, Maskell, Lawson, McLaren, Poole, Parker, O'Leary, Longard, and Hubley, the Law relating to obstructions on Highways was read; also, Section 1 of Chapt. 48 R. S., showing that a fine of \$20 could be exacted in such cases. It was

Resolved, That Mr. Gray's petition be referred to the Councillor of the District with instructions to have the law fully carried out in said case, whether as a nuisance or as an obstruction to the road—Passed.

A Petition from Ratepayers of District 27, B., to permit part of their statute labor to be done on a road leading to their own houses, was referred to the Councillor for the District.

Deputy Warden Shatford presented the following Report, which was read.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATUTE LABOR, &c.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the working of the Statute Labor system, report, that after giving the matter due consideration, they have come to the following conclusions:—

That the present Statute Labor Law, and the mode of carrying it out has many defects, part of which may be attributed to the overseer.

Your committee finds that some overseers make their returns very irregularly, and others enter upon the performance of their

duties without taking the oath of office, many of them handing in their returns without signing them, which makes it almost impossible to tell what district or section they are from, or what is the name of the overseer; and very few of them are sworn to.

To obviate these difficulties, your committee recommend that the Council pass a Resolution, authorising the Clerk to receive no Road Returns until they are duly filled up, as required by law, and as pointed out by the Blank, and signed by the Overseers, and countersigned by the Councillor of the district.

That the Council, by resolution, name a day up to which all Road Returns be deposited with the County Clerk, and made up to his satisfaction; and that all defaulters be fined. A copy of said resolution to be attached to each Road Return when sent out.

Respecting the defects in the law itself, which is a matter for the Legislature to deal with, your committee would recommend that the Law Amendment Committee of the Council embody in their report for the action of the Legislature some such change in the law as will meet said defects. They believe that a system is pursued in some districts in the county of persons paying to their Overseers at the time they are to commence their Statute Labor the fifty cents per day. Say, for instance, a person has six days work to do, he pays \$3.00 to the Overseer, goes on the road and works three days, and does about the same amount of work as the man who works for his fifty cents. At the end of three days, he receives his \$3.00 back from the Overseer, and his work is done. Many cases could be shown where no money is handled at all. To obviate this and other defects in the law, your committee would recommend that the law be changed, so as to compel every man liable to do Statute Labor to deposit with the collector of the district, or some other person appointed for that purpose, the sum of fifty cents per day for every day he is liable to work. That any person who would prefer working may, instead of paying, do the number of days required of him under the Overseer, from whom he shall get a certificate that he has performed his labor, and complied with the law, which he shall present to the collector or person appointed to receive the same; and it shall relieve him from paying. Each such certificate shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the County with the returns of the Overseer. Any monies remaining in the hands of the collector or person holding the same, shall be expended by the Overseer in the same manner and under the same rules that the government road monies are now expended; and that the County Clerk and all concerned, shall endeavor to have the law strictly enforced.

Signed JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*
 E. E. BURGESS,
 E. R. POOLE,
 GEO. H. MADILL,
 THOMAS O'LEARY

Remarks were made by Councillors Longard, Himelman, Tupper, and others, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the further discussion of the Report be deferred and taken up on Thursday morning—Passed.

The Council adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 1886.

The Council met at 2.30 p. m. Warden and 26 Councillors present.

Minutes of the Morning Session were read and passed.

On motion, John McBain of Dartmouth was re-appointed County Constable, also Michael Byrnes, of Halifax, to same office for year 1886.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary entered and was invited to take a seat in the Council. The Report of the Special Committee on Statute Labor was handed him for perusal, and it was moved by Deputy Warden Shatford, seconded by Councillor Himelman—

That the motion to discuss the subject of Statute Labor on Thursday be rescinded, and as the Provincial Secretary is present, that it be now discussed.—Passed.

Deputy Warden Shatford made some explanations, and asked that the Report be read.

The Clerk read Report of Special Committee on Statute Labor, (see page 14.)

Hon. Provincial Secretary being requested to give his views, said he preferred to hear the debate, and wished to understand from the Council what was wanted to make the Statute Labor more effective. He referred to the Report of the Provincial Engineer made last year, and thought it contained much practical information and useful suggestions for a change of present defective system of maintaining Roads and Bridges. Probably taxation and other matters referred to therein would have to be adopted, &c.

Councillors Shatford, Ryan, Poole, Longard, O'Leary, Tupper, Lawson, McLaren, Bissett, Himelman, Wilson, Parker, Maskell, and others took part in the discussion on the first section of the Special Committee's Report relating to Road Returns, which passed.

The second section of the Report was read and discussed at length.

On motion of Councillor Himelman, seconded by Councillor Deloughrey—

Resolved, That the Second Clause of the Committee's Report on Statute Labor be erased from the Report, and that this Council ask the Legislature to have Chapter 46, Revised Statutes, so changed with regard to commutation as to make it 75 cents instead of 50 cents as at present.

On being put to vote this was lost by 8 for, 20 against it.

The original motion being to accept the second part of the report was then put and also lost.

Read, the Report of Special Committee on a Poor Asylum Farm for this County, presented by Councillor Wilson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR FARM.

The Committee appointed at the last January Session to enquire into the desirability of acquiring a Poor's Farm, with a view to the better and more economical support of the Poor, beg to Report:—

That they placed themselves in communication with the authorities of several Municipalities, where the experiment has been tried, and were very kindly met, and furnished with every information in their power, or that your Committee could desire.

Your Committee also found that this subject of the maintenance of the Poor seems to be simultaneously interesting a large portion of the Province, as in almost every County not already provided with a Poor's Asylum, a deep interest is manifested; heightened possibly by the publicity given to the unsavory developments and statements—whether correct or otherwise—with which the public have been favored from Digby County.

In the County of Yarmouth they have had a Poor's Farm established some twenty years, and seem so well pleased with its results that they almost express a sympathy for those who are worrying along on the old plan of isolated maintenance. The cost to the Rate-payers of that County per week for each inmate of the Farm is stated at about 80 cents; while the management and accommodation is as satisfactory as it is humane. In some special instances they afford assistance outside of the Asylum.

The Municipality of Annapolis adopted the new method in 1862, and the annual reports laid before the Council show, that, while in 1881 under the old system of isolated maintenance the cost for the whole County was \$6,574.70; under the new Regime of a Poor's Farm the combined cost for the years 1882, 3 and 4 was only \$8,991.50, or showing a comparative saving of \$10,732.56 for the three years—or more than the entire cost and outfit of the Asylum.

The County of Hants has only a little over a year's experience to report, but that seems very satisfactory and the financial statement is as follows:

Cost of support of Poor under the old system, 1883.....	\$3780 00
“ “ “ new “ 1884.....	2058 26

Leaving a balance in favor of the Farm system of..	\$1721 74
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besides about \$630 estimated value of crop on hand.

So much for Statistics. The mode of establishing and maintaining seems to have been about as follows. The first cost of the Farms, (in the Counties named), including purchase of land, erection of buildings, furnishing, etc., varied from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and was raised by Bonds extending over a period of about eight years; the County providing an extinguishing fund by annual assessments, which course was legalized by special Act of the Legislature.

A Keeper and Matron are employed at a salary, (in Hants of \$300 per annum, including living on the Farm).

A Committee is annually appointed (in Hants Co. the Committee on Public Property), who manage the affair by annual or semi-annual visits of inspection and visits in rotation every week by some one of the Committee. The supplies are all furnished by tender. Horses, cows and sheep are kept on the Farm, commensurate with the wants of the establishment. The inmates are kept employed so far as their physical ability permits, and the revenue from produce sold and the saving by that consumed on the Farm materially reduces the cost of maintenance. The sexes are separately cared for, and the females are usefully employed in knitting and preparing and mending clothing for all the inmates.

From all the information at their command it appears to your Committee, that the principle of a Poor's Asylum or Farm—where all the poor of the County may be cared for under one management, is infinitely more humane and in accordance with Christian, as well as pecuniary Charity—and what is important—more economical, and better for the health, morals, and comfort of those who are so unfortunate as to be unable to support themselves; and better for the pockets of those who have to do it, and we believe it would result in a great saving to every district having *Poor to provide* for, and *this* is a privilege which eventually comes round to every district.

It will also simplify the whole business of Poor's support, and greatly relieve local overseers of Poor; as Districts having Poor to provide for, will merely have to transfer them to the Poor's Farm, and there will be no uncertainty as to the proper handling of the Funds as all District poor taxes as well as County taxes, will come directly to the County Treasurer and be from him disbursed in accordance with instructions from the Committee, and in accordance with the foregoing, your Committee would recommend as a preliminary step, that the Legislature be asked to authorize for such purpose, a loan for a consistent amount to extend over a period of—say eight years, from time of contracting it.

The cost of the Farm would necessarily be a County charge distributed over a term of years as before stated. The maintenance would be a pro-rata charge on the several Districts that furnished the inmates, and there are no reasons why such an institution should not be as economically managed in Halifax County as elsewhere,

while practically there are favorable conditions here which other places do not possess.

In conclusion, your Committee feel pleasure in testifying to the very generous treatment accorded by the several Officials applied to for information, and beside many items of interest supplied, and which we have not deemed it necessary to embody in this Report, they further offered to favor us at any time should it be decided to provide a Poor's Farm for Halifax County—with such additional advice and suggestions as in the establishment or working of their institutions, practice and experience had, or might, demonstrate as advisable.

B. C. WILSON,
NORMAN HAYES,
GEO. H. MADILL,
GEORGE LAWSON.

The Chairman gave some further explanations, and stated that the Committee had obtained a great amount of useful information which would swell the Report too much to write up, but would be available when required. Also gave several instances of the manner in which the Poor are provided for in some Districts. On motion of Councillors Himmelman and Poole, that the Report be received and adopted, Councillor Tupper said it was too important a measure to be acted on hastily, and moved in amendment, seconded by Councillor Maskell, That the Report be held over and discussed on Friday evening. The amendment passed.

Read an Appeal from Thomas McMullin, Little River, against the Collector of School Sectional Rates for illegal and exorbitant taxes, the Assessment Roll for 1884 being taken instead of 1885. On motion it was referred to Committee on Assessments.

In reply to Councillor Himelman, whether he be allowed to present Petitions to-morrow, which were delayed in the mail, leave was granted to submit them then.

The Council adjourned to Thursday morning 10.30.

THIRD. DAY.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14th, 1886.

The Council met at 10.30 a.m. The Warden and 28 Councillors present.

The previous Minutes were read and adopted.

Councillor Himelman presented a Petition (which was read) from Sol. Osborne, and 35 others, of Cow Bay, Devil's Island and

Eastern Passage, for authority to open a road to a landing place on the shore of the Bay. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read a petition from Charles Jackson and others, of Lake Loon, District 31, for statute labor on the road to their schoolhouse. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

By request of the Board of Charities, John Coulter, night watchman at Mount Hope Asylum, was ordered to be sworn in as a county constable.

After discussion by Councillor Shatford and others, on motion of Councillor O'Leary and Maskell, the following resolution was passed :—

Whereas, It is the opinion of several councillors that a large amount of statute labor is lost to the roads of this country by the overseers of statute labor allowing their men time as statute labor when breaking roads in winter after snowstorms, which is contrary to law and a great loss to our roads; therefore

Resolved, That the following instructions be sent to the overseers of statute labor with their other regulations of statute; that no time be allowed as statute labor for breaking roads after winter storms other than the law allows.

The Committee appointed under a precept to consider petition for a new road, from the main road to Higgins' mill, district 35, reported with a rough plan for a new, shorter and improved road, which was adopted. The Clerk to notify Mrs. Bruce, who had objected to the compensation proposed.

The Committee appointed to lay out a new road of four miles from Ebecumbeck to East Jeddore reported satisfactorily, and the precept was confirmed.

On motion, by the Councillor for each District, the bridge by Ernst's mills, between districts 30 and 31, was placed under the Bridge Act of 1883; also, the Meagher's Grant bridge, district 20; also the bridge on West River, Sheet Harbor, District 25.

The Warden stated the contents of a letter from Thomas Fyshe, Esq., complaining of over-taxation, and his not being notified of the valuation by the Assessor at the time of making the same in Dist. 14.

Read Report of Deputy Sheriff McBain, in relation to his mission with Chief County Constable to District 10, to collect deficits of Rates of 1884, last August.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., 8th January, 1886.

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

According to instructions received from the Stipendiary Magistrate and the County Clerk, I proceeded with Chief County Constable Monaghan to Upper Prospect, about the First of August last, for the purpose of collecting Taxes that were in arrear.

I was given to understand that the Fishing Bounty would be paid at that time, and that Councillor Longard, who was to pay the Bounty, would accept orders from the fishermen for the amount of

their Taxes. and give us every assistance to have the Taxes collected. Immediately on our arrival, we went to Councillor Longard, who assisted us to check off on the Assessment Roll those who were to receive Fishing Bounty, and promised to accept and pay over to us all orders given by them.

During the first afternoon, we got fifteen orders on Councillor Longard. But to my surprise, on telling him of our success, he said that he neither would accept or pay any orders. I asked him why he had suggested for us to get orders, promising to accept and pay them, and now repudiate all his suggestions and promises, and lead us astray in the matter. The only reason he gave was, that it was illegal, and he would not accept them. Councillor Longard also said, if the people were unwilling to pay their taxes, there was no power or law to make them do so. He also asked me where was the law, and what authority we had for collecting or compelling the people to pay their taxes, and who gave us the power to do so. I showed Councillor Longard the warrant, with his own signature to it, for what we were doing, and expressed my opinion about the collecting of taxes pretty freely. I was so astonished at Councillor Longard's proceedings that I scarcely knew what to do. The very person we were expecting to assist us so much, to now throw a damper on our whole work. However, after consulting with Mr. Monaghan, I advised for us to go among the people, and do the best we could, without referring or advising in any way with Councillor Longard.

We succeeded in getting cash from some who had it, and when the Bounty Money came, the people in general paid up. The Report of our proceedings given to the County Clerk will shew the result. As I have been asked on several occasions, if I could give any reason why there is more difficulty in collecting the taxes in Upper Prospect than in any other District of the County, I would respectfully submit my observations of what I saw and heard while there, and give my opinion of the matter to the Council.

1st.—There is a very general complaint that the Assessors do not personally visit the Ratepayers, so as to really know what they do and what they do not own. A man may have ten or twelve nets this year, but a storm may come and sweep them away, and still from year to year, he is assessed for the same number of nets. More than one Ratepayer complained of that to Councillor Longard in my presence, and the answer invariably given by Councillor L. was, that while he had anything to do with the Assessment, it would never be otherwise.

2nd. — Another complaint is, that the Assessment is made late in the year, after the summer work is done, and when few people have ready money by them. The Ratepapers say that, that if the Assessment was made early in the summer, there would be no difficulty in collecting it.

3rd.—That the Tax Collector is often away from home when

there is no one to receive the Taxes, or attend to the collecting of them. That the Tax Collector will be away, and has been away for three months at a time.

From what I have seen of the people of District No. 10, I have no hesitation in saying, that with proper management, there would be no more difficulty in collecting the Taxes there than there is in other Districts. My business leads me to all parts of the country, and I have had considerable experience in dealing with delinquents, and I had no more, if as much, trouble in collecting money in District 10 as I have had in any other parts of the country.

In conclusion, I may remark, that although Councillor Longard refused to accept or pay orders for Taxes, he accepted and paid orders from people who owed for their taxes, but left the taxes remain unpaid.

Your most obdt. servt.,

JOHN MCBAIN,
Deputy Sheriff and County Constable.

On the charges against Councillor Longard in this Report, a committee consisting of Councillors Wilson, Leslie, and Burgess, were appointed to investigate and report thereon to the Council.

Read, letters from J. F. Kenny, complaining of unfair valuation of properties on the Bedford road, his property at Sherwood being valued at \$3,900, whereas Moir's properties were only valued at \$10,000, which was manifestly unfair to the complainant. On motion both letters were referred to Assessment Committee.

Read, a long letter from Judge Johnston complaining of the Council's action in regard to the appointment and non-payment of Crier of the County Court, Charles McGinn, and asking that more satisfactory arrangements be made in regard to the several Criers. Deputy Warden Shatford explained the matter as arranged with the Judges of Supreme and County Courts last year and then deemed satisfactory. Councillor Ryan shewed that the arrangement made, (and sanctioned by the Judges), as stated in Report in the Minutes, 1885, page 28, had been altered by the Judge himself. That the fees of the courts had not been paid to McKay the Chief Crier as agreed. That the second proposal made in April (see Minutes, page 69), had also been set aside and the Treasurer had refused to pay the increased claim for McGinn as it was not provided for.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Hays the letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Shatford, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW ASSESSMENT LAW.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Act respecting Assessments that was before the Legislature last winter and printed for

the information of the public, is *not such a law* as is required for this County or Province, as it will bear heavily on some classes and to a certain extent exempt others. The taxation would be very unequal on the different classes of the community.

The proposed bill contains so many objectionable features that the Committee do not think it necessary to go into consideration of the numerous details and complications which it seems to present, and upon some of which there is room for difference of opinion.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*
G. A. LESLIE,
JOHN D. TUPPER,
E. S. HUBLEY,
E. R. POOLE,
GEO. J. LONGARD,
EDMUND RYAN,
DONALD McLAREN,
GEORGE LAWSON.

On motion it was decided that the Council adjourn to Friday morning at 10 a.m., to give the several committees time to make up their reports.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Jany. 15, 1886.

The Council assembled at 10 a. m. The Warden and 28 Councillors present. The last Minutes were read and confirmed.

Councillor Parker moved, seconded by Councillor O'Leary,

Resolved, That district 22 be divided into two sections for the purpose of collecting rates and swearing in town officers.

The Deputy Warden and others opposed the motion, which was considered to be illegal. On being put it was lost. Moved by Councillor Longard and Ryan,

Resolved, That district 38 be incorporated in revisal section 8, so as to read polling districts 10, 23 and 38.—Passed.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan and J. Hayee,

Resolved, That the inhabitants of Portuguese Cove commence to shovel after a heavy snow storm at the head of Portuguese Cove to Andrew Bowers', then the south part from Chris. Purcell's to the road leading to Ketch Harbor; and the remainder to work on north.—Passed.

Dr. Chase, Chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LUNATICS.

The Committee find from lists furnished by the Bursar of the Hospital for Insane to December 31st, A. D. 1885, that the number of patients chargeable to the County, who were admitted during the year, was as follows :

Males	22
Females	14
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Total.....	36

The number of Halifax County patients out on trial is as follows :

Females	4
Males	1
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Total.....	5

The number of County patients readmitted during the year is :

Males	1
Females	3
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Total.....	4

The number of patients discharged or died :

Males	7
Females.....	17
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Total.....	24

The number of Halifax County patients in Hospital, December 31st, 1885 :

Males	57
Females	62
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Total.....	119

The accounts submitted by the Hospital authorities shew a balance of \$28,884.42 claimed by the Board of Charities at the close of the year; but your committee think that an investigation into the affairs of the Hospital would largely reduce the above amount.

Your committee learn from Dr. Reid that all readmissions have to come in as new patients, and are therefore required to be re-examined, and your committee desire to protest against this re-examination as being a large and unnecessary expense.

Annexed herewith, will be found the statistics of admissions, readmissions, discharged and died during the year, and also of those remaining in Hospital at close of year.

THOS. E. CHASE,
EDMUND RYAN,
JOHN G. BISSET,
NORMAN HAYS,
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

ADMISSIONS.

No.	Date.	Males.
1887.	Jan. 10.	Geo. Crewe.
1897.	Feb. 2.	John H. Norwood.
1899.	" 6.	John T. Elliott.
1959.	Mar. 20.	John Holland.
1909.	April 6.	Thos. Stevens.
1926.	May 22.	Walter Umlah.
1932.	June 12.	David Aikenhead.
1935.	" 18.	Duncan Bill.
1937.	" 19.	Michael Burns.
1945.	July 10.	John Allan.
1948.	" 18.	Jacob P. Moser.
1949.	" 21.	John Manning.
1957.	Aug. 15.	George Delonchry.
1965.	Sept. 9.	Edward J. Small.
1967.	" 14.	William During.
1969.	" 23.	Chas. H. Surnam.
1971.	" 29.	Chas Robinson.
1979.	Oct. 29.	Hugh Latters
1978.	" 29.	Matthew Owen.
1989.	Novr. 2.	John Murgatroid.
1992.	" 30.	A. F. Lloyd.
1995.	Dec. 23.	Geo. Walter Sutherland

No.	Date.	Females.
1890.	Jan. 19.	Janet Brodie.
1895.	" 30.	Emily Witcher.
1896.	" 31.	Bridget Carey.
1901.	Feb. 18.	Elizabeth Smith.
1902.	" 23.	Melissa Boutilier.
1903.	Mch. 2.	Rebecca Trueman.
1906.	" 21.	Mary Callahan.
1910.	April 9.	Catherine Shea.
1914.	" 15.	Mary Jane Power.
1922.	May 19.	Margaret Wallidge.
1942.	July 6.	Eva Whidden.
1954.	Aug. 6.	Mrs. Alice Clarke.
1968.	Sept. 15.	Mary Horn.
1988.	Nov. 21.	Mary Brackett.

FEMALES DISCHARGED.

No.	Patients.	On Leave.	Returned.	Dischd.	Died.
1878.	Alice Henry	13.2	.....	31.3	.....
1864.	Elizabeth Connors	19.1	.....	30.3	.....
733.	Mary Morgan	.....	.....	.....	14.4
1844.	Mary Ann Dunn	20.2	.....	30.6	.....
1880.	Mary Hogan	7.4	.....	30.6	.....
1896.	Bridget Carey	11.3	.....	30.6	.....
1841.	Sophia Hardman	25.4	.....	30.6	.....
1840.	Johanna Hannan	5.5	.....	21.9	.....
1845.	Ann McDonald	.....	.....	.....	21.10
1818.	Mary Gallagher	29.5	.....	5.11	.....
1630.	Mary Kennedy	20.5	.....	5.11	.....
1825.	Elizabeth Glawson	2.10.84	.....	2.12	.....
1861.	Johanna Downie	11.7	.....	29.12	.....
1800.	Janet Brodie	24.8	.....	29.12	.....
.....	Fanny Abraham	22.9.85	14.12	.....	.....
.....	Alice Fitzgerald	28.3	1.4.85	.....	.....
.....	Annie Keddy	5.10	27.10.85	.....	.....

OUT ON TRIAL.

FEMALES.

	On Leave.	Returned.	Dischd.	Died.
Cassie Houseman	20.6 85			
Melissa Boutilier	17.9 81			
Mary J. Power	27 8 85			
Alice Clarke	12 11.85			
Michael Burns	18.9.85			

MALES.

1897	Joseph Norwood			7.2
1887	Geo. Crewe			29.3
1883	Allen McDonald	12 1	30.0	
1919	Thomas Stevens	25.4	6.5	
1994	John Manning			1.11
921	Joseph Groggett			1.11
1898	John Elliott		1.12	

*Names of Halifax County Patients in Hospital for the Insane,
Dec. 31st, 1885.*

MALES.

36	William Graham.	106	Patrick Harmony
188	John McCarthy.	345	John Kennedy.
538	William Williams.	579	William McAllice.
742	Richard Barry.	788	Michael Brennan.
881	Denni Moriarty.	885	Chas. Dunbrach.
922	John J. Dunn	929	John H. Stewart.
954	Lawrence Hickey.	774	Thos. F. Knight.
967	James A. Allan.	981	William Caldwell.
984	Samuel Foster	990	Chas. Brodie.
1013	Thomas Lynch.	1150	Thos. Roland.
1186	Michael O Hearn.	1222	Nicholas Power
1286	Daniel Callaghan.	1367	Jas. Pucell.
1406	Chas. M. Nolan.	1488	William Albert Williams.
1500	Benjamin Umlah.	1506	Charles E. Evans.
1524	Henry Ascott.	1455	William Stowell
1583	Michael Lauchlin.	1604	Jas. C. Woodworth.
1609	Dougald McKay.	1615	Charles Thompson.
1624	Newton Strong.	1657	Patrick J. Ead
1713	Thos. Shea.	1762	John Gough.
1811	D. W. Stoddard.	1926	Walter Umlah.
1884	Richard N. Laurilliard	1926	Duncan Bill.
1932	David Aikenhead	1945	John Allan.
1937	Michael Burns.	1957	Geo. Delonchery.
1948	Jacob P. Moser.	1965	Edward J. Small.
1656	John Holland.	1969	Chas. H. Suruan.
1667	William During.	1979	Hugh Latters.
1971	Chas Robinson.	1992	A. F. Lloyd
1989	John Murgatroid.	1978	Matthew Owen.—57.
1995	Geo. Walter Sutherland.		

FEMALES.

46	Mary Ann Ring.	920	Catherine Reddy.
126	Margaret Ferguson.	946	Caroline Watson.
463	Catherine Coolan.	966	Mary Delaney.
488	Mary Boutilier.	993	Margaret Norris.
618	Susan McKenzie.	1130	Jane Green.
749	Elizabeth Foster.	1154	Jane Caldwell.
781	Catherine Hayes.	518	Maria Norris.

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| 1292. Elizabeth Savage. | 917. Ellen J. Wall. |
| 1379. Catherine Colford. | 643. E. A. Thomas. |
| 1415. Emily Mosher | 292. Mary A. Flowers. |
| 1433. Margaret Sawler. | 1070. Ellen Hubley |
| 1514. Isabella Graham. | 1144. Eleanor Gilfoy. |
| 1616. Emma Royffer | 1234. Mary Doyle. |
| 1741. Mary Ann Fraser. | 411. Bridget Dunlay. |
| 1749. Ellen Higgins. | 1366. Joanna Durward. |
| 1814. Ann Davis. | 441. Esther S. Godfrey. |
| 1815. Emma George. | 1431. Annie McLeod. |
| 1874. Annie Keddy. | 1449. Mary Swindles |
| 1895. Emily Witcher. | 1565. Janet Cole |
| 1902. Melissa Boutillier. | 1699. Ellen McLean |
| 1906. Mary Callahan. | 1745. Theresa Martin. |
| 1941. Mary Jane Power. | 1768. Sarah Ann Wylde. |
| 1942. Eva Whilden. | 1817. Julia McCarthy. |
| 1968. Mary Horn. | 1868. Alice Fitzgerald |
| 114. Margaret Grant. | 1876. Fanny Abraham. |
| 142. Mary Ann Kennedy. | 1901. Elizabeth Smith. |
| 484. Catherine Houseman. | 1903. Rebecca Trueman. |
| 600. Isabella Gillis. | 1910. Catherine Shea. |
| 698. Johanna McKenna. | 1922. Margaret Wajidge. |
| 766. Charlotte Knowles. | 1954. Mrs. Alice Clarke. |
| 841. Elizabeth Pye. | 1988. Mary Brackett—62. |

Shewing an increase of 6 males and 10 females as compared with Dec. 31st, 1884.

Councillor Wilson presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council :

Early in the summer of 1885, your Committee engaged the services of Mr. S. M. Brookfield to examine the Gaol buildings and report thereon and proceeded to call for tenders for repairs in accordance with his suggestions.

The South and East Walls were pointed, oiled, and painted. The large Cupola was removed, thereby relieving the building of some twenty tons of unnecessary weight, and the roof extended over the place it occupied, and a skylight substituted to admit light to the interior of the building with very satisfactory results. The walls of the yard were repaired and secured, beside a number of minor repairs.

Your Committee feel pleasure in stating that all these repairs have given generally good satisfaction, and beg to state that the whole has been done without expending quite all the money voted for the purpose.

The Jailor's Report, herewith accompanying, shows a reduction in the number of prisoners as compared with the preceding year.

The commitments were :

Criminals	205
Debtors	131

The rent from Rooms is considerably less than heretofore which would seem to indicate greater economy or impecuniosity on the part of those who go to jail to settle their debts.

The Jail Surgeon also furnishes his yearly report, speaking very favorably of the general management and sanitary condition of the buildings.

Your Committee beg to state that though they succeeded in effecting the major part of the repairs to the jail property in 1885, there still remain some matters requiring attention, for which they would ask a small appropriation this year; hoping that this will put the property in such condition as will obviate any further outlay for several years, and would enumerate repairs to the windows and gratings of south side of prisoners rooms, and also repairs to the roof, and mastic or cement, on walls of same, before the present breaks and startings become so large as to admit water into the walls and consequent injury. Also the advisability and desirability of a small shed or room somewhere within the enclosure, probably adjoining the main building, for purposes of storage of any general supplies of a bulky or other character, and for which there are now no convenient place.

And your Committee consider that an appropriation of \$200 would cover all these outlays and place the property in efficient repair, which appropriations they trust you will authorize, and if so favored your Committee will do the best in their power to expend it economically and efficiently.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. C. WILSON,
E. E. BURGESS,
EDMUND RYAN,
J. G. BISSETT,
JOSEPH HIMELMAN,
THOS. E. CHASE.

(See Jailor's Report in full on page 11.)

The Report was, on motion, received and adopted.

The Warden submitted a Circular from John Lowe, Esq., of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, with Plan of Exhibition Building at London, a Special Circular respecting Exhibits, and Letters from H. R. H., the Prince of Wales to the High Commissioner, containing details and urging Canadians to make the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of 1886, a great success. The documents being lengthy, may be briefly summarized thus:—

1st. An Exhibition solely of Colonial and Indian Products, Ores, Manufactures, Books, Pictures, Photographs and other artistic exhibits will be held under a Royal Commission in the year 1886.

2nd. Place—London, G. B.

3rd. Time—on or about the 1st May, and be open till October.

4th. Market and other supplies will be sold on account of the owner if desired, likewise other property or articles forwarded.

5th. All articles will be forwarded on applying to Agents of the Commission.

6th. 54,500 square feet will be allotted to Canada as per Plan.

7th. It is expected that special advantages will result to Canada and Canadians, in proportion to their patriotic and energetic endeavors to contribute towards the requirements of the exhibition.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and C. E. Smith,

Resolved, That the Council direct the clerk to acknowledge receipt of the communications and relative papers of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, to inform him that these documents have been read in detail to a full meeting of Council and that the members of Council will have much pleasure in explaining the arrangements for the proposed exhibition to the notice of their constituents in the several districts of the country.—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Sullivan and Hays and

Resolved. The inhabitants of Portuguese Cove commence to break roads and shovel snow after a heavy snow storm at the head of the Cove to Andrew Bowers'; then the south part from Christopher Purcel's to go to the road section leading to Ketch Harbor and the remainder to work on north.

The Clerk mentioned the difficulties in sparsely settled Districts, such as No. 13, of getting the roads clear for mails, etc., after heavy snow storms. The Act relating to Wire Fences was referred to. Chap. 13, Sections 42, 43.

On regular motions moved by the different Councillors seconded and passed, the following sums were voted to be assessed on the districts named for the support of the poor :

District 33, Eastern Passage.....	\$100
" 21, Middle Musquodoboit,	50
" 26, Tangier.....	100
" 22, Upper Musquodoboit.....	50
" 31, Cole Harbor.....	100
" 9, Sambro.....	80
" 30, Preston.....	40
" 27, Jeddore.....	75
" 24, Moser's River.....	60
" 20, Meagher's Grant.....	75
" 25, Sheet Harbor.....	150
" 36, Musquodoboit Harbor.....	90
" 32, Hubbard's Cove.....	100
" 11, Hacketts Cove.....	200
" 18, Waverley.....	100

— \$1370

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Ryan, it was resolved to visit the Poor House this afternoon at 4 to see the arrangements thereof.

Councillor Lawson and the Treasurer shewed the necessity of having immediate accommodation for the Poor. Both paupers and

harmless insane could not now be taken at the City Poor House, and the Hospital for Insane was overcrowded.

Submitted an Account from one Patrick Coady, District 25, for \$48.00 expenses incurred by him in efforts to arrest a fugitive criminal, accused of attempted rape on his child. The Treasurer said he had refused payment, as there was no Magistrate's order, the charges were not legitimate and there were no vouchers. On motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Council adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, Jan. 15th, 1886.

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

Read, Report of Road Commissioner Fultz, District 17:

SACKVILLE, December 31st, 1885.

To Municipal Council, Halifax County:

In reporting on the state of the Roads this year I will make but few remarks, as Dr. Lawson will explain more fully than I can in a short report. On account of the large amount of money borrowed out of this year's appropriation to repair damages done by heavy freshets the year before, left but a small amount for this year, when a much larger amount was required. The past two years there has been no license money, which is a serious loss to this section, as formerly there was quite a large amount collected from that source. The result, is our roads, small bridges, and culverts are getting worse every year for the want of sufficient amount of money to keep them in proper repair. A small amount of money had to be borrowed to repair dangerous bridges, and a much larger amount of money will be required for that purpose than former years. A new and substantial bridge has been built over the Beaver Bank River, but culverts and small bridges are much out of repair on that road. The bridge at the head of Long Lake, about a mile and a half above Windsor Junction, will require quite a sum of money to put it in a safe condition, and will have to be attended to as soon as possible. In conclusion, I would ask the Council to make some arrangement about the license money so that each district would have the benefit of the amount collected for the repair of roads and bridges.

DEBLOIS FULTZ,

Commissioner District 17.

Councilor Lawson referred to the small amount of means for keep-

ing the Roads and Bridges in order and enquired whether the Dominion Licenses for Liquor selling in 1884 were put to credit of Districts. The Clerk said that the Local Legislature had enacted that the amount go to the general Funds of the Municipality. This brought up the subject of the illegality of the Dominion Act of 1883, which was discussed by Councillors Lawson, Shatford, Ryan, Longard, Maskell, Tupper, and others. It was moved by Councillors Himelman and Lawson, and

Res. lred. That the License fees and fines now in the general County funds be placed to the credit of the several Districts from which the same were collected for the benefit of their Roads and Bridges, as per Bye-Law.—Passed by 16 for the motion, and 12 against it.

Read, a letter from Alfred Bayer, Overseer of Roads, district 15, relating to encroachment on the highway by John Boutilier erecting a building, part of which was over the limits on the road opposite Prince's Lodge.

On motion referred (with the former complaint), to Councillor for the District.

Deputy Warden Shatford gave notice, seconded by Councillor Maskell, of motion to rescind the action taken to refund the fees and fines for Dominion Licenses in 1884 to the districts whence they were received.—Passed, to be acted upon to-morrow.

Councillor Tupper asked concerning the disposition of Pedlers and Auctioneer's License fees. The Clerk explained that they went to general credit of the County, as it was doubtful to which district they should be credited. After discussion, it was moved by Councillors Tupper and Lawson, and—

Resolved. That Auctioneer's License fees shall be placed by the Treasurer to the credit of the Roads and Bridges of the respective districts where those taking out such Licenses reside, and Pedler's License fees to credit of the General Road Grant.—Passed.

Submitted an account from Albert Wamell for one year's pay as Custodian of the Draw Bridge at Jeddore. The Clerk stated that the account was to 31st December, and that the appointment being made last April, only nine months were due. It was first moved to go to the Finance Committee, but on explanation by Councillor McLaren and Maskell, it was on motion—

Resolved. That Albert Wamell of Jeddore, appointed Draw Keeper of Jeddore Bridge, be paid his salary as passed by this Council at the April Session, 1885, one year to April 30th next.—Passed

It was explained that the Provincial Secretary and Attorney General had stated that there was no law for the collection of Tolls on Bridges by Municipal Councils or their officers, consequently they were not exacted and no returns could be made.

Read, the Report of Committee on Licenses.

Your Committee having examined the petitions of the following persons, respectively, for licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors

within the Municipality of the County of Halifax, from the first day of May, 1885, to the 30th day of April, 1886, and finding them in accordance with the law, with the permission of your Council, passed and granted licenses to the following persons: Mary Power, Edward H. Coolen, J. H. Power, and John D. Duggan, district No. 10; Robert Allan, and J. P. Connolly, district No. 15; Thomas Ward, district No. 14; John Brady, district No. 31; George L. Keans, district No. 32; James Finlay, district No. 33; Harry Wright, district No. 14. A license had been granted to Thomas Beech but not issued, he not applying for it. On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

E. E. BURGESS, *Chairman.*
H. CRUIKSHANK,
E. R. POOLE,
JNO. H. SELLARS.

Read, the Report of the Special Committee on charges against Councillor Longard, submitted by Councillor Wilson, (*Chairman.*)

The Committee having taken the evidence of several parties in the matter, under oath, and investigated the question to the best of their ability, consider that, though the statements are very contradictory, after all it may be considered as much a difference of opinion as of real facts, colored somewhat by the fact that the individuals were irritated by the unsuccessful results of their efforts to collect, and the unfavorable state of the weather at the time.

Mr. Longard does not appear to have intentionally thrown obstacles in the way of the constable, but a marked discrepancy arises in the evidence, Mr. Longard denying ever seeing a separate order which could be used by him; the constable contending to the contrary. Mr. Longard, in regard to fishery bounty warrants, was bound by a cast iron rule, and consequently his determined stand admits of some consideration. It also appears that a misunderstanding exists in reference to the liquidation of some of the taxes of 1885, by which some of such taxes were not pressed for, through the printed notices from the clerk's office, stating that all delinquents would be proceeded against after 1st October, which was understood by an extension of time for collecting—and for this Mr. Longard could not reasonably be held responsible, but we trust this investigation will have a more amicable and successful result in future.

Signed,

B. C. WILSON,
G. A. LESLIE,
E. E. BURGESS.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Leslie,

Resolved, That a Road section be formed, commencing at John Annand's line, extending to McKenzie's road, to be known as section No. 17, in District 19.—*Passed*.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Leslie,

Resolved, That a road section be formed, commencing at Edward Isnor's west line and extending to James West's east line, to be known as section No 16, in District 19.—*Passed*.

On motion of Councillors Maskell and Longard,

Resolved, That, whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Council that several patients in the Hospital for the Insane are doing serviceable work in the said institution, which is quite a saving to the working of the Hospital,—

Therefore Resolved, That the Commissioners be requested to credit the several counties with the labor performed by the patients from said counties to which they are chargeable, at reasonable rates.—*Passed*.

The Council adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Jan'y. 16th, 1886.

The Council met at 11 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 24 Councillors.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon's Session read and accepted.

Deputy Warden Shatford, seconded by Councillor N. Hays, (in reference to notice given yesterday,) moved,

That the Resolution respecting the refund of Dominion License Fees to Districts be reconsidered.

The motion was put and lost.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on motion of Councillors Ryan and Dr. Chase,

Resolved, That this Council do request the Dominion Government to take such steps as may lead to negotiations with the Government of the United States for a reciprocity treaty between the two countries, embracing such trade arrangements as may be for the mutual advantage of each country, including the fishery interests, which are of the greatest importance to our people

Further resolved, That failing to secure a satisfactory treaty with the United States, the Dominion Government do place a sufficient number of armed vessels along our coast to protect our fisheries from the encroachment of American fishermen.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the government, and to M. B. Daly, and J. F. Stairs, Esquires, M's. P.

Read the Section of Act relating to County Incorporations as amended for Halifax County assessment, declaring the Local Act still in force, notwithstanding its omission from the new Revised Statutes.

On motion it was referred to Law Amendment Committee and

Resolved, That the Clerk attend the Committee and inform them as to the Legislation requiring to be obtained at next Session of the Council.

Read, the Act relating to Boards of Health, also the recent Proclamation of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, requiring the Act to be carried into effect in consequence of the approach of Small Pox.

It was decided that Health Officers be appointed in the Districts requiring them under Chapters 26 and 27, Revised Statutes.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and N. Hayes,

Resolved, That \$100 be assessed for Poor in District 32.—Passed.

Read the principal Sections of the Amendment to the Act respecting Fire Escapes, (Chap. 64, 1884, sections 1, 2, 21; Chap. 17, 1885.)

On motion of Councillors Shatford and N. Hays,

Resolved, That Councillors Wilson, Ryan and N. Hayes be the Board of Fire Escapes for the Municipality for the year 1886.—Passed.

Read the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The only matters before this Committee at the present time are the several Petitions herein referred to, for information on all of which we have enquired of persons interested in the Roads of the several Districts, and recommend that precepts be granted to lay out the several proposed Roads as requested by petitions of Leonard Hartling, et al, District 34; Henry Lawson, et al, District 7; Wm. T. Kent, J. P., et al, District 27; Wm. Hunt, et al, District 33; and that the Councillors representing each of the said Districts now name three persons as a committee to lay out said proposed Roads.

We also recommend that Charles Jackson, et al, District 31, be allowed one half their Statute Labor, as requested, and suggest that all such petitions for Statute Labor on private Roads in future be referred to the Councillor for the District in which such question arises.

This Committee requests that Councillors make a strong effort to have all Statute Labor Returns properly filled in and attested to for 1885, placed on file in the office of the County Clerk, before the April meeting of Council.

G. A. LESLIE,
 GEORGE LAWSON,
 JOHN E. SHATFORD,
 E. R. POOLE,
 CHARLES E. SMITH,
 THOMAS O'LEARY,
 JAMES H. SELLARS.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Chairmen of the Law Amendment and Finance Committees wished leave for those Committees to meet early in the afternoon to prepare reports.

It was moved and passed that the Council adjourn to Monday at 2 o'clock, all Committees to be then ready to report, and the lists of District Officers for 1886 to be presented for approval and acceptance.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, P. M., Jan. 18, 1886.

The Council met at 2 p. m. Present, the Warden and 26 Councillors.

The Minutes were submitted. The lists of District Officers for 1886 were passed *en bloc*.

Read, a letter from the Provincial Engineer, M. Murphy, Esq., as follows :

"I beg to respectfully solicit your attention to the working of the draw and swing bridges on the Eastern Shore of the county of Halifax, named respectively—

1. Rocky Run bridge ;
2. Canterbury bridge ;
3. Porter's Lake bridge, on main post road ;
4. Salmon River bridge, Jeddore.

These bridges are all in fair working order and require attention respecting the appointment of responsible persons with adequate instructions to keep them in working order, and to look after the opening and closing of them as may be required for the purpose of navigation, as well for the safety of the public passing over them. I find that there are no commissions or instructions given from your honorable Council, and that the fastenings and wedges on which the extreme ends of the swing bridge crossing Porter's Lake, near Innis', are from time to time neglected, causing injury to the bridge and risk of accident to the public.

The drawbridge at Salmon River, Jeddore, was interfered with, and one of the crank handles of the winch thrown into the stream. Recently the draw has been carefully guarded and looked after by Mr. Warnell, but that gentleman informs me that he had no instructions or commission other than verbal to look after it.

I had the honor to write you respecting two bridges on the main road, viz : Porter's Lake and Jeddore, previous to the January meeting of your session for 1885. Since then, I am informed,

nothing has been done to ensure safety to the public and protect these bridges from injury."

On motion of Councillors McLaren and Ryan—

Resolved, That Joseph Lloyd be Custodian of Rocky Run Bridge at a salary of \$20 per annum, and be sworn in by the Councillor—Passed.

By Councillors McLaren and Ryan—

Resolved, That Joseph Conrod be Custodian of Canterbury Bridge at a salary of \$20 per annum, and be sworn into office by the Councillor—Passed.

By Councillors Dennis Smith and John Hays—

Resolved, That Robert Innis, Sr., be appointed to look after the drawbridge at Porter's Lake at a salary of \$20 per annum—Passed.

By Councillors Shetford and N. Hays—

Resolved, That before the Treasurer places any of the Dominion License funds to the credit of any District, he shall obtain the advice and opinion of the Attorney General on the subject—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Burgess—

That Whereas, Municipal Councils are now empowered by an amendment to Chap. 27 of the Revised Statutes to appoint in any place or district of such Municipalities, a Board of Health for carrying into effect sanitary orders of the Governor in Council, and prescribing the other duties of such Boards, and for other cognate purposes.

Therefore Resolved, That a Board of Health be appointed for the contiguous districts, No. 15 and 17, and that such board shall consist of the following gentlemen, viz.: Piery Ward, Andrew Heffer, Wm. Hare, J. G. Corbin, A. B. Wilmot, and W. H. Tremaine, E. E. Burgess, and Geo. Lawson—Passed.

The following Boards were also appointed on motion of the District Councillor:

For District 10, W. B. Christian, William Hearn, and Charles Coolen.

For District 27, Dr. Geo. A. Jamieson, Enos Baker, and W. T. Kent, J. P.

For Districts 24 and 34, Jas. W. Whitman, John Kirker, J. P., Edward Moser, George Hartling.

For District 29, Alexander Crook, Gasper Leslie and Patrick Conrod.

For District 28, John McLaren, Andrew Belfontaine, and Antony Faucher.

Moved by Councillors O'Leary and Lawson—

And Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Provincial Legislature should make such regulations as to provide that persons not domiciled in Nova Scotia should not be allowed to fish in non-navigable waters without first having paid license fees for the privilege; officers of the Army and Navy being members of the Provincial Game Society to be exempt—Passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on the Poor submit to this Council as accurate an account of all the returns in from each District, as possible, although some of the Districts have made no returns as yet; we have, therefore, been unable to make a full report as to the standing of all the Districts; but we hope that all will comply with the Law in this respect, before the next meeting of the Council. However, we are glad to report that the accounts are much better made out than last year, which facilitates and renders our duty less difficult.

Your Committee are of opinion that the duties of the Overseers of the Poor in many cases are very difficult under the present system of supporting the Poor, as sometimes they have to attend Lawsuits in the city, and walk long distances several times, (for very little remuneration,) before a satisfactory support can be obtained for the Poor. We can here give an example of that difficulty which a few weeks ago came to the notice of the Chairman of this Committee in his District, viz., No. 28.

An aged man, of rather a simple turn of mind, belonging to the same District, who had been working somewhere in the city for his food and clothing, (but had very little of the latter), left the city and arrived sometime during the night at about a mile from the settlement; the night being very cold, got to work and made himself a camp with the boughs of trees, having no other instrument to do so with, but a jack-knife. He remained there for three or four days, until he was found by a good Samaritan who took him to his own house and washed his clothing with his own hands, as he was in a very unclean condition. As soon as the Overseers learned the condition of the poor man, they immediately endeavored to find a place for him, but failed. They then went to the Councillor of the District to see what was to be done, as no one would take him, and after a good deal of consultation, came to the conclusion to put him in a vacant house, which was done, after two or three days' travelling, where he is now provided for by the Overseers.

We merely cite this instance to show how much easier it would have been, if such an institution as a good *Poor Farm* was in operation, where this poor man could have been taken to, and where all the Poor of each District could be provided for, and where every inmate capable of doing some kind of work could be employed. Your Committee therefore are of opinion that if such an institution was procured for this County and properly managed, it would, in a great measure relieve the rate-payers of much of the present expenses, and would also be the means of cheering up the spirits of the very often depressed and suffering Poor.

Your Committee would suggest that this Council ask the Local Legislature of this Province, (as in accordance with the

recommendation of the Committee on Poor Farm), to pass an Act authorizing the Council to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a *Poor Farm*, and erecting such buildings thereon as would be necessary to contain the poor of each District in this County.

Also, that the Committee on Public Property be charged with the procuring, erecting and locating such institutions. But your Committee are of opinion that the said Farm should be somewhere in a central place. We also entirely agree with every suggestion contained in the Report now before the Council on Poor Farm, and express our sincere thanks to them for all the pains they have taken to procure the valuable information therein contained. All this we submit to this Worshipful Council.

DONALD McLAREN, *Chairman*.
DENNIS DELOUGHBY,
ALEX. W. SMITH,
GEORGE J. LONGARD,
JOHN HAYES.

Financial Returns of the Overseers of Poor for year 1885.

District.	Balance on hand, 1884.	Collected on Assessment 1885.	From other Sources.	Total.	Expended.	Balance on hand, 1885.	Amount to be Assessed in 1886.	Due on Account of Paupers.
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8								
9								
10								
11	25 40	41 00		66 40	107 24		20 00	40 85
12	10 87	49 15		60 02	51 58	8 44	20 00	
13								
14								
15								
16	43 12			43 12	14 75	28 37		
18	177 07	344 00		621 07	303 95	217 12		
19								
20	34 60	50 00		34 60	64 60	20 00		
21		109 89	25 00	134 89	94 21	40 66		
22	14 27	163 35	70 50	248 12	171 98	76 14		
23	24 91		5 00	29 91	13 00	16 91		
24		51 22		51 22	42 72	8 50	60 00	
25	116 66	133 36		255 02	138 80	116 22	150 00	
26	287 01	423 84		323 84	202 30	121 49	100 00	
27								
28	82 96	104 18		187 14	97 11	90 03		
29	27 46		80 00	107 49	3 70	103 79		
30	26 50			26 50	9 00	17 50	40 00	
31	115 47	143 00		258 47	165 99	92 48	100 00	
32		106 00		106 00	102 11	3 89		
33	16 38	174 07		191 05	107 36	83 69	100 00	20 00
34								
35								
36		128 00	65 00	193 00	191 22	1 78	90 00	20 00

By consent of the Chairman the Report was amended by striking out the words "not more than ten miles from the City of Halifax," after the words "central place." On request, Councillor Wilson read and explained the Report of the Special Committee on Poor Farm. Considerable discussion followed. Councillors Tupper and Parker stated objections to the proposed Farm. Councillors Shatford, Lawson, Himelman, Maskell, McLaren and others in favor of it. It was moved by Councillors Poole and Maskell, "that the Report of the Committee on Poor be received and adopted."

Moved in amendment by Councillors Tupper and Parker, "that all the papers relating to Poor Farm do lie on the table until next Annual Session of the Council."

The amendment was put and lost. On call for names there were for the amendment—Councillors Tupper, Parker, Hubley, H. Cruickshank, Bissett and Sellers—6. Against the amendment—Councillors Lawson, Shatford, Ryan, Wilson, N. Hays, Burgess, John Hays Longard, Himelman, Shatford, Ryan, Poole, Maskell, Dart, A. W. Smith, Dr. Chase, C. E. Smith, Sullivan—18.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess, and

Resolved, That this Council ask the Legislature at its next Session to authorize a loan to this Municipality of a sufficient amount not to exceed \$3000 for the purpose of establishing a Poor's Farm for and within the Municipality of Halifax County, and that this Council shall proceed to provide an extinguishing fund for said loan by annual Assessment extending over a period of eight years.—Passed.

Read the Finance Committee's Report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee herewith present the Municipal Treasurer's Account for the year ended 31st Decr., 1885. See Pages 8 and 9.

The following is a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the County. The Assets are made up chiefly of debts due by the city, some of long standing, and deficits on the rate rolls from the rural districts.

ASSETS.

Balance in hand.....	\$ 3,769 96
Due by the City of Halifax	31,286 00
" districts.....	800 00
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	\$35,855 96

LIABILITIES.

School grants unpaid.....	\$	379	17	
Lunacy certificates		375	00	
Coroners' inquests		50	00	
Printing and stationary.....		88	76	
Court house expenses		265	11	
County jail expenses.....		159	33	
Assessors.....		60	00	
Revisors.....		36	00	
Collectors.....		139	71	
Poor rates.....		48	00	
Interest on Court House (balance).....		350	00	
Fines and licenses due districts		115	80	
Balances of road grants.....		187	32	
Crown witnesses and criminal prosecutions....		120	00	
Auditors 1885 accounts		40	00	
Sheriff's accounts.. ..		312	23	
J. N. & T. Ritchie's account.....		143	25	
Due Insane Asylum.....		28,885	41	\$31,755 06
Excess of Assets over Liabilities Dec. 31, '85.				\$4,100 90

The cash balance on hand December 31st, 1886, is \$564.50 more than last year. Our assets exceed our liabilities by \$4,100.90, while last year the excess of assets over liabilities was \$2,218.08. Our liabilities this year are \$4,248.03 more than last, and assets \$6,130.85 in excess of last year. The increase of liabilities this year is caused chiefly by the interest due on the money owing to the Insane Asylum. It will be seen that our financial outlook is about the same as last year.

Respecting a bill from one Cody, of Sheet Harbor, laid before your Committee, they do not feel justified, under the circumstances, in paying it, as there are no vouchers or data for anything contained in said bill, and charges are made that the County have no right to pay. Your Committee recommend that the sum of \$242.20 be paid the Sheriff, as agreed with him, he having made some reduction in his claim.

The Committee, after having an interview with His Lordship the Chief Justice and the County Court Judge, have come to the following arrangement, which we direct the Clerk and Treasurer to carry out, viz., that McKay receive \$350; Burns, \$250; McGinn, \$200 and the fees of the County Court, and to be subject to the Judges of the Supreme Court when not actually engaged in the County Court. McGinn to receive his money by an order from the County Court Judge; McKay and Burns to be paid on the order of the Chief Justice.

The following is the

ESTIMATE FOR 1886.

Hospital for Insane	\$14,500
County Jail.....	2,500
Court House.....	1,800
Clerk and Treasurer's salary.....	1,600
Criers and Constables, Supreme and County Court	800
County Constable.....	200
Grand Jury and Secretary... ..	250
Petit Jurors	500
Crown witnesses.....	300
Sheriff's accounts.....	350
Coroners' juries and expenses.....	450
Printing and stationery.....	300
Postage and expressage.....	50
Auditors.....	40
Councillors' pay	800
Revisors and Assessors.....	600
Contingent Fund.....	200
Sundry unpaid accounts.....	2,800
Interest on Court House.....	1,088
Bounties.....	200
Stipendiary Magistrate's salary.....	800
Revising jury lists.....	168
Election expenses.....	160
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	\$30,456
To which is added for Public Schools as the law requires....	9,545
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	\$40,001

It will be seen that the estimates exceed those of last year by \$1,226. The principal causes of increase, are the Jail repairs and increase of the Insane Asylum accounts and interest, also "sundry unpaid accounts" are larger than last year, with a small increase in some other services—this being election year for Councillors which will entail some extra expense. Your Committee cannot close their Report without expressing in the strongest terms their astonishment as well as their unqualified disapproval of the action of the Revisors of the Statutes in so wording the Statutes as to exempt Dartmouth from paying taxes of any kind toward the support of County institutions, while it participates in all the benefits derived from County taxation. Your Committee are further astonished and surprised that Dartmouth should send its prisoners to the County Jail, and have its insane paupers supported by the County, and yet refuse to pay any County rates for those purposes. The Committee trust that the Legislature at its next session will enact such legislation

as will remedy the injustice inflicted on the County thereby, and place the town of Dartmouth on an equal footing with the city and other parts of the County. We cannot conclude our Report without congratulating the Treasurer for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties both as Clerk and Treasurer.

JNO. E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*

N. HAYS,

EDMUND RYAN,

THOS. E. CHASE.

The Report was explained by the Chairman, Deputy Warden Shatford, and questions answered by him on several points.

Councillor Ryan explained very fully the history of the arrangement for Criers, which had led to the new allotment of funds for that object.

The Treasurer's Account and the Estimate were then read and the Estimate discussed.

On motion the Report and Estimate were received and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on law amendments was submitted and read.

REPORT ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

1. Your Committee recommend that the Legislature change the time of making the assessment in Halifax County to conform with Chap. 58 of the Revised Statutes, 5th series.

2. An alteration has unfortunately been made in Chap. 29, section 43, of the Revised Statutes, and also in the Municipal Act, Chap. 58, section 8, by the substitution of the word "Municipality" for the word "County," which has the effect of relieving from municipal assessment a portion of the county that receives and enjoys the benefit of all county institutions and expenditures. The committee therefore request that the Legislature pass such an act as to remedy the anomaly. Also, to carry out the above, that sections 5, 6, and 7 of the Local Act for Halifax county be so changed that in said sections the word "Dartmouth" shall be added after the word "Halifax" in every case, and that the words "Warden of Dartmouth" in every case appear after the "Mayor of Halifax."

3. A similar error or alteration has occurred in section 2, of Chap. 102 of the Revised Statutes, whereby the word "ten" in the fifth line of said section occurs instead of the word "five," as was the law, said word not having been changed by any act of the Legislature. Your Committee would request the Legislature to substitute the word "five" for the word "ten" in the fifth line of said section 2.

4. We also request that the Legislature be asked to change the 72nd section of Chap. 58 of the Municipal Assessment law, that the

word "district" may be inserted before the word "county" in said section.

5. We beg to bring to the notice of the Legislature that our object last year in asking the House to change the standard on which statute labor was based was to make the standard more equitable and to increase the labor, but instead of making any increase they have seriously reduced it, the very opposite of the thing asked for.

6. As it is necessary to have some law to prevent a presiding officer in municipal elections from becoming a candidate unless he resigns a certain time before a municipal election is to be held, your Committee would ask the Legislature to enact that any presiding officer who intends to become a candidate shall resign at least forty days before an election in order to enable a new officer to be appointed without in any way interfering with the legitimate course and legality of any election, as has in one or two instances heretofore been the case.

(Signed)

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman.*
GEO. E. LAWSON,
JOHN D. TUPPER.

The several clauses were then read separately, discussed and passed. On motion the Report passed as a whole.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed to attend to the passage of the several Bills and Amendments referred to in the Report.

On motion of Councillors Himelman and Ryan the Law Amendment Committee were authorized and instructed to attend to that duty.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 Tuesday, 19th inst.

FINAL SESSION.

TUESDAY, A. M., Jan'y. 19th, 1885.

The Council met at 10 a. m. Present the Warden and 25 Councillors.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed, after amending the resolution respecting Licenses for River Fishing by substituting the words "Dominion Government" instead of "Provincial Legislature."

On motion of Councillors Deloughrey and Sellars,

Resolved, That Saml. McKay, Joseph Evans and Levi Little be a Board of Health for District No. 30.—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Chase and Hubley,

Resolved, That Wm. Cornelius, Robert Munro and James E. Grono be appointed a Board of Health for District No. 11.—Passed.

Moved by Councillors O'Leary and A. W. Smith,

Resolved, That James McLeod, A. K. Archibald, Henry J. Balcom, Abraham Harvey and Michael O'Leary be added to the Board of Health for District 24 and 34.

On motion of Councillors Chase and Sellars,

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 be assessed on District 11, for the support of Poor for the year 1886.

Read the Report of the Committee on Assessments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT.

Your Committee on Assessment beg to Report as follows :

Having examined and carefully considered the cause of Thomas McMullin's appeal from School Taxes in District 35, your Committee are of opinion that the levying was illegal, as the appellant in his affidavit shows that the rate was made from the roll of 1884 instead of 1885.

Your Committee recommend that the Secretary of School Trustees in Section 35, of District 35, be instructed to hand back to Mr. McMullin the amount of taxes levied and collected on \$200.

We had two letters before us, one from Mr. J. F. Kenny showing the unequal valuations of properties in District 15 ; the other from Mr. Fysine saying that the first notice he had of the valuation of his property was the collection for the taxes.

This is very unfair, and arises from the Assessors neglecting to notify non-residents of the valuations of their properties, so that they could appeal in a legal way if they considered their properties valued in excess of their neighbors. Your Committee on Assessment in some previous Reports recommended, and it was confirmed by this Council, that it be the duty of Assessors to notify non-residents of the valuations of their properties when the Assessment is made.

Your Committee once more recommends that unless Assessors notify non-residents of the valuations of their properties, and also post up in three public places, lists of valuations in their Districts, they will not be doing their duty, and that their pay will be withheld from them.

Your Committee feel that an injustice has been done to Mr. J. Kenny by the Assessors' neglect in not notifying him of the valuation of his property at the time of the Assessment. We now recommend that the case be referred to the Councillors and Assessors of 1885 in District 15, to come to an amicable arrangement with the Appellant about the past year's valuation of his property with a view to prevent further complaint.

Having examined the Assessment rolls from the several Districts we are pleased to say that we found them all in good order.

Your Committee also recommend that Assessors be allowed pay for time spent in preparing the Assessment Roll under the new Franchise Act.

All of which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS O'LEARY,
P. W. MASKELL,
E. S. HUBLEY,
T. A. PARKER,
ANGUS CRUICKSHANKS,
JOHN SULLIVAN.

The Report was read clause by clause, and the first clause passed. Considerable discussion took place on the 2nd clause.

It was moved and passed in amendment, that Mr. Kenny's complaint be referred to the following Committee to confer with Mr. Kenny on the subject, with power to summon the Assessors and take such other action as they may deem judicious, viz., Councillors Burgess, Wilson, N. Hays and Ryan.

The Report was then received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors Himelman and Maskell and

Resolved, That the pay of Assessors for services required by the Franchise Act of 1885, be the sum as granted at last Session of this Council for extra services viz, \$1 per day for every day actually employed, if the same be approved by the Councillor of the District in which such service has been performed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess,

That \$100 be assessed on District 18 for the support of poor for the current year.—Passed.

The Warden said he had a note from G. P. Henry complaining that in a warrant for School Assessment in District 14, the County Constable had failed to levy on the parties. Mr. Henry was present to state the matter more fully. It was on motion—

Resolved, That Mr. Henry submit his complaint in writing to a committee of the Council composed of Councillors Shatford, N. Hays, and Lawson, who should report thereon at next session.—Passed.

Councillor Maskell asked if the Stipendiary should be appointed in each year, or whether the County now had a Stipendiary Magistrate, and moved, seconded by Councillor Hubley—

Resolved, That as the County Stipendiary is an annual appointment and a heavy charge to the County and no benefit derived therefrom, therefore this Council abolish said office of County Magistrate, and if necessary establish Polling District Stipendiary Magistrates.

This was followed by a discussion as to the tenure of the office, whether it was annual or continuous. Councillor Ryan read from the Revised Statutes, 3rd Series, as referred to in the Revised

Statutes, 5th Series, to show that the office was not annual. Councillors Hubley, Parker, Maskell, Shatford, and Wilson, thought the office a yearly one. Councillors McLaren, Bissett, Hays and others, considered it a necessary and beneficial one for the County. All the speakers spoke highly of Mr. Griffin, the present incumbent. On motion of Councillors Wilson and Bissett, it was—

Resolved, In amendment that the subject be deferred until the semi-annual meeting of the Council.

The amendment being put shewed nine for, and five against it.
Moved by Councillors N. Hays and Poole—

That J. L. Griffin, Esq., present acting Stipendiary, be appointed Stipendiary for the County.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and N. Hays it was—

Resolved, That any Councillor having any addition to the extent of his roads, give notice not later than the second day of the April session—Passed.

On motion of Councillors Poole and Maskell—

Resolved, That the Councillors be authorized to bring in a return of the bridges in their Districts, and if divided with other Districts—Passed.

The following letter from Dr. A. P. Reid, Superintendent of Mount Hope Insane Asylum, was read and ordered to be fyled :

“Sir,—In the report of Council proceedings as given in papers, there appears to be a misunderstanding. When a patient is discharged he is legally the same as if never admitted, and in justice must be so or he would be at the mercy of any one whose cupidity or desire would be served by the incarceration of one who was so unfortunate as to have once been insane. Insanity and the removal to an asylum leaves a deep social stain (unjust though it be), but do not place any more disabilities on the backs of those who are so ill adapted to bear them. There were four re-admissions, a very heavy charge (?) indeed ; but what is it compared with the amount the country has to pay for clothing of those admitted who, with rare exceptions, come with anything but the few rags they stand in, and two new outfits for a change the first charge. If the admitting magistrates were to be particular in this point, a large saving could be made without interfering with every Briton's inalienable right, “no incarceration without a due trial.” There are many other ways that money could be saved which I have given in previous letters, especially cheaper care of chronics and imbeciles.”

The letter was ordered to be fyled for future general action of Committee on Insane.

Deputy Warden Shatford enquired why the Committee on Assessments had not reported up the deficits of County Rates for 1885. The Chairman said the list had been prepared to Dec. 31st, but a number of Districts had since paid in money and it would be as well to defer the account till April.

A motion to adjourn to 2 p. m., was lost by 18 to 9.

Councillor Longard desired to hear the statement of deficits. He knew his District was largest in arrears, but he was determined to get them paid if the Council would assist him by adopting sufficient means and sending enough force to compel all defaulters to pay up, and as fully as the law would allow for that purpose.

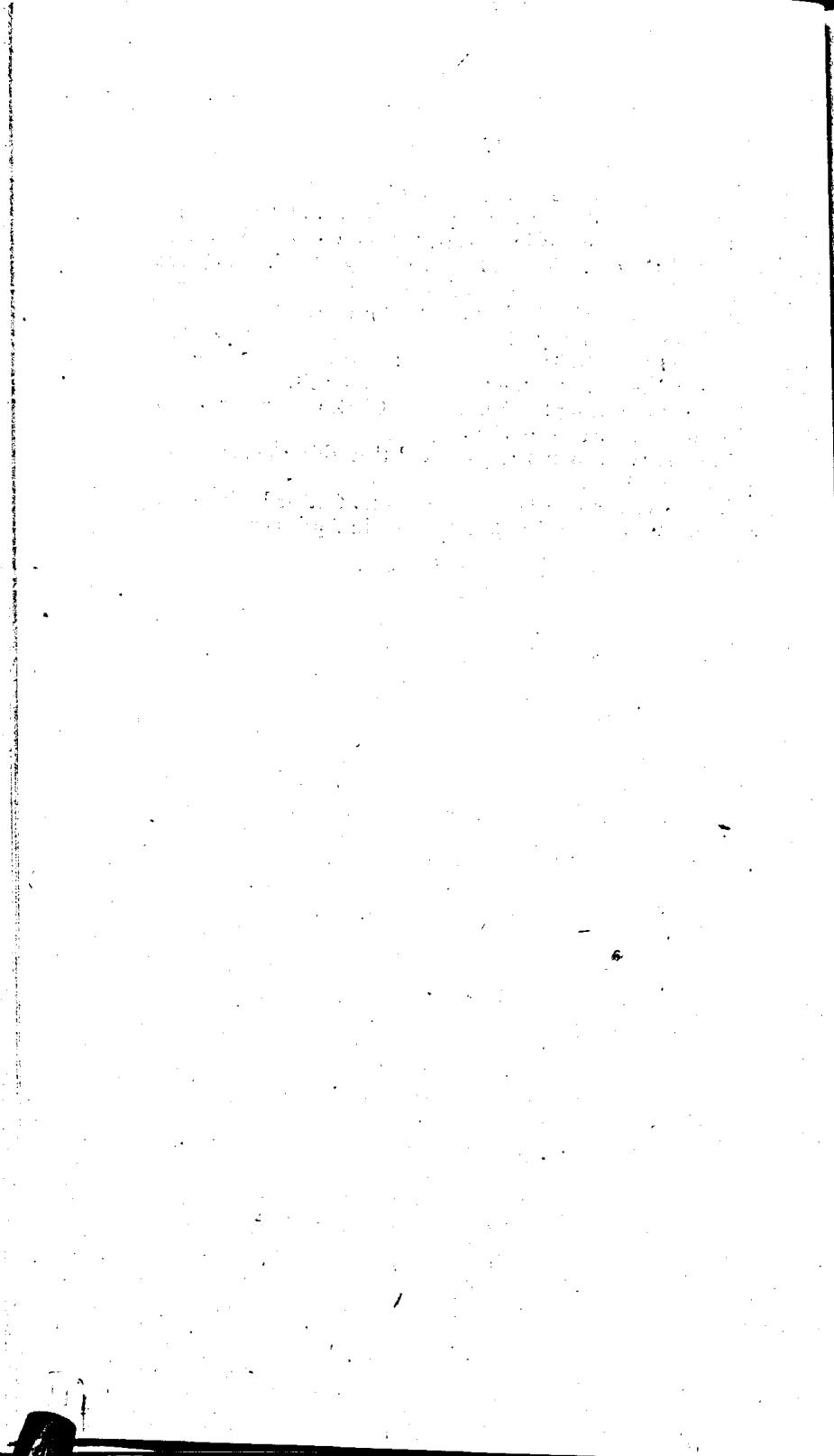
In regard to sessional pay it was shewn that the vote at last meeting provided that the Treasurer should pay the Councillors at the same rate and mileage for the term of the Council.

In reference to printing the Minutes the Clerk was authorized to adopt the same course as last session.

Councillors Himelman and Hays moved that this Council meet on 3rd Tuesday in April.

The Warden having stated that there was no further business the Council on motion adjourned to 3rd Tuesday in April next.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1886.

DISTRICT No. 7.

HERRING COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Patrick Brown. *Constable*—Edward S. Hayes. *Assessors*—William Brackett and Francis Henrion. *Revisor*—Edward Hays, (Wm.'s son). *Collector*—George Brown. *Overseers of Poor*—John Reyno, sr., Archibald Darrah and Richard Conway.

FERGUSON'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—John Conway. *Constable*—Frank Henrion.

PURCELL'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—James Purcell. *Constable*—Solomon Selig, jr.

SPRYFIELD. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Thomas Roach. *Constable*—Richard Roach.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Revisor—James Fitzgerald, Portuguese Cove.

Assessors—John Baker, Portuguese Cove; Simon Mackie, Ketch Harbor.

Overseers of Poor—Francis Purcell, 1st, Portuguese Cove; Richard Martin, Ketch Harbor; Jeremiah Holland, Duncans' Cove.

Constables—Dennis Purcell, Henry Quam, Portuguese Cove.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Andrew Bowes, William Quam, Portuguese Cove.

Overseers of Public Landing—Patrick Power, William Saddler, Portuguese Cove.

Fence Viewer—Edward Bowers, Portuguese Cove.

Collector—Jeremiah Holland, 2nd, Portuguese Cove.

Overseers of Statute Labor—John O'Neil, west side; William Flemming, (son of George Flemming) east side, Ketch Harbor.

Constables—Francis McDonald, west side, James Fiaherty, east side, Ketch Harbor.

Fence Viewer—William Higgins, Ketch Harbor.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Charles Holland, Duncan's Cove.
Daniel Johnson, 1st, Bear Cove.

Constable—Edward Johnson, 2nd, Bear Cove.

Fence Viewer—William Johnson, 2nd, Halibut Bay.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Overseers of Roads—Joseph Gray, Sambro South; Benjamin Smith, Sambro North; Caleb Gray, Creek; George Findley, senr. Coot Cove; Andrew Twohig, Pennant; Ephraim Maryatt, Long Cove; George Schnair, East Pennant; William Smith, Ball Rock.

Constables—Lewis Nicholson, John Findley, Joseph Maryatt.

Fence Viewers—James Trueman, Simon Vaughan.

Appraisers of Damages—John J. Gray, Caleb Nickerson, Henry Findley.

Overseers of Poor—George H. Maryatt, Rufus Gray, Lewis H. Gray.

Assessors—Charles Twohig, Stephen R. Smith.

Collector—James H. Henneberry.

Revisor—John Tough.

Presiding Officer—Andrew Gray, jr.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Revisor—Lawrence Saul.

Assessors—George Selig, Charles Christian.

Collector—James A. Coolen.

Road Overseers—Prospect, Joseph Coolen (James P.'s son), Joseph D. Martin, Thomas Tobin; Kelly's Point, Dennis Noonan; Shad Bay, Lawrence Redmond.

Constables—Thomas Mehan, James Fawson, George Merlin.

Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian.

Clerk of License—James A. Coolen.

Health Officer—W. B. Christian.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Presiding Officer—Robert Munro.

Revisor—Robert Munro.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—James Cornelius.

Assessors—James Troop and Sidney Garrison.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Edward Moore, Isaiah Cornelius, George Covey, John W. Richardson, Peter B. Isnor, Amos Corkum, Edward Crooks, Frederick Boutilier, James E. Zinck, Dover.

Constables—William Hornish, William Cornelius, James E. Grono, Elias Johnson, Rupert Daubin, Robert Richardson, George C. Allan, James Morash, jr., Dover.

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

Fence Viewers—James Fraser, David Gates, John Grono, Horatio Isnor, Cyrus Johnson, Edward Morash, Dover.

Poundkeeper—David Covey, jr.

Clerk of License—Peter B. Isnor.

Health Officer—Thomas Maher, M.D.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Presiding Officer—Alfred Warger.

Revisor and District Clerk—James Croucher, J. P.

Clerk of License—Alvan Hubley.

Assessors—Isaac Croucher, Alfred Warger, Isaac Dauphinee.

Collector of Rates—Peter James Boutilier.

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

Overseers of Statute Labor—John R. Umlah, John Callishaw, Alvan Hubley, John M. Boutilier, John Awalt, Francis Fredericks, Jeremiah Tanner, Isaac Dauphinee, James Slaunwhite, Peter Brunswick, jr, Amos J. K. Boutilier, Edwin Hubley, Norman C. Boutilier.

Constables—Eli Hubley, Edward Redmond, David Smeltzer, William Smeltzer, sr., Joshua Dauphinee, Joshua Joe. Boutilier, Samuel J. K. Boutilier, John Slaunwhite, James Swallow, James Currie, Homer Boutilier.

Fence Viewers—William Joe Boutilier, Benjamin Callishaw, Benjamin Barkhouse, George P. Boutilier, Isaac Murphy, Charles Fredricks, Stephen Smith, James H. Slaunwhite, Isaac Harshman, John Johnson.

Lumber Surveyor—Alfred Wargar.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Overseers of Poor—George W. Marriott, Alexander Fraser, jr., Charles Marriott.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Thos. Drysdale, Brookside; Robert A. Yeadon, Terence Bay Road; James Drysdale, Greenhead; Wm. Wilson, Beech Hill; John Umlah, sr., Spryfield; Wm. L. Umlah, Goodwood; John Merlin, William Brunt, Harrietsfield.

Constables—Charles Kidston, Charles Drysdale, Albert Marriott.

Assessors of Rates—John W. Umlah, Robert A. Yeadon.

Collector of County Rates—Thomas Drysdale.

Fence Viewer—John Merlin.
Presiding Officer—George W. Marriott.
Revisor—George W. Marriott.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Assessors—E. Lawson Fenerty, Robert Pickford.
Collector—Peter J. Gepherd.
Overseers of Statute Labor—George P. Henry, Three Mile House to N. W. Arm Bridge; Andrew Yeadon, N. W. Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge; Joseph McCleave, N. W. Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge; John Jollimore, Lower Arm to Lawson's Mills; John Ross, St. Margaret's Bay Road to Harrietsfield Road, south side Chocolate Lake.

Fence Viewer—George Deal.
Constables—Daniel Keating, William Purcell, Fred. West.
Health Officers—M. Billman and Charles Bennett.
Hog Reeve—George Deal.
Overseers of Poor—George P. Henry, Peter J. Gepherd, John E. Deal.
Presiding Officer—E. Lawson Fenerty.
Revisor—Peter J. Gepherd.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Assessors—Joseph Archibald, Thomas S. Donaldson.
Collector of Taxes—Edward Boutilier.
Revisor—Thomas Payne.
Presiding Officer—Robert Allen.
Surveyor of Lumber—James Archibald.
Overseers of Poor—Andrew Heffler, James Doyle, Robert Allen.
Health Officer—Jeremiah Daniels.
Constables—Albert Tolston, Albert Gray, Edward Boutilier.
Fence Viewer—William Z. Gray.
Pound Keeper—Thomas Mitchell.
Overseers of Statute Labor—From Three Mile House to Seven Mile House, William Gray; from Seven Mile House to Sackville Bridge, Thomas Beech; from Piers' Mills to Kearney Road, Patrick Grenan.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Presiding Officer—Henry Schmidt.
Revisor—Amos Bezanson.
Assessors—Henry Haverstock, Benjamin Thomas, James Schmidt.

Collector—Samuel Isnor.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Henry Schmidt, Section 1 ; Pierce Byrns, Section 2 ; Edward Thomson, Section 3 ; Andrew Locus, Section 4 ; James Allison, jr., Section 5 ; David Wright, Section 6 ; John Kehoe, sr., Section 7.

Constables—Samuel Isnor, William Haverstock, Samuel Whyly, Freeman Haverstock.

Overseers of Poor—Amos Bezanson, Secretary ; George Mason, jr., William Shea.

Fence Viewers—William Schmidt, Michael Shea.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Presiding Officer—Elias Calkin, Old Windsor Road.

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

Collector—Charles Fenerty, New Windsor Road.

Assessors—Daniel Hallisey, Beaver Bank Station ; John Davies, New Windsor Road ; Wesley Preeper, Old Windsor Road.

Road Commissioner—DeBlois Fultz, New Windsor Road.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, from Sackville Bridge to Twelve Mile Corner, also Lily Lake Road, Robert Ward ; 2, New Windsor Road from Twelve Mile Fork to the 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. Whitam's gate, Winkworth Fenerty ; 5, from Mrs. Whitam's gate to Hants County line, John Lewis ; 6, Old Windsor Road from Twelve Mile Fork to Conley Road, Brenton McCabe ; 7, Old Windsor Road from Conley Road to the Upper Fork, James D. Webber ; 8, Old Road, beyond Springfield, Thomas Patten ; 9, Beaver Bank Road (lower section), Benjamin Dean ; 10, Beaver Bank Road (upper section), John Schunanaman ; 11, Old Cobequid Road, from Twelve Mile Corner to Railway line, Peter Williams ; 12, Windsor Junction Road, Michael Kehoe ; 13, Road South-east of Railway, near Bedford Basin, William McGrath ; 14, border section, between Districts Nos. 17 and 18, John A. Robertson.

Constables—Robert Patten, Springfield, Upper Sackville ; Thos. Geddes, Windsor Junction ; Joseph Robinson, Old Windsor Road ; John Rosley, Beaver Bank Road ; Walter Bambrick, Upper Sackville ; David Pulsifer, Middle Sackville.

Fence Viewers—Samuel Weston, Springfield ; George Fultz, Twelve Mile Corner.

Surveyor of Lumber—Nathan Ellis, Middle Sackville.

Pound Keeper—Richard Peverill, Old Windsor Road.

Overseers of Poor—G. H. Kerr, Grey Shultz, Lower Sackville.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Presiding Officer—John Lingley.

Revisor—John Lingley.

Assessors—Albert Stewart, Peter Spriggs, Patrick Doyle.

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

Collector of Rates—John Stephen.

Weigher of Hay, etc.—John Lingley.

Constables—John E. McDonald, Albert Stuart, Martin Tobin, Gasper Osborne, James Skerry, jr., William Morrison.

Fence Viewers—William Skerry, James Skerry, Andrew Horne.

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, etc.—James Rutherford, Dennis Ryan, William Cantfield.

Surveyors of Highways—Section 1, James Skerry, jr.; 2, Albert Stuart; 3, William King; 4, Charles Todd; 5, Patrick Doyle; 6, James Rutherford; 7, Andrew Horne; 8, J. E. McDonald; 9, Jas. Otto; 10, William Wein; 11, Edward Thomas.

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

DISTRICT No. 19.

Road Overseers—Section 1, Thomas Logan; 2, Israel Keys; 3, Norman Logan; 4, Robert Logan; 5, James Dowling; 6, Wm. M. George; 7, James Annand; 8, John Jodrey; 9, Samuel McMullins; 10, James Rankine; 11, Alexander McWilliams; 12, Samuel Moore; 13, James Wilson, jr.; 14, Sylvanus Corbett; 15, Robert Newman; 16, Edward Isnor; 17, John McMichael.

Constables—Clarence Keys, Daniel Isnor, William J. Tays.

Assessors—James Annand, Fred. Gordon

Collector—John K. Andrews.

Revisors—John Merson, James Annand.

Fence Viewers—James Woodworth, John Benjamin.

Surveyor of Lumber—William Annand.

Clerk of License—William McKeen.

Presiding Officer—John K. Andrews.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Presiding Officer—Thomas Wilkes.

Constables—Alonzo Grant, Arnold McBane, Alexander Ogilvie, George Miller.

Revisor—John McMullen, of Joseph.

Overseers of Poor—James Dunbrack, of John 2nd, Michael Smith, James Murphy.

Assessors of County and Poor Rates—Thomas Wilkes, James Milne.

Collector of County and Poor Rates—Thomas Wilkes.

Surveyors of Lumber—John Ledwidge, James Hurtle, George Tulley, Daniel Grant.

Scalors of Logs—Alex. Hurley, James Dunbrack, of John 2nd.

Fence Viewers—J. H. Roberts, James Dunbrack, of John 2nd.

Clerk and Treasurer—James Murphy.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, James Dickey; 2, John Milne; 3, Joseph Howe Roberts; 4, Alexander Hurley; 5, Joseph Wilkes; 6, John Gilbert; 7, Alexander Dilman; 8, Alonzo Grant; 9, Wm. Cole; 10, Arthur Cruickshank; 11, George Butler; 12, Robert Milne; 13, James G. Kerr; 14, Michael Smith; 15, John Ledwidge; 16, William Wintzle; 17, ———.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, John McFtridge; 2, Thomas Guild; 3, Henry Archibald; 4, Alex. Murchy; 5, John Morris; 6, Robert Higgins; 7, Samuel Dickie; 8, William Brown; 9, Robert McFtridge; 10, Robert Reid; 11, Samuel P. White; 12, Archibald McFtridge; 13, John Brown; 14, Arthur S. Gladwin; 15, Ephraim Scott; 16, W. J. McMullin; 17, James Annand; 18, Wm. Taylor; 19, Wallace Sargent; 20, John K. Ervin; 21, William Leck; 22, William Bruce; 23, Henry Morris.

Revisor—George McLeod.

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

Surveyors of Lumber—James Murphy, James Murchy, Daniel Higgins.

Collector of Rates— ———.

Constables—Adam McLeod, Robert Ervin, Robert McGunnigal, John W. Fox.

Fence Viewers—George Dickie, William McCurdy, George Bell, Samuel Dickie.

Assessors—John H. F. Taylor, Henry Lindsay, D. W. B. Reid.

Town Clerk— ———.

Presiding Officer—John H. Taylor, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 22.

Overseers of Poor—James Butler, W. F. Redman, Charles McGunnigal, John Redman, S. J. Henry.

Constables—George Fraser, George Kent, Arlo Geddes, James Redman.

Collector of Rates—F. W. Henry.

Assessors of Rates—William Archibald 3rd, William Horton, George Burris.

Surveyors of Lumber—Edward Hamilton, William Holman, John Barron.

Surveyors of Logs—James D. D. Henry, David Kent, W. F. Bedman.

Fence Viewers—Frank Henry, William Horton, George Kent.

Health Officer—William Pearson, M. D.

District Clerk—Charles McGunnigal.

Presiding Officer—David Archibald.

Cattle Reeves—Charles Henry, Daniel Ross.

Pound Keeper—Edmund Henry.

To Swear in Town Officers—John J. Reynolds.

Revisor—G. H. Parker.

Overseers of Highways—Section 1, James Gaston ; 2, William Lemond ; 3, Orlo Geddes ; 4, T. P. Dean ; 5, Moses Henry ; 6, Edwin Henry ; 7, Charles Stewart ; 8, William Dechman ; 9, John Watson ; 10, William Butcher ; 11, W. J. Archibald ; 12, William Drady ; 13, Thomas Flemming ; 14, David Fisher ; 15, Benjamin Hutchinson ; 16, James Fraser ; 17, William Archibald ; 18, Wm. Butcher, jr. ; 19, George Archibald ; 20, John Redden ; 21, Robert Miller ; 22, John Dechman, jr. ; 23, ———— ; 24, ———— ; 25, Alex. Fraser, jr. ; 26, Kidson Henry ; 27, Augustus Hamilton ; 28, Alexander Kent ; 29, G. G. Farnell.

DISTRICT NO. 23.

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

Constables—John Jollimore, Alfred O'Brien.

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

Assessors—John P. Slaunwhite, Dennis Ryan.

Collector—Michael Rice.

Fence Viewer—John F. Slaunwhite.

Revisor—William H. Ryan.

Presiding Officer—Michael Rice.

DISTRICT NO. 24.

Assessors—Thomas E. Smith, Charles Wooden.

Collector—Enos Moser.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, James Fraser ; 2, Jasper

Moser; 3, Daniel Cameron; 4, James W. Smith; 5, David Smith; 6, Henry Pye; 7, Levi Hartling; 8, Louis Kindervater.

Health Officer—George L. Moser.

Constables—James Kerr, junr., Edward Lowe, Edward Jewers, Charles Pace, Joseph Ashton, Edwin Moser.

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

Presiding Officer—Mathias Moser.

Revisor—Solomon Fancy.

Lumber and Log Surveyors—Daniel Cameron, John McMann.

Fence Viewers—William Pye, James U. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 25.

Revisor—Edward Quillinan.

Assessors—Edward Quillinan, James A. Lindsay.

Collector—Robert Hall.

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

Overseers of Poor—D. W. Archibald, Hugh Dunn.

Road Overseers—West River Section, Archibald Hall; Pace's District, Michael Killean; East River Section, Angus McDonald; Rutledge's Section, William Law; Watt's and Murphy's District, Patrick Murphy, jr.; Lochabor, John McCarthy; Mushaboon, George F. Boutilier; Sober Island, John Verge; Passage, Isaac Whambolt.

Constables—John McPhail, Daniel Farnell, Robert Campbell, Henry Hall, John Verge, O. P. Fraser, Wallace Gaston, William Whambolt.

Fence Viewers—William Sutherland, Hugh Dunn.

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

Hog Reeves—Daniel McPherson, John McLeod.

DISTRICT No. 26.

Assessors—J. E. Conrad, J. P. Millar.

Collector—Leonard Conrod.

Revisor—Henry Leslie.

Presiding Officer—J. E. Conrod.

Overseers of Poor—Wm. C. Henley, John Hutt, Henry Shellnutt.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, Samuel McCarthy; 2, George Leslie, jr.; 3, William C. Henley; 4, Thomas Hawes; 5, Michael McDonald; 6, George Conrod; 7, William McKenzie; 8, James Jennings; 9, Anthony Cooper; 10, Andrew Glawson; 11,

Stephen Snyder ; 12, William E. Murphy ; 13, ————— ; 14, Isaac Hilshey ; 15, George Prest.

Constables—Charles Percival, Geo. Leslie, jr., Gasper Leslie, Daniel R. Jusey, Cornelius Henley, Alfred McKenzie, William Mayers, Matthew Gaston, Patrick Coffee, George R. Tower, Thomas Hilshey, Michael Davidson, Josiah Clottenburg, Thomas Borgal, Gregory Murphy, Henry Monk.

Surveyors of Wood and Measurers of Lumber—J. P. Miller, Thomas Hilshey.

DISTRICT No. 27.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Musquodoboit Harbor, Section 1, George Smith ; 2, Henry Stevens ; 3, John Williams ; 4, Amos Slaughenwhite ; 5, Frederick Mosher. Jeddore Head and West, Section 1, John Warnell ; 2, Colin Myers, jr. ; 3, Nathaniel Dook, sr. ; 4, Simeon Richardson ; 5, David Blakeny, jr. Jeddore Head and East, Section 1, Albert Warnell ; 2, David Mitchell ; 3, Harris Corkum ; 4, John G. Weston ; 5, Isaac Hopkins, sr. Lakeville, Section 1, James M. Webber ; 2, David McPherson ; 3, Isaac Webber. Clam Harbor, Section 1, Walter Stoddard ; 2, Jacob Robinson. Owl's Head, Section 1, David Palmer ; 2, William Richardson. Ship Harbor, Section 1, Albert Shelnutt ; 2, Capt. John Siteman ; 3, James Eisson.

Constables—Jacob Turple, James T. Williams, Michael G. Mosher, Jeremiah Harpell, jr., Gideon Blakeny, James L. Myers, Andrew Day, James Myers, (son of James), John Baker, Colin Mitchell, (son of Colin), David R. Weeks, James L. Marks Gardener Wilcox, Ebenezer Homans, John W. Webber, Reuben Smith.

Fence Viewers—Henry Bowser, Henry Newcomb, John Laybolt, sr., Colin Mitchell (union), Joseph Dooks, jr., Charles Slade, John Smith, Josiah Mitchell, Harris Corkum, James Arnold.

Overseers of Poor—Charles M. Dean, John G. Mitchell, Peter Myers, West Head ; Charles Slade.

Assessors—Robert J. Stevens, Josiah Mitchell, Conrad Marks.

Revisor—John A. Blakeny.

Presiding Officer—Geo. 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—From William Graham's to Main Road, Henry Myra ; from David Graham's to Main Road, Alexander Patterson ; from Rocky Run Bridge to Gaetz's Bridge, Seaforth,

Charles Gaetz; from Gaetz's Bridge (inclusive) to Prosper Lapierre's line, James Gaetz, (Martin's son); from Isaac Lapierre's to John Ferguson, George Conrad; from Main Road at Gaetz' Pond, Back Road, to William Neiforth's Corner, Thomas Gaetz (Martin's son); from Prosper Lapierre's to John Corrod's Bridge, Martin Julien; Lake Road, Henry Lapierre, sr.; from Martin Lapierre's to Harbor Dyke Road, Thomas Lapierre, jr.; from John Conrad's Bridge to Church gate, James Bellefontaine; from Main Road, Chezzetcook, to Canterbury Bridge, Stephen Lapierre; from Church gate to Clergy's Bridge and back to the west end of new road, Francis Murphy; from Clergy's Bridge to Harvey Road, Andrew Petipas; Shore Road, Joseph Mayette, jr.; from Main Road to Oliver Mayette's Road, Dominick Murphy.

Overseers of Poor—John McLaren, Anthony Faucher, James Gaetz, (Edward's son).

Assessors of County Rates—William Murphy, George Conrad, Joseph Mayette.

Collector—Joseph Faucher.

Constables—Lewis Roma, Francis Roma, James Lapierre, George Crawford.

Fence Viewers—Andrew Bellefontaine, Joseph Bellefontaine.

Appraisers of Damage—William Crawford, Gabriel Murphy.

Presiding Officer—Charles P. Roche.

Reviser—John McLaren.

DISTRICT No. 29.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, James T. Sellers, Salmon River to Minesville Road; 2, Isaac Sellers, Joseph Conrod's house to Minesville Road; 3, William Conrod, Mines Road to Head of Dowerfield; 4, Adam Leslie, Rocky Run Bridge to Head of Dowerfield; 5, James Goolsworthy, sr., G. Lloy's barn to Meison's N. line; 6, Reubin Crowell, sr., Meison's N. line to Canterbury Road; 7, William Shaw, Forks, Minesville Road to William Shaw's barn; 8, Joseph Conrad, jr., Shaw's barn to Canterbury Bridge; 9, James Clark, sr., Mill Brook to District line; 10, Benjamin Deal, Monivan's Corner to District line.

Constables—Charles Moreash, John Robinson, Neil McInnes, Charles R. Conrod, Albert Dares.

Overseers of Poor—Jasper McDonald, Henry Aker, Joseph Lloy.

Fence Viewers—Albert Leslie, Andrew Moreash.

Appraisers of Damages—Alexander Conrad, John Lloy, George Hawkins.

Assessors—Andrew Moreash, Adam Leslie.

Revisor—John McDonald.

Collector of Rates—James T. Sellers.

Presiding Officer—John McDonald.

DISTRICT No. 30.

Overseers of Roads—From Salmon River to Skinner's Bridge, John Glasgow, jr.; from Skinner's Bridge to Bell street, John Williams, jr.; from Bell street to Taylor's Bridge, Samuel McKay; from Taylor's Bridge to Porter's Lake, Robert B. Innes; from Main Road to Brown's Bridge, Jesse Parks; from Griffin's to Thompson's Old Road, Daniel Johnson; from Nelson's to Salmon River, Old Road, Jonas Conrod; from Griffin's Corner to Hall's, John Colly; from Ernst's Mill to Hall's, William Kane; O'Brien street, John Dolliver; O'Brien street Road, John Brown; Frog Lake Road, William Stewart; Lake Eagle Road, John Johnson.

Appraisers of Damages—Daniel Johnson, Samuel McKay, Stuart Innes, William Parks.

Fence Viewers—James Colly, John Thompson, jr., James Bishop, jr., John Davidson.

Overseers of Poor—Thomas Crawley, Joseph Evans, Benjamin Gordon.

Constables—Joseph Evans, John Williams, jr., Thomas Johnson, James Bishop, jr.

Assessors—Samuel McKay and James Ernst.

Reviser and Presiding Officer—William Kimble.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—Joseph Evans.

DISTRICT No. 31.

Assessors—James Farquharson, Alex. Morash, Gordon Kuhn.

Collector—Joseph Giles.

Overseers of Poor—Daniel Donovan, William Skerry, John Morash.

Overseers of Roads—Section No. 1, James Myles; 2, Albert Shuffleburg; 3, George C. Walker; 4, Thomas Fisher; 5, Daniel Donovan; 6, Alexander Hutchinson; 7, William McKenzie; 8, Gore Montague; 9, Jenkin Price; 10, Henry Sparks; 11, James Reddy; 12, Alexander Innes; 13, John Ross; 14, Aubrey Hunt; 15, James McNab; 16, John Lapierre; 17, John M. Watson; 18, Daniel Brennan; 19, John Giles; 20, Henry Baker; 21, John Settle; 22, Alexander Morash; 23, Enos Conrod.

Constables—William Farquharson, William McDonald, John Thornham, Alexander Nieforth, Albert Etter.

Fence Viewers—John Thornham, Alexander Morash, William Orman.

Hog Reeve—John Thornham.

Health Officers—James Farquharson, J. P., William McKenzie, J. P., John Lapierre, J. P., Aubrey Hunt.

Presiding Officer—James Farquharson.

Revisors—John Shiers, J. P., District 31 ; James Farquharson, J. P., District 31 ; James Turner, District 31.

DISTRICT No. 32.

Revisor—John Mason.

Collector—Peter F. Boutilier.

Assessors—John Webber, James Hubley, John D. Wynock.

Overseers of Poor—James Hubley, Nathaniel Mason, Peter D. Dauphinee.

Overseers of Roads—Wm. L. Mason, John B. Boutilier, Edmund Colp, Thomas Kennedy, Simon Colp, George Keans, Frank Mason, William Conrad, William Boutilier, John Schwartz, James Conrad, Simon Dauphinee, John Cleveland.

Constables—Joseph Shankel, jr., Lambert Conrad, Valentine Beyley, Hibbard Hubley, John N. Boutilier, John Ryno, William Jamieson.

Fence Viewers—Peter F. Boutilier, Ephraim Hubley, Amos Hubley.

Health Officer—Charles Shankel.

DISTRICT No. 33.

Assessors—Francis McDonald, Richard Bowes.

Collector—John Himelman.

Overseers of Roads—George DeYoung, Devil's Island ; Frederick Perrin, McNab's Island ; Edward Trider, from Hare's North line to York's Corner ; George Himelman, from York's Corner to Hartlie's ; James Himelman, from York's Corner to River Bridge ; John Bowes, from River Bridge to Meeting house Corner ; Lewis Himelman, from John Osborn's to Mint Brook ; Francis McDonald, from Passage Road to Lewis DeYoung's ; John Smith, from Lewis DeYoung's to Passage Church.

Constables—Thomas Edwards, jr., Nelson Naugle, Henry Dunworth, George Moreash, Albert Glazebrook, John Bowes, jr., James Bowes, Daniel Moser, jr., William Romkey.

Fence Viewers—Peter Mosher, John DeYoung.

Health Officers—Enos DeYoung, William Naugle, Alvin Hyman, Thomas Henneberry.

Overseers of Poor—John A. Shiers, Peter Himelman, Daniel Moser, sr.

Revisor—John A. Shiers.

DISTRICT No. 34.

Presiding Officer—William Romans.

Assessors—John O'Leary, jr., Thomas Hartling.

Collector—John O'Leary, sr.

Overseers of Statute Labor—John Cameron, Beaver Harbor; Thomas Hartling, Salmon River West; Charles Diggins, Salmon River East; Abraham Harvey, West Quoddy; Lewis Hartling, East Quoddy; George Snow, Snow's Island; Andrew Shears, Harrigan Cove; Edward Archibald, from Clawson's Shore to Branch Road of Mines.

Constables—Neil Kirker, Abraham Harvey, Alex. Gammon.

Overseers of Poor—James H. Whitman, Henry Balcum, J. P., John Kirker, J. P.

Clerk of License—James H. Whitman, Districts 34, 25, 24.

Revisor—John Kirker, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 35.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, George Rhind; 2, Lemon Grant; 3, George Brown; 4, Allan Cruickshank; 5, Alexander McMullin; 6, William Bruce; 7, Thomas McMullin; 8, Alexander Taylor.

Constables—George Ogilvie, Allison Brown, Arthur Killen.

Fence Viewers—Hugh A. Hurley, Alex. Taylor, William Burris.

Appraisers of Damages—Edward Cruickshank, Lemon Grant, William G. Cole.

Surveyors of Lumber—Alex. Taylor, John McWilliams, William R. Ogilvie.

Overseers of Poor—Alex. McMullin, Wm. Rhind, Alex. Ogilvie.

Assessors of County Rates—Alex. McMullin, William Burris.

Collector—John Grant.

Presiding Officer—William R. Ogilvie.

Revisor—William R. Ogilvie.

Town Clerk—George W. Cole.

DISTRICT No. 36.

Overseers of Statute Labor—East Petpeswick—Section 1, from David Power's (sr.) house to Kidd's Bridge, and from Head Musquodoboit Harbor to Rawling's Corner, including David Power's (senr.), James Ritcey; 2, from Manse to James Bayers', (jr.), Petpeswick, John Bayers; 3, from Schoolhouse at Head to Smelt Brook, Samuel Gaetz; 4, from Smelt Brook to Gilbert's Hill, including Gilbert's,

James Bayers, jr. ; 5, from Gilbert's Hill to Charles Clergy's, Charles Clergy ; 6, from Charles Clergy's to sea shore, Wm. Bayers (Gillis). West Petpeswick—Section 7, from John Young's to Deep Cove, William Anderson, jr. ; 8, from Deep Cove to Little River, Samuel Ogilvie. Chezzetcook—Section 9, from Long Bridge to Kaizer's store, including James Kaizer's, Martin Gaetz ; 10, from Kaizer's store to DeLukrey's Bridge, Charles Mint ; 11, from DeLukrey's Bridge to Lake Porter, John Kaizer's son John ; 12, Conrod Settlement, Peter Conrod, jr ; 13, from Main Post Road to Larry Pettipa's, George Conrod's son Andrew ; 14, from Larry Pettipa's to Deep Cove, William Smith ; 15, from Deep Cove to DeLukrey's Point, James Conrod, son of Peter ; 16, from DeLukrey's Point to Graff Beach, Jacob Conrod, son of George ; from Chezzetcook Road to Petpiswick Harbor, John Conrod, (son of John); from Crawford's Bridge to Gaetz' camp, Archibald Crawford.

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

Fence Viewers—John Conrod (son of Peter), Capt. William Warnell, Isaac Gaetz, Joseph Young, John Kidd.

Surveyor of Lumber—John Kidd.

Revisor--George Rawling.

Assessors—David Power, sr., George Kaizer, George G. Gaetz.

Collector—William Roast.

DISTRICT No. 38.

Revisor—David Duggan.

Fence Viewer—Edward Morash (Dover).

Assessors—David McGrath, James E. Zinc.

Constable—Henry Fader, James Morash, jr. (Dover).

Road Overseers—John McGrath, Cove Road ; Joseph Tanner, Larry's Cove ; Noah Fader, jr., West Shad Bay ; James E. Zinck, Dover.

NOTE.—Appointment of Collector to be left to the Councillor elected for the district.

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County of Halifax

Council Minutes

April 1886

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Halifax.

APRIL, 1886.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, April 20, 1886.

In compliance with the Statute and Special Notices, the Municipal Council met at the Court House, Halifax, at 10 o'clock, A. M., this day.

The Roll being called, there were present the Warden (in the chair) and 26 Councillors, three being absent, as undermentioned.

Letters were read from Councillors Leslie and O'Leary stating their inability to attend. It was also mentioned that Councillor Deloughry would not be likely to receive his notice, the Post Office in District 30 having been recently closed.

Councillor Wm. Baker, from Dover District (No. 30), was introduced by the Warden, having been already sworn in by the Clerk.

The Warden briefly stated the business to be done during the Session, and considered that the Reports of Committees and allotment of the Road Grants need not detain Councillors beyond Thursday.

The Minutes of the last day of the January Session were read. The word "passed" was added to the resolution relating to the County Stipendiary's appointment, and the Minutes were then accepted. Copies were distributed to Councillors, also Blue Book Report of Commissioners of Public Charities for 1885.

Councillor Himelman referred to Return of Precept to lay out a road to the Landing, near Red Head, in District 33, which was opposed by the owners of the property through which it was laid out. He suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of a Special Committee who could hear the evidence of parties to be called. The general business of the Council and of the Road and Bridge Committee would then be uninterrupted.

Read, the Report of the Committee on said Precept, also a second petition from persons in District 33, in favor of opening the road; and letter from Wm. Twining, Esq., counsel for the land proprietors, requesting to be heard for reasons given, against granting the right of way or carrying the Report into effect at present.

Councillor Ryan suggested that a day be named for all the parties to attend before the Committee on Roads and Bridges, say to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock. If the Committee are not then ready to take it up, a special committee could be appointed. On motion, the Precept and papers were referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The following Reports and Petitions were severally read, and on motion referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

2. Report of Committee with plan and return of Precept for extension of Road in Districts 14 and 7, from Sanford Fleming's road to York Redoubt, giving names of owners through whose lands it passes, and cost of the same, \$130 00, and fencing, \$65 00. The land was formerly offered free, being comparatively barren and useless, but some of the parties now claimed compensation.

3. Return of Precept with report and plan from District 35. Committee awarded Mrs. Mary Bruce \$32.00 and the old piece of road. Mrs. Bruce objected. The Clerk sent the usual notice (copy of which was read) and she had made no reply to him or to the Councillor.

Return of Precept and Report of Committee thereon with plan of road, East Jeddore to Abecambie, in District 27.

5. Return of Precept with Report of Committee and plan of new road from Slaunwhite's sand field to connect with West Jeddore main road (Point Pleasant), District 27.

6. Petition from Duncan Waddell and persons at Tuft's Cove, District 31, asking for improvements on Road to Bedford, by widening and straightening the same.

Petition from William C. Wambold, Mail Carrier between Salmon River and Sheet Harbor, District 25, for improvements to be made on said road. The petition was endorsed by a number of the inhabitants of the section.

8. Report and Petition from Andrew Hefler, Road Overseer, District 15, for Repairs of Bridges in that District.

9. Return of Precept and Report of Committee appointed to lay out road in District 34, through Wm. Hartling's property and arrange for damages with proprietor, there was no amount awarded to him, and no claims have been made.

10. Memo of Rules and Regulations for management of Draw Bridges in the County as proposed by the Provincial Engineer.

Read a Petition from Upper Prospect, respecting obstructions made by parties on the public landing on the shores there, and asking that a person be appointed to take charge of and regulate such landing. Section 82, sub-section 7, and bye-law 96, sub-section 12,

County Incorporation Act, relating to landings, were read and commented on. On motion of Councillors Longard and Ryan,

Resolved, That Wm. B. Christian be appointed Overseer of Public Landing in District No. 10, with power to fine all persons obstructing said Landing, before two Justices of the Peace. Said fines not to exceed two dollars for every such obstruction, and every day after notice given to constitute a new offence."

Chap. 51 Revised Statutes, section 2, was read, showing Fine not to exceed \$12, and mode of procedure. The motion was amended by substituting the word "prosecute" instead of "fine all persons," and the word "one" instead of "two" before Justices, &c. It was then passed.

On motion of Councillors Poole and Cruickshank,

Resolved, That the Statute Labor of Sydney Dickey be moved from Bayers Road to Harbor Road at his own request. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Chase and Baker,

"That the road leading from Power's Hill to Black Duck run in District 38, be constituted a new Road Section, and Isaac Morash be Overseer for the same. Passed.

Read a Petition from Jas. Morash, J. P., and others in Dist. 38. asking that their Statute Labor be allowed Albert Myra and five others on their branch road. Councillor Baker explained that it would be well to extend and divide the labor more suitably.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Chase,

Resolve, That the Councillor for Dist. 38 confer with the Overseer of the Section and take such action as may be necessary and satisfactory.

On motions by the Councillors of the several Districts seconded and passed, the following District Officers were appointed :

Chas. Lydiard, Overseer of Roads, District 31, vice Henry Baker.

Edwin Hirtle, Surveyor of Lumber, District 20, vice Jas. Hirtle.

Jas. D. White, Overseer of Roads, District 22, vice Jas. Fraser.

John Lloy, do., District 29, vice Jas. Goolworthy, Sr.

Jas. Holman, Constable, District 23, vice George Fraser.

Joseph Martin, Ketch Harbor, Overseer of Statute Labor, District 8, vice John Neil.

Stephen Jennex, do., for Hartling Settlement Road Section, District 27.

John Merson, Terrance Carroll and James McDonald, Overseers of Poor for District 19.

Geo. Tough was appointed Constable District 13, vice Charles Kidston.

Geo. McDonald, Overseer, vice Jas. Fraser, and Jas. W. Smith, Constable, vice Rueben Naugler, District 24.

Joseph Doyle, sr., was appointed Fence Viewer for District 27 B, vice Josiah Whitehall.

Wm. Clarke was appointed Overseer of Statute Labor in District 31, vice Jas. Himmelman.

Councillor Baker to be added to the Committee on Licenses.

The Clerk submitted and read liquor license applications from Thos. Beach, Robt. Allen and P. C. Connolly, District 15 ; Thos. Ward, District 14 ; Benj. Gordon, District 30 ; David Vaughan, and Wm. Roast, District 36, and Jas. Findley, District 33. On motion they were all referred to the License Committee.

The Clerk said that the Temperance Convention's Bill was now before the Legislature and the License rate there named was very high. It would be necessary now to fix the charge for County Licenses.

On motion, \$30 was ordered to be assessed on District 38 for support of Poor, and Henry Fader appointed Collector of Poor and County Rates there ; also Jas. Moreash, jr., and Robert Connors, sr., to be Overseers of Poor.

\$30 was ordered for Assessment in District 10, for support of Poor.

\$32 was ordered to be assessed on District 35, to defray expenses of right of way of new road through property of Mrs. Mary Bruce, according to report of Committee.

The Clerk stated that copies of the Rolls for Statute Labor and Blanks, giving the new Road Scale and changes in the Statute since last year, would be handed to each Councillor at the close of this Session.

Read, copies of the Bye-Laws in connection with the above. These were being printed on the Blanks of this year.

Clerk stated that the resolution of last Session calling for returns of Statute Labor and Reports respecting Bridges in each District, had only been complied with by Councillors Poole and Burgess.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Ryan, it was

Resolved, That to every road return be attached a copy of the by-laws of this Council in reference to Overseers of Roads, and all Overseers neglecting to comply with such by-law be dealt with as the law directs. Passed.

After a conversation on the subject of Bonds of Custodians of Draw Bridges, which were deemed to be unnecessary, the Council adjourned till 10 a. m. Wednesday to allow the fulfilment of Committee work in the afternoon.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, April 21st.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—The Warden and 25 Councillors. Minutes of Tuesday's Session read and confirmed.

Dept. Warden Shatford enquired of the Warden and Councillor Hayes, whether the expense of proposed road from S. Fleming's to York Redoubt, would be borne by their respective districts? The costs of right of way were stated at \$130, and of fencing the same, \$65. The Warden and Councillor showed that the road would pass through lands that were of no value for any other purpose, while the road would be of great service. If the residents were not willing, as formerly, to give it free course, no assessment would be made.

The Clerk said the Royal Engineer Department were likely to make a road soon between the Quarries and the Redoubt. It would be further back from the shore than this, but might not be a public highway.

The Clerk submitted and read a copy of an Act to amend Chap. 53, Sect. 2, passed 1885, which was defective. This is an Act to change the boundary line of new electoral district No. 38, created last year, and fixing it as follows:—"To include all those portions of districts 10 and 11, bounded eastwardly by Shag Bay and Nine Mile (or Shag Bay) River, northwardly by a straight line drawn from the north-western angle of the bridge over said river at the head of Shag Bay to the western extremity of Long Lake (sometimes called Pole Hill lake), north-westwardly by a straight line from the said western extremity of said lake to the eastern end of the bridge at Peggy's Cove, Barrasois, known as Wesley Crook's bridge, and westwardly and southwardly by the said Barrasois and the Atlantic ocean." It will be known as Dover District. The remaining portions of such two districts shall respectively constitute and be known as district No. 10, or Prospect, and district No. 11, or Haggett's Cove.

The sanction of the Council to the Bill being necessary, it was resolved that it be approved, certified by the Clerk, and sent to the Legislature.

The Warden submitted the corrected mileage of District 14, which had been heretofore placed at 9½, instead of 15 miles. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Councillor Longard referred to change of mileages in Districts 10 and 11 by the formation of the new Polling District No. 38. He considered the mileage mode of distributing the Road Grant open to various objections.

Councillor Shatford stated that it would take 14 miles from Dis-

trict 10, and 8 miles off of District 11. The matter would be considered by Committee on Roads and Bridges.

B. Russell, Esq., Recorder of Dartmouth, attended to explain the nature of a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature, asking for certain privileges and requirements for the Town of Dartmouth. [It was substantially the same as that prepared and submitted in 1884 and 1885 to the House, and rejected, owing to the opposition of the Halifax County Council.] As now prepared, the Bill, he said, was solely to provide legislation to give Dartmouth sufficient power to govern its own matters, and to extend and enforce those regulations and powers of its charter, which at present were inoperative, or of doubtful authority.

In order further to secure the concurrence, and remove the opposition of the Council, the Bill would remedy the lapse of the County's authority to collect County rates; and reinstate the County's position in regard to the School question, which had been nullified by changes in the Public Instruction Act, as promulgated in the 5th Series of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Russell assured the Council that these changes were unintentional, and made through inadvertence on the part of the Revision Committee, the word "Municipal" being substituted for that of "County," without perceiving the effect or result which would thereafter follow to any of the Municipalities. Moreover, the 51st clause in the present Bill provided special machinery for the collection of County Rates from the Town, and was inserted instead of the general clause first proposed for that purpose.

Deputy Warden Shatford enquired why a Bill should not be sought which would do away with the present ambiguity concerning County and School Rates?

Mr. Russell said the main object was to get legislation of a local character aside from those questions; but if the Council preferred it, reference to the subject of County and School Rates could be dropped, and other steps taken to place the Municipality in its original position in these matters. The 50th and 51st clauses were read and discussed. The former leaves the School question a matter for the Courts as before the Revision of the Laws, and the latter provides that the County Clerk may inspect the books, etc., of the Town, in order to ascertain or correct the valuations which would be furnished as before. The Town Treasurer shall annually pay the County the amount of Assessment, the items of which would require to be given by the County, etc.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments, to be reported on to-morrow morning, and that Councillor Chase be added to that Committee.—Passed.

Councillor Himelman enquired whether, under the Bye-Laws relating to Auctioneers, a person was precluded in any District from

selling his own property, furniture, &c., or would be obliged to take out a License in order to do so.

The Clerk read the Bye-Law, and showed that it was necessary that he take out a License, or be subject to the penalty named in the 4th Section.

It was moved by Councillors Himelman and Ryan, and

Resolved, That the Bye-Law relating to Auctioneers, clause 2, be amended by adding: "Or of persons selling their own or their neighbor's goods or property in districts where there are no Licensed Auctioneers."—Passed.

The following Resolutions, moved by the Councillors of the Districts, were seconded and passed:—

Matthew McMan was appointed surveyor of logs and lumber in district 24 vice John McMan.

\$30 was ordered to be added to sum already named for Poor Assessment in district 12.

\$25 was ordered to be added similarly in district 27.

The road leading from the Montague road to the Colored Settlement in district 31 was set off as a separate district, and Benjamin Tolliver appointed overseer.

A motion to add the name of Councillor Madill to the Road and Bridge Committee was lost.

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

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, April 22, 1886.

The Council met at 10 a. m. Present, the Warden and twenty-five Councillors.

The last Minutes read and approved.

Read, a petition from the Overseers of Poor District 33, asking that the Council grant an order as the Statute provides to compel the relatives of John McKenzie and wife to pay towards their support, they having refused so to do.

The Statute, Chap. 35, section 11, was read, and thereafter it was moved by Councillors Himelman and Wilson, and

Resolved. That this Council authorize the Overseers of Poor for District No. 33, to collect from the children and grandchildren of John McKenzie and wife the amount of One Dollar and Fifty Cents per week for support of John McKenzie and wife each, or the survivor of either; said amount to be apportioned among the several children and grandchildren as in the judgment of the Overseers will be equitable.—Passed.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

The Committee have received a number of applications for licenses for the ensuing year, and beg leave to report that they have examined the petitions of each of the parties respectively, and find them correct. Your Committee therefore recommend that the following persons be granted Licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in their respective districts the ensuing year.

Thomas Ward.....	District No. 14
Robert Allen.....	“ “ 15
P. C. Connolly.....	“ “ 15
Thomas Beach.....	“ “ 15
Benjamin Gordon.....	“ “ 30
James Finalay.....	“ “ 33
David Vaughan.....	“ “ 36
William Roast.....	“ “ 36

All of which your Committee respectfully submit,

E. E. BURGESS, *Chairman.*
 WM. H. DART,
 WILLIAM BAKER,
 DENNIS SMITH,
 JAMES H. SELLARS,
 E. R. POOLE,
 HENRY CRUIKSHANK.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Ryan it was,

Resolved, That the Report of the License Committee be received and adopted and that the fee for a License be Thirty Dollars for the year; also that any applicant complying with the law hereafter receive license for the remainder of the year — Passed

On motion of Councillors Tupper and Wilson, Henry Murphy was appointed Collector of Rates in District 21, vice P. R. Clarke deceased.

Moved by Councillors Sellars and Chase,

That Fifty Dollars be assessed on District for support of poor in District 29 for 1886. — Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Ryan,

That \$50 additional be assessed on District 31 for support of the poor for present year. — Passed.

Read, letter from the Clerk of the County of Victoria, C. B., claiming \$70.00 (in two bills of \$35 each) for expenses of one John McAskill, an insane pauper, and his conveyance from Baddeck to Waverly.

[Councillor Wilson explained that McAskill was brought to Waverly by some person who ran off, leaving him there at large,

after leaving with a boy some papers which proved to be Medical Certificates of insanity by two physicians at Baddeck. On enquiry it was found that the man had been taken to the hospital at Mount Hope and refused admittance by the Superintendent, as he had had no intimation according to regulations, of admission being required for him. McAskill had formerly been in the hospital and paid for by East Hants. His wife and family had been supported partly by her brother and her own efforts for many years. McAskill, after leaving the hospital, led a wandering life. He lived for a time at Waverly (two years), Little Glace Bay, where he was in jail as insane, and last at Baddeck, from whence he was sent here. Both McAskill and wife lived originally at Baddeck, she being a native of Victoria County. The man is at present in Halifax County Jail, is exceedingly troublesome, and should be sent to hospital for Insane at once.]

On motion the account and vouchers were referred to Committee on Finance.

Submitted an account from Alex. Ogilvie, claiming \$36.66 for damage to Waggon and loss of Molasses, etc., caused by defective bridge in District 18. Referred to Finance Committee, and Councillor Wilson requested to confer with them on the subject.

Councillor Ryan submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURY LISTS.

The Committee appointed to revise the Grand, Petit, and Special Jury Lists for the County of Halifax for 1886-7, beg to report.—

That they met for dispatch of business Monday, the 1st day of March, and completed the lists and handed them over to the Prothonotary and Clerk of Municipal Council on the 27th of March, for public examination before final signing on the 27th April, in accordance with Statute. Your Committee further beg to report that they found the duties involved in the revision less extensive than on former occasions, owing to the alteration made in the City Assessment Act, which caused a large reduction of names on assessment roll. We also received from Mr. Barry, City Assessor, the whole of the city assessment in one book, which greatly reduced our labor. Under those circumstances we got through with our work in eighty-four days.

(Sgd).

EDMUND RYAN, *Chairman.*
E. E. BURGESS,
JOHN G. BISSETT,
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.
Councillor Wilson submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Committee on Public Property have to report some minor repairs to the Gaol Buildings, such as new wood-work around the Water Closets and Lavatories—some plumbing and mason work has been attended to—the same not having been renewed as the Gaoler informs them for some fifteen years.

As to this Committee was confided the duties involved in relation to the proposed Poor Farm, they have in connection therewith to report that they have offers of several properties, both on line of Railway and near the City, and on very reasonable terms. One in particular seems to meet about all the conditions sought—being near market—good grounds—convenient for manures, and of easy access—and the price not inconsistent, but the Committee purpose in the very near future to examine more critically all those properties offered and possibly some other one possessing equal advantages may be found and perhaps at better price.

The Committee have received information from Annapolis that their Poor Farm went \$499.70 better than it did the year previous, and from Hants that theirs with four more inmates was run for \$451.22 less than in 1884, and they show the cost of support of Poor under old system in 1883 to be..... \$3780.00

"	"	"	1884	"	.....	2058.26
"	"	"	1885	"	.....	1957.77

illustrating a saving of \$2,162.96, as comparing the old system in 1883 with the new in 1885, with four more to care for in 1885 than in 1883.

With these evidences before them the Committee consider that the course for this County is made plain, and deem it advisable to take action towards a suitable asylum at once, that the bill before the legislature is approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. C. WILSON,
E. E. BURGESS,
EDMUND RYAN,
JOHN G. BISSETT,
THOS. E. CHASE,
JOSEPH HIMELMAN.

The Report was read and commented on. On motion of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shutford, the Report was received and adopted.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the resolutions to that effect passed at the January Session of the Council, he had prepared a Bill with necessary provisions to enable the Municipality to purchase, equip and manage a Poor Farm.

The Bill was now before the Upper House, having passed the Lower House. Some trifling verbal changes had been made in it in the Legislative Council, and it would become Law this Session.

The Bill provides for the Loan of \$6000 and its repayment by yearly instalments, with interest, in eight years; also for one, or if needed, two Committees, to carry it into effect as to the Farm itself, buildings, and equipments; and for future management and running expenses, etc.

Councillor Wilson made some explanations called for by Councillors, when further action was suspended in order to consider the Dartmouth Bill.

Moved by Councillors Maskell and Burgess,

Resolved, That \$32.50 be assessed on District 27 for the survey of two roads as per Precepts, and bills rendered by the Committees, asked for and confirmed at present meeting of this Council.—Passed.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary, being present, the subject of Mr. Russell's bill for certain enactments for Dartmouth was brought up. Mr. Sedgewick, Counsel for the County, objected to the bill in its present shape as not affording satisfactory provision by which the school matter could be settled in future, or proper and sufficient machinery by which the Municipality could assess and enforce payment of other County Rates. The new revision of the Statutes had placed the Municipality in a worse position than before.

Hon. Mr. Fielding stated the way in which the error in the 5th Series in relation to Municipal Assessment and the Dartmouth School trouble had occurred, and said so far as it affected the County's position with Dartmouth the matter would certainly be rectified.

Mr. Russell and Mr. Sedgewick differed as to the bearing of the clauses proposed by the former, and Mr. Russell said if the Council was not satisfied with the clauses as written he would agree to strike them out altogether, and the bill would then cover matters purely local.

Mr. Sedgewick stated the progress made in respect to legislation for the Municipality, that the bills had been prepared for reinstating the County in its previous position in regard to school rates and for future action thereon. Also a bill of a general character by which cities and towns could be taxed by Municipalities for County Rates, and a bill by which Halifax and Dartmouth should hereafter pay for their own insane paupers, the County doing the same.

It was decided without a motion that the Warden and the Committees on Law Amendment and Finance should hold a conference with the Legislative Committees on Bills and Amendments, or with the Government on Dartmouth bill.

The subject of the Poor Farm being resumed, the question of order was raised, as the Committee's report had been dealt with. Settled in the affirmative by the Warden.

Moved by Councillors Parker and Hubley, and

Resolved, That the matter of the Poor Farm be laid over till next January meeting.

It was moved in amendment by Councillors Wilson and Shatford,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property be authorized to proceed to inspect the several properties offered for purchase as a Poor Farm, and make their selection therefrom, provided they find one eligible, and proceed to put the same in condition for occupancy not later than January, 1887.

On the amendment being put, and on call of names, there appeared, *For*, Councillors Wilson, Burgess, Shatford, Ryan, McLaren, J. Hayes, Chase, Himelman, Longard, Poole, Maskell, Sullivan, 12; *Against*, Tupper, H. Cruickshank, Madill, Hubley, Parker, Dart, A. Cruickshank, Baker, A. W. Smith, Sellars, 10.

The amendment therefore was carried.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Wilson,

Resolved, That Eight Hundred Dollars to meet first payment on loan be added to this year's estimate, and if Poor Farm is not proceeded with, the money not to be called for.—Passed.

Councillor Parker (the Chairman) submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee on Assessments beg leave to present the following Report, with list showing the variation in the valuation between past and present years in different Districts. We find some of the Districts have fallen off to a great extent, yet, on the whole, we have an increase of \$106.24 over last year's Assessment. Your Committee are pleased to note a marked improvement in the work of the Assessors, as shown from their books. From the Treasurer's account we find there remains \$490.52 of uncollected rates, some Districts being largely in arrears.

Your Committee would recommend that steps be taken at once to collect the sums due from the different Districts.

T. A. PARKER,
A. CRUICKSHANK,
P. W. MASKELL,
E. S. HUBLEY.

The following statement was then read.

*Statement of Valuations in each District of Halifax County,
April, 1886.*

District.	Real Estate.	Personal.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
7	24255	10310	34565	.....	660
8	22231	6861	29092	.....	667
9	15353	7929	23282	794	.....
10	33405	12825	47230	.....	12589
11	42410	16340	58750	.....	10220
12	33902	6430	40331	.....	618
13	26825	4274	31099	.....	62
14	128800	8525	137325	2725	.....
15	77425	9600	87025	.....	2035
16	39260	7480	46740	375	.....
17	97400	16350	113750	.....	848
18	43435	28740	72375	3370	.....
19	65343	18991	84332	.....	.....
20	41360	12835	54195	2423	.....
21	87890	36850	124740	3670	.....
22	70875	26844	97719	2684	.....
23	14620	7840	24460	870	.....
24	31674	9276	40950	791	.....
25	63210	23690	86900	11270	.....
26	67042	15883	82925	2084	.....
27	79930	24481	104411	1723	.....
28	54378	20403	74781	4101	.....
29	50496	6069	56565	694	.....
30	23720	3811	27521	80	.....
31	134855	18785	153640	7515	.....
32	56015	9285	66440	.....	1110
33	66665	7465	71130	1635	.....
34	40314	12788	53102	370	.....
35	28470	11359	39829	.....	.....
36	50877	17463	68340	.....	2460
38	13970	6195	20165	.....	.....
...	.....	.....	.....	42938	32314

Total increase for 1886 over 1885.....10624

The Councillors of each District shewing a falling off in valuations explained the reasons for the decrease. The principal of these were removals, sales of vessels, decease of owners, and falling off in certain fishing, mining, and lumbering business.

The Clerk then read :

*Statement of Deficits of Assessments, 1885, Due by Districts to
April 20, 1886.*

District.	Assessed.	Deficits.
7.....	\$ 183 60	\$ 1 31
8.....	170 50	25 72
9.....	121 40	20
10.....	323 30	161 26
11.....	363 62	5 05
12.....	213 32	5 18
13.....	165 45	2 77
14.....	785 03	59 33
15.....	492 28	66 86
16.....	255 33	7 16
17.....	607 71	7 69
18.....	359 06	1 04
19.....	606 40	2 14
20.....	274 91	33 86
21.....	644 78	.....
22.....	504 61	4 52
23.....	125 31	.....
24.....	219 71	.....
25.....	401 37	18 80
26.....	438 00	9 80
27.....	554 54	14 93
28.....	375 38	.....
29.....	298 06	.....
30.....	155 09	40
31.....	781 11	29 66
32.....	358 76	1 73
33.....	368 99	1 33
34.....	280 23	10 07
35.....	211 31	14
36.....	383 11	19 57
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	\$11012 08	\$490 52

The items of deficits were read separately and explained. Cr. Longard attributed large deficit in his District to inefficient power of County to collect, as shown by failure to do so last year on 1884 balance, and said he had caused sufficient funds to be placed in the Treasurer's hands for Licenses, &c., to offset the debt due by the District. Several Councillors said that the law required the District authorities to collect the Taxes and that this was done all through the County. Taxes should not be paid out of License fees. Clerk read extract of letter from Dr. Chase, explaining falling off in

valuations, also explained deficits in Warden's and Councillor Burgess' District, most of which would be paid shortly. Some of the amounts due were uncollectable as explained by Collectors, and in the larger number some further payments were promised, as warrants were out for all.

Councillor Ryan referred to the low valuations in many of the Districts, and to the unequal way in which the Assessments were made. There was a necessity for the increase of valuations, which had only now reached the aggregate of ten years ago. The City had raised its valuations in one year six millions dollars, and much dissatisfaction was expressed at the large portion of County Assessment the City was called upon to pay every year. The probable result would be the withdrawal of the City from County connection, especially as they had no representation.

Councillor Shatford thought the City paid only its just share of the County Rates, and that the outside Districts were fairly valued and paid quite their legitimate proportion of taxes.

The Warden remarked that non-residents were not often underrated, and referred to instances in District 19 as examples.

On motion the Report of the Committee on Assessments, with the Statements annexed as above, was received and passed.

The following resolution by Councillor Maskell and Hubley was moved and passed.

Whereas, Councillor Longard has expressed himself several times to the effect that he feels by taunts and sneers from several Councillors that he is blamed for the deficits in District No. 10:

Therefore resolved, That if Councillor Longard has chosen the best Collectors and Constables possible in his district, and assisted them in all he has jurisdiction to do, that he be exonerated from all blame, but that the law must be carried out as directed in the Revised Statutes and resolutions of this Council.—Passed.

Councillor Longard made some remarks in reply and said he was too ill to enlarge at present upon the affairs of district 10.

Read a letter dated March 15th, from J. F. Stairs, Esq., M. P., stating his reception of the resolution of the Council referring to the Fishery Question, which he had brought to the notice of the Government, and enclosing a reply from the Deputy Minister of Fisheries as follows:

OTTAWA, March 3rd, 1886.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge through you the receipt of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council of the Council of Halifax, on the subject of a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, and the protection of Canadian Fishery; and I am to inform you that these questions are at this moment receiving from the Government its most anxious consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN TILTON, *Deputy Minister of Fisheries.*

To JOHN F. STAIRS, Esq., M. P., House of Commons.

The Letter was placed on file.

The Clerk stated the amount of the Road Grant for 1885 to be as follows :

Amount of Grant as voted.....	\$11,147.00
Less instalment and interest on Bridge Acct.	1,035.81

\$10,111.19

Repaid Union Bank and interest on small Bridges subsidy.....	1,267.46
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Nett sum to be apportioned in the County... \$ 8,843.74

It was proposed (next day being Good Friday,) to adjourn till Saturday morning, but the Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee agreeing to have their Report ready in time, the Council adjourned to hold an evening and final Session at 8 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

EVENING SESSION, April 22, 1886.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. Present, the Warden and Councillors.

The Clerk mentioned that a number of District officers were still to be appointed.

The following were nominated, and on motion appointed Presiding officers :—

For District No. 8.....	James Fitzgerald.
“ “ “ 7.....	Edward Hayes (Wm.'s son).
“ “ “ 36.....	Isaac Gaetz.
“ “ “ 38.....	Norman Fader.

Read, a note from Town Clerk, Dartmouth, asking that William McKenzie and John McLellan be appointed County Constables. On motion they were so appointed.

Moved by Councillors Maskell and H. Cruikshank,

That Albert Wamell be custodian of the draw bridge at Jeddore, and that the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) be allowed him for his services for the ensuing year.—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Bissett,

Resolved. That the Government Grant for Roads and Bridges this year be expended by Commissioners at the same rates per day for laborers and teams as last year.—Passed.

Deputy Warden Shatford, (Chairman), submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Your committee have examined the several Reports and Petitions submitted to them, and beg to report as follows:—

1. We recommend that the precept from Jeddore and report, be confirmed by the Council.

2. That a second precept and return of same from District 27, (Jeddore), signed by David Williams, James Arnold, and Josiah Mitchell, be confirmed.

3. That precept and return from District 35 be confirmed by the Council.

4. That a petition from a number of Wambolds and others, of Sheet Harbor Passage, be referred to the Councillor of the District.

5. We recommend that a precept be granted in accordance with the prayer of the petition from District No. 9, Sambro, and that Simon Vaughan, G. H. Marriott, and James Smith, be appointed to lay out said road, and report thereon.

6. We recommend that the report on the precept from West Quoddy, No. 34, be confirmed and adopted.

7. We also recommend that the Provincial Engineer's instructions to the keepers of Draw-Bridges be printed and placed in the hands of the keepers of each and every Draw-bridge in the County, and included among the Bye-Laws of the Municipality.

8. In reference to the return to the precept from No. 7 and 14, your committee recommend that the report be adopted and confirmed by the Council, provided the owners of land through which the road runs would relinquish their claim for damages.

9. Your committee, after hearing counsel on both sides of the question, respecting the return to the precept to lay out a road in District 33 to a public landing; and in conformity with an agreement arrived at between the respective parties through their counsel, recommend that a road 40 feet wide be allowed until within 20 feet of the landing at high water mark, which 20 feet shall be 60 feet wide, and that the damages for the same be appraised and settled, as provided by the Revised Statutes, 5th Series.

Annexed is the Road Scale, as divided by your committee to the best of their judgment, taking into consideration the best interests of the whole County. All of which we respectfully submit.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman,*

E. R. POOLE,

T. A. PARKER.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUSTODIANS OF DRAW BRIDGES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

Custodians or Keepers of Draw Bridges, are required strictly to observe and carry out the following By-Laws.

1. The Bridge must always be kept in such order that teams, coaches and heavy loads may pass over it with safety.

2. No risk shall be run by allowing a team of any kind to pass over should the bridge be injured by accident or mishap ; or if there is any doubt whatever of its being all right.

3. If there is anything the matter with the Bridge or machinery thereof that is beyond the means of the Keeper to at once repair, or replace, he shall without delay apply to the District Councillor and to the Overseer or Supervisor of Roads, for advice and assistance.

4. The wrench handles for lifting the Bridge, or any other moveable implement or machinery belonging to the Bridge, shall be kept in the possession of the Keeper only.

5. The Draw shall be opened by the Keeper to every party requiring boats and vessels to pass through day and night, for the purpose of navigation.

6. It shall be the duty of the Keeper to use every reasonable endeavor to see that every vessel passes through safely, agreeably to the Statutes of the Dominion or Province now in force, or which may be hereafter passed respecting the navigation, or working of Draw Bridges.

7. Any vessel passing through the Draw Bridge and injuring it in any part thereof through the neglect, carelessness, incompetency or wilfulness of the owner, master or party in charge, shall be reported forthwith to the Councillor of the District and the County Clerk.

8. During the time the Draw Bridge is open a temporary fence or chain, etc., shall be placed across each end of the Bridge so as to prevent any parties from driving or walking into the opening made by the draw being lifted or turned.

9. All parties in charge of vessels approaching the draw, shall be cautioned to moor or bring their vessels to anchor before passing through the draw.

10. The Keeper shall use every precaution necessary for the safety of the public, and of vessels going through, and the safety and preservation of the Bridge itself, so as to prevent accidents or damages to persons or property.

11. Any persons injuring or interfering with the Bridge and the implements or machinery of the draw are to be reported to the proper authorities, prosecuted and punished as the Law directs in Section 2, Chap. 51, N. S. Statutes, 1884.

ROAD SCALE, 1885.

No. District.	Name.	Amount.
7	Herring Cove	\$105 00
8	Portuguese Cove	105 00
9	Sambro	85 00
10	Prospect	80 00
11	Hacket's Cove	200 00
12	French Village	295 00
13	Spryfield	310 00
14	N. W. Arm	95 00
15	Bedford	100 00
16	Hammond's Plains	235 00
17	Sackville	365 00
18	Waverly	365 00
19	Gay's River	355 00
20	Meagher's Grant	465 00
21	Middle Musquodoboit	610 00
22	Upper Musquodoboit	705 00
23	Lower Prospect	43 00
24	Moser's River	215 00
25	Sheet Harbor	400 00
26	Tangier	480 00
27	Jeddore	570 00
28	Chezzetcook	225 00
29	Lawrencetown	275 00
30	Preston	345 00
31	Cole Harbor	445 00
32	Hubbard Cove	220 74
33	Eastern Passage	230 00
34	Salmon River	185 00
35	Little River	220 00
36	Musquodoboit Harbor	335 00
38	Dover	130 00
	Icelandic Settlement, (to be expended by Councillor Parker)	37 50
	Do., by Councillor Leslie	12 50
	Total	\$8843 74

The Report was read and discussed at length. It was then read clause by clause, and on motion received and adopted.

On motion of Councillors Ryan and Shatford,

Resolved, That this Council is quite satisfied and willing that Dartmouth should be represented, said representation not to exceed one representative from each Ward.—Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Bissett,

Resolved, That those Councillors who have not been able to attend be exempted from any fines for non-attendance at this Session.—Passed.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Bissett, and

Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Council be tendered to the Warden for the efficient way in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The Warden having vacated the Chair, the Deputy Warden put the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Warden expressed his acknowledgments, and hoped that the result of the elections next November would be favorable to all of the present Council who should be candidates.

On motion, the Council then adjourned, *sine die*.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

