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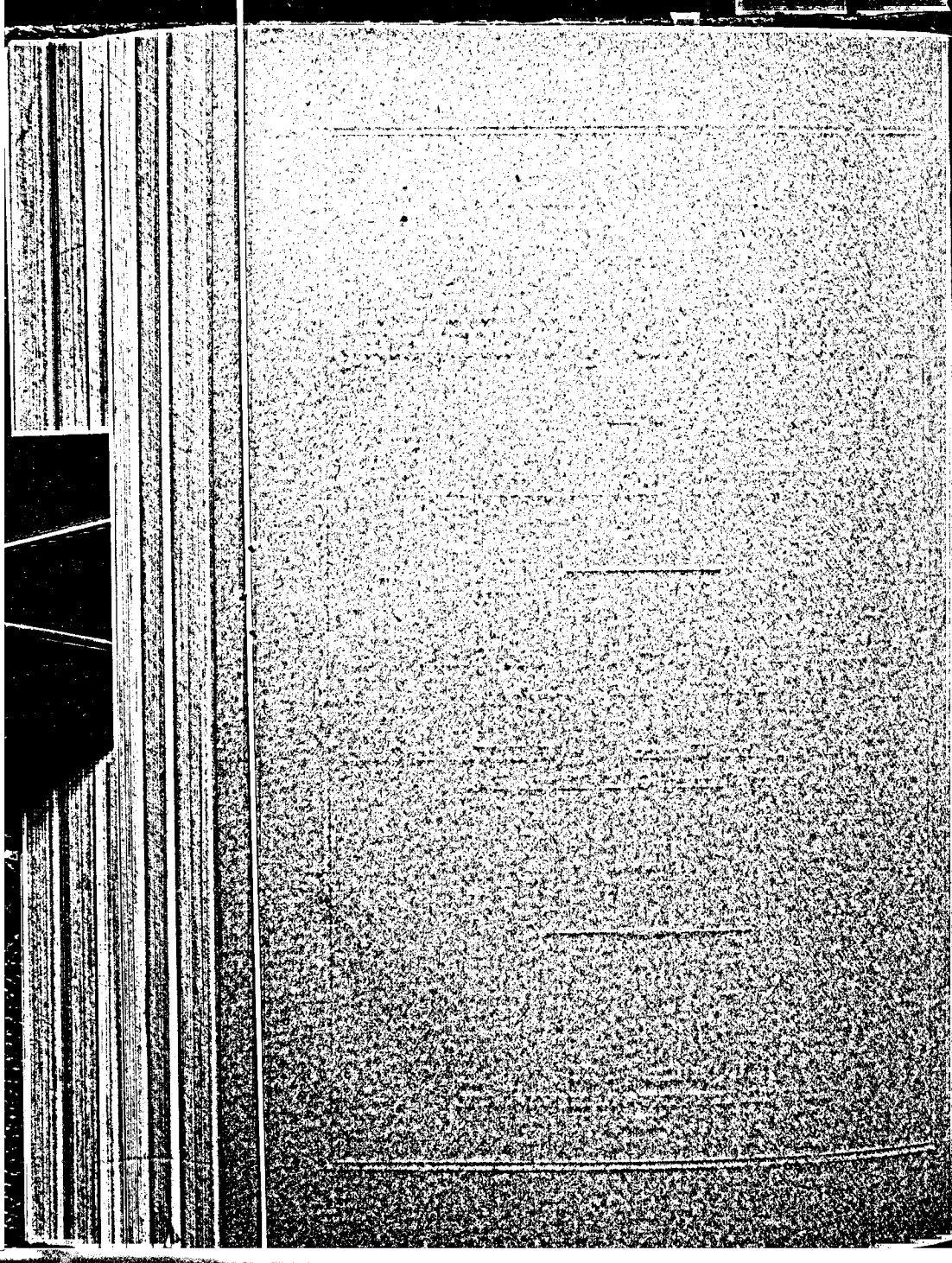
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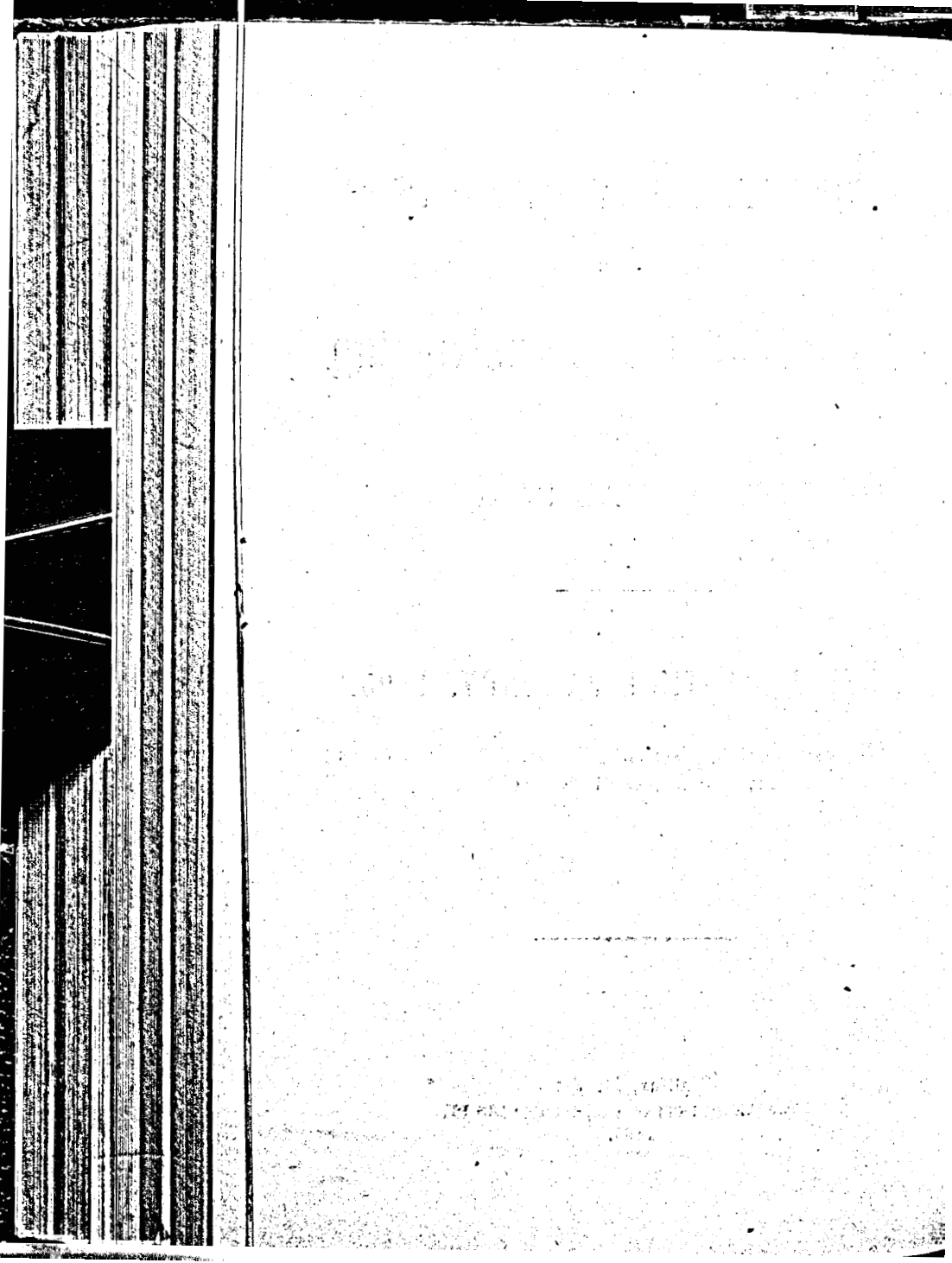
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COUNTY CLERK—W. H. WISWELL, Esq. [Esq.
COUNTY STIPENDIARY & CLERK OF LICENSES—J. L. GRIFFIN,
COUNTY AUDITORS—JOHN E. ALBRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT.
COUNTY TREASURER—W. H. WISWELL. [Esqrs.]

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1895.

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

Law Amendments—Taylor, Henley, Madill, Kirker, Wilson.

Poor—Kirker, Thompson, C. E. Smith, Bartlett.

Jury Lists—Bartlett, Hubley, C. E. Smith.

Public Accounts and Finance—Wilson, Henley, Fraser, Burris,
McCallum, Christian.

Public Property—Bissett, Sellars, McCallum, Henley, Thomp-
son, McMullen, Conrod.

License—Moreash, Hayes, Myers, Lapierre, Thomas, Fagan,
Donaldson.

Roads and Bridges—Henley, Kerr, Burris, Hubley, Kirker,
Sellars, Thompson.

Assessment—Madill, McMullen, Conrod, A. W. Smith, Cole,
Umlah.

Hospital for Insane—McCallum, D. Smith, Wilson, Donaldson,
Grono, Fraser.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Arbitration with City and Dartmouth—The Warden, Coun-
cillors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor and McCallum.

On Jury Reform—Warden, Taylor, McCallum, Henley, Madill.

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COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Warden, Councillors Madill and Wilson, Hon. Judge Weatherbe, Hon. J. W. Longley (Attorney-General).

COUNTY OFFICERS, ETC.

Inspector of Licenses—D. W. B. Reid.
County Constables—Richard Burbridge, Chief; Ephraim Hav-
erstock, Deputy Chief; H. N. Wright and Geo. Wilson.
Keeper of County Jail—Thos. A. Chambers.
Keeper of Court House—Mrs. J. B. Sentell, *pro tem.*
Criers of Supreme Court—H. Hanson, J. W. Watt.
Crier of County Court—Chas. W. McGinn.
Stipendiary's Constable—Richd. Burbridge.
Coroner's Constable—Albert W. Purcell.
Keeper of Poor Farm—Jas. F. Turner.
Chairman Public Property Committee—J. G. Bissett.
Vice do. do. do. do. Jas. H. Sellars.

COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

High Sheriff—Donald Archibald, Esq.
Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown—S. H. Holmes, Esq.
Registrar of Deeds—A. J. White, Esq.
Judge of Probate—Jas. G. Foster, Esq.
Registrar of Probate—Henry T. Jones, Esq.
Deputy Registrar of Probate—Douglas Howe.
Vice-Admiralty Court Judge—The Chief Justice.
Registrar do.—Lewis W. Desbarres, Esq.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge—Hon. J. W. Johnston.
Clerk, &c.—S. H. Holmes, Esq.
Librarian of Law Library—Edw. Swanson.
Crier—Charles McGinn.

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).

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

EIGHTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, TUESDAY, JAN. 8TH, 1895.

As required by the Statute and Special Notices, the Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County met at the Court House on Tuesday morning, January 8th, 1895, at 11 o'clock. There were present—His Honor the Warden (John E. Shatford, Esq.) and Councillors John Hayes, Charles E. Smith, Clarence W. Christian, James E. Grono, Alvan Hubley, John W. Umlah, H. M. McCallum, Thomas S. Donaldson, Samuel Thompson, George H. Kerr, B. C. Wilson, George H. Madill, Thomas Cole, John H. Taylor, George Burris, John H. Bartlett, W. C. Henley, Peter Myers, James H. Sellars, John G. Bissett, James Conrod, Alex. McMullen, Dennis Smith, James Moreash and Joseph Thomas.

Absent, but on the way, Councillors O. P. Fraser, A. W. Smith, Jno. Kirker.

The Warden addressed the Council as follows:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:

In assembling here at this, the last Annual Meeting of the Council as at present constituted, I trust you will so perform your duties as to merit the confidence and approval of your constituents. Our present financial position is fairly good, although some of the services for which we provided have exceeded the estimates. Chief among these are the Jury Fees. The Treasurer's Accounts, together with the Auditor's Report, will shortly be placed in your hands, and I hope will be found satisfactory, both as regards expenditure and balance.

You have to appoint your District Officers at this meeting, and I must once more impress upon you the importance of selecting permanent residents of the District and persons competent to perform the duties assigned to them, and thus endeavor to avoid making new appointments at the Semi-Annual Meeting. With the exception of two or three Districts the Assessments have been nearly all collected during the year just closed.

There is a question affecting to a large extent our Finances, which requires remedial legislation. I refer to the question of Jury Fees. Halifax being the Metropolitan County of the Province, and this city a commercial centre as well as the capital of the Province, as a natural consequence the number of lawsuits is yearly increasing and Juries increase proportionably, which causes a very large expenditure for Fees. Before the establishment of Municipal Incorporation, no cause, when a Jury was asked for, could be entered on the docket for trial until \$20 was paid by the litigant to the Prothonotary, to be by him paid over to the County Treasurer without deduction. This was amended by the Acts of 1879, chap. 19, sections 7 to 12, by reducing it to \$15, except for libel, slander, etc., when it remained at \$20 until 1883. On the revision of the Statutes in 1884 by some means unexplainable and without any legislation that I can find, Halifax County was deprived of all or any fees in civil actions, while other Counties were allowed \$6 in each case. This Council urged upon the present Attorney-General the necessity of making litigants pay the Jury Fees as formerly, or to give us some remedy, which he promised to do, but instead of returning to the old system, the Legislature swept away all fees from every County. (Chap. 106 of Juries, sec.

50, repealed by chap. 35, Acts 1887.) The County is therefore charged with the expense of court trials with regard to Jury attendance. There are Grand Juries, Petit Juries, Special Juries, and sometimes County Court Juries, all of which have to be paid out of the pockets of the taxpayers of this County. There are often wealthy Corporations, Insurance Companies, and men of large pecuniary means from outside Counties of the Province, and sometimes from outside the Province, who have cases here and demand Special Juries. For instance, during the last term of the Supreme Court there were four Special Juries empanelled. Any of the parties to these suits could have paid for these Juries, and yet the County, without receiving one cent of benefit therefrom, under the present law, was obliged to pay these Juries. Large as was our estimate (\$900) for Jury Fees last year, it has been greatly exceeded, and the amount increasing year by year. Why should this County be called upon to pay for Special or other Juries to determine causes brought to Halifax from distant parts of the Province. Every County in Nova Scotia should bring this matter to the notice of the Legislature, and insist upon such a change in the law as would relieve the Counties of this burden. I therefore recommend you to appoint a special Committee to wait upon the Government and urge upon them the necessity of relieving the taxpayers of this County of the burden thus placed upon them. Parties indulging in the luxury of law should certainly pay for it themselves.

You will appoint your Committees and arrange your meetings with as little delay as is consistent with the work before you.

I cannot conclude without referring to the late lamented death of Sir John Thompson, the Lawyer, Judge and Statesman, who in his day, and while residing in this city, was so closely identified with this Court House. He was one of the first Commissioners under the Act vesting this building in a commission. It was during his regime as Commissioner that this wing of the Court House and this room were constructed. Previous to that there was not a room in this building in which the County Council could meet. As some of you may remember, we were first organized in the old office of the Treasurer. It was in this Court House that J. S. D. Thompson first practiced at the Bar, and in this same building he presided as a Judge, with so much credit to himself and to the bench of which he was for a time an honored member. We therefore feel the more keenly his untimely end.

The Address was received for publication as heretofore.

On motion of Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley, W. H. Wiswell was reappointed County Clerk.

The minutes of final day of last session were read and confirmed. (See April 17th, 1894, minutes.)

Read applications for position of Chief County Constable from R. Burbridge; for Deputy County Constable, from E. Haverstock and D. Gorman; and County Constable, H. W. Wright; for Janitress of Court House, from Mrs. Sentell.

Some parts of the Warden's address were discussed, especially in regard to jury fees. It was moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, and—

Resolved, That Councillors Taylor, Henley, Madill and the Warden be a Committee to wait upon the Government relative to the adoption of a better mode of dealing with jury fees. Passed.

The Clerk laid upon the table the Treasurer's abstract of Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1894, with the report and certificates of the County Auditors as to its correctness and balance in bank, \$7,808.09. On motion it was received and referred to the Finance Committee. The Treasurer said the Report was being printed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and McCallum, and—

Resolved, That the same Nominating Committee to appoint Standing Committees remain as last year.

In amendment by Councillors C. E. Smith and Bartlett—

Resolved, That the Nominating Committee to appoint the Standing Committees for the present year consist of Messrs. Hubley, Henley, Kerr, C. E. Smith, Taylor, Thompson and Sellars.

The amendment passed.

Councillor Henley referred to what appeared to be a doubtful point in the Statute in regard to the time within which District Officers should be sworn. He mentioned a case in the Stipendiary's Court where defendant's Counsel claimed that the officer's appointment was not legal, as he had not been sworn into office in ten days thereafter. He read section 50, chap 56, R. S., as shewing the lawyer's contention sustained.

The Clerk quoted section 52 same chapter as conflicting.

A majority of the Council considered that the clause could not be construed to mean ten days from the date of notifying the person of his appointment. The clause could not be acted upon otherwise.

Councillor Thompson presented a Petition from a large number of people of Hammonds Plains in favor of the Kearney Road being placed under the supervision of Councillor for District 16, as formerly (1880-93.) He strongly advocated this course, and was opposed by Councillor Donaldson, in whose District part of the road is located. The matter was laid over for future discussion.

Read, application from Albert W. Purcell for reappointment as Coroner's Constable for the City and County, accompanied by a letter, suggesting that the appointment of one man as Coroner's Constable would prevent disgraceful racing and wrangling over dead bodies, as has been witnessed in the past. This, he thought, was the only way to do away with such scenes. The Constable would be summoned in case of sudden death or deaths, under suspicious circumstances, and he would notify the nearest Coroner.

Read, an application from George Wilson for reappointment as a County Constable for this year.

On motion, he was appointed. Bond to be given, \$200.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the appointment of County Constables be deferred until to-morrow morning. Passed.

Moved by the same—

That the appointment of Janitor of the Court House be deferred until Saturday morning. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1895.

The Council met at 2.30. Present the Warden and 28 Councillors. The Minutes of previous Session were read and adopted.

Submitted and read the Report of T. A. Chambers, Keeper of the County Jail, with Statistics of Commitments for the year 1894.

Also, Report of Dr. Trenaman, for reappointment.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

That Dr. Thos. Trenaman be Surgeon for the County Jail for the current year at the usual salary. Passed.

Read, Report of Inspector of Licenses, D. W. B. Reid, which was discussed. Mr. Reid gave some explanations and portions of the Statute were read respecting Licenses.

Read, a Petition from several persons in District No. 13, chiefly women, against granting License to Jas. Evans, giving reasons for their opposition to it.

Also from Clergymen of the city in support of the former petition and endorsing the views therein.

It was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

And Resolved, That James Evans be granted License to sell intoxicating Liquors for the current year, he having complied with the Law.

Read, the Report of James F. Turner, Superintendent of the County Poor Farm. Also, his Application for an increase of Salary to \$400.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Fagan, the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Public Property to report upon, and then to be dealt with by the Council. Passed.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Kelso and Grindon, of Truro, asking, on account of their being Ratepayers within the Province, that the \$40 paid by them to the Clerk of License for a Pedler's License be returned to them.

A discussion followed on the subject of the status of applicants for such Licenses, and the By-Law passed last year was shown to be defective. The Clerk stated that the Law as contained in chap. 26 (1894), secs. 1 and 2, would supersede the By-Law and authorize the Council to make the necessary emendation so required.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Bartlett—

That the letter of Kelso and Grindon lie on the table. Passed.

The Council adjourned to Wednesday at 10.30 A. M.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 27 Councillors. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Printed copies of the Treasurer's Accounts of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for 1894 were distributed among the Councillors.

Read, Applications from J. A. Gray and C. W. Gray, to be appointed Coroner's Constables.

The Warden referred to the proceedings of Coroners and their Constables in their rivalry to get possession of dead bodies. The appointment of one respectable man would prevent such indecent conduct as was reported last year. He cited the alleged body-snatching case at Undertaker Snow's premises, and hoped that a similar scene might never again occur in Halifax.

The applications were laid on the table.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees reported as follows, and the Report was adopted:—

Law Amendments—Councillors Taylor, Henley, Madill, Kirker, Wilson.

Poor—Councillors Kirker, Thompson, C. E. Smith, Bartlett.

Jury Lists—Councillors Bartlett, Hubley, C. E. Smith.

Public Accounts and Finance—Councillors Wilson, Henley, Fraser, Burris, McCallum, Christian.

Public Property—Councillors Bissett, Sellers, McCallum, Henley, Thompson, McMillan, Conrod.

License—Councillors Moreash, Hayes, Myers, Lapierre, J. Thomas, Fagan, Donaldson.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors Henley, Burris, Kerr, Hubley, Kirker, Sellers, Thompson.

Assessment—Councillors Madill, McMullin, Conrod, A. W. Smith, Cole, Umlah.

Hospital for Insane—Councillors McCallum, D. Smith, Wilson, Donaldson, Grono, Fraser.

The Committee recommended that Councillor Sellars be associated with the Chairman of the Public Property Committee and visit the Poor Farm and Jail as often as convenient, he to receive one-half the remuneration paid the previous Chairman.

The Report was read clause by clause, and with the recommendation, adopted as a whole.

Councillor Thompson mentioned the death of Hon. S. L. Shannon, Judge of Probate, who had for many years occupied his Court Room in the building. He moved, seconded by Councillor Donaldson—

That this Council adjourn till 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of the late Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Wilson and Fagan—

That members of the Council who desire to attend the funeral of the late Hon. S. L. Shannon shall be allowed to retire at 3 o'clock.

The amendment carried.

The appointment of Constables was taken up and the applications handed in on Tuesday read.

For Deputy Chief Constable the ballot was taken for Ephraim Haverstock and Daniel Gorman. The count showed 23 for Haverstock and 5 for Gorman. The former was elected and is to give the usual Bond (\$200.)

On motion, H. W. Wright was re-elected County Constable on same condition.

The Clerk referred to the appointment of Commissioners of the Court House, and read sections 1, 2 and 7 of the Acts of 1881, defining their powers and duties as a body corporate, which for the most part had been delegated to and fulfilled by him, entailing in addition to his onerous duties as Clerk and Treasurer the whole responsibility, care and worry of attending to these matters, which were a serious interference with his time and office work.

After some remarks by the Warden, it was resolved that the same Commissioners as proposed last year be continued.

The Warden referred to the extension of the Boundaries of Dartmouth, north and south, and Councillor Bissett said the Provincial Secretary had been seen, and had said the people concerned should be heard.

Joseph Lloy, Custodian of the Draw Bridge in District 29, reported that the bridge is only in fair condition and wants some planking and repairs.

Stuart Innes, Custodian of the Draw Bridge in District 36, at Porter's Lake, reported that the bridge needs some repairs. Councillor Smith said repairs were now being made on the bridge by the Government.

Both reports were received and referred to the District Councillors for further action as may be required.

Councillor Donaldson presented a petition from the residents of Bedford District against allowing Indian squatters to remain in a portion of the district, as their presence is detrimental to the public health. The matter was discussed but no special action taken for the present.

The Clerk pointed out that the petition was addressed to

the Board of Health for the District, who, as the Statute provides, could take the matter in hand.

Councillor McCallum mentioned a similar case in his District. To remedy the nuisance he had applied to the Dominion Agent for the Indians, who effected the desired result.

Councillor Donaldson related what had been attempted in the case, so far without success. He enquired where or how necessary funds were to be provided for further action. The Warden said the Statute showed that all legitimate expenses in connection with Public Health matters would be met by the County.

The Petition from the residents of Hammonds Plains relative to the Kearney Road was again taken up, and a lengthy discussion held thereon. The petition was strongly opposed by Councillor Donaldson, whose district a portion of the road is in. The petition was referred to be discussed in the afternoon.

Councillor Taylor requested the Special Committee on Juries to meet at 3.15 P. M., and proceed to the Provincial Secretary's office to confer on the matter with him.

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

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1895.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors, including the absentees who had been detained by bad roads. The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The discussion of the Hammonds Plains Petition was resumed by Councillor Thompson, who contended that the former action of the Council in 1880, and the By-Laws relating to Roads established his claim to appoint the Overseer for the Section.

Councillor Donaldson said he had not asked the residents of District 15 to sign a Petition, but was certain the ratepayers did not desire the course proposed by Councillor Thompson. It was an encroachment on privileges of the Councillor of District 15, as well as establishing a bad precedent. He had last year conceded the point to Councillor Thompson, on

condition that money to the extent of \$70 be expended on the Section, as he had a much smaller sum to lay out on it. The whole Section had been under the control of the Councillor for District 16 for over 12 years, and yet it was none the better of such supervision, etc. After further debate, it was finally referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

It was moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

That the Resolution passed last year with reference to Pedlars and Hawkers be amended by expunging the word "Province" and substituting therefor the word "County." Passed.

The Warden requested Councillors to prepare carefully their Lists of Officers, to be handed in and passed on Saturday next.

In order to enable Councillors to attend Hon. Mr. Shannon's funeral, and Committees to begin their Reports, the Council adjourned to Thursday morning at 10.30.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Read, Reports of Board of Health for District 15 for 1894. The health of the inhabitants had been good, but was endangered by the continued bad drainage from the Mount St. Vincent and McDonald properties, mentioned in last Report, and later by the filthy habits of the Indian encampment, referred to in the Petition submitted to the Council.

Councillor Donaldson said that as the Indians had squatted on lands owned by the Catholic Church application had been made to the Archbishop to have them removed elsewhere.

Councillors Wilson and McCallum recommended that Father O'Sullivan be applied to and he would have their removal to the Indian reserve effected.

Read a petition from Andrew O'Rourke, District No. 35, referring to obstructions caused by one Ogilvie on a portion of road in that District, not having been removed in accord-

ance with the order of the Council, and asking that the matter of encumbrances be definitely completed.

Councillor McMullen gave information as to the action taken by the Council. The Committee appointed to remedy the trouble and see that the road was cleared to the proper width had not done what was required.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Bissett, it was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Clerk submitted the proclamation of the Lt.-Governor summoning the Legislature for 31st January, and referring to the Councillors' election in November—mentioned that the Council in preparing the bye-laws had made no regulations respecting such elections. Difficulties had arisen in regard to polling places and presiding officers' proceedings. In the absence of any instructions, the Statute authorized the Clerk to proceed as in the case of County members.

It was moved by Councillors Wilson and Fagan—

That this Council shall have power to define the place at or near which the Municipal elections shall be held in the several districts, and when such locality is defined in any district it shall remain the permanent polling place until further changed by the Council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Kerr—

That Albert Tolson be appointed a County Constable. Passed.

By Councillors Donaldson and McCallum—

That Reuben C. Purcell be appointed a County Constable. Passed.

The following matters in connection with Roads were submitted and disposed of, viz.:—

Read, a Petition from 31 ratepayers in District 19 for a road to be laid out from Antrim Road at George Grono's leading in a westerly course to Elmsdale Road at Oliver Simpson's, 288½ chains, &c.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Bartlett—

That the Road from Antrim at George Grono's, joining the Dutch Settlement road at Oliver Simpson's, be formed into one Road Section, No. 19. Passed.

Read, Report of James Foley on changes in Road leading down East Jeddore one quarter of a mile from middle road to the road back of H. Corkum's, westerly around the hill to main road. The same was approved by P. W. Maskell and Enos Baker, J. P.'s, District 27.

Read Report of Committee on Precept for a short Road

between Gay's River and Milford Station, stating they had examined the line of Road between Gay's River and McPhee's Hill and consider the new road from Jno. Merson's to Annand's Mill no improvement, and no chance round McPhee's Hill along the river for any road, and they recommended a line from McPhee's Hill crossing Gay's River till it strikes the Coach Road near Bennett's Mills.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Taylor—

That we accept the report of Committee from District 19 condemning the line suggested for the road from Merson's to the foot of McPhee's Hill, along the side of the hill near the river. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Bartlett—

That the Clerk be authorized to assess on District 19 \$4.50 to pay the Committee for looking out the foregoing line of Road. Passed.

Read Report of Committee with return of precept for a road from the Post Road to the head waters of Salmon River, District 27, to Indian Landing, 1½ miles. The owners making no claim for the land it traverses, they consider said road can be made at small expense.

Moved by Councillors Myers and C. E. Smith—

That the precept relating to change of road in District 27, and report of Committee thereon, be received and adopted. Passed.

Read, a Petition from Ira Dean, also endorsed by a number of residents of District 22, for leave to do 3 days of his Statute labor on his private road.

On motion, the matter was referred to the District Councillor.

Read, Report of Committee on Precept issued last year for a Road from Soward Road to new Cole Harbour Road in District 33, with a plan of the same, and giving their valuations of the land it would go through, and cost of fencing, amounting in all to \$90.25, for Peter DeYoung, R. Fraser, Jno. Himelfian and Wm. Himelman.

Councillor Conrod explained that the road was much needed, but had not been undertaken from the difficulty of settling with the owners of the land through which it passes, more especially DeYoung, whose land was cultivated. The only way now was to follow the provisions of the Statute, and let the matter be settled by arbitrators. The suggestion was approved by the Council as the only recourse, if the road is to be made.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any more

Returns of Measurements of Roads and Bridges since those of last year were sent in.

Also, that the Statute Labour returns from each District had been sorted, ready for the Committee, but a number were still wanting from various sections. Copies of the Assessment Rolls for the Overseers of Statute Labour, 1895, are now ready, would be sent with the List of District Officers and printed forms at an early day. Councillors will please note that "Mail Couriers" are not now exempt, and that in section 43 the word "each" added shows the commutation for absentees to be 50 cents per day, and not as before, 50 cents for the two days.

The following Polling places were appointed for holding Municipal Elections on motions seconded and passed, as follows:—

- District 11—At or near Thomas Covey's.
- " 12—At or near Union Hall, French Village.
- " 13—At or near Alfred Drysdale's, Prospect Road.
- " 15—At or near Moir's Mills.
- " 16—At or near George Mason's Cooper Shop.
- " 22—At or near the Debating House—so called.
- " 23—At or near the School House, Terence Bay.
- " 24—At or near the School House, Smith's Cove.
- " 28—At or near Jeremiah Fillis' residence.
- " 30—At or near Peter Clayton's, near Kiddy's Hotel.
- " 33—At or near York's Corner.
- " 36—At or near James Keizer's Barn.
- " 38—At or near James Fader's, J. P., East Dover.

On the reported extension of boundaries of the Town of Dartmouth, it was moved by Councillors Thompson and McCallum—

Whereas, this Council has been advised that it is the intention of the Town of Dartmouth to petition the Government to extend their boundaries, which will take in District 31;

Therefore Resolved, that a Committee of this Council be appointed to watch and guard the interests of this Municipality, such Committee to have power to take such action as they may deem necessary for that purpose, and to consist of the Warden and Councillors Bissett, Wilson, McCallum and Thompson. Passed.

Read a letter from Gasper J. Leslie, of Spry Bay, District 26, complaining of his assessment appearing on the Roll as \$430 on real estate, and that he has no real estate in that District.

The matter not being within the jurisdiction of the

Council, no action was taken on it. The Local Assessors could rectify it if an error had occurred.

Read a letter from G. W. Walker, District 12, asking for a return of taxes paid on his property, which was destroyed by fire after being assessed.

Referred to Assessment Committee.

Read a request from Chief Constable Burbridge for a vacation of two weeks in the coming summer to visit his parents in Boston. On motion granted.

Councillor Hubley submitted two bills from the Committee appointed last year to lay out the road to Indian Point in District 12. \$27.25 and \$2.50.

On motion—

Resolved, That the bills presented by A. E. Brine and others of District 12 be paid and be assessed on said District. Passed.

Read a letter from P. W. Maskell, Jeddore, reporting the continual practice of persons there spreading fish offal over the fields, to the serious injury of the public health, and asking the Council to take measures for prevention, &c.

The Warden said it was a matter to be remedied by the Board of Health of the District, and it was referred to them.

Councillor Bissett, Chairman of Public Property Committee, mentioned that a number of Councillors desiring to visit the County Poor Farm, arrangements had been made to do so this afternoon.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Burris—

That the Road and Bridge measurements of the County be examined and compiled by Councillors Taylor and Bartlett.

The Council adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1895.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 20 Councillors. Minutes of morning deferred.

Read, Report of Board of Health District 16, which states that no contagious disease had visited the District. There were two deaths from consumption and one from other causes.

Read, Report of Convictions in Stipendiary Court. Also,

his return of fees received and Licenses for Pedlars and Ferries, and Fines for the year ended 31st December, 1894.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Bartlett—

That the Reports of County Stipendiary Griffin in reference to receipts of fees, etc., during the past year be received and adopted. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Lapierre and Wilson, Charles Murphy was appointed Custodian of Canterbury Draw Bridge, District 28, for 1895.

Read, Report of Committee on Insane Paupers at Mount Hope Hospital for the year 1894.

It was considered that some of the Paupers there might be transferred to the Poor Farm, and that the Committee thereon might effect this from time to time.

The Clerk said that the Superintendent was the umpire in such cases, and that transfers of Patients could only be made by his concession founded on their mental and other conditions. Also mentioned that he had arranged to get partial payments from the friends or relatives of Mrs. Noble and two other patients. A credit of \$126 for these would be found in the Treasurer's Account, 1894, and more would be collected.

On motion, the Report was read clause by clause and then passed as a whole.

As a number of the Councillors were inspecting the Poor Farm, further business was adjourned to Friday morning, 11th instant, at 10.30.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Read, Inspector of Licenses' Report of Receipts and Expenses of his office and tabulated Statement of Convictions and Fines, collected and uncollected, for the year 1894, showing a balance due him of \$279.86.

Considerable discussion followed in regard to the cost of carrying on the work, and the results appearing to be becoming a yearly deficiency to be borne by the County.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Waddell—

That the Financial Report of Inspector Reid be referred to the Committee on Finance for thorough investigation. Passed.

Councillor Thompson having made enquiry as to the matter of D. McCabe, of Sackville, who had been charged with malfeasance in 1894, the Report of the Special Committee appointed to deal with the case was read from the Minutes, showing alleged false returns in road commission. The Committee had asked McCabe to appear before them, but he failed to do so, though he sent in a different accounting. It was stated that certain parties, whose names did not appear in the commission, were out of the County, and parties represented as working did not perform any work at all.

The County Clerk was instructed to notify McCabe, ex-Councillor Corbin and Mr. Oland, who laid the charge, to be present on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On motion of Councillors Kerr and Smith, a Bill of Board of Health, District 16, for services of Inspector, \$3.00, was voted to be paid.

The appointment of the Board of Revisors of Assessments being required this year, it was moved by Councillors Grono and Hubley—

That Edmund B. Hubley be one of said Board. Passed.

By Councillors Fraser and A. W. Smith—

That Theodore Conrod be appointed Revisor for the Eastern Section of the County. Passed.

By Councillors McMullin and C. E. Smith—

That Captain John Burris, of District 21, be one of the Revising Board for the year 1895. Passed.

The appointments of Justices to examine patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane for this year were made on motion of Councillors Bissett and A. W. Smith—

J. L. Griffin, Dominic Farrell and W. D. Harrington, were appointed for Halifax or central district.

On motion of Councillors Taylor and Madill—

Walter McCurdy and Wm. M. Sedgewick, of Middle Musquodoboit, were appointed for that Section.

On motion of Councillors Henley and Fraser—

Jas. E. Conrod and Malcolm McFarlane, were appointed said Justices for Sheet Harbour, etc.

Stuart Innes was appointed Custodian for 1895 of the Iron Draw Bridge, Porter's Lake.

The Council adjourned to Saturday, at 10.30.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The minutes of yesterday were read and passed.

Submitted Report of Board of Health for District 21, shewing the health of the District to be satisfactory, and not requiring special action of the Board.

Read the Special Report of Committee on Finance on Inspector of Licenses' Financial Returns clause by clause. After being discussed, it was passed.

The Clerk asked the attention of the Council to a paragraph in the *Evening Mail* of 11th inst., as follows:—

"Undertaker James Gray, notwithstanding the decision of the County Council not to appoint him Coroner's Constable, still holds his commission, having been appointed constable by Coroner Hawkins."

The item was commented on as showing the intention of Gray and the Coroner to set the Council and law at defiance, and act independently of both. It was moved by Councillors Donaldson and Fagan and—

Resolved, That this Council does not recognize the legal authority of James A. Gray, or any other appointee of Coroner Hawkins or any other Coroner, to act as Coroner's Constable, as valid, or giving such Constable authority or power to act as a Coroner's Constable. Passed.

Mr. Stemshorn, in charge of gold mines, Mooseland, by consent of the Council, gave in detail the very bad state of the road leading to the mines. The Gold Mining Company had expended considerable amount on the section from Mooseland to Pope's Hill, but it is still almost impassable.

He was a whole day after late storm getting over 16 miles of it. The road machine would not be applicable from Spry Bay to Musquodoboit. He asked and urged that an extra grant of the road money be made for the section.

On motion the subject was referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

It was moved by Councillors Sellars and Bissett—

That Joseph Lloy be Custodian of Rocky Run Drawbridge, District 29, for the present year. Passed.

The question was asked as to who should act as Coroner's Constable in the absence or disability of the one appointed, and it was moved by Councillors Fagan and Bartlett—

That in order to further provide for the performance of the duties of Coroners' Constables, Chas. W. Gray be appointed a second Constable. The resolution was lost.

Moved by Councillors Thompson and Wilson—

That it is the wish of this Council that the Inspector of Licenses bring his suits against offenders against the License Act before the local Magistrates in the County so far as may be practicable, and near or in the vicinity where the offence is committed, and that legal advice be dispensed with wherever possible. Passed.

The Lists of District Officers for the several Districts to serve for the year 1895 were submitted, read, moved, seconded and passed separately for Districts No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The Council then adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1895.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes were read and approved.

The reading and passing severally of the Lists of District Officers was resumed, and those for Districts 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38, were passed.

Read, a note from A. Elliot, Town Clerk, Dartmouth, asking that Chief of Police McKenzie and Policeman Daniel Brennan be re-appointed County Constables for 1895.

On motion they were re-appointed as requested.

The subject of Salary of Inspector of Licenses was considered, and it was moved by Councillors Thompson and Fagan,

That the salary of the Inspector of Licenses be Three Hundred Dollars a year. The resolution passed.

The Warden urged that all Committees have their reports ready to present on Tuesday. He had to leave for Bridgewater Wednesday.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet at 10.30 Tuesday, 15th inst.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of Saturday Session were read and confirmed.

The Lists of Officers for Districts No. 12, 15, 17 and 31 were handed in, read and on motion passed, making the number for the County complete.

The Warden enquired for amounts to be assessed for support of Poor, 1895, and resolutions were moved by the Councillors of different Districts, seconded and separately voted for assessments as follows:—

- District 12—Thirty dollars.
- “ 15—Thirty dollars.
- “ 16—Forty dollars.
- “ 17—Forty dollars.
- “ 18—One hundred and fifty dollars.
- “ 19—Sixty dollars.
- “ 20—One hundred and thirty dollars.
- “ 22—Sixty dollars.
- “ 24—One hundred and thirty dollars.
- “ 26—One hundred and fifty dollars.
- “ 27—One hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- “ 28—One hundred and fifty dollars.
- “ 29—Twenty-five dollars.
- “ 32—One hundred and fifty dollars.
- “ 33—One hundred dollars.
- “ 36—One hundred dollars.
- “ 38—Twenty dollars.

Districts 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 21, 23, 34 and 35 did not require poor funds. Districts 8, 25 and 31 to name their assessments at later date.

Read Report of Committee on Public Property for the year 1894. It was discussed clause by clause and passed.

Report of Dr. Cunningham, Physician to the Poor Farm, and his application for re-appointment, was submitted and read.

On motion the Report was adopted, and he was re-appointed at the same salary and terms as heretofore.

The Chairman of Committee on Poor said that some Districts not having reported, the Committee would defer their report until April session.

Read Report of Board of Health District 38, that there had been no contagious diseases during 1894. There were 6 deaths, 2 of consumption, 1 of dropsy and 3 from unknown causes. Health of District fairly good. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Hubley—

That the investigation of the charge against Daniel McCabe be deferred until 2nd day of April session. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Fraser and A. W. Smith and—

Resolved, That Road Section No. 3, District 25, be divided into two sections, viz: No. 3, from East River Ferry to the District line on Salmon River; and No. 4, from Branch Roads at Dr. Gourley's to Sober Island. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill—

That we refund to Kelso, Grindon & Co. the sum of twenty dollars, being one half the fee paid by them for a pedlar's license.

On being put the resolution was lost.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Burris—

Whereas, the matter of a Janitor for this Court House cannot be satisfactorily disposed of at this session of Council;

Therefore Resolved, That the case be left in the hands of the Commissioners of the Court House to be by them dealt with according to the exigencies of the case for the efficiency of the service and protection of the property, until a further meeting of Council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hubley and Henley—

Whereas, a resolution has been passed by this Council that the case of Oland and McCabe be fixed for the second day of the April Session;

Therefore Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to give at least ten days' notice to the said McCabe and Oland and Graham of the time and place to meet the Committee appointed for investigating certain charges said to exist. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Henley—

Whereas, Section 50 of Chapter 47, Revised Statutes, 5th series, seems to require that all District Officers be sworn in within ten days after their appointment, which in the past has proved impracticable;

Resolved, That the Legislature be asked to amend said section so as to give sufficient time for notifying and swearing such officers in accordance with law.
Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1895.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

Read, Application from the County Auditors, Messrs. F. G. Wainwright and Jno. E. Albro, for re-appointment for current year. On motion they were re-appointed.

Submitted and Read, the Report of the Committee on Assessments and Statement of District Valuations returned by the Assessors of the various Districts.

The Clerk said that several amendments had been made by the Assessors of a few Districts, which he had included in their total amounts to date.

Explanations were made by the Councillors of these Districts, which showed a large decrease.

The Report was read clause by clause and passed, with the exception of one clause.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That that part of the Report which related to the refund of taxes to G. A. Walker be not passed. Carried.

The remainder of the Report was adopted.

Read, Report of the Committee on Law Amendments, which passed without change.

Councillor Kerr submitted an account from A. Peveril, District 17, \$14, for taking Mrs. McCarthy, an Insane Patient, to Mt. Hope Hospital. It was decided that it be paid by the Overseers of Poor of said District.

On the subject of Municipal Taxation, it was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

That it is the opinion of this Council that the Law exempting Church and School Property from taxation should be abolished.

It was shown by Councillor Donaldson that such exemption had seriously affected the interests of his District. A large amount of property, ostensibly classed as Church and School property, but used for private benefit, had largely decreased the valuation and assessment of District 15 within a few years and the process was still going on.

The resolution passed nem. con.

Submitted a Memorial from Henry Howell, of the St. Elmo Hotel, District 15, relating to the License granted him last year, was decided to be illegally granted, and he claims a refund of \$150 paid for said License and costs of suit.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That the petition of Henry Howell be deferred until the April Session of Council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Conrod and Bissett—

That Geo. Tullock be appointed Arbitrator for valuing the new Road in District 33. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Wilson—

That the Councillors be paid the same remuneration as heretofore, viz., Two Dollars per day while in Session and travelling fees, as by law defined. Passed.

Read the Report of the Finance Committee and the Estimates for 1895 for County, City and Dartmouth jointly, and for the Municipality solely. The items were read and passed separately, and afterward all as a whole.

The question of granting Bounties was discussed, when it was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Madill—

That the Bounty on Bears be reduced to \$2, and Wild Cats 75 cents, as heretofore. Passed.

The Clerk submitted a memo. from Jos. H. Townshend relating to discharge of Paupers at Poor Farm.

Referred to Committee on Poor.

The Council adjourned to Wednesday, 10.30 A. M.

SEVENTH DAY.

JANUARY 16TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. The Deputy Warden in the chair, and 28 Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and passed. Moved by Councillors Taylor and Sellars and

Resolved, That the County Clerk and Treasurer assess upon the County the amount of the estimates reported by the Committee on Finance at this session of the Council for the present year, with costs of collection added thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the Clerk be authorized to get the minutes of this session printed and distributed as heretofore. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris—

That Councillors Kirker, A. W. Smith and Fraser be exonerated from the penalty of the law for non-attendance during the first two days of this session of Council. Passed.

Two Applications for Janitorship of Court House were deferred to April Session.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Hubley—

That the Warden, with Councillors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor and McCallum, be appointed the Committee on Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth. Passed.

Submitted and Read, the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, with Statement of Statute Labor Returns for 1894 in the various Districts.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Bartlett—

That Councillors be required to hand in missing returns of Statute Labor at the April Session. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Conrod and Burris—

That the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be received and adopted. Passed.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Deputy Warden for his satisfactory transaction of his duties at this meeting.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on the first Wednesday in April next.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF LICENSES ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES FOR 1895.

To His Worship the Warden and Municipal Council for the County of Halifax, now in Session:

GENTLEMEN,—

The following applications have been received according to the requirements of the Liquor License Act of 1886 and amendments thereto:—

Nathaniel Evans, District 13, hotel, Hawthorne House, St. Margaret's Bay Road.

James Gordon, District 30, shop, 14½ Mile House, Porter's Lake Road.

Upon examining the petitions and certificates, I find that Nathaniel Evans has complied with the provisions of the Act. Therefore I would recommend the granting of this license.

A petition has been handed me for you, signed by ten ratepayers, several of whose names appear on Mr. Evans' application, and thirty-one residents of Beech Hill, most of whom are women and girls, protesting against, and praying that your Honorable Body may not grant any license in the neighborhood for the following reasons:—

- 1.—Tavern not needed.
- 2.—Causes desecration of the Lord's Day.
- 3.—The hotel too near church and school.
- 4.—A temptation to the weak.

The Petition is herewith submitted with the Report.

The certificate of James Gordon has not the required number of signatures. Fifteen names appear on it not qualified to sign, leaving him seven names short.

I find upon examination that the third objection against a License being granted in District No. 13 is not well taken, that the distance from a place of worship or school house is far beyond the limit required by him.

D. W. B. REID,

License Inspector for Halifax County.

HALIFAX, January 8th, 1895.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LICENSE INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1894.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit the following Report for the year 1894:—

Total cash receipts, as shown in detailed statement.	\$1106 65
Total expenses for the year, as per detailed statement, with costs not collected and on cases dismissed, as shown in proceedings of year. Also, Salary of Inspector.....	1386 05

Balance against the County, \$279.36.

During the year 49 prosecutions commenced, 39 were convicted, 10 were dismissed.

The convictions obtained and in which parties appealed, died, removed or went to jail, and fines not yet collected, amount to \$525.00, of this amount upwards of \$250.00 will be collected.

A full Statement of all proceedings, giving names, dates, results, etc., is herewith presented.

All of which is most respectfully submitted:

D. W. B. REID,

Inspector of Licenses for the Municipality of Halifax County.

Return of Proceedings of License Inspector for the Year 1894.

Names of Persons Prosecuted.	Residence.	Before Whom.	Date.	Result.	Fine Imposed.	Costs Not Paid.	Fine Collected.	Remarks.
Edward Dean.....	Head Chezzetcook.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	Feb. 16	Convicted.	\$ 30 00	.....	\$ 30 00	
George Stone.....	Waverly Road.....	" ".....	" 22	Dismissed.	.....	\$ 9 95	.....
James Covey.....	Hacket's Cove.....	" ".....	" 22	Dismissed.	.....	13 55	.....
Margaret McInnis.....	East Chezzetcook.....	" ".....	" 28	Convicted.	20 00	.....	20 00	
James Furgeson.....	West Chezzetcook.....	" ".....	" 28	Dismissed.	.....	9 80	.....
Leonard Clihan.....	Sackville.....	" ".....	March 3	Convicted.	20 00	.....	20 00	
John A. Scott.....	Sackville.....	" ".....	April 24	Dismissed.	.....	13 00	.....
Edward Coolen.....	Upper Prospect.....	" ".....	" 27	Convicted.	50 00	14 50	.....
Mary Ann Blakely.....	Indian Harbor.....	" ".....	" 27	"	50 00	14 20	.....	Committed to Jail.
Mary Ann Mason.....	Quoddy.....	J. Kirker and H. Balcom.....	May 2	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
William Fahie.....	Sheet Harbor.....	W. C. Henly & M. McParlane.....	" 3	"	25 00	.....	25 00	
George York.....	Preston Road.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 8	"	50 00	8 90	.....	Died.
Richard Owens.....	Preston Road.....	" ".....	" 11	"	30 00	30	80 00	
Nellie Sheehan.....	Windsor Junction.....	" ".....	June 29	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Maud Carroll.....	Windsor Junction.....	" ".....	July 5	"	50 00	17 50	.....
David Smith.....	Windsor Junction.....	" ".....	" 13	"	50 00	16 95	80 00	Will get the balance.
Mary Myet.....	Ketch Harbor.....	" ".....	" 25	"	30 00	.....	30 00	
Charles McDonald.....	Lawrencetown.....	" ".....	" 25	"	30 00	.....	30 00	
Spears & O'Neal.....	Portuguese Cove.....	" ".....	Aug. 8	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
William Topple.....	Harrietsfield.....	" ".....	" 9	"	30 00	.....	30 00	
George Sutherland.....	Harrietsfield.....	" ".....	" 9	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Elizabeth Seaboyer.....	Hubbard's Cove.....	" ".....	" 10	"	20 00	11 80	.....	Old, sick and poor.
Caleb Johnson.....	Hubbard's Cove.....	" ".....	" 10	"	20 00	21 90	.....	Appealed.
Charles Main.....	Cole Harbor.....	" ".....	" 13	"	20 00	10 15	.....	Warrant issued.
Walker Embury.....	Windsor Junction.....	" ".....	" 15	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Elizabeth Kizer.....	Porter's Lake.....	" ".....	" 22	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Mary Power.....	Portuguese Cove.....	" ".....	" 23	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Annie Bourk.....	Portuguese Cove.....	" ".....	" 23	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Elizabeth Squires.....	Preston Road.....	" ".....	Sept. 6	"	20 00	9 05	.....	Appealed.
William Squires.....	Preston Road.....	" ".....	" 6	Dismissed.	.....	70	.....
Charles McDonald.....	Lawrencetown.....	" ".....	" 10	"	.....	11 00	.....
George A. Harvie.....	Carriboo Mines.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald.....	" 22	"	.....	9 60	.....
George Fillis.....	West Chezzetcook.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 26	Convicted.	20 00	.....	20 00	

Return of Proceedings of License Inspector for the Year 1894. (Concluded.)

Names of Persons Prosecuted.	Residence.	Before Whom.	Date.	Result.	Fine Imposed.	Costs Not Paid.	Fine Collected.	Remarks.
Nellie Sheehan	Windsor Junction	J. Lester Griffin	Aug. 22	Dismissed.	.....	12 40	.....	Constable not making legal service.
William Shadbolt	Halifax	" "	Sept. 28	Convicted.	\$ 30 00	11 75	.....	Warrant issued.
Nellie Sheehan	Windsor Junction	" "	Oct. 9	"	30 00	18 30	.....	" "
Isaac Morash	Dover	" "	" 10	"	20 00	.....	\$ 20 00	
Noah Morash	Dover	" "	" 10	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
John Gough	Three Mile House	" "	Nov. 5	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
John Ahearn	St. Margaret's Bay Road	" "	" 5	"	20 00	.....	20 00	
Edith Perry	Sheet Harbor	W. Henly & J. E. Conrod.	" 13	"	20 00	6 39	20 00	
William Fahie	Sheet Harbor	" "	" 13	Dismissed.	.....	11 80	.....
William Fahie	Sheet Harbor	" "	" 20	Convicted.	50 00	11 65	.....	Warrant issued.
William Hawes	Spry Bay	" "	" 24	"	25 00	10 30	.....	" "
Stephen Smith	St. Margaret's Bay Road	J. Lester Griffin	" 26	"	30 00	21 55	.....	Appealed.
Leonard Marvin	Eastern Passage Road	" "	Dec. 18	"	25 00	.....	25 00	
Benjamin Mannett	Preston	" "	" 31	"	30 00	9 65	30 00	Costs will be paid.
Mary Ann Blakely	Indian Harbor	" "	" 31	"	50 00	13 95	.....
Wm. Gaetz	Indian Harbor	" "	" 31	Dismissed.	.....	13 85	.....
					\$1005 00	\$343 05	\$570 00	
Received for Convictions obtained April 27th, 1893, against Wm. Wilson							56 65	
Total Fines collected							\$626 65	

D. W. B. REID,
License Inspector for the Municipality of Halifax County.

SPECIAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF LICENSE.

From the Inspector's Report we obtain the following summary:—

There were 49 prosecutions, ten of which failed to convict. Of the 39 convictions only 24 were successful in collecting the fines, or partial fines, the remaining 15 being classed as "committed to jail, dead, appealed, left the country, nothing to get, etc.", while some convictions obtained near the end of the year will probably be collected and estimated by the Inspector at about \$250.00.

The revenues of the office in 1894 were—

From Licenses	\$460 00	
Deposits on Account License in 1895.....	20 00	
	\$ 480 00	
From Fines Collected.....	570 00	
Collected from Arrears of 1893.....	56 65	
	\$1106 65	

And the expenses of the Office have been—

For Legal Advice.....	\$126 00	
Travelling Expenses of Inspector.....	\$370 05	
Extra Hire of Teams.....	69 25	
	\$439 30	
Costs in Suits where no Convictions or Fines Col.	343 05	
Constables Services in addition to above.....	66 24	
Postage and Advertising.....	11 42	
Inspector's Salary.....	400 00	\$1386 01
	\$279 36	

Showing a deficit on the year of

Your Committee offer no objections to the individual prices charged, presuming they were actual costs, and as a whole appears above criticism.

We may, however, remind you that the office is far from self-sustaining, as the account of the Treasurer shows \$421.91 paid out above receipts previous to 1894, in our efforts to keep the people temperate, and we are now confronted with another shortage of \$279.36, and a deficit in the current year would appear inevitable, as we will get but \$130.00 from Licenses as against \$480.00 in 1894. Hence, it becomes the Council to consider if the service cannot be made more economical. In view of which, your Committee would refer to the item of \$126.00 for legal services, which appear as exclusively in the Stipendiary's Court in the city, whence it is pertinent to enquire if justice and the law could not be just as efficiently and more cheaply administered if the prosecutions were brought before the local Magistrates where the offence occurs, and away from the expensive and distracting influence of the Lawyers, and where the costs involved would be materially less as evidence the large sum of \$343.05 for expenses of court, and where in the Stipendiary's court the costs average over \$13.00 per trial, as against some \$6.00 to \$9.00 in the County Magistrate's court.

The amount of travelling to be done must necessarily be left largely to the judgment of the Inspector. By reference to the location of the offences, it appears that about 80 per cent. of them occur from 5 to 25 miles from the city, and the great mass of duty requires to be administered from the

city, and an Inspector residing in this vicinity would have considerably reduced this item of \$439.40 for the past year. The item of \$66.24 for Constables services is for work outside of direct prosecutions, and for duties within short distances from the city, but your Committee are not prepared to give an opinion of how much of this might have been saved if the Inspector had been more centrally located.

Of a number of the fines imposed and not collected, your Committee, while offering no suggestion, are of the opinion that an attempt to collect would result in increased expense to the County for arrest and imprisonment, with but very meagre prospect of collecting anything.

H. M. McCALLUM.
 GEORGE BURRIS.
 G. W. CHRISTIAN.
 B. C. WILSON.
 O. P. FRASER.
 W. C. HENLEY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSANE PAUPERS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

TO HIS HONOR THE WARDEN AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have examined the accounts and vouchers presented quarterly by the Government, and checked by the Treasurer and Auditors, to December 31st, 1894, resulting as follows:

For March quarter.....	17 Lunatics	\$516 09
“ June quarter.....	19 do.	612 49
“ September quarter.....	23 do.	738 18
“ December quarter.....	22 do.	639 40

Total for the year.....\$2506 16

To which is to be added the balance due on 1892 acct..... 776 96

Making the whole indebtedness.....\$3283 12

The estimate for last year (as was reported to be the case for 1893) was insufficient to meet these amounts. The Treasurer paid on account \$2640, which was \$640 more than voted, in order to keep down interest on balances. Notwithstanding this, there was a charge for interest of \$36.09. Under the existing Statute interest is payable on all quarterly balances, and it is essential, in order to save the needless waste, that the Finance Committee provide enough to cover all legitimate claims, basing their calculation upon the foregone conclusion that there will be increasing demands upon the Municipality for that class of persons. Balance due Dec. 31st, \$692.13.

Your Committee regret to notice this increase, but as it is inevitable, and cannot be obviated as far as they know, the burden of maintaining pauper insane has to be borne and provided for.

The Clerk and Treasurer has collected from friends of insane, as shown in his account, \$126, and expects to secure a much greater sum in 1895, but the great majority of those who have to be sent to Mount Hope enter there as paupers. Once admitted to the Hospital, the chances of their relatives or friends contributing the smallest trifle toward their maintenance or comfort are hopeless.

There have been no transfers during the past 12 months of harmless patients to the Poor Farm. Your Committee are of opinion that there may be some of the inmates at present whose condition might admit of their removal; but, as it is the province of the Medical Superintendent to determine or recommend this course officially, it might be well for the Committee on Public Property to press the matter and possibly affect a reduction of our obligations to the Government.

Your Committee, as at former times, consider that the expenses of clothing and extras could be lessened, as in comparison with those at the Poor Farm they seem greater than need be, but how to accomplish this result is not very clear.

The following statistics are made up to the present time, and form a necessary terminal to this report:

Number of patients chargeable to this Municipality	
December 31st, 1893.....	17
Admissions in 1894—Males.....	6
“ “ Females.....	1
	— 7
	24
Discharges for the year—Males.....	2
	—
Number in Hospital Jan. 1st, 1895—	
Males.....	9
Females.....	13
	— 22
Re-admissions—none. Deaths—none.	

Of the 22 now in the Hospital, two are from District 7, one from District 9, one District 10, one District 11, two District 12, one District 14, two District 17, one District 24, two District 27, one District 25, two District 29, two District 31, one District 32, one District 28, two district 36.

The average cost last quarter for males was \$39.15, and for females \$29.80. The number of harmless insane cared for at the Poor Farm are reported December quarter—males 13, females 8. These are charged for at a much smaller cost than at Mount Hope, but your Committee cannot estimate the nett cost of maintenance there.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. McCALLUM,
B. C. WILSON,
THOS. S. DONALDSON,
D. SMITH,
JAMES E. GRONO.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE COUNTY JAIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1894.

HALIFAX, N. S., JANUARY 5TH, 1895.

*To His Honor the Warden and the Councillors of the Municipality
of Halifax County.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to report as follows on the sanitary condition of the County Jail and its inmates for the year just ended :

Nothing of an unusual character, in a professional way, has happened, and I have no cases of severe sickness to chronicle.

There was about the customary number of insane persons—six in all—committed during the year. Of these, two were sent to Mount Hope and one to the insane wards of the City Poores' Asylum; two were handed over to the Civic Police authorities for disposal by them, and one to the agents of the S. S. Halifax for return to the United States under the terms of the Act providing against pauper immigration.

It is a matter of much satisfaction and for congratulation that the number of those committed to jail for drunkenness was lessened to nearly one half that of the previous year. It is perhaps not easy to point out all the causes of this pleasing diminution, but as several of those who have been regular visitors to us in the past were, during the year, subjects for treatment at the Gold Cure Institute, we can safely credit, I think, that institution with some of the good done, and hope that the result may be a permanent one. All of the cases of drunkenness needed treatment to some extent, but in only one instance was it deemed expedient to remove the patient to hospital for more careful nursing.

The sanitary condition of the jail building is good, and its surroundings have been neatly and cleanly kept. The wards, cells, and corridors are regularly lime-washed, scrubbed and well aired, and the health of the prisoners, as a whole, has been maintained in a good condition.

The Jailor and Mrs. Chambers and the Turnkey have been mindful of the wants of the sick prisoners and considerate in their attentions to them. I have examined the food supplied from time to time, and have found it of good quality and well cooked.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D.,

Physician to the County Jail

SURGEON'S REPORT OF COUNTY POOR FARM

To His Honor the Warden and Council of Halifax County.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg leave to submit my report for the past year.

Very little sickness has prevailed among the inmates of the County Poor Farm, and no epidemic has visited the institution. The following shows the number and causes of death:—

Senectus.....	1
Phthisis.....	1
Acute Mania.....	1
Total.....	3

I am yours, &c.,

N. F. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

Dartmouth, Jan. 8, 1895.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

1.—The Committee in presenting their report would refer to the Jailor and Surgeon's Reports on the County Prison, from which it appears that the past year has been one of fair results in that Institution.

2.—The expenditure for the maintenance and repairs of the Jail has been kept as low as possible, with a view to the preservation of the building.

3.—There has been a new fence built on the south side of the Jail yard, costing \$289. Also, a new cooking range for kitchen, costing \$60.

4.—The Poores' Farm has been conducted with fair success the present year.

5.—The bills for the present year for food, clothing, bedding, repairs, painting the inside of the building throughout and papering the hall and three rooms, and wages, including the Keeper and Matron, and Doctor's pay, stoves, for the furnaces, for the year, amounts to \$4,097.90; for 31,031 weeks of inmates for the year 1894. There has also been paid bills for 1893, amounting to \$29, the payment for which we had balance in favour of the Institution Dec. 31st, 1893, \$66.09.

6.—The sum given, viz., \$4,097.90, does not include the \$900 instalment for repayment of debentures and interest thereon, but the sum saved by keeping the harmless insane at the Poores Farm, viz., \$1,082 less than it would cost at Mount Hope, will more than pay the instalments and interest thereon.

7.—The cultivated ground has been largely extended in the past year.

8.—There was grown on the Farm during the year 200 bushels of sound potatoes, more than half the crop having rotted in the ground; 250 bushels turnips, 10 bushels carrots, 5 bushels beets, 8 tons hay, 2 tons of oats for fodder. For other produce see keeper's report.

PROVISIONS ON HAND DEC. 31ST, 1894.

Molasses, $\frac{1}{2}$ pun.; Tea, $\frac{1}{2}$ chest; Flour, 3 bbls.; Oatmeal, 1 bbl.; Rolled Oats, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl.; Sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ bbl.; Herring, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl.; Beef, 25 cwt.; Pork, 3 cwt.

DRY GOODS.

Homespun, 40 yds.; Flannel, 40 yds.; Grey Cotton, 60 yds.; Bedticking, 55 yds.; Shirting, 55 yds.; Denims, 30 yds.; Fleecy Cotton, 63 yds.; Knitting Yarn, 25 lbs.

STOCK ON FARM.

4 Cows, 1 pair Working Oxen, 1 yearling Heifer, 1 Horse, 2 Pigs, with the usual amount of Farming Utensils.

And in conclusion, the Committee feel that they should not forget to refer to the services of the Keeper and Matron, who work without ceasing to forward the interests of the Institution.

There are 69 inmates at the Institution now, consisting of 20 insane and 49 sane Paupers.

We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Turner be reappointed Keeper and Matron for the present year.

Annexed, we give statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1894:—

INCOME.

Balance in favor of the Institution on hand Dec. 31, 1894.....	\$ 66.09
Dartmouth, 535 weeks and 3 days of inmates at \$1.30 per week.....	696.15
Districts, 1,114 " " " at 75c. per week.....	1,069.09
Insane, 1,031 " " " at \$2.00 per week.....	2,163.00
Extra charge on districts for females on districts when confined, 4 cases \$8 each	32.00
Sale of oxen.....	62.00
Sale of hides	15.25
Pair of working oxen which are still on farm, which we consider an asset as well as expenditure.....	62.50
	<u>\$4,165.49</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Sundries	\$ 70.34
Hardware, paint and oils.....	69.98
Seeds.....	5.10
Boots and Shoes.....	124.10
Blacksmith.....	30.39
Stoves, Stove Pipe and Tinware.....	81.74
Doctor's Salary	90.00
Clothes and Bedding	581.81
Making Clothes	23.00
Groceries and Provisions	1,501.12
Wages Keeper and Matron	350.00
Employees	534.00
Meat	500.00
100 Bushels Potatoes	30.50
Harness.....	44.00
Doctor's attendance on females when confined, 1893.....	20.00
Three years pay for Morning Chronicle.....	9.00
Ferriage, postage, stationery, Post Office box.....	12.18
Pair working oxen still on the farm.....	62.50
	<u>\$4,189.76</u>

Also there has been a new barn built on the farm, for which the Council
voted \$200.00, for which bills have been paid amounting to \$ 220.00
Less shingles on hand value..... 8.93
Leaving the cost of the barn to the County \$220.31

The Committee make the following suggestions and recommend their adoption:—

1. That all supplies, help, etc., for Poor Farm be procured by Regulation, signed by the Chairman or his associate.
- That all supplies, so far as practicable, be put up to tender and contract.
- That all accounts be paid monthly. Accounts to have the requisition attached when presented for payment properly signed.
- That employees and help be paid monthly, a Pay Roll to be kept for the purpose. Each employee to sign for his or her pay.
- That the By-Law relating to visitors be strictly enforced, and that the visiting days be changed to Tuesdays and Fridays.

With regard to the matter of increase of salary of Mr. and Mrs. Turner we recommend that they be retained at the same salary as heretofore.

JOHN G. BISSETT,
JAMES H. SELLARS,
H. M. MCCALLUM,
SAMUEL THOMSON,
JOHN FAGAN,
THOS. S. DONALDSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

We beg leave to submit the following Report. We find on comparing the Rolls of 1894 with 1895, that there is an increase of \$20,459. We find although there is an increase in the whole County, there is quite a large decrease in Districts Nos. 10, 23, 34 and 38; the Councillors of the aforesaid Districts may be able to explain.

We also find in Districts 15, 17, 18, 22 and 25, quite a large increase. The attached list will show the valuation for the years 1894 and 1895. In reference to the collection of the taxes for the year 1894, your Committee are not in a position to report, as a number of the Rolls are not in, consequently it must lay over until the April sitting.

As regards the letter from G. W. Walker, District 12, asking for a refund of taxes on account of his hotel being destroyed by fire, your Committee would recommend that one half of said taxes be refunded to him.

We also considered the letter of Gaspar J. Leslie, District 26, and came to the conclusion that the Board of Appeal are the proper parties to deal with his case. All of which we humbly submit,

JOHN W. UMLAH,
GEO. H. MADILL,
JAMES CONROD,
ALEX. McMULLEN,
ALEX. W. SMITH,

RETURNS OF VALUATIONS HALIFAX COUNTY 1895,
AS PER ASSESSMENT ROLLS NOV. 1894.

Districts.	1894.	1895.	Increase.	Decrease.	Corrections.
7 Herring Cove.....	\$ 24,550	24,745	....	660	
8 Ketch Harbor.....	24,935	25,625	690	....
9 Sambro	24,240	24,170	....	50	
10 Upper Prospect.....	39,953	38,030	....	1,923	
11 Hackett's Cove	51,050	52,290	240	....
12 French Village	41,425	41,540	115	....
13 Spryfield	33,243	33,651	408	....
14 North West Arm....	141,475	142,857	1,382	....
15 Bedford	138,876	146,100	7,224	....
16 Hammonds Plains ..	45,649	45,786	137	....
17 Sackville	131,721	138,035	6,314	....
18 Waverley	98,405	104,690	6,285	....
19 Gay's River	91,691	89,149*	....	2,542	Add *1,635
20 Meagher's Grant....	46,357	45,501	....	856	
21 Mid. Musquodoboit.	126,900	125,720	....	1,180	
22 Up. Musquodoboit..	111,463	113,961	2,498	....
23 Terence Bay	16,800	16,115	....	685	
24 Moser's River	4,743	47,086	....	333	
25 Sheet Harbor	77,475	83,005	5,530	....
26 Tangier	70,615	70,115	....	500	
27 Jeddore	106,870	108,375	1,505	....
28 Chezzetcook.....	72,175	68,585	....	3,590	
29 Lawrencetown	59,835	60,890	1,055	....
30 Preston	26,945	26,665	....	280	
31 Cole Harbor	174,727	174,390*	....	337	*Add \$600.
32 Hubbard's Cove....	73,220	72,585*	....	685	*Add \$150.
33 Eastern Passage....	74,750	74,095	....	655	
34 Quoddy	55,589	52,462	....	3,127	
35 Little River.....	34,608	35,704	1,096	....
36 East Chezzetcook...	86,755	89,140	2,385	....
38 Dover.....	23,671	22,234	....	1,387	
					Nett
	\$2,178,396	\$2,193,296	\$36,864	\$18,790	Incr'se, \$20,459
Total Assessment Real and Personal Estate } of the 31 Districts of the Municipality }					\$2,195,681.

REPORT OF COUNTY AUDITORS ON TREASURER'S
ACCOUNT.

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

GENTLEMEN,

We have great pleasure in reporting to your worshipful body that we have carefully examined and checked the vouchers and books of the County Treasurer and have found them correct in all details.

The balance to date deposited with the Halifax Banking Co. to the credit of the Municipality is \$7805.09, as per account transmitted.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

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

HALIFAX, N. S., December 31st, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURE, 1894.

The Court House—			
Paid	Balance 1893 and Current Expenses 1894.....	\$ 2,036.41	
	Interest on Court House Improvement Loan, 1892....	1,025.00	
			\$ 3,061.41
County Jail—			
	Current Expenses, including new fence, 1894....		2,487.13
	Judicial Expenses, viz:—		
	Crown Witnesses, &c., in Criminal Prosecutions.....	636.75	
	Grand Jury and Secretary.....	82.80	
	Petit, Special and County Court Juries.....	850.50	
	High Sheriff's Special and General Account.....	800.37	
	Criers of Supreme and County Courts.....	900.00	
			3,270.42
	Coroners' Inquests, Juries and Medical Evidence....		739.40
	Printing, Stationery, Advertising (on account).....		327.14
	County Clerk's Salary, \$1,100; County Treasurer, \$500		1,600.00
	Postages, Telegrams, Expressage.....		58.30
	County Stipendiary's Salary, 12 months, see contra		
	accounts to credit.....	850.00	
	Chief County Constable and Deputy.....		393.00
	County Auditors, examining Treasurer's Accounts,		
	Books and Vouchers.....		40.00
The Warden and County Council—			
	For attendance January and April sessions, and		
	mileages.....		1,230.50
Assessors and Revisors—			
	Balances 1893 and on account 1894.....	800.20	
Collectors of County Rates—			
	Balances 1893 and on account 1894.....	709.85	
	Revisors of Jury Lists for 1894-5 in full.....	185.65	
	Boards of Health for accounts 1893, as voted.....	52.60	
	Bounties paid on Bears, \$196.00; Wild Cats, \$62.25.	258.25	
	Inspector of Licenses' Balance Account for 1893....	421.91	
	Poor Rates in Treasurer's Collections repaid Overseers	57.81	
	Contingent Expenses—		
	For Legal Advice and Services, 1894.....	21.50	
	Subsidy to Omnibus, District 14, 14 months....	175.00	
	Claim for Damages by Defective Bridge, District		
	36.....	15.00	
			211.50
Insane Paupers at Mount Hope Hospital—			
	Paid N. S. Govt. Balance 1893 and for 1894		
	Accounts.....	2,640.00	
	Paid Lunacy Certificates 1893 and for 1894.....	83.87	
			2,723.87
County Poor Farm—			
	Balances 1893 and on Current Expenses 1894....	4,420.85	
	Paid Debentures matured 1894 and Interest....	950.00	
			5,370.85
County Public Schools—			
	Paid on Accounts Grants for 12 months ended		
	July 31.....		8,422.45
Roads and Bridges—			
	Paid Commissioners for Grants allotted Districts	9,649.71	
	Custodians of 4 Drawbridges, as voted.....	70.00	
			9,719.71
	Total Cash Expenditure 1894.....		\$42,991.45
	Balance carried down per contra.....		7,908.09
			\$50,800.04

RECEIPTS, 1894.

By Balance in hand Dec. 31st, 1893.....		\$ 9,648.86
Assessments received during the year 1894—		
From City of Halifax for 1892, 3 and 4.....	\$10,010.10	
" Town of Dartmouth for 1894	697.37	
" Municipal Districts, as follows:—		
On account deficits 1892-3.....	\$ 2,840.05	
Received from 31 Districts, 1894..	14,837.29	
	<u>17,677.34</u>	
County Poor Farm—		
Received for Balances due 1893 and for 1894		
amounts due from Districts in part.....	1,948.23	
County Stipendiary—		
For fees of Office paid in by him, 12 months.....	410.70	
For Pedlers' and Ferry Licenses and Fine.....	173.00	
County Jail—		
For amount of Fees paid by T. A. Chambers.....	4.60	
Court House—		
By amt. from Govt. Nova Scotia (yearly subsidy).	300.00	
County Clerk for J. P. certificates.....	5.00	
Insane Patients received on account 1894.....	126.00	
Roads and Bridges Grant for 1894—		
Received from Provincial Secretary	9,798.84	
		<u>41,151.18</u>
Total Credits		<u>\$50,800.04</u>
By Balance in Treasurer's hands Cr. County.....		\$7,808.09

E. & O. E.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 7th, 1895.

WM. H. WISWELL,

County Treasurer.

Examined and compared with the Treasurer's Books
and Vouchers and found correct.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee respectfully recommend—

1.—That our By-Laws in regard to Licensing of Pedlars and Hawkers of Goods be amended by adding the following as a sub-section to section 1 of the By-Laws passed last year in relation to this subject:—

That all Pedlars and Hawkers of Goods being Ratepayers within the Province, but not being Ratepayers within the County, shall be required to obtain a license therefor, the fees to be paid being for a team Twenty Dollars, and for a pack Ten Dollars. Subject to the same penalties and liable to the same procedure as laid down in foregoing and following sections of said By-Law.

2.—We would also recommend that all Pedlars and Hawkers being Ratepayers within the County shall, before offering their wares, be required to obtain a certificate countersigned by the County Clerk, certifying to the fact of their being Ratepayers within this County, which certificate they shall be required to exhibit when demand is made by any Ratepayer to whom they may offer their goods for sale.

3.—That all such licenses and certificates shall require to be renewed annually.

4.—That the above regulations shall not apply to or affect the sale of the products of the farm, the forest or the sea.

5.—That all By-Laws inconsistent with the foregoing be hereby repealed. And in the case of District Officers, we would recommend the following:—

That any person appointed to an office in this Municipality (he being competent to perform the duties of such office) who shall neglect or refuse to be duly sworn in or otherwise qualified, or refuse to perform the duties of such office, shall, upon such neglect or refusal, forfeit a sum of not less than Eight nor more than Twenty Dollars, excepting in such cases as are specially provided for by the existing Statute or By-Law.

J. H. TAYLOR.
W. C. HENLEY.
B. C. WILSON.
JOHN KIRKER.
GEO. H. MADILL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

In presenting our Report your Committee take the opportunity to state that really nothing has been referred to us for consideration, except the Inspector of Licenses' Report, which was specially reported on and laid before the Council.

In preparing the estimates for the year, we beg to first consider those for the County of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, viz:

Current Expenses of Court House	\$ 2,100 00
Interest and Debentures on Court House.....	1,050 00
County Jail Current Expenses	2,200 00
Grand and Petit Juries	950 00
For Sheriff	800 00
Crown Witnesses	880 00
Clerk and Treasurer	1,600 00
Coroners	750 00
Improvements in Registry of Deeds' Office.....	480 00
Printing and Stationery	550 00
Criers Supreme Court.....	900 00
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	\$12,260 00
Less Government Grant to Court House.....	300 00
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	\$11,960 00

FOR THE COUNTY ALONE.

For Warden and Councillors' Pay	\$ 1,200 00
Stipendiary Griffin ..	850 00
County Constables ..	400 00
Schools ..	8,500 00
Hospital Insane ..	3,400 00
County Poor Farm Int. and Debentures ..	650 00
" Current Expenses ..	2,500 00
For Revisors and Assessors ..	80 00
Draw Bridges \$70, Bus Line \$150, Ferries \$40 ..	260 00
Postage, Health and Incidental ..	100 00
Wild Beasts' Bounty ..	260 00
Deficit on Liquor Prosecutions ..	280 00
Election Expenses ..	200 00
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	\$19,340 00
Less probable Receipts from Stipendiary's Court and Licenses ..	600 00
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	\$18,740 00
And from unexpended balance of 1894 ..	4,000.00
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For the County alone ..	\$14,000.00
For combined City, County and Dartmouth ..	11,960 00
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Whole Assessment 1895 ..	\$26,700 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

R. C. WILSON.
H. M. McCALLUM.
O. P. FRASER.
W. C. HENLEY.
T. W. CHRISTIAN.
GEORGE BURRIS.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee having gone carefully over the Statute Labor Returns from various Districts and other matters laid before them, beg to Report as follows:—

With reference to the largely signed petition from District No. 16, and the only petition and matter now before us, we beg to recommend said petition to be deferred until the April Session of the present year, in contemplation of a counter petition to come before us.

We again recommend that this Council insist upon the enforcement of the law in regard to the handing in of Statute Labor Returns as the law provides.

The number and state of Returns are given in the accompanying list.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.
JOHN KIRKER.
ALVAN HUBLEY.
JAMES H. SELLARS.
GEO. H. KERR.
GEO. BURRIS.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF STATUTE LABOR 1894.

Districts.	No. of Days due.	No. of Days done.	No. of Days not done.	
7	289	278	2	Returns not in, balance in fair order.
8	215	189	13	" all in, but not satisfactory.
9	221	221	1	" not in, balance in good order.
10	323	74	254	" not in and others show very little work done.
11	681	681	1	" all in and in good order.
12	432	430½	2½	" " "
13	275	275	...	" " "
14	...	...	...	No Returns.
15	225	225	...	1 Return wanting.
16	547	542	5	" not in, but good order.
17	905	883	17	" all in, " "
18	734	728	6	" " " "
19	638	623	15	" " " "
20	377	375	2	" " " "
21	919	906	13	" " " "
22	801	801	5	" not in, but " "
23	300	162	138	" " " "
24	597	558½	38½	" all in and fair order.
25	845	803	42	" " good " "
26	847	796	51	" " " " "
27	1449	1403	42	3 short.
28	787	781	6	2 " "
29	483	475	8	Returns all in and good order.
30	324	324	1	" not in, " "
31	1278	1265	13	1 " " but " "
32	617	601	16	1 " " " " "
33	657	642	15	" all in.
34	551	514	37	2 " not in.
35	250	250	...	" all in and good order.
36	836	836	2	" not in, but fair.
38	376	376	...	" " " "

RETURN OF FEES OF OFFICE IN STIPENDIARY COURT
FROM OCTOBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1894.

Date.	Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Process.	Fees.
Oct. 1	Mary Whalen	John Galligher	Summons	50
"	Charities Committee	Frederick Walsh	Warrant	60
"	D. W. B. Reid	Nellie Sheenan	Sums and Copy	75
"	"	"	To Witness	35
"	"	"	"	35
"	"	"	"	35
"	"	"	"	35
"	"	"	"	35
4	Daniel Hallisey	Oliver and Ford	Execution	20
"	Maasy, Harris & Co.	Wm. Oliver	"	20
8	Daniel Hallisey	E. Haverstock	Sums	75
"	"	"	"	75
9	"	"	"	75
"	"	"	"	75
"	"	"	Subpoena Witness	20

Date.	Plaintiff,	Defendant,	Process.	Fees.
10	Joseph Osbourn	Chas. Conrod	Sums	\$ 75
"	D. W. B. Reid	Noah Morash	Conviction	1 60
"	"	"	Subpena Witness	20
"	"	Isaac Morash	Conviction	1 00
"	Thomas Doyle	William Shea	Sums	75
12	John G. Trider	Wm. Gallihar	"	75
"	Henry Hershfield	Chas. Conrod	Execution	25
18	Robert Ledwedge	Lantz & Co.	Subpena and Ticket	50
"	"	"	"	50
"	"	"	"	50
16	James M. Davison	William Gilby	Sums	75
"	"	"	"	75
17	James K. Munnis	John Davison	"	75
19	Jack & Bell	Silas Hibbard	Judgt.	50
"	Janet McKay	Arthur Arnold	Warrant	60
20	Joseph Osbourn	Charles Conrod	Judgt.	50
22	Robert Ledwedge	Lantz & Co.	"	50
23	J. A. Rathburn	Thomas Richards	Execution	20
24	Queen	Capt. Henry Linden	Warrant	60
"	"	"	" on Oath to Witness	60
"	"	"	" " " "	60
26	Thomas Doyle	William Shea	Judgt.	50
"	F. J. Wheatley	John Fegan	Execution	20
27	Thomas Doyle	John Furlong	Summons	75
"	Judson Baker	Josephine Corbett	Execution	20
"	Queen	John Reynolds	Sums and Copy	75
"	"	"	Sums to Witness	35
29	James E. Croucher	James H. Hall	Summons	75
"	William C. Somers	James W. Hamm	"	75
"	Thomas Belfontain	A. S. Fielding	"	75
"	D. W. B. Reid	Stephen Smith	Sums and Copy	75
"	"	"	Liquor Act to Witness	35
"	"	"	"	85
"	"	"	"	35
"	"	John Ahearn	Sums and Copy	75
"	"	"	Liquor Act Conviction	1 00
30	James M. Davison	William Gilby	Judgt.	50
"	"	John Bowdick	"	50
"	"	George Moore	"	50
31	John G. Trider	William Gallihar	"	1 00
"	Queen	Allen McCurdy	Cr'ty to Animals Sums.	50
"	"	" 2 charges	"	50
"	"	Ira Archibald	"	50
"	"	McCurdy & Archibald	Sums to Witness	50
"	"	"	Copy	10
"	"	"	"	10
"	"	"	"	10
"	Dis. 28 Mary Agnes Romo	Dalton Mahoney	Warrant	60
Total October Month.....				\$33 90
Nov. 1	James E. Roy	Chas. Jackson	Summons	\$ 75
"	"	James Smith	"	75
2	Leydon & McIntosh	Chas. J. Rudolf	"	75
"	Queen	Capt. Henry Linder	Warrant Remand	60
3	Daniel Hallisey	Amos Thomas & Thomson	Execution	20
"	"	Chas. Morrison	Execution	20
"	"	Johnson & David	"	20
"	"	Johnson & Allison	"	20
5	Queen	Capt. Henry Linden	Examination 1 day	1 00
"	"	"	Warrant Remand	60
6	Mrs. E. Salter	John E. Horne	Summons	75
7	J. E. Croucher	James H. Hall	Judgt. 50c., Affdt. 25c.	75
"	Queen	Capt. Henry Linden	Examination 1 day	1 00
"	"	"	Warrant Remand	60
8	"	Capt. Henry Linden	Examination 1 day	1 00
"	"	"	Warrant Remand	60
10	Edwin Lethbridge	James Boutiller	Summons	75
"	"	Fred Foster	Copy	25
"	"	"	Sums to Witness	35
"	"	"	"	35
12	Alfred Whitman	James H. Hall	Summons	75
"	Queen	Capt. Henry Linden	Warrant Commitment	60

Return of Convictions made by me in the Co. Stip. Magistrate's Office, from Jan. 1, 1894, to Dec. 31, 1894.

Name of Prosecutor.	Name of Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Convict'n	Name of Conv. Magistrate.	Amt. of Fy. fine or dmg'r	Time when Pd. to said Justice.	To whom p.l. ovr. by said Justice.	If not, why not, and general observations, if any.
D. W. B. Reid...	Edward Dean....	Violation of Liquor License Act, 1866.	Feb. 10, 94	J. Lester Griffin	\$ 30 00	Feb. 10.....	D. W. B. Reid ..	
"	Margaret McInnes..	"	Feb. 23...	" "	20 00	Feb. 23.....	"	
"	Leonard Clahane..	"	March 3..	" "	20 00	March 3....	"	
"	James Furgeson...	"	Dismissed	" "				
"	James Covey.....	"	"	" "				
"	George Stone.....	"	"	" "				
"	John A. Scott.....	"	"	" "				
"	Edward Coolen....	"	April 27..	" "	50 00	Not Paid...	Not Paid.....	Warrant will be issued.
"	Mary Ann Blakely..	"	"	" "	50 00	"	"	Warrant issued, com. to jail.
"	George York.....	"	May 8....	" "	50 00	"	"	Having being ill and rec'dy died.
"	Richard Owens....	"	May 11....	" "	30 00	May 11.....	D. W. B. Reid ..	
Capt. E. G. Kenny.	Michael Kelley....	Refusing to obey Militia Orders...	May 28...	" "	10 00	Not Paid...		Capt. Kenny not press'g convict'n.
D. W. B. Reid....	Nellie Sheehan....	Viol'n Liquor Act..	June 29...	" "	20 00	June 29....	"	
"	Maud Carroll.....	"	July 5....	" "	50 00	Not Paid....	Not Paid.....	Warrant will be issued.
"	David Smith.....	"	July 13....	" "	50 00	Paid to....	D. W. B. Reid \$30	Promised to pay the balance.
"	Mary Myett.....	"	July 25....	" "	30 00	July 25....	"	
"	Charles McDonald	"	"	" "	30 00	"	"	
"	Spears & O'Neal...	"	Aug. 8....	" "	20 00	August 8..	"	
"	William Topple....	"	" 9....	" "	30 00	" 9....	"	
"	George Sutherland	"	" 9....	" "	20 00	" 9....	"	
"	Elizabeth Seaboyer	"	" 10....	" "	20 00	Not Paid ..	Not Paid.....	Old, infirm and poor.
"	Caleb Johnson....	"	" 10....	" "	20 00	"	"	Appeal. No judgt. yet.
"	Charles Main.....	"	" 13....	" "	30 00	"	"	War. to be issued. Out of Co.
"	Walter Embry....	"	" 15....	" "	20 00	August 15 ..	D. W. B. Reid ..	
"	Elizabeth Kizer....	"	" 22....	" "	20 00	" 22....	"	
"	Mary Power.....	"	" 23....	" "	20 00	" 23....	"	
"	Annie Bourk.....	"	" 23....	" "	20 00	Not Paid....	Not Paid.....	Warrant will be issued.
Dom. of Canada	John Jollymore...	Larceny.....	" 20....	" "	4 00	August 29..	To Co. Treasurer	
D. W. B. Reid...	Elizabeth Squires..	Viol'n Liquor Act...	Sept. 6....	" "	20 00	Not Paid ..	Not Paid.....	Appeal. No judgt. yet.
"	Charles McDonald	"	Dismissed	" "				Sum. not leg. serv'd. by Constable Haverstock.
"	Nellie Sheehan....	"	"	" "				
"	William Shadbolt..	"	Sept. 28..	" "	30 00	Not Paid ..	Not Paid.....	Prm. pay't. Will issue warrant.
"	George Fills.....	"	" 29....	" "	30 00	Sept. 29..	D. W. B. Reid ..	
"	Nellie Sheehan....	"	Oct. 9....	" "	30 00	Not Paid ..	Not Paid.....	Warrant to be issued.
"	Isaac Morash....	"	" 10....	" "	20 00	Oct. 10th..	D. W. B. Reid..	

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Nature of Charge.	Name of Defen- dant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Convict'n	Name of Convg. Magistrate.	Amt. of Py., fine or dmge	Time when Pd. to said Justice.	To whom pd. ovr. by said Justice.	If not, why not, and general observations, if any.	
D. W. B. Reid	Noah Morash	Viol'n Liquor Act.	Oct. 10	J. Lester Griffin	\$20 00	Oct. 10	D. W. B. Reid		
"	John Gough	"	Nov. 5	"	20 00	Nov. 5	"		
"	John Ahearn	"	" 5	"	20 00	Nov. 5	"		
"	Stephen Smith	"	" 26	"	30 00	Not Paid	Not Paid	Appeal.	
"	Leonard Marvin	"	Dec. 18	"	25 00	Dec. 18	D. W. B. Reid		
"	Benjamin Mannett	"	" 31	"	30 00	Dec. 31	"		
"	Mary Ann Blakely	"	" 31	"	50 00	Not Paid	Not Paid	Warrant to be issued.	
"	Wm. Gaetz	"	Dismissed	"	"	"	"		
Total Liquor Convictions								34	
And Militia Conv., 1, and Dom. Conv. 1								2	
								<u>36</u>	
					\$975 00				
					Paid to Inspector	495 00	This is not including Militia Fine.....\$10 00		
					Balance due	\$480 00	Or Jollymore Fine..... 4 00		
							<u>\$14 00</u>		

All of which I respectfully submit.

J. LESTER GRIFFIN,
STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

REPORT OF THE KEEPER OF THE COUNTY JAIL, 1894.

For the year beginning January 1st and ending Dec. 31st, 1894, there were—Criminals, 163; Debtors, 49, showing a decrease of 82 Criminals and 1 Debtor, from 1893. At the present time there are 8 Criminals and 1 Debtor in the Jail.

The largest number of Prisoners confined at one time in the Jail during the year was 19.

There were quite a number of Prisoners committed in 1893 who were not discharged until 1894, and one is still in the Jail.

Annexed are statements showing the various crimes for which Prisoners were committed during the year.

The number for that period was 212, and of these there were from the

City Court.....	140
Magistrate's Court	32
Supreme and County Courts.....	20
Municipality of Dartmouth.....	20
Total	212

The amount of monies received for boarding Merchant Sailors and Room Rent is \$4.60, the Room Rent being small on account of the "Debtor's Act" abolishing imprisonment for debt, and very few deserters among Merchant Sailors.

The sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good and little sickness, excepting those committed temporarily from the City Court, of which there were for drunkenness 13, and insanity 6, during the year.

The fence on the south side of the Jail next to the Lieutenant Governor's garden was completed by the contractor in October, and is a good substantial structure; but the rest of the fences are much dilapidated, and may be blown down by any storm, especially that on the east side.

The conduct of the prisoners during the year was generally good.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) T. A. CHAMBERS,
Jailor.

RETURN OF CRIMINAL PRISONERS COMMITTED FOR EACH OFFENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31st, 1894.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Arson	7	.	7
Incest	1	1	2
Forgery	2	.	2
Larceny	26	3	29
Assault	16	.	16
Bigamy	1	2	3
Stabbing	1	.	1
Vagrancy	4	.	4
Bastardy	11	.	11
Seduction	1	.	1
Stowaways	2	.	2
Drunkenness	12	1	13
Crown Witness	1	.	1
Unsound Mind	5	1	6
Illusing a Horse	1	.	1
Assault and Larceny	1	.	1
Burglary and Larceny	12	.	12
Indecent Assault	1	.	1
Indecent Exposure	1	.	1

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Assault and Wounding	1	.	1
Threatening Language	6	1	7
Drunk and Disorderly	9	3	12
Destroying Property and Larceny.....	2	.	2
Receiving Military Clothing .....	.	1	1
Casting Away a Vessel ..	1	.	1
Violating the Fishery Act	3	.	3
Absenting himself from Home.....	1	.	1
Keeping a Disorderly House .....	.	1	1
Concealment of Child Birth.....	.	1	1
Selling Liquor Without License.....	1	2	3
Fighting on the Street ..	1	.	1
Using Profane Language	1	.	1
Escaping from Police Station	1	.	1
Escaping from Industrial School	1	.	1
Absenting from Ship	2	.	2
Shooting with Intent to Murder .....	.	1	1
Neglecting Family	1	1	2
Administering Drugs to Procure Abortion	1	.	1
Shooting with Intent to do Serious Bodily Harm..	1	.	1
	<hr/> 144	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 163

LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE
COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1895.

DISTRICT No. 7. HERRING COVE.

HERRING COVE. Assessors—James Delukrey, James Hanrahan. Collector of Taxes—Frank Hayes. Constable—Patrick Hayes. Overseers of Statute Labour—Michael Reyno and Arch. Bracket. Overseers of Poor—George Brown, Edward Dempsey, William McLellan. Board of Health—Joseph Higgins, Andrew Sullivan, Patrick Scallion, John Power.

FERGUSON'S COVE. Overseer Statute Labor—William Conway. Constable—James Hanrahan, jr.

PURCELL'S COVE.—Overseer Statute Labor—William White (Pilot). Constable—Arthur Purcell.

SPRYFIELD. Overseer Statute Labor—Henry Hughes. Constable—Charles Oakley.

QUEEN'S QUARRIES. Overseers Statute Labor—James Keefe. Presiding Officer—Edward S. Hayes. Constable—William Keefe.

DISTRICT No. 8. PORTUGUESE COVE.

Assessors—Moses Brooks, Ketch Harbour; Hugh Munro, Portuguese Cove. Overseers of Poor—James Petipaw, Bear Cove; Christopher Purcell, Portuguese Cove; James Gallagher, 1st, Ketch Harbour. Constables—John Johnson, 2nd, Bear Cove; Jeremiah Holland, Portuguese Cove; Charles Petipaw, Portuguese Cove; Richard Holland, Duncan's Cove; George Flemming, 1st, Ketch Harbour; Daniel Gallagher, Ketch Harbour. Overseers Statute Labor—James Petipaw, Bear Cove; Benjamin Burk, Portuguese Cove; Christopher Purcell, Portuguese Cove; Ambrose F. Fagan, Ketch Harbour; James Gallagher, Ketch Harbour; Richard Holland, Duncan's Cove. Overseers of Public Landing—Peter White, Portuguese Cove; Benjamin Smith, Portuguese Cove. Fence Viewers—Edward Bowers, Portuguese Cove; Thomas Quigly,

Ketch Harbour; Thomas McNeil, Duncan's Cove. Board of Health—Michael Welcher, Duncan's Cove; Bernard Johnson, Bear Cove; Christopher Purcell, Portuguese Cove; Francis H. Martin, Ketch Harbour. Sanitary Inspector—Francis McDonald. Collector of Rates—Daniel Johnson. Presiding Officer—Francis H. Martin.

DISTRICT No. 9. SAMBRO.

Road Overseers—Sambro North, Isaac Gray; Sambro South, James W. Henneberry; Sambro Creek, Caleb Gray; Coot Cove, George Findley, jr.; Pennant South, George Schnair; Pennant North, Andrew Twohig; Long Cove, Joseph Marryatt; Bald Rock, Richard Findlay; Finck's Cove, Charles S. Finck; Constables—William Henneberry, John Findley, Francis Gray. Fence Viewers—George H. Nickerson, Elkanah Hamm. Assessors—Charles W. Twohig, James W. Smith. Overseers of Poor—Charles W. Hart, William Marryatt, William Nickerson. Collector—James M. Henneberry. Presiding Officer—Andrew Gray, jr. Board of Health—Charles W. Hart, Angus Gray, Daniel Smith, Henry Smith. Revisor—John E. Tough. Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Twohig.

DISTRICT No. 10. UPPER PROSPECT.

Collector—Patrick Christian, (Wm.'s son). Assessors—James Doherty, J. D. Duggan. Overseers of Poor—P. A. Duggan, Martin Christian, M. Tobin. Road Overseers—Section 1, J. H. Power; 2, N. P. Christian, J. P.; 3, Sylvester White; 4, John Hardiman, (John's son); Shad Bay, Adam Redmond; Kelley's Point, James F. Power. Health Officers—James A. Coolen, R. Christian, Joseph Mason, jr., William Merlin. Constables—M. Tobin, R. T. Duggan, George Merlin, R. Meehan. Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Tyler.

DISTRICT No. 11. HACKETT'S COVE.

Presiding Officer—Robert Munro. Collector of Rates—James Cornelius, sr. Assessors—Sydney Garrison, James Isnor. Overseers of Poor—William Cornelius, John Grono, Amos Corkum. Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, James Fraser; 2, John Moser; 3, George Fralick; 4, John Grono; 5, Horatio Isnor; 6, Samuel Covey; 7, Amos Corkum; 8, Simon Hubley; 9, Harvey Manuel. Constables—William

Cornelius, James A. Fralick, Horace Mahar, Warden Covey, John Garrison, jr.; Albert Massy. Board of Health—Amos Corkum. Sydney Garrison, James Fraser, Robert Munro. Fence Viewers—Isaiah Cornelius, Amos Corkum, James Isnor.

DISTRICT No. 12. FRENCH VILLAGE.

Surveyors of Statute Labor—Simeon Johnston, Robert Hubly, Peter Dauphney, jr., David Grono, Lindsay Hubly, Stephen Dauphney, Joseph Smith, Charles Brunswick, Frederick Grono, E. B. Hubly, Omer Boutilier, Albert Joe Boutilier. Lumber Surveyors—Omer Boutilier, James Slaunwhite, Neil McDonald. Health Officers—David Grono, Benjamin F. Boutilier, Alfred Worger, Levi Longard. Assessors—Neil McDonald, Norman Hubly. Presiding Officer—Isaac Dauphney. Constables—Joseph Westhaver, Edmund Deal, Norman Boutilier, Sidney Grono, Alfred Snare, Nehemiah Dorey, Samuel J. K. Boutilier, Elijah Slaunwhite, Joseph Slaunwhite, Norman C. Boutilier. Fence Viewers—Edward Redman, Charles Hubly, Robert Deal, Albert H. Boutilier, Isaac Conley, Charles Fredericks, Angus Boutilier, John Slaunwhite, Isaac Harshman. Revisor—Alfred Worger. Collector of Rates—Edmund Deal. Overseers of Poor—Edmund Deal, Elias S. K. Boutilier, Francis Hubly.

DISTRICT No. 13. SPRYFIELD.

Presiding Officer—James Yeadon. Assessors—Robert A. Yeadon, Benjamin Brunt. Collector—Thomas Drysdale. Overseers of Poor—Archibald Kidston, George Brown, James Allen, jr. Health Officers—John Doyle, William McGrath, John Kidston, Angus Bowser. Overseers Statute Labor—George Umlah, Spryfield; Albert Marriott, John Kiddy, Harrietsfield; James Yeadon, William Umlah, Charles Christian, jr., Prospect Road; Charles Raine, Joseph Locker, St. Margaret's Bay Road; Alexander Drysdale, Green Head Road; Robert A. Yeadon, Terence Bay Road. Constables—William Kidston, Charles H. Merlin, John Munroe. Fence Viewer—Alexander Drysdale.

DISTRICT No. 14. NORTH-WEST ARM.

Assessors—George Piers, George Sutherland. Collector—William Murray. Health Officers—James Clark, William Deal, John Milsom, Albert Geizer. Overseers of Poor—W.

H. Piers, William Yeadon, Patrick Keho. Constables—Arthur Geizer, Henry Deal. Fence Viewer—Henry Deal. Overseers of Statute Labor—Three Mile House to Arm Bridge, William Murray; Lower Arm, Alexander Jollimore, Samuel Jollimore; Arm Bridge to McIntosh Bridge, Pallister Yeadon; William Geizer's to Canal Bridge, Robert Drysdale; Three Mile House to Tannery, Light Station to J. McAloney's, William Murray. Presiding Officer—George Piers.

DISTRICT No. 15. BEDFORD.

Assessors—J. A. R. Wier, H. Y. Clarke. Presiding Officer—W. W. McLellan. Tax Collector—George VanBuskirk. Board of Health—H. Y. Clarke, John Strachan, Lewis Parker, William Wilson. Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Archibald. Fence Viewers—George Graham, Richard Richardson, Christopher Davison. Overseers of Poor—Lewis Parker, Joseph Archibald, George VanBuskirk. Pound Keeper—Monson Rines. Constable—James Simmons. Surveyor of Lumber—William Richardson. Appraisers—William Wilson, J. A. R. Wier, George Graham. Road Overseers—Section 1, John Grennan, from Tannery Bridge to Seven Mile House; 2, Andrew Archibald, from Seven Mile House to Sackville Bridge; 3, Elisha Giles, from Pier's Mills to Catholic Church.

DISTRICT No. 16. HAMMOND'S PLAINS.

Presiding Officer—H. A. Schmidt. Collector of Rates—Samuel Isnor. Assessors—George Lucas, Tremaine Thompson. Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, Alexander Romans; 2, James Romans; 3, George Lucas; 4, Martin Burns; 5, Albert David; 6, Rufus Marsman; 7, Reubin David; 8, George Langille. Constables—George Mason, Lindsay Moran, John Greene, Albert Haverstock, David Oliver, Francis Jackson, Henry Smith, Ezekiel Marsman, Samuel Whiley. Overseers of Poor—Ephraim Haverstock, Frank Thompson, Benjamin Thomas. Health Officers—William Haverstock, Nathaniel Melvin, Amos Pulcifer, William Schmidt. Sanitary Inspector—Tremaine Thompson. Fence Viewers—William Shea, James M. Haverstock.

DISTRICT No. 17. SACKVILLE.

Presiding Officer—Elias Calkins. Assessors—Peter J. Blakenev, Charles Peverill. Overseers of Highways—Section 1,

Albert Tolson; 2, John S. Flemming; 3, John Davis; 4, Arthur Fenerty; 5, Augustus Fenerty; 6, Charles Peverill; 7, Judson Pulsifer; 8, Robert Patton; 9, Benjamin Dean; 10, David Shonohan; 11, William Stone; 12, Major Jamieson; 13, James Kehoe; 14, James McGrath. Constables—Joseph Robinson, Arthur Peverill, Thomas Welsh, William Nicholson, Michael Kehoe. Surveyor of Lumber—Nathan Ellis. Pound Keeper—Richard Peverill. Overseers of Poor—Richard Barret, Charles Maguire, John Tolson. Health Wardens Thomas Major, Robert Emmerson, William Harris, Fred Groves. Sanitary Inspector—E. N. Thomas. Fence Viewers—John Peverill, John R. Ellis. District Clerk—Allison Calkins. Collector—James D. Webber.

DISTRICT No. 18. WAVERLEY.

Presiding Officer: John Stephens. Assessors: Henry Reeves, Herman Puttner. Overseers of Poor: A. R. Tullock, James Miller, Josiah Fisher. Constables: Thomas Skerry, Albert Stuart, Joseph Day, Robert Lang, Alexander Cole, Cameron Robertson. Fence Viewers: John Skerry, John Kelly, Donatus Bennery, sr., Robert Ledwidge. Surveyors of Wood and Lumber: H. B. Hawkesworth, Albert Stuart, John Kelly, Robert Leighton. Health Wardens: Patrick C. Doyle, James Vandegrift, John Stephens, Peter Spriggs. Sanitary Inspector: James Allen. Keeper of Scales: A. J. Crosby. Collector of Rates: A. R. Tullock. Surveyors of Highways: Section No. 1, William Yates; 2, Albert Stuart; 3, J. E. McDonald; 4, James McDonald; 5, Charles Todd; 6, James Fitzpatrick; 7, John Holland. Pound Keeper, James Orr Fraser.

DISTRICT No. 19. GAY'S RIVER.

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, Wilber Withrow; 2, Israel Keys; 3, Josiah Gilbert; 4, Robert Logan; 5, William Blades; 6, Robert H. Killough; 7, Robinson Woodworth; 8, John Cleary; 9, Robert McHeffy; 10, James McMichael; 11, Alexander McWilliams; 12, Robert Moore; 13, James Wilson; 14, Silvanus Corbett; 15, Robert Newman; 16, Isaac Isenor; 17, John McKenzie; 18, George T. Cook; 19, George Grono. Cattle Reeve—Peter Grono. Collector—John Merson. Overseers of Poor—Isaac Isenor, James F. Walker, John Dowling. Fence Viewers—Isaac Logan, James Rankins. Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, Alex Woodworth,

George T. Cook. Constables—Oliver Simson, Clarence Keys, Samuel G. M. Michaels. Assessors—Frank Lindsay, William Annand. Sanitary Inspector—Robert H. Killough. Board of Health—William Annand, Norman Logan, John K. Andrews, Geo. T. Cook. Presiding Officer—J. K. Andrews. To Swear in District Officers—John K. Andrews.

DISTRICT No. 20. MEAGHER'S GRANT.

Presiding Officer—Sidney Dickey. Assessors—Alexander McDougall, A. Kent Sibley. Overseers of Poor—Arnold McBain, John Kerr, J. Howe Roberts. Constables—Isaac Dillman, Thomas Miller, Joseph Wilks. Fence Viewers—William Stretch, Charles Grant, Alexander Ogilvie. Health Officers—J. D. Bayer, John Seeton, Richard Dunbrack, Joseph Seeton. Lumber Surveyors—James Hirtle, John Ledwedge, Miles Grant, George Tully, J. D. Bayers, A. Kent Sibley. Log Scalers—John Kerr, A. Kent Sibley. Sanitary Inspector—A. Kent Sibley. Collector of Rates—Lewis Grant. Road Overseers—Section 1, A. K. Sibley; 2, Sidney Dickey; 3, Thomas Rourke; 4, William Stretch; 5, John Gilbert; 6, Joseph Wilks; 7, Alexander Hurley; 8, Thomas Dillman; 9, Thomas Murphy; 10, Alexander Cole; 11, Arthur Cruikshank; 12, Samuel McMullen; 13, Alexander McDougall; 14, James G. Kerr; 15, Michael Smith.

DISTRICT No. 21. MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.

Overseers of Road: Section No. 1, Robert McGunnigle; 2, Francis Guild; 3, Pineo Flemming; 4, Joseph P. Taylor; 5, James P. Kent; 6, Robert Fraser; 7, John Millen; 8, Simeon Higgins; 9, Arnold Gladwin; 10, Reuben Ellis; 11, Samuel P. White; 12, Archibald McFetridge; 13, William L. Bates; 14, Charles Logan; 15, George Scott; 16, Burton Fox; 17, James Annand; 18, Burton Lawson; 19, Wallace Sargent; 20, Samuel Ervin; 21, Ephraim H. McNutt; 22, Henry Miller; 23, Henry Hollinsworth; 24, James Taylor. Overseers of Poor: Francis Guild, William McCurdy, R. Kaulbeck. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber, Wood: George B. Phalen, Edward Marks, Samuel Ervin. Fence Viewers: John McFetridge, 3rd; John Dickey, Alexander Higgins. Constables: John W. Reid, George Bell, Alfred Murphy, Arnold Gladwin, Matthew Higgins. Assessors of Rates: Thomas Guild, George S. Dickey. Collector of Rates: Samuel Hana. Board of Health: Walter McCurdy, John Burris, Charles

Downey Town: William Downey. Frog Lake: Richard Saunders. Lookout Road: Reuben Ernst. Constables: Henry Downey, Nelson Winder, Henry Brown, Joseph Turner, John Nelson, jr., John McKay. Overseers of Poor: Joseph Evans, Dennis Delouchrey, Samuel McKay. Collector: John Ewing. Presiding Officer: George Diggs. Health Officers: William Brooks, Daniel Clayton, Simon Downey, Joseph Smith, sr. Assessors: Adam Griswold, James Colly.

DISTRICT No. 31. COLE HARBOUR.

Presiding Officer: James Farquharson. Collector: Joseph Giles. Assessors: James Farquharson, John A. Beck. Overseers of Poor: Henry Lethbridge, John Settle, William Skerry. Overseers of Roads: Section 1, George Tuffts; 2, Charles Shaffleburg; 3, Frank Boutilier; 4, Thomas Fisher; 5, Judson Baker; 6, William B. McDonald; 7, William Skerry; 8, William Wise; 9, Frederick Cooper; 10, Edward Jump; 11, Reuben Ernst; 12, William Eismor; 13, John Settle; 14, Alexander Marvin; 15, Gavin Grant; 16, Edmund Cross; 17, George Ritchey; 18, Daniel Breunan; 19, William Cole; 20, John Giles; 21, Hugh Morash; 22, Charles Lawlor; 23, Enos Conrod; 24, Charles Jackson; 25, John Strum. Constables: William Farquharson, William Knock, Alexander Neiforth. Fence Viewers: Henry Giles, Thomas Fisher, Robert Turner. Health Officers: William Farquharson, Josiah Ross, William York, Frederick Bissett. Health Inspector: Henry Baker.

DISTRICT No. 32. HUBBARD'S COVE.

Assessors: John P. Webber, John Gibbons. Collector: Peter F. Boutilier. Presiding Officer: Wm. Trueman, sr. Overseers of Poor: Peter D. Dauphinee, Caleb Hubley, Henry Conrad. Overseers of Road: Section 1, Elisha Smith; 2, William Boutilier, jr.; 3, Hibbard Hubley; 4, Hezekiah Brigley; 5, Henry Conrad; 6, George Keans; Mason's Point, Frank Mason; Boutilier's Point, Simeon Boutilier; Conrad's Road, James E. Conrad; Schwartz Road, James Schwartz; East Side Hubbard's Cove, Simon Dauphinee. Constables: James Conrad, Stewart Shankel, John J. Brigley, Hibbard Hubley, John Ryno, Alexander Conrad, Isaac N. Boutilier, Edward Kennedy, Thomas Dorey. Health Officers: William Mason, James E. Conrad, Peter D. Dauphinee, Caleb Hubley. Fence Viewers: James Garrison, Simon Wynaecht, Alexander Boutilier, Hezekiah Brigley, William Kennedy.

DISTRICT No. 33. EASTERN PASSAGE.

Road Overseers: James Bowes, George Bowes, William Romkey, Louis Romkey, Benjamin Heneberry, Edward Trider, Reginald Hunt, Francis McDonald, William Clarke. Constables: Freeman Osborne, Charles Walsh, Edward Trider, John Gorham. Health Officers: William Nagle, Edward Romkey, Andrew Conrod, William Osborne, George DeYoung. Poor Overseers: Francis McDonald, James Moser, William Icton. Collector; Nelson Negus. Presiding Officer: Daniel A. Moser.

DISTRICT No. 34. SALMON RIVER.

Presiding Officer: Henry Balcom. Assessors: Edmund Smiley, Theodore F. Smith. Collector of County Rates: John O'Leary, sr. Overseers Statute Labor: John Cameron, Beaver Harbor; Samuel P. Hartling, Salmon River West; James P. Balcom, Salmon River East; John P. Hogan, Clawson's Shore to Dufferin Mines; Edmund Smiley, Main Road to Smiley's Shore; Abraham Harvey, West Quoddy; William O'Leary, jr., Quoddy; William Snow, Snow's Island; John G. Kirker, Harrigan Cove. Constables: James Kirker, Edward Balcom, jr., Alexander Gammon. Overseers of Poor: Darius Snow, Samuel Smith, Leonard Whitman. Fence Viewers: Charles Darr, Andrew Shiers. Board of Health: James McLeod, George Smith, William Atkins, James P. Balcom. Sanitary Inspector: James P. Balcom.

DISTRICT No. 35. LITTLE RIVER.

Overseers Statute Labor: Section 1, W. A. Rhind; 2, Leamon Grant; 3, John Fisher; 4, George Cruikshank; 5, Allison Brown; 6, Joseph Wallace; 7, D. P. Dean; 8, George Gilbert. Constables: John Logan, George Ogilvie, John Ogilvie, jr. Fence Viewers: Andrew Rourke, James Brown, Alexander Taylor. Surveyors of Lumber, Logs, and Wood: George Burchett, Joseph Wallace. Overseers of Poor: G. W. Cole, George Brown, John Grant. Assessors of County Rates: D. P. Dean, George Brown. Board of Health: Samuel Burris, A. H. Gladwin, James Cruikshank, Robert Ogilvie. Appraisers of Damages: Arthur Killeen, Samuel Ogilvie, Joseph Grant. Presiding Officer: Henry Cruikshank. Collector of County and Poor Rates: Henry Cruikshank. District Clerk: G. W. Cole. To Swear in District Officers and Make Out Statute Labor Lists: Samuel Burris, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 36. EAST CHEZZETCOOK.

Overseers of District Labor: Section 1, David Power's House to Kidd's Bridge and Head of Musquodoboit Harbor to Rowling's Corner, including David Power's, sr.; 2, from Manse to James Bayers. Petpeswick, Michael Power, sr.; 3, School House to Smelt Brook, Samuel Gates; 4, Smelt Brook to Gilbert's Hill, including Gilbert's, Frank Bayer's, son of Philip; 5, Gilbert's to Charles Clergy's, Simon Conrod; 6, Charles Clergy's to Sea Shore, William Bayer's, son of Philip. West Petpeswick: 7, John Young's to Deep Cove, Robert Young; 8, Deep Cove to Little River, George Gates. Chezzetcook: 6, Long Bridge to Kaizer's store, including Kaizer's, William Warner, jr.; 10, Kaizer's Store to DeLukrey's Bridge, Charles Myatt; 11, DeLukrey's Bridge to Lake Porter, George Dares; 12, Conrad's Settlement, Simeon Conrad; 13, Main Post Road to Larry Petipas, Justin Colford; 14, Larry Petipas to Deep Cove, Joseph Misenor; 15, Deep Cove to DeLukrey's Point, Edward Conrad; 16, DeLukrey's Point to Graff Beach, Jacob Conrad; 17, Chezzetcook Road to Petpeswick Harbour, Geo. Conrad; 18, Kidd's Bridge to Sam Ogilvie's, Sandy McInnis; 19, Crawford's Bridge to David Power's, Edward Dorey. Overseers of Poor: Justin Colford, George Conrad, George Gates. Constables: Josiah Ferguson, Jas. Owen, William Braden, Justin Colford, William Warner, jr., Wm. Usher. Fence Viewers: James Conrad, Albert Gates. Surveyor of Lumber: John Kidd. Assessors: James Kaizer, Alex. Gaetz. Collector: James Owens. Health Officers: Albert Gaetz, Charles Richards, Edward Richards, James Owens. Presiding Officer: James Kaizer. Ferryman: John Young.

DISTRICT No. 38. DOVER.

Constables: John Forrest, West Dover; John Harnish, East Dover; Albert Launt, Dover; David H. Redmond, Shad Bay. Overseers of Roads: Noah Fader, jr., Shad Bay; Leander Harnish, East Dover; John McGrath, McGrath's Cove; Jeremiah Cleveland, New Road Section; Edward Morash, jr., West Dover. Collector of County and Poor Rates: Irving Fader, East Dover. Revisor: David Duggan, East Dover. Board of Health: John Harnish, John Forrest, Edmond Morash, jr., David Duggan. Overseers of Poor: Irving Fader, Edward Morash jr., David Duggan. Assessors: James E. Zink, West Dover; David Duggan, East Dover. Sanitary Inspector: James Fader, J. P. Hogreave: Irving Myra. Fence Viewers: John Harnish, East Dover; John Forrest, West Dover. Presiding Officer: Henry Fader.

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

EIGHTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 1895.

In accordance with adjournment and special notices, the County Council assembled at the Court House at 11 o'clock this day, the Warden and 29 Councillors attending.

The Warden addressed the meeting as follows:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:

I am pleased to again welcome you to the scene of your municipal labors. There is nothing special, beyond the division of the road grant, that I know of at present to engage your attention. This, as you know, is the last meeting of this Council as at present constituted, and as you all have to give an account of your stewardship, before the end of the year, I hope that any of you who may ask your constituents for a renewal of their confidence, may be successful in the highest degree. I regret to inform you that the question of Jury fees, notwithstanding the urgent requests we made to the Government and Legislature, remains as it was the past few years, and this County will still have to bear the burden of being taxed to pay the Jury fees of litigants, from without as well as within the County. This question does not affect the other Counties of the Province to the same extent that it does this County. They have very few Jury cases, nearly all of their lawsuits are settled without Juries. When cases requiring Special Juries come

up, they are generally brought to Halifax, thereby throwing the burden of paying those fees on this County. This is one reason why the County members take so little interest in this matter. Any alteration in the Jury Law as it stands at present is strenuously opposed by all the lawyers in the Legislature, upon the ground that it comes hard on the poor litigant. They don't consider the poor taxpayer. It also has a tendency to encourage lawsuits, which is certainly good for the lawyers. Referring to the Coroner question, I may say that I believe the new law respecting Coroners that passed the last session of the Legislature, is a great improvement on the old system, and should commend itself to the citizens of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, and be extended to the whole Province. The road grant is about the same as last year. I trust you will make a judicious division, and in accordance with the requirements of the various localities of the County. You have at this meeting to appoint Electoral Revisors, which I hope you will do with a due regard to the best interests of the electorate, and free from any political considerations.

The address was received to be printed in the Minutes of the Session.

The Clerk read the Minutes of last day in the January Session, which were confirmed. He also submitted a copy of the New Law relating to Inquests within the City and Dartmouth, and mentioned that Dr. W. D. Finn had been appointed by the Government as sole Medical Examiner under the provisions of the Act. Outside the City and Town the Inquests, where necessary, would be under the Statute for Coroners (Chap. 17, R. S.) The new law would be a great improvement, and effect a large saving of expense.

Submitted also a copy of the Law proposed for amendment of the Jury system. The Clerk had advocated the abolition of Special Juries and other amendments to Chap. 106 R. S. before the Law Committee of the House. Some of these had passed, but the principal matter asked for was set aside.

Submitted a number of Pamphlets and illustrated Catalogues of Road Machines and Rock Crushers from different manufacturers.

A discussion followed in connection with these as to the advisability of the County purchasing such implements. A law had passed the Legislature by which the Warden, with the approval of the Council, may enter into an agreement for the purchase of Road Machines, the cost to be paid by instal-

ments out of the Road and Bridge Grants of the County, or a Councillor or Councillors, with the approval of the Warden, may do likewise, and the sums due to any persons under agreement for such machines, shall be a charge upon the Road and Bridge moneys of the District.

Councillor Taylor reported his practical experience of the use and value in road-making of the machine supplied by the Government last year. It proved to be very efficient and economical, saving a great deal of labor and doing excellent work. These machines could be used much more extensively than supposed and prove a great saving of labor and expense while doing the required work much better. Some Councillors were in favor of Rock Crushers as being more suitable to the requirements of their localities, but the heavy cost was the great objection. It was suggested that the cost of either kind could be paid by instalments out of the District Grants for Roads.

The Clerk submitted the official statement of the Government Grant for Roads and Bridges, 1895, for Halifax County, as being \$12,433.00, less annual interest on Bridge advances \$2,844.67, leaving the net amount to be divided \$9,588.33. Comparing this with last year shewed a decrease of \$210.17, on account of the interest being greater than 1894.

Councillor Henley complained of the manner in which a certain road in his district leading to gold mines and opened by the Mining Companies, had been constructed. It had been tunnelled and undermined so as to fall in from the surface and so left by the original parties. He was unwilling to spend his road grant on it, and on applying to the Inspector of Mines, had received a letter from him referring to clause 14 of chapter 47 R. 1 S. which did not apply to the case. He desired a Committee to call on the Commissioner of Works and Mines and get some redress for the grievance.

Councillor Conrod submitted the Report of the three arbitrators appointed to settle the disputed costs for right-of-way reported in connection with the proposed Soward road in District 33 last year.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and McMullen—

That \$125 be assessed on District 31 for support of Poor for the present year.
Passed.

Read, an application from Joseph Grant, District 31, to be appointed a County Constable.

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

The Council then adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

APRIL 3RD, 1895.

The Council met at 2.30, Warden and 29 Councillors present. Minutes of Morning Session were read and confirmed.

- Moved by Councillors Nelson and Fagan—

That the place for holding the Municipal Election in District 13, be at or near the Post Office in Waverley. Passed.

The Warden reminded the Councillors that the Law required Revisors of Electoral Lists to be appointed at this Session.

The following were appointed such Revisors by resolutions duly moved, seconded, and passed, viz:

- District 7—Chas. P. Roche.
- “ 8—Bernard Johnson.
- “ 9—John E. Tough.
- “ 10—Jas. A. Coolen.
- “ 11—Wesley Crooks.
- “ 12—Alfred Worger.
- “ 13—Geo. W. Marryatt.
- “ 14—George Woods.
- “ 15—W. W. McLellan.
- “ 16—Albert Haverstock.
- “ 17—Thomas Hamilton.
- “ 18—John Stephen.
- “ 19—Isaac Logan.
- “ 20—Jno. McMullen, J. D. Bayers.
- “ 21—H. G. Reid.
- “ 22—Geo. H. Parker.
- “ 23—John Jollimore.
- “ 24—Solomon Fancy.
- “ 25—Edward Quillinan.
- “ 26—James E. Conrod.
- “ 27—Peter W. Maskell.
- “ 28—John T. McLaren.
- “ 29—John McDonald.
- “ 30—Joseph Evans.
- “ 31—Jas. Farguharson, Jno. Lapierre.
- “ 32—J. P. Webber.
- “ 33—George Bowes.

- District 34—Edward Balcom.
 “ 35—Edward Cruickshank.
 “ 36—Samuel Gaetz.
 “ 38—David Duggan.

The following officers were appointed in like manner, viz:

Overseers of Poor.—In District 8, Edward Johnson, Bear Cove; John Holland, Duncan's Cove; and Benjn. Smith, Portuguese Cove.

District 17—James Kehoe in place of Chas. McGuire.

“ 26—George H. Conrod.

“ 38—James E. Quirk, in place of Irvine Fader.

Overseers Statute Labor.—District 18, Patrick J. Doyle.

District 20—Wm. Cole, vice Joseph Wallace, over age.

“ 12—J. R. Umlah, and Nathaniel Dauphinee.

Constables.—District 18, Daniel Jsenor.

District 8—Richard J. Fleming, Ketch Harbor, and Henry Quan, Portuguese Cove.

District 38—John Beck, in place of A. Redmond, Shad Bay.

District 26—George Murphy, Robert Hay, Nelson Jackson and Robert Mason.

District 30—Samuel Williams and Daniel Downey.

Collectors of County and Poor Rates.—District 38—Michael Morash, in place of Irving Fader.

District 28—Isaac Lapierre, in place of Andrew Belfontaine.

Assessors.—District 21, A. J. Reid, in place of Thomas Gould, deceased.

“ 10, Patrick Christian (Wm.'s) vice Jas. Doherty, not qualified.

“ 16, Nath. Melvin, vice Trem. Thompson, who cannot serve.

“ 26, Peter Mason, vice W. A. McCarthy, who cannot serve.

“ 28, Dennis Wolfe, vice Jno. F. McLaren, removed.

Health Officers.—Dist. 17, Frederick Emerson, in place of Robt. Emerson.

“ 28, Thos. Lapierre, vice Jno. F. McLaren, removed.

Scaler of Logs and Surveyor of Lumber.—District 21, George McFatridge.

Overseers of Statute Labor.—District 21, Section No. 3, John Dickey, in place of Pineo Flemming, absent from Dist.

District 34, Robert Jewers, in place of Abram Harvey.
Fence Viewer.—District 24, James Gammon.

Read, a letter from the Inspector of Mines, in re a Road to Mines in District 26, giving section 14 of chapter 47 as the remedy for the sinking of the surface.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Thomson, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to interview the Inspector of Mines with reference to a certain piece of road in Tangier, said road being now in a dangerous condition on account of gold mining operations there.

Councillor Henley pointed out that the reference made by Inspector Gilpin did not apply to this case, that former workers of the mine had tunnelled under the road and had now left the mines without making it substantial. He considered that the Government was the proper party to make the roadway safe and reliable. The motion passed.

The matter of appointment of Janitor of the Court House was discussed. It was decided that a Janitor is necessary to meet the requirements of care and protection of the building and offices, and that the appointment was rightly vested in the Commissioners.

It was moved by Councillors Bissett and McMullen—

Whereas, There are several applications for Janitorship of the Court House,

Resolved, That this Council leave the appointment to be made by the Commissioners of the Court House, it being their opinion that it is the duty of said Commissioners to make such appointment, and also that they investigate the eligibility of the various applicants. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Arbitrators appointed in connection with Precept for the Soward Road—to decide the amount to be allotted the owners of lands through which the right-of-way was required. They confirmed the values previously fixed by the Committee to lay out the road.

Moved by Councillors Conrod and Henley—

That the Report of the Arbitrators on the road in District 33 lie on the table until the parties who petitioned for it pay the right-of-way, according to agreement. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Conrod and Umlah—

That the sum of Three Dollars be assessed on District 33 to pay the Arbitrators on new road in that District. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Taylor—

The sum of Fifteen Dollars be assessed on District 23 for support of the Foot for 1895. Passed.

Read the Petition from Henry Howell, of the St. Elmo Hotel, District 15, deferred from the January meeting, asking for a refund of the License fees, \$150, paid by him to Inspector Reid for 1895. The Council had assented to and granted the License, but he had been summoned into Court and deprived of the License, which was declared to be illegal on account of proximity to the Railway. In addition to costs in the suit, his business was destroyed and had to be closed.

A protracted debate followed, and it was then moved by Councillor Donaldson, seconded by Councillor Bartlett—

That the sum of \$150 be refunded Henry Howell for License granted in January, 1894, but which was afterwards proved by the Supreme Court to be illegal.

Moved in amendment by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars be refunded Howell in consideration of unexpired License."

On being put, the amendment passed.

The Council adjourned to Thursday morning at 10.30.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

Moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Hayes—

That the Municipal Election in District 27 be held at the School House at or near Mitchell's Mills, Jeddore. Passed.

Benjamin Smith was appointed Constable in District No. 9, in place of Wm. Henneberry.

In District 27 Benjamin Day was appointed Overseer Statute Labor, instead of D. Blakeney, over age; and Azariah Weeks, Overseer of Statute Labor in place of Louis Hill.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Bissett, five dollars was assessed for support of poor in District 35.

On motion of Councillors Fraser and Bissett—

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 be assessed on District 25 for support of pool for present year. Passed.

Frank Thompson was appointed District Clerk for District No. 16.

Read a petition from a number of the ratepayers of District No. 15 asking for an increase in the Road Grant for that district, as the roads, being traversed by the people of adjoining counties and districts and of the city, are being rapidly worn out, and a stone crusher is necessary to the work of renovation.

Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read a petition from inhabitants of District 28 for a special grant of \$75 to repair Canterbury Draw Bridge. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read petition from District 29 stating the bad condition of the roads about Porter's Lake, and asking special extra grant to put them in satisfactory repair, &c. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read Report of Health District No. 20, which showed there had been no epidemic, and the general sanitary state was satisfactory.

The Clerk read the Hon. Provincial Secretary's circular calling attention to the law relating to the mode of apportioning the Road and Bridge Grant, and fixing the price for labor, teams, &c.

Also read Sections No. 2 and 3, chap. 46, relating thereto, and Section 10 as to the returns of expenditure in duplicate.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris, and—

Resolved, That the money appropriated by the Government for the Road and Bridge service for the year 1895 be expended by Commissioners. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Bartlett—

That the remuneration for labor in expenditure of Road moneys be one dollar per day, unless in instances where skilled labor is required, in which case the Commissioner shall have discretionary power of obtaining such at lowest rates possible.

After much debate the resolution was carried.

On motion the Council adjourned for Committee work, to meet Friday at 10.30 A. M.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 5TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The minutes of Thursday were read and passed.

Read a petition from 30 inhabitants of West Chezzetcook (District 28) asking for a precept to lay out a new road in Section 10 between the Main Road and Middle Section Road, from a point near Canterbury Bridge.

Moved by Councillors Lapierre and Wilson—

That a precept be granted to lay out a road in District 28, in accordance with the prayer of petition, and that John Conrod, Lawrence Belfontaine and Stephen Lapierre, be a Committee to lay out the same. Passed.

Read an application from Chas. McGinn, Crier of the County Court, asking for an increase of Salary in consequence of the large amount of duty imposed on him by the number of Criminal Cases transferred to that Court.

Read, in connection therewith, a letter from Judge Johnson in support of the application, and that the salary be altogether \$350, the present salary being only \$200.

Councillor Thomson and others were opposed to any further increase of salaries, as opening the way to unnecessary expenditure. It was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris that

This Council augment the salary of Charles McGinn, Crier of the County Court, by \$100 and no fees to be paid.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Thompson and Conrod—

That the salary of Crier McGinn remain as it is.

The amendment was put and carried.

Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Donaldson—

That the decision arrived at in re application of Charles McGinn for increase of salary be re-considered. Adopted.

Councillor Bissett gave some statistics in connection with the Poor Farm expenses, which had increased in past two years. The cost of food and clothing, and not counting wages, was about \$1.03 per week. The present charge for

Paupers was too low, and it might be advisable for the Council to increase the Dartmouth rate.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Fagan—

That the prices charged for Dartmouth inmates at the Pools Farm remain as now for the present year. Passed.

Councillor Burris referred to Auctioneers' Licenses, and enquired as to whether there was any modification of the Act or By-Law respecting them, and the cost if any.

The By-Law was referred to and read, showing the charge to be two dollars under certain conditions, but exempting products of the sea, mine and forest. Also persons selling their own products, etc.

The subject of Measurements of Roads and Bridges was very fully aired. Councillor Henley, Chairman of Road and Bridge Committee, stated the failure of several Councillors to make the returns; and also that some of those received were not correct, being over-stated.

Councillor Fraser and several others rebutted the statements. Explanations were also made by Councillors Thomson, Burns, Bartlett, Conrod, Kirker, Bissett, Taylor, McMullen, and others. The Tabulated Returns so far as had been received, were submitted and referred to be acted on by the Road and Bridge Committee at discretion.

Read a petition very numerously signed by ratepayers of District No. 15, against permitting the appointment by District 16 of an Overseer of that portion of the Kearney Road within said District 15. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

On motion, Harry Brown was appointed a Constable for this year in District No. 30.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of yesterday were confirmed.

Reconsideration of action with regard to salary of Crier McGinn was brought up by Councillor Bartlett, who subse-

quently withdrew the same, on the Warden asking whether the Council would rescind the resolution of yesterday. The vote on this was taken and decided in the negative, 14 to 11.

Read, a letter from Judge Johnson, stating the requirements of the County Court as very largely increased, and that McGinn, in consequence, had to attend almost continuously; that the Criminal side was a district Court, for which a Crier was imperatively needed; and that should the efficiency of the Court be impaired by the Council's action, they would be responsible and not the Judge. That the Crier would be entitled to fees to pay for taking charge of property in certain cases coming before the Court. The Treasurer had refused these, on the ground that he had no authority to pay them. The transfer of the numerous Criminal cases to the County Court saved the County a large amount of expenses, and the officer had been very poorly remunerated for his services in the past, and was fully entitled to the increase named in letter of 5th inst., etc.

On motion, the consideration of the letter and subject was deferred to Monday morning.

The Warden submitted an application, which was endorsed by Judge Henry, for an increase of salary of J. W. Watt, one of the Criers of the Supreme Court, on the ground that, from the greater number of days' attendance than formerly, he was unable to do any outside work, and the salary was insufficient. After discussion it was moved that there be no increase on present salary. Passed.

Councillor Henley, Chairman of Road and Bridge Committee, said they had difficulty in obtaining accurate information upon which to distribute the grant, and wished to know about pent roads, whether they were included.

The Statute was read—Chap. 45, Sections 15 and 16—relating to Pent Roads, from which it is shown that the Council has the control of them, and that the Government Grant is intended for public highways and post roads, not for by or pent roads.

Read a memorial from Overseers of Poor District 30 opposing the claim for support of Harriet Smith, of Preston, since deceased, stating that she had been placed there without their knowledge and consent, and was not a pauper, but had property now in possession of her son. Referred to Committee on Poor.

The Council adjourned to Monday, at 10 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1895.

The Council met at 10 A. M. The Warden and 30 Councillors present. Yesterday's minutes were read and adopted.

On motion of Councillors Bissett and McMullen, H. Tufts was appointed Overseer of Poor in District 31, in place of Henry Lethbridge, resigned.

Councillor Kerr proposed to place a requisition for a new bridge at Lake View, near Rocky Lake, District 17, under the Bridge Act. Seconded by Councillor Lapierre. Councillor Wilson objected, as the Bridge would only accommodate a few people and could be deferred. He was desirous for some time past to have the bridge at Enfield made substantial, as it accommodated the great body of people from Hants and elsewhere, and must be kept up as being of much greater importance, and would cost a large amount.

The resolution was put and lost.

The condition of the Bedford Road was referred to by Councillor Donaldson, who moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor McCallum and passed:—

Whereas, it is proposed by a number of persons residing in the City of Halifax and along the Bedford Road to raise a sum of money for the improvement of said Road, provided the expenditure thereof can be placed in commission.

Therefore Resolved, That the Warden and Councillors for the Districts through which the Road passes, upon being satisfied that a sum not less than (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars for that purpose has been raised, may entrust the maintenance of the Road from the City of Halifax to Sackville Bridge on said Bedford Road to a Board of Commissioners, one to be the Provincial Engineer or a person named or appointed by him, one to be elected by the Ratepayers, two to be members of the Ramblers Cycle Club, to be elected by the Club, together with the Councillors for Districts No. 14 and 15. The Commissioners by majority to have power to expend all monies, County money, Commutation money, sums raised by subscription, voted by County or City Council, by Government, by Ramblers Club, or raised by any other means. The Commission to hold at least one meeting a year, at which a Treasurer and Secretary must be elected.

Read, the Report of Committee on charges against Daniel McCabe, of District 17, which, on motion, was received and passed.

The Council adjourned to 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1895.

The Council met at 2.30 P. M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. Minutes of previous Session were read and accepted.

The letter from Judge Johnson was again read relating to the refusal of the Council to add to Salary of his Crier, C. McGinn. After consideration, it was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris—

That as a matter of economy, the Salary of Chas. McGinn, Crier of the County Court, be increased by One Hundred Dollars. All Fees to be retained by the County. Also, that those lately received by Mr. McGinn from the County be returned. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

James Rolfe was appointed Overseer of Roads in District 15, instead of Andrew Archibald.

Moved by Councillors Conrod and Henley—

That the Application of J. W. Watt be re-considered. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and McCallum—

That J. W. Watt's Salary as Crier of Supreme Court be increased \$100 this year. Passed.

Councillor Kirker, Chairman, presented the Report and Statistics of Poor for the year 1894, which was read in detail and passed.

Councillor Bartlett referred to the application of Henry Hanson, Senior Crier of the Supreme Court, who considered that he was fully entitled to an increase of salary as Mr. Watt, on account of longer service and for some years a smaller salary. He moved, seconded by Councillor Donaldson—

That the application of H. Hanson be re-considered, and that his salary as Senior Crier be increased One Hundred Dollars.

The matter was debated for some time, and it was stated that Hanson received Court fees also. The motion was therefore rejected.

The Report of the Committee on Assessments, with a statement of deficits on Collections, 1894, was presented by

the Chairman, Councillor Madill. The Report and statement of deficits in Districts was read in detail, discussed and passed as a whole.

Councillor Henley submitted the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges for 1894-5. It was read clause by clause. Also, the schedule of allotments to the several Districts of the Grant for 1895. The Chairman explained the basis upon which the money was distributed, and commented strongly on the continued neglect of several Councillors to report proper measurements of their District Roads and Bridges.

The Report on motion passed as a whole.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Bissett—

That the Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee hand in a list of the measurements of the Roads and Bridges to the Clerk; the same to be kept on file for future reference. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and McCallum—

That the Councillors be paid \$2.00 per day for attendance during the April session, with the usual travelling fees. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and McMullen—

That the necessary number of copies of the minutes be printed and distributed among the Councillors. Passed.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to His Honor the Warden for his able and satisfactory management of the business of the session and conduct in the chair.

The Warden replied very courteously, and hoped to meet all the gentlemen who intended to offer for re-election at the next meeting of Council.

The Deputy-Warden took the chair, when it was moved by Councillor J. H. Taylor and—

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Council be tendered to our worthy Clerk and Treasurer, W. H. Wiswell. Passed unanimously.

The Clerk thanked the Council very warmly for their kind expression of feeling respecting him.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

GOD, SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on Poor beg to report as follows :—

1.—It is the opinion of your Committee that the attending Physician be empowered and instructed to report monthly all temporary inmates fit to be discharged. On receipt of this Report, which should be made at a stated date in each month, the Superintendent should at once notify the Councillor or some Overseer of the Poor in the District responsible. On receiving an answer to this notice with authority for discharging from the Overseers of the District and a guarantee that the party to be discharged will not return at once to the City or the Farm, the Pauper can be then discharged. In the case of lying in the Overseers should furnish satisfactory information as to the disposal of the infant.

2.—Under the last amendment to the Poor Act, the Treasurer of a Municipality has to pay for the expense of a transient Pauper at the City or any other Poor Asylum and collect the amount, and the expense of removal of said Pauper from the District where he or she is shown to have a settlement. Under this enactment two Paupers from District 11, Halifax County, were paid for a year since and demand made by the Treasurer upon the Overseers of Poor of that District, who refuse to pay, repudiating the settlement. Suit has been brought to recover the amount from District 11, and the decision of the Stipendiary's Court was against the District. The Overseers of the District have appealed the case to the County Court. The Treasurer is consequently not in a position to collect and account for these and similar amounts, and there is no provision in the estimates of last year or this year from which to reimburse the County.

3.—A claim against District No. 22 for maintenance at the County Poor Farm for one Ann Keefe is repudiated by the Overseers of that District, on the grounds that she should not have been admitted there.

4.—A claim for maintenance of Mrs. Harriet Smith, District 30, who was admitted to the County Poor Farm, is also disputed by the Overseers of said District on the same ground.

5.—Your Committee desire instructions as to what shall be done in these cases.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. KIRKER.
J. H. BARTLETT.
C. E. SMITH.
SAMUEL THOMSON.

District.	Bal. on hand 1894.	Amt. Assessed 1894.	Amt. rec. from Collector.	From other sources.	Expenses 1894.	Bal. on hand 1894.	To be Assessed 1895.	Due on Acct. of Paupers.	Remarks.
7	.....	62 60	19 00	.....	62 13	.....	30 00	43 60	No Report
8	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....
9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report
10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	47 02	36 78	36 78	.....	4 66	42 36	.....	.....	.....
12	3 06	35 00	36 29	.....	.....	31 88	7 47	30 00	.....
13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report
14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report
15	1 10	40 00	34 41	.....	26 81	8 40	31 00	.....	.....
16	16	55 05	59 88	.....	38 32	12 72	40 00	.....	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	No Report
18	31 62	197 02	174 34	20 00	185 50	40 45	150 00	.....	.....
19	20 40	76 00	61 09	.....	55 80	25 69	60 00	11 11	.....
20	12 64	83 51	78 12	.....	101 40	.....	130 00	10 64	.....
21	23 47	63 72	61 91	.....	23 74	61 64	.....	20 00	.....
22	26 98	189 58	155 00	47 81	176 02	53 77	60 00	.....	.....
23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....
24	13 07	90 00	70 57	8 00	86 99	4 65	130 00	.....	.....
25	10 80	300 00	184 17	.....	183 44	11 54	300 00	.....	.....
26	43 25	140 21	135 32	6 56	95 94	15 58	150 00	.....	.....
27	43 54	105 75	105 75	.....	111 01	38 28	125 00	.....	.....
28	.....	86 08	80 55	.....	117 84	.....	150 05	37 29	.....
29	77 04	23 80	23 80	12 00	43 64	69 20	30 00	.....	.....
30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	No Report
31	55 01	125 00	100 00	20 00	97 75	55 01	125 00	.....	.....
32	32 00	100 00	102 42	20 00	130 22	24 20	150 00	.....	.....
33	53 83	112 10	112 10	20 00	145 70	52 16	100 00	.....	.....
34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report
35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	Rtn. not rdy till April.
36	4 00	100 00	75 00	.....	7 50	71 50	100 00	.....	.....
38	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	20 00	.....	.....

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee beg to report respecting the Collections of Rates for 1894, and the Valuations returned by the Assessors for 1895, as follows:—

1.—That more care should be exercised by the Assessors in several Districts, in order to avoid errors, omissions and incorrect valuations in making up the Assessments. The County Clerk complains of numerous changes having to be made in the Rolls after their reception, by which the Voters' Lists, School Assessments, Government Returns, Statute Labor Lists, and Collectors' Rolls, made up from them at the regular times, are incomplete and misleading. From the same causes the deficits in Collections of County and Poor Rates are often greater than need be.

2.—Your Committee call special attention to the delay on the part of Collectors in taking out Warrants of Distress at the time fixed by Law and the By-Laws. By delaying too long in enforcing payment from dilatory

Ratepayers the Treasurer is prevented from an early issue of the Collectors' next Roll, and a large amount for deficits has to be added thereto each year.

3.—In a test case before the County Stipendiary, it is shown that these Warrants must be issued by a Justice of the Peace in the Districts where the defaulter's property lies, except in Districts where there is no resident J. P. In that event the County Stipendiary can issue the Warrant.

4.—We recommend that Legislation be asked for to remedy this matter, or provide means whereby the difficulty attending it may be obviated.

5.—Subjoined is a statement of Deficits to present date, which we are pleased to report are in the aggregate much less than usual.

JNO. G. BISSETT.
JAMES CONROD.
ALEX. W. SMITH.
THOMAS COLE.
ALEX. McMULLIN.
JOHN W. UMLAH.

*Statement of Deficits on County Rates in District No. 7 to
District 38 for 1894.*

Dist.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficits.	Remarks and Explanations.
7	\$ 206 45	\$ 192 60	\$ 13 85	Hard times, may get part.
8	261 28	206 18	55 10	Poor Rate also due.
9	193 92	191 08	2 84	No more can be collected.
10	351 95	318 36	33 59	Doubtful if can be got.
11	416 40	416 40	.. ..	Paid up in full.
12	365 10	361 04	4 06	All that can be collected.
13	276 22	273 27	2 95	Half this will be got.
14	1216 83	1063 53	152 30	Most of this is collectable.
15	1388 76	1187 08	201 68	War. rng., most of this will be got.
16	365 30	362 80	2 50	Half of this may be got
17	1080 95	919 31	161 64	War. out, larger part collectable.
18	787 24	712 03	32 13	War. returned, no more to be got.
19	720 07	712 03	8 04	Half this will be collected.
20	379 46	362 43	17 03	No more likely to be got in Dist.
21	1015 20	986 48	28 72	Paid up all collectable amounts.
22	870 18	864 65	5 53	Collector may get part.
23	164 76	115 76	49 00	War. issued, partly collected.
24	388 83	385 18	3 65	No more to be got.
25	6 5 31	545 71	89 60	War. ret'd., about \$50 to be paid in.
26	564 92	563 40	1 52	This amount uncollectable.
27	853 68	843 43	10 25	Collected all that can be got.
28	584 55	570 25	14 30	Large part non-resident.
29	467 42	467 42	.. ..	Paid up in full.
30	260 52	239 83	20 69	War. net returned, more to get.
31	1297 67	1122 88	174 79	War. out, partly collected.
32	585 74	583 49	2 25	This amount uncollectable.
33	585 00	582 33	2 67	" "
34	456 38	424 19	32 19	Part of this will be got.
35	277 07	277 07	.. ..	Paid up in full.
36	693 90	681 95	11 95	This amount may be reduced.
38	180. 45	178 25	11 20	Due by insolv. firm, lev'd. on by Col.
	\$17900 51	\$16754 49	\$1146 02	

