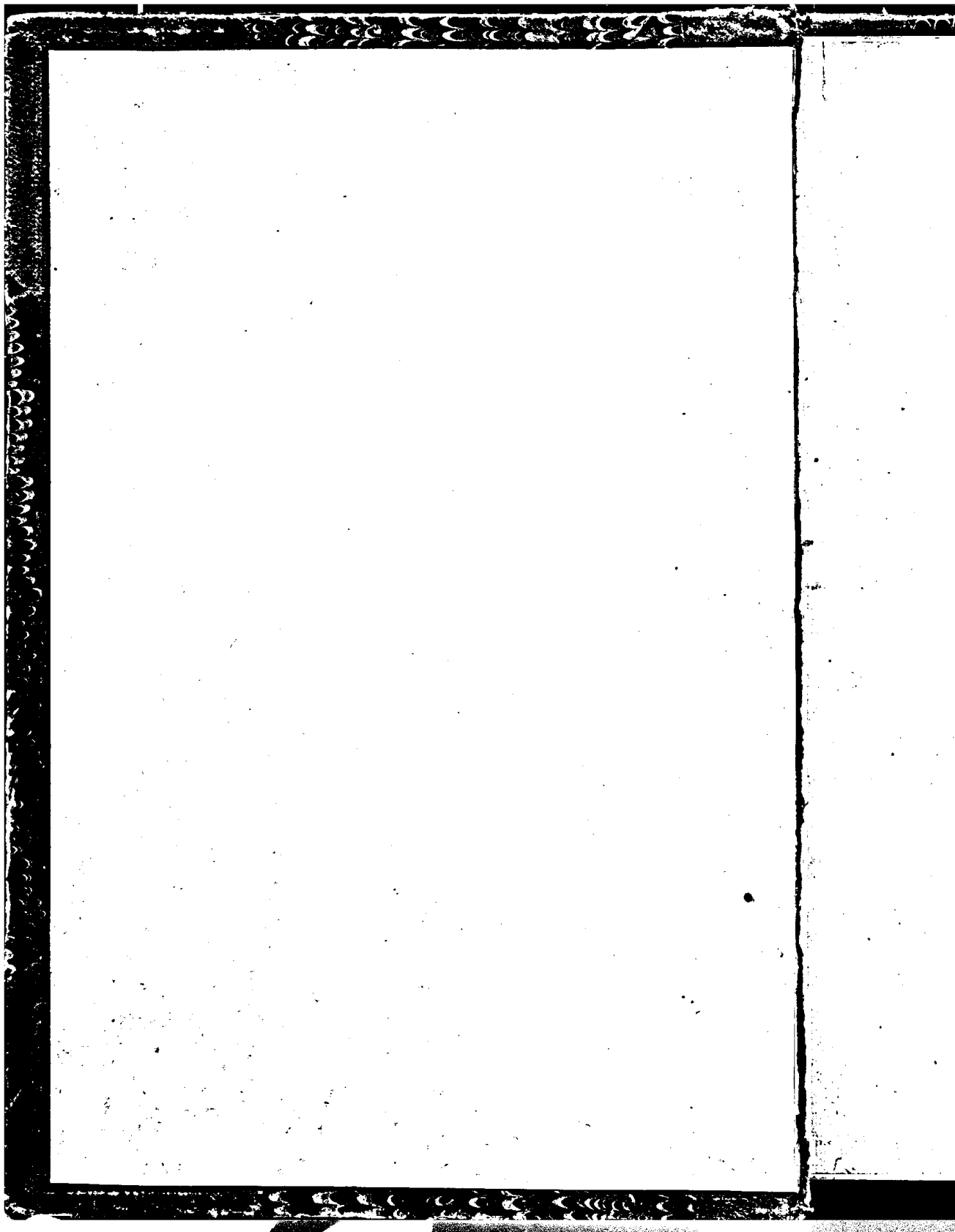
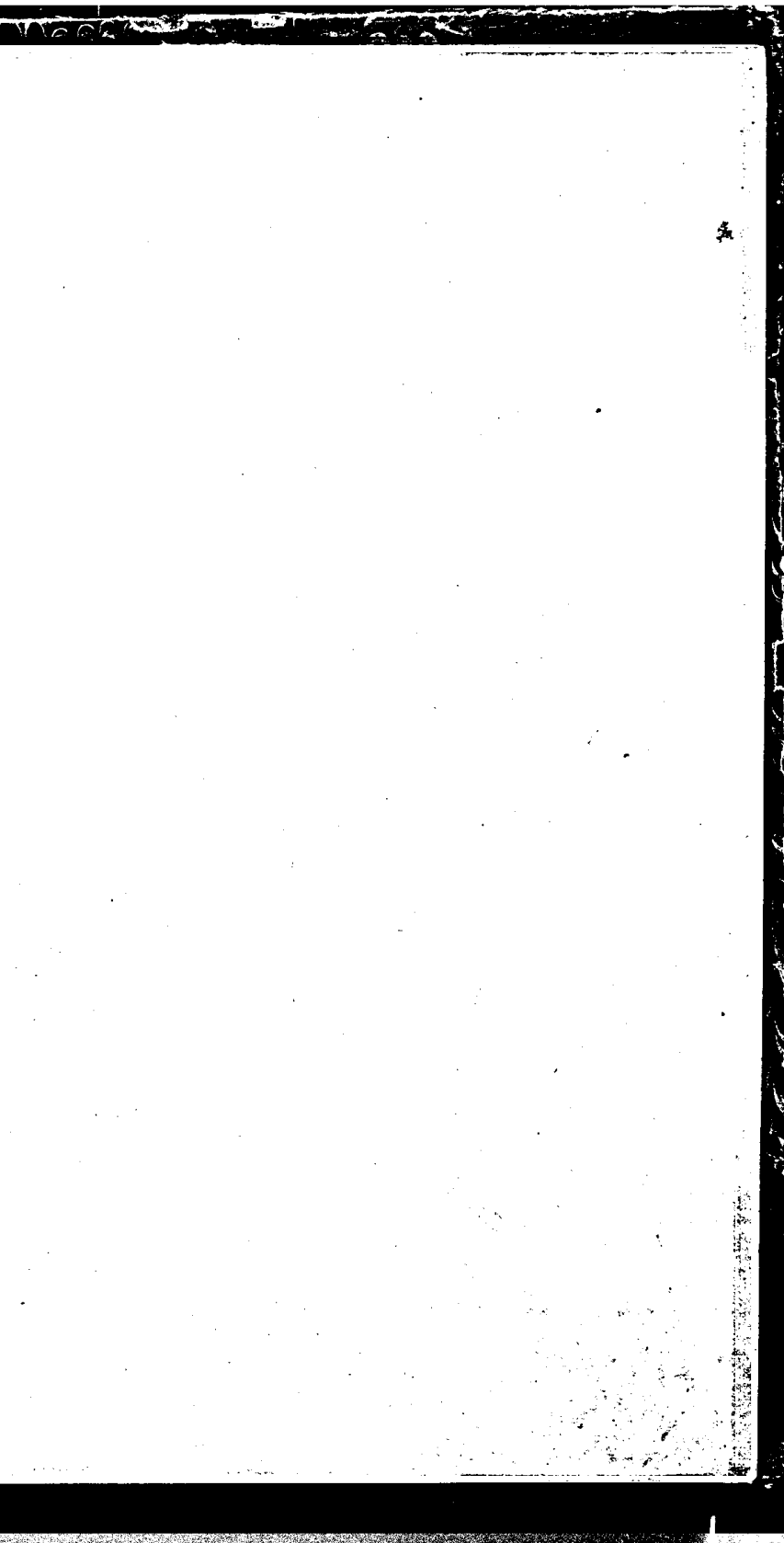


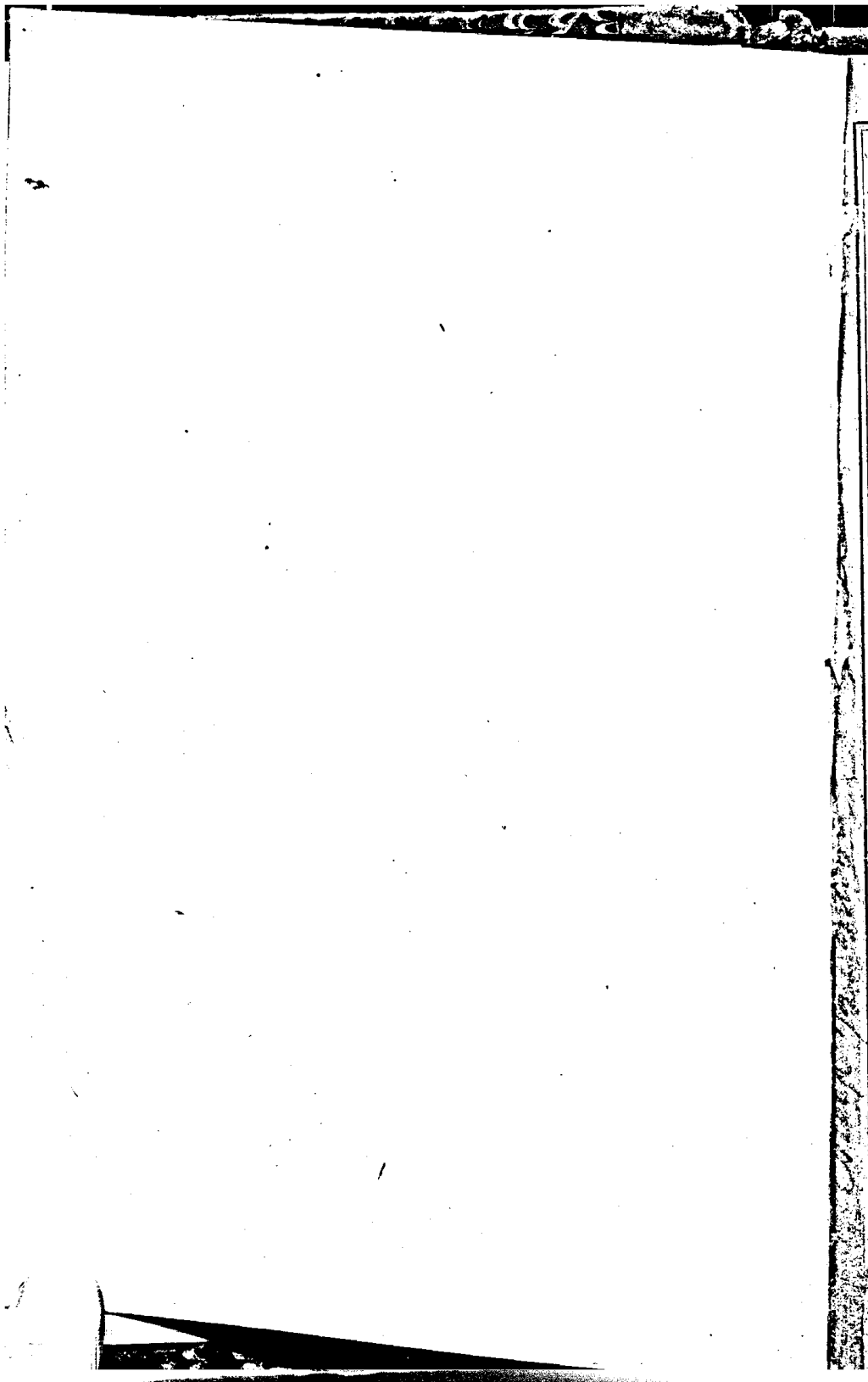
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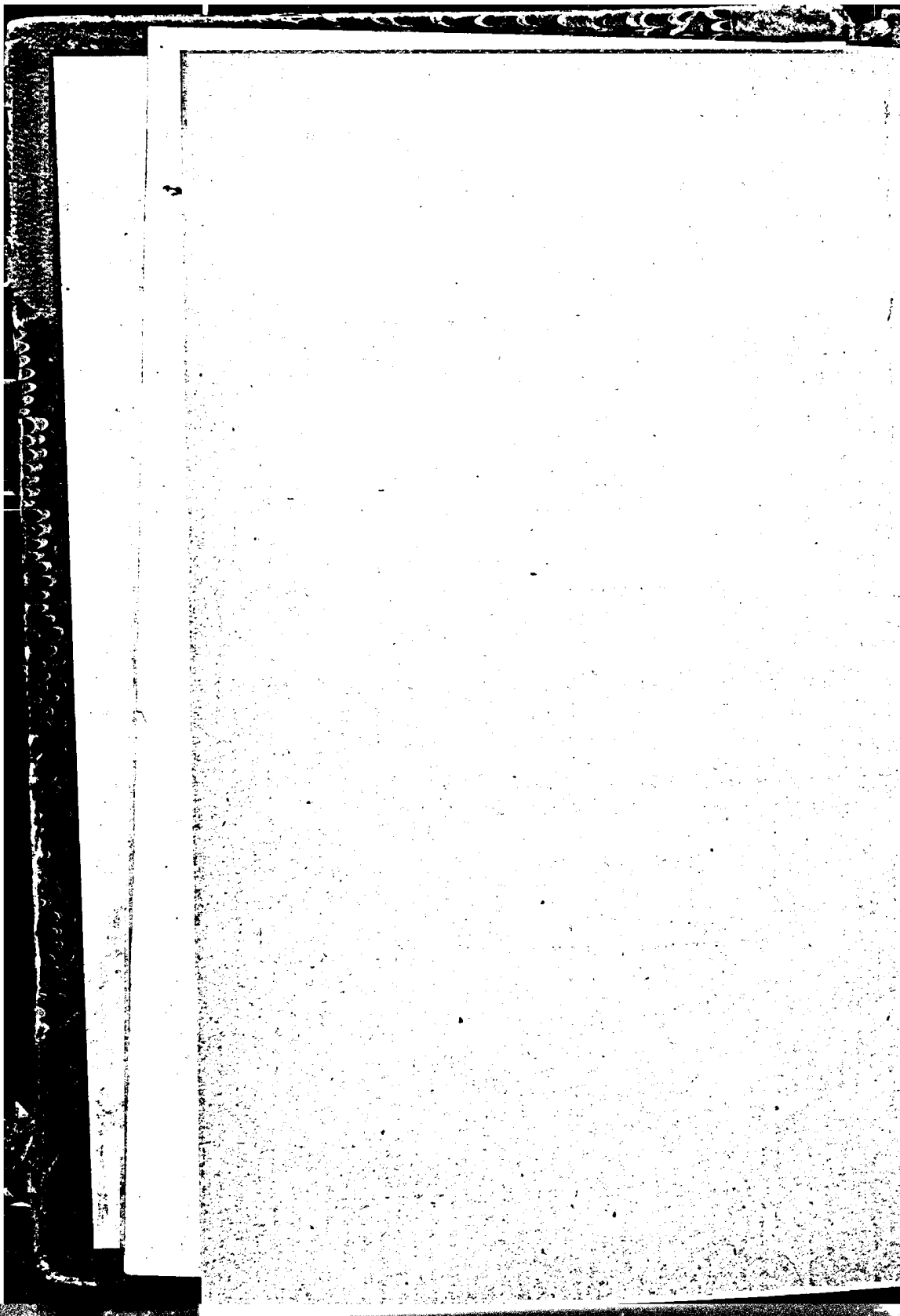
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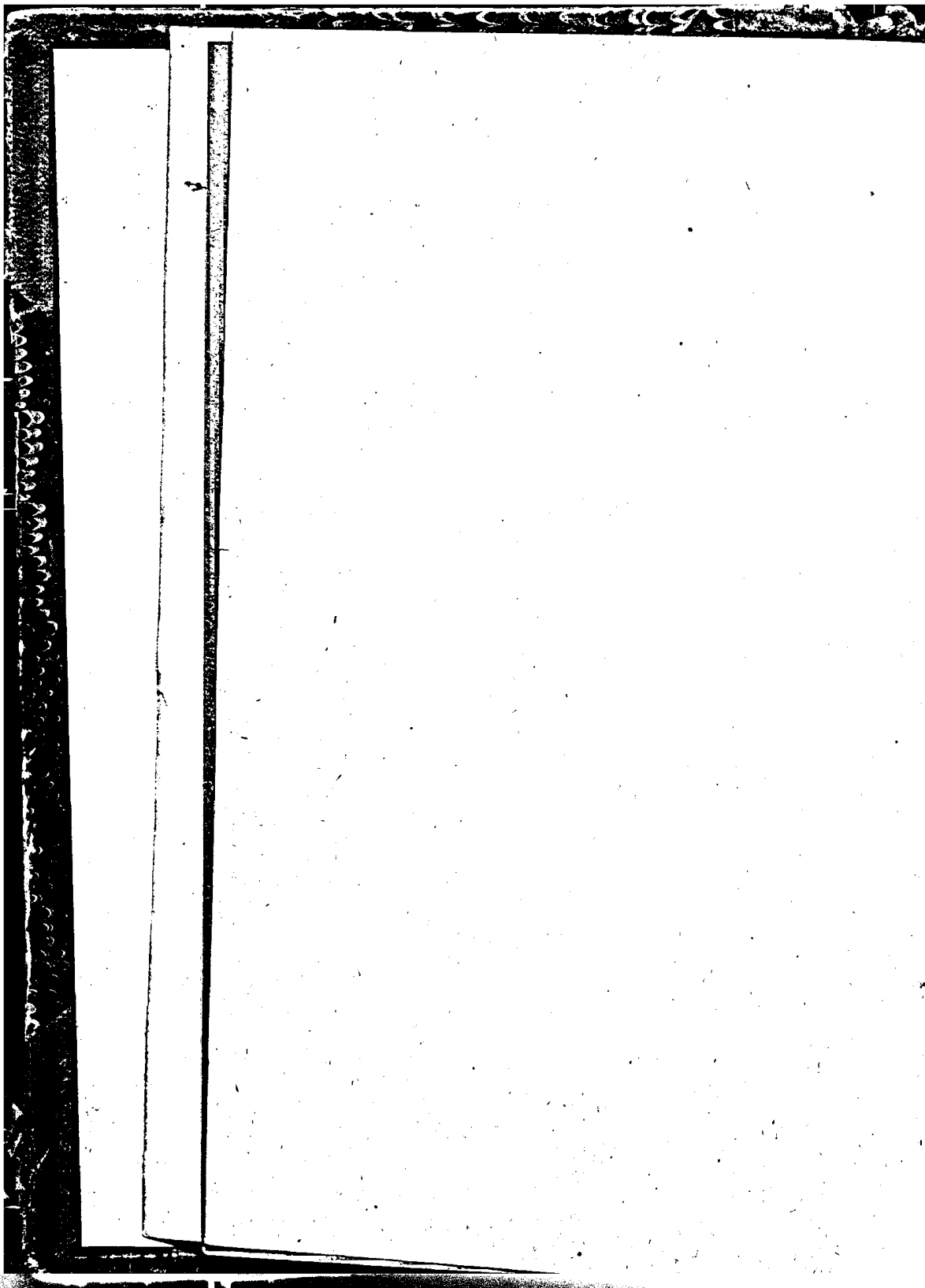
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COUNTY AUDITORS—JOHN E. ALLRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT,  
COUNTY TREASURER—W. H. WISWELL. [ESQRS.]

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## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1896.

\* \* 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, McLean.

*Poor*—C. E. Smith, Bartlett, Cole, Walsh, Negus.

*Jury Lists*—Bartlett, McCallum, Donaldson.

*Public Accounts and Finance*—Wilson, McCallum, Burris, Hall, Madill, Thompson, Bishop.

*Public Property*—Bissett, Sellars, McCallum, Henley, Johnson, Wilson, Kerr, Donaldson.

*License*—McMullen, Myers, Lapierre, Thomas, Scott, Covey, A. F. Smith.

*Roads and Bridges*—Henley, Taylor, Sellars, Thompson, Maclean, Croucher, C. E. Smith.

*Assessment*—Madill, Cole, Reyno, McMullen, Bishop, Hall, Negus.

*Hospital for Insane*—Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Bissett, Thompson, Croucher.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*On Arbitration with City and Dartmouth*—The Warden, Councilors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor and McCallum.

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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 Haverstock, Deputy Chief; H. N. Wright and Geo. Wilson.

*Keeper of County Jail*—

*Janitor of Court House*—Alexander W. Smith.

*Criers of Supreme Court*—H. Hanson, J. W. Watt.

*Stipendiary's Constable*—Richard 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).

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

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FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, JAN. 14TH, 1896.

In accordance with the Statute, and by advertisements and special notices issued by the County Clerk, the Councillors for the several Polling Districts of Halifax County elected Nov. 19th, 1895, attended at the County Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1896.

The Clerk read from the Statutes of 1895, chap. 3, the course of procedure for the Annual Session. He then took the Chair, and having called the Meeting to order, declared the undermentioned persons duly elected Councillors for their respective Districts, as notified to him by the Presiding Officers, and verified by the Poll Books.

- District 7—Herring Cove—Michael Reyno.
- “ 8—Portuguese Cove—John Johnson.
- “ 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
- “ 10—Upper Prospect—James H. Walsh.
- “ 11—Hackett's Cove—Elijah J. Covey.
- “ 12—French Village—James Croucher, J. P.
- “ 13—Spryfield—Richard Bishop.
- “ 14—N. W. Arm—H. M. McCallum.
- “ 15—Bedford—Thos. S. Donaldson.
- “ 16—Hammond's Plains—Samuel Thomson, J. P.

- District 17—Sackville—George H. Kerr,  
 " 18—Waverley—B. C. Wilson, J. P.  
 " 19—Gay's River—Geo. H. Madill, J. P.  
 " 20—Meagher's Grant—Thomas Cole.  
 " 21—Middle Musquodoboit—John H. Taylor, J. P.  
 " 22—Upper " —George Burris, J. P.  
 " 23—Lower Prospect—J. H. Bartlett.  
 " 24—Moser's River—Alex. F. Smith.  
 " 25—Sheet Harbor—Henry Hall.  
 " 26—Tangier—W. C. Henley.  
 " 27—Jeddore—Peter Myers.  
 " 28—Chezzetcook—Danl. P. Lapierre, J. P.  
 " 29—Lawrencetown—James H. Sellars, J. P.  
 " 30—Preston—Joseph Thomas.  
 " 31—Cole Harbor—John G. Bissett, J. P.  
 " 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J. P.  
 " 33—Eastern Passage—Wm. F. Negus.  
 " 34—Salmon River—John Kirker, J. P.  
 " 35—Little River—Alex. McMullen.  
 " 36—Musquodoboit Harbor—E. D. McLean, M. D.  
 " 38—Dover—Andrew Scott.

On calling the Roll all the Councillors elect were present except B. C. Wilson, who was deterred by illness.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Municipal Councillor to each Councillor, and declared each to be duly qualified to serve for the next three years, as the law provides.

Nominations were asked for by the Clerk for the position of Warden and Deputy Warden—all County Officers being elected by ballot if more than one name was submitted.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Sellars, Councillor John E. Shatford was elected by acclamation Warden of the County for the term.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and McCallum, Councillor Geo. H. Madill was unanimously elected as Deputy Warden.

The Warden and Deputy Warden were sworn into office, and the Warden took the Chair.

The Clerk referred to the section of the County Incorporation Act under which his office and that of Treasurer continues during good behaviour, and mentioned that the Statutes of 1895 contained the consolidation of the Acts relating to County Incorporation, Liquor Licenses, Schools and Municipal Assessments.

Appointments of other County Officers were deferred till later on in this Session.

The Clerk submitted the proclamation summoning the Provincial Legislature to meet Thursday, Jan. 9th, for special business.

The Warden said he would have his address ready for the afternoon Session.

The Minutes of the Council for 1895 and copies of the By-Laws were distributed among the Councillors. The customary reading of the Minutes of the last day of last Session was waived by general consent, and the Council then adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M.

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## . Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1896.

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

The Warden delivered his address as follows:—

### THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

*Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:*

It is a source of gratification to me to know that by electing me for another term of three years, you have shown your approval of the manner in which I have performed my official duties in the past, in stronger terms than words could express it, I therefore most heartily thank you for the honor you have again conferred on me, and for your endorsement, (as I take it) of my work in past years. I can assure you it is my earnest desire to do all I can to further the best interests of the County and give satisfaction to the members of this Council as a whole at all times. Those who believe that presiding at the meetings of the Council is the chief or only duty of the Warden, labor under a great mistake. There are a great many other things which frequently demand time and attention and involve a great deal of work of an intricate and sometimes perplexing nature, as our Clerk can testify, and whose assistance is of the greatest importance and who, I might add, does a great deal of work not incumbent on himself as Clerk or Treasurer.

I have no elaborate bill of fare to offer you. The Clerk in his summons to you to attend the Council had mentioned the principal matters requiring your attention. After urging for some time upon the Government the great necessity for amending the Coroners' Act, we have now on the Statute Book a law respecting Coroner's Inquests, which is a very wise piece of legislation and far superior to the old Coroners' Act. It not only takes away the unlimited powers of coroners, but it greatly simplifies and expedites the work attending these cases which heretofore always required the services of a Coroner and Coroner's Jury. There is no rushing after bodies now to see who will "get the first," to say nothing of the great saving it is to the County.

Respecting the question of jury fees the Legislature did not pass the remedial measure recommended by us last year. They have, however, taken one step in advance and enacted that Special Juries shall be paid by the litigants by an order of the Judge. Still there is much room for improvement whereby a very heavy burden may be taken off the taxpayers of the municipality.

There is another matter to which I desire to invite your attention, and that is the collection of County Rates. Under the present law a warrant to collect County Rates must be issued by a justice living in the polling section in which the defaulter resides. It appears to me to be a very stupid and inappropriate law and should be repealed or changed. As it now stands, our Stipendiary Magistrate cannot legally issue a warrant to collect County Rates in any of the rural Districts. In some of the defaulting Districts the resident Magistrates have in more cases than one refused to put their names to a warrant for the collection of taxes in such Districts. I must ask the Law Amendment Committee not to lose sight of this matter while the Legislature is in Session. I have good reason for believing that they will amend the Act so that the Stipendiary can issue a warrant for the collection of County rates.

Hitherto we have experienced difficulty in collecting taxes in some Districts of the County, and in most cases on account of the law as it now stands.

The Treasurer's accounts will shortly be placed in your hands and will, I believe, show our finances to be sound and satisfactory to you all. The estimates for the ensuing year will also be laid before you in due time, and will, I feel certain, show little or no increase for past year.

I may inform you that by an Act of the Legislature passed last year, the office of Clerk and Treasurer has been made permanent, or during good behaviour.

The Committee of Public Property will report to you on the income and expenditure of the Poores' Farm, and I am of the opinion that their report will be highly satisfactory to you and that you will see the great benefit derived from that institution.

You will name your Committees and appoint your District Officers with the usual caution, and perform all duties devolving on you with a view to the best interests of the ratepayers of the County.

The Address was received, to be printed in the Minutes as customary.

The Clerk read a note from Rev. F. H. Almon requesting to be heard when the subject of Liquor Licenses should come up.

Moved by Councillors Cole and McCallum—

*And Resolved*, That Councillors Sellars, Bartlett, Henley, McLean, Cole, C. E. Smith and Kerr, be a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the present year. Passed.

Councillor Donaldson was added afterwards to said Committee.

The Clerk read the Report of Inspector of Licenses for 1895, recommending Jno. Ahearn, Mrs. Brittain, and W. Wilson, and rejecting C. A. Gough and J. G. White as being objected to and not legally entitled otherwise to a license.

Rev. Mr. Almon being present, the Warden said that according to parliamentary usage, persons opposed to any measure presented could be heard. Leave was granted and Rev. Mr. Almon made an earnest appeal to the Council against granting licenses, particularly to Gough at Fairview.

Mr. J. T. Bulmer asked to be heard, on behalf of persons opposed to licensing C. A. Gough at 3 Mile House. It was decided that he have a hearing. He then stated the objections shewing that it would be illegal and immoral to license him. Inspector Reid, on being called upon for explanation as to his course and opinion in the matter, stated that following the Statute he had held a Court at which the parties were on due notice present. Objections were heard and evidence taken in the cases of Gough and White, which precluded granting them a license.

Rev. J. Rogers, Rev. E. Hall and B. H. Eaton were permitted to give their views and quotations from the Statute. Mr. Eaton stated that 19 of the signatures on White's appli-

cation were written by White himself. By consent of the Council Mr. Drysdale was heard on the other side in favor of granting the licenses.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That both White and Gough's application go back to Inspector Reid for further evidence and a more definite report. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bishop—

That William Wilson of Bellevue Hotel, District 15, be granted a license to sell intoxicating liquors for the current year 1896, he having complied with the law. The motion was put and *lost*.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Hall, and—

*Resolved*, That a Committee named by the Warden be appointed to act with Inspector Reid to hear further evidence in re applications of Gough and White. Passed.

The Warden named Councillors Madill, C. E. Smith, Taylor, MacLean and Hall as the Committee.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 Wednesday.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1896.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, Warden and 24 Councillors. The Minutes of yesterday were accepted. The Clerk submitted applications of several persons to be appointed County Constables.

The subject of granting license to John Ahearn was introduced and discussed at length. Councillor Croucher remarked that owing to the length and sparse settlement of the St. Margaret's Bay road, it was a necessity that some place should be open for the travelling public to stay at, and a house could not be maintained unless a license was granted.

It was moved by Councillors Donaldson and—

That license to sell intoxicating liquors be granted to John Ahearn.

On the vote being taken 13 were for granting and 12 against it.

Notice of reconsideration was given by Councillors C. E. Smith and Negus.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

That license be granted to Mrs. Isabella Brittain, District 15. Passed.



Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That license to sell intoxicating liquors be granted to William Wilson. Not carried.

A motion to re-consider was put and lost.

Read, Application for position of County Detective from Daniel Gorman. For Chief Constable from Richd. Burbidge and Jos. Johnson. For Deputy Chief Constable from Ephraim Haverstock. And for County Constable from A. Brennan, H. N. Wright, Arthur Peverill, and George Wilson.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill—

That Richard Burbidge be appointed Chief County Constable for the current year.

By Councillors C. E. Smith and Johnson—

That Joseph Johnson be Chief County Constable for the County of Halifax this coming year.

The Ballot was taken and counted 24 for Burbidge and 6 for Johnson.

The application of D. Gorman did not pass.

On motion of Councillors Henley and Johnson, the appointment of Deputy Constable was deferred until next day.

On motion of Councillors McCallum and Donaldson, Reuben C. Purcell was appointed County Constable.

On the application of Albert Purcell to be Coroner's Constable he was so appointed.

George Wilson was appointed County Constable.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Bartlett, and

*Resolved*, That Robert Mason in District 26 be appointed Revisor of Electoral Lists for the present year, vice Jas. E. Conrod appointed last year, but now absent from said District. Passed.

The Treasurer submitted the account of Receipts and Expenditures of the year ended 31st Dec., 1895, with the Auditors' Report.

Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

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## Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, 1896.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 29 Councillors present.

The Minutes of Morning Session were adopted.  
The Report of Committee of Nomination of the Standing Committees was received and read as follows:—

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

*Poor.*—Councillors C. E. Smith, Cole, Bartlett, Walsh, Negus.

*Jury Lists.*—Councillor Bartlett, McCallum, Donaldson.

*Public Accounts and Finance.*—Councillors Wilson, McCallum, Hall, Burris, Madill, Thompson, Bishop.

*Public Property.*—Councillors Bissett, Seldon, McCallum, Henley, Johnson, Wilson, Kerr, Donaldson.

*License.*—Councillors McMillan, Scott, Myers, Lapierre, Covey, Thomas A. Smith.

*Roads and Bridges.*—Councillors Henley, Taylor, Sellars, McLean, Thompson, Croucher and A. D. Smith.

*Assessment.*—Councillors Madill, Cole, Reyno, McMillan, Bishop, Hill, Negus.

*Hospital for Insane.*—Councillors Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Bissett, Thompson, Croucher.

The Committee recommend that Councillor Sellars be associated with the Chairman of the Public Property Committee, and they visit the Poor Farm and Jail as often as convenient.

The names of the several Committees were separately read. One or two to be added were suggested, but not accepted.

The consideration of Ahearn's License was deferred, as the Committee was still out.

Read, the Report of Board of Revisors of Assessments in full, and afterward clause by clause. Clauses 3, 6 and 8 were not agreed to after discussion. The other clauses passed.

Read, the Schedule of Valuations annexed to the Report, as compared with those of 1895, showing that the greater number had fallen off, but several Districts making large increases. There was a nett increase of \$9,601.00.

On motion, the Schedule was adopted.

The re-consideration of rescinding motion in re Ahearn's application for License was now taken up.

For rescinding 14, against 11.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the Liquor License of John Ahearn be not granted. The vote taken showed 13 for and 16 against granting him a License.

J. L. Barnhill, Esq., Barrister, asked to be heard on behalf of J. Ahearn. On motion of Councillors Croucher and Bishop, leave was given to speak for 5 minutes. He argued that the action of the Council in this case was based on very wrong conclusions, and that the supposition that Ahearn had been convicted of breach of the License Law was unfounded and he was entitled to license. He quoted sections 3, 14, 13, 15, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 of the License Law in support of his position and an opinion of R. L. Borden, Q. C.

Read, application of E. Haverstock to be Deputy Chief Constable. The Clerk said that the office was necessary, but the present applicant, though a good man, was not available for prompt action, as he lived miles away, with no means of reaching him in the absence of other Constables.

Read, a note from the Stipendiary giving Haverstock good character and stating that he had fulfilled his duties well.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Kirker—

That the office of Deputy Chief Constable be dispensed with.

In amendment by Councillors Bartlett and Thompson—

That Ephraim Haverstock be appointed Deputy Chief County Constable for the ensuing year at usual salary, one hundred dollars.

The amendment was carried.

Read, application of H. N. Wright to be appointed County Constable and Detective. The Clerk said that there was no such office as County Detective. Councillor Henley objected to Wright's appointment before enquiring into some transactions of Wright's in the case of the Queen vs. Hay and Thomas. He had claimed and been paid more fees and mileage than he was entitled to from the County, and had also charged Mr. Bollong (who had been robbed by Hay of \$140)—for his services \$20, and collected from him \$20 for W. B. McCoy, as receipts would shew. Under these and similar charges he should not be an officer of this Municipality.

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

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Warden to investigate and examine the accounts paid by the County Clerk to Constable Harry Wright and others. And also a matter of Forty Dollars paid by Abram Bollong to said Constable Wright in a Criminal Cause tried by Judge Johnson, viz., Queen vs. Hay. Passed.

The Warden named as such Committee Councillors C. E. Smith, McLean, Taylor, Burris and McMullen.

The Clerk said he had often occasion to object to Wright's charges, but was obliged to pay the bills on the order of the Court on the Prosecuting Officer's Certificate. There was one set of costs and fees in the Dominion Statutes and a lower one in the Local Statutes, and he had decided to pay only by the latter.

Read, the Report of the Jailer, T. A. Chambers, for the past year, together with Statements of Convictions and Commitments for the 12 months.

On motion, the Report passed as a whole.

Read, Report of the Jail Surgeon, Dr. Trenaman, on the sanitary condition of the Jail and inmates during the year. On motion, the Report passed.

Read, application of Dr. Trenaman for re-appointment as Surgeon to the Jail for current year.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and McCallum—

That Dr. Trenaman be appointed Jail Surgeon for the ensuing year. Passed.

Read, the application of W. L. Malcolm, Turnkey to County Jail, for an increase of fifty dollars for 1895 and also present year, as his duties have been very arduous and confining.

On motion of Councillors McCallum and Henley—

*Resolved*, That W. L. Malcolm's salary be increased \$50 for current year. Passed.

There being a full Council the list of the Standing Committees was read again and passed as a whole.

Printed copies of the Treasurer's Account were distributed.

The Council adjourned to Thursday at 10.30.

### THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, A. M., JANUARY 17TH, 1896.

The Council met at 11.30. Present, the Warden and 28 Councillors. The Minutes of Wednesday P. M. were read and confirmed.

The Committee on ungranted Licenses not being ready to report the Council was adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

## Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1896.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors.

Read, a petition from inhabitants of Dover District, No. 38, asking for authority to make a short road through J. Fader's property as more convenient for the public. Councillor Scott gave details of the proposed section and stated that Mr. Fader was willing to give the right-of-way and the road would be made at their own expense.

On motion, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a petition from Alex. Hurley, District 20 to grant him access to his place, from which he was debarred by an adjoining party placing obstructions on the road to the highway, and his children were also threatened, etc.

Councillor McMullin explained the matter and it was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a petition from people of District 35, stating the very dangerous condition of Rourke's Bridge, and that at a meeting in November of the inhabitants a vote was passed that those in the vicinity of the bridge should contribute one-half the cost of repairs. This being deemed unfair and unjust where all pay proportionate taxes, the matter was referred for action to the County Council.

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

Read, application of Henry Hanson, Crier of the Supreme Court, endorsed and recommended by the Hon. the Chief Justice, for an increase of salary.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Taylor—

That Mr. Hanson's salary be increased by \$75 per annum.

In amendment by Councillors McLean and Kerr—

That Mr. Hanson's salary be increased One Hundred Dollars. The Amendment passed.

Read, the Report of the County Auditors on the Treasurer and Clerk's Accounts and Returns for 1895.

Also, their application for re-appointment.

The Report was received and adopted.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Burris—

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Albro and Wainwright be appointed County Auditors for 1896.

The Treasurer's Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure was then submitted.

He read the items and explained each item of debts and credits, showing the comparison of payments with the Estimates of 1895, which in some matters as Court Expenses had largely exceeded and in most been about equal.

There were a number of Accounts to come in to be paid out of the Balance in hand which would about pay them, but leave nothing for the Second Quarter of the year. The \$8500.00 required for Schools in July would have to be borrowed on interest. The total receipts of the year were \$40,220.00, Expenditures \$42,992.61, showing the Dr. Balance of \$2,372.61, which would be reduced by Assessments still to come in.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 Friday.

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## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, P. M., JANUARY 17TH, 1896.

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

Read, application from Janitor A. W. Smith for re-appointment. Referred to the Commissioners of the Court House as being under their jurisdiction.

Read, Report of Jos. Lloy, custodian of Rocky Run Draw Bridge for 1895, shewing the bridge to be defective and requiring special repairs.

It was referred to Committee on Road and Bridges.

Read, Report of Boards of Health, Districts 21, 16, 10 and 23. They shewed those sections to be free of epidemics and contagious diseases and in fair sanitary condition.

Read, Report of Ferryman Thos. Hamm, Kelly's Point, Upper Prospect. He had carried 208 passengers and no complaints made of the service.

On motion, Report passed.

The Clerk said that six others had taken out licenses, and it was their duty to report at this Session, but he had not received any of them.

The Warden reported the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General regarding the action of the Council in rescinding resolution in reference to refusing Ahearn a License, that it could not be done except under a By-Law.

The subject of granting John Ahearn a License was again taken up. The motion for re-consideration and the following opinion of R. L. Borden, Q. C., were read:—

“Referring to your question respecting the effect of section 27 of the Liquor License Act of 1895, I am of the opinion that this section does not forbid the granting of a License to a person convicted of the offence of keeping liquor for sale without a License. Such conviction constitutes no objection under the provisions of section 27, which applies only to the case of a person convicted for selling without a License. If the Council refuses a License on the untenable ground above mentioned, the proper remedy of your client would be by proceedings in the Supreme Court for a mandamus.”

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Bishop, and

*Resolved* That a Committee of five be appointed to make enquiries as to whether or not John Ahearn has been guilty of any offence which disqualifies him from holding a Liquor License; and if it appears by the report of said Committee that he is not disqualified that License be granted him. Passed.

The Committee named were Councillors Bartlett, Bissett, Henley, Donaldson and Kirker, and they had leave to retire.

Read, Report of Dr. N. F. Cunningham on the health of inmates of the Poor Farm during past year. Passed.

Also, read his application for re-appointment at a salary of \$100 per current year.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Thompson—

That Dr. Cunningham be re-appointed Physician to the Poor Farm at the same salary and terms as last year. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate applications of C. A. Gough and J. G. White for License and the objections thereto.

COURT HOUSE, JAN. 17th, 1896.

We, your Committee appointed to act in conjunction with Inspector Reid on the applications for liquor license of C. A. Gough and Joseph G. White, beg to report as follows:—

1.—In the case of J. G. White, the evidence shows conclusively that the premises of J. G. White adjoins the premises of Beach Hill Baptist Church, and under Chap. 2, Sec. 27, of Act of 1895, we recommend the withholding of the license. Passed.

2.—In the case of C. A. Gough, the evidence shows that the premises of C. A. Gough are situated 251 feet (as per survey of Surveyor Henry) from the premises of St. John Episcopal Church, Three Mile House, and

under same Chapter and Section we would recommend the withholding of the license. Passed.

This conclusion was arrived at from new evidence, and not from any objections made to Inspector Reid.

GEO. H. MADILL.  
C. E. SMITH.  
J. H. TAYLOR.  
HENRY HALL.  
E. D. MCLEAN.  
D. W. B. REID.

A separate vote was taken on Clauses 1 and 2, which passed, also the last Clause.

The Committee on Ahearn's License returned and reported as follows:—

That we must emphatically declare that in our belief we consider him in no way guilty of an offence debarring him from holding a Liquor License. Therefore, we would strongly recommend that License be granted to Mr. Ahearn. (Sgd.) J. H. Bartlett, W. C. Henley, Jno. Bissett, Thos. S. Donaldson, John Kirker.

Moved by Councillors Croucher and Bishop—

That this Council grant John Ahearn's License. Passed.

Read, the Report of J. F. Turner, Supdt. of the County Poor Farm for the year 1895. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Johnson and Bishop, Joseph Johnson was appointed a County Constable.

Chairman Bissett announced that he had made arrangements for the conveyance of Councillors who wished to visit the Poor Farm this afternoon.

The Council therefore adjourned to Saturday at 10.30.

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## FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, A.M., JAN. 18, 1896.

Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and accepted.

Read, (by consent of Council) Petition from E. Marryatt and others, in Sambro District, for a new Road on the Section leading to Pennant, by which the four hills on the "Old Umlah Road" could be avoided, and asking for a Precept for that purpose.



On motion, referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, the Petition of Alex. Lang and 19 others, in District 18, for a Road from the County Line near Enfield Station, thence along the north boundary of the Railway to Sandy Cove and across the Railway round the Cove to the Mill and Railway siding, 2½ miles, etc. Referred to Road Bridge Committee.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Taylor—

That Geo. T. Cooks, Mill Road, be included in Section 18, in District No. 19. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Croucher and Negus—

That the Road from Holland's Cove to the main road leading down the Bay be a Road Section in District No. 12. Passed.

[Councillor Kerr desired to have a Bridge at Lake View, District 18, put under the Bridge Act. He said it was very much needed, and would help the growth and progress of that new place.

The Warden stated that the Government fund for Bridges was exhausted, and some Councillors were opposed to adding to the outlay for Bridges, as the large interest already running reduced the Road grant.

The passing of Lists of District Officers was deferred till Monday.

Assessments for Support of Poor were moved, seconded, read and passed as follows:—

- District No. 7—Ten Dollars.
- “ 8—Eighty Dollars.
- “ 10—Eighty Dollars.
- “ 11—Fifty Dollars.
- “ 15—Forty-Two Dollars.
- “ 17—Seventy-Five Dollars.
- “ 18—Not stated.
- “ 19—Fifty Dollars.
- “ 20—Not reported.
- “ 24—One Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars.
- “ 25—Two Hundred and Twenty Dollars.
- “ 27—One Hundred and Twenty-Five.
- “ 28—One Hundred and Twenty Dollars.
- “ 29—Twenty-Five Dollars.
- “ 30—Twenty Dollars.
- “ 31—Seventy-Five Dollars.
- “ 32—One Hundred and Twenty Dollars.
- “ 36—Fifty Dollars.
- “ 38—Fifteen Dollars.

In reference to Road Measurement, not yet returned, the Councillors for Districts 8 and 10 were asked to return the mileage for the same at April Session of Council.

Moved by Councillors Maclean and Henley—

That the description of boundaries of the Road Sections in District 36, named below, be as follows: Section VIII, Deep Cove to Little River, including road around head of Petpeswick Harbour to Smelt Brook. Section XVIII, as now described, struck out, and the following substituted—"From East Chezzetcook Road to Road on West Side Petpeswick via Oxford Mines. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Kerr and Covey—

That the Road called the Lake View Road be formed into a separate Road Section. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Kirker—

That Councillors Madill and Wilson be Commissioners of the Court House for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Kerr and Donaldson—

That the Bridge for Lake View, in District 17, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1893, and amendments thereto. Passed.

The Council adjourned to Monday 10.30.

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## SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 1896.

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

The majority of the Council made a visit of inspection to the County Jail and resumed at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Councillors Donaldson and Kerr—Albert Tolson was appointed a County Constable for the year 1896. Passed.

Submitted and read the Report of Receipts and Expenses for 1895 of D. W. B. Reid, Inspector of Licenses, giving a summary of Prosecutions and Convictions, Fines Collected, and those unpaid, Licenses issued, Expenses of Travelling, Legal Charges, Printing, etc. Also submitted and read Mr. Reid's abstract of his work and its results for the past eight years, which he desired to appear in the printed Minutes.

On motion of Councillors Burriss and Bartlett—

That Inspector Reid's salary be the same as last year—\$300.00. Passed.

A deputation consisting of A. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, F. T. Congdon and H.W. Barnes, from the Howe Memorial Committee, called on the Council in reference to that object. Dr. MacKay and Mr. Congdon spoke briefly and forcibly in regard to the character and public services of Howe, and asked that the Councillors take an interest in the matter, and bring it before their constituents on returning home. Suggestions were given as to the best way of doing this—collecting and forwarding funds, etc.

On motion of Councillors Madill and McCallum—

*Resolved*, that each member of this Council, on their return home to their respective Districts, make known to their constituents the desirability of contributing toward the "Joseph Howe Memorial Fund," and receive and forward any subscriptions to the Treasurer at Halifax. Passed unanimously.

Joseph Smith Esq., Barrister, desired permission to advocate the establishment of a School in Preston, District 30, where he said there had been none for thirteen years, though the people had annually paid their proportion of School Rates.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Burriss—

That we hear Mr. Smith to-morrow afternoon, at half-past two, in reference to a School Section in District 30. Passed.

Read, a letter from C. S. Harrington, Barrister, &c., to Samuel Eisenhaur, threatening an action against him for alleged diverting of a water course to the injury or damage of lands of Mrs. Bessie Giles.

After Councillor Thompson had explained how the trouble originated, the Warden, approved by the Council, decided that this Council had no jurisdiction therein.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

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## Afternoon Session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 1896.

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

The several Lists of Officers were submitted. Each List (with the exception of Districts 14 and 30) was read in detail from District No. 7 to District 38, and severally moved, seconded and passed. See Lists at end of Minutes.

Read, the Report of the Committee on Finance. Also, the Schedule of Estimates for Receipts and Expenditures of the current year. The items were separately read and passed.

The Estimates were similarly read and passed after discussion. On Estimates for Poor Farm Current Expenses, the amount proposed, \$2,500, was changed to \$2,250.

The Report was then passed as a whole.

The Treasurer called attention to the yearly reduction of the Balance in hand in order to reduce the collection rate in the succeeding year, as depriving him of funds to pay urgent demands, and as a consequence to obtain Loans on interest. No provision was made for Poor Farm Contracts, Overdue Accounts, Hospital for Insane, Salaries, and more especially the School Grants on 31st July. The present cash in hand would all be paid out by 31st March, leaving an empty Treasury. Interest last year on accounts for Insane alone was \$162. The Government would advance the School Grant on interest, but this might as well be saved.

The matter was discussed and action deferred.

The Council adjourned on Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

## SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 1896.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Joseph Smith, Esq., introduced the subject of a school for Preston and submitted the following Resolution—

*Whereas*, School Section No. 52, in the District of Halifax, has been without a Public School for the period of 15 years continuously, and whereas, during that period the said Section has contributed a considerable sum to the County School Funds without receiving any benefit therefor;

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Council refund to the said Section out of any available funds the sum of three hundred dollars to assist in erecting a School House in the Section and starting and maintaining a school therein; *Further Resolved*, that the Warden of the County, the Superintendent of Education and the Inspector of Schools for Halifax District, be a Committee to superintend the appropriation and expenditure and to prepare and obtain such legislation as may be required in the premises.

After some remarks in connection it was moved and passed that further consideration of the matter be deferred till April Session.

The Lists of Officers for Districts No. 14 and 30 were submitted, read and passed.

Read the Report of the Special Committee on charges against Harry Wright.

We find in the case of Queen vs. Hay and Thomas, that there are charges for five travels to and from Spry Bay, when there were only three made. We also find charges to the amount of \$6.30—Six dollars thirty cents—paid to one Kate Newcomb for travel under subpoena, and the same charges we find entered in his bill the second time. But although it is not in his own handwriting, and he claims not with his knowledge, yet we find the same has been paid to him from County funds.

(Sgd.) C. E. SMITH, *Chairman.*  
ALEX. McMULLEN.  
E. D. MACLEAN.  
GEO. BURRIS.

A sharp discussion followed in which some further information respecting the Bollong charges was elicited. The Treasurer said he was required to pay on the order of the Court, but had frequently objected to and got charges cut down.

A motion to appoint H. Wright a County Constable, and an amendment to defer till April were both Lost.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Johnson—

*And Resolved*, that the application of Harry Wright as County Constable be deferred until to-morrow. Passed.

Read the Annual Report of County Stipendiary Griffin to Dec. 31st, giving Fees, Convictions, Fines and Licenses. The Report was adopted.

Remarks were made on the large and increasing work devolving on the Stipendiary, and it was stated that he desired an increase of pay in order to employ occasional help.

It was moved by Councillors Donaldson and Walsh—

That \$50 be added to Stipendiary Griffin's Salary. The motion was lost.

Councillor Kirker referred to the unsatisfactory working of the Law and By-Law relating to Pedlers' Licenses, and gave some instances. Remarks were also made by Councillors Burris, Taylor, Henley and Thomson.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Sellars, and—

*Resolved*, That in order to ensure the enforcement of our By-Laws relating to Pedlers and Hawkers of Goods, blank Licenses for Pedlers, signed by our County Officers, be placed in the hands of the several Councillors, and that all persons found breaking such By-Laws be prosecuted, or otherwise they be required to pay for and carry a License as our By-Law provides, and that Councillors make returns to the Clerk of all the blanks given them. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Committee on Public Property. The Chairman made some explanatory remarks, and after reading clause by clause, the Report passed as a whole.

Councillor Kerr introduced a brief discussion on the question whether infants should be charged from birth. It was stated that infants were not charged for until after being at the Poor Farm twelve months.

The Clerk said he had not heard of such a By-Law or arrangement, and had made out the Districts Accounts in full in such cases. Some would require now to be reduced under this rule.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Sellars—

That infants at the Poor Farm under one year old, be charged 50 cents per week from 1st January, 1896.

On being put the resolution was lost.

Read the Report of the Committee on Insane for the past year.

On motion the Report was adopted; Councillor Thompson asked to have some clauses considered.

Motion to adjourn to Wednesday at 10 a.m., carried.

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## EIGHTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 1896.

The Council met at 10 A. M. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Reconsideration of appointment of Harry Wright, as moved by Councillors McCallum and Kerr, was taken up, and it was moved by Councillors Bishop and Walsh—

That Harry Wright be appointed a County Constable. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Sellars—

That the Clerk be authorized to get the Minutes of this Session printed and distributed as heretofore.

Moved by Councillors Sellars and McMullen, and

*Resolved*, That the County Clerk and Treasurer assess upon the County the amount of the Estimates reported by the Committee on Finance of this Session for the present year, with costs of Collection added thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Bartlett, and

*Resolved*, That the Services of the Revisors of Assessment Rolls be suspended for two years. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Madill—

That James E. DeWolf, George Woods and Patrick Kehoe, be appointed a Board of Appeal of Assessments. Passed.

The following Justices were appointed to examine Patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane for 1896:—

On motion of Councillors Sellars and McMullen, J. L. Griffin, Dominic Farrell and W. D. Harrington.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Sellars, Walter McCurdy and W. M. Sedgwick, of Middle Musquodoboit.

On motion of Councillors Henley and Kirker, M. McFarlane and Jas. E. Conrod, Districts 25 and 26.

Read, a Petition from Alex. Gunn, of Halifax, who has undertaken the cultivation of Cranberries, giving employment to a number of persons on his property at St. Margaret's Bay (District 12). He states that in order to get to his property, he has paid to Isabella and John Johnson, for the right of way through barren land, more than it is worth, and asks that a public Road or private way be opened from St. Margaret's Bay Road to the Cranberry Bog referred to.

The Petition is signed by Gunn and 25 ratepayers.

Moved by Councillors Thompson and Walsh—

That in the matter of opening up a new Road in District 12, a Precept be granted, and that Messrs. Alvan Hubley, John Croucher, and Neil McDonald, be a Committee to open up said road, on the condition that the parties asking defray all expenses of the same. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Madill—

That James F. Turner be appointed Superintendent of County Poores Farm, at same salary as last year, and that Mrs. Turner be Matron. Passed.

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

## Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1896.

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

Councillor Thomas stated that his house and its contents had been destroyed by fire and had leave of absence.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Read letter from ex-Councillor Christian in reply to Treasurer's enquiry as to expenses of Mrs. Coolen at Hospital for Insane, now discharged. Mr. Christian states that on later enquiry he considers her able to pay part if not all expenses incurred.

The Clerk reported that several Districts had made no returns of Poor Accounts for 1895.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Taylor—

That the Report of Committee on Poor be deferred to the April Session of this Council. Passed.

Read the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges, and Schedule of Returns of Statute Labor.

The Report was discussed, and thereafter, on motion of Councillors C. E. Smith and Johnson, accepted as a whole.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris—

That Warden Shatford and Councillors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor and McCallum be the Committee on Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth for 1896. Passed.

Read the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments, which was fully discussed on being read clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 3 and 4 were rejected.

Clauses 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

The Report as thus eliminated passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and McCallum—

*Whereas*, the Municipal Assessment Act of 1895 abolished the right to a rest in any case defaulters in payment of Taxes,

*And Whereas*, such change in the law has rendered impossible the collection of a large amount of Taxes,

*Be it Resolved*, that the Council memorialize the Legislature to restore the Law to the state in which it stood before said Act was changed. Passed.

The Clerk notified the Jury List Committee that their services were required to revise the Lists for 1896.



Moved by Councillors Sellars and Bissett—

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Councillors the usual amount of two dollars per day for actual attendance at this Session, with travelling fees as before. Passed.

The Clerk having reported Councillor B. C. Wilson's absence from continued illness he was exonerated from fines for non-attendance

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Bartlett—

That when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the first Thursday in April next, at 11 o'clock a.m.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## REPORTS.

### FIRST REPORT OF COUNTY INSPECTOR OF LICENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31st, 1895.

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

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to state for the information of the County Council that the following applications have been received, according to the requirements of the Liquor License Act of 1895.

Wm. Wilson, Hotel Bellevue, Bedford.  
Isabella Brittain, Hotel Savoy, Rockingham.  
C. A. Gough, Hotel, Three Mile House, "Fairview."  
J. G. White, Hotel, Hawthorne House, St. Margaret's Bay Road.  
John Ahern, Shop, St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Upon examining the petitions of the above named applicants, viz: Wm. Wilson, Isabella Brittain, C. A. Gough, J. G. White, John Ahern, I find that they have all complied with the provisions of the Act, and no objections have been made to the applications of Wm. Wilson, Isabella Brittain and John Ahern.

The applications of C. A. Gough and J. G. White have been objected to on the grounds as set forth in papers marked "A" and "B."

In compliance with Sub-sections 1 and 2 of Section 19, Liquor License Act of 1895, I held a Court of enquiry on the 13th inst., and heard evidence for and against the applications. I append herewith a copy of the evidence in each case.

The before named applicants, Wm. Wilson, Isabella Brittain and John Ahern having complied with the requirements of the law, and there being no objections, I recommend the respective Licenses be granted, deeming it my duty however, to call the attention of the Council to the fact that John Ahern and Wm. Wilson have been convicted of violation of the Liquor License Act, 1895.

In this connection I beg to refer the Council to Sec. 27 of the License Act, 1895.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body.

Dated at Halifax, County of Halifax, this 14th day of January, 1896.

D. W. B. REID,

*Inspector of Licenses in and for the Municipality of Halifax.*

## REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF COUNTY LICENSE INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1895.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit the following Financial Statement for 1895.

Total cash receipts as shown in detailed statement.....	\$652 60
Total expense for the year as shown in detailed statement, including \$113.52 costs, not collected, and costs on cases dismissed, also salary of Inspector for the year.....	857 41

This shows a balance against the County for 1895, of.....\$204 81

The convictions obtained and in which the parties convicted and fined served terms of imprisonment, together with those who have removed, and those fines not yet collected, amount to the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-one Dollars, part of which will be collected.

During the year twenty-eight prosecutions were commenced. Five of these were dismissed, four continued, and nineteen were convicted. A full statement of these proceedings, giving names, dates, results, etc., is herewith presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body.

D. W. B. REID,

*Inspector of Licenses for the Municipality of Halifax.*

### Receipts from all sources for 1895.

Duty on License granted to—	
Nathaniel Evans .....	\$ 140 00
Fines collected, as shown in proceedings of year .....	462 60
Deposits on Applications—	
Wm. Wilson .....	10 00
Isabella Brittain.....	10 00
C. A. Gough .....	10 00
J. G. White.....	10 00
John Ahearn .....	10 00
	\$ 50 00
	\$652 00

### Detailed Statement of Expenditure for 1895.

Paid "Morning Chronicle" .....	\$ 6 57
"Herald" .....	5 62
Fred. T. Congdon, for Legal Services .....	47 50
Frame & Blackadar, in Appeals of Caleb Johnson.....	80 00
Chief County Constable Burbidge.....	12 38
Constable George Kent, assisting at Moose River Mines .....	1 50
Constable Alfred D. Hay, Arresting and Committing to Jail Wm. Fahey, of Sheet Harbour.....	20 00
Constable Gasper Leslie, Assisting in Search of Wm. Hainas.	50
Blank Forms.....	6 15
Postage, Stationery and Telegrams.....	2 50
Wm. Green, Teams, etc.....	6 00
George Turnbull, Teams .....	2 50
Metropolitan Livery Stable .....	22 65
Costs in Suits not Collected.....	113 52
Travelling Expenses, etc.....	230 02
Salary for One Year .....	300 00
	\$857 41

## Return of Proceedings of License Inspector for the Year 1895.

Names of Persons Prosecuted.	Residence.	Before Whom.	Date.	Result.	Fine Imposed.	Costs not Paid.	Fine Collected.	Remarks.
John Fraser.....	Cariboo Mines.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald	Jany. 5	Convicted.	\$ 25 00		\$ 25 00	
Kenneth Dillman.....	Guysborough Road.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 11	Dismissed.		\$ 3 55		
Edward Hayes.....	Herring Cove.....	" " " " " " " "	Feb. 28	Convicted.	50 00	7 95		Went to Jail.
David Evans.....	Herring Cove Road.....	" " " " " " " "	March 8	"	20 00	2 45		Went to Jail.
Henry McDonald.....	Portabella.....	" " " " " " " "	April 28	"	30 00	13 40	30 00	
George O'Connell.....	Middle Musquodoboit.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald	May 7	"	20 00		20 00	
John Gough.....	Fairview.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	June 27	"	20 00		20 00	
Benjamin Buchanan.....	Upper Prospect.....	" " " " " " " "	" 27	"	25 00		25 00	
Helen Armstrong.....	St. Margaret's Bay Road.....	" " " " " " " "	July 27	"	20 00		20 00	
Henry Howell.....	St. Margaret's Bay Road.....	" " " " " " " "	Aug. 13	"	20 00		20 00	
James Gordon.....	Porter's Lake.....	" " " " " " " "	" 13	"	2) 00	3 45		Promises to pay.
Benjamin Mannett.....	Preston.....	" " " " " " " "	" 14	"	25 00	10 45	25 00	
Richard Owens.....	Preston Road.....	" " " " " " " "	" 14	"	30 00	2 65		Appealed; error in conviction could not defend.
Stephen Smith.....	St. Margaret's Bay.....	" " " " " " " "	" 22	Dismissed.		7 65		
William Wilson.....	Bedford.....	" " " " " " " "	Oct. 9	Convicted.	30 00		30 00	
Benjamin Buchanan.....	Upper Prospect.....	" " " " " " " "	" 9	"	50 00	13 50		Warrant issued.
Aaron Fraser.....	Hammond's Plains.....	" " " " " " " "	" 9	"	50 00	9 30		Went to Jail.
Morrow Allison.....	Bammond's Plains.....	" " " " " " " "	" 10	Dismissed.		5 80		
Robert Henry.....	Upper Musquodoboit.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald	" 10	"		15 62		
William Fahie.....	Sheet Harbor.....	W. C. Henly & M. McFarlane	" 19	Convicted.	50 00		50 00	
Mary Myett.....	Ketch Harbor.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 23	"	50 00	7 30		Warrant issued.
Mary Lapierre.....	West Chezetcook.....	" " " " " " " "	Dec. 17	Dismissed.		9 95		
John Gough.....	Fairview.....	" " " " " " " "	" 30	Convicted.	50 00		50 00	
Barnaby Henly.....	Spry Bay.....	W. C. Henly & M. McFarlane	" 30	"	20 00		20 00	
James Dares, Sr.....	Porter's Lake.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 31	"				Continued.
James Dares, Jr.....	Porter's Lake.....	" " " " " " " "	" 31	"				Continued.
John Dares.....	Porter's Lake.....	" " " " " " " "	" 31	"				Continued.
Thomas Dares.....	Porter's Lake.....	" " " " " " " "	" 31	"				Continued.
					\$405 00	\$113 52	\$334 00	

Received from conviction against Frederick Clattenburg, Nov. 14, 1893..... 5 00  
 Received from conviction against David Smith, July 13, 1894..... 38 95  
 Received from conviction against William Fahie, Nov. 20, 1894..... 78 65  
 Error in entering up conviction against George Fillis, Sept. 26, 1894..... 10 00

Total fines collected..... \$462 60

## REPORT OF THE REVISORS OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1895-6.

*To the Warden, Clerk and Councillors of the Municipality of  
Halifax County.*

GENTLEMEN,—

The Board of Assessment Revisors met at the Court House on Nov. 26th, 1895, and having completed the revision of Lists for the year, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

1.—We carefully copied the Assessment Rolls for the present year and made such slight changes and corrections as were necessary. We have also compared these Rolls with that of previous years, and have gained what information we could from other sources. After some hesitation and difference of opinion, we have finally decided not to make a general visitation of the Districts, and for the following reasons:—

1st. We think, from all we can gather, that the Assessment is fairly uniform, or rather that there is no very serious inequality in values.

2nd. We think that the time given by law (one month) is not sufficient for doing the whole work as it should be done. One half the month, or nearly so, is taken up in the copying of the Lists and making the necessary slight changes and corrections, etc. That leaves a half month in which to visit the several Districts, make comparisons, and also deal with such individual cases as may arise. In a Municipality of this extent and containing thirty-one Districts, it is, we think, utterly impossible to do this work in the time and be satisfied of its thoroughness and justice. In order to have a good general understanding of the values in the several Districts, it would be necessary, we think, for the Revisors to meet with the Assessors in each District, and having gone over the Rolls with them, make appraisement of a sufficient number of properties to give a correct idea as to average values. This, along with the necessary travelling, would, we think, require about a day to each District.

2.—In comparison with last year, we find that Districts 18 and 25 have fallen off about 5 per cent, and Districts 10 and 22 3 per cent, and some others in smaller proportions, in all of which there seems to be good and sufficient reasons. In District 35 there is an increase of 11 per cent, in 30 11 per cent, in 17 of 8 per cent, in 14 of 4 per cent, and others in smaller proportion, making an increase over the whole Municipality of about \$10,000. This is more minutely set forth in a comparative statement which we append.

\* 3.—We may say that we consider the present system of assessment about as good, in theory, as can be devised, but in this Municipality there seems to be great difficulty in carrying it into practical effect. Among other things which might tend to better results in its application to this Municipality, we beg leave to recommend the following:—

1st.—That only well qualified men be chosen as Assessors. This we all know to be the grand essential to a good assessment. Where otherwise well qualified men are poor penmen, the copying might be done by some younger and more expert hand, many of whom are now available in every District.

2nd.—That Assessors be required to travel from house to house, deliver the schedules, and at the same time take an inventory of at least their personal property. We learn that in a number of Districts the schedules are not delivered nor any travelling done.

\* 3rd.—That the work of judging and placing the values be done by the Assessors jointly, and not by one Assessor alone, or by each Assessor taking one half the District, as is done in some instances.

4th.—That more strict enquiries be made regarding income, and that it be entered up wherever in the opinion of the Assessors it exceeds the \$400 limit. This is the only branch of the assessment that favors the poor man, and it should be carefully worked up, but in most of the Districts is entirely overlooked.

\* 5th.—That the filling up and returning of schedules be made compulsory. We think if this was done, it would eventually be a great aid to the Assessors in their work.

6th.—That the Revising Board be relieved of the duty of copying the Rolls, so that the whole month or as much of it as they found necessary, could be devoted to travelling the Districts. The copying could be done more accurately and more cheaply by an accountant, and the Rolls could be ready on the return of the Revisors to be checked off and such changes made as the information gained by the Board might require.

(Sgd.) JOHN BURRIS,  
E. B. HUBLEY,  
H. BALCOM,  
*Revisors.*

\* Not Passed.

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VALUATIONS FOR THE YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

	Val. for 1895	Val. for 1896	Increase.	Decrease.
7 Herring Cove.....	\$ 27,620	\$ 27,230	\$.....	\$ 390
8 Portuguese Cove.....	25,265	25,174	.....	91
9 Sanbro.....	24,725	25,145	420	.....
10 Upper Prospect.....	38,030	36,830	.....	1,200
11 Hackett's Cove.....	52,290	52,325	35	.....
12 French Village.....	41,540	41,733	193	.....
13 Spryfield.....	33,670	33,760	90	.....
14 North West Arm.....	142,857	147,940	5,083	.....
15 Bedford.....	146,115	146,414	299	.....
16 Hammond's Plains.....	46,956	46,609	.....	347
17 Sackville.....	137,245	147,765	10,520	.....
18 Waverley.....	104,689	99,690	.....	4,999
19 Gay's River.....	90,958	90,700	.....	258
20 Meagher's Grant.....	45,902	47,800	1,898	.....
21 Mid. Musquodoboit.....	125,415	125,140	.....	275
22 Upper Musquodoboit.....	113,911	110,910	.....	3,001
23 Terence Bay.....	16,115	14,775	.....	1,340
24 Smith's Cove.....	47,008	49,030	2,022	.....
25 Sheet Harbor.....	83,045	79,265	.....	3,780
26 Tangier.....	70,300	72,120	1,820	.....
27 Jeddore.....	107,965	110,385	2,420	.....
28 W. Chezzetcook.....	70,410	68,145	.....	1,965
29 Lawrencetown.....	60,322	61,420	1,098	.....
30 Preston.....	26,665	29,670	3,005	.....
31 Cole Harbour.....	174,210	171,195	.....	3,015
32 Hubbard's Cove.....	72,785	73,310	525	.....
33 Eastern Passage.....	74,095	72,335	.....	1,760
34 Salmon River.....	52,472	51,210	.....	1,262
35 Little River.....	35,704	39,734	4,030	.....
36 East Chezzetcook.....	88,216	87,436	.....	780
38 Dover.....	22,495	23,101	606	.....
	<b>\$2,198,995</b>	<b>\$2,208,596</b>	<b>\$34,604</b>	<b>\$24,463</b>
Increase for 1896.....		<b>\$9,601</b>	<b>\$9,601</b>	

## REPORT OF COUNTY AUDITORS FOR 1895.

We beg to submit herewith the Treasurer's Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures of the Municipality for the 12 months ended December 31st, 1895, and have much pleasure in stating that, having carefully compared and verified the Books and Vouchers, we found all correct, and the Balance, amounting to \$5,435.48, deposited in the Bank

We also have to state that Mr. Wiswell gave us every facility and explanation required during our audit.

We have the honor to be

Your obt. servants,

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

HALIFAX, Jan. 31st, 1896.

## COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT, 1895.

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid County Court House—		
Current Expenses, 1895 .....	\$ 2,008 18	
Steel Shelving for Registrar of Deeds Office .....	523 80	
Interest on Loan of 1881 for Improvements, &c. ....	1,031 35	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,563 33
County Jail -		
Current Expenses 1895 .....		2,233 45
Judicial Expenses, viz :—		
Grand Jury and Secretary .....	150 40	
Petit, Special and County Court Juries .....	810 26	
High Sheriff's Special and General Account .....	788 50	
Crown Witnesses and Expenses in Criminal		
Prosecutions .....	1000 15	
Criers of Supreme and County Courts .....	1039 75	
	<hr/>	3,789 06
Coroners' Inquests and Medical Examiners' Re-		
ports .....		469 10
County Clerk and Treasurer — \$1100 and \$500		
respectively .....		1,600 00
Printing, Advertising and Stationery .....		400 34
County Council—Warden and 31 Councillors .....		1,196 20
County Stipendiary Salary, 12 months .....	850 00	
Chief County Constable Salary .....	300 00	
Deputy Chief Constable Salary .....	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,250 00
County Auditors for 1895 Accounts .....		40 00
Commissioner of Public Charities on Account of		
Insane .....		3,542 13
Revisors of County Assessments, 1895—6 .....		93 55
Do. Electoral Lists .....		219 75
District Assessors, paid them on Account .....		539 00
Collectors' Commissions on Rates, 1894 and '95		806 94
Overseers of Poor, several Districts, repaid them		77 18
County Poor Farm, Current Expenditure, 1895	3,928 26	
Debenture Paid and Interest on 2nd Loan	656 25	
	<hr/>	4,584 51

Contingent Expenses—		
Subsidy to Bus Conveyance to and from District 14 .....	150 00	
Amount voted H. Howell for License cancelled .....	75 00	
		225 00
Bounties on Bears and Wild Cats .....		125 25
Inspector of Licenses paid him Balance of Acct., 1894 .....		279 36
Lunacy Certificates paid Medical men, 1894-5 .....		80 00
Municipal Elections, Sundry Expenses, Nov., '95 .....		147 80
Boards of Health per Accounts, 1894-5, voted .....		76 37
Postages, Telegrams and Expressage .....		56 11
Draw Bridges, paid Custodians, 1894-5 .....		70 00
Government Road Grant of 1895—		
Paid Sundry Commissioners, 31 Districts, 1894-5 .....		9,540 12
Public Schools—		
Paid County Grants to Trustees of 130 Sections .....		7,988 06
		<u>\$42,992 61</u>
To Balance carried down.....		5,435 48
		<u>\$48,428 09</u>

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1894; as per account.....		\$ 7,808 09
Received from City of Halifax—		
Balance of Assessment 1894 and on Acct. 1895.....	\$ 9,864 64	
Received Deficits of Assessments of Districts, 1894 .....	2,008 00	
Received from 31 Districts on Acct. Assessment of 1895 .....	16,181 04	
Court House Annual Grant—		
Received from Provincial Government tow'd Expenses	300 00	
County Stipendiary—		
On account of Fees of Office 12 months per Accounts..	484 75	
Pedlers' and Ferry Licenses and Fines.....	79 00	
Poor Farm—		
Received from Overseers of Poor for various Districts.	1,815 84	
Insane Patients—		
Collected by Treasurer, 1895.....	230 00	
County Jail Fees—		
From T. A. Chambers Fees for Room Rent, etc. ....	28 80	
County Seal, Fees for Certificates.....	7 50	
From Sheriff and Clerk of the Crown—		
Fines Collected from Non-Attending Jurors, etc .....	32 10	
Government of Nova Scotia—		
For Amount of Grant to Roads and Bridges for 1895..	9,588 33	
		<u>\$40,620 00</u>
		<u>\$40,620 00</u>
		<u>\$48,428 09</u>
By Balance in Bank to Cr. County.....		\$ 5,435 48

E. &amp; O. E.

Halifax, December 31, 1895.

WM. H. WISWELL,

County Treasurer.

Audited and verified by books and vouchers.

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



## REPORT OF THE KEEPER OF THE COUNTY JAIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DEC., 1895.

For the year beginning January 1st and ending the above date, there were—Criminals, 263; Debtors, 49; showing an increase of 100 Criminals and the same number of Debtors, as in 1894. At the present time there are 11 Criminals and 2 Debtors in the Jail.

The largest number of prisoners in the Jail at one time during the year was 29.

There were quite a number of prisoners committed in 1894. Also, one in 1893, who was not discharged until 1895. Annexed are statements showing the various crimes for which persons were committed during the year. The number of persons committed during the year was 312, viz:—

From the City Court .....	229
Exchequer Court ..	3
Magistrate's Court.....	39
Municipality of Dartmouth.....	9
Supreme and County Courts.....	32
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>312</b>

The amount of money received for Room Rent and Boarding Stowaways is \$28.80, the Room Rent being small on account of the abolition of imprisonment for debt under the "Collection Act."

The sanitary condition of the Jail has been good, with little sickness, excepting in those committed temporarily from the City Court, of which there were for Drunkenness 31, Insanity 9, during the year. The conduct of the prisoners has been generally good during the year.

I beg to bring to the notice of your Honorable Body the necessity of erecting new fences around the Jail yard, viz., north, east and west, as early as possible. Part of the north side having blown down in the recent gales was temporarily repaired by order of the Public Property Committee.

The above mentioned sides are in a dilapidated condition and liable to be blown down at any time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. A. CHAMBERS,  
*Jailor.*

### RETURN OF CRIMINAL PRISONERS COMMITTED FOR OFFENCES DURING THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31st, 1895.

	Males.	Females	Total.
Rape .....	1	..	1
Fraud .....	1	..	1
Arson .....	2	..	2
Incest .....	1	..	1
Bigamy .....	2	2	4
Forgery .....	1	..	1
Larceny .....	38	13	51
Perjury .....	2	..	2
Assault .....	14	3	17
Robbery .....	3	..	3
Burglary .....	2	..	2
Bastardy .....	11	..	11
Stabbing .....	2	..	2
Vagrancy .....	4	..	4
Abduction .....	1	..	1
Stowaways .....	19	..	19
Drunkenness .....	23	8	31

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Unsound Mind.....	8	1	9
Embezzlement.....	1	..	1
Indecent Assault.....	1	..	1
Disorderly Conduct.....	1	..	1
Threatening Language.....	8	..	8
Burglary and Larceny.....	41	..	41
Assault and Robbery.....	1	..	1
Drunk, Disorderly, etc.....	5	3	8
Cruelty to a Cow.....	1	1	2
Safe Cracking and Theft.....	2	..	2
Wilfully Wounding an Ox.....	1	..	1
Escaping from City Prison.....	6	..	6
Maliciously Breaking Glass.....	1	1	2
Violating Game Laws.....	1	..	1
Obstructing and Resisting Police.....	3	..	3
Selling Without License.....	2	..	2
Violation Inland Revenue Act.....	2	..	2
Unlawfully Wounding and Maiming.....	1	..	1
Causing a Disturbance on Street.....	3	..	3
Assault with Intent to Murder.....	2	..	2
Wilfully Committing an Indecent Act.....	1	..	1
Obtaining Goods Under False Pretences.....	3	..	3
Attempt to Commit Rape.....	1	..	1
Deserting and Refusing Duty on Ships.....	2	..	2
Shooting with Intent to Murder.....	1	..	1
Neglecting to Support Wife and Family.....	1	..	1
Obstructing Persons on the Street.....	2	..	2
Being an Inmate of House of Illfame.....	1	2	3
Discharging Firearms.....	1	..	1
	229	34	263

THOS. A. CHAMBERS,  
*Sailor.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY STIPENDIARY, 1895, FOR RECEIPTS OF OFFICE, ETC.

### RETURN OF FERRY AND PEDLERS' LICENSES.

1895.		Clerk's fee	50c. pd.	Paid to Treasurer.
Feb'y 7.	Ferry License to S. Purcell, Dis. 7.....	50c.	"	1.00
"	Ferry License to Robt. J. Purcell.....	50c.	"	1.00
"	Ferry License to Mr. James Tracey.....	50c.	"	1.00
"	John F. Abriel, Ferry License.....	50c.	"	1.00
April 1.	Pedler's License to R. Hamilton, horse and wagon.....	50c.	"	20.00
"	Pedler's License to Wm. C. Smith, horse and wagon.....	50c.	"	20.00
July 20.	Pedler's License to Berne Resh, horse and wagon.....	50c.	"	20.00
Oct. 13.	Ferry License, John Young, Petpeswick	50c.	"	1.00
	Fines paid to Treasurer.....	\$4.00		\$65.00
	Total paid to Treasurer.....			10.50
	Total Amount of Convictions.....			\$75.50
"	" paid D. W. B. Reid, Fines.....			\$973.00
				220.00

## AMOUNT OF FEES IN STIPENDIARY'S OFFICE.

Quarter ending	March.....	\$ 78 05	
"	" June.....	111.15	
"	" September.....	147.20	
"	" December.....	141.85	
Carry down	Clerk's Fees for 8 Licenses at 50c.....	4.00	
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		\$482.25	Salary \$850.00
			Cr. 482.25
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			Bal. \$367.75

Received payment,  
 J. LESTER GRIFFIN,  
*Stipendiary*

*Stipendiary's Return of Convictions, January 1st to December 31st, 1895.*

Prosecutor.	Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Convict'n	Convicting Magistrate.	Amt. of Penalty.	When paid.	To whom paid.	Remarks.
D. W. B. Reid	Edward Hayes	Selling liquor without license.	Feb'y. 26..	J. Lester Griffin	\$ 50 00	Not paid.	Not paid.....	Committed to Jail.
"	David Evans	Keeping liquor for sale without license	March 8..	"	20 03	Not paid.	"	Committed to Jail.
Game Law Society	James McKay	Killing moose out of season	April 2..	"	100 00	Not paid.	"	Committed to Jail.
James H. Power	Arthur Hardman	Assault	" 8..	"	10 00	Not paid.	"	Appeal.
D. W. B. Reid	Henry McDonald	Selling liquor without license.	" 20..	"	30 00	April 26..	D. W. B. Reid..	
John Woods	Thomas Woods	Assault	June 22..	"	2 00	June 22..	Co. Treasurer...	
D. W. B. Reid	John Gough	Keeping liquor for sale without license	June 27..	"	20 00	June 27..	D. W. B. Reid..	
"	Benj. Buchanan	"	" 27..	"	25 00	July 27..	"	
"	Ellen Armstrong	"	Aug. 13..	"	20 00	Aug. 13..	"	
"	Henry Howell	"	" 13..	"	20 00	Aug. 13..	"	
"	Benj. Mannett	"	" 14..	"	25 00	Aug. 14..	"	
"	James Gordon	"	" 14..	"	20 00	Not paid.	Not paid.....	Promised to pay.
"	Richard Owens	Selling liquor without license.	" 22..	"	30 00	Not paid.	Not paid.....	Appeal.
Bernard Dunn	Wm. Sullivan	Swearing on rail cars	Sept. 18..	"	2 00	Sept. 13..	Co. Treasurer...	
"	Edward Sweeney	"	" 13..	"	2 00	Sept. 13..	Co. Treasurer...	
Wm. Shunaman	Fredk. McLeod	Cruelty to Cow	" 18..	"	5 00	Sept. 18..	2.50 to Co. Treas.	and 2.50 to Prosecutor.
D. W. B. Reid	Benj. Buchanan	Selling liquor without license.	Oct. 9..	"	50 00	Not paid.	Not paid.....	Warrant issued.
"	William Wilson	Keeping liquor for sale without license	" 9..	"	30 00	Oct'r. 9..	D. W. B. Reid..	
"	Aaron Fraser	Selling liquor without license.	" 10..	"	50 00	Not paid.	Not paid.....	Committed to Jail.
Society P. of Cruelty	Charles Oakley	Cruelty to horse	" 18..	"	5 00	"	"	Warrant not demanded.
Game Law Society	Henry Day	Setting snares for destruction of moose	" 24..	"	100 00	Not paid..	"	Appeal.
Edward Johnson	Wm. Johnson	Assault	Nov. 8..	"	5 00	"	"	Warrant issued.
Game Law Society	Amos Webber	Violation of Game Law	" 13..	"	50 00	"	"	Will pay S. Harrington, Sec.
"	James Webber	"	" 13..	"	50 00	"	"	"
"	Henry Day	"	" 13..	"	50 00	"	"	"
"	William Day	"	" 13..	"	50 00	"	"	"
"	George Myers	"	" 13..	"	50 00	"	"	"
Mary Ann Thornton	Theodore Sullivan	Assault	Decr. 14..	"	2 00	Decr. 14..	Co. Treasurer...	
D. W. B. Reid	Mary Ann Myette	Selling liquor without license.	" 17..	"	50 07	Not paid..	Not paid.....	Warrant will be issued.
"	John Gough	Selling liquor without license.	" 30..	"	50 00	Decr. 30..	D. W. B. Reid..	

\$973 00

J. LESTER GRIFFIN,  
Stipendiary Magistrate, Convicting Justice

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSANE PAUPERS  
FOR THE YEAR 1895.

To the Warden, Clerk and Councillors of the Municipality of  
Halifax County.

Your Committee report as follows :—

That they have examined the Accounts and Vouchers received from the Hospital for Insane and checked by the Treasurer for the four quarters ended Dec. 31st, 1895.

The Balance due the Government 31st Dec., 1894, was \$692.13, which the Treasurer paid on 27th Feb. last.

The cost of Lunatics for March quarter was—	24 Patients.....	\$ 749 38
“ “ “ June “	—28 “ .....	823 00
“ “ “ Sept. “	—24 “ .....	766 29
“ “ “ Dec. “	—25 “ .....	889 51

Making a Total of.....\$3228 18

Or, with the indebtedness of 1895 the amount would be .....\$3920 31

For this the Estimate only provided \$3400.00, leaving a deficit of \$521.31 to be taken out of money for other services, or allowed to stand on interest until the Treasurer could spare funds to pay up. It must be noted that under present law, interest is chargeable on each quarter's accounts, and this amounted last year to \$162.25, which seems to be a waste that might be avoided by making the Estimate large enough, or leaving the yearly surplus undisturbed in the Treasurer's hands. Fortunately, the Treasurer received John P. O'Connor's account from the Government and from private Patients enough to overpay the last quarter, leaving a balance to credit of the County of \$156.00.

It will be seen on comparing the List with the previous years that there is a gradual increase in the number of Insane, which appears to be unavoidable. The County Clerk succeeded in obtaining the removal of Mrs. Noble, whose settlement was disputed at the settlement with the Government in 1892, but the Department continued to charge her to the County. Another patient, a Miss Ryerson, claiming Cole Harbour as her settlement was transferred to Annapolis Co. without incurring any expense to this Municipality. In this connection your Committee would urge upon the examining Committees the necessity of much greater care and vigilance in determining both the settlements and ability to pay part at least of the maintenance of so-called Pauper Patients by their relatives or friends. For want of such discrimination the burden falls unnecessarily on the County Clerk and Treasurer and leads to disputes and complications with the Government and other Counties. Another frequently suggested but so far uneffected economy, is some satisfactory plan for the reduction in the cost at the Hospital of the clothing of patients. At present there is no check upon these supplies, and your Committee are of the opinion that both less quantity and lower prices could very well be recommended without affecting the comfort or decent appearance of the patients.

The number of admissions for the year was—4 males and 5 females, total 9. Discharges—3 males and 3 females, total 6. Number of Pauper Patients, Dec. 31st, chargeable to this Municipality, is 10 males, 15 females, total 25. Of these the Treasurer has been able to arrange for payment of

maintenance of two females (under bonds) and hopes to collect odd sums from one or two others. As shown in his Account, 1895, the amount so received was \$230.00.

Your Committee are of the decided opinion (if this does not militate against the Statute) that the Medical Certificates for Paupers to be admitted should be paid by their friends if possible, and failing that, be provided by the Overseers of Poor of the Districts in which the parties have their settlements.

The annexed List gives the names of Pauper Patients and their settlements:—

**LIST OF PAUPER PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE  
ON DECEMBER 31st, 1895.**

- District 7.—Nicholas Power.  
 9.—Rebecca Tough, Elizabeth Marryatt.  
 10.—Mary Gaul.  
 11.—Elizabeth Johnson.  
 12.—James Fraser.  
 14.—William Geizer.  
 17.—Julia McCarthy, Chas. Robinson.  
 24.—W. C. Worthen.  
 25.—Mary Boutillier.  
 27.—D. Stoddart, Alex. Faulkner, Chas. Eisan, Elizabeth A. Myers, Lily Meyer, Caroline Murphy.  
 28.—Amos Myrer, Susan S. Conrod.  
 26.—Mary L. McKenzie.  
 29.—Susan McKenzie.  
 31.—Phebe Williams.  
 32.—Julia Kiddy.  
 36.—Emily McKinlay, Jas. M. Young.—25.

**INSANE AT POOR FARM, 1895.**

The harmless Insane who have been transferred to the Poor Farm and charged to the County at a special rate, are—

- District 7.—Thos. Sullivan, Ellen Higgins.  
 12.—Simeon Hubley.  
 18.—Eliza Thomas.  
 19.—Wm. Williams.  
 20.—Mary Doyle, Chas. Dunbrack.  
 25.—Mary Boutillier.  
 26.—Dugald McKay, Eliz. Gott, Jno. M. Murphy.  
 27.—Caroline Murphy.  
 29.—Wm. Stowell.  
 28.—John Murphy.  
 31.—Henry Ascott, Ellen Donovan, Margt. Lawlor.—19.  
 Undecided, John Barry, James Stoneman.

The County is thus maintaining 44 Pauper Insane.

On making a comparison of the Assessments of the Districts and the number of their Pauper Insane, it will be seen that in several the cost of these exceeds their whole assessment, but under present Laws this cannot be remedied.

We are informed by the Treasurer that the claim of Waverley District to have James Chittick transferred to the Hospital for Insane is still in

suspense. He was maintained by District 18 as a Pauper inmate of the Poor Farm up to Dec. 28, when Councillor Wilson had him brought here and placed in Jail for Medical Examination and thence taken to Mount Hope. The Medical Examiners do not report him as a subject for that Institution, and he is still in the Jail, which is not intended for such persons, and he should be otherwise dealt with.

In the case of a stray Lunatic who was likely to be chargeable to this Municipality, it was found that his last residence was St. John County. The Treasurer considered it best to send him there by Chief Constable Burbidge and leave him to be provided for there.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KIRKER.  
JOHN G. BISSETT.  
GEO. H. KERR.  
JAMES CROUCHER.  
GEORGE BISSETT.  
SAMUEL THOMSON.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1895.

The Committee in presenting their Report would refer to the Jailer's and Surgeon's Reports on the County Prison. The expenditure has been kept as low as possible, with a view to the comfort of the inmates and preservation of the property.

We find the fence on the west side of the Jail yard in an unsafe condition and will need to be rebuilt the present year.

The Poor Farm has been conducted with fair success the past year. There are now at the Institution 71 Pauper Inmates.

For statement of produce grown on the Farm and stock on hand, etc., we would refer to the Keeper's Report.

Annexed we give statement of Income and Expenditure for the past year.

### INCOME.

Insane Paupers, 1043 weeks, \$2 per week.....	\$2,086.00
District " 1679 " 75c. " " .....	1,258.50
Dartmouth " 194 " \$1.30 per week.....	642.15
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	\$3,986.65

### EXPENDITURE.

Dry Goods and Clothing.....	\$ 491.36
Groceries, Provisions and Feed.....	1,501.69
Boots and Shoes.....	135.51
Hardware 1894.....	26.16
" 1885.....	75.23
Beef for 7 months.....	339.84
Making Clothes.....	41.10
Harness and repair.....	25.21
Blacksmith.....	8.65
Bedsteads.....	26.40
Doctor's Bills.....	90.00
Hay and Straw.....	93.49
Sundries.....	78.13
Wages of Employees.....	605.00
Salary of Keeper and Matron.....	350.00
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Total.....	\$3,887.77
Balance in favor of the Institution.....	98.88

## FOR COUNTY ALONE.

For Warden and Councillors' Pay.....	\$ 1,200 00
Stipendiary Griffin.....	850 00
County Constables.....	400 00
Schools.....	8,500 00
Hospital for Insane.....	3,600 00
County Poor Farm, Interest and Debentures.....	630 00
" " " Current Expenses.....	2,500 00
For Revisors and Assessors.....	700 00
Draw Bridges \$70, Bus Line \$150, Ferries \$40.....	260 00
Postage, Health, and Incidentals.....	100 00
Bounty on Wild Beasts.....	150 00
Deficit on Liquor Prosecutions.....	204 80
Auditors.....	40 00
Lunacy Certificates.....	60 00
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	\$19,194 80
Less estimated Receipts from Stip'y's Court and Licenses.....	500 00
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	\$18,694 80
And from Unexpended Balance 1895.....	2,000 00
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For County alone.....	\$16,694 80
City, County, and Dartmouth.....	12,355 00
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Whole Assessment for 1896.....	\$29,049 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. M. McCALLUM.  
 GEORGE BURRIS.  
 GEO. H. MADILL.  
 RICHARD BISHOP.  
 SAMUEL THOMSON.  
 HENRY HALL.

## 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, I beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee recommend the Report of Joseph L. Lloy, Custodian of Rocky Run Draw Bridge, be referred to the Councillors of District Nos. 28 and 29.

With reference to the Communication from Alex. Hurley, of District No. 20, we recommend the matter be referred to the Councillor of the District, and he to advise that application be made for a precept in the regular way.

Relative to the petition from District No. 38, your Committee being assured by the Councillor of the said District that the owners of the land will willingly give a free right-of-way for such new section of Road, therefore recommend that a precept be granted for laying out such short section of Road, and that the Councillor for said District name the persons to lay out such Road.



We also recommend the matter of the petition from District No. 35 be referred to the Councillor of said District.

In reference to the petition from District No. 18, beg to recommend that a precept be granted to the parties named to lay out such Road.

And further recommend that a precept be granted in accordance with the prayer of petition from District No. 9.

The number and state of Statute Labor returns are given in the accompanying list.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.  
J. H. TAYLOR.  
E. D. McLEAN.  
JAS. H. SELLERS.  
JAMES CROUCHER.  
CHARLES E. SMITH.  
SAMUEL THOMSON.

### STATUTE LABOR.

No. of District.	Days' Work Due.	Days' Work Done.	Returns In.	Returns Missing.	Days not Done.	Val. per mi. at 50c. per Day.
7	325	322	6		3	\$11 60
8	267	267	5	1		13 35
9	294	294	9			8 77
10	422	257	6		165	14 06
11	672	672	9			12 75
12	462	445	11	1	17	5 54
13	254	197	7	3	57	3 04
14						
15						
16	453	453				6 29
17	850	850	13	1		8 07
18	673	639	7		34	6 73
19	649	607	19		42	6 36
20	369	369	15			3 12
21	900	884	24		16	5 23
22	1,050	1,026	25	4	24	4 95
23	277	187	3		90	14 47
24	540	477	7	1	52	8 43
25	800	777	8	2	23	6 66
26	844	810	15	2	34	5 13
27	1,520	1,478	27	1	42	8 94
28	890	798	14	1	2	12 90
29	441	441	8			6 48
30	353	347	13		6	3 92
31	1,310	1,287	23	1	23	10 48
32	600	584	8	3	15	10 71
33	647	616	8	1	21	11 98
34	682	628	9		54	10 33
35	264	264	8			5 07
36	870	860	18			9 45
38	363	363	5			7 87

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee recommend that we ask the Legislature to amend Chapter 47 of Highway Labor as follows, viz.:—

1st.—That section 4 of said chapter be repealed.\*

2nd.—That section 11 be amended by inserting the word ten instead of the word eight where it occurs in said section.

3rd.—That the words seventy-five be substituted for the word fifty where it occurs in section 13 of said chapter.\*

4th.—That the words seventy-five be substituted for the word fifty where it occurs in section 15.\*

5th.—That the words one dollar be substituted for the words sixty cents in section 16 of said chapter.

Your Committee also recommend that section 27, chapter 2 of the Acts of 1895, entitled

6th.—“An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors” be amended by inserting after the word “liquor” where it occurs at the end of the fourteenth line the words “or having liquor for sale” before the words “without license.”

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. TAYLOR.  
W. C. HENLEY.  
E. D. McLEAN.  
J. KIRKER.  
GEO. H. MADILL.

MEMO.—The clauses marked \* did not pass.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee also recommend--

7th.—That section 46 of chapter 106 “Of Juries” be amended by striking out the words “Or Special” in the first line of said section.

8th.—Also, that section 58 be amended by striking out the words “And Special” in the first line of that section.

9th.—We also recommend that the word Municipality be substituted for the word County in the sub-section to our Bye-Laws in regard to Pedlers' Licenses, as it occurs in the second line of the first sub-section, and also as it occurs in the second line of sub-section 2. And also where it occurs in the fourth line of said sub-section passed in January, 1895.

(Sgd.) J. H. TAYLOR.  
JOHN KIRKER.  
W. CHAS. HENLEY.  
E. D. McLEAN.

# LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1896.

## DISTRICT No. 7. Herring Cove.

HERRING COVE. Assessor—James Delouchery. Collector of Taxes—Frank Reyno. Constable—John Darrah. Overseers of Statute Labor—Richard Meagher and William Pelham. Overseers of Poor—James Reyno, Edward Gorman, Matthew Lynch, jr. Board of Health—John Dempsey, Daniel Gorman, Edward F. Hayes, John Harrigan, jr.

FERGUSON'S COVE. Overseer of Statute Labor—William McLellan. Assessor—James Hanrahan. Constable—James Hanrahan, jr.

PURCELL'S COVE. Overseer Statute Labor—Samuel Purcell, jr. Constable—Solomon Selig.

SPRYFIELD. Overseer Statute Labor—Richard Roche. Constable—Frank Sullivan.

QUEEN'S QUARRIES. Overseer Statute Labor—Edward Keefe. Constable—William Keefe. Presiding Officer—George Darrah.

## DISTRICT No. 8. Portuguese Cove.

Presiding Officer—John O'Neill, Ketch Harbor. Assessors—William Fleming, 1st, Ketch Harbor; Jeremiah Holland, 2nd, Portuguese Cove. Overseers of Poor—William Flemming, 2nd, Ketch Harbor; Charles Holland, Duncan's Cove; William Johnson, Halibut Bay. Overseers of Roads—Andrew Scallion, Halibut Bay; Charles O'Neill, Portuguese Cove; Laurence Johnson, Duncan's Cove; John Wilkie, Ketch Harbor; Simon Mackey, Ketch Harbor. Overseers of Public Landing—Peter White, Portuguese Cove; George Purcell, Portuguese Cove. Board of Health—Joseph Johnson, Bear Cove; Thomas Holland, 2nd, Duncan's Cove; James Flaherty, Ketch Harbor; Charles Martin, 2nd, Ketch Harbor. Constables—William Johnson, Bear Cove; Dennis Purcell, Portuguese Cove; Thomas McNeill, Duncan's Cove; Daniel Fleuming, Ketch Harbor; Albert Fagan, Ketch Harbor. Fence Viewers—James Pettipaw, Bear Cove; William Saddler, Portuguese Cove; Michael Welcher, Duncan's Cove; John Brooks, Ketch Harbor. Collector of Rates—Richard R. Martin, Ketch Harbor. Sanitary Inspector—William Quan, Portuguese Cove.

## DISTRICT No. 9. Sambro.

Road Overseers—Sambro North, Isaac Gray; Sambro South, James W. Henneberry; Sambro Creek, Caleb Gray; Coot Cove, George Findlay, jr.; Pennant South, George Schnair; Pennant North, Charles W. Twohig; Long Cove, Joseph Marryatt; Bald Rock, Richard Findlay; Finck's Cove, Charles S. Finck. Constables, Benjamin Smith, jr., John Findlay, George V. Gray. Fence Viewers—Andrew Twohig, John Finck. 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—Edward K. Walsh. Assessors—George J. Longard, J. P., John D. Christian. Overseers of Poor—Gregory Walsh, Patrick J. Christian, Edward Coolen. Road Overseers—Section 1, Samuel Christian; Section 2, N. P. Christian, J. P.; Section 3, Michael Shea; Section 4, Joseph Mason; Shad Bay, John Collyer; Kelley's Point, Robert Hearn. Health Officers—Thomas Kennedy, Thomas Ham, Joseph White, Michael Tobin. Constables—Charles D. Christian, George Merlin, Clement Doherty, Samuel Meehan. Presiding Officer, N. P. Christian. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Tyler.

**DISTRICT No. 11. Hackett's Cove.**

Presiding Officer—Robert Monroe. Collector of Rates—James Cornelius. Assessors—John Umlah, sr., Judson F. Hubley. Overseers of Poor—William Cornelius, Sidney Isnor, Amos Corkum. Overseers Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Jas. Ruder; 2, Allan Moser; 3, John Gaetz; 4, William Covey; 5, John Allan, jr.; 6, Isaiah Covey; 7, George A. Garrison; 8, Simon Hubley; 9, Edward Morash. Constables—William Cornelius, Horace Mahar, John Garrison, jr., Albert Crooks. Board of Health—Amos Corkum, James Fraser, Sidney Garrison, Robt. Monroe. Fence Viewers—John Hol and, Amos Corkum, Sidney Garrison.

**DISTRICT No. 12. French Village.**

Surveyors of Statute Labor—1, James Johnston; 2, Charles Hubley; 3, Elijah C. Boutillier; 4, John M. Boutillier; 5, Francis Frederick; 6, John R. Umlah; 7, Elias Dauphney; 8, John Smith; 9, Israel Slaughwhite, jr.; 10, Peter Brunswick, jr.; 11, George Boutillier; 12, Norman C. Boutillier. Constables—William Boutillier, Joshua Dauphny, Nehemiah Dorey, Samuel J. Boutillier, Elias J. Boutillier, George Fraser. Fence Viewers—Edmund Redman, John C. Boutillier, Albert H. Boutillier, David Grono, Jeremiah Tanner, Adolphus Dauphny, Isaac Harshman. Overseers of Poor—Edmund Deal, Isaac Murphy; Elias J. R. Boutillier. Surveyors of Lumber—Norman C. Boutillier, Neil McDonald, James Slaughwhite. Presiding Officer—Isaac Dauphny. Assessors—Norman Hubley, John Croucher. Collector of Rates—Neil McDonald. Health Officers—Abraham Burchill, Isaac Connolly, Alfred Worger, Isaac J. Boutillier.

**DISTRICT No. 13. Spryfield.**

Presiding Officer—Wm. H. Dart. Assessors—Wm. Umlah, John Merlin. Collector—George Carmichael. Board of Health—Arch. Kidston, George Brown, Wm. Umlah, Alex. Drysdale. Overseers of Poor—Geo. Carmichael, Benjamin Brunt, Alex. Drysdale. Overseers of Statute Labor—Spryfield, Arch. Kidston; Prospect Road, James Yeadon, Wm. Umlah and Samuel White; St. Margaret's Bay Road, Charles Raine, Wm. Locke; Green Head, Alex. Drysdale; Terence Bay Road, Carteret Yeadon; Sambro Road, Charles Merlin, Benjamin Brunt. Constables—Carteret Yeadon, Chas. Jackson. Fence Viewer—Alex. Drysdale.

**DISTRICT No. 14. North West Arm.**

Assessors—Geo. Piers, Thos. Forhan. Collector—William Murray. Health Officers—Jas. Clark, Wm. Deal, John Milson, R. J. Waugh. Overseers of Poor—Wm. Yeadon, Patrick Kehoe, J. McAloney. Constable—Levi Deal. Fence Viewer—Henry Deal. Overseers of Statute Labor—Three Mile House to Arm Bridge, Wm. Murray; Lower Arm, Alexander Jollimore, Samuel Jollimore; Arm Bridge to McIntosh Bridge, Patrick Kehoe; Wm. Giezer's to Canal Bridge, Robt. Drysdale; Three Mile House to Tannery, Light Station to J. McAloney's, Wm. Murray.

**DISTRICT No. 15. Bedford.**

Assessors—H. Y. Clarke and George VanBuskirk. Presiding Officer—Douglas M. Story. Tax Collector—George VanBuskirk. Board of Health—William Wilson, H. Y. Clarke, J. E. DeWolf and W. M. Botsford. Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Archibald. Fence Viewers—Richard Richardson, George VanBuskirk, Joseph Archibald. Overseers of Poor—Douglas M. Story, Joseph Archibald, Geo. VanBuskirk. Constable—James Simmons. Surveyor of Lumber—Willard Richardson. Appraisers—James E. DeWolf, William Wilson, H. Y. Clarke. Road Overseers—Section 1, John Grennan, from Tannery Bridge to Seven Mile House; 2, James Rolfe, from Seven Mile House to Sackville Bridge; 3, Elisha Giles, from Piers' Mills to Catholic Church.

**DISTRICT No. 16. Hammond's Plains.**

Presiding Officer—H. A. Schmidt. Collector of Rates—Samuel Eisenhayer. Assessors—Frank Thompson, George Lucas. Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, Alex. Romans; 2, Jas. Romans; 3, Geo. Lucas; 4, Edwd. Thompson; 5, Durdan Marsman; 6, Francis Jackson; 7, Thos. Kehoe; 8, John Green. Constables—Lindsay Moren, James Swinton, Garvey Haverstock, James Lucas, Robt. Jackson, Alpheus Smith, Ezekiel Marsman, Nathl. Melvin. Overseers of Poor—Jas. Schmidt, Ephraim Haverstock, Amos Thomas. Health Officers—Henry Schmidt, Nathl. Melvin, Wm. Haverstock, Amos Pulsiver. Sanitary Inspector—Tremain Thompson. Fence Viewers—James M. Haverstock, Benj. Thomas.

**DISTRICT No. 17. Sackville.**

Presiding Officer—Walter Brett. Assessors—Charles Peveril, Fred Groves. Overseers of Highway—Section 1, Albert Tolson; 2, Charles Barrett; 3, Peter J. Blakeney; 4, Winkworth G. Fenerty; 5, Augustus Fenerty; 6, Joseph Robinson; 7, Thomas Hamilton; 8, Robert Patton; 9, Benjamin Dean; 10, Jacob Gilby; 11, William Stone; 12, Arthur Wilson; 13, James Kehoe; 14, James McGrath; 15, Theodore Larsen. Constables—Joseph Robinson, Arthur Peveril, Thomas Walsh, William Nicholson, James Kehoe. Surveyor of Lumber—Nathan Ellis. Pound Keeper—Richard Peveril. Overseers of Poor—John Tolson, Walter Emery, Richard Barrett. Health Wardens—Thomas Major, William Harris, Walter Bambrick, Harold Church. Sanitary Inspector—Thomas Major. Fence Viewer—Granville Wright. District Clerk—E. N. Thomas. Collector—James D. Webber.

**DISTRICT No. 18. Waverley.**

Presiding Officer—Jno. Stephens. Assessors—Jno. Stephens, Henry Reeves. Overseers of Poor—A. R. Tullock, John McDowell, Josiah Fisher. Constables—Thos. Skerry, James Allen, Albert Stuart, Geo. Miller, Wm. Laing, Josiah Fisher. Fence Viewers—John Skerry, John Kelly, Donatus Bennery, Robert Ledwidge. Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Al. Stuart, Hy. Reeves, Jno. Kelly, Robt. Leighton. Health Wardens—Pat. Doyle, Jno. Stephens, Wm. Caulfield, P. Spriggs. Health Inspector—Al. Stuart. Keeper of Scales—A. J. Crosby. Collector of Rates—A. R. Tullock. Pound Keeper—Jno. Annand. Surveyors of Highways—Section 1, Wm. Yates; 3, Albert Stuart; 3, W. B. Goff; 4, (to be selected); 5, Chas. Todd; 6, Jas. Fitzpatrick; 7, John Holland.

**DISTRICT No. 19. Gay's River.**

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, Wilbert Withrow; 2, Israel Keys; 3, John McPhee; 4, Robert Logan; 5, William Blades; 6, James Mitchell; 7, Robison Woodworth; 8, John Cleary; 9, George Butler; 10, Michael Cleary; 11, Alex. M. Williams; 12, Robert Moore; 13, James Wilson; 14, Sylvanus Corbett; 15, Robert Newman; 16, Isaac Isenor; 17, John McKenzie; 18, Geo. T. Cook; 19, George Grono. Cattle Reeve—Peter Grono. Collector—John Merson. Overseers of Poor—Isaac Isenor, Jas. F. Walker, John Dowling. Fence Viewers—Isaac Logan, Jas. Rankin. Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, Alexander

Woodworth, George T. Cook. Constables—Oliver Simpson, Clarence Keys, Sand. G. McMichael. Assessors—Frank Lindsay, Alex. Logan. Sanitary Inspector—Robert H. Killough. Board of Health—William Annand, John T. Kerr, Edwd. Isenor, George T. Cook. Presiding Officer—William Annand.

**DISTRICT No. 20. Meagher's Grant.**

Presiding Officer—Sidney Dickey. Assessors—Alexander McDougall, A. K. Sibley. Overseers of Poor—William Streach, Charles Grant and Alexander Ogilvie. Constables—Thos. Miller, Jos. Wilks, Isaac Dillman. Fence Viewers—John Dillman, Howe Roberts and William McLean. Health Officers—J. D. Byers, Sydney Dickey, James Grant and Joseph Seeton. Lumber Surveyors—James Hirtle, John Ledwedge, Miles Grant, George Tulley, J. D. Byers, A. Kent Sibley. Log Scalors—John Carr, A. Kent Sibley. Sanitary Inspector—James K. Dickey. Collector of Rates—Lewis L. Grant. Road Overseers—Section 1, James Dickie; 2, John Seeton; 3, Thomas Rourke; 4, Isaac Dillman; 5, John Gilbert; 6, Alexander Streach; 7, Lewis Grant; 8, Thomas Dillman; 9, Thomas Murphy; 10, Alex. Cole; 11, Arthur Cruickshank; 12, Andrew Killough; 13, Alex. McDougall; 14, James G. Carr; 15, Michael Smith.

**DISTRICT No. 21. Middle Musquodoboit.**

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, John McFetridge; 2, Francis Guild; 3, Henry Murphy; 4, Joseph P. Taylor; 5, James P. Kent; 6, Robert Fraser; 7, Samuel Higgins; 8, Simeon Higgins; 9, Arnold Gladwin; 10, David Pearson; 11, Samuel P. White; 12, Archibald McFetridge; 13, Alfred D. Murphy; 14, William Gladwin; 15, William J. Scott; 16, William J. McMullen; 17, James Annand; 18, H. C. Taylor; 19, Geo. McFetridge; 20, Samuel Ervin; 21, E. H. McNutt; 22, Henry Hollinsworth; 23, Henry Miller. Overseers of Poor—Francis Guild, William McCurdy, R. Kaulbeck. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber and Wood—George B. Phalen, Edward Marks, Geo. McFetridge. Fence Viewers—Samuel Ervin, Jno. McFetridge 3rd, John Dickey. Constables—John W. Reid, Robert McCurdy, Morris Annand, Matthew Higgins. Assessors—George S. Dickey, Alexander J. Reid. Collector of Rates—Samuel Hanna. Board of Health—Walter McCurdy, John Burris, Charles Logan, Charles H. Morris, M.D. Sanitary Inspector—J. Watson McCurdy. Presiding Officer—John Higgins, 9th, J.P. District Clerk—R. Kaulbeck. To Swear in District Officers and make out Statute Labor Lists—Walter McCurdy, J.P.

**DISTRICT No. 22. Upper Musquodoboit.**

Presiding Officer—James Kent, Esq., J. P. Collector of Rates—William Horton. Assessors—T. P. Dean, William Archibald, 3rd. Overseers of Poor—F. A. Reynolds, William Dechman, William Horton. Fence Viewers—John Redman, sr., Frederick Reid, W. J. McGunnigle, Daniel Ross. District Clerk—F. W. Henry. Pound Keeper—F. W. Henry. Constables—George H. Kent, F. A. Reynolds, Sidney Fraser, Arthur Henry, Frank Henry, Brookman Fisher. Board of Health—J. F. Parker, Doctor Dechman, J. P. Robinson, Jas. D. Henry. Sanitary Inspector—Doctor Dechman. To Swear in District Officers and Prepare Statute Labor Lists—John G. Reynolds, Esq., J. P. Overseers Statute Labor—Section 1, J. H. Chaplin; 2, Wm. Lemon; 3, John Hamilton; 4, Orlo S. Geddes; 5, Wm. F. Redman, sr.; 6, John Stewart; 7, Frank Henry; 8, Murdock Henry; 9, Samuel Archibald; 10, J. H. Holman; 11, Wm. Drady; 12, Richard Farnell; 13, Chas. Moor; 14, George Dean; 15, Wm. Dechman; 16, M. G. Reid; 17, John Redman, sr.; 18, John Redden; 19, John Dechman; 20, Chisholm Nelson; 21, Wm. Fraser; 22, Alex. Fraser; 23, Jas. Hilchie; 24, Perly Farnell; 25, William Lemon, jr.; 26, John Watson; 27, William Butcher, jr.; 28, William Butcher, sr. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber and Wood—John Redman, sr., Prescott Holman, Edward Hamilton, Ernest Chaplin.

**DISTRICT No. 23. Lower Prospect.**

Assessors—Jas. W. Slaunwhite, Peter Jollimore. Collector—Edward Wheatley. Fence Viewer—Geo. Slaunwhite (Jno. G.) Overseers of Public Property

John P. Slaunwhite, Thomas Slaunwhite, Richard Norris. Presiding Officer—Mahlon Slaunwhite. Constables—James Jollimore, Joseph Umlah, Thomas Norris. Overseers Statute Labor—Section 1, Michael Slaunwhite; 2, Thomas Blake; 3, Richard Norris. Overseers of Poor—Thomas Slaunwhite, Dennis Brophy, John Jollimore. Board of Health—Jno. P. Slaunwhite, John P. Slaunwhite, Edward Wheatley, Dennis Brophy. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Tyler.

**DISTRICT No. 24. Smith's Cove.**

Assessors—Wm. G. Smith, Thomas E. Smith. Collector of Poor and County Rates—Phillip H. Moser. Overseers of Roads—Section 1, John Turner; 2, Jasper Moser; 3, Wm. G. Pye; 4, Walter W. Smith; 5, John Romkey; 6, Henry Pye; 7, James H. Jewers; 8, Isaiah Carver; 9, George Pace. Overseers of Poor—Edwin Moser, Saul Fancy, John A. Moser. Constables—William Fraser, Harrigan Cove; William Perlee, Moses River; Ansell Smith, Smith's Cove; Alexander Fleet, Ecum Secum. Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—O. P. Fraser, William Malay, Saul Fancy, Robert McMann. Fence Viewers—John T. Smith, Levi Hartling. Board of Health—James Kerr, George Hartling, Enos E. Moser, Neil Oicle. Presiding Officer—Edward Moser.

**DISTRICT No. 25. Sheet Harbor.**

Presiding Officer—Finlay McMillan, M.D. Overseers of Poor—Robert Sample, William Lowe, Isaac Wambold. Collector of County Rates—John W. Hall. Fence Viewers—Robert Routledge, John Behie. Road Overseers—Section 1, Joseph Malay; 2, Patrick Coady; 3, William Lowe; 4, Patrick Murphy; 5, Isaac Wambold; 6, James Westhaver; 7, Samuel Behie; 8, Daniel Currie; 9, Uriah Boutlier; 10, Angus Clattenburg. Constables—Aaron Rood, Robert Routledge, John Quillinan, Thomas Hall, E. H. Lindsay, Wm. H. McKiel, Norman Verge, Henry Richards. Surveyors of Lumber and Logs—Angus McDonald, Thomas A. Baker, James McG. Cruickshanks, Andrew McDonald, Patrick J. Murphy, James A. Lindsay, William Tupper, Michael Nelligan. Ferrymen—William Low, Sheet Harbor; John Wessel, Sober Island. Board of Health—Finlay McMillan, M.D., J. M. Gourley, M.D., Daniel Chisholm, O. P. Fraser. Measurer of Wood—Thomas Hall, James McG. Cruickshanks. Measurer of Coal—Thomas H. Hall. Sanitary Inspector—M. McFarlane. Pound Keeper—Archibald Hall. Revisor—Robert Hall. Assessors—Robert Hall, Robert Routledge.

**DISTRICT No. 26. Tangier.**

Presiding Officer—John M. Flaherty. Assessors—Cornelius Henley and Peter Mason. Collector of Poor and County Rates—George H. Conrod. Overseers of Poor—J. H. Townsend, Peter Mason and George Conrod. Constables—Charles Murphy, Benjamin DeWolf, Ernest Mason, Matthew Gaston, George Murphy, John C. Hilchey, Edward White, James Andrews, Gasper J. Leslie, Nelson Jackson, G. H. Josey, John Logan. Surveyor of Wood, Logs and Lumber—Archibald Prest, Reuben Prest, Charles W. Josey. Fence Viewers—Edward Henneberry, Mike O'Brien, Theo. T. Leslie. Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1; Samuel McCarthy; 2, Isaac Leslie; 3, Charles A. Henley; 4, Cornelius Josey; 5, Wm. Hilchey; 6, John A. Gerard; 7, Robert Gaston; 8, Anthony Cooper; 9, Alex. Mason; 10, Thos. Borgal; 11, William Cameron; 12, Frank Martin; 13, Henry Boutlier; Mooseland Road Section, Gasper Prest. Board of Health—J. H. Townsend, Theodore Leslie, John Murphy, Wm. Hay. Sanitary Inspector—John J. Mason. Ferrymen—John T. Abriel, Gerard's Island; Mrs. Jas. Tracey, Ship Harbor.

**DISTRICT No. 27. Jeddore.**

Overseers Statute Labor—Musquodoboit Harbor—Section 1, Thomas Gaetz; 2, Charles Slade; 3, George Mosher; 4, Thomas Grant; 5, John McGregor; 6, Amos Slaunwhite; 7, Leonard Young. Jeddore West—Section 1, Joseph Dooks; 2, Peter W. Maskell; 3, Benjamin Blakeny; 4, James L. Myers; 5, Benjamin Day. Jeddore East—Section 1, William Wornell; 2, Provost Jennox; 3, Thomas Cooper; 4, James Foley; 5, George Arnold; 6, James Jennox. Lake-

ville—Section 1—James M. Webber; 2, James Webber; 3, William Webber. Clam Harbor—Section 1, John R. Webber; 2, Ebenezer Homans. Owl's Head, Section 1, Jos. E. Parker; 2, Thos. Webber. Ship Harbor—Section 1, Azariah Weeks; 2, Robert Eisan; 3, Walter Siteman. Overseers of Poor—Charles Slade, Arthur Webber, William Eisan. Health Officers—George A. Jamison, M.D., Walter Siteman, Albert Warnell, James L. Myers. Assessors—Robert Stevens, Conrod Marks. Collector—George Smith. Revisor, Peter W. Maskell. Custodian of Drawbridge—Albert Warnell. Presiding Officer—Dr. Jamison. Constables—Richard Stevens, Gideon Blackeny, Amos Webber, Jno. W. Webber, Albert Slaunwhite, Jacob Siteman, Frank Marks. Fence Viewers—Reuben Smith, James L. Myers, Colin Myers, Enos Baker, J.P., Henry Newcomb.

#### DISTRICT No. 28. West Chezzetcook.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Section 1, Henry Myers; 2, Alexander Fatterson; 3, Thomas Leslie; 4, James Conrod; 5, James Gaetz; 6, Charles Wolfe; 7, James Lapiere; 8, Francis Lapiere; 9, George Conrod; 10, Lawrence Bellfountain; 11, Francis Bellfountain; 12, John Roma; 13, Ernest Myette; 14, Joseph Myette; 15, Celestan Manette. Overseers of Poor—John Conrod, Jas. Julian, Thomas Leslie. Constables—Walter Nieforth, Andrew Petipas, Thomas Julian. Collector of County Rates—Section A, Lawrence Bellfountain; B, Chas. Nieforth. Fence Viewers—Martin Gaetz, John Julian. Appraisers of Damage—Joseph Gaetz, Dennis Wolfe. Board of Health—George Lapiere, Simon Julian, John McLaren, George Boning. Assessors—Francis Lapiere, John Conrod. Presiding Officer—Dennis Myette. Surveyor and Scaler of Logs—John McDonald.

#### DISTRICT No. 29. Lawrencetown.

Assessors—Joseph L'oy and Albert Leslie. Collector of Rates—Thomas A. Naugle. Overseers of Roads—Section 1, George Lapiere; 2, George H. Hiltz; 3, William Shaw; 4, James Goolworthy, jr.; 5, Reuben Crowell, sr.; 6, Charles Merson; 7, Albert Leslie; 8, William Conrod. Overseers of Poor—Alexander Conrod, Freeman Sellars and Adam Leslie. Fence Viewers—Desbrisay Conrod and George Lloy. Constables—Walter Conrod, Walter McDonald, Wilson Crowell. Board of Health—Thomas A. Naugle, William Conrod, Jasper McDonald and Albert Leslie. Sanitary Inspector—Albert Leslie. Presiding Officer—John McDonald. Custodian of Drawbridge—Joseph Lloy.

#### DISTRICT No. 30. Preston.

Overseers of Statute Labor—From Salmon River Bridge to Partridge River Bridge, Charles Taylor; from Partridge River Bridge West, Daniel Clayton; from Salmon River Bridge East to Lake Porter, Adam Griswold; from Main Post Road to Brown's Bridge, William Davison; Old Preston Road, John Nelson, sr.; Upper O'Brien Street, John Thomas; Lower O'Brien Street, Samuel Carter; Lake Eagle Road, George Crawley; Crane's Bridge to foot of Phillips' Hill, James Colley, jr.; Ernst Mills to Widow Cane's, Moses Roan; Downey Town, James Downey; Frog Lake, Peter Williams; Lookout Road, Jas. Ernst. Constables—Henry Downey, Nelson Winder, Henry Brown, Joseph Turner, John Nelson, jr., John McKay. Overseers of Poor—Dennis Delouchry, John Davidson and Thomas Johnson. Collector—John Ewing. Presiding Officer—John Thomas. Health Officers—William Brboks, Daniel Clayton, Joseph Evans, Jos. Smith, sr. Assessors—Adam Griswold, James Colley, sr.

#### DISTRICT No. 31. Cole Harbor.

Presiding Officer—James Farquharson. Assessors—James Farquharson, John A. Beck. Overseers of Poor—Daniel Donovan, William Skerry, John Settle. Overseers of Roads—Section 1, George Tufts; 2, Charles Shaffeburg; 3, Edwin Leithbridge; 4, Thomas Fisher; 5, Wm. Farquharson; 6, \_\_\_\_\_; 7, Wm. Skerry; 8, Gore Montague; 9, Frederick Cooper; 10, Edward Jump; 11, Reuben Ernst; 12, Wm. Farquharson, 2nd; 13, Maynard Tulloch; 24, Alexander Marvin; 15, Gavin Grant; 16, Irvine Cross; 17, Geo. Ritchey; 18, Daniel



Brennan; 19, Wm. Cole; 20, John Giles; 21, William Ross; 22, Edwd. Morash; 23, Enos Conrod; 24, Charles Jackson; 25, Joseph Lovitt. Collector—Joseph Giles. Constables—Wm. Farquharson, Isaiah Doyle, Wm. Knock, Lewis Morash, Joseph Grant. Fence Viewers—Chas. Shaffleburg, Fred. Bissett, Jno. Farquharson. Health Officers—Thomas Harrison, Charles Lydiard, Josiah Ross. Health Inspector—Henry Baker.

#### DISTRICT No. 32. Hubbard's Cove.

Assessors—John P. Webber, Francis Mason. Collector of County Rates—Peter F. Boutilier. Presiding Officer—Peter D. Dauphinee. Overseers of Poor—Caleb Hubley, Peter D. Dauphinee, Henry Conrod. Overseers of Roads—Elisha Smith, Wm. Boutilier, jr., Hibbard Hubley, Hezekiah Brigley, Henry Conrod, George L. Keans, Frank Mason, for Mason's Point; Alexander Boutilier for Boutilier's Point; James E. Conrad for Conrad's Road; James Schwartz for Schwartz Settlement; Simon Dauphinee, East Side Hubbard's Cove. Constables—James Conrad, Stewart Shankel, John J. Brigley, Hibbard Hubley, John Reyno, Isaac N. Boutilier, Edward Kennedy, Lambert Conrad. Health Officers—Wm. L. Mason, Peter Dauphinee, Caleb Hubley, Alexander Conrad. Fence Viewers—James Garrison, Simon Wynock, Abel Boutilier, Hezekiah Brigley, Freeman Snair.

#### DISTRICT No. 33. Eastern Passage.

Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, James Moser, Wm. Iceten. Revisor—Geo. F. Bowes. Returning Officer—Daniel A. Moser. Collector—Nelson Negus. Assessors—Byron Newcomb, Wm. Moser. Constables—Edward Trider, Freeman Osborne, George DeYoung, Henry Glazebrook. Road Overseers—District 1, Edward Trider; 2, Wm. Kelly; 3, Albert Negus; 4, Wm. Naugle, sr.; 5, Geo. F. Bowes; 6, James Bowes; 8, Benjamin Hines; 9, David Henneberry; 10, Reginald Hunt. Sanitary Inspector—Henry Archibald. Board of Health—William Naugle, James DeYoung, John Trider, jr., John Byrne. Fence Viewers—Byron Newcomb, Thomas Conrad, Alexander Horne.

#### DISTRICT No. 34. Salmon River.

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

#### DISTRICT No. 35. Little River.

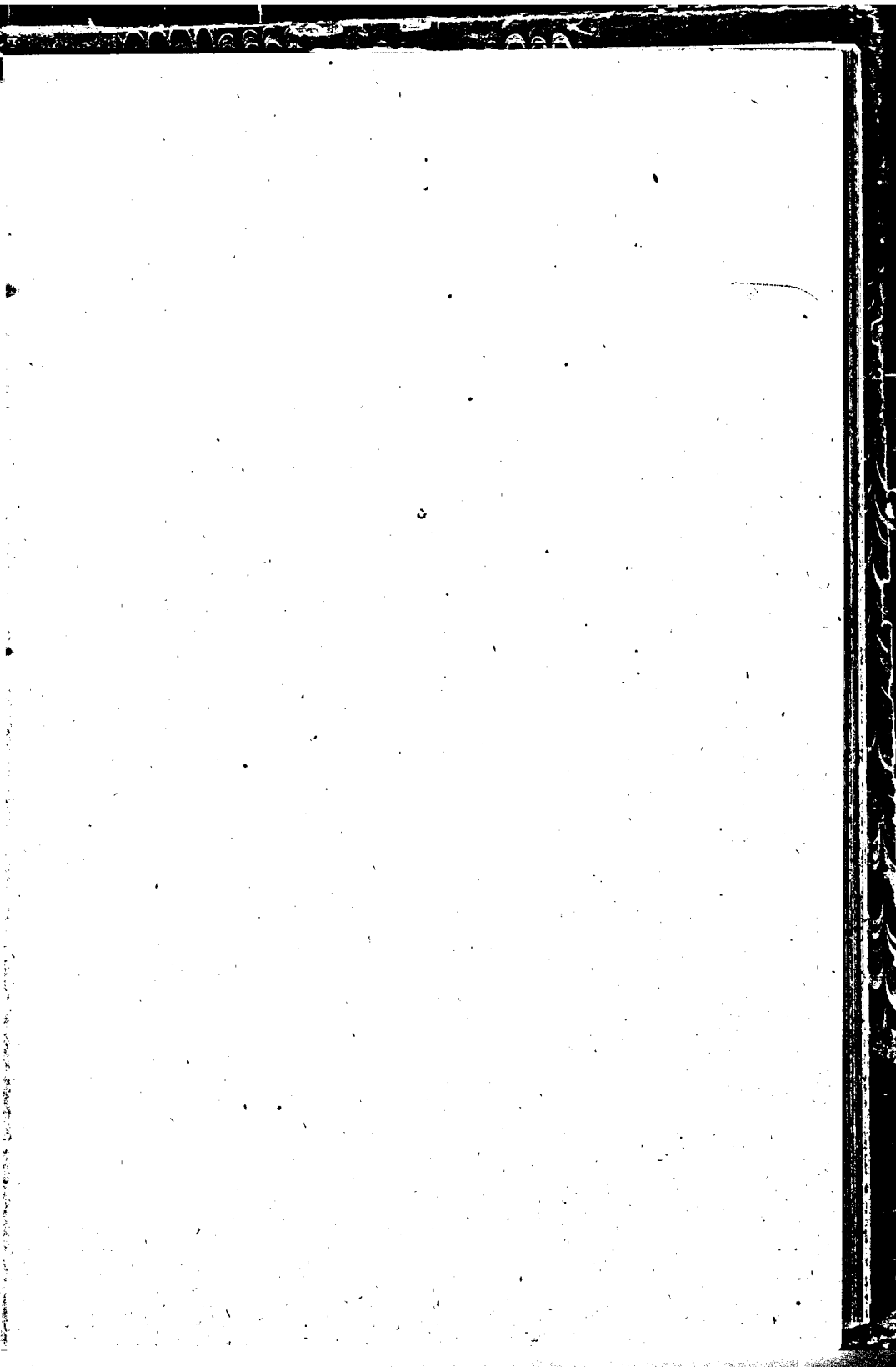
Overseers Statute Labor—Section 1, Archibald McLellan; 2, Francis King; 3, James Brown; 4, Clifford Rhind; 5, Samuel B. Taylor; 6, John Grant; 7, John Ogilvie; 8, George Gilbert. Constables—John Logan, Robert Ogilvie, Charles Ogilvie. Fence Viewers—Andrew Rourke, Allen Ogilvie, James Cruickshanks. Surveyor of Lumber, Logs and Wood—Joseph Wallace. Overseers of Poor—Allison Brown, W. R. Ogilvie, Alexander Taylor. Assessors of Rates—George Brown, George Cole. Board of Health—Samuel Burris, A. H. Gladwin, John Fisher, George Ogilvie. Appraisers of Damages—Edwd. Cruickshank, James Brown, Joseph Grant. Presiding Officer—Henry Cruickshank, Collector of County and Poor Rates—Henry Cruickshank. District Clerk—Norman Burris. To Swear in District Officers—Samuel Burris, J.P.

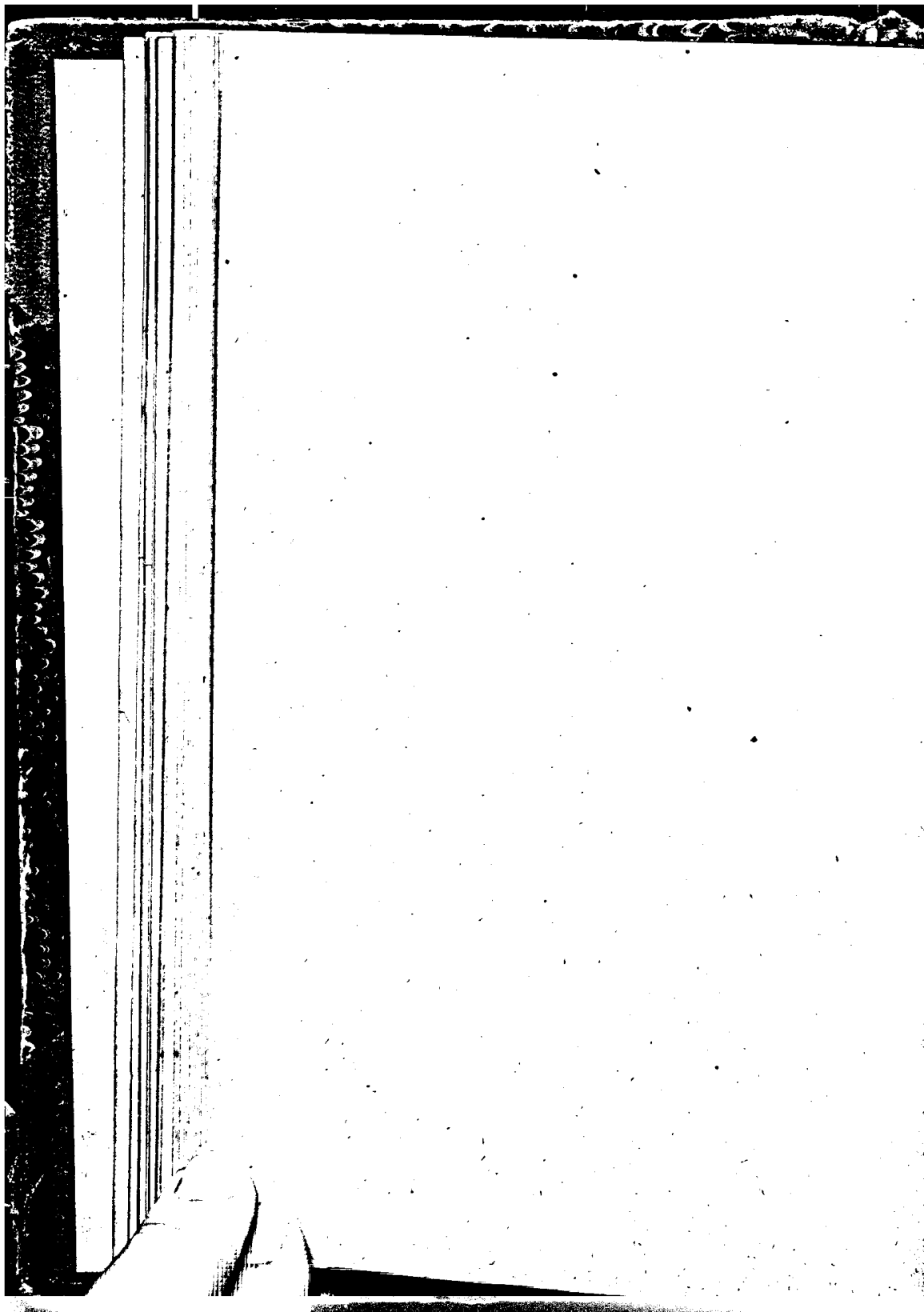
**DISTRICT No. 36. East Chezzetcook.**

Overseers of Roads—Section 1, Wesley Ritcey ; 2, George Bayer, of John ; 3, Alexander Gaetz ; 4, William Bayer, of James ; 5, James Anderson, of John ; 6, William Conrad ; 7, William Anderson, of John ; 8, George Gaetz ; 9, Jos. Gaetz ; 10, John Myatt ; 11, George Kiezer ; 12, John Conrad, of Lawrence ; 13, Joseph Dumphy ; 14, Joseph Misenor ; 15, Andrew Conrad ; 16, Jacob Conrad ; 17, John Conrad, jr. ; 18, Wallace Dukeshire ; 19, Eddie Dares. Overseers of Poor—Samuel Gaetz, Augustus Colford ; Peter Conrad, of Peter. Surveyor of Lumber—John Kidd. Constables—Geo. Gaetz, John Killen, Augustus Colford, J. Howe Keizer, Geo. Conrad, of Jas., Graff Beach. Fence Viewers—Leonard Gaetz, Chezzetcook ; Matthew Conrad, John Anderson, sr. Assessors—Alexander Gaetz, James Kiezer. Collector Poor and County Rates—George Guild. Health Inspector—Alexander McInnis, J. P. Health Officers—J. Y. Partington, Samuel Braden, H. E. Hill, Geo. Kiezer. Weigher of Hay and Straw—James E. Annaud. Ferryman—John Young. Presiding Officer, William Warner, sr.

**DISTRICT No. 38. Dover.**

Assessors—East Dover, James Fader, J. P. ; West Dover, James Morash, jr. Overseers of Roads—Bayside, Noah Fader, jr ; McGrath's Cove, David S. McGrath ; East Dover, John Duggan ; West Dover, Nicholas Berringer ; New Road Section, Michael Morash. Constables—Bayside, Artimus Zink ; West Dover, Leander Cleveland, Albert Launt ; East Dover, John Harnish. Board of Health—John McGrath, Mitchell Morash, Noah Morash. Fence Viewers—East Dover, Noah Morash ; West Dover, Simon Cleveland, Leander Harnish. Overseers of Poor—Abraham Cleveland, Noah Morash, John McGrath. Sanitary Inspector—James Fader, J. P. Presiding Officer—Henry Fader. Revisor—David Duggan. Collector—Joseph J. Scott.





# MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

## THE FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## NINTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

### FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council attended at the Court House, this day, at 11 o'clock, the Warden in the Chair, and all Councillors present, except Messrs. Kirker, Walsh and Thomas.

The Warden delivered the following Address:—

#### THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

*Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:*

Although it is but a short time since we adjourned in January, there is more than the usual amount of business to come before us at this meeting.

The division of Road Grant and completion of the measurement of the Roads are the most important matters with which we shall have to deal. I trust we shall make the division of the grant with a just estimate of what each section of the County requires. In addition to this there remains some unfinished business from last year.

The Government has apportioned One Thousand Dollars to each County of the Province for the purchase of Road-Making Machines. They may be obtained as follows:—Any County requiring them may purchase one or more to the amount of One Thousand Dollars, the same to be a charge on the County Road Grant, in the same manner as the money borrowed for bridges under the Bridge Act. The question for us to consider is whether or not the Districts that cannot use these machines are willing to have their portion

of the Road Grant reduced to the extent of paying the interest and sinking fund in the same proportion as the Districts that can use them to improve their roads.

The necessity of a sewer to this Court House demands our attention. Sooner or later one will have to be built. The Judges of the Supreme Court, among others, have expressed themselves strongly on this point. The City Engineer informed me that we would be required to pay \$1.25 per running foot along the frontage of the Court House. This would not cost the County more than \$312.

The Legislature has given us the legislation asked for to enable our Stipendiary to issue warrants for the collection of County Rates in the various Districts of the County. Some of the Districts have neglected or refused to pay their County Rates, and the result is a deficiency in funds to pay the schools as required by law. We paid the schools in the Districts that had paid their taxes; and, of necessity, we left unpaid, or but partly paid, the schools in the Districts that did not pay their taxes. We have often been threatened with legal proceedings to compel us to pay those schools while we had no funds. Finally one school section in No. 8 applied to the Court for a writ of mandamus to compel the Treasurer to pay the school in that district, which had paid but a small portion of its County Rates. We concluded to make a test case of it, and the result was that the full bench refused to grant the writ, thereby sustaining our position. We may safely say the schools will be paid as soon as the Districts in which they are situated pay their taxes.

The Road Grant is about Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars more than last year.

At this meeting we have to appoint the Local Electoral Revisors, and in this matter it is best to drop political considerations altogether. I regret that our meeting could not be a week later, but I am sure, in passing the resolution, it never occurred to the Council that it was Easter week. I did not think of it myself.

And now let me ask the Council to deal with all matters under consideration with a view to the best interests of the County.

I cannot conclude without referring to the sad and untimely death of the late Jailor Chambers, whose genial disposition was known to you all. On behalf of the Council I beg to tender to his afflicted family our sincere sympathy and regret.

The Address was received and adopted.

Minutes of January Session were distributed and copies of the By-Laws.

The Clerk read the concluding Minutes of January Session, which were approved and passed.

The official Statement, Bond, etc., of the Government Road and Bridge Grant for 1896 was submitted and read. The Grant was as follows:—

Total amount.....	\$12433 95
Less Interest on Bridge Acct.....	2594 00
Nett amount to be expended 1896.....	9839 95

being \$251.62 more than the Grant for 1895.

The Treasurer's Bond was executed and approved by the Warden, to be delivered to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, and the Memo. of Grant referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Read, return of Committee on Precept issued January Session for a Road to Cranberry Bog, asked for by A. Gunn and others. The amount named for a right of way is \$20, neither expense payable by the County.

The Warden said these expenses would not be a County charge, but be paid by Mr. Gunn as promised.

On motion, the Report passed.

Read, Report of Committee on Precept for a Road in No. 38 (Dover) District, granted in January Session. The right of way and cost of making the short road are provided for by the applicants. The Report was passed.

Read, the Report of Committee on Precept, asked for at the January Session, for a new road in District 18 to Enfield. The Committee do not state how the funds required for the work are to be provided and expended. Total cost of right of way (exclusive of free grants) \$53.00, which includes fencing—Committee's expense not given.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Donaldson—

That this Council confirm the report of Committee to lay out a new road in District 18, provided, however, that the County shall not be involved in any expense therewith. Passed.

A question was asked as to the conveyance of the right of way. The Clerk said it would be better to have a Deed or some formal transfer of the land by the owners to the Municipality, though the law provided that any new road opened and used as a public road for one year without any opposition or claim for remuneration therefor, the said new road became the Queen's Highway forever. R. S., chapt. 45, sec. 14.

Read, a Petition from inhabitants of Moser's River, District No. 24, for a section of Road to be laid out from the main road at George Shellnutt's Barn up the East side of Moser's River to the rear of Schwartz's Grant of Land. All expenses of constructing the same to be borne by the District.

Moved by Councillors A. F. Smith and Taylor—

That a Precept be granted in accordance with the prayer of the Petition from District 24. Passed.

The Council then adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

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### Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1896.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 28 Councillors present. The Minutes of morning Session were read and approved.

Read, a letter from Hon. Attorney General to C. E. McDonald, Barrister, approving the latter's proposal to arrange and index the records and papers of the Supreme Court previous to the year 1860, which were non-assorted. He would do the work for \$300, the Government to pay one half and the Municipality the balance.

On motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

Read, a letter from Hon. Commissioner of Works and Mines respecting the transfer of Insane Paupers to County Asylums, and containing suggestions of Dr. Page, Inspector of Humane Institutions, as to their unsuitable treatment there being remedied.

Some Councillors inferred that the object was to have more of the Insane Paupers retained at Mount Hope and deprecated the greater expenses there.

On motion, referred to Committee on Insane.

Councillors Thompson introduced the subject of appointing a Jailor in place of late Thos. A. Chambers.

The Warden stated that heretofore the High Sheriff had made the appointment, as he was responsible for the conduct of the Jailor—condition and safe-keeping of Prisoners, etc.

After some discussion, the subject was deferred.

On motion of Councillors Negus and Smith—

Resolved, That Road Section No. 2 in District 33 be divided into two Sections. Passed.



Read, a letter from Hon. C. E. Church, Commissioner of Works and Mines, informing the Council of the Grant of \$1,000 for Road Machines for the Municipality, if required by any Districts, that amount to be deducted from their future Road Grants.

A long discussion followed.

Councillor Madill mentioned that Districts 19, 20, 21 and 22 had already purchased Road Machines, payable out of their Road and Bridge allotments, and that the first machine given by the Government last year was available for any District requiring it.

The Warden and a number of Councillors said that the machines were of no use in many Districts, and that Rock Crushers were required there instead.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Kerr—

That this Council authorize the purchase of a Road Machine for use in Districts 17 and 18, and such other Districts as may solicit its use. The motion was put and lost.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and McCallum—

That the Government be asked to use the Thousand Dollars voted this County for the purchase of a Rock Breaker, instead of Road Machines. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Kerr and Wilson—

That the Government Road Machine be at service of Districts 17 and 18 during the present season. Passed.

In reply to enquiry, Councillor Taylor said the machine was in good order and needed very trifling repairs.

On motion of their Councillors, the following Districts to be assessed for support of Poor:—

District 11, Twenty-Five Dollars additional.

District 12, Ten Dollars.

District 16, Eighty Dollars.

District 33, One Hundred Dollars.

On motions moved by the District Councillors, seconded and passed, the following persons were appointed Revisors of Electoral Lists for 1897, viz.:—

District 7—Chas. P. Roach.

District 8—Bernard Johnson.

District 9—John E. Tough.

District 11—Robert Munro.

District 13—Archibald Kidston.

- District 16—Albert Haverstock.  
 Districts 19 & 20—Isaac Logan, Francis Blades, J. D. Bayers.  
 District 21—H. G. Reid.  
 District 22—Geo. H. Parker.  
 District 23—John Jollimore.  
 District 24—Solomon Fancy.  
 District 25—Robert Hall.  
 District 26—Robert Mason.  
 District 27—Anthony Webber.  
 District 28—John T. McLaren.  
 District 29—John McDonald.  
 District 31—John Lapiere.  
 District 32—John P. Webber.  
 District 33—Geo. F. Bowes.  
 District 35—Edw. Cruickshank.  
 District 36—Samuel Gates.

In the same manner the following appointments were made:—

District 8—Henry Quan, instead of Wm. Quan, Sanitary Inspector; Lawrence Bowser, Constable.

District 18—P. C. Doyle, Surveyor of Highways in Oldham, Section 4.

District 12—Edw. Redmond, Overseer of Statute Labor, in place of Simeon Johnston, leaving home.

District 19—Martin Ashley, Overseer of Statute Labor, in place of George Grono, over age.

District 22—Augustus Hamilton, Overseer of Highways, in lieu of John Hamilton, over age.

District 24—Overseer of Roads, Wm. Romkey, in place of John Romkey, who cannot serve.

District 28—John Bellfontain, Overseer of Statute Labor, in place of Lawrence Belfontaine, removed.

District 31—Albert Mahoney, Overseer of Roads.

District 35—Allison Brown, Overseer of Roads, in place of Enos Moser, who cannot act.

District 16—Frank Thomson, District Clerk.

The Committee on Revision of Jury Lists for 1896—7 reported their work as completed. Their services occupied them 8½ weeks, amounting to \$168.00.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The next day being Good Friday, the Council adjourned to Saturday, at 10 A.M.

## SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1896.

The Council met at 10.30.—The Warden and 27 Councillors present. Minutes of Thursday Confirmed.

Revisors of Electoral Lists were duly appointed for

District 12—Isaac Croucher.  
 “ 17—Thomas Hamilton.  
 “ 18—John Stephen.  
 “ 34—Edward Balcam.  
 “ 38—David Dugan.

Councillors Kirker and Walsh arrived.

The following Officers were appointed:—

District 38—Chas. Murphy, Custodian of Canterbury Bridge.  
 “ 33—Jeremiah Cleary, Road Overseer for Sec. No. 7.  
 Alex. Dunsworth, Constable.  
 “ 17—Augustus Robinson, Overseer Road Section No. 12, in place of Arthur Wilson, and Joseph Shannahan, Road Overseer of Section No. 10, instead of Jacob Gilby.  
 John Peveril, Fence Viewer.

Read, the Report of A. S. Innis, Custodian of Lake Porter Draw Bridge, stating it to be in fair condition. The abutments and railings have been renewed and the road made wider and higher. Adopted.

Read, a Petition from certain residents of Districts 17 and 15, asking that a Pound be established in District 15, to prevent stray cattle roving about the roads, etc.

Also, Read, a Counter Petition from a large number of Ratepayers of the District opposed to the construction of a Pound, as the owners of cattle, etc., would thereby be shut off from the pasture for their stock.

It was moved by Councillors Donaldson and Thompson—

That the Petition from Bedford for the erection of a public Pound be not allowed, as a large number of the applicants in the said Petition are non-residents of District 15; and further, that a Counter Petition, signed by all residents of District 15, asks that no Pound be erected. Passed.

On motion, A. Stewart Innes was appointed Custodian of the Draw-bridge, Porter's Lake.

Read a letter from Dennis Deloughry, Overseer of Poor District 30, asking that fifty dollars (\$50) be assessed this year for poor of said District. Passed.

Read, a petition from Alexander Dillman and others in District 20, for granting a right of way for access to the main road through adjoining property, as he and others are shut out therefrom, etc.

Moved by Councillors Cole and McLean—

That Geo. Sibley Sr., Alexander Ogilvie, and John Seeton, be a Committee to investigate the prayer of the Petition and report thereon. Passed.

The Warden introduced the subject of a Sewer referred to in his Address, with which the drains from the Court House should connect. The Judges had complained of the escape of sewer gas and the danger and unpleasantness thereof from defective drainage. He had seen the City Engineer, who said the City would build the sewer in Spring Garden Road instead of Grafton Street, as first named, and the cost to the County for the Court House would be \$1.25 per foot for the frontage of the lot, being in all \$312.00, the City bearing the remainder of the expense.

On, motion, the settlement of the matter was left over to Monday.

Councillor Thompson's proposition to consider the appointment of a Jailor was also deferred till Monday.

Councillors Henley and McLean moved that a new Statute Labor District be created in District 26, bounded as follows:

From the Bridges known as the Twin Bridges at the head of Ship Harbour to Mussel Cove front road of said Harbour, and that James Fahie, son of John, to be Overseer of said new road section. Passed.

Read a Petition from W. F. McCoy, Esq., Recorder of the City, asking for rebate of Assessment of Income levied in Bedford District, he being a non-resident and exempt as a public official, on income not received or earned in said District.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Thompson—

That in the case of the Assessment of Income in District 15 on W. F. McCoy, this Council consider him not liable in the matter of Income, as he cannot be deemed a Resident of District 15. Passed.

The Clerk said that there were others complaining of being taxed on their incomes which were not acquired in that District, although spent there. These being residents, however, the Law seemed to justify and even require that they should be so assessed, as the City did not tax them on income.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

## Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1896.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of previous Session were adopted.

Read, a Petition from John O'Connor Gordon Cameron, and 30 other inhabitants of District 31, for a change in a part of the Road leading from the Waverly Road to Montague Gold Mines through a field, the owner of which will give a free right of way, and has already made part of the road. The change will shorten the road and be more convenient for the public than the present road.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Wilson—

That a Precept be granted to lay out the Road in District 31, in accordance with the prayer of the Petition, and that Asa Barker, Lewis Brown and Alex. McQuarrie, be a Committee to lay out such Road. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Walsh and Thompson, Thos. Mihan was appointed Revisor for District No. 10, and John Selig Road Overseer for Shag Bay, Selig's Village District.

Councillor Wilson called attention to Section 7 of the Consolidated Municipal Incorporations Act, 1895, in which the assessment of a County Poll Tax is now made imperative, unless the Council definitely decide otherwise.

A long discussion followed, and the difficulties in connection with a Poll Tax, which had not hitherto been imposed in Halifax County, were set forth.

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

That the clause in reference to a Poll Tax (Provincial Statutes, 1896, chapter 5, section 7, page 282) where a levied tax of 30 cents shall be imposed on all male persons over 21 years, be not carried into effect for the coming year. Passed.

The Council adjourned to Monday at 10 o'clock.

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## THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1896.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 31 Councillors. The Minutes of Saturday were read and passed.

Councillor Thomas arrived and explained that his absence was owing to not receiving notice of the meeting earlier. He nominated Jno. Thomas as Revisor for his District, (No. 30) which passed.

On motion of Councillors McCallum and Hall, Patrick Kehoe was appointed Revisor for District 14. Also, Amos Geizer, Overseer of Highways from Wm. Geizer's to Canal Bridge, instead of Robt. Drysdale, appointed in January. Robert Drysdale to be Overseer of Highways from Arm Bridge to McIntosh Bridge, instead of Patk. Kehoe, appointed in January. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Donaldson and Wilson, Andrew Archibald was appointed Revisor for District 15.

Read, a Petition from Jas. Milne, Wm. McKenzie, and other ratepayers in District No. 19, asking that a public road be laid out from Gay's River and Shubenacadie Road to Gay's River Corner, being a shorter distance and easier grade &c.,

On motion the prayer of the Petition was granted, and Messrs. W. J. Tays, Jno. Sutherland and Hedley McKay appointed a Committee to lay out the Road.

On motion of Councillors Cole and McLean—

*Resolved*, That One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars be assessed for Poor in District 20 for 1896.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Bissett—

That Sixteen Dollars be assessed on District 35 for Poor. Passed.

Councillors Henley and McLean submitted a resolution that the Sheriff's appointment of Wm. Malcolm be ratified by this Council.

Councillors C. E. Smith and Thompson tabled a resolution, that as there is no provision for appointment of a Jailor in our Statutes, or as to in whom the right is vested—

*Resolved*, That this Council make such appointment.

Considerable discussion followed. Some Councillors thought that as the County voted the pay, they had the right to appoint.

The Warden stated that heretofore the Sheriffs being responsible for the character and conduct of the Jailor and safe-keeping of the Prisoners, etc., they appoint the jail officials.

The Clerk said that under Chapt. 14, Acts of 1881 and

amendments, the Governor-in-Council had large powers in connection with the discipline and regulations of County Jails.

The matter was finally disposed of by a Resolution moved by Councillors Madill and Wilson—

That this Council feel disposed to leave the appointment of Jailer of the County Jail in the hands of the Sheriff. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Henley and Hall, Thomas Cooper was appointed Overseer of Statute Labor for Section 8 in District 26, in place of Anthony Cooper, over age.

Also, Reuben Cooper and James Abriel, to be Constables in District 26 for the current year.

The Clerk submitted a number of Accounts for 1895 from Overseers of Poor, and said the Committees on Poor, on Insane, on Statute Labor and on Licenses, had yet to report.

It was decided that there be no Afternoon Session, so as to enable these and the Road and Bridge Committee to make up their reports.

The Council then adjourned to 10.30 Tuesday.

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## FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1896.

The Council met, the Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

In the matter of a Rock Crusher, it was moved by Councillors Thompson and Wilson—

That if upon enquiry it be found that an efficient Rock Breaker and steam power can be obtained for a sum under \$2,000, then the credit of the County shall be pledged for such sum in excess of the thousand dollars now at credit of the County for such purpose.

Objections were raised by several Councillors, and it was considered unfair to those who had purchased Road Machines out of their Road Grants, and who were now to contribute to Rock-Breakers.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Burriss and Madill—

That the credit of the Districts which can use the Rock Breaker and may combine for the purpose, shall be pledged for the amount required in excess of the thousand dollars now in hand.

This amendment passed.

Moved by Councillors Kirker and Kerr—

That District 34 be assessed Fifty Dollars for Support of Poor, 1895-6.  
Passed.

By Councillors Wilson and Burris—

That One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be assessed on District 18 for Support of Poor for 1896. Passed.

Read, a Petition from Alex. Hurley and others of District 20—

Asking for a Precept to lay out a Road across a lot owned by another party who forbids him travelling said road, which had been travelled on for a long time, and that the Council give the matter careful consideration.

It was moved and passed that a Committee be appointed to investigate and report on the subject.

On motion, William Munro was appointed Constable for District No. 25.

Read, Report of Board of Health for District 20, showing the sanitary condition thereof to be satisfactory. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Madill—

That the Collectors of County and other rates be required to make returns to a Justice of the Peace of all delinquents on or before the 15th day of November in each year, and that the Collectors shall return their Rolls to the Councillors for their respective Districts, with satisfactory explanations of all sums not collected therein by warrant or otherwise, on or before 20th December in each year; and any Collector failing to comply with the above order, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$40.00, nor less than \$10.00. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris, and

Resolved, That in case of Sales by the Sheriff of Property liable to County Taxes at the time of sale, where the Sheriff has given reasonable notice of the sale to the Collector in whose District the property is situated, and the said Collector fails to notify the Sheriff of the amount due before the sale, and the Tax is thereby lost, the Collector shall make good the amount so lost. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris, and

Resolved, That all Officers appointed by this Council who, after receiving ten days' notice of such appointment, shall refuse to be qualified by taking the Statutory oath, or thereafter fail to perform their duties, and thereafter fail to make the returns connected therewith, shall be fined Ten Dollars and costs. The Oath may be administered by the District Councillor or any Justice of the Peace for the County, who shall keep a list of such affidavits to be filed with the Clerk. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Finance Committee, that the sewer as explained by the Warden to be constructed in front of the Court House be proceeded with this year and the amount of \$312 be placed in the Estimate for that purpose; also in reference to indexing Court Records.



On motion of Councillors Burris and Madill—

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Thompson, and

*Resolved*, That the Kearney Road from Birch Cove to the Catholic Church, shall be under the charge of Councillor Thompson, provided that he expend the sum of One Hundred Dollars besides the allotment granted from April, 1896, to April, 1897. Passed.

Read, a Report from Jailor Malcom in referenca to Bernard McGinn, who has been confined in the Jail under a commitment of City Stipendiary since Dec., 1895. He is insane and awaiting the Governor's pleasure for discharge or removal.

The Clerk said the man is brother of the County Court Crier, who considers him insane, but the Jail Physician declined to certify this. The Jail is not a Lunatic Asylum, and no Local Statute provides that the Lieutenant Governor has jurisdiction in the case.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Donaldson—

That the County Clerk take the necessary steps to get McGinn removed from the County Jail. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2 P.M.

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## Afternoon and Final Session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1896.

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

The Minutes of the morning were read and passed.

Councillor C. E. Smith presented the Report of the Committee on Precept for a Road from Sambro to Pennant in District 9, and explained the delay in making the Return. The Report states that the Committee had laid out the new road, commencing at the Bridge at Umlah's road and joining the present road west of Yellow Hill, connecting again at Carrion Cove hill, and running to Bridge on Pennant River. Length 1400 yards, and width of said road ten yards. Cost of right-of-way, five dollars. No fencing needed. Said expense to be assessed on the District.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

Moved by Councillors Kerr and Thompson—

That Sixty Dollars be assessed for Poor, District 17, for the year 1896, instead of \$75, voted in January. Passed.

The mode of expending the Road Grant having to be reported to the Government, and the price of labor, teams, etc., to be determined, it was moved by Councillors McMullen and Kirker, and

*Resolved*, That the Road and Bridge Grant, 1896, be expended by Commissioners, but in any District that the Councillor thereof may think it more advantageous to appoint a Supervisor it may be done. Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the rate of wages per day per man be not over \$1.25, and \$2 for man and team, while working under Commissions.

In amendment, by Councillors Negus and Thompson—

That the rate of wages be \$1.00 per man per day, and \$2 per day for man and team. The amendment passed.

Read, the Report of Committee on Assessments and an annexed Statement of Deficits on County Assessments, 1895. On motion of Councillors Burris and Madill, the Report was received and adopted.

Read, the Report of the Committee on Poor.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The Clerk mentioned that he had had to advance payment for Paupers belonging to outside Districts who were temporarily supported at the City Asylum, and that no funds were provided by No. 23 and other Districts for that purpose. Providing Loans, in addition to the extra work placed on him, was unwarrantable.

It was moved by Councillors Burris and Wilson—

That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to constitute the whole County into one general Poor Section, instead of having it divided up into 31 separate Sections as now prevails, and with that view, be it

*Resolved*, That from and after the 1st day of January, 1897, the support of the Poor shall become a general County charge and subject to the supervision and management of the Council or of the Poor Committee appointed for that purpose.

Arguments pro and con were given by several Councillors, the majority considered that the measure would entail greater expense through the increase of inmates from the poorer Districts, and cost of management and necessary enlargement of the present Institution, etc.

The motion, on being put, was lost.

The Report of the Road and Bridge Committee and Schedule of District allotments for 1896 were read and generally commented on.

Councillors Burris and Donaldson submitted a motion that the Council disapprove of the Committee discriminating largely against Districts 21 and 22 in the allotment. This was withdrawn, and on motion of Councillors Wilson and Kerr—

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill—

That the Clerk be authorized to pay the Councillors in attendance at this Session the customary amount per day, together with Mileage. Passed.

On motion, the Minutes of the Session were ordered to be printed with those of January Session.

The Clerk stated that as the School Grants were payable in August, when he should be out of funds, it was necessary to obtain a Loan, which should be authorized by the Council.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill, and

*Resolved*, That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to borrow such sum of money as may be necessary for the payment of the County Grants to Schools, if the rates are not paid in time to meet such claims.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Bissett, and

*Resolved*, That Councillors Thomas, Walsh, Kirker and McCallum, who were unavoidably absent part of this Session of the Council, be exonerated from Fines by the Clerk for non-attendance. Passed.

The Warden announced all the business submitted as concluded, and thanked the Council for attendance and attention to the business before them.

On motion, the Council adjourned sine die.

## REPORTS.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

Your Committee beg to Report that they have nothing before them but the paper submitted by the Warden in reference to the arranging and indexing the Records of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and having interviewed the Sheriff and Prothonotary on the subject, we find that from 1860 back to dates indefinite the Records are not indexed or put in such form as to make them readily accessible, and that such indexing would be eminently satisfactory to persons having to consult them.

Your Committee are promised at some future day further information on the subject from the Prothonotary's office, where the records are stored, and when this is available, will lay it before the Council, and therefore recommend that any action by this Council be deferred to the next Annual Meeting of Council.

B. C. WILSON.  
RICHARD BISHOP.  
GEORGE BURRIS.  
GEO. H. MADILL.  
HENRY HALL.  
GEO. H. KERR.  
SAMUEL THOMSON.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee find the deficits of the past year are largely in excess of former years. In fact are yearly getting worse in this respect and need some sharper action on the part of the Councillors to keep the Collectors strictly up to duty.

We find the work of Board of Revisors to be more or less imperfect, and we do not see much benefit resulting from their labors.

We would recommend that the Councillors be particular to have their Assessors properly add up their Rolls. Also, that they be more careful to make up their Rolls with more regard to the limits of School Sections, as required by Statute.

During the last Session of the Legislature an Act was passed whereby any Magistrate in the County is entitled to issue a warrant of distrain for taxes in any delinquent District.

The total Assessment for the County is \$2,214,576, which, though an improvement, is yet not up to what it has been in previous years, notably in 1876.

The action of the County Clerk and Treasurer in refusing the School grant to Districts which have failed to pay their taxes in proper time and amount, has been sustained by the Supreme Court, and we would call the attention of all Councillors to this fact, that now no School grants will be paid until the taxes are collected.

GEO. H. MADILL  
ALEX. McMULLIN.  
WM. F. NEGUS.  
THOS. COLE.  
MICHAEL REYNO.  
HENRY HALL.  
RICHARD BISHOP.

*Statement of District Deficits in County Assessments for 1895.*

District.	Assessed.	Deficit.	Per Ct.	Remarks.
7	\$ 251 91	\$ 46 62	21½	The firm of Beazleys owe over \$30 of this.
8	332 82	112 18	29	More will be got by individual summons.
9	221 80	1 50	¾	Councillor expects to get this \$1.50
10	341 73	163 41	47	Plead inability. Distraint can be made now.
11	465 10	10 19	2½	May get part of deficit.
12	390 96	2 00	½	No more to be got.
13	296 87	2 75	1	" "
14	1357 25	137 81	10	Collector will get the greater part.
15	1359 35	293 48	22	J. P. collecting. Warrant issued.
16	404 40	23 41	6	Largely due by one firm, non-residents.
17	1235 63	232 06	19	Most of this collectable, if pushed.
18	912 89	37 19	4	Warrant returned, further collection doubtful.
19	792 38	4 27	½	No more to be got.
20	413 60	8 28	2	May get part of balance.
21	1080 10	3 65	¼	No more can be got.
22	992 03	11 14	½	Collector says net sum will be \$5.00.
23	161 15	46 70	29	Warrant will have to be renewed.
24	405 92	11 96	3	Part of this balance will be got.
25	756 71	93 48	2	Collector says all got under warrant.
26	605 29	1 79	¼	Cannot collect any more.
27	853 68	8 89	1	Not likely to collect this.
28	782 84	14 72	2	P. R. No report.
29	519 19	.. ..	..	All paid up.
30	255 70	40 04	16	Collector delayed getting warrant.
31	1396 83	107 01	7½	Warrant running. Most of this collectable.
32	629 39	4 52	¾	No more to get.
33	645 36	.. ..	..	Paid up in full.
34	483 12	71 36	10	Warrant to be issued.
35	314 53	.. ..	..	All paid up.
36	777 41	23 22	3	May get part of this.
38	207 47	5 81	½	Collector has \$4.53 to pay in.

\$1519 44

Total Deficits to April 4th, 1896.

Total Valuation of 31 Districts per Revising Board ..... \$2,208,596

" " " as rectified by County Clerk.. 2,214,576

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on Poor having carefully examined the returns of the different Districts for the present year, beg to report as follows.

(Sgd.)

CHARLES E. SMITH.  
THOS. COLE.  
JAMES H. WALSH.  
WM. F. REYNO.

No. District.	Amount Assessed 1895.	Received from Collector.	From other Sources.	Balances from last Acct.	Paid on Acct. of Paupers.	Due on Acct. of Paupers.	Amount to be Assessed to for 1896.	Balances on hand.
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 10 00	No Report.
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 47	80 00	No Report.
9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 00	.....
11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 84	75 00	.....
12	.....	33 04	.....	7 53	.....	.....	30 00	\$8 55.
13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	No Report.
16	46 90	43 45	.....	12 56	41 45	14 94	80 00	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	No Report.
18	.....	138 85	19 20	.....	149 58	.....	150 00	\$36 00.
19	60 00	36 11	.....	29 49	53 00	32 00	50 00	.....
20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	No Report.
21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
22	68 51	48 80	.....	77 60	.....	117 09	120 00	.....
23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50	.....	No Report.
24	141 39	114 00	.....	17 20	78 00	.....	140 00	.....
25	.....	50 00	.....	11 53	.....	.....	220 00	\$18 30.
26	162 22	161 54	15 58	.....	.....	66 30	.....	\$135 75.
27	.....	139 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	\$31 00.
28	150 00	155 04	.....	31 90	.....	24 44	150 00	.....
29	34 00	32 30	12 00	69 20	39 00	.....	25 01	\$60 20.
30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	No Report.
31	125 00	100 00	10 00	97 75	.....	.....	75 00	.....
32	150 00	147 80	.....	24 20	132 80	.....	120 00	\$39 20.
33	110 94	110 94	32 00	53 18	151 93	.....	100 00	\$44 19.
34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	No Report.
35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	No Report.
36	100 00	95 00	.....	12 00	95 54	.....	50 00	\$11 46.
38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	No Report.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

After a long and careful investigation in regard to the claims of the several Districts, your Committee recommend the annexed sheet as the allotment of money for Roads and Bridges for the present year. In making this division, we have allowed five cents per foot on Bridges, and with two exceptions, have allowed six dollars per mile of road. We have also added a column, showing the value of Statute Labor and the allotment of the Road Grant per mile in each of the several Districts, dividing the remaining balance in meeting the claims for special allotment referred to hereinafter. Six miles of Road has been taken from District No. 15 and added to District No. 16 by consent of Councillor Donaldson. Twenty-five Dollars has been taken from District No. 31 and added to District No. 29, by mutual agreement of Councillors of said Districts. District No. 9 having 14 hundred yards of new road to build, we have given that District a special grant of Forty Dollars; and although it may look large for so small a District, in our opinion that District has in some way been overlooked in past years. District 13 receives a special grant of Forty Dollars to enable the Councillor of that District to make needful repairs on road from George Merlin's to Grand Lake Bridge. Also, from Umlah's down the Shad Bay road, where a special grant of \$30.00 was allowed for improvements last year to his predecessor and was not expended. We would ask his special attention to that part of the road.

W. C. HENLEY.  
J. H. TAYLOR.  
J. H. SELLARS.  
SAMUEL THOMSON.  
E. D. McLEAN.  
JAMES CROUCHER.  
CHARLES E. SMITH.

## Road Scale, 1896.

District.	Feet of Lridges.	Value at 5c. per Foot.	Miles of Road.	Rate per Mile.	Value of Miles	Extras.	Totals.	Amt. per Mile includ. Statute Labor 50c. per day.
7	317	\$ 15 85	14	\$6 00	\$ 84 00	\$ . . . .	\$ 99 85	\$17 60
8	453	22 65	12	. . . .	72 00	. . . .	94 65	19 01
9	1000	50 00	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	100 50	40 00	190 50	14 77
10	303	15 15	14	. . . .	84 00	. . . .	99 15	20 06
11	581	29 05	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	111 00	. . . .	140 05	18 73
12	1011	50 55	42	. . . .	252 00	16 65	319 20	11 54
13	1153	57 65	54	. . . .	324 00	40 00	421 65	9 04
14	330	15 00	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	99 00	20 00	134 00	26 06
15	543	27 15	12	. . . .	72 00	. . . .	99 15	30 12
16	705	35 25	42	. . . .	252 00	25 00	312 25	12 29
17	924	46 20	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	295 50	. . . .	341 70	14 67
18	1286	64 30	50	. . . .	300 00	10 00	374 30	12 73
19	2807	140 35	51	. . . .	306 00	. . . .	446 35	12 36
20	2992	149 60	59	. . . .	354 00	. . . .	503 60	9 12
21	3440	172 00	86	5 50	473 00	. . . .	643 00	11 23
22	3710	185 50	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 07	536 15	. . . .	721 64	10 95
23	322	16 10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 00	57 00	5 00	78 10	20 47
24	1127	56 35	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	190 50	20 00	266 85	14 43
25	2550	125 00	60	. . . .	360 00	25 00	510 00	12 66
26	2817	141 85	82	. . . .	494 00	51 65	684 50	11 13
27	1895	94 75	35	. . . .	510 00	25 00	629 75	14 94
28	950	47 50	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	184 50	1 00	242 00	18 90
29	1200	60 0	34	. . . .	204 00	31 65	320 65	12 43
30	1000	50 00	45	. . . .	270 00	. . . .	320 00	9 92
31	890	44 50	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	. . . .	350 00	10 00	404 50	16 48
32	756	37 80	28	. . . .	168 00	10 00	215 80	16 71
33	526	26 30	27	. . . .	162 00	15 00	2 3 30	17 98
34	1053	52 65	33	. . . .	198 00	20 00	270 65	16 33
35	1432	71 60	26	. . . .	156 00	. . . .	227 60	11 07
36	1047	52 35	46	. . . .	276 00	31 66	360 01	15 45
38	504	25 20	23	. . . .	138 00	. . . .	163 20	13 87
							\$9839 95	