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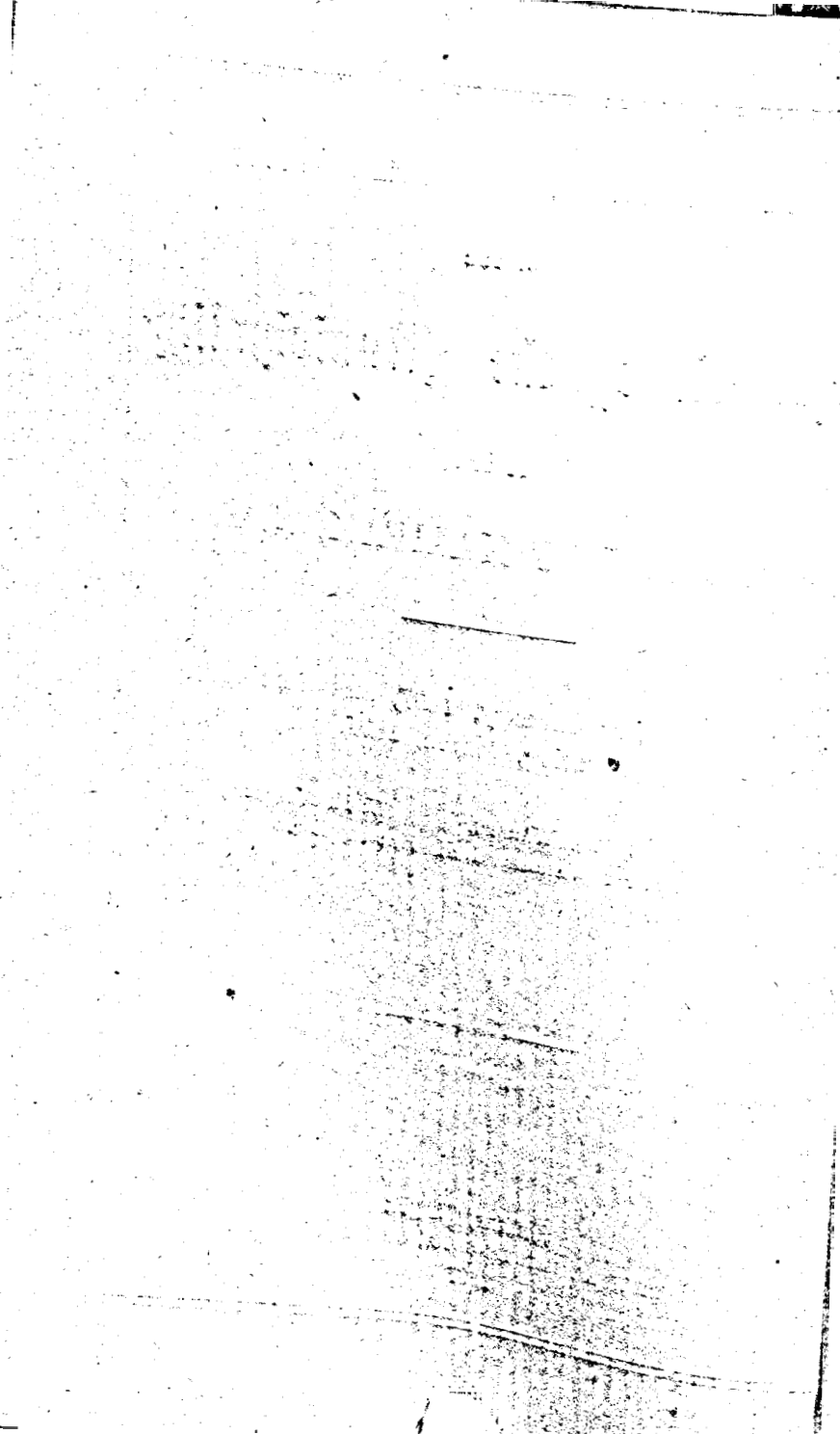
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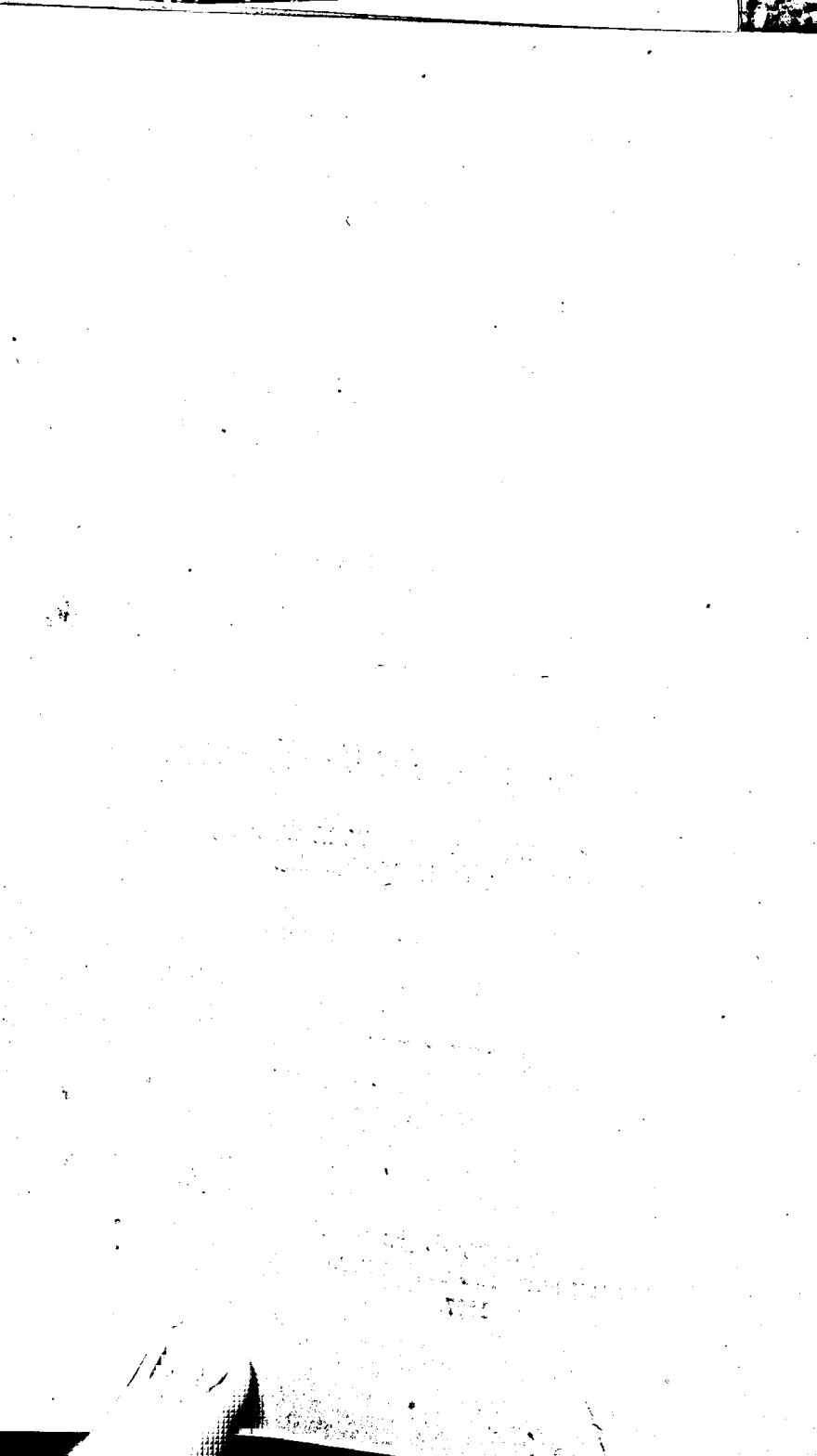
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COUNTY AUDITORS—JOHN E. ALBRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT,

COUNTY TREASURER—W. H. WISWELL. [ESQRS.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1897.

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

Committee on Hospital for Insane.—Councillors Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Thompson, Bissett and Croucher.

Assessments.—Councillors Madill, Reyno, McMullen, Cole, Negus, Hall and Bishop.

Roads and Bridges.—Councillors Wilson, Burris, Covey, C. E. Smith, Henley, Negus and Kirker.

Licenses.—Councillors McMullen, Scott, Myers, Thomas, Croucher, Lapierre and McLean.

Public Property.—Councillors Bissett, Sellars, Negus, McCallum, Johnson, Wilson and Donaldson.

Public Accounts and Finance.—Councillors Henley, McCallum, Taylor, Madill, Hall, Kerr and Bishop.

Jury Lists.—Councillors Thompson, Bartlett, McCallum and Donaldson.

Law Amendments.—Councillors Thompson, Taylor, Henley, Kirker and McLean.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Special Road Loan.—Councillors Wilson, Bissett, Kerr, McLean, Henley.

On One Year Session.—Councillors McCallum, C. E. Smith, Wilson and Thompson.

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COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

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

COUNTY OFFICERS, ETC.

Inspector of Licenses—D. W. B. Reid.

County Constables—Richard Burbridge, Chief; Ephraim Hav-
erstock, Deputy Chief; Reuben C. Purcell and Geo.
Wilson.

Keeper of County Jail—W. L. Malcolm. *Matron*—Mrs. T. A.
Chambers.

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.* —Jas. H. Sellars.

COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

High Sheriff—Donald Archibald, Esq.

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

Registrar of Deeds—A. J. White, Esq.

Judge of Probate—Jas. G. Foster, Esq.

Registrar of Probate—Henry T. Jones, Esq.

Deputy Registrar of Probate—Douglas Howe.

Vice-Admiralty Court Judge—The Chief Justice.

Registrar do.—Lewis W. Desbarres, Esq.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Clerk, &c.—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

Librarian of Law Library—Edw. Swanson.

Crier—Charles McGinn.

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

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NINTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, TUESDAY, JAN. 12TH, 1897.

In accordance with the Statute and regular notices, the Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County met at the Court House, Halifax, at 12 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1897. Present, John E. Shatford, Esq., Warden, (in the chair) and the following Councillors:—

- 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 Thompson, J.P.
- “ 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 do —George Burris, J.P.
- “ 23—Lower Prospect—J. H. Bartlett.

District 24—Moser's River

- " 25—Sheet Harbor—Henry Hali.
- " 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—
- " 38—Dover—Andrew Scott.

The Minutes of last day of last Session were read and adopted; copies of the general Minutes and the By-Laws having been distributed previously.

The Warden then addressed the Council as follows:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:

I am again pleased to meet you for the discharge of your Municipal duties. In addition to the usual routine of business to be transacted at our annual meeting, some new matters may come up for your consideration, in dealing with which I am sure you will be guided by motives of justice and economy, and with a view to the best interests of the County.

You will be asked to make provision in the Estimates for some extra items of expenditure that could not possibly be avoided during the past year, among which are the new sewer and the new metallic ceiling in this Court House.

The Treasurer's accounts for the past financial year will shortly be placed in your hands. You will then have an opportunity to compare Revenue and Expenditure and obtain a thorough knowledge of the Finances of the County, which, I think, you will agree with me, are in a fairly good condition.

It may not be out of place for me to call your attention to a question now agitating the minds of a great many people, and which is known as "Road Reform." It seems since the heavy rains and freshets of last autumn some persons

have only seen the necessity of good roads or reform in road building, and there are not wanting some who lay the blame for what the rains and floods have done, upon the Municipal Councils. We, therefore, come in for a large share of censure for the state of the roads the past season. I can assure these critics, however, that if the Councillors had not taken prompt steps to put the roads in repair after the fall freshets some of the roads would have been wholly impassable. The Local Government was appealed to in vain, and the Legislative grant for the year having been all expended, the Municipality was obliged to borrow money on account of this year's grant to make roads passable in some parts of the County, some districts having to spend for repairs nearly as much as their appropriations will be this year. There has been much said and written on the subject of good roads since last summer and many suggestions, some of them good ones, have been offered by various writers in the press as to a road reform Act to be passed the coming session of the Legislature. One thing is certain, any Act of road reform the Local Government may place on the Statute book will be a dead letter without the money to carry it out. No matter what the law the Legislature may make in the direction of reform, a very large portion of the money granted will be expended in machinery and salaries to various officials to make it effectual. Whereas every dollar of the money now granted by the Legislature is expended on the roads. There may occasionally be cases where it is not laid out systematically and to the best advantage, but experience can suggest improvements, and the following year such mistakes are corrected. Under any reform Act giving the Government control, I do not hesitate to say that it will take a sum equal to half the present Legislative grant to operate it. The fact is with the small pittance granted from year to year by the Government, the highways of the Province cannot be kept up and in a condition to withstand heavy rains and freshets like we had last year. I sincerely hope the Legislature will pass some law in that connection and take over the roads and bridges of the Municipality and keep them in better repair than do the Councils. Let them begin by reforming the Statute Labor Law, which is at present merely a farce. There is one thing I shall ask you to put yourselves on record against, and that is the passage of any Act whereby the Government may borrow money on account of, and make the loans a charge on the Municipalities. We are comparatively free from debt and desire to keep that way.

Moneys borrowed and charged to the Municipalities and expended under Government control would, to put it mildly, be very undesirable as well as unjust, and not at all in keeping with responsible Government. The interest and sinking fund of such a loan would be a tax on the country for a long time, and before it could be paid we would under the same system require another loan. I hold that the Government, out of the Provincial Revenues at their disposal, should give a much larger grant than they hitherto have done, especially this year, to keep the roads of the Province in proper repair.

We have frequently asked the Legislature to amend the jury law so as to relieve the taxpayers of the County of the very large sums they have to pay for petit and special juries every year, in the interest of persons who are much better able to pay than the majority of the ratepayers of the Municipality, but they pay no heed to our requests and offer no remedy. It is only reasonable and just that litigants who require juries should bear the expense. I would, therefore, ask you to again record your protest against the present iniquitous law.

I would also remind you that in appointing Collectors and Assessors, as well as other officers, you should endeavor as far as possible, to select men who are eligible and competent, and who will take an interest in performing their duties in accordance with the law.

And now, trusting that your deliberations may result for the best interests of the ratepayers of this County—whose servants, we must not forget, in our present capacities we all are—I earnestly wish that the new year may be one of happiness and prosperity to each and every one of you.

The Address was received with applause and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Clerk submitted the Jailor's, Auditor's, Treasurer's, Inspector's and Jail Physician's Reports for 1896. Also, applications for positions of Chief and County Constables for 1897.

The Warden said the Inspector of Licenses' Report would be acted on in the afternoon, and Constables and other appointments on Wednesday. Other Reports to follow. Lists of District Officers, Saturday, a. m. The Clerk said the Treasurer's Account would be printed and distributed Thursday Morning.

A copy of an Act concerning Pedlers to be laid before the Legislature, received from the Provincial Secretary was read as follows:—

AN ACT RELATING TO PEDLERS.

*Introduced in the House of Assembly, January 28, 1896, deferred,
and ordered to be printed for the information of Municipal
and Town Councils.*

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. No person shall within any county or town in the Province peddle or hawk, or carry from place to place, for the purpose of peddling or hawking, goods or merchandize, without at the time possessing a license duly issued to him as in this Act prescribed.

2. Such license shall be issued by the Clerk of the Municipality, under the seal of such Municipality, upon application made to such Clerk, and in the case of towns to the Town Clerk.

(a) Upon proof to his satisfaction that the applicant is a British subject, and resident within the county, and has been a resident for the space of at least twelve months then last past, and during that time has been assessed for rates and taxes in such county, and paid all assessments therein made against him, and also, to such clerk, of a fee for such license, Fifty cents.

(b) Upon proof to the satisfaction of the clerk that the applicant is a British subject and resident elsewhere within the Province, and has been so resident for the space of at least twelve months then last past, and has during that time been assessed for rates and taxes within the Province, and has paid all such assessments therein made against him, and also, to the clerk, of a fee for such license, seventy-five cents.

(c) Upon proof to the satisfaction of such clerk that the applicant is a British subject not entitled to a license under the aforesaid sub-sections (a) and (b), and upon payment for such license of a fee of one dollar.

(d) In the absence of proof as aforesaid, upon payment of a fee for such license of one hundred dollars.

3. Such license shall bear date of the day on which it is issued, and shall upon the face thereof show the amount of the fee paid therefor. License fees, when received, shall be paid to the County Treasurer or Town Treasurer, and form part of the contingent fund of such county or town.

4. Every person who shall hawk or peddle, or attempt to hawk or peddle, goods or merchandize within any county or town, without at the time having in his actual possession the license by this Act required, or who, though he has such license, has obtained the same without being in fact qualified under this Act to receive such license, shall be liable to a penalty for each offence of a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than forty dollars, to be recovered with costs before any justice of the peace for the county or stipendiary magistrate for the town.

5. Half of such fine when collected shall be paid to the informant and the other half shall be paid to the treasurer of the county, or of the town, in which the offence occurred, and shall form part of the contingent fund of such county or town.

6. Every person hawking or peddling or attempting to hawk or peddle, shall at all times, upon request of any constable, exhibit to him the license therefor, and if he refuses or neglects so to do, may thereupon and without warrant be arrested by such constable and taken before a Justice of the Peace, and all proceedings shall thereupon be had in all respects as though an information had been made against the person so arrested for hawking or peddling without license, and a warrant had upon such information been issued by such justice, and he had been arrested thereunder; and if upon the hearing such person shall prove that he at the time of his arrest had such

license duly issued to him as by this Act provided, such justice shall, notwithstanding, make a conviction against him, and thereby impose a fine not exceeding five dollars for refusing to exhibit such license to the constable, in case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the justice that the person so arrested had neglected or refused under request to exhibit such license. Such fine when recovered shall be paid to the constable who made the arrest.

7. Upon the trial of any person for an offence under this chapter, in case it be proved that such person was hawking or peddling, or attempting to hawk or peddle, goods or merchandize within the county or town, the onus shall be upon the defendant to prove that he had a license authorizing him so to do, and that he was in fact duly qualified to receive such license at the time he obtained the same.

8. Nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from hawking or peddling fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, oysters, or any products of the garden farm or sea.

9. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith and hereby repealed in so far as the same are so inconsistent.

After comments upon several sections, this document, on motion, was referred to a special committee, composed of Councillors Bartlett, Negus, Kirker and Henley, to consider and report upon it.

The Clerk stated that the Legislature was summoned to meet on Thursday, January 21st.

Moved by Councillors Covey and Reyno, and

Resolved, That Councillors Wilson, Scott, C. E. Smith, Henley, Cole, Sellars, and Donaldson, be a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the year. Passed.

Councillor Sellars not having arrived, Councillor Madill was substituted for him.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JAN. 12th.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 27 Councillors. The Minutes of the morning were adopted. Submitted and read Report of D. W. B. Reid, Inspector of Licenses, as follows:—

To His Honor the Warden and Municipal Council for the County of Halifax, now in Session.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit the following report on applications for License to sell Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors for the ensuing License year.

The following applications have been received according to the requirements of the Liquor License Act of 1895 and amendments thereto, namely:—

John Ahearn, Hotel, for the House known as Riverside House, St. Margarets Bay Road.

Patrick J. Wyatt, Hotel, for the house called Lakeview, St. Margarets Bay Road.

The petitions and certificates are strictly in accordance with the Act, and there has been no objections made to their applications or to the granting to them a License.

Since the application of Patrick J. Wyatt was received, he has acknowledged a violation of the Act, which, according to Sections 3 and 8 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1896, they being amendments to Section 15 of the Act of 1895, would make it impossible for his License to be granted in accordance with the Law, therefore I cannot recommend the granting of his License.

John Ahearn's House and premises are in good condition and well kept, and I know nothing against the people who patronise the House

I believe Mr. Ahearn to be a man of good character and a fit and proper person to keep a Hotel, and I believe him to be the owner of the business, and he having complied with all the provisions of the Act, I recommend the granting of his License.

All of which is respectfully submitted

HALIFAX, JANUARY 12TH, 1897.

D. W. B. REID,

Inspector of License.

Discussion took place and the Inspector answered some questions and submitted Law Amendments of 1896, chap. 25, as adverse to Wyatt's application.

Moved by Councillors Bishop and Scott—

That Patrick Wyatt be granted a License for the ensuing year.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by Councillors Croucher and Donaldson

That John Ahearn be granted a License to sell intoxicating liquors at St. Margarets Bay Road for the year 1897. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris—

Whereas, Our County Stipendiary Magistrate having passed the biblical limit of supposed human usefulness, and the infirmities of advancing years are laying their hands on him and impairing his ability in the discharge of his important duties of his important office.

Therefore Resolved, That this Council take his case into consideration and appoint a Committee to confer with him and report to this Council the result, and to offer suggestions consistent with justice alike to the public and to Mr. Griffin.

After much discussion respecting the office, on motion, the Warden and Councillors Wilson and Bissett were appointed as the Committee to confer with the Stipendiary and report to the Council.

The Clerk stated that he had received no Reports as yet from Boards of Health or Ferrymen, and very few Returns of Overseers of Poor.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13TH, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors (Messrs. Sellars and Maclean having arrived).

The previous Minutes were read and accepted.

The Committee on Standing Committees reported as follows:—

Committee on Hospital for Insane.—Councillors Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Thompson, Bissett and Croucher.

Assessments.—Councillors Madill, Reyno, McMullen, Cole, Negus, Hall and Bishop.

Roads and Bridges.—Councillors Wilson, Burris, Covey, C. E. Smith, Henley, Negus and Kirker.

Licenses.—Councillors McMullen, Scott, Myers, Thomas, Croucher, Lapierre and McLean.

Public Property.—Councillors Bisset, Sellars, Negus, McCallum, Johnson, Wilson and Donaldson.

Public Accounts and Finance.—Councillors Healy, McCallum, Taylor, Madill, Hall, Kerr and Bishop.

Jury Lists.—Councillors Thompson, Bartlett, McCallum and Donaldson.

Law Amendments.—Councillors Thompson, Taylor, Henley Kirker and McLean.

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

Councillor A. F. Smith not having reported, Councillor Kirker was named on the Road and Bridge Committee as his substitute.

The List of Committees, as above, was read for each Committee and finally passed as a whole.

Read, the Report of W. L. Malcolm, Keeper of the County Jail for the past year.

On motion of Councillors Burris and Donaldson, the Jailer's Report was received and adopted.

Dr. Trenaman applied for re-appointment as Physician to the County Jail, and asked to have the former salary of \$100 revived.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Wilson—

That Dr. Trenaman be re-appointed as Surgeon to the Jail. Passed.

By the same, that the Salary be fixed at \$100 for the year.
By Councillors Henley and Hall—

That the Salary of Dr. Trenaman be the same as heretofore. The amendment passed.

The Clerk said that the salary of \$75 included such prescriptions as might be required.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillors McCallum and Wilson:—

Whereas, It is desirable that the taxation in this Municipality be reduced as far as possible;

And Whereas, The holding of the two Sessions of the Municipal Council every year is not necessary and involves a large expenditure;

Therefore Resolved, That the Council recommend an amendment in the law whereby only one Session annually shall be held, and the remuneration to each Councillor attending such Session shall not exceed \$20, provided, however, that the Committee on Public Property, together with the Warden, be instituted an emergency Committee, with power to meet at intervals during the year to dispose of urgent business.

The resolution elicited a long debate, and seemed to be favored by quite a number of Councillors.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Madill, it was

Resolved, That the resolution respecting a change in the Sessions of the Council be referred to the Law Amendment Committee to report to this Council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Burris—

That the mover and seconder of the Resolution be added to the Law Amendment Committee. Passed.

Read, a Petition from Peter Hurley, District No. 20, stating that Alexander Hurley had asked the Council last year for leave to lay out a new road from his farm through the former's land, and protesting against such project as being unnecessary and entailing expense of fencing, &c.

Councillor McMullen explained the matter fully and advised referring the Petition to the Road and Bridge Committee. On motion, it was so referred.

Read, a letter from Jno. Challen, Manager of Copp Bros., Manufacturers of Champion Stone Crushers, in regard to the

purchase of one from them according to Price List, should the Council decide upon crushers. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a letter from Dr. Gunn, Inverness County, C. B., requesting payment for services for Jno. Fitzgerald, a Pauper claiming to be from Halifax County.

The Clerk said he was not chargeable to this Municipality, but may have a settlement in the city.

Submitted a Bill from Dr. Dunlap, District 34, for two Lunacy Certificates, \$10.00. Also, a similar Bill from Dr. McLean, Shubenacadie, \$6.80, mileage being added.

It was shown that the Statute did not provide for mileage in such cases, and it was also a question whether such certificates should be a claim upon the Municipality, but to be paid by the friends of the Insane person, or otherwise by the Overseers of the Poor of the District to which the Pauper belonged. Referred to Finance Committee.

Read, Report of Committee appointed to lay out a Section of Road from McPhee's Hill to the Shubenacadie Road in District 19, last year under Precept, now returned.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Taylor the Report was received and adopted.

The Warden suggested that the several Committees should arrange for their work at an early day.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and McCallum—

That hereafter the afternoon of each day be devoted to Committees until close of Session, or until they have their work performed as far as practicable. Passed.

The Council then adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

JAN. 13TH, 1897.

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

Read, Report of Dr. N. F. Cunningham, Physician to the County Poor Farm for the year 1896.

On motion it was approved and adopted.

Read his application for re-appointment for 1897.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Sellars—

That Dr. Cunningham be appointed Physician to the Poor's Farm at the usual Salary. Carried.

On motion, Chief County Constable Burbridge and Deputy Chief Constable Haverstock were re-appointed for the year 1897.

Geo. Wilson was re-appointed a County Constable.

Read, the application of H. N. Wright to be re-appointed a County Constable.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Kerr, "that Harry Wright be appointed a County Constable."

Objections were raised by several Councillors that complaints had been made of his collecting money and retaining them. This was confirmed by the Clerk. A letter to the same effect from J. T. Bulmer, who said that Wright cares nothing for process of Law, and that he will continue his course so long as the Council re-appoints him, &c.

An amendment was moved by Councillors McCallum and Madill, "That H. N. Wright be re-appointed a County Constable and give Bonds, the amount of which is to be fixed by the Warden."

The amendment was put and lost.

Albert Purcell was re-appointed Coroner's Constable, and Reuben C. Purcell, District 14, a County Constable.

The appointment of Commissioners for the Court House elicited considerable comment.

Councillor Wilson was nominated, but refused the office. He stated that had he been present at the Session last year he would then have refused, but he insisted on being excused now. The reason he did so was that he was never consulted about anything that purported to be done by the Commission, in fact he did not know of any meeting having been held all the time he has been on the Commission. Yet some things were done and changes made which should only have been authorized by a regular meeting of the Commission. Though he had never been consulted, people who had done the work or furnished supplies to the Court House came to him to have their bills certified in order that payment might be secured. He knew nothing whatever of much of this work till the bill was presented to him to be certified. The name of Mr. Justice Weatherbe was mentioned as ordering this work, unauthorized so far as the Commission was concerned, and the Judge, it was stated, frequently refused to certify the bills that came in as a result of work done by his orders.

Councillor Madill was then nominated and he gave the same reasons for refusing to accept.

The Clerk said that Judge Weatherbe appeared to be the embodiment of the Commission. He had appropriated the

Rooms formerly allotted to the Clerk, the Treasurer and the late Stipendiary, in fact the most of the West end of the Court House, while no provision was made for Grand Jury, Special Committees, Vice-Admiralty Court, Witnesses, County Council, &c. Bills for various expenditures, chiefly decorative, were incurred, which the Treasurer refused, as knowing nothing about them and not being certified by any Commissioner. Some of these were standing over 15 months. At the same time the Clerk had to attend to all minor matters in the management of the current requirements and overseeing the Janitor's duties, &c. He had continued to do this at the Warden's request up to present date, but declined further responsibility.

It was moved by Councillors Wilson and Henley—

That Councillor McCallum be appointed a Commissioner of the Court House in place of Councillor Wilson for the ensuing year. Passed.

Councillor McCallum desired to consider whether he could attend to the required business or otherwise, and would inform the Council next morning of his decision in the matter.

In regard to the payment of accounts against the Court House the following resolution, moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill, was passed:—

That hereafter no expenditure shall be undertaken in connection with repairs or improvements on the Court House until the same has been ordered by a majority of the Commissioners. Passed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning at 10.30.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14TH, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, Warden and 30 Councillors, Capt. A. F. Smith having arrived. The Minutes of yesterday P.M. were read and passed.

Mr. McInnes, Barrister, of Drysdale & McInnes, asked leave to address the Council briefly in regard to the case of Giles vs. Eisenhaur, a suit in District 16, for diverting the course of a brook, for which the first named claimed damages. Mr. McInnes explained the details and the legal position. He said in effect, that as Eisenhaur had acted under the authority of the J. P., and as Overseer of Roads acted for the

maintenance and improvement of the public Highway, his costs in the suit which went against him on technical grounds should be made good. A Petition from the District would be presented to the Council supporting that view.

The Clerk said the Petition had been received; also a counter Petition from ratepayers of District 16.

Judge Weatherbe attended the Council (as he had previously requested) on matters of expenditure on the Court House by him as a Commissioner. He wished to apologize for and explain any matters which the Council considered unsatisfactory. Had he known there was any difficulty he would have consulted the other Commissioners, whose appointment he explained. They held no meetings and when the Judges required certain things done, they applied to him and he had them attended to. He consulted the Council's Architect in things to be renovated and for certain improvements in the Court House, and supposed that he had consulted with the other Commissioners before doing any work. He took some pride in having these things properly done, and also had them done in the cheapest way. The Government gave a yearly sum of \$300 to the Court House, and it ought to be \$500, and that might be got. He regretted that Mr. Wilson had not been consulted or the Committee. In reference to the Metal Ceiling it was considered a great improvement, and as the plaster was likely to fall as some of it had already done, it was cheaper and better to replace it with the new material, and the Warden had approved of it. The Commissioners had no money and were paid no fees. He knew nothing of the other work, and would be glad to be rid of acting between the Judges and the County. In future he would apply to the Committee, &c., &c. Thanking the Council for the hearing the Judge retired.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Kirker, the Janitor, A. W. Smith, was appointed a County Constable.

Read, a Petition from a large number of Ratepayers in District No. 16, stating that Samuel Eisenhaur, under the direction of the Municipal authorities, was instructed to repair a sluice to keep the road from being overflowed by freshets in a brook near his own farm. He hired men to do this. That one Levi Giles and Bessie Giles brought an action against him for interfering with the brook which had hitherto overflowed the road. The Supreme Court decided, that though justified under his instructions, he was not so in law, and the costs given against him amounted to \$230, which he had to pay. The Petitioners pray that as he was really acting as

the servant of the District, that the Road Grant be appropriated to meet said costs and steps be taken to that end by the Council.

Read, a Counter Petition from parties in the same District, containing some names of those who had signed the other petition, and asking that the Council, for reasons given, should refuse the prayer of the first one.

Considerable discussion followed.

Councillor Thompson remarked that the signers of the Counter Petition were not all ratepayers, and that the majority in the District were desirous that Eisenhaur should be relieved. He thought the Council should see how they could help him. The District might be assessed for the amount if the Council had power.

The Warden said if the people of the District wanted to pay the expenses, they could be assessed, but legislation would be required to legalize that course. The County should not pay for the mistakes of any section, and it would be wrong to force an assessment on a District in such cases.

After further debate, it was moved by Councillors Wilson and Barris—

That in this matter of Eisenhaur, involving a large sum for legal expenses, the Council would approve the local taxing of District 16 if the proper legislation therefor, and the approval of a majority of the ratepayers is previously obtained.

Passed.

Daniel Gorman applied for the position of Constable. A resolution to that effect was handed in, but without the name of mover and seconder. Laid on the table.

Read, a letter from A. G. Morrison, Barrister, in charge of Prosecutions under the Speedy Trials Act, referring to Amendment to chapter 37, 53 Victoria, Dominion Acts, chapter 183, where under sections 34, 35, 36, provision is made for sentencing Boys convicted of criminal offences who are under age of 16 to Halifax Industrial School or St. Patrick's Home, Halifax, instead of as now to the Penitentiary or County Jail, as being "more humane and judicious as well as reformatory." In such cases the Municipality would be required to pay \$60 annually for each criminal. He asked the careful attention of the Council to the subject, hoping they would provide for adoption of it."

After short discussion, it was laid on the table.

Read, the Report of the Keeper of the Poor Farm for the year 1896, which was received and adopted.

Councillor Thompson referred to the loss of taxes on much property from the want of clearer definition of Municipal boundaries, for which some remedy should be obtained.

Premier Murray and W. B. Wallace, M. P. P., came into the Council and were invited to seats on the platform.

The subject of purchase of a Rock Crusher was broached by Councillor Donaldson, in order to discover whether the \$1,000 voted last year for Road Machines was still available.

Councillor McMullin referred to the single yearly session. He had changed his mind in regard to it, considering it doubtful if he would accede to the change. The greater time needed to transact the business would be against any saving of expense. Though the Legislature only met once a year, they had the machinery for effecting business, while the Council were without it.

A number of Councillors resumed the topic of Road Machinery.

In some Districts the Road Machine did excellent work, while Stone Crushers would alone be put to advantageous use in others.

Premier Murray made a few remarks, assuring the Council that the \$1000 could still be granted if necessary.

Read, Report of Committee on the question of one Session per year, as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to enquire as to the abolition of one Session of this Council, as proposed in the Resolution relating to it, beg to report that only one Session is necessary, and that we recommend the appointment of a special Committee to wait on the local members for this County and ask their co-operation in presenting this resolution to the Government, and would suggest the following as members of such Committee, viz.:—Councillors H. M. McCallum, C. E. Smith, B. C. Wilson, and S. Thompson.

(Sgd.) S. THOMPSON.	W. C. HENLEY.
H. M. McCALLUM.	C. E. SMITH.
E. D. McLEAN.	JOHN KIRKER.
JOHN H. TAYLOR.	

Read, Report of Board of Health of District 21. They were called upon to issue orders in some cases of scarlet fever, for which placards were posted and places quarantined. The health of the District otherwise had been good.

The Board of Health for District 16 reported 10 deaths from natural causes and 4 deaths from scarlet fever. The District is stated to be in a healthy condition.

Both Reports were received and adopted.

Read, a Petition from Geo. Currie, P. Coady and 17 other residents of Sheet Harbour, stating that the Dams of the Sheet Harbour Rivers are shut down during summer, causing meadows to be overflowed and partially ruined, destroying tons of hay and injury to cranberries. They ask for

By-Laws to prevent damage to private property, and cause all such dams to be open from 1st June to 1st October in each year.

Action deferred to Afternoon Session.
Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

JAN. 14th.

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

The Petition from Sheet Harbour was resumed. The only By-Law relating to Dams on Rivers is the one for Musquodoboit District.

Moved by Councillors Henley and McLean, and

Resolved. That the prayer of the petition relative to the Dams on the Sheet Harbor Rivers, District 25, be granted, and the same be inserted in the By-Laws, and three copies of this By-Law be posted up in said District. Penalty for violation of said By-Law not to exceed forty dollars and all damages to be paid.
Passed.

The Special Committee on conference with Stipendiary Griffin presented their Report, which was discussed and received.

It was moved by Councillors Thompson and Burriss—

That Stipendiary Griffin be retained in office until further consideration.
Passed.

Read, a Petition from Wm. McClure, Royffee and others, to have Road work done on a road near Dartmouth running west from Eastern Passage Road to the harbour in District 31, as the place is being built up and no work has been done there, and it is the only means of approach to the houses of the residents in the locality.

Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a Petition from Andrew Rourke, James Bambrick, and 18 others, ratepayers of Districts 35 and 20, referring to a request sent April Session, 1896, for a small sum for repairs of a Bridge in District 35, and that the matter being referred to the Councillor thereof, who had refused and neglected to renovate the Bridge, while expending money on other Bridges not half-a-mile away, leaving this one in a danger-

ous state. The small sum of \$15 or \$20 would make it safe and passable. They ask that justice be done in regard to this matter.

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

Printed Copies of the Treasurer's Abstract of Accounts, as audited to Dec. 31st, were distributed to the Councillors.

The Council adjourned to Friday, at 10.30 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, JANY. 15TH, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30. The Warden and all Councillors present. The Minutes of yesterday were confirmed.

Read, the Financial Report of D. W. B. Reid, Inspector of Licenses, for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1896, showing a balance of \$3.90 over expenses. Mr. Reid referred to the difficulty he had in getting Constables to do their duty in a careful and proper manner, and gave an instance where service of witnesses was defeated.

Read also the Inspector's Statement of Convictions and Fines for the year.

On motion these papers were sent to the Finance Committee.

Read, the Report of Committee on adopting one Yearly Session.

After comments thereon by several Councillors, it was moved by Councillors Madill and Taylor—

That this question be deferred till April Session.

Passed, 23 to

The Clerk requested instructions relative to the action of Overseers of Poor of District 23, in regard to Geo. F. Jollimore, a Pauper from that District, who has been for some time at the City Poor Asylum. Read and submitted his affidavit of settlement and the bill for his maintenance at Poor Asylum, \$11.00. Also a letter from Overseers of Poor, Terence Bay, to whom the Clerk had written for instructions. They positively refused to do or pay anything; and denounce Supt. Dow for admitting him. They ask the Clerk to find work for Jollimore as he is quite able bodied, and throw the responsibility of dealing with the matter on the Clerk. He said the bill would have to be paid by the County at first

and he had no funds of the District for what was due previously. He had been made in addition to his other onerous duties—the Agent of every set of District Overseers of Poor, instead of their performing their own work. He must decline this office in future for want of time to attend to it.

Considerable remark was made in regard to the too ready admission of County Paupers into the City Poor House, and the delay by the Supt. in some cases in notifying Overseers of their settlements.

The Clerk said one cause of trouble was there being no ready means of communication with the Poor Farm, which was seven miles away from the City. Also the false statements made by Paupers about their localities. The District should be assessed for its Paupers like any other. He had caused Jollimore to be sent back to District 23.

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

That the Superintendent of the City Poor Asylum be notified to inform the County Clerk of the admittance of any Pauper of Halifax County as soon as applicant is admitted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Covey and Reyno—

That this Council visit the Poor Farm in a body or as many as wish to go. —

Councillor Bissett, Chairman of Public Property Committee, stated that he would make arrangements for conveyance of all whose names would be handed in as desiring to go there.

The Treasurer presented an account of Constable John Reid, District 21, for \$10.00, certified by Justice McCurdy, for expenses of conveying a prisoner to County Jail. The Clerk was authorized to pay it on receiving the J. P. order as the Statute provides.

Read, a letter from Drysdale & McInnes, requesting to be heard by the Council on behalf of Hon. A. R. Dickey and the Syndicate now owning Sheet Harbour Mills—who are opposed to the By-Law respecting the Dams on the East and West Rivers, passed on Wednesday.

It was decided that they be heard by the Committee on Law Amendments.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

JAN. 15TH, 1897.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 28 Councillors present. The Minutes of Morning Session were adopted. It was moved by Councillors Burriss and Taylor—

That the Salary of Inspector of Liquor Licenses for the ensuing year be Three Hundred Dollars, same as last year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Covey and Reyno—

That Section 8 of District No. 11 be divided into two Statute Labor Sections. Passed.

Read, the Report of Thomas Hamm, Ferryman, between Upper Prospect and Kelley's Point, giving the number of Passengers for the year as 503 and the service very satisfactory. Adopted.

The Clerk said this was the only return yet received. There were five others who, according to the By-Law, should report at this Session.

The following, moved by Councillor McMullen, seconded by Councillor Kirker, was adopted :—

Whereas, a difficulty has arisen in District No. 35 in collecting certain taxes, owing to the uncertainty of the right interpretation of the law bearing on Widow's Exemptions,

And Whereas, the same difficulty is liable to occur at any time in any of the several Districts of the County,

Therefore Resolved, That a Committee of this Council be appointed to meet with the Attorney-General, in order to ascertain his opinion on the point of law above referred to.

The Committee named in connection with the above was Councillors Wilson, Taylor and McMullen.

The Clerk presented and read the Report of Dr. Thos. Trenaman, Surgeon to the County Jail for the year 1896. Adopted and referred to Public Property Committee.

The following resolution, was moved by Councillors Wilson and Kerr—

Whereas, The Provincial Government some few years since made a present to the County of a "Road Machine," for the purpose of testing its utility and ability, and which (results were so convincing), was found so serviceable in many portions of the County, and its advantages so fully demonstrated, that several Districts have provided themselves with similar machines on their own account.

And Further, Whereas, There are many Districts, particularly on the Eastern Shore and to the West of the City of Halifax, where the character of the Country is such that these Road Machines are not available but require a much more expensive plant—such as a rock breaker, sorter, and portable steam power to operate

which, it is ascertained, cannot be obtained under about \$1,500, which is a greater outlay than any one District or even two or three Districts combined could afford or satisfactorily operate even if obtained.

Therefore Resolved, That this Council memorialize the Government with the request that they (the Government) provide at least one such machine properly equipped and an efficient Machinist to have care of, and operate it, to be put on the road as early as the Spring will permit, and rent it out to any District or Districts applying, at an equitable rental, say \$5.00 per day for such time as may be desired—each District to be served either in the order of their application or in the order of their contiguity or convenience of transport. Believing this plan if carried out will be an advantage not only to this County, but also an object lesson for the whole Province and afford data for future action which the Government can well afford to experiment on in view of the present exigencies of the road question. Passed.

Councillor Bartlett was granted leave of absence.

Councillors McLean and C. E. Smith moved the following resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, owing to the heavy freshets of 1896, quite a number of Councillors had to make large overdraws, and whereas Districts Nos. 29 and 33, having had to expend all or more than the allotment of their Districts of the Government road and bridge grant for the year.

Therefore Resolved, That Councillors Kerr, Bissett, Henley, McLean and Wilson be a Committee to wait on the Government to urge on the Government the necessity to make a special grant for the purpose of helping the several Councillors to pay off their indebtedness. Passed.

On Motion of Councillors McLean and C. E. Smith, the following Resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, The Municipality of Halifax has urgent necessity for the opening up of new roads in order to give our people the advantage of convenient travel

And Whereas, It is deemed advisable to ask the Provincial Government for a loan not to exceed five thousand dollars in order to accomplish this purpose.

Resolved, That the Local Government be requested by this Municipal Council to establish a fund, say a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, such sum to be expended for the construction of new roads in this County, under the direction of the Municipal Council or such Officials as they may select, in such localities as may be designated by the Governor-in-Council. Passed.

The Clerk submitted appeals against Assessment Valuations for 1897—from Capt. Kennedy, District 30, Geo. A. Leslie, District 26, Andrew Hessler, District 15, also from A. R. Wier of District 15, for reduction of Taxes for 1896, on account of excessive valuation of his property in District 17.

The Clerk suggests that enquiry be made of the Assessors as the Council had not jurisdiction in the absence of the Board of Appeal. Also stated that the claimants had not followed the course prescribed by Law.

The memo. of Geo. A. Leslie was chiefly a contrast of valuations of his Real and Personal Property with that of Councillor Henley at Spry Bay.

Councillor Henley gave explanations, comparing the

items and showing the Assessment made by reliable and capable Assessors to be fair and equitable.

It was decided that these matters lie on the table.

The subject of Assessment was discussed at some length. Councillor M. Callum gave notice of motion for a change in the present mode of valuation.

Read, a letter from M. Shanahan, a non-resident of District 16, who had been sued before the Stipendiary for non-payment of Statute Labor dues and complaining of Councillor Thompson's conduct in the matter, and of the proceedings of the Court in giving Judgment against him.

Councillor Thompson explained the matter and the Council decided against interference therewith. The letter was laid on the table.

The Council adjourned to Saturday at 10.30.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16TH, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30 a.m., the Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The order of the day being the appointment of District Officers, Lists of these with the exception of those for Districts 14, 18 and 30, were received by the Warden. They were then read separately by the Clerk from the Lists of Districts No. 7 to No. 33, and on motion each was passed.

On motion of the Councillor of each District, duly seconded the following Assessments for the support of Poor were severally passed viz:—

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| For District No. 8— | Forty-Five Dollars. |
| “ 9— | Forty-Five Dollars. |
| “ 11— | Seventy-Five Dollars. |
| “ 16— | One Hundred Dollars. |
| “ 20— | One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dls. |
| “ 25— | Two Hundred Dollars. |
| “ 27— | Seventy-Five Dollars. |
| “ 28— | One Hundred Dollars. |
| “ 29— | Thirty-Five Dollars. |
| “ 31— | Fifty Dollars. |
| “ 32— | One Hundred Dollars. |
| “ 33— | One Hundred Dollars. |
| “ 34— | Thirty-Five Dollars. |
| “ 36— | Fifty Dollars. |

The Clerk mentioned that the Statute required Poor Assessments, and returns of Poor Expenditure to be made at this Session and that several Districts were or would be indebted for advances, as No. 10, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 30 and 38 for the current year.

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

That the report of Committee on Poor be dispensed with this Session in order that District Reports may be handed in for report at the Semi-Annual Session.
Passed.

Councillor Myers handed in a List of the boundaries of Statute Labor Sections in District No. 27, to be adopted, seconded by Councillor Cole, and passed.

On motion of Councillors Lapierre and Kerr, Charles Murphy was reappointed Custodian of Canterbury Bridge for the year.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Kerr—

Whereas A petition was presented to the Council from inhabitants of Sheet Harbour, in reference to certain Dams erected for lumbering purposes—the prayer of which was granted and an order approved that the said Dams be opened by 1st June in each year;

And Whereas, Certain parties interested in said Dams claim that the order for opening was sprung upon them without a hearing of their case, and results will be very prejudicial to their interests and indirectly to the general public;

Therefore Resolved, That the Clerk be asked to hold the Resolution over and not forward it to the Government till after the next Session of this Council, when, if the parties have a grievance it may be laid before the Council and action be taken accordingly.
Passed.

Read, a Petition from certain people of Districts 29 and 30 in regard to the condition of the Roads in the vicinity of Porter's Lake, and asking for labor and money to be expended more especially in District 30. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Councillor McLean remarked that considering the unsatisfactory and wasteful way in which the Road Grant and Statute Labor was expended in District No. 30, it would be advisable to set off or conjoin that District with contiguous Districts so that the roads in that locality would be under better management.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Taylor—

That the section of Road in Miller Settlement, District 22, beginning at the School House, near John Redden's and extending to the mouth of the Moose River Road, be a Road Section, and that William Miller be Overseer thereof for the present year.
Passed.

Read a lengthy Memorial from Hon. Justice Meagher, Recorder McCoy and other leading Rate Payers of Rockingham and Bedford, in relation to obstructions and annoyance and even danger caused by the owners of the many heavy

waggonen laden with empty boxes, barrels, &c., driven over the highway from Bedford into the City during the year.

The loads are piled up four to six feet above the waggon, and the drivers sitting on the shafts are from the noise and their position unable to hear persons shouting to them from behind to allow them to pass, and in several places the road is too narrow to do so with such broad projections. When spoken to these drivers pay little regard to the matter. The memorialists ask the Council, as there is no necessity for the drivers sitting where they do, to pass a regulation or Bye-Law in the interest of public safety and convenience compelling them to occupy such a place upon or about their loads as to enable them to see or hear teams approaching from behind or meeting them, otherwise to be subject to fine or imprisonment or both.

Action deferred till Monday.

Read a petition from people of Harrietsfield, District 13, residing on the Sambro Road, desiring to extend the limits of the Section one mile from MacIntosh Bridge to the Herring Cove Road, in order to keep it in a better state of repair.

Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The following resolutions respecting two Sections of Railway East and West in Halifax County was read and laid over till Monday next.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Croucher.

Whereas, The rural sections of Halifax County, except those in the immediate vicinity of the Intercolonial Railway, are altogether without railway facilities;

And Whereas, experience has shown that at the present day no large section of Country can advance or prosper without ready access to such facilities;

Resolved Therefore That in the opinion of this Municipal Council it is desirable and practically necessary that such facilities should be afforded by lines of railway connecting the Eastern and Western extremities of the County with the capital;

And Resolved, That, in order to encourage the construction of such lines of railway, this Council will undertake to provide the right of way for a Railway running from the Eastern end of the County near Upper Musquodoboit to the Harbour of Halifax, or to a point on the Intercolonial Railway no further north than Milford Station, and also for a railway running from the Western end of the County near Hubbard's Cove to the Harbour of Halifax or to a point on the Intercolonial Railway not further north than Windsor Junction; and that the legislation necessary for this purpose be obtained from the Provincial Legislature;

And Resolved, That the Local Government and the Members representing this County in the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial Legislature be and they are hereby requested and urged to use their best efforts to secure, by the guaranteeing of subsidies and otherwise, the early construction of the lines of Railway above indicated;

And Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Minister of Railways, the Ministers representing Nova Scotia in the Dominion Government, to the Members of the Provincial Government and to the Members in both Houses of Parliament and of the Legislature who reside in the County of Halifax.

The Council adjourned till Monday, 18th inst., at 10.30.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, JAN. 18TH, 1897.

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

Hon. Senator Power and Alfred Whitman were present to explain and advocate the subject of the Railway resolution submitted and read on Saturday.

Mr. Whitman addressed the Council and gave a very clear exposition, aided by a map of the direction and terminal points of the proposed Railway, and from the advantages to be derived, urged that a right of way be granted by Halifax County.

The proposed line would start at Gay's River and extend to Guysboro Town, and thence to the Strait of Canso. Another section would run past Hazel Hill to Canso Town. A Branch would be run from Middle Musquodoboit to Halifax Harbour.

Senator Power offered a few remarks and the subject was discussed by Councillors Taylor, Thompson, Burris, Wilson, Madill, Kerr and others.

The Resolution as read Saturday was again read and passed without alteration unanimously.

The Lists of Officers for District 14, 18 and 20, were read, moved and passed.

In connection with the Petition from Judge Meagher and others, it was moved by Councillors Henley and McLean, and

Resolved, That in reference to Teams, &c. on the Bedford Road and other Roads in this County, this Council enact the following By-Law, viz.:—"That all drivers of loaded Teams on said Roads place themselves on said teams in such a place and position as to be always visible to drivers of teams and waggons approaching from behind, so as to give them space and opportunity for passing, under a penalty not to exceed one dollar for each offence." Passed.

Read, a letter from Judge Johnston, calling attention to Sections 61, 62 and 65 of the Criminal Code, found on page 386 of the Code, empowering a Judge to sentence boys under 16 years of age to the Halifax Industrial School or Saint Patrick's Home at Halifax, as the case may be, but rendering it imperative that before sentence is pronounced that the Municipality within which said conviction is had, shall make provision out of its funds for the support of boys so sentenced at the rate of not less than sixty dollars per annum for each boy. The Judge's letter said the Jail is not a fit place in

which to confine boys if their reformation is sought, and a Judge is always reluctant for many reasons to send boys of tender age to the Penitentiary at Dorchester. He therefore requested that the Council would be pleased to make the necessary provision for the support at the above Institution of boys who have committed offences outside the City of Halifax.

This was nearly identical with the letter of A. G. Morrison, Esq., filed on 14th inst. The discussion evinced the feeling that to act on the Statute would open the door for heavy expenses on the County.

Moved by Councillors Burriss and Madill—

That the memorial from Judge Johnston, relating to sending boys to a Reformatory on payment of \$40 for each by the County, be deferred to the April Session.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Donaldson—

Whereas, doubts have been expressed as to the authority of this Council to appoint Constables for Districts less extensive in extent than the territory of the Municipality;

Therefore be it Resolved, That all Constables appointed by this Council as and under the name of District Constables, be deemed Constables for the County of Halifax, and have full authority to act as such.

Read, the Report of Committee on Public Property, which was passed clause by clause, and then passed as a whole.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, at 10.30 A.M.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 1897.

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

The Minutes of Monday were read and adopted.

Read, the Report of the County Auditors on the Accounts and Vouchers of the Treasurer for the year ended 31st December, 1896, with the account annexed. Balance in hand, \$4,720.92

On motion, the Auditor's and Treasurer's Report and Accounts were received and adopted.

Read, the Auditors' application for reappointment for the current year.

On motion, they were reappointed.

Read, the Report of the Finance Committee and their Schedule of Estimates for the County, City and Dartmouth, conjointly, and for the Municipality for its separate services.

The Report was read and the items separately, and each passed without discussion.

In regard to the Sheriff's Accounts for Conveyance of Prisoners to the Penitentiary, it was moved by Councillors Wilson and Madill—

That the County Clerk communicate with the Minister of Justice at Ottawa to ascertain if the Dominion Government would pay the cost of transport of Prisoners from place of conviction to Penitentiary at Dorchester. Passed

Moved by Councillors Covey and Reyno—

That District No 11 be allowed a remeasurement of its roads, as the ratepayers of said District claim that the mileage returned was not correct.

The motion was not put.

The Warden informed Councillor Covey that the measurement could be rectified if not properly made.

Read, the Report of the Special Committee on Loan from the Government to make good the damage to Roads and Bridges last Fall.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and McLean—

That those Councillors who wish to participate in the Loan offered by the Government meet the Road and Bridge Committee and there make known their wants. Passed.

The Report was adopted.

Read, the recommendation of Justices Hill and Stoddart and G. W. Siteman, Overseer of Roads, District 27, in favor of shifting a part of Lower Ship Harbour Road to pass through J. Chapman's field 38 rods in length.

Also, Joseph Chapman's agreement to grant and quit claim the right of way for said road 30 feet wide in consideration of both sides of said new piece of road being substantially fenced, otherwise to be null and void. Passed to be put on file.

Moved by Councillors Negus and McLean—

That Councillor Taylor be appointed in place of Councillor Bartlett (absent) on the Special Committee on Pedlars' Licenses.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 1897.

The Council met at 2.30 P.M. The Warden and 28 Councillors present.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and passed.

The Clerk read the Report of the Committee on Assessments, with a Schedule of the Valuations of the several Districts of the Municipality as returned by their Assessors.

The Report was received and adopted, and the Assessors' Returns of Valuations read District by District and explanations made as to changes and falling off in so many Districts this year.

The Clerk said that the decreases in some of the smaller Districts were unprecedented, especially if the percentage of reduction was noted. Some of the Assessment Rolls were badly made up and contained errors and omissions which he had reported to the Assessors to rectify. He had had copies of the Rolls made for Statute Labor. These with the requisite blanks would be delivered to each Councillor before close of Session.

On motion, the Report and Schedule passed.

Councillors Wilson and Kerr moved, that

Whereas, the Bridge over Fall River in District 18 is in a dilapidated condition and will have to be rebuilt in 1897, and as such Bridge is an important one on the main road from the Eastern part of the Province and needs to be 60 feet span and should be of iron or steel, consequently quite expensive;

Therefore Resolved, That said Bridge be placed under the Bridge Act.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to 10.30 A.M. Wednesday.

EIGHTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1897.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Read, Report of Joseph Lloy, Custodian of Rocky Run Draw Bridge for 1896, showing it to be in fair working order, but needing some repairs.

Read, Return of Precept with report and plan of Road in

District 24, East side of Moser's River, laid out by the Committee appointed last April—78 chains in length and 30 feet in width. No fencing required.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

The Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was submitted and read clause by clause. Also, a Supplementary Report, which was read, and after discussion, both Reports were received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Bissett—

That in all Districts where such officers have not been appointed, this Council appoint the Councillors of the several Districts as the persons with whom the Assessment Lists for the respective Districts shall be lodged, and who shall notify the Road Surveyors and make up the Statute Labor List. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Thomas and Donaldson—

Joseph Thomas was appointed to make out the Statute Labor Lists for District 30.

It was moved by Councillors McCallum and Hall—

Whereas, the present methods of Assessment for Municipal purposes, by which two Assessors in each District fix the Valuations, lacks uniformity and is unsatisfactory;

And Whereas, in many Districts the yearly changes in ownership of property are so few as to render annual visits from the Assessors unnecessary;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council recommend that the law be amended so as to provide that the duties now performed by the Assessors of each District be hereafter discharged by three officials to be appointed by the Council, to assess all the assessable property in the Municipality annually.

Provided, however, that after the said Assessors shall have visited every District and completed their assessment under the law, it shall not be necessary to revisit the District for the purposes of assessment during the two years next following the period of the said visit. Provided further that the Assessors shall have power to alter their assessments upon report of the Councillor for any District or from reliable information furnished them as to changes in the valuation or ownership in any District.

On motion, the consideration of the proposed changes was deferred to the Semi-Annual Session of the Council.

Moved by Councillors Johnson and Wilson—

Whereas, the Taxes in District No. 8 have been fairly well collected during the past year, and all but about \$25.00 for 1895 collected, and the balance for 1896 will be collected shortly;

And Whereas, our County School grants have been withheld in consequence of Taxes in the past not having been collected;

Therefore Resolved, That the Treasurer be permitted to pay the School Grants for 1895 and 1896 to District No. 8.

The Warden explained the position of the matter. The Treasurer could not pay money, (as the Council had already decided) for School Grants to those Districts whose Taxes were largely unpaid, as was the case with District 8 and one

or two others year by year. Portuguese Cove School Trustees had seen fit to apply to the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel the Treasurer to pay the grant for 1895, although informed by the Treasurer that there was no School funds in hand. The Court refused the mandamus unanimously. The County for the defence of this action had to pay \$44.50, but the Judges did not decide how the costs should be taxed. Meantime he had directed the Treasurer to pay the grant for 1895, less the \$44.50. This was refused acceptance, but the offer was still open, waiting the Judge's decision, as to payment of costs.

The motion was laid on the table.

Reference was made to the omission by Overseers of Roads to make the returns required by law to be in by 2nd December each year, and that they should be fined as the law directs. One excuse was that defaulters had to be dealt with.

The Treasurer said that several suits had been brought before the Stipendiary, costing the County much expense with no result. Mr. A. Kidston, Spryfield, had taken recently proceedings against a defaulter before the County Stipendiary, had proved the legality of his action in accordance with the Statute, and had paid expenses, besides giving his own time and travel, and was much annoyed by the Stipendiary dismissing the case, on the ground that the notice was not received by the party, though notified as the law provides. He asks to be repaid the outlay, and refuses to serve as Overseer again.

It was decided that Mr. Kidston be reimbursed for expenses, \$6.35, paid by him per acct.

Submitted an Account from Committee on precept for a Road to be laid out in District 18, issued last year. The precept and plan had not yet come to hand. Ordered to lie over.

Read, the Report and Schedule of the Committee on Lunatics at Hospital for Insane for 1896.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Submitted and read, the Report of J. L. Griffin, Esq., County Stipendiary, showing the fees collected in his office. Also, Fines in Convictions, Ferry License Fees, &c., for the year 1896.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Taylor—

That Councillors Bissett, Wilson and McCallum, be a Committee to confer with the representatives of the County in case it is determined to make any changes in the Statute Labor system during the coming Session of the Legislature.

Passed.

Moved by Councillors Thomas and Negus—

That Samuel Williams be appointed a Constable for District No. 30. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1897.

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

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Sellars—

That J. L. Griffin, Dominick Farrell and W. D. Harrington, be appointed to take examinations of Patients for the Hospital for Insane for 1897.

By Councillors Henley and McLean—

That Malcolm McFarlane and Jas. E. Conrod, be appointed Justices to examine Patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane, 1897.

By Councillors Burris and Taylor—

That Wm. Sedgewick and Walter McCurdy be appointed Justices to examine Patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane for 1897.

All the above passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Kerr—

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

Moved by Councillors Kirker and McMullen—

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

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Donaldson—

That all Overseers of Roads who have failed to hand in their Statute Labor Returns be notified by the County Clerk that unless such returns are filed in the Clerk's office not later than the 1st day of March next, the legal penalty will be exacted. This for the present season only. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Wilson—

That the remuneration of the Councillors for the present year be two dollars per day while in Session, with mileage as heretofore. Passed.

The Special Committee on Pedlars' Licenses reported—

That after careful consideration of the suggested Bill received from the Provincial Secretary, the same be amended as set forth in the erasures and additions thereto. Passed.

(The erasures were in section 2, sub-section "a," the words "or an adjoining County" in the 2nd and 4th lines, and changing the words "fifty cents into fifty dollars," and in sub-section "c" increasing "five dollars to "seventy-five dollars," and in sub-section "c," increasing "thirty dollars to one hundred dollars.")

The Law Amendment Committee reported.

The first clause was amended by the substitution of the following resolution moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill, viz.:—

Whereas, The Municipality of Halifax County has in the past and is still called upon to pay very large sums annually for Petit and Special Juries;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council record their emphatic protest against the injustice of paying Jury Fees, especially for Special Juries, when in many cases the litigants who ask for Special Juries are large Corporations who are much better able to pay for such Juries than the ratepayers of the County; we therefore request and hereby ask the Legislature on behalf of this Municipality to pass some legislation at the ensuing session to relieve the Municipality from paying such Jury fees, especially for Special Juries. Notwithstanding the amendment to the original Act passed last year, in respect to Special Juries, we have still been obliged to pay such Juries the past year. Passed.

The clause relating to Widows' exemptions also passed, and the last paragraph was cancelled.

Moved by Councillors Henley and McLean, and

Resolved, 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.

Moved by Warden Shatford, seconded by Councillor Burgess, and

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be assessed in District 23 for the support of the Poor. Passed.

Read, a letter from Councillor Thomas, District 30, expressing his grateful thanks for the kindly sympathy and monetary aid afforded him by a number of his brother Councillors last year under his losses by fire. Being still short of means to complete a new dwelling he would be glad to receive further help from other friends in the Council, &c.

The Clerk read a note from H. Congdon, Esq., Editor of the Atlantic Weekly, stating that he would send copies of his paper containing the Reports of the Session to each

Councillor who would leave his address with the County Clerk.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Donaldson --

That the thanks of the Council be voted to Mr. Congdon of the Atlantic Weekly for his kind offer to send a copy of his paper to each Councillor. Passed.

Read, a Petition from several Ratepayers of District No. 15, complaining of the state of the Roads in their locality, and of the Councillor's selection of Road Overseers, &c. Laid over to next Session.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley--

That the Council adjourn till Monday, April 5th.

In amendment by Councillors Wilson and Burris--

That this Council adjourn to Tuesday, 6th April, 1897, at Eleven o'clock. Passed.

The resolution was re-considered, and after some discussion on the desirability of an earlier meeting, it was moved by Councillors McMullen and Bissett, and

Resolved, That this Council adjourn until the last Wednesday of March, at 12 o'clock, noon. Passed *nem con*.

A vote of thanks to the Warden for his great patience, courtesy and efficient conduct in the chair during the Session, was unanimously carried on being put by the Deputy Warden.

The Warden responded, thanking the Council for their attendance and careful transaction of the business submitted for their consideration and decision.

The Council then adjourned to meet 31st March, 1897.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF LICENSE INSPECTOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES, 1897.

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

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg leave to submit the following Report on applications for License to sell Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors for the ensuing License Year.

The following applications have been received according to the requirements of the Liquor License Act of 1895, and amendments thereto, namely:—

John Ahearn, Hotel, for the House known as Riverside House, St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Patrick J. Wyatt, Hotel, for the House called Lakeview, St. Margaret's Bay Road.

The petitions and certificates are strictly in accordance with the Act, and there have been no objections made to their applications or to the granting to them a License.

Since the application of Patrick J. Wyatt was received he has acknowledged a violation of the Act, which, according to Sections 3 and 8 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1896, they being amendments to Section 15 of the Act of 1895, would make it impossible for his License to be granted in accordance with the Law, therefore I cannot recommend the granting of his License.

John Ahearn's House and premises are in good condition and well kept, and I know nothing against the people who patronise the House.

I believe Mr. Ahearn to be a man of good character and a fit and proper person to keep a Hotel, and I believe him to be the owner of the business, and he having complied with all the provisions of the Act I recommend the granting of his License

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. B. REID,
Inspector of Licenses.

HALIFAX, JANUARY 12TH, 1897.

Return of Proceedings of License Inspector for the Year 1896.

Name of Parties Prosecuted.	Residence.	Before Whom.	Date.	Result.	Fine Imposed	Costs not P'd.	Fine Coll'ed.	Remarks.
Edward F. Hayes.....	Herring Cove.....	J. Lester Griffin	Jan'y. 9	Dismissed.	.....	\$ 7 05		
James Dares, Sr. (con- tinued from 1895.)	Porter's Lake.....	" "	" 22	"	.....	14 45		
John Dares " "	"	" "	" 28	Convicted.	\$ 50 00	14 45		Left the Province.
James Dares, Jr. " "	"	" "	"	"	50 00		50 90	
Thomas Dares	"	" "	"	Dismissed.	.....	14 45		
Samuel Stephens.....	Wellington Station.....	" "	Feb. 1	Convicted.	20 00		20 00	
Richard Owens.....	Preston Road.....	" "	" 1	Dismissed.	.....	6 05		
Wm. Keddy.....	Preston.....	" "	" 3	Convicted.	50 00			Promised to pay, but has not.
John F. Gough.....	Three Mile House.....	" "	" 3	"	50 00		50 00	
John W. Corbin.....	Tangier.....	Wm. Hay and W. C. Henly..	" 25	"	20 00		20 00	
Samuel Keating.....	Ship Harbour.....	" "	" 28	"	25 00	52	25 00	
Thomas Monk.....	"	" "	" 28	"	25 00	84	25 00	
William Hawes.....	Spry Bay.....	" "	" 29	"	50 00	9 64		Was sent to jail.
Harry Creed.....	Fifteen Mile Stream.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald	Mar. 12	"	50 00	16 70		Not in the County.
James Dempsey.....	Herring Cove.....	J. Lester Griffin	" 17	"	20 00		20 00	
David Smith.....	Windsor Junction.....	" "	April 8	"	20 00		20 00	
Mary McGuire.....	"	" "	" 8	"	20 00		20 00	
Patrick Murphy.....	Sheet Harbour.....	M. McFarlane.....	" 16	"	.....			Did not get service.
James W. Slauenwhite	Terence Bay.....	J. Lester Griffin	May 5	"	20 00		20 00	
John Bourke.....	Portuguese Cove.....	" "	June 10	"	50 00	11 20		Went to jail.
Edward Bowers.....	"	" "	" 10	"	50 00	9 10		"
Albert Shelnut.....	Ship Harbour.....	P. W. Moskell.....	" 10	"	.....	6 30		Failed to get service.
Mary Ann Blakely.....	Indian Harbour.....	J. Lester Griffin	" 18	"	50 00	10 65		Warrant issued.
Benjamin Buchanan.....	Upper Prospect.....	" "	July 13	"	50 00	11 55		"
John Myett.....	Ketch Harbour.....	" "	" 13	"	20 00		20 00	
Edward Holloway.....	Cow Bay.....	" "	" 13	Dismissed.	.....	3 15		
Henry McDonald.....	Portobella.....	" "	" 13	Convicted.	20 00	2 95		Appeal'd did not contest app'l
Alex. Morrow.....	Eastern Passage Road..	" "	" 13	"	20 00		20 00	
Benjamin Buchanan.....	Upper Prospect.....	" "	" 29	"	30 00	4 55		Warrant issued.
Wm. Wilson.....	Bedford.....	" "	Aug. 13	"	20 00		20 00	
Harry Paw.....	"	" "	" 13	"	20 00		20 00	
Anthony Hubley.....	French Village.....	" "	Sept. 15	"	20 00		20 00	
Ellen Sheu.....	Terence Bay.....	" "	" 15	"	20 00		20 00	
John Fraser.....	Fifteen Mile Stream Mine	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald	" 16	"	.....	10 20		Could not get service.
Wm. Topple.....	Herring Cove Road.....	J. Lester Griffin	" 17	"	20 00		20 00	
Wm. Keddy.....	Preston.....	" "	" 17	Dismissed.	.....	2 50		

Harry Watson.....	Caribou Mines.....	J. G. Reynolds, D. Archibald.	Oct. 8	Convicted.	50 00	7 45	Left the County.
Daniel McMillen.....	".....	".....	" 8	"	50 00	7 85	Was committed to jail.
Wm. Miller.....	Guysboro Road.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 9	"		1 20	Constable did not get service
Arthur Thomson.....	Dutch Settlement.....	".....	" 9	"		75	"
Frederick Drysdale.....	Prospect Road.....	".....	Nov. 13	Convicted.	20 00		
J. G. White.....	St. Margaret's Bay Road.....	".....	" 18	"	30 00		
Charles Amburg.....	Sheet Harbour.....	W. C. Henly, M. McFarlane..	Dec. 2	"	50 00		
Benjamin Jeffers.....	".....	".....	" 2	"	50 00	10 90	Sent to jail.
Wm. Hawes.....	Spry Bay.....	".....	" 2	"	50 00	10 90	In jail now on another c'v'n.
Edward Grady.....	East Chezzetcook.....	J. Lester Griffin.....	" 16	"	20 00		
Wm. Wilson.....	Bedford.....	".....	" 29	"	30 00		
Patrick J. Wyatt.....	St. Margaret's Bay Road.....	".....	" 29	"	20 00		
J. G. White.....	".....	".....	" 29	"	30 00		

\$1260 00 \$200 75 \$610 00

Received on conviction against Wm. Hawes, Nov. 24th, 1894..... 35 00
 " " Edward Hayes, Feb. 25th, 1895..... 8 00
 " " Benj. Mannett, Aug. 14th, 1895..... 10 45
 " " Benj. Buchanan, Oct. 9, 1895..... 63 50
 " " Mary Myatt, Oct. 23, 1895..... 57 30

\$784 25

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg leave to submit the following Financial Report for the year 1896:—

The total cash receipts for the year, as shown in detailed statements of License duties and fines collected, are.....	\$1034 25
The total expenses for the year, as shown in detailed statement, and paper showing proceedings of year, which gives costs not collected. Also, paper showing items of travelling expenses, amounts to.....	1025 35
Balance in favour of County.....	\$ 8 90

Of the 49 cases where action was started, 38 were convicted, 6 dismissed, and 5 did not come to trial. Of the 38 convicted, 24 paid their fines, 6 were committed to jail, 3 left the County. Warrants have been issued, and are in the hands of the Constable for the remaining delinquents.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body.

D. W. B. REID,

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

January 14th, 1897.

Receipts from all Sources for 1896.

Duty on Licenses granted to—	
Mrs. Isabella Brittan.....	\$ 140 00
John Ahearn.....	90 00
Deposits on Applications—	
John Ahearn.....	\$10 00
Patrick J. Wyatt.....	10 00
	20 00
	\$1034 25

Detailed Statement of Expenditure for the year 1896.

Paid "Morning Chronicle," Advertising.....	\$ 3 98
"Halifax Herald, ".....	3 38
Congdon & Outhit, Legal Service.....	105 00
Travelling Expenses, etc.....	301 67
Postage, Stationery and Telegrams.....	3 75
W. A. Hendry, Surveying.....	3 00
Chief County Constable Burbidge.....	31 43
Constable Frank A. Reynolds.....	12 32
" Alfred D. Hay.....	17 75
" John W. Reid.....	18 07
King's Livery Stable.....	17 75
Wm. H. Green, Livery Stable.....	6 50
Costs in Suits not Collected.....	200 75
Salary for Inspector for year.....	300 00
	\$1025 35

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1896.

The committee in presenting their Report would refer to the Jailors' 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 the preservation of the property, the Jail is being kept in fine order, much to the credit of the Jailor. Some improvements will require to be made, such as the putting in new waterclosets, &c., also some portions of the Jail fence will require to be renewed at an early date.

The Poor Farm has been conducted fairly well the past year. For statement of produce grown on the Farm and Stock on hand, &c., we would refer to the Keeper's Report.

There has been a large Well sunk on the premises last Summer which will be of great benefit to the Institution as there will be an abundant supply of good water, and all has been done without cost to the Taxpayers with the exception of a pump and plank for covering, all the work being done by the Paupers and Employees.

There has also been a fine Cellar made in the bank to the west of the buildings, with mortar walls and roofed over, sufficient to hold all the root crop grown on the Farm. The stoves in the Insane apartments have been removed from the basements to the sitting rooms and a heavy iron rail placed around the same, which is a great improvement, as it costs less fire to heat the rooms and prevents any unpleasant odour, and that accounts in part for the large blacksmith's bill, the cost being some thirty dollars. The Committee are of the opinion and recommend that the Treasurer should pay no bills unless signed by the Keeper and countersigned by the Chairman or associate. The committee recommend that more of the sewing be done at the Institution by the Employes without extra charge, and that the Keeper engage no help in any way without the consent of the Chairman or associate.

Although there is an apparent deficit in the running of accounts of the year, yet from the fact that we this year paid for three years insurance, we have from this source forty dollars to our credit, twenty dollars for hay for 1897, and a bill of forty dollars for smith's work in 1895 which had been omitted. Giving these credits we find that we have sixty dollars to the actual credit of the Institution for 1896 we also save the County ten hundred and fifty-eight dollars by keeping the Insane at the Poor Farm.

JOHN G. BISSETT.
JAMES H. SELLARS.
H. CHARLES HENLEY.
B. C. WILSON.
THOS. S. DONALDSON.
JOHN J. JOHNSON.
GEO. H. KERR.

INCOME.

Insane Paupers, 1058 weeks, at \$2.00 per week	\$2116 00
District " 1588, at 75 cts per week	1266 00
Dartmouth, " 437 weeks, at \$1.30 per week	568 10
Births, 3, \$8 each	24 00
Sale of Pair of Oxen	63 50
To be paid by Districts on acct. Dr. Cunningham, Service ..	10 00
To be paid by Districts, for Coffins	12 00

\$4059 60

EXPENDITURE.

Groceries, Provisions and Feed	\$ 1494 97
Beef for the year	561 66
Dry Goods, Clothing and Bedding.....	316 58
Boots and Shoes.....	133 60
Doctor's Salary, \$90, other Services, \$10	100 00
Hardware, including Pumps for well	162 52
Making Clothing for Paupers	48 95
Blacksmith, for 1895 and 1896.....	85 25
Lumber and Lime for Cellar.....	10 00
Hay and Straw, (\$20 should be charged to '97).....	89 02
By Payrolls of Employees	568 50
Team for Hauling Wood and Building Cellar Wall.....	46 25
Purchase of Fair Oxen for Work.....	74 00
Insurance for 3 Years.....	60 00
Salary of Keeper and Matron to date.....	319 00
Chairman	25 00
Coffins	12 00
Sundries	59 06
	\$4106 36
Income.....	4659 60
	\$ 46 76

REPORT OF J. F. TURNER, SUPT. POOR FARM.

To His Honor the Warden and Council of the County.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit my Annual Report of the County Poor Farm for the past year.

Total number of Inmates to date, 69, of those there are 20 men, 19 women, 7 children, 12 insane men, 11 women Total number admitted during the past year, 41. Discharged 14; deaths 7.

The produce grown on the Farm has increased to a fair extent, under the unfavorable changes of the weather the past season

The turnip crop is below the average. All others are in excess, of which the following will show:—

Potatoes, 330 bushels; turnips, 222; beets, 12 bushels; carrots, 12 bushels; cabbage, 40 dozen; hay, 15 tons; oat fodder, 2 tons; corn, peas, beans, cucumbers used green from the field in abundance. Pork raised, 66 lbs. Live Stock—4 cows, 1 yearling heifer, a yoke of oxen, one horse, with the usual amount of farming implements; two pigs.

Dry Goods on hand—40 yards homespun, 10 yards flannel

Ready-Made Clothing—15 pairs pants, 12 jumpers, 16 pairs drawers, 16 undershirts.

Provisions—2 bbls. flour, half bbl. corn meal, half bbl. oatmeal, 25 lbs. cod-fish, half bbl. herring, 15 lbs. butter, half bbl. sugar, half-chest tea.

Improvements to the Farm—An acre of uncultivated land prepared and put under crop; a root house has been built, with an ice house in connection, which will be a great convenience in saving meat and milk in summer season. A well has been sunk, with pump placed into it, from a never-failing spring of water, which supplies the houses with a pure and healthful drink.

The stoves have been removed from the furnace in the insane apartments and placed in the sitting rooms, with iron railings for the safety of the patients, which

adds much to their comfort. Also, I would direct your attention to the necessity of a supply of new iron Bedsteads. The old wooden ones, after ten years' service, have become filthy, and broken down, so as to become unfit for service any longer. Respectfully submitted.

JAS. F. TURNER,
Keeper of Halifax County Poor Farm.

January 11th, 1897.

REPORT OF DR. CUNNINGHAM, PHYSICIAN TO THE POOR FARM.

To His Honor the Warden and Council of Halifax County.

GENTLEMEN,—

In submitting my Report for the past year, I beg leave to say that no epidemic has visited the County Poors Farm, and that the general health of the inmates has been good.

I have to report seven deaths as follows:—Old age, 4; phthisis, 1; heart disease 1; bright's disease, 1.

The apartments are kept clean and warm. The food is wholesome and nutritious, and the beds and bedding clean and comfortable.

In any illness everything in the way of "sick diet" is provided, and every care is given by Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

Yours, &c.,

N. F. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

Dartmouth, Jan. 11, 1897.

REPORT OF THE KEEPER OF THE COUNTY JAIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31st, 1896.

For the year beginning January 1st and ending this date, there were—Criminals, 228; Debtors, 52; showing a decrease of 2 Criminals and an increase of 3 Debtors.

The largest number of Prisoners in the Jail at one time was 22. There were also a number of prisoners committed in 1895 who were not discharged until 1896.

During the year there were 280 persons committed to Jail, for which they were from

City Court.....	202
Magistrate's Court.....	39
Supreme and County Court.....	28
Municipality of Dartmouth.....	11
Total.....	280

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

The amount of monies received for Room Rent and Boarding Stowaways is \$35.80.

The sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good and little sickness, excepting those committed temporarily from the City Court, of which there were—For Drunkenness 19, and Insanity 3. Other sickness of various forms was always promptly attended to by the Physician of the Jail.

I beg to bring to the notice of your honorable body the necessity of putting new Water Closets throughout the Jail.

The Plumbing Inspector for the City has reported that the ones in use at present are unsanitary and contrary to the City regulations. Also, that the Jail be fitted with modern and improved closets before the 1st day of May, 1897.

I also wish to state that the fence on the east side and a portion of the north side around the Jail yard is in a bad condition and liable to be blown down at any time.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. L. MALCOLM,
Jailor.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1896.

Read in connection with the foregoing report the Return of Commitments to County Jail, Jan. 1st to Dec 31st, 1896.

	Males.	Females.
Arson	5	
Drunk	16	4
Perjury	6	3
Forgery	1	1
Bigamy	1	1
Assault	7	1
Larceny	40	7
Seduction	1	
Bastardy	5	
Vagrancy	4	
Swindling	1	
Blackmail	1	
Stowaways	16	
Drunkenness	16	3
Shoplifting		6
Pocket-Picking	5	
Unsound Mind	3	
Attempting Burglary	3	
Threatenin' Language	1	1
Resisting Police	1	
Burglary and Larceny	18	
Damaging Property	1	1
Maliciously Breaking Glass	2	
Violating Game Laws	2	
Assaulting Police Officer	1	
Escaping from Prison	2	
Burglary with Intent to Steal	2	
Neglecting to Support Family	3	
Unlawfully Wounding and Maiming	1	
Assault with Intent to Rape	1	
Having Stolen Goods in Possession	1	
Having Burglars' Tools in Possession	1	
Disorderly Conduct	2	1
Causing Disturbance on Street	1	1
Throwing Stones on Public Street	2	
Shooting with Intent to Murder	2	
Obtaining Goods under False Pretences	1	
Carrying Dangerous Weapon	1	
Assault, Causing Grievous Bodily Harm	1	
Enticing Girl into House of Illfame		1
Having Counterfeit Mould in Possession	1	
Shooting with Intent to do Bodily Harm	2	
Violating City Compulsory School Act	6	1
Selling Liquor Without License and keeping for sale	10	

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On motion, the Returns were received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON TO THE COUNTY JAIL FOR 1896.

I beg to submit my Report, as Physician to the County Jail, for the year just ended. The several months brought with them the usual number of those of the prisoners requiring medical treatment to some extent. While the aggregate of those committed is not so large as that of last year, yet the cases of drunkenness have maintained their standard, and we have not been without our quota of Insane persons. Thirty-nine cases of drunkenness, varying from the "simple drunk" sent to Jail to sober up, to the violent cases of delirium tremens, which needed all our care and watchfulness, are registered, and three Insane persons have been inmates for safe keeping.

An event of more than usual importance occurred on June 3rd, when Florence Louise Riley, undergoing sentence for perjury, was safely delivered of a male child. Fortunately such cases as this are rare, the last previous event of the kind having happened in 1888. They tax our Jail resources to the utmost, as you will readily understand the Institution has not many of the conveniences necessary to a well appointed lying-in Hospital. However, Mother and Child did well, and they returned to their home safely at the expiration of the sentence.

At the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Property I made a careful examination of the present plumbing fixtures of the Jail building, especially those in connection with the different water closets. I called to my assistance the City Inspector of plumbing, and his Report which will likely be submitted to you, and which is entirely in accord with my own views, recommends the removal of the existing closets, the renewal of much of the plumbing, and the introduction of modern flush-out, sanitary closets. These changes are necessary in the interest of the health of the inmates, as well as to comply with the City Laws, which demand the removal of all hopper closets by May 1st next.

With each contingent of sentenced prisoners to Dorchester Penitentiary, I have to forward a clean bill of health—a certificate that those departing are free from contagious or infectious sickness, and may be received with safety into the Penitentiary. The following named have received such certificates—17 in all—viz:

January 25th—Fred. Cochran, Thomas Nickerson.
February 15th—Michael O'Brien, William Skinner, William Hagbourn.
June 1st—John Donovan, Geo. W. Hart.
September 7th—Agnes Keating, David Nelson.
October 15th—Redmond Joyce.
October 30th—Robert Grant, Lucy Byers, Frank Drake.
November 26th—Charles Corkum, George Renner.
December 23—Michael Walker, Joseph H. Dunn.

Referring again to the demoralizing effects of the enforced idleness upon the prisoners confined in the County Jail, I would here repeat my recommendations of former years, that some scheme of "Hard Labor" be thought out and put into practice. "In a multitude of Counsellors there is wisdom" we are told, and I am sure your honorable body will be able to exemplify the truth of the quotation in this application of it.

I have examined the food supplied to the prisoners from time to time, and have invariably found it of good quality and well cooked. The corridors and cells have been kept clean and well lime washed, and the health of the long term prisoners has been proportionately good. My frequent visits to the Jail enable me to bear willing testimony to the considerate care by the

Jailor, Mr. Malcolm, of those in his charge, particularly the sick and those cases of alcoholism which required careful watching, and to Mrs. Chambers, the Matron, and Mr. Gaetz the Turnkey, I am also indebted for intelligent assistance at different times.

(Sgd.) THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE, JANUARY, 1897.

Beginning with the Petitions and Resolutions referred to this Committee, we would say in connection with the one from Harrietsfield, that the prayer is somewhat indefinite in its details, and we could not advise the Council to take action until an amicable or other arrangement had been arrived at between the respective Councillors, and suggest it be referred to them.

The prayer of the petition of Wm. McClure and others near Eastern Passage Road is of a character we could not advise the Council to take arbitrary action on, but suggest it being referred to the Councillor of the District, and he be advised to take the Road Master into confidence and grant such measure of relief as the conditions demand.

After investigating the subject of the Rourke Bridge Petition from Dist. 35, we find that this bridge is one of some half-dozen large bridges within four or five miles over the one river and its tributary, and is of little or no use to the general public, and a matter of very little convenience to a couple of settlers only; and we suggest that the Councillor of the District visit the locality, investigate the case, and give this Council in April the benefit of his researches.

Inquiring into the subject matter of the communication from Peter Hurley, we gather that the dispute, objection or cause of action or complaint, is the outcome of a little social misunderstanding between two brothers, who should dwell together in unity, and could be amicably arranged by arbitration, and is an admirable opportunity for the District Councillor to pour oil on the troubled waters; and we would advise that he exert his kindly interference with a view to amicable settlement, failing in which, that he report to this Council in April, when we will have better data for offering such relief as the case demands.

In regard to the resolution to establish a fund for building new Roads, we found on interviewing the Government that it is possible to get such fund or loan on the same principle that an advance for road purposes can be obtained, that is by paying interest therefor, the County being responsible for the interest, which we were informed would be in the vicinity of \$160.00 per year for the amount suggested by the resolution, \$5,000. Of course, the County could recoup itself by charging the interest up to the District obtaining a portion from this fund; but we prefer that any action in the matter should come through a special vote from the Council, rather than to advise in the case.

Your Committee advise the granting of a precept (under the usual conditions) in accordance with the prayer of Wm. J. Archibald and others, of Middle Musquodoboit.

It has been the usual custom to present a detailed statement from the Statute Labor returns at this Session; but your Committee ask the privilege of deferring this till the April Session, for the reason that 41 returns are not in yet, and any statement made up now must necessarily be imperfect; and further, that many of those already in are so imperfectly made, that it will take more time to investigate them than can well be given to them without detaining the Council. And we ask this Council to take steps to have them all in not later than the first day of March next.

We would call attention to the fact that District 30 has not made any returns of Statute Labor, and District 14 only one.

We deem it our duty to refer to the returns from District 23, wherein the commutation of 50c. per day, as fixed by Statute, has been further commuted by accepting 25c. per day. In the first place this is in direct contravention of the law and also an injustice to the rest of the County; and we suggest that in apportioning the County grant an amount equal to this discrepancy be retained from the

amount allotted to this District. And we suggest a similar penalty for District 10, which reports 228 days, equal to \$114 00, not performed nor collected.

Your Committee beg to call attention to Statute Labor Act, which was framed to meet conditions existing half a century ago, and is now quite inadequate to meet the altered conditions (and the advanced legal education) of the present times, and would recommend interviewing the Government on the subject, and if they think the time is not opportune for a general new Statute Labor Act for the whole Province, that we ask for a special Act for Halifax County alone, in the framing of which a delegation from this Council would be pleased to assist and express our special views. And your Committee suggest some of the following as salient features to be incorporated in the revision:—

The abolishing of all exemptions, (except for poll-tax) of persons over sixty years of age.

That the means of support shall assume the form of a direct property tax on all assessable property, and a poll-tax of \$1.00 on all persons from 18 to 60 years of age.

That such tax may be commuted by labor performed under the supervision of the Road Master at the current rate of wages for such labor.

The Council may appoint one general Supervisor for each electoral district, and one Road Master for each road section as now prevails.

A petition from several residents of Lawrencetown represents that District 30 has neglected a piece of road which forms the most direct communication between the two districts Nos. 29 and 30. An interview with the Councillor of District 30 elicited the reply, that with the means at his command he was unable to keep any of his roads in repair, and this being of the least importance he considered it best able to suffer.

B. C. WILSON.
W. CHARLES HENLEY.
GEORGE BURRIS.
WM. F. NEGUS.
E. J. COVEY.
C. E. SMITH.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

The Resolution in regard to obtaining a Loan from the Provincial Government for the purpose of enabling certain Districts to obtain means to keep their Roads in order, having been referred to us—we beg to report, that the Loan would be made conditionary that the rate of interest should not exceed four per cent.

That each District participating would be required to pay this interest on the amount received of said Loan, and that such interest would be a first charge on such District's share of the annual Road Grant. That the amount thus obtained by any such District should not otherwise affect or impair such District's allotment of the usual County Road Grant.

Under these conditions, the following Districts applied:—

Councillor for District 29 for	.....	\$350.00
“	“ 16 “	..... 400 00
“	“ 31 “	..... 400.00
“	“ 25 “	..... 200.00
“	“ 7 “	..... 300.00
“	“ 10 “	..... 200.00
“	“ 8 “	..... 150.00
“	“ 14 “	..... 300.00
“	“ 13 “	..... 400.00
“	“ 18 “	..... 250.00
“	“ 33 “	..... 300.00

Councillor for District 30 for	(?)
" " 26 "	600.00
" " 17 "	400.00
" " 15 "	400.00

Wherefore your Committee recommend that a loan not to exceed \$5,000 be negotiated with the Government on the basis as outlined in the interview had with the Premier and Attorney-General, and at a rate not to exceed four per cent.

That the relative amounts be apportioned to the respective Districts, the interest on which shall be a first charge against their several shares of the County Road Grant.

That the money thus loaned or obtained shall be expended under the direction of a Supervisor for each such District, to be appointed by this Council.

That the money be expended in the manner of the general Road Grant and paid upon a detailed sworn statement of expenditure, signed by the Supervisor and the Councillor of the District, as now applies in the expenditure of the ordinary County Grant.

B. C. WILSON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL FOR INSANE FOR YEAR 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Committee on Insane beg to report as follows:

1st. That there were admitted to the Hospital for Insane during the year chargeable to the Municipality 9 Patients, all of whom are Paupers. Their names are:

MALES.

Paul Lapierre, District 28.
Menson Warner. " 36.
Wm. J. O'Leary, District 34.
Wm. P. Yeadon, District 14.—4

FEMALES, VIZ:

Sarah McLeod.
Laura Bruce.
Bertha Whitman, District 34.
Theotis Julien.
Elizabeth Webber.—5.

Four Males and five Females.

There were discharged 2 Males, Paul Lapierre and Amos Myers; 3 Females, Emily McKinlay, Eliz Myers and Sarah McLeod.

The Deaths were, Charles Eisser, Julia Keddy and Phoche Williams.

Of the 5 discharged—Paul Lapierre, Emily McKinlay, Elizabeth A Myers and Sarah McLeod were sent to the County Poor Farm, and Amos Myers returned home.

The number now in Hospital to be paid for by the Municipality is 11 Males, and 15 Females, in all 26.

The Treasurer has collected from private parties on account of Insane Patients \$137.55, and expects to add to this amount if possible. This is on general account, also settled with the Government for John O'Connor's balance so long standing. He has placed this sum \$470.06, to credit of the Poor Farm.

Your Committee do not see why in re-admissions it should be necessary to have the Medical Certificates renewed, costing \$10.00 each time. The Clerk has had instances of Patients being discharged and re-admitted four and five times.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

We find by comparing the Rolls of 1896 and 1897 that there is an increase in twelve Districts and a decrease in the remaining nineteen Districts, making a total decrease of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Dollars in the whole County for the present year.

We also find in Districts 15, 17, 24, 25 and 26, quite a large increase, and in Districts 10, 14, 18, 27, 28, 30, 35 and 38, there has been quite a large decrease, notably, Districts 10, 14, 18, 30 and 38. The Councillors in the several Districts where there are deficits can explain. The annexed sheet will show the amounts assessed on the several Districts for the years 1896 and 1897, with the increases and decreases. We would also recommend that the Assessors for the several Districts in the County be required to commence their work on a certain day, say, the First day of November, but in the event of that day falling on a Sunday, then the next day following. There has been no special business brought before the Committee to deal with.

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

Comparative Statement for 1896 and 1897 of Valuations in District Assessors' Returns for the Municipality of Halifax County.

Dist.	Total of Valua'ns 1896.	Total of Valua'ns 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
7	\$27,380	\$25,780	\$	\$1,600	Decrease last year \$ 390.00
8	25,220	22,472	.....	2,748	" " 91.00
9	25,145	26,005	860	.....	Increase " 420.00
10	36,830	29,846	.....	6,984	Decrease " 1,200.00
11	52,620	52,025	.....	595	" "
12	41,950	41,995	45	.....	" " .....
13	33,767	35,485	1,718	.....	Increase " 90.00
14	147,245	137,028	.....	10,217	" "
15	147,785	167,970	20,185	.....	" " 300.00
16	46,610	44,832	.....	1,778	Decrease " 347.00
17	123,760	136,255	12,495	.....	" " .....
18	99,105	92,095	.....	7,010	Decrease " 1,999 00
19	92,879	90,822	.....	2,057	" " 258.00
20	47,878	47,784	.....	144	Increase " 1,898.00
21	125,230	125,345	.....	115	Decrease " 275.00
22	111,815	111,135	.....	280	" " 3,001 00
23	14,775	14,830	55	.....	" " 1,340 09
24	49,030	50,815	1,785	.....	Increase " 2,022.00
25	79,255	92,035	12,780	.....	Decrease " 3,780.00
26	72,120	79,385	7,265	.....	Increase " 1,820.00
27	110,625	106,365	.....	4,260	" " 2,430.00
28	69,023	64,740	.....	4,283	Decrease " 1,965.00
29	61,425	60,840	.....	585	Increase " 1,098.00
30	28,640	25,970	.....	3,670	" "
31	172,685	170,950	.....	1,735	Decrease " 3,015.00
32	73,810	73,960	2,050	.....	Increase " 523.00

Dist.	1896.	1897.	Increase	Decrease.	Remarks	
33	72,310	73,490	1,180	....	Decrease	" 1,760.00
34	51,024	51,400	376	....	"	" 1 262.00
35	39,739	36,610	....	3,129	Increase	" 4,030.00
36	87,560	87,137	....	423	Decrease	" 780
38	23,101	19,220	....	3,881	Increase	" 606
			851,334	855,544		839,702.00
				51,334		
						\$ 4,210 nett decrease.

REPORT OF LAW AMENDMENT COMMITTEE.

The Law Amendment Committee report as follows:—

1.—Many subjects have been discussed, many points of law have been raised, but no definite remedy has been proposed for any or all of the serious evils which are said to exist. The subject of Jury Fees in Civil Cases was again discussed, and notwithstanding the suggestions and Legislation of last winter, we learn that the Municipality has the Fees to pay, instead of having the same charged against the litigants, as we hoped would be the case.

2.—The matter of Widows' Exemptions from taxes has been discussed and legal opinion sought for, the general drift of which opinion is, that Widows' thirds are exempt to the amount of Four Hundred Dollars. Also, that where Letters of Administration have been taken out or Probate granted in case of a will in the succeeding assessment, the shares of the minor children should also be exempted from taxes, and that the share or shares of such as are over twenty only should be taxed.

3.—Many other subjects engaged the attention of the Committee, but all ended as begun, in talk; all talk and nothing but talk.

(Sgd) SAMUEL THOMPSON, } *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee having gone carefully over the Report and Vouchers of Inspector Reid, believe the same to be correct, but the charges a little extravagant in some cases.

We recommend the accounts of Doctors Dunlop and McLean to be paid, mileage not included.

We also find the account of Dr. Gunn cannot be accepted nor paid, as he is not a resident of this County and the Pauper is not known.

On the annexed sheet we beg to submit the Estimates for the present year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. CHARLES HENLEY
HENRY HALL
GEO. H. MADILL
J. H. TAYLOR
R. J. BISHOP
H. M. MCCALLUM
GEO. H. KERR

ESTIMATES COUNTY OF HALIFAX, CITY, AND TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

Current Expenses of Court House.....	\$ 2,000 00
Interest and Debentures on Court House.....	1,080 00
County Jail Current Expenses.....	3,060 00
Grand and Petit Juries.....	900 00
For Sheriff.....	900 00
Crown Expenses.....	1,000 00
Clerk and Treasurer.....	1,600 00
Coroners.....	500 00
Printing and Stationery.....	600 00
Criers Supreme Court.....	1,000 00
Criers County Court.....	200 00
Jury List (not needed 1897).....	—
	<u>\$12,780 00</u>
Less Government Grant to Court House.....	300 00
	<u>\$12,480 00</u>

FOR COUNTY ALONE.

For Warden and Councillors' Pay.....	\$ 1,200 00
Stipendiary.....	850 00
County Constables.....	400 00
Schools.....	8,600 00
Hospital for Insane.....	3,600 00
County Poor Farm, Interest and Debentures.....	600 00
County Poor Farm, Current Expenses.....	2,300 00
For Revisors and Assessors.....	700 00
Draw Bridge, \$70; Bus Line, \$150; Ferries, \$40.....	260 00
Postage, Health and Incidentals.....	100 00
Bounty on Wild Beasts.....	100 00
Auditors.....	40 00
Lunacy Certificates.....	40 00
	<u>\$18,790 00</u>
Less Receipts from Stipendiary's Court and Licenses.....	500 00
	<u>\$18,290 00</u>
And from unexpended Balance, 1896.....	1,720 92
	<u>\$16,569 08</u>
For County alone.....	12,480 00
City, County and Dartmouth.....	4,089 08
	<u>\$20,569 08</u>
Whole Assessment for 1897.....	\$29,649 08

REPORT OF THE COUNTY AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DEC. 31st, 1896.

To His Honor the Warden and the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,—

We have great pleasure in reporting to your honorable body that we have carefully examined and checked the Vouchers and Books of the County Treasurer for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1896, and have found them correct in all details. The Balance to date deposited to the credit of the Municipality with the Halifax Banking Company is \$4720.92, as per account herewith transmitted.

We are, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

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

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT, 1896.

EXPENDITURE.

Paid County Court House Accounts for--		
Current Expenditure.....	\$ 1565 96	
Interest on Court House Improvement Loan	1125 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2690 96
County Jail, Account for Current Expenses, 1896		2381 52
Judicial Expenses, viz:--		
Criminal Prosecutions	1045 10	
High Sheriff's Accounts.....	920 80	
Grand Jury and Secretary, 2 terms.....	92 80	
Petit Juries and Expenses.....	558 58	
Committee preparing Jury Lists	176 75	
Criers Supreme and County Courts	1191 66	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3085 69
Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Accounts..		489 40
County Clerk's Salary	1100 01	
County Treasurer's Salary	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1600 00
Printing, Stationery and Advertising.....		585 25
Warden and 31 Councillors, 2 sessions, 1896...		1164 90
County Stipendiary's Salary	850 00	
Chief County Constable's Salary.....	300 00	
Deputy Chief County Constable's Salary	160 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1250 00
Inspector of Licenses, balance his account, 1895		204 81
Hospital for Insane--		
For accounts of Patients' Expenses in full Lunacy Certificates for Admission of Patients	3339 00	
		45 00
Public Schools--		
Balances 1895, and Grants to 125 Sections, 1896.....		8528 88
County Poor Farm--		
On account General Expenses, 1896	4201 56	
Debenture No. 2, and Interest on 2nd Loan paid.....	623 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4826 56
Roads and Bridges --		
Government Grant and Balances, 1895....	10173 00	
Custodians of 4 Draw Bridges.....	70 00	
	<u> </u>	\$10243 97
Bounties on Wild Animals, 1896.....		100 50
Legal Expenses Defending Suits, etc.....		74 22
Postages, Telegrams and Expressage		59 17
Assessors' Balances, 1895, and on acct. 1896...		450 50
Revisors of Electoral Lists		215 00
Collectors' Commission 1895 and 1896 (on acct)		813 55
Boards of Health Expenses		3 50
Poor Rates returned out of Collectors' payments.		158 35
County Auditors' of Clerk's and Treasurer's accts., 1896.....		40 00
Contingent Accounts--		
Bus Service, 12 months, District 14.....		150 00
City Poor Asylum for Transients removed to Poor Farm, etc.....		332 91
	<u> </u>	\$43733 64
		4720 72
----- Balance carried down.....		<u> </u>
		\$48454 56

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last account		\$ 5435 48
County Rates collected 1896, viz:		
Deficits from Sundry Districts, 1895.	\$ 2411 20	
From 31 Districts on acct. of 1896.....	17018 56	
		\$19429 76
City of Halifax—		
Balance of 1895, and on acct. 1896		9813 75
Town of Dartmouth—		
On acct. 1895 and 1896 Assessments		1000 00
Court House Subsidy—		
Annual Grant from Provincial Government		300 00
County Jail—		
For Sundry Fees Seamen's Board.....		35 80
County Poor Farm—		
Paid in by Districts on acct. of Paupers..	1272 16	
Board of Works for John O'Connor's acct.,		
balance	470 06	
		\$ 1742 22
County Stipendiary's Office—		
Fees of Office during the Year	478 20	
Pedlers' and Ferry Licenses.....	35 35	
Fines in several cases	74 00	
		\$ 587 55
County Clerk's Office—		
Fines Receiv'd from Sheriff and Magistrate		125 00
For authenticating Documents		7 50
Insane Patients' Accounts, collected during		
1895-96		137 55
Government of Nova Scotia—		
For amt. of Road and Bridge Grant, 1896,		9839 95
		\$ 43019 08
		\$48,454 56
By Balance in Bank		\$ 4,720 92

E. & O. E.
Halifax, Dec. 31st, 1896.

WM. H. WISWELL,
County Treasurer.

Examined, compared with the books and vouchers, and found to be correct.

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

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF THE COUNTY STIPENDIARY
FOR 1896.

No. of Trials and Convictions, (Liquor cases).....		27
" " " (other cases).....		5
Fees received in Office, March quarter	\$ 125 40	
" " " June "	100 65	
" " " Sept. "	141 15	
" " " Decr. "	111 00	
		\$ 478 20

Ferry Licenses issued, 5	5 00
Pedler's Licenses, 3	33 00
Fines for Criminal offences paid Treasurer.....	21 00
" paid Militia Department.....	20 00
Commission on Licenses.....	3 70
	<hr/>
	\$ 560 90
Fines paid Inspector of Licenses	\$ 490 00
Fines imposed not collected as some of the parties absconded, went to Jail, or Warrants issued, for them &c., &c	\$ 490 00

(Sgd.) J. L. GRIFFIN,
County Stipdy.

HALIFAX, DECE. 31ST, 1896.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE WITH STIPENDIARY.

The Committee waited on Mr. Griffin and stated their business and the popular demand for a more active occupant of the office of Stipendiary.

Mr. Griffin acknowledged his growing physical infirmities, but considered himself mentally capable to discharge the duties of the office as well as ever he did. In explaining his financial condition he stated that he has \$900.00 from sale of some real estate, and perhaps a hundred dollars or so ready means, but nothing more, nor any income whatever outside his office. That he would be quite willing to resign the office any day if the County would give him some retiring stipend. While your Committee held out no inducement that a pension would be considered by the Council, we were willing to get any suggestion he might have to make. We can only report that his views were for an amount higher than we, knowing the feeling of the Council could encourage, while he seemed disgusted with some figures thrown out by us as a feeler. Consequently we have no progress to report in that direction.

As to what might be done in view of another incumbent, we state that we have informal offers from eligible and capable persons who, in view of the circumstances, would accept the position at the present salary, but would make a reduction of perhaps \$200.00 or 300.00 during Mr. Griffin's life, on the prospective consideration of receiving the full amount when such allowance to Mr. Griffin ceased.

Your Committee, in view of the necessity that all proceedings and decisions of the Stipendiary's Court should be as strictly within the Statutes as possible, would suggest, that when a new incumbent is selected he should be a person with a legal training, also to avoid or rather to place the time of another change as far as practicable, that a person not past middle life be selected if available.

Further than this, your Committee do not deem it prudent to further advise in the premises.

B. C. WILSON.
J. G. BISSETT. } Committee.
J. E. SHATFORD.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ONE SESSION.

No. 1.

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the resolution re the abolishing of one session of the Council, beg leave to report as follows:—

That one session only is necessary. That we recommend the appointing of a special Committee to wait on the Local Members for this County, and ask their co-operation in presenting this resolution to the Government, and would suggest the following as members of this Committee:—

H. M. McCallum, Chas. Smith, B. C. Wilson, S. Thomson.

(Sgd.)

SAMUEL THOMSON.

H. M. McCALLUM.

E. D. McLEAN.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.

C. E. SMITH.

JOHN KIRKER.

JOHN H. TAYLOR.

No. 2.

Your Committee appointed to wait upon the Local Members for this County, beg to report that they called upon those Gentlemen and found them all ready and willing to assist this Council in obtaining from the Legislature an amendment in the law relating to the Sessions of this Council, such as is asked for by Resolution passed by this Council.

Your Committee recommend that this Council instruct the Clerk to forward to the Members, Messrs. Roche, Black and Wallace, copies of the Resolution, and ask that they give the matter their attention at the next Meeting of the Legislature.

H. M. CALLUM.

C. E. SMITH.

SAMUEL THOMSON.

B. C. WILSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROAD LOANS.

The Special Committee to interview the Government in regard to some special relief to certain Districts which suffered exceptional loss in October, 1896, by the great flood of that time, beg to report that they were received by Premier Murray, Attorney-General Longley, and representative Wallace, who assured us of their sympathy, and explained that the only method they could suggest was for the County to borrow a specified amount, say \$3,000 or so, which on the credit of the Province could be obtained at a little over 3 per cent. which they explained would only be a tax of \$3.09 or so per District, and should, they thought, be acceptable to the Council. Failing in this, he suggested that those Districts which needed special help, should ascertain the amount they would severally require, and the aggregate would be loaned on the County account and the interest on it be a District charge to the District obtaining an appropriation. Other than this, they could offer no solution.

B. C. WILSON

GEO. BISSETT

GEO. H. KERR

E. D. McLEAN

W. A. HENLEY

LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DISTRICT No. 7. Herring Cove.

Assessors—James Delouchery Collector of Taxes—Frank Reyno. Constable—Charles H. Thomas, jr. Overseers of Statute Labor—John Dempsey, Patk. Scallion. Overseers of Poor—Andrew Brackett, John Brown, Henry Brackett. SPRYFIELD. Overseer of Statute Labor—James Oakley, jr. Constable—Frank Sullivan.

QUEEN'S QUARRIES. Overseer of Statute Labor—Edward Keefe Constable—William Keefe. Presiding Officer—George Darrah. Board of Health—William Gorman, Rupert Darrah, John Sullivan, George Oakley.

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

PURCELL'S COVE. Overseer of Statute Labor—Charles Purcell. Constable—Solomon Selig.

DISTRICT No. 8. Portuguese Cove.

Assessors—Daniel Johnson, Bear Cove; James Gallagher, Ketch Harbor. Collector of County Rates—Charles O'Neill, Portuguese Cove. Constable—William B. Johnson, Halibut Bay; Samuel Pettipaw, Christopher Purcell, Portuguese Cove; Richard Holland, Duncan's Cove; John Flemming, John C. Martin, Ketch Harbor. Road Overseers—Edward J. Johnson, Bear Cove; George Purcell, Benjamin Smith, Portuguese Cove; John W. Holland, Duncan's Cove; Ambrose Fagan, Francis H. Martin, Ketch Harbor. Overseers of Poor—Bernard Johnson, Bear Cove; Frederick Martin, Ketch Harbor; Peter White, Portuguese Cove. Board of Health—Jeremiah Holland, Portuguese Cove; William L. Johnson, Halibut Cove; Danl. Gallagher, Ketch Harbour; Danl. Connors, Duncan's Cove. Fence Viewers—Andrew Scallion, Halibut Bay; Henry Quan, Portuguese Cove; Thomas McNeil, Duncan's Cove; Thomas Quigley, Ketch Harbor. Sanitary Inspector—James Pettipaw, Bear Cove. Presiding Officer—Bernard Johnson, Bear Cove.

DISTRICT No. 9. Sambro.

Road Overseers—Sambro North, Patrick Rodgers; Sambro South, C. W. Hart; Sambro Creek, Caleb Gray; Coot Cove, Geo. H. Findley; Pennant South, George Schnair; Pennant North, C. W. Twohig; Long Cove, George H. Marryatt; Bald Rock, Charles Rodgers; Fink's Cove, C. F. Smith. Constables—Alexander Cook, Benjamin Smith, jr., George V. Gray. Fence Viewers—Andrew Twohig, John Finck. Assessors—E. S. Hart, Geo. H. Nickerson. Overseers of Poor—C. W. Hart, Wm. Marryatt, Wm. Nickerson. Collector—James M. Henneberry. Presiding Officer—C. W. Hart. Board of Health—Angus Grey, Daniel Smith, Henry Smith, Charles Schnair. Revisor—John E. Tough, Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Twohig.

DISTRICT No. 10. Upper Prospect.

Collector—W. Duggan. Assessors—Michael C. Walsh, James H. Power. Overseers of Poor—George Mason, Sylvester White, James Horn. Road Overseers—Sec 1, Benjamin Buchanan; Sec. 2, Charles W. Christian; Sec. 3, Samuel S. Hardiman; Sec. 4, Francis Meehan; Kelley's Point, Thomas Noonan; Shag Bay, John S. Redmond. Health Officers—James A. Coolen, William J. Christian, Joseph Doherty, Reginald Meehan. Constables—James Kavanagh, Oswald Christian, Patrick Phalen, John J. Hardiman. Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian.

DISTRICT No. 11. Hackett's Cove.

Presiding Officer—Robert Munroe; Collector of Rates—James Cornelius, sr., Assessors—Frederick Boutillier, Robert Munroe; Overseers of Poor—William Cornelius, William Mahar, Amos Corkum; Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, James Ruder; Sec. 2, Geo. Fralick; Sec. 3, Sydney Isnor; Sec. 4, Abraham Vaughn; Sec. 5, David Isnor; Sec. 6, Cyrus Covey; Sec. 7, Amos Corkum; Sec. 8, William Jollymore; Sec. 9, Simon Hubley; Sec. 10, Sidney Garrison; Sec. 11, Samuel Covey; Constables—William Cornelius, Horace Mahar, James Fralick, John Garrison, Albert Crooks, John Allen; Health Officers—Amos Corkum, John Holland, Sidney Garrison, Robert Munroe; Fence Viewers—John Holland, Amos Corkum, Sidney Garrison.

DISTRICT No. 12. French Village.

Presiding Officer—Isaac Dauphney; Assessors—John Croucher, Isaac Dauphney; Collector of Rates—Neil McDonald; Surveyors of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, William J. Boutillier, jr.; Sec. 2, Eli Hubley; Sec. 3, Robert Hubley; Sec. 4, Peter Dauphney, jr.; Sec. 5, Elias D. Boutillier; Sec. 6, Isaac Connolly; Sec. 7, Albert J. Boutillier; Sec. 8, Nehemiah Dorey; Sec. 9, Amos J. R. Boutillier; Sec. 10, Jacob Slaughwhite; Sec. 11, Lewis Swallow; Sec. 12, George Boutillier; Sec. 13, Norman Boutillier; Constables—James Johnson, Nathan Hubley, jr., Harris Hubley, Daniel Burgoyne, Lindsay Hubley, Joshua Dauphney, Henry Dauphney, Frederick J. Boutillier, Frederick Greno, Samuel J. Boutillier; Fence Viewers—John R. Umlah, Charles Hubley, William Smeltzer, Joseph Jas. Boutillier, Jeremiah Tanner, John Longard, John Frederick. Overseers of Poor—Edmond Deal, Isaac Murphy, Charles Brunswick. Surveyors of Lumber—Neil McDonald, James Slaughwhite, Norman Baxter. Health Officers—Alfred Worger, Abraham Burchill, David Grono, Isaac Dauphney.

DISTRICT No. 13. Spryfield.

Assessors—William Umlah, John Merlin. Collector—George Carmichael. Board of Health—Archibald Kidston, George Brown, William Umlah, Alex Drysdale. Overseers of Poor—George Carmichael, Benjamin Brunt, Alex Drysdale. Overseers of Statute Labor—Spryfield, Archibald Kidston; Prospect Road, James Yeadon, Wm. Umlah and Samuel White; St. Margaret's Bay Road, Chas. Raine, William Locke; Green Head, Alex. Drysdale; Terence Bay Road, Richard Yeadon; Sambro Road, Charles Merlin and Benjamin Brunt. Constable—Archibald Drysdale, jr.

DISTRICT No. 14. North-West Arm.

Assessors—George Piers, Thos. Forhan. Collector—Wm. Murray. Health Officers—Geo. Piers, Jas. Clark, Wm. Deal, Robt. Drysdale, R. J. Waugh, Alonzo Norris. Overseers of Poor—J. McAloney, Patrick Kehoe, William Yeadon. Fence Viewers—Henry Deal. Overseers of Statute Labor—Arm Bridge to Deal's Corner, Amos Geizer; Lower Arm, Fred. Jollimore, jr.; Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge, Patrick Kehoe; Arm Bridge to McIntosh Bridge, Robt. Drysdale; Deal's Corner to Tannery, Light Station to J. McAloney's and Geiser's Hill, William Murray. Constable—Robert Drysdale.

DISTRICT No. 15. Bedford.

Assessors—H. Y. Clarke, George VanBuskirk. Presiding Officer—Douglas M. Story. Tax Collector—George VanBuskirk. Board of Health—William Wilson, H. Y. Clarke, J. E. DeWolf, Henry Theakston. Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Archibald. Fence Viewers—Richard Richardson, Nathaniel Boutillier, James Rolfe. Overseers of Poor—Douglas M. Story, George VanBuskirk, Geo. Canfield. Constables—John Tolson, H. W. Wright. Surveyor of Lumber—Willard Richardson. Appraisers—J. E. DeWolfe, William Wilson, H. Y. Clarke. Road Overseers—Sec. 1, David Romans, from Tannery Bridge to Seven Mile House; 2, James Rolfe, from Seven Mile House to Sackville Bridge; 3, Elisha Giles, from Piers' Mill to Catholic Chapel.

DISTRICT No. 16. Hammond's Plains.

Presiding Officer—H. A. Schmidt. Collector of Rates—Samuel Eisenhaur. Assessors—Frank Thompson, George Lucas. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec 1, James Melvin; 2, Nathaniel Melvin; 3, George Lucas; 4, Edward Thompson; 5, Durdan Marsman; 6, Frank Jackson; 7, Thomas Kehoe; 8, John Green. Constables—Lindsay Moren, James Swinton, Garvey Haverstock, James Lucas, jr., Robert Jackson, Alpheus Smith, Albert David. Overseers of Poor—Ephraim Haverstock, James Schmidt, James M. Haverstock. Health Officers—Henry Schmidt, William Haverstock, Amos Thomas, Amos Pulsifer. Sanitary Inspector—Tremaine Thomson. Fence Viewers—Benjamin Thomas, Albert Haverstock. District Clerk—Frank Thomson.

DISTRICT No. 17. Sackville.

Presiding Officer—Walter Brett. Assessors—Charles Peverill, Frederick T. Groves. Overseers of Highways—Sec. 1, Wm. Willis; 2, Charles Barrett; 3, Peter J. Blakeney; 4, Arthur Fenerty; 5, Augustus Fenerty; 6, Jos. Robinson; 7, Thomas Hamilton; 8, Robert Patton; 9, Benjamin Dean; 10, Joseph Shanahan; 11, William Stone; 12, William Millar; 13, James Kehoe; 14, James McGrath; 15, T. Larson. Constables—Joseph Robinson, Arthur Peverill, Thomas Walsh, William Nicholson, James Kehoe, John Tolson. Surveyor of Lumber—Nathan Ellis. Pound Keeper—Richard Peverill. Overseers of Poor—John Tolson, Peter Blakeney, Walter Bambrick. Health Wardens—Harold Church, Rev. A. N. Whitman, Wm. Harris, Richard Barrett. Sanitary Inspector—Bris Fader. Fence Viewers—Granville Wright, Lewis L. Hamilton. District Clerk—E. N. Thomas. Collector—James D. Webber.

DISTRICT No. 18. Waverley.

Presiding Officer—John Stephens. Assessors—Peter Spriggs, John McDowell. Overseers of Poor—A. R. Tulloch, M. D. Goff, W. G. Morrison. Constables—Thomas Skerry, James Allen, Albert Stewart, George Miller, Joseph Day, Wm. Stephens. Fence Viewers—John Skerry, John Kelly, D. Benery, Robert Ledwidge. Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Albert Stuart, Henry Reeves, John Kelly, Robert Leighton. Health Wardens—Patrick C. Doyle, John Stephen, William Caulfield, P. Spriggs. Health Inspector—Albert Stuart. Keeper of Scales—B. J. Crosby. Collector of Rates—A. R. Tulloch. Pound Keeper—John Annand. Surveyors of Highways—Sec 1, Thomas Skerry; 2, James Miller; 3, George Miller; 4, P. C. Doyle; 5, Robert Laing; 6, James Fitzpatrick; 7, John Holland; 8, Christopher King.

DISTRICT No. 19. Gay's River.

Overseers of Roads—Sec. 1, Samuel Geddes; 2, Israel Keys; 3, John McPhae; 4, Robert Logan; 5, William Blades; 6, James Mitchell; 7, Robinson Woodworth; 8, John Clary; 9, Geo. Butler; 10, Michael Clary; 11, Alex. McWilliams; 12, Robert Moore; 13, James Wilson, 14, Sylvanus Corbett; 15

Robert Newman; 16, Isaac Isenor; 17, James McKenzie; 18, Geo. T. Cook; 19, Martin Ashley, Cattle Reeve, Peter Grono. Collector—John Merson. Overseers of Poor—James F. Walker, Isaac Isenor, William Annand. Fence Viewers—Isaac Logan, James Rankin. Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, Alex. Woodworth, Geo. T. Cook. Constables—Oliver Simpson, Clarence Keys, Samuel J. McMichael. Assessors—Alex. Logan, Samuel Kent. Sanitary Inspector—Robert H. Killough. Board of Health—William Annand, John T. Kerr, Edward Isenor, Geo. T. Cook. Presiding Officer, William Annand.

DISTRICT No. 20. Meagher's Grant.

Presiding Officer—Sidney Dickey. Assessors—Alex. McDougall, A. Kent Sibley. Overseers of Poor—Charles Grant, Wm. Stretch, Alex H. Ogilvie. Constables—Joseph Wilks, Andrew Killough, Thomas Miller. Fence Viewers—Joseph Secton, A. K. Sibley, Sidney Dickey. Health Officers—J. D. Bayer, A. K. Sibley, Sidney Dickey, Joseph Seeton. Lumber Surveyors—James Hirtle, John Ledwedge, A. K. Sibley, Miles Grant, George Tully. Log Scalors—A. K. Sibley, John Kerr. Sanitary Inspector—A. K. Sibley. Collector of County and Poor Rates—Lewis Grant. Road Overseers—Sec. 1. A. K. Sibley; 2, Sidney Dickey; 3, George Sibley, jr; 4, Isaac Dillman; 5, John Gilbert; 6, Alex. Stretch; 7, Alex Hurley; 8, Christopher Dillman; 9, Thomas Murphy; 10, William Cole; 11, Arthur Cruikshanks; 12, James Lively; 13, Alex. McDougall; 14, J. G. Kerr; 15, Freeman Nelson.

DISTRICT No. 21. Middle Musquodoboit.

Overseers of Roads—Sec. 1, John McFetridge; 2, Frances Guild; 3, Henry A. Murphy; 4, Joseph P. Taylor; 5, Albert McCurdy; 6, Robert Fraser; 7, Samuel Higgins; 8, Simeon Higgins; 9, Arnold Gladwin; 10, Alfred Murphy; 14, William Gladwin; 15, William J. Scott; 16, William J. McMullen; 17, Jas. Annand; 18, H. C. Taylor; 19, Nathan Sargent; 20, Samuel Ervin; 21, E. H. McNutt; 22, Alfred Scott; 23, Henry Miller; 24, Samuel B. Taylor. Overseers of Poor—Francis Guild, Wilson McCurdy, R. Kaulback. Surveyor of Logs, Timber and Wood—George B. Phalen. Fence Viewers—Samuel Ervin, John McFetridge, William Logan, jr. Constables—John W. Reid, Robert McCurdy, Burton Lawson, H. A. Murphy, Matthew Higgins, Charles R. Tupper. Assessors—Alexander J. Reid, Matthew H. Guild. Collector of Rates—Samuel Hanna. Board of Health—Walter McCurdy, John Burns, Charles R. Tupper, Charles H. Morris, M.D. Sanitary Inspector—J. Watson McCurdy. Presiding Officer—James P. Kent. District Clerk—R. Kaulback. 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—William Archibald, 3rd.—F. W. Henry. Overseers of Poor—James McFetridge, William Dechman, William Horton. Fence Viewers—Edwin Little, Wm. McGunnigle, John E. Redmond. District Clerk—F. W. Henry. Constables—Geo. H. Kent, F. A. Reynolds, Arthur Henry, Frederick Reid, Brookman Fisher. Board of Health—J. F. Parker, Dr. Dechman, J. P. Robinson, Jas. D. Henry. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Dechman. To swear in officers and prepare Statute Dabor lists—J. G. Reynolds, J. P. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber and Wood—Fenwick Kent, Gordon Farnell, William Redmond, jr. Edward Hamilton. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, J. P. Chaplin; 2, Wm. Lemon; 3, Edmund Hamilton; 4, Orlo S. Geddes; 5, T. P. Dean; 6, John Stewart; 7, Alexander Henry; 8, Kidston Henry; 9, Samuel Archibald; 10, J. H. Holman; 11, William Brady; 12, Richard Farnell; 13, Charles Moor; 14, Geo. Dean; 15, William Dechman; 20, 21, William Fraser; 22, Alexander Fraser; 23, James Philchie; 24, Benjamin Hutcheson; 25, Gordon Farnell; 26, John Watson, jr.; 27, Wm. Butcher, jr.; 28, Wm. Butcher, sr.

DISTRICT No. 23. Lower Prospect.

Assessors—John P. Slauenwhite, Dennis Brophy. Collector—Edward Wheatly. Revisor—John Jollimore. Overseers of Poor—Samuel Slauenwhite, John P. Slauenwhite, Thomas Slauenwhite; Constable—Joseph Umlah, Jas. Jollimore. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Michael Slauenwhite; Sec. 2, Daniel Slauenwhite; 3, Richard Norris. Board of Health—John P. Slauenwhite, John F. Slauenwhite, Samuel Slauenwhite. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Tyler.

DISTRICT No. 24. Smith's Cove.

Assessors—Wm. G. Smith, Thos E. Smith. Collector—Philip H. Moser. Overseers of Roads—Sec 1, John Turner; 2, Jasper Moser; 3, William G. Pye; 4, Walter W. Smith; 5, Edward P. Smith; 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, Mosers River; Thomas J. Smith, Smith's Cove; Sandy Fleet, Eoum Secum; George Shellnut, Mosers River. Surveyors of Lumber and Scalors of Logs—Eoum Secum, William Malay, O. P. Fraser; Moser's River, William Knight, Daniel Cameron. Fence Viewers—Levi Hartling, William E. Romkey. Board of Health—James Kerr, George Hartling, John Romkey, Neil Oicle. Presiding officer—Edward Moser.

DISTRICT No. 25. Sheet Harbor.

Presiding Officer—Finlay McMillen, M. D. Overseers of Poor—Wm. Lowe, Robert Sample, Isaac Wambold. Fence Viewers—Robert Routledge, John Behie—Road Overseers—Sec. 1, Wm. Beeswanger; 2, Edward Cornor; 3, Wm. Lowe; 4, John W. Hall; 5, Isaac Wambold; 6, James Westhaver; 7, Roland Grant; 8, Daniel Currie; 9, John Power; 10, Angus Clattenburg. Constables—Aaron Rood, Robert Routledge, William Munroe, Norman Verge, Henry Richards, Daniel Farnell, E. H. Lindsay, John Quillman, Thomas Hall. Surveyors of Logs—Angus McDonald, Thomas A. Baker, James McG. Cruikshanks, Andrew McDonald, Wm. Tupper, Patrick J. Murphy, James A. Lindsay, Michael Milligan, David Allison. Ferrymen—William Lowe, Sheet Harbor; John Wessel, Sober Island. Board of Health—Finlay McMillan, M. D., J. M. Gourley, M. D., Daniel Chisholm, O. P. Fraser. Measurers of Wood and Coal—James McG. Cruikshanks, Thomas Hall. Sanitary Inspector—Malcom McFarlane. Pound Keeper—John Murphy, West River. Assessors—Robert Hall, Robert Routledge. Collector County Rates—Angus Cruikshanks.

DISTRICT No. 26. Tangier.

Presiding Officer—John M. Flaherty. Assessors—Peter Mason and Archibald Prest. Collector of Poor and County Rates—George H. Conrad. Overseers of Poor—J. H. Townsend, Peter Mason, George H. Conrad. Constables—Chas. Murphy, William Martin, George Murphy, James Martin Jennings, Edward White, Casper J. Leslie, Jonathan Hilchy. Surveyors of Wood, Logs and Lumber—Reuben Prest, Thomas Hilchy, Blair Davidson, Charles W. Josey. Fence Viewers—Burriss Gerrard, James Jennings, Daniel R. Josey, Michael O'Brien. Overseer of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Samuel McCarthy; 2, Isaac Leslie; 3, Chas. A. Henley; 4, Cornelius Henley; 5, Cornelius Josey; 6, Edward Cameron; 7, John A. Gerrard; 8, Robertson Gaston; 9, Thomas Cooper; 10, Alex. Maon; 11, Alex. Glawson; 12, William Cameron; 13, Frank Martin; 14, Henry Boutilier, Mooseland, Gasper Prest. Board of Health—J. H. Townsend, Wm. Hay, Henry McKenzie, Isaac J. Leslie. Sanitary Inspector—John J. Mason—Ferry-men—John T. Abriel, Gerrard's Island, Mrs. Tracey, Ship Harbor.

DISTRICT No. 27. Jeddore.

Overseers of Poor—Charles Slade, Arthur Webber, William Eisan. Health Officers—George A. Jamieson, Walter G. Siteman, Albert Warnell, Dennis Williams. Sanitary Inspector—Enos Baker, J. P. Assessors—Robert A. Stevens, Conrad Marks. Collector—James L. Myers. Revisor—Arthur Webber. Presiding Officer—George A. Jamieson, M.D. Surveyors of Lumber and Logs—Orlando P. Myers, Alexander Smith, George Marks, William Mitchell. Fence Viewers—Reuben Smith, James L. Myers, Enos Baker, John Homans, Henry Newcomb, Joseph Kent. Constables—Richard Stevens, Gideon Blakeney, Amos Webber, Joseph Kent, Jacob Siteman, Frank Marks. Custodian of Jeddore Drawbridge—Albert Warnell. Overseers Statute Labor—Musquodoboit Harbor, Section 1, Byers' Bridge to Lake South to Kidd's Bridge, Thomas Gaetz, 2, Kidd's Bridge, East Guild's Sluice, Charles Slade, 3, Main Road, South to Narrow's Bridge, George Mosher, 4, Narrow's Bridge to Thos. Williams' South Line, Thos. Grant, 5, Thos. Williams' South Line to Ostrea Lake Bridge, Bowser Road East to Lake, John McGregor, 6, Ostrea Bridge to East and Hawkins' Beach, Amos Slaughwhite, 7, Hawkins' Beach to Duck Pond, John Hawkins. Jeddore West Section 1, Main Road to Shelberd Road Bridge, Peter Slade, 2, Shelberd Road Bridge to Temperance Hall, Bowser Road West to Lake, Henry Guild, 3, Temperance Hall to Duck Pond, Benjamin Blakeney, 4, Guild's Sluice to Salmon River Bridge, John Myers, 5, Myers' Point to Main Road, Colin J. Myers. Jeddore East—Section 1, Salmon River Bridge to Mitchell's Mills. Wm. Wornell, 2, Mitchell's Mills East to Henn's Bridge South to Cooper's, Provost Jennox, 3, Thos. Cooper's to Wm. Jennox, Thomas Cooper, 4, Wm. Jennox to Leonard Harpell's South Line, Wm. Lennox, 5, Leonard Harpell's South Line to Clifford Arnold's Brook, George Arnold, 6, Clifford Arnold's Brook to Reuben Jennox's Brook, James W. Jennox. Lakeview—Section 1, Succor Brook to Hembridge, East to Porcupine Brook Hill, James Webber, 2, Porcupine Hill Brook to Beach Hill South to Fox Den, James Webber, 3, Fox Den East to John H. Webber's, Wm. Webber. Clam Harbor—Section 1, John H. Webber's to George Stoddart's, John R. Webber, 2, Marie's River Bridge East to Still Water Bridge, Ebenezer Homans. Owl's Head—Section 1, Still Water Bridge to Thomas Webber's, Joseph Parker, 2, Thomas Webber's East to Still Water Bridge, Thomas Webber, 3, Wm. Palmer's Bridge to Long Cove, Cyrus Levy. Ship Harbor—Section 1, Mark's Cove Bridge, Little River Bridge West to Turn Pike, John M. Marks, 2, Mark's Cove Bridge to George A. Jamieson's South Line, Robert Elson, 3, George A. Jamieson's South Line to Still Water Bridge, South to Pitche's Cove, Walter Siteman.

DISTRICT No. 28. West Chezzetcook.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Henry Myers, 2, Alex. Patterson, 3, Martin Gaetz, 4, Albert Neiforth, 5, Charles Conrod, 6, Frederick Wolfe, 7, John Julien, 8, Francis Lapiere, 9, James Ferguson, 10, Joseph Bellefontain, 11, Francis Bellefontain, 12, Dennis Murphy, 13, Joseph Romo, 14, Oliver James Julien, 15, Prosper Manette. Overseers of Poor—James Julien, Thomas Leslie, Frank Pettipas. Constables—Walter Neiforth, Thomas Julian, Andrew Pettipas. Collectors of County Rates—Sec. A, James Julien, B, Joseph Gaetz. Fence Viewers—James Gaetz, Martin Julien. Appraisors of Damages—Albert Conrod, Dennis Wolfe. Board of Health—Simon Julien, Isaac Lapiere, John Conrod, George H. Conrod. Assessors—Thomas Gaetz, George Lapiere. Presiding Officer—John Julien. Surveyor and Scalor of Logs—John McDonald.

DISTRICT No. 29. Lawrencetown.

Assessors—Albert Leslie, Henry Merson. Collector—Thomas A. Naugle. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec 1, George Lapiere, 2, George H. Hiltz, 3, William Shaw, 4, Daniel Dares, 5, Rubin Crowell, Sr, 6, Charles Merson, 7, Albert Leslie, 8, William Conrod. Overseers of Poor—Alex. Conrod, Adam Leslie, Freeman Sellars. Fence Viewers—Desbifsay Conrod, James Leslie, Jr. Constables—Wilson Crowell, Elias Hiltz, Walter McDonald, Edmund Conrod. Board of Health—William Conrod, Thomas A. Naugle, Joseph McDonald, Joseph Lloy. Sanitary Inspector—Albert Leslie. Presiding Officer—John McDonald, Custodian of Draw Bridge—Joseph Lloy.

DISTRICT No. 30. Preston.

Overseers of Statute Labor—From Salmon Bridge to Partridge River Bridge, Chas Taylor. From Partridge River West Bridge, Edwin Turner. From Salmon River Bridge East of Lake Porter, Adam Griswold. From Main Post Road to Brown's Bridge, Wm. Davison. Old Preston Road, John Nelson. Upper O'Brien Street, John Thomas. Lower O'Brien Street, Sam. Carter. Lake Eagle Road, Geo. Crawley. Crane's Bridge to foot of Philips' Hill, Jas. Colley, jr. Ernst Mills' to Widow Cane's, Geo. Winley. Downey Town, James Willis. Frog Lake, Peter Williams (for shovelling snow, that section statute labor work on Main Post Road). Lookout Road, James Ernst Constables—Henry Downey, Nelson Winder, Henry Brown, Joseph Turner, John Nelson, jr., Horatio Davidson. Overseers of Poor—John Davidson, John Ewing, Thos. Johnson. Collector—John Ewing. Presiding Officer—John Thomas. Health Officers—Peter Clayton, Joseph Evans, Joseph Smith, sr., John Colley. Assessors—John Davidson, James Colley. Revisor—John Thomas.

DISTRICT No. 31. Cole Harbor.

Presiding Officer—James Farquharson. Assessors—Alex. Morash, James Farquharson. Overseers of Poor—John Settle, Daniel Donovan, William Skerry. Overseers of Roads—Sec 1, George Tufts, 2, Charles Shuffleburg, 3, Edwin Lethbridge, 4, Thomas Fisher, 5, William Farquharson, 6, Albert Mahoney, 7, William Skerry, 8, William Bell, 9, Frederick Cooper, 10, Joseph Grant, 11, Reuben Ernst, 12, William Eignor, 13, Maynard Tulloch, 14, Alex. Marvin, 15, Gavin Grant, 16, Irvine Cross, 17, George Ritchey, 18, Daniel Brennan, 19, William Cole, 20, John Giles, 21, John Hartling, 22, Edward Morash, 23, Enos Conrod, 24, Charles Jackson, 25, Joseph Lovit. Collector—Joseph Giles. Constables—James Morris, Arthur Giles, Isaiah Doyle, William Lawlor, Joseph Grant. Fence Viewers—Albert Shuffleburg, Frederick Bissett, John Farquharson. Health Officers—Thos. Harrison, Charles Lydiard, Josiah Ross, John Kuhn. Health Inspector—Henry Baker.

DISTRICT No. 32. Hubbard's Cove.

Assessors—John P. Webber, Edward Kennedy. Collectors—Peter F. Boutilier. Presiding Officer—Peter D. Dauphinee. Overseers of Poor—Caleb F. Hubley, Peter D. Dauphinee, Henry Conrod. Overseers of Roads—Elisha Smith, Wm. J. Boutilier, jr., Hibbard Hubley, Hezekiah Brigley, Henry Conrod, Geo. L. Keans, Frank Masson, Mosers Point. Simeon Boutilier, Boutilier's Point. Jas. E. Conrod, Conrod's Road. Jas. Schwartz, Schwartz Settlement. Simeon Dauphinee, East Side Hubbard's Cove. Constable—James Conrod, Gilbert Keans, John J. Brigley, Hibbard Hubley, John Reyno, Alex. Boutilier, Edward Kennedy, Lambert Conrod, Peter F. Boutilier, Howard Johnson. Health Officers—Wm. H. Mason, Peter D. Dauphinee, Caleb Hubley, Alex. Conrod. Fence Viewers—Geo. Longard, Geo. Brigley, Abel Boutilier, Wm Kennedy. Surveyors of Lumber—St. Margaret's Bay, E. H. Young, B. F. Young, George Floyd, Fred. Corbett.

DISTRICT No. 33. Eastern Passage.

Presiding Officer—David A. Moser. Collector—Nelson Negus. Assessors—William Moser, Byron Newcomb. Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, James Moser, William Icton. Road Overseers—Sec. 1, Provost Horne, jr., 2, Jeremiah Cleary, 3, John DeYoung, sr., 4, Edward DeYoung, sr., 5, William Naugle, 6, Geo. F. Bowes, 7, Thos. Conrod, 8, Benjamin Hines, 9, David Henneberry, 10, Joseph Perrin. Sanitary Inspector—Simon Gregoire. Board of Health—William Naugle, James DeYoung, John Trider, jr., John Byrne. Fence Viewers—James Conrod, Andrew Cleary, Geo. Horne.

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THE SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NINTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council attended at the Court House, this day, at 12 o'clock, the Warden in the Chair, and all Councillors present, except Messrs. A. F. Smith and Hall.

The Warden delivered the following Address:—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council:

It is such a short time since our last meeting that I have nothing new or of special importance to lay before you. There was considerable business left over from the January meeting which must necessarily be attended to at this sitting, and that together with the apportioning of the Road Grant will make this Session somewhat longer than the average. Since we adjourned in January, the Local Legislature has been opened and prorogued. The anticipated Road Reform Act so much talked of previous to the meeting of the Local Parliament was not even introduced during the Session. The Councillors are therefore left to expend the Road Grant as laid down in the County Incorporation Act, and as in previous years. A City Newspaper commenting

on my Address to you at the January Meeting, said that "practically the only ideas of road-making acted upon by the Council are those that prevailed a hundred years ago and clung to most determinedly." Under the Municipal Act there are two ways of expending the road moneys, either by Supervisors or Commissioners. The Councillors have tried both and from experience they find the Commission system to be the better of the two. It is a case in which the rule, "of two evils choose the less," has to be applied. Those critics should surely know that it is *ultra vires* of the County Councils to pass any Act or make any Law in the direction of Road Reform or anything else. It is not within their Province to make Laws but to carry out the provisions of the Statutes enacted by the Legislature in this regard, hence they have no alternative but to expend the money as the Law directs, even if the system were two hundred years old.

If the present system is bad it is the duty of the Provincial Legislature to reform it or make a better one. There is certainly room for improvement and the sooner it is made the better, especially in the Statute Labor Law.

The net amount of the Road Grant this year is \$10,015. I trust you will make a judicious and satisfactory apportionment. Some Sections have overdrawn as much, or nearly as much as their shares will amount to, and I am at a loss to know how those Districts are going to keep up their roads during the coming year. I must repeat what I said on a former occasion: The roads of the County cannot be kept up with the small Government Grant we have been receiving from year to year, no matter how or by whom expended. The Committee in dividing the money should give special attention to those Districts that do not perform their Statute Labor as the Law directs, or whose Overseers illegally commute the labor for 25 instead of 50 cents per day.

I am pleased to inform you that the Legislature has passed an Act relieving the County of the injustice of paying special juries, but leaving us still to pay the petit juries.

Those Committees which did not make their reports in January will do so at this meeting as early as possible, and endeavor to finish up the business not completed at the Annual Meeting. I must also invite your attention to the Assessment Rolls of those Districts that are so much in arrears, and ask you to devise some means whereby those deficits may be wiped out.

I notice by an Act of the Legislature that two classes of loans can be made to the County—one for the construction

of new roads, the other for repairing old roads, and to be applied under chapter 20 of the Act of 1883. I would ask the Councillors who contemplate borrowing a portion of either of those loans to give the matter their serious consideration before involving their Districts or the County in a debt that will largely increase the taxes of the Districts or of the County.

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

The Clerk read the official notification of the amount of the Road and Bridge Grant for 1897 as follows:—

Proportion for Halifax County	\$12433 00
Less interest on Bridges deducted.....	2918 06

Nett amount for distribution.....\$9514 94

The available amount thus being \$325 less than last year.

The Warden stated that finding this sum so small, he consulted with Councillor McCallum, and they went to W. B. Wallace, M. P. P., and remonstrated, who said they could add \$500 more, and assured them that said amount would be paid, thus making the sum \$10014.00.

Several Councillors expressed surprise and disappointment at the inadequate amount.

Councillor Henley pointed out that the Provincial Revenue had increased greatly from the Coal Royalties last year, the increase being \$25,000 over the previous year. And yet the Road Grant to Halifax County is \$325 less than the year before, exclusive of the \$500 promised by Mr. W. B. Wallace; and if that promise should hold good, the grant is only \$175 greater than the year before. This, in the face of the tremendous destruction caused by the freshets of last Autumn. He urged that at least \$3,000 additional should be given to the County to put it on anything like a just footing.

The Clerk read the Act passed at last Session of the Legislature, granting the two Loans asked for by the Council in January, as follows:—

An Act to provide for repairs of old and construction of new roads in the County of Halifax.

(Passed the 1st day of March, A. D. 1897.)

Whereas, by reason of the extraordinary freshets which occurred throughout the County of Halifax in the month of October, 1896, the roads

and bridges in certain Districts of said County were damaged to such an extent as to make it impossible to properly repair them out of the ordinary funds available for the purpose;

And whereas, there are certain Districts in said County in which the convenience of a large number of the Inhabitants and the public interest require the opening up of new roads;

And whereas, the Council of said Municipality has, by resolution, requested the Governor-in-Council to place at the disposal of the Council a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars to pay for such repairs as aforesaid, and have further, by Resolution, requested the Governor-in-Council to establish a fund not exceeding five thousand dollars to be expended for the construction of new roads in said County, under the direction of the Municipal Council, or such officials as they may select, in such localities as may be designated by the Governor-in-Council;

And whereas, the said Council has expressed its willingness that the whole of said sums, when paid, should be treated and considered as payment *PRO TANTO* on account of the amount apportioned or to be apportioned to the County of Halifax, under the provisions of chapter 20 of the Acts of 1883;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1.—The Governor-in-Council is hereby authorized to pay to the Municipality of the County of Halifax a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, out of the amount apportioned or to be apportioned to the said County under the provisions of chapter 20 of the Acts of 1883, and the said sum shall be treated and considered as an expenditure and payment of that amount under the provisions of said chapter in said County.

2.—The Council of the Municipality of Halifax is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars out of the said sum of ten thousand dollars in repairing and paying for repairs of such roads and bridges as aforesaid, under such terms and conditions as to said Council shall seem just.

3.—The said Council is further authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars of the said sum of ten thousand dollars for the construction of such new roads in the County of Halifax as may be approved by the Governor-in-Council. Such expenditure shall be under the direction of said Municipality, or of such officials as the said Council may select, subject, nevertheless, in all respects to the approval of the Provincial Engineer.

The Clerk reported that the proposed Pedlers' License Act received from the Government and amended by this Council, did not appear in the debates, and was not passed probably in consequence of disagreement in details.

As the present By-Laws in relating to that matter were conflicting and inoperative it would be necessary to revise them. Action deferred.

It was moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill—

Resolved, That the discussion of the Borrowing Bill just read be taken up first to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1897.

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

The Clerk read the Governor's Proclamation for Election of Members of House of Assembly. Nominations April 13th, Polling day 20th, and return of Writ May 3rd, 1897.

Also reported he had received all the Voters Lists from Revisors, and copied and compared them with the Sheriff, and they would be the Lists to be used at this Election.

Submitted and read a Petition from Mr. John Eckersley with a Memo. of Statute Labor, and a lot of papers relating to the suit of T. Larsen against him before Stipendiary Griffin, for non-performance of his Statute Labor in Dist. 17 in 1896. Read also, a counter statement of the Overseer, T. Larsen, explaining reasons for taking proceedings against Eckersley.

On motion, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read a Petition from Ratepayers at Windsor Junction (Dist. 17) asking to have a new road laid out from there around the western side of the I. C. Railway to extend to Wellington or some point north on the Beaver Bank Road to Rawdon. A deed of the road was given 25 years ago, but not recorded. The property was sold and title obliterated. Present possessor has moved the location of road, and it is desired to have the survey of the road as it now exists surveyed and location defined and established.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Madill—

That a Precept be granted to lay out the road in accordance with the Petition and that B. Gladwin and Fred. Groves be empowered to lay off and measure said road. Passed.

Read, a Petition (laid over from January Session) from leading people at Rockingham, District 15, complaining of the small amount of Statute Labor and Government Grant expended in that Section, and that the Councillor appointed unsuitable Overseers, and they name certain persons to take their places, etc.

The Councillor (Donaldson, District 15) explained that the whole trouble was that the allotment of Road Grant for District 15 had always been inadequate for the requirements of the Roads there; but in expending it the Rockingham Section

had been equitably considered. Last year the damage caused by October rains had compelled an overdraw, which would absorb a large part of 1897 grant. In the selection of District Officers he had tried to obtain the most suitable men. The Warden and several Councillors concurred in condemning the dictation by the Petitioners of such appointments.

The Petition was laid on the table.

The Clerk reported on matters delegated last Session to him to carry out.

1st.—The resolution in regard to the Musquodoboit and Halifax Railway. That he had 50 copies type-written and forwarded to the Dominion, Local and Civic authorities, M. P. P.'s, Senators, etc., as directed, and had received acknowledgments stating that the subject would have due consideration when introduced publicly.

2nd.—That he had written the Ministers of Justice and Finance on the subject of free transportation of Criminals to Dorchester Penitentiary, or if not free, at least a reduction of fares over the I. C. R. The letters were read and the replies, which stated that these expenses were to be provided locally in such way as the several Provincial Governments may direct or arrange for.

3rd.—He had, with the assistance of Mr. Congdon, attended to the Legislation desired by the Council in regard to the Loans of \$5000 each for Road damages and new Roads passed as already mentioned. The question of Special Jury Fees was decided by a Bill which provides, that before any case for such a course can be placed on the docket \$25 must be deposited with the Prothonotary, to be paid to the County Treasurer.

4th.—Some unasked for Legislation had been enacted of which he had tried to obtain copies, and expected to lay before the Council through the Royal Gazette.

5th.—The Pedlers License Act had been dropped by Govt.

Submitted and read the Report of Committee on the Precept issued for a Road in District 21, as decided in January Session.

On motion of Councillors Taylor and Madill the Report was confirmed, the pay of the Committee to be assessed on the District.

Councillor Henley after some prefatory remarks moved the following Resolution, seconded by Councillor Donaldson.

Whereas, The appropriation for the County of Halifax for Roads and Bridges for the present year is inadequate to the requirements, and the said Roads are known to be impassable in many Districts in said County, be it therefore resolved

that this Council positively refuse to accept said appropriation without a further increase of not less than three thousand dollars. Copy of said Resolution to be forwarded immediately to the Provincial Secretary's Office.

The subject was discussed at length by Councillors Thompson, Taylor, Henley, Madill, Bissett, Burris, McMullen and others. On being put it was lost by 16 to 13.

Notice of reconsideration to-morrow was proposed by Councillors Thomson, Walsh and Scott.

The following District Officers were appointed on motion of the several District Councillors, seconded and passed, viz:—

Robt. Romans, jr. instead of David Romans for Section 1, and Hiram Mitchell for Section 2 in place of Jas. Rolfe, Overseer of Statute Labor in district 15.

Albert Stuart, general road supervisor, district 18.

John Stephen, revisor, district 18.

Albert Haverstock, revisor, district 16.

Mahlon Slaughenwhite, presiding officer, district 23.

John McMullen, P. M., and J. D. Bayer, revisors for districts 19 and 20.

Isaac Croucher, revisor, district 12.

Ferguson O'Neil, constable, district 8, in place of Samuel Pettipaw.

Chas. Holland, collector county rates, in same district in place of Chas. O'Neil.

Archibald Kidston, revisor and presiding officer, for district 13.

John Keddy, constable, John Drysdale, overseer of Statute Labor, in same district, instead of Archd. Kidston.

Thomas Kennedy, assessor for district 32, in place of Edward Kennedy, deceased.

John P. Webber, revisor, district 32.

J. Watson McCurdy, revisor, district 21.

Thomas Hamilton, revisor, district 17.

Robt. Mason, revisor, district 26.

John H. Horne, and George Morash, constables district 33.

Robt. Munro, Revisor, District 11.

Geo. F. Bowes, revisor, district 33.

Samuel Gates, revisor, district 36.

Martin Beck, constable, district 38, in place of John Umlah, who has removed from the district.

Edw. Cruickshanks, revisor, district 35.

J. M. Farquharson and John Lapierre, revisors, district 31.

John McDonald, revisor, district 29.

Thomas Ham, assessor, district 10, in place of M. C.

Walsh, and E. K. Walsh, revisor. Nathan Duggan, Collector, instead of W. Duggan.

Edw. Balcom, Jr., revisor, district 34.

John McLaren, revisor, district 28.

Patrick Kehoe, revisor, district 14.

Chas. P. Roche, revisor, district 7.

John Redman, W. J. Miller, John Redden, Chas. Nelson, overseers roads, district 22; Frank Henry, constable, and G. H. Parker, revisor.

Andrew Archibald, revisor, district 15.

Isaac Logan, revisor, districts 19 and 20.

On motion of Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Taylor—

Res'ed, That \$150 be assessed on District 18 for support of the Poor, 1897.
Passed.

The Council adjourned to Thursday morning at 10.30.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30. The Warden and 29 Councillors present, including Councillor Hall.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon were read down to notice of reconsideration of Councillor's Henley's resolution.

On the motion to reconsider, the vote showed 20 for, 9 against. Carried.

The resolution was read as follows:—

Whereas, The appropriation for the County of Halifax for Roads and Bridges for the present year is inadequate to the requirements, and the said roads are known to be impassable in many Districts in said County, be it

Therefore Resolved, That this Council positively refuse to accept said appropriation without a further increase of not less than three thousand dollars. Copy of said resolution to be forwarded immediately to the Provincial Secretary's office.

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

That the words "positively refuse to accept" be struck out, and the words "we accept under protest" be added.

A long and animated discussion followed. Councillor

McCallum raised the point that no new element could be brought into reconsideration proceedings, therefore the amendment was out of order.

This was debated, and finally the Warden decided that it was in order, and the amendment was put and lost 15 to 14.

Names were demanded on the amendment and resulted:

For—Councillors Wilson, Bartlett, Thompson, Walsh, Sellars, Bissett, Negus, Thomas, Myers, Henley, Smith, Donaldson, Scott and Croucher—14.

Against—Burris, Madill, Taylor, McMullen, Kirker, Covey, Reyno, Kerr, Hall, Cole, Dr. McLean, Lapierre, McCallum, Johnston and Bishop—15.

The Resolution was then put and lost.

Names were then asked for on it. Councillor Smith objected, saying that they could not be taken, since they were not demanded yesterday afternoon when the Resolution was first voted on. His objection was overruled.

None stood up in favor of the Resolution, and those against were the same as voted against the amendment with the addition of Councillor Myers.

The Clerk finished reading the Minutes, which passed.

On motion of Councillors Croucher and Smith—

John Smith was appointed Constable in place of Joshua Dauphney, and Simeon Johnson in place of James Johnston for 1897 in District 12.

The Clerk and Councillor Bissett referred to the need of some means of protection against fire at the Poores Farm. The Councillor mentioned that the Committee had met the agent of a Portable Chemical Extinguisher, which they considered favorably. The agent had shown them a specimen, and explained its working. The price would be about \$15 or \$16.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Bartlett—

That the Committee on Public Property be authorized to adopt such protection against fire at the Poor Farm buildings as they may deem advisable, not to exceed an expense of \$80 for the present year. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 1897.

The Council resumed at 2.30 P.M. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of Morning Session were read and passed.

The Warden stated the order of the day to be the discussion of the Road Loans.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Bartlett—

That the Warden, Councillors Wilson, Madill, Sellars and C. E. Smith, be a Special Committee, to whom the matter of suggesting regulations for the management and control of the funds for opening new Roads, and for the relief of those Districts which were obliged to overdraw for the repair of their roads damaged by the heavy freshets of last season. Passed.

In the matter of the County Stipendiary, Councillor Wilson remarked that he had learned that the City and Dartmouth had secured legislation, whereby their officials could issue processes in County localities without (as in our County Office) requiring a deposit for mileage. The effect of this would be to diminish the receipts here. In making a new appointment this might be considered and the appointee given the use of the Office and fittings and make what fees he could out of it.

With reference to the Committee appointed to obtain legislation for improvements in the Statute Labor Act, Councillor Wilson submitted and read in sections a skeleton or resume of the changes and amendments proposed, and this being favorably considered, he desired that the Committee be granted leave to employ a legal gentleman to put the suggestions in proper and legal form.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Taylor—

Resolved, That Messrs. Bissett, Wilson and McCallum, being the Committee appointed in January last to promote a new Road Act for the County of Halifax, be empowered to proceed with the same, and to employ Counsel to properly perfect the Act for presentation to the Legislature. Passed.

On the subject of Road expenditure reference was had to Councillor McLean's suggestion in January, for improving a road in District 30. The necessity of laying out the Road Grant on the Main Road of that District, instead of on the By-roads as heretofore was dwelt upon.

It was moved that Dennis Deloughry be appointed as Supervisor of Roads for District 30, for the year 1897.

Councillor Thomas opposed the motion in a lengthy and

eloquent speech, defending his selection of Commissioners and the work done in his District last year and previously. Considered the proposal an infringement of his privileges and dignity as a Councillor returned so often and by a large Franchise, and was willing to appeal to his constituents on this matter. He had never known till now where the Post Road was through Preston and would hereafter expend the Grant thereon. But he claimed the right to appoint his own Officers and to do the work as other Councillors.

The Warden conceded the point and advised him to make a selection of a suitable person and have him appointed tomorrow. On motion this was carried.

The following District Officers were duly appointed:—

Bernard Johnson to be Revisor for District No. 8.

John Thomas Revisor for District 30.

David W. Archibald, J. P., Revisor for District 25.

Matthew Gallagher, Overseer of Statute Labor in District 34 in place of J. P. Balcom, also William Pye in place of John Cameron, and William St. Clair to be Constable in same District.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Smith—

That hereafter there be but one regular Session of this Council each year, date of opening Session to be agreed upon.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Wilson and Taylor—

That the vote on the Resolution in reference to the number of meetings of Council be deferred till Friday. The amendment was carried.

Read, a petition from a large number of inhabitants of Sheet Harbour in regard to closing the River dams 1st June yearly, asking that for special reasons the decision of the Council in January be rescinded.

Moved by Councillors Smith and Johnson—

That the prayer of the Petition be granted and thereby rescind the Petition that was left over from January Session.

Read, a Petition from a large number of rate-payers of Harrietsfield, District 13, for a change of Road known as Birch Hill Road, now liable to damage hard to repair after freshets, causing waste of money and labor.

The alteration will make a level and much better road.

Moved by Councillors Bishop and C. E. Smith—

That the prayer of the Petition from District 13 in reference to alteration of Birch Hill Section be granted, and this Council grant a Precept to said parties mentioned in the petition to lay out said Road. Passed.

Submitted and read a certificate of the re-measurement of the Roads in Dist. 11 by R. Munro and Jas Ruder, and under Statutory declaration, increasing the length of the Road to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and giving the number of feet of Bridges as 616.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Read, a Petition from a large number of inhabitants of Herring Cove and Ferguson's Cove, asking to have the Road from the Sugar Refinery (N. W. Arm) extended two miles to meet the new road constructed by the Military from York Redoubt. The cost will be about \$1000, but the distance will be shortened nearly five miles.

On motion, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a memorial from Mr. Alex. Gunn, complaining that an alleged wrong decision had been given by the County Stipendiary in the case of Gunn vs. McAskill. He asks the Council therefore to dismiss Mr. Griffin.

The Clerk said this appeared to be a civil and not a criminal case; but by making it so, the County was saddled with considerable expense. The trial should have been in Cape Breton.

The Warden ruled that Mr. Gunn, if dissatisfied, should have appealed to the Court above. The Council had no jurisdiction in such matters.

The Council adjourned to Friday, 10.30 A.M.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1897.

The Council met at 10.30 A.M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors, including Councillor A. F. Smith—now arrived.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Warden (Chairman) reported for the Committee on Loan for new Roads, that they could not agree upon the details.

The deferred subject of one yearly Session was broached, as per resolution of yesterday.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Donaldson—

That hereafter there shall be but one Session of this Council annually, at some time in the month of January, to be deferred later, and that the Warden and the Committee on Public Property shall constitute an Executive Council, to meet as often as the circumstances or the business of the County may demand; and further, that the remuneration of Councillors shall be \$21.00 per annum, with travelling fees as already defined by Statute; said remuneration shall apply to and commence with the year 1897.

The motion was put and lost.

The original Resolution was then put and also lost.

Moved by Councillors Thomas and Kirker—

That Jno. Ewing be Supervisor of Roads to expend the Government Road Grant in District 30 for 1897. Passed.

The Clerk read the Statute relating to the mode of expending the Road and Bridge Grant. (Chapt. 46, Sections 2, 3, 10, relating to Commissioners, and Sections 4, 5, etc., for Supervisor's duty.

Read, a Petition from the Halifax and Bedford Light and Power Co., asking permission to erect cedar Poles of the usual height and distance apart used for Electric Light purposes, and string wires thereon, for the purpose of conducting Electric energy for light purposes, said poles, etc., to be placed along the side of the highway leading from the city to Bedford.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That the Petition of the Halifax and Bedford Light and Power Company for the setting up of Poles for the Electric Lighting of said road be granted; that the place for the location of said Poles shall be approved by the Councillor of the District and the Surveyor of Highways of the Road Section. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Bissett—

That the present incumbents, Jas. F. and Mrs. Turner, the Keeper and Matron of the County Poor Farm, be re-appointed at the usual salary for the present year. Passed.

The Clerk read a Petition from the leading Ratepayers of Rockingham, District 15, stating that though they had a Pound for the past 3 years, no Keeper had been appointed, and that Stray Cattle had been and were a great annoyance to the residents. They recommend Jos. Robinson as Pound Keeper.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That Joseph Robertson be appointed Pound Keeper for Rockingham, in District 15 for the year 1897.

The following District Officers were also duly appointed, viz.:—

Solomon Fancy, to be Revisor for District 24.

Albert Launt, Health Officer, District 38, in place of Michael McGrath.

George Christian, to be Constable in place of Oswald Christian, in District No. 10.

Grey Schultz, to be Collector of County and Poor Rates, in District No. 17, in place of James D. Webber, for the year 1897.

James Fahie, of Sheet Harbour, to be Overseer of Statute Labour, from Mussel Cove to Twin Bridge, head of Sheet Harbour.

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

Afternoon Session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. All present. Minutes of Morning Session read and accepted.

Councillor Henley alluded to the reported appointment of Harry Wright as a County Constable by a concerted arrangement with the Councillor for District 15, of which he was not a resident, and after being rejected by a majority of the Council while in Session in January. He gave notice to have the matter inquired into to-morrow.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10.30 Saturday, in order that the Committees might meet for work.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD, 1897.

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

On motion of Councillors Sellars and Kirker—

Resolved, That the Warden, Councillors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor and McCallum be the Committee on Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth, 1897.

Read, a letter from Sheriff Archibald, requesting leave to occupy the vacant room west of the Main Hall for Election purposes.

Moved by Councillor Madill—

That the request of Sheriff Archibald in re the use of the unoccupied room directly opposite his office for the safe deposit of the Ballot Boxes, etc., until after the Election, be granted.

Passed.

Read, a letter and appeal from J. A. R. Wier, of Bedford, for a reduction on his Taxes in District 17 for 1896, on account of alleged over-valuation of his property there of \$3000, being very much beyond its value. The Assessor for 1897 had assessed the same property at \$550, which, he says, was a fair estimate.

The Clerk said he had referred the complaint to the Assessors for 1896 for explanation, and now read a letter from them giving the detail of the Property and separate valuation. It was shown also that Mr. Wier had not paid rates or been assessed previously for this Property, though he had been paid for the expropriation of part of it by the Railway, and was asking \$100 for small sized lots at Windsor Junction, where it was situate.

Councillor Kerr confirmed the Assessors' decision as to the value of the Property and made some further explanations.

It was moved by Councillors Taylor and Bartlett—

That the request of Mr. Wier for a rebate on his taxes for 1876 be laid on the table. Passed.

The management of the Kearney Road was again brought up by Councillor Thompson in a motion, seconded by Councillor Bishop—

Resolved. That the Kearney Road, together with that Section from the west end of it to the Chapel be deemed part of Road, District 16.

Councillor Donaldson objected, and a lengthy discussion on the legal and geographical bearings of the subject ensued.

It was then moved in amendment by Councillors Taylor and Bartlett—

That notwithstanding any previous arrangements the Councillor of District 15 have control of all Roads within the limits of said District. The amendment passed.

Move by Councillors Thomson and Walsh—

That Alex. Romans be appointed Overseer of Statute Labor in District 16 in place of James Melvin, who says he is not qualified for the position. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

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

The Minutes of Morning Session were confirmed.

The subject of H. N. Wright's position was brought up by Councillor Henley. He looked upon as irregular, the appointment of Wright as a Constable, after rejection by the Council as a body. There seemed, he said, to be a determination to have this man appointed, and underhand means were made use of to do so. It was unusual and doubtless illegal for a Councillor to appoint so important an officer who was non-resident of his District, and the Council were not made aware that his name was placed on the List of District 15. Moreover, the name there was H. W. Wright, instead of H. N. Wright, his proper name, etc.

The Warden said that the appointment was properly made, the list containing the name was read among the others and passed without objection.

Councillor McCallum and Donaldson defended the appointment as a necessary and proper one, and that no charge had been formulated against Wright. They objected to Councillor Henley making personal attacks on them.

The debate, which was an exciting one, was finally closed by motion of Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That the appointment of H. W. Wright to the position of County Constable, made by Councillor Donaldson last Session, be cancelled, his application and appointment having been rejected by a majority of the full Council.

Moved in amendment by Councillors McCallum and Donaldson—

That the motion of Councillors Henley and Smith in re appointment of Constable Wright lay on the table until a charge is preferred against him or against the Councillor or Councillors who recommend his appointment.

The amendment passed by 19 to 11.

Councillor Wilson presented a Minority Report, to which the Warden assented—in re the Borrowing Road Bill—as follows:—

MINORITY REPORT ON BORROWING BILL.

In the matter of Borrowing to repair extra loss experienced in 1896. I can only offer my own suggestions, as follows:—

That any District which wants to borrow any given amount, shall be responsible to the County for the interest on the same—which shall be a first charge on such District, road appropriations to be charged up to that District and be retained by the County Treasurer, out of such District appropriations.

Further, that as the County is responsible for such interest, it has a right to discriminate as to the amount any applying District shall receive, and I suggest \$300.00, as the maximum amount any District shall receive under such loan, unless the Councillor can show sufficient reasons, in which case \$400.00 shall be the maximum limit.

In the matter of repayment of principal, the Council shall retain a 10 per cent. yearly sinking fund till the whole indebtedness is extinguished, or any District may in a year, or at any period, return the principal in part or in full, which would obliterate the sinking fund claim.

In the matter of loan for new Roads, I suggest that the Districts benefiting from such loan should be responsible for the interest on the amount obtained, the same as in the loan to repair old roads.

B. C. WILSON,
J. E. SHATFORD.

On motion of Councillors Thomas and Henley—

Joseph Turner was made Overseer of Roads, District 30, vice Edward Turner, left the District.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Kirker—

That West Little River Bridge, District 25, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883 and amendments thereto. Passed.

The Clerk submitted and read a Statement of Overdrafts and Advances to Districts whose Roads and Bridges were washed out by the storms in Oct., 1896, as follows:—

NETT OVERDRAFT, 1896.		Net Amount.
District No.		\$
7	.....	38 23
8	.....	17 00
10	.....	20 09
12	.....	10 00
13	.....	121 01
14	.....	80 25
15	.....	55 40
16	.....	75 30
17	.....	193 28
18	.....	118 25
19	.....	63 70
20	.....	34 40
23	.....	10 00
25	59 29
26	75 70
27	272 10
28	17 47
29	300 00
31	323 19
32	10 30
35	317 99
30	161 00
33	26 27
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		\$2,400 13

The above are the sums advanced to each, to which must be added the interest up to the time of re-payment.

In addition to the above, the following Districts are to pay balances on Road Machines and interest to June 1st:—

District No. 19	\$90
20	93
21	84
22	84

The List was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee to consider in making allotments for 1897.

Councillor Madill submitted the following

RULES

Suggested to regulate the expenditure of the Loan for the Repair of Roads:—

1st.—Districts drawing from said fund shall be restricted to the amounts overdrawn, and in no instance to exceed the sum of \$300 by any one District.

2nd.—The Municipality to pay the interest on such amount out of the general road grant of the County.

3rd.—Districts participating in said fund to provide a sinking fund to the amount of at least 10 p. c. per annum on the amount so drawn, to be a first charge on the road moneys apportioned to such Districts, the Clerk and Treasurer being required to subtract such percentage annually from the road moneys of such District until the full sum drawn by such District be re-paid.

4th.—That the balance remaining of such fund be reserved to meet cases of emergency only on the vote of this Council.

(Sgd.) G. H. MADILL.
JAS. H. SELLARS.
CHAS. E. SMITH.

The clauses were discussed and compared with the Minority Report.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Kirker—

Resolved, The Report of Councillors Madill, Sellars and C. E. Smith, be adopted. Passed.

The Council then adjourned to Monday, at 10.30 A.M.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

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

The Minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Provincial Secretary to have the recent Legislation relating to Municipal affairs, on which the Council were to take action, published in the *Royal Gazette*. The following has been published in addition to the Road Loan:—

AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY INCORPORATION ACT

(Being Chapter 3, 1895).

1.—Sub-Section 16 of Section 100 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

16.—For providing sufficient yards and enclosures for the safe keeping of such animals as it may be the duty of a pound keeper to impound; for defining what shall constitute a sufficient and lawful yard, pound or enclosure for such purpose; for determining the fees and expenses to be allowed pound-keepers and others in carrying out the provisions of any Act or By-Law with respect to animals impounded, and for assessing upon the inhabitants and property of and in any closed district wherein animals are forbidden to run at large, a sufficient sum to erect a pound or enclosure, and for the costs of the annual repair of the same, and other expenses necessary to keep and maintain the same. Such assessment to be made only upon the prayer of a majority of the ratepayers residing in such closed district.

2.—Sub-Section 32 of Section 100 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

32.—For preventing and regulating the straying or running at large of horses, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, geese, turkeys, hens, and other domestic fowls, either on any public street, square, common or other public ground, or at all off the owner's premises within the Municipality, in which By-Law it may be declared what shall constitute going at large within the meaning thereof, and providing for impounding all horses, cattle, sheep, swine, or goats, so at large, and for authorizing them to be sold in case they are not claimed, or in case the damages, fines and expenses are not paid according to law; for appraising the damages to be paid by owners of animals impounded for trespassing contrary to the laws of Nova Scotia or the By-Laws of the Municipality. By-Laws forbidding the running at large of animals may, if deemed advisable, be made to apply to particular portions of counties, districts or townships, to be set off by proper descriptions and boundaries. Any portion or portions of a county, district or township so set off shall be thereafter known as a closed district.

3.—Sub Section 39 of Section 100 of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting between the word "same" and the word "and" in the eighth line thereof the words following, "may restrain and regulate the running at large of dogs, and impose fines upon owners, possessors or harborers of dogs which without provocation injure any person or property, for restraining and killing dogs which are fierce and dangerous."

1.—Section 29 of chapter 3 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby amended by striking out all the words between “who” in the third line, and the word “shall” in the fifth line, and substituting therefor the words “shall” within five years previous to the date of his nomination have been convicted of an offence against chapter 2 of the Acts of 1885, and the Acts in amendment thereof, or of an offence against chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, and the Acts in amendment thereof.”

An Act to amend Chapter 106, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, “Of Juries.”

1.—Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, is hereby amended by adding the following Section:—

69.—No special jury shall be ordered in any cause or matter unless the party moving therefor shall have previously to such motion deposited with the Prothonotary of the court for the county from which such jury is to be drawn the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars, to pay the fees of such jury, both for attendance and travel, and the Prothonotary shall forthwith pay said sum to the Municipal Treasurer.

An Act to amend the Liquor License Act of 1895.

1.—Section 27 of the Liquor License Act, 1895, is hereby amended by inserting therein after the word “peace” in the 13th line of said section, the words “and no such person shall be eligible to be elected or acting as Mayor or Town Councillor of any incorporate town.”

An Act to amend Chapter 47, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, “Of Highway Labor.”

1.—Section 6 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, 5th Series, is hereby amended by inserting the word “unmarried” between the words “and” and “women” in the second line thereof.

MEMO.—(The Road Loan) Act was given in the Minutes of March 31.

Moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That the Tangier River Bridge be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883 and amendments thereto. Passed.

By Councillors Negus and McLean—

That Henry Glazebrook, Freeman Osborne, Alex. Dunworth and David Henneberry, be appointed Constables for District 33 for ensuing year. Passed.

By Councillors Myers and Kerr—

That William J. Myers be Collector of Rates for District 27, in place of Jas. L. Myers, who expects to be absent from the District Passed.

By Councillors Scott and Johnson—

That \$35 be assessed on District 38 in the ensuing year for Poor Rates. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Sellars—

That Councillors Henley, Kirker, Walsh, McMullen and Burris, be a Committee on By-Laws. Passed.

The Council then adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors.

Minutes of Morning Session were adopted.

Read, the Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges, which was discussed clause by clause, and the 3rd clause, on motion, struck out, after which the Report, with the allotment Schedule, was passed.

On motion of Councillors C. E. Smith and Covey—

Harvey Findley was appointed Overseer of Roads, in place of George Findley, and Charles D. Smith Constable, in place of Benjamin Smith, in District 9.

By Councillors Bartlett and Bishop—

That Councillor Bishop, District 13, receive \$100.00, to be expended on Prospect Road, on parts thereof now impassable. This sum to be out of the Road Loan. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That Bedford, District 15, be granted from the Emergency Fund the sum of \$300. This motion was lost.

With the concurrence of three Councillors notice of reconsideration was given, to take effect next day.

Moved by Councillors Reyno and Walsh—

That No. 7 District be permitted to borrow \$50.00 from the borrowing fund. Passed.

A short discussion occurred on some charges in the account of the License Inspector, received in January Session, and not made clear by the vouchers.

Councillor Henley suggested that the Chief Constable be called in to explain those in which he was concerned, and the matter come up to-morrow. Agreed to.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, at 10.30 A.M.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
Councillor Cole had leave of absence.

Re-consideration of Councillor Donaldson's motion of yesterday for \$300 out of the Road Loan was moved and lost.

Chief Constable Burbidge attended to give information and explanations about his services for Inspector of Licenses. Mr. Reid not being present, as intended, further enquiry respecting his account was postponed to January next.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and Kirker—

Whereas, J. Lester Griffin, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate of the County of Halifax, is contemplating resigning his office as such, on account of failing health.
And Whereas, The said J. Lester Griffin has filled the said office for fifteen years now past with the greatest fidelity and integrity.

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Council, in recognition of the long and faithful services of said J. Lester Griffin, do authorize and direct the Treasurer of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and he is hereby authorized and directed, upon the resignation of said J. Lester Griffin from said office, to pay he said J. Lester Griffin a gratuity of Four Hundred Dollars.

Passed unanimously.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris—

That the retiring allowance to Stipendiary Griffin of \$400 be in full, he to vacate the office on 30th June, and hand over all revenues of the office received up to that date. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Bartlett—

That there be no Poll Tax collected during the present year for County Rates. Passed.

The Clerk read from Chapter 46 R. S., 5th Series, the Sections relating to Expenditure of the Road Grant and price of Labor, Teams, etc.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Taylor—

That the Road and Bridge Grant, 1897, 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.

Regarding Labor and Teams, considerable discussion followed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Taylor—

That in the expenditure of the Road Grant for the present year, the rate of wages per day per man shall not exceed one dollar, except for skilled labor. The rate for teams (horse and driver) not to exceed two dollars per day. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Thomson and Donaldson—

Whereas, There having been a Resolution passed by this Council authorizing the borrowing of \$5000.00 for the building of new Roads, the interest to be a charge on the Municipality;

And Whereas, This Resolution was not understood by different Members of this Council;

Therefore Resolved, that this Council rescind that part of said Resolution so that the interest be a charge on the District of those participating therein instead of the Municipality.

On being put the motion was lost.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Thompson—

That acting on the motion of the Bedford District Loan, the said District be permitted to borrow \$150.00 out of the Emergency Fund. Passed.

The Report of the Committee on Poor was read in detail, and received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Kirker—

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

Moved by Councillors Burris and Madill—

That the usual number of Minutes of the Council be printed and distributed for this year. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1897.

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

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and confirmed.
Moved by Councillors Wilson and Thompson—

That the Warden and Councillors Bissett, McCallum, Thompson and Wilson, be a Committee to select a Stipendiary Magistrate PRO TEM, whenever the Office is vacant by the retirement of Stipendiary Griffin. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Taylor—

That the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be allotted the Councillor of District 36, to aid in construction of a new road around Green Lot Hill; said money to be taken from New Road Fund. The motion passed.

The Councillors for most of the remaining Districts claimed to participate in the Fund for new Roads, and their applications were handed to the Warden.

It was moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris—

That the applications for amounts in the several Districts for new Roads, be all recorded in their regular order and referred to the Provincial Engineer for examination, and his report to be acted upon at the next Session of this Council.

The applications were as follows:—For District (7) \$300, (8) \$125, (9) \$300, (10) \$200, (12) \$150, (13) \$75, (16) \$150, (15) \$150, (18) \$200, (21) \$150, (23) \$150, (24) \$150, (25) \$200, (26) \$250, (27) \$150, (29) \$150, (31) \$150, (32) \$150, (30) \$200, (33) \$150, (34) \$150, (38) \$150.

The Clerk summed up the various applications, and found they exceeded the balance of the Fund by \$950. None of the motions above were put to vote.

On motion of Councillors McMullen and Bartlett, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

MEMO.—The Reports of Committees on Assessments, By-Laws and Pedlers' Licenses, were left over to next Session.

The following Resolution by Councillors McLean and Bissett was omitted in Minutes of January 20th.

Resolved, That the interest on moneys drawn from funds for building new roads be taken from Annual Road Grant. Passed.

REPORTS APRIL SESSION, 1897.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

(1).—In making up our scale we have endeavoured to deal as equitably with each District as the amount at our disposal and equal justice to all would permit, and though aware that our apportionment differs from those of former years, we consider we have come nearer to uniformity over the whole county than heretofore; giving the larger apportionment where the Statute Labor was lowest, and while in doing so we have been obliged to materially reduce the amount in some Districts, we are aware that we have not yet reached the full plan of uniformity, but do not deem it judicious to make too radical a change all at once, but leave some of the evening-up for another year.

(2).—District No. 11 has presented a duly authenticated re-measurement of the District, which we know of no reason why it should not be accepted and entered in the lists, viz., 23 miles of Road and 616 feet Bridges. Passed.

3.—In the Larsen-Eckersley matter referred to us, it appears in evidence before Stipendiary Griffin that Mr. Eckersley did perform six dollars worth of work on the highway, but not under the Surveyor of the District, hence it was adjudged he should pay for the *Eight* days sued for, which he did pay.

Therefore we advise that Mr. Eckersley be allowed six dollars on his present years Statute Labor, and that the Councillor of the District so instruct the Surveyor of the Section.

(4).—We also advise that the prayer of the people of Harrietsfield, District 13, for a precept to lay out a piece of new Road be granted, and that John Merlin, Benjm Brunt and James Allen be appointed a Committee for that purpose.

(5).—In regard to the petition from Herring Cove for a new Road we recognize the desirability of the proposition, but without further information at our command we hesitate to advise action on it. If a precept to survey such road and to ascertain its cost is desired, we advise granting it.

(6).—So far as we have been able to ascertain the *bona fides* amount expended by the several Districts in making passable the roads after the heavy wash-outs in October of 1896, which amounts have been provided for by Resolution of this Council out of the Loan from the Provincial Government. We have entered them on the same sheet with the County Appropriation.

(7).—Councillors Burriss and Henley make an application for \$100 00 each for their respective Districts, to be expended exclusively on the Mooseland Road, half in each District, which was completely demoralized by the rains in Autumn of 1896, and they represent the road as now impassable since the snow is gone, to be appropriated from the borrowed Fund, and Councillor Covey makes similar application for \$50.00 for bridge destroyed between Peggy's Cove and Dover, which we approve if the same is in accordance with the Resolution of the Council in reference to said Fund.

(8).—Your Committee recommend in reference to District No. 30, that at least seventy-five per cent. of the District Grant be expended on the main through post road leading from Walker's at Salmon River to Porter's Lake Bridge.

B. C. WILSON.
W. CHARLES HENLEY.
GEORGE BURRIS.
WM. F. NEGUS.
E. J. COVEY.
C. C. SMITH.

The 3rd clause in foregoing Report was expunged.

Road Scale Apportionment, 1897.

District No.	Amnt. Appor- tioned to Dis.		Am. of Ex. and Deductions.	Nett App. fm. Co. Grant.	Am't. from Road Loan.	Ttl. Appn. to each District.
7	95			95	51	
8	70	Extra to remove wall.		100	26	
9	150	Extra	10 00	160		
10	130	Less for 80 days St. Labor lost.	40 00	90	35	
11	130	Extra	14 00	144	50	
12	380			380	100	
13	440	Extra	10 00	450	131	
14	100	Extra for Culvert.....	28 00	128	110	
15	65			65	55	40
16	328			328	99	
17	356			356	221	
18	408	Contributed from other Districts No. 20, 18.00, No. 22, 22.00, No 35, 10.00.	50 00	458	154	
19	446			446	100	
20	515			515	44	
21	640			640		
22	702			702		
23	1 0	Less 25c. a day on 80 days St. Labor	20 00	80	26	
24	250	Extra	20 00	270		
25	510			510		
26	670	Extra for Mooseland.....	28 00	698	150	
27	628			628	225	
28	200	Extra for Rocky Run Bridge.....	33 00	233		
29	335	Extra from District 31	25 00	360	300	
30	320			320		
31	430	Less allowance to District 29	25 00	405	300	
32	200			200	121	
33	200	Extra.....	20 00	229	300	
34	265			265		
35	233			233		
36	353			353		
37	173	Extra apportioned for Bridge	10 00	183	30 00	
				\$10 015	\$2619 00	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on Poor having carefully examined the Returns of the several Districts for the present year, beg to report as follows:—

(Sgd) C E. SMITH.
J. H. BARTLETT.
J. H. WALSH.
THOS. COLE.
WM. F. NEGUS.

No. District.	Amount Assessed, 1896.	Received from Collector.	From other Sources.	Balances from last Acct.	Paid on Acct. of Paupers.	Due on Acct. of Paupers.	Amount to be Ass. 1897.	Balance on hand.	Remarks.
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Report.
9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	89 78	18 30	.....	11 23	18 41	28 64	45 00	.....
11	75 00	69 50	.....	26 56	26 56	.....	75 00	.....
12	12 87	12 87	.....	8 55	16 28	.....	5 14	.....
13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
16	100 00	75 00	.....	82 30	126 70	43 09	100 00	.....	No Report.
17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	.....	147 21	.....	36 01	156 53	.....	.....	42 90	
19	58 00	32 00	.....	11 60	40 90	55 10	.....	60 70	
20	.....	243 60	.....	.....	243 60	3 91	125 00	.....	No Report.
21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	134 41	127 12	30 89	20 00	180 77	.....	175 00	49 31	
23	10 52	6 31	.....	4 21	6 31	4 21	10 00	.....
24	.....	119 10	.....	.....	70 31	.....	.....	48 79	
25	.....	207 78	.....	.....	200 94	.....	200 00	6 84	
26	.....	.....	3 00	96 75	40 07	19 33	.....	59 68	
27	125 00	131 57	2 75	26 33	160 65	.....	75 00	96 54	
28	125 00	124 50	.....	.....	128 33	3 83	100 00	.....
29	31 20	31 20	11 06	56 20	49 91	.....	.....	48 51	
30	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	131 65	140 00	.....	Req. exp. Cr.
31	75 00	173 75	.....	.....	173 75	.....	50 00	.....
32	123 00	6 53	39 20	125 91	.....	.....	110 00	42 82	
33	108 23	108 23	32 00	44 19	148 82	.....	100 00	35 60	
34	52 81	42 71	.....	.....	52 48	9 77	.....	.....	No Report.
35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	50 00	50 00	22 63	11 38	12 97	.....	50 00	59 66	
38	34 00	24 21	.....	.....	29 71	5 50	35 00	.....

