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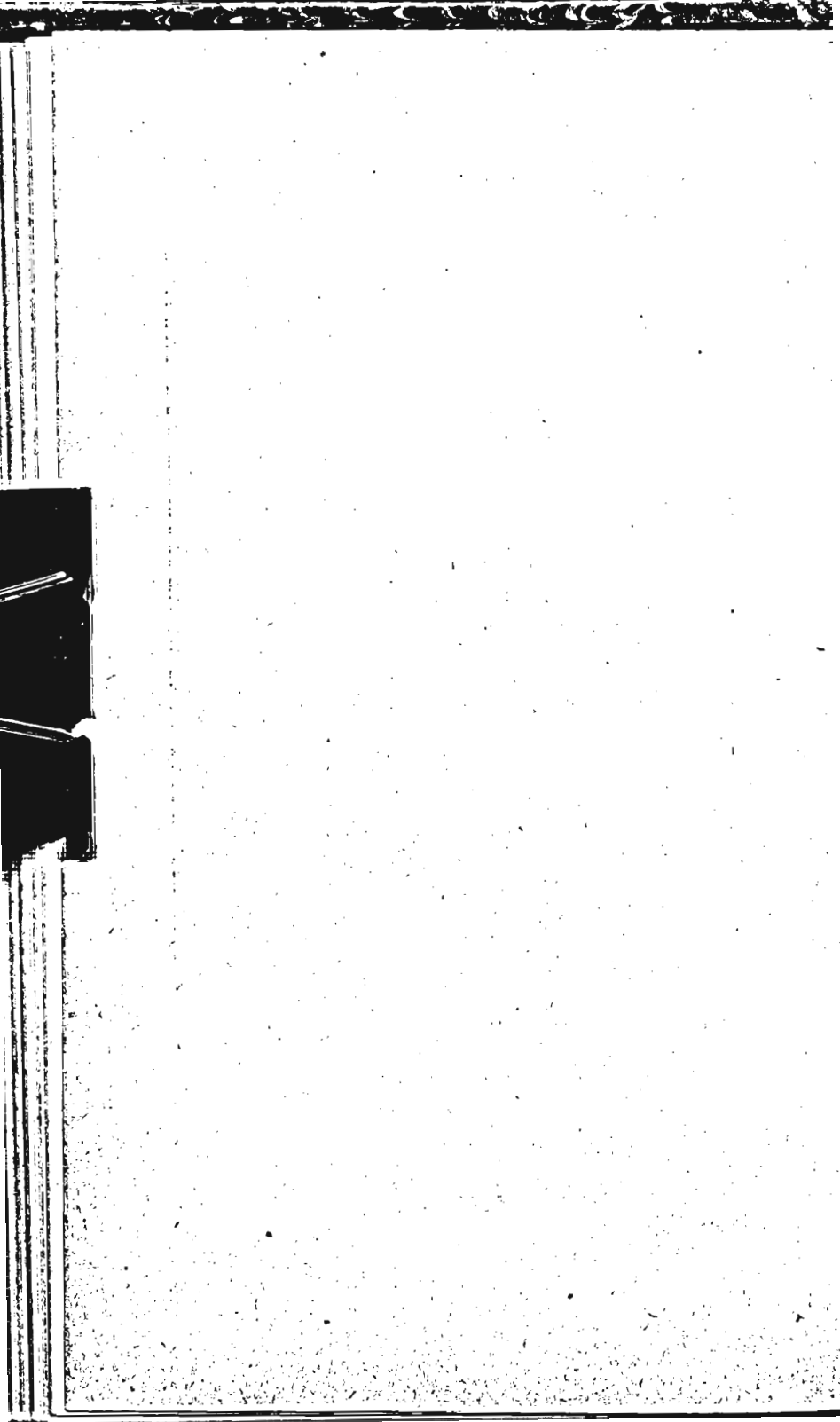
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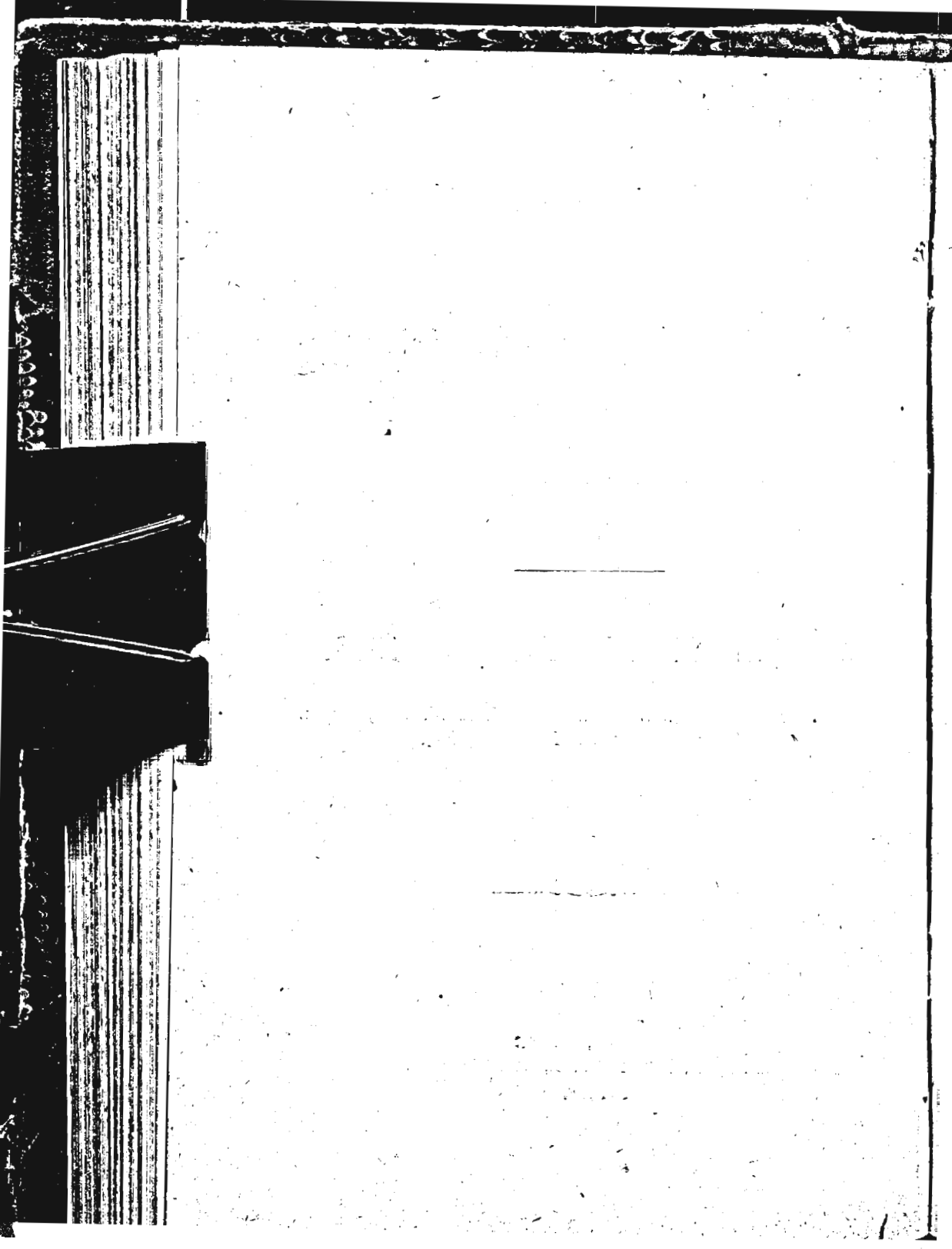
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COUNTY CLERK—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.
COUNTY STIPENDIARY AND CLERK OF LICENSES—JOHN McDOUGALL, Esq.
COUNTY AUDITORS—JOHN E. ALBRO, F. G. WAINWRIGHT,
COUNTY TREASURER—W. H. WISWELL, [ESQRS.]

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1898.

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

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Johnson, Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Bissett, and Thomas.

Assessments—Councillors Madill, Reyno, Burris, Hall, Covey, Thompson.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors Wilson, Burris, Johnson, Hall, Myers, Negus, Covey.

License—Councillors McLean, Scott, Negus, Lapiere, McMullen, Thompson.

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

Finance—Councillors Henley, McCallum, Taylor, Madill, Kerr, Hall.

Jury Lists—Councillors Bartlett, Negus, Donaldson, McCallum.

Law Amendments—Councillors Bartlett, Kirker, Bishop, Taylor.

Poor—Councillors C. E. Smith, Kirker, Cole, Walsh, Donaldson, A. F. Smith.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Committee on Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth—The Warden, Councillors Bissett, Wilson, Taylor, and McCallum.

Committee on Road Act—Councillors Wilson, Burris, Henley, Taylor, C. E. Smith.

(See Minutes for other Committees.)

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COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Warden, Councillors McLean 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; Alex. W. Smith, Deputy Chief; Reuben C. Purcell, Geo. Wilson, Harry N. Wright, and George Innes.

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—Joseph Spencer.

Keeper of Poor Farm—Jas. F. Turner.

Chairman Public Property Committee—J. G. Bissett.

Vice 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—W. Naylor.

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

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NINTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX. TUESDAY, JAN. 11TH, 1898.

In accordance with the Statute and special notices, the Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County met at the Court House, Halifax, at 11 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1898. Present, John E. Shatford, Esq., Warden, (in the chair) and the following Councillors:—

- District 7—Herring Cove—Michael Reyno.
- “ 8—Portuguese Cove—John J. Johnson.
- “ 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
- “ 10—Upper Prospect—James H. Walsh.
- “ 11—Hackett's Cove—Elijah J. Covey.
- “ 12—French Village—Isaac Croucher.
- “ 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 Musquodoboit—George Burris, J.P.
- “ 23—Lower Prospect—J. H. Bartlett.

- District 24—Moser's River—Alex. F. Smith.
 “ 25—Sheet Harbor—Henry Hall.
 “ 26—Tangier—W. C. Henley.
 “ 27—Jeddore—Peter Myers.
 “ 28—Chezzetcook—Danl. F. Lapierre, J. P.
 “ 29—Lawrencetown—James H. Sellars, J.P.
 “ 30—Preston—Joseph Thomas.
 “ 31—Cole Harbor—John G. Bissett, J. P.
 “ 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J. P.
 “ 33—Eastern Passage—Wm. F. Negus.
 “ 34—Salmon River—John Kirker, J. P.
 “ 35—Little River—Alex. McMullen.
 “ 36—Musquodoboit Harbor—E. D. McLean, M.D.
 “ 38—Dover—Andrew Scott.

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:

Mingled with the satisfaction it affords me of again welcoming you to your municipal duties, is the regret occasioned by the death of Councillor Croucher, who for several years was an honored member of this body. I am sure you will unite with me in extending sincere sympathy to his family and friends in their bereavement. This is the first time the death of an active Councillor has occurred in the Municipality since the inception of the County Incorporation Act. In consequence of the vacancy, I have issued a warrant, as the law directs, for an election in No. 12, to take place on the 24th inst. As you know, such an election could not have been held in law in time for the opening of this meeting.

The past year has been rather a favorable one in the annals of the County Council. There have been no unusual demands upon our treasury; the new sewer and metallic ceiling of the court house having been provided for at our last annual meeting. The estimates, therefore, should be somewhat lower than those of last year.

The all-important question of Roads and road-making has, of late, been given much prominence in the principal

newspapers. That I feel a few words upon this matter will not be out of place, especially as many of the press correspondents throw reflections upon the Councillors, some going as far as to charge the municipal bodies with the responsibility of whatever forms the subject of complaint. No doubt you have all read the majority of these letters, perhaps oftentimes, like myself, with an interest bordering on amusement. In the first place the road grant is erroneously believed by many to be amply sufficient to put the roads in proper condition, were it not wasted by the extravagance, ignorance, and self-interest of the Councillors. Then, on this supposition, whole volumes are written, with the result that persons unacquainted with road-making are wholly misinformed. As a matter of fact the Grant is barely sufficient to repair washouts and broken culverts that occur from year to year. I might enumerate instances to support my statement, but will content myself with reminding you that such was the case in '96-'97.

It is the generally accepted opinion that at the next meeting of the Legislature a road reform bill will be passed, and there is much speculation as to its nature. If it be a bill, the effect of which will be to make roads and keep them in repair without money, there will be no one to refuse it a cordial welcome; if for the purpose of obtaining more work and better roads than do the Councillors, with the same grant, each one of us will accord it a warm reception; if to double the grant and to spend it independently of the Councillors, we shall raise no objections; but if it be a bill to effect the borrowing of large sums of money to be expended under certain legal machinery, we shall feel we have had enough of that, as such expenditures rarely realize a proportionate amount of actual work. The first step for the Legislature to take is the reformation of the antiquated statute labor law, a thing, the utility of which has long since passed away.

I must remind you that this is an election year. Before the next annual meeting it will be necessary for all who wish to be returned to receive the endorsement of their constituents. In view of any change that may occur, I would urge those Councillors who have made over-drafts on road accounts during the past year to endeavor to effect a balance with this year's grant. I am opposed to allowing over-drafts in election year; it has a bad result, if a new member is elected, as you will readily see.

In a day or two the Treasurer's Account will be placed in

your hands, by which you will see that our financial position is fairly good, and will learn the exact state of income and expenditure. It will also guide you in making out your estimates for the year, which, I trust, you will do with every consideration of the best interests of the Municipality.

To-day you will deal with the License Inspector's report. The annual appointment will be made at the commencement of the Session, and you will be asked to confirm the appointment of the new Stipendiary Magistrate. While bringing this to your notice I cannot help bearing testimony to Mr. McDougall's efficiency, and the satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of his office since his incumbency.

In conclusion, permit me to wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

The Address was received to be entered on the Minutes.

Copies of the Minutes of Council Sessions, 1897, were distributed. The proceedings of last day of last Session were read and adopted.

Moved by Councillors Covey and Thompson—

That Councillors McMullen, Henley, C. E. Smith, Sellars, Myers, Kerr, Scott and Bartlett, be a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for present year.

Moved in amendment by Councillors McMullen and McLean—

That Councillors Wilson, Madill, Kirker, Myers, C. E. Smith, Covey and Kerr, be the Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the present year. The amendment passed.

The Warden referred to the appointment of J. McDougall, Esq., by the Special Committee, as County Stipendiary pro tem. on retirement of J. L. Griffin, Esq., June 30, 1897.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Bartlett—

That the appointment of John McDougall as Stipendiary Magistrate for the County of Halifax, be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, his Salary to be eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum. A return of all fees of his said office to be made to the County Treasurer quarterly, and the amount thereof deducted from said Salary. Passed nem. con.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burris—

That this Council notices with regret the vacant chair of Councillor James Croucher, who has been removed by death from our deliberations, and that the sympathy and condolence of this Council, be by the Clerk transmitted to his bereaved family.

Passed unanimously.

Read application from Chief County Constable Burbridge and Deputy Chief Constable Haverstock, for reappointment.
Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Smith—

That Richard Burbridge be reappointed Chief County Constable for the present year at same Salary.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Thomson—

That Ephraim Haverstock be appointed Deputy Chief Constable at same Salary.

In discussion it was shewn that while no complaints were made against him—yet not being in reach when specially required (residing at Hammond's Plains) it was not expedient to pay \$100 per year for his services.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Taylor and Bissett—

That our Janitor, A. W. Smith, be appointed Deputy County Constable at a salary of Fifty Dollars for present year. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 11TH, 1898.

The Council assembled at 2.30. Present, the Warden and twenty-eight Councillors.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and adopted.

Read application for position of Coroner's Constable from A. W. Purcell (late Constable), Jno. Snow and Joseph Spencer, with references.

The Council considered one officer enough and on motion of Councillors Henley and Bartlett

Joseph Spencer was appointed to the office, without salary for the present year.

Read Report of D. W. B. Reid, County Inspector of Licenses, as follows:

REPORT OF COUNTY INSPECTOR OF LICENSES FOR THE
YEAR 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 Ahern, Hotel, Riverside House, St. Margaret's Bay Road, District No. 12.

John Shannahan, Hotel, Prince of Wales Hotel, head of St. Margaret's Bay, District No. 32.

Arthur Wyatt, Hotel, Lake View House, St. Margaret's Bay Road, District No. 13.

Charles E. Rogers, Hotel, Florence Hotel, Bedford, District No. 15.

Nora Hurley, shop, Upper Prospect, District No. 10.

The petitions and certificates of John Ahern, Arthur Wyatt and Charles E. Rogers, are strictly in accordance with the Act, and there has been no objections made to their applications, or to the granting them a license.

The application of John Shannahan and Nora Hurley have been properly received, but the certificate after deducting the signatures not entitled to be on them had not the required number of names.

The houses and premises of John Ahern and Charles Rogers are in good condition and well kept. Rogers' house is new and fitted up in the most modern style.

As far as I am aware, the houses are patronised by a good class of people.

I believe Mr. Ahern and Mr. Rogers to be men of good character, and fit and proper men to keep a hotel; and I believe them to be the owners of the business, and they have complied with all the provisions of the act and amendments thereto. I recommend the granting of their license.

I do not know Arthur Wyatt, the applicant for a license for the house Lakeview. Patrick J. Wyatt has always been in charge of said house when I visited it, and he has been convicted several times during the past year for violation of the Liquor License Act of 1895 and amendments thereto.

Lakeview House does not come up to the requirements of the Act, therefore I cannot recommend the granting of a license to Arthur Wyatt for Lakeview House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Halifax, Jan. 11th, 1898.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Bishop—

License was granted to John Ahern.

On motion of Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

License was granted to Charles E. Rodgers.

In regard to license to Arthur Wyatt, a motion of Councillors Wilson and Bartlett to grant it if by the time for issue the requirements are fulfilled was withdrawn.

Councillors Bartlett and Bishop asked the Inspector for an explanation of the requirements of the Statute in regard to the premises. He said that there were a certain number of bedrooms and stabling, &c., which at the time of his visit were wanting. (See sec. 25, chap. 2, Statutes 1895.)

It was moved by Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

That a Committee, composed of Messrs. Donaldson, Walsh and Bishop, be appointed to investigate in regard to the application of Arthur Wyatt for license to sell spirituous liquors and report to this Council on Saturday next. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson—

That the Report of the License Inspector lie on the table until after the Report of the Special Investigating Committee be received by this Council.

Read, the Report of the Coroner's Constable for 1897.

To the Warden and Councillors, etc.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit the following Report of my office of Coroner's Constable for the past year of 1897. The following sudden deaths I have attended :

January, 5 ; February, 1 ; March, 1 ; April, 5 ; May, 3 ; June, 3 ; July, 6 ; August, 11 ; September, 0 ; October, 2 ; November, 4 ; December, 1. Total, 42.

A. W. PURCELL,
Coroner's Constable.

Read, the Report of the Jailor, W. L. Malcolm, for the year, viz:—

GENTLEMEN,—I beg herewith to submit my report of the Commitments for the County Jail during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

For the year beginning June and ending this date, there were criminals, 210 ; debtors, 68 ; showing a decrease of 18 criminals and an increase of 16 debtors.

At the present there are 8 criminals and no debtors in the Jail.

The largest number of prisoners in the Jail at one time during the year was 22.

There were also a number of prisoners committed to Jail in 1896 who were not discharged until 1897.

During the year there were 278 persons committed to Jail, viz :

From City Court	172
“ Magistrates' Courts	53
“ Supreme and County Courts	39
“ Municipality and Dartmouth	14
Total	278

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

The amount of money received for Room Rent and boarding Stowaways was \$16.80.

During the year the Committee on Public Property have had the plumbing of the Jail renovated throughout, and new automatic flush-out water-closets put in, which up to the present time have worked most satisfactorily. Also they have had built a new fence on the eastern side of the Jail Yard, and on part of the north side, which makes the Jail Fence now in first-class order.

The sanitary condition of the Jail has been generally good, and little sickness, except among those committed temporarily from the City Court, of which there were for drunkenness 30, and insanity 4. Other cases of sickness of various forms were always promptly looked after by the attending Physician.

The conduct of the prisoners has been generally good.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. L. MALCOLM,
Jailor.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1897.

Returns of the number of Criminal Prisoners committed for each offence during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897:—

	Male	Female	Total
Rape	1	..	1
Arson	1	..	1
Assault	24	4	28
Larceny	40	3	43
Robbery	2	..	2
Bigamy	1	..	1
Buggery	1	..	1
Bastardy	9	..	9
Mischief	1	..	1
Stabbing	2	..	2
Vagrancy	5	..	5
Seduction	2	..	2
Stowaways	9	..	9
Truspassing	6	..	6
Embezzlement	3	..	3
Unsound Mind	4	..	4
Crown Witness	1	..	1
Indecent Assault	4	..	4
Disorderly Conduct	8	..	8
Threatening Language	5	1	6
Desertion from Ships	1	..	1
Receiving Stolen Goods	1	..	1
Using Profane Language	2	1	3
Burglary and Larceny	13	..	13
Uttering Counterfeit Coin	1	..	1
Drunks and Drunkenness	27	3	30
Escaping from City Prison	3	..	3
Selling Liquor Without License	2	1	3
Maiming and Wounding Cattle	2	..	2
Fighting on the Public Street	1	..	1
Burglary with Intent to Steal	1	..	1
Escaping from Industrial School	2	..	2

	Male.	Female	Total.
Resisting and Obstructing Police Officers.....	3	..	3
Obtaining Goods Under False Pretences.....	2	..	2
Violating the Inland Revenue Act.....	1	..	1
Wilfully Interrupting Religious Worship.....	1	..	1
Interfering with Brakes on Railway Cars.....	2	..	2
Being Inmate of a House of Ill-Fame.....	1	..	1
Carrying a Weapon Dangerous to the Public Peace..	1	..	1
Causing Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent to Injury.	1	..	1
	197	13	210

W. L. MALCOLM,
Jailor.

Read, the Application of Ephraim Haverstock, to be County Constable, at salary of \$50 per year. It was stated that he was unwilling to attend or report at the Stipendiary's office as heretofore, and the appointment was not made.

Council adjourned to 10.30 Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30. Present, the Warden and 29 Councillors. The Minutes of previous Session were adopted.

Councillor A. F. Smith arrived from District 24.

Read, the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES 1898.

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Johnson, Kirker, Kerr, Burris, Bissett, Thomas.

Assessments—Councillors Madill, Reyno, Burris, Hall, Covey, Thompson.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors Wilson, Burris, Johnson, Hall, Myers, Negus, Covey.

Licenses—Councillors McLean, Scott, Negus, Lapierre, McMullen, Thompson.

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

Finance—Councillors Henley, McCallum, Taylor, Madill, Kerr, Hall.

Jury Lists—Councillors Bartlett, Negus, Donaldson, McCallum.

Law Amendments—Councillors Bartlett, Kirker, Bishop, Taylor.

Poor—Councillors C. E. Smith, Kirker, Coie, Donaldson, A. F. Smith.

B. C. WILSON, *Chairman*.

E. J. COVEY.

GEO. H. MADILL.

C. E. SMITH.

G. H. KERR.

Councillor Donaldson demurred at the composition of the Road and Bridge Committee. He claimed to be on it, as he had waived this last year, and expected to be on it this year. He moved that the Report in regard to said Committee be not accepted.

Councillor Wilson offered to resign on it, and said he thought the Committee fairly represented the several sections of the County.

Several Councillors spoke on the subject and in regard to the members of Committees. The Clerk said that Attorney-General Thompson, at the inception of the Municipal system, had in the schedule named seven as the highest number, and this had not been exceeded.

The Warden said he would put the usual motion as to adopting the Report, and the Council could negative the Report if opposed to it.

On being put, the Report was adopted.

Councillor Thompson asked why four persons were put on the Jury List Committee, as three was the legal number. He thought from the defective list made last time that they did not earn their \$1.50 per day.

Councillor Wilson said that Councillor McCallum was added as being the best fitted man in the city for this work, and the appropriation for it would not be exceeded.

Read, the Report of Dr. Thomas Trenaman, Physician to the County Jail for 1897. Also, his application for re-appointment, and that his salary be \$100, as originally paid.

On motion, Dr. Trenaman was reappointed as Jail Physician for 1898, the salary to be \$75.00.

Read, a memorial from residents on the Eastern Post Road, through District 30, certifying the satisfactory work done there last year by Supervisor Ewing, and recommending his appointment to same position for the current year.

On motion, John Ewing was appointed a Supervisor of Roads in District 30 for the year 1898.

The copy of a proposed General Act by the Government, entitled —

An Act respecting Ditches and Water Courses was submitted to the Council for an expression of opinion. The Clerk read the principal sections of it. Deputy Warden Madill said there was need of a new Act in relation to Dykes, but only a small part of Halifax County to be affected by this Act.

On motion, Councillors Madill, Taylor, and Bissett were appointed a committee to examine and report upon the proposed measure.

The Council adjourned at 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

JANUARY 12TH, 1898.

The Council met at 2.30. Present, the Warden and 28 Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he had received returns of Election in District No. 12. Mr. Isaac Croucher being the only nomination, was elected, and would be at the Council tomorrow.

Read, the Report of the County Auditors with the Treasurer's Financial Abstract annexed, and their application for reappointment.

The Treasurer said printed copies for each Councillor would be received next day.

On motion, the Auditors' Report was received and adopted, and their request for re-appointment for 1898 granted.

The Warden requested that all the Lists of District Officers be ready for adoption Monday morning next.

Submitted Report and Accounts of the Board of Health, District 18 (Waverly) being expenses caused by cases of Diphtheria last autumn, amounting to \$93.85. Referred to Finance Committee.

Read, also, Report of Walter McCurdy, Esq., for Board of Health, District 21, showing satisfactory sanitary condition there for the year past. Adopted.

Read, Application of Geo. Wilson for re-appointment as County Constable. Granted.

Read, a petition from a number of Ratepayers at Montague, District 31, asking for money or labour on a section of road on which nothing had been done or expended for many years (except by the miners) and it is now impassable. The road is the one leading from the old School House to the top of the hill where the road from the lower mines joins it. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

In reference to the appointment of the Board of Revisors for this year as the Statute requires, considerable debate took place in regard to their duties and the performance of them, and to the present law and mode of assessment as being defective, inequitable, and needing much improvement. Several Councillors gave instances of unequal assessment, not only between Districts, but within Districts, as between individual valuations. The Revising Board did not visit the various parts of the County, and appeared indisposed to visit them or to attend to appeals. The appointments were therefore deferred till Saturday. Councillor McCallum intimated that at a future day he would renew his motion of last year in re assessments, which was as follows:—

“ *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 purpose 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.”

Hon. C. E. Church, Commissioner of Works and Mines, visited the Council, and was invited to a seat beside the Warden.

Read, a Petition from Residents of District 22, 26 and 21, praying for a Precept for opening a new piece of road from Moose River Village to Cope's Hill, a distance of three miles. The direct road had gone down, as no money had been expended on it for some years, as the intention was to abandon it, and the proposed road would be more level and connect Mooseland more conveniently with the Shore roads.

Councillor Burris said the cost would be between \$500 and \$800, and he thought the Council should grant it. He moved that course, and named as the Committee to lay it out, W. J. Miller, John Redmond, and Reuben Prest. Seconded by Councillor Henley, who argued very strongly in favor of it, and also, that the Government should help the people in this matter.

Councillors Taylor and McMullen spoke on the subject, and the names (some 200) of the petitioners were read.

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

That the Petition be referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.
Passed.

On motion of Councillors McCallum and Donaldson, Reuben Purcell, of District 14, was appointed a County Constable.

The Council adjourned to 10.30, Thursday A. M., then to proceed to Committee work.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13TH, 1898.

The Council met, Warden and all present, at 10.30. The several Committees undertook the preparation of Reports, the Council having adjourned to 2.30 P. M. same day.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13TH, 1898.

The Council met at 2.30 P. M. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of Wednesday P. M. were read and confirmed. The Clerk submitted Return of Election in District 12. The Councillor elect, Isaac Croucher, for District No. 12, was present, took the Oaths of Office, and signed the Clerk's Book.

On motion, Geo. S. Innes and Henry N. Wright were appointed County Constables without salary, and to give the usual Bond of \$200.

Read the Report of Joseph Lloy, Custodian of the Draw Bridge at Rocky Run, District 29, shewing it to be in fair condition at present. Accepted.

Read Report of Stewart Innes, Custodian of the Draw Bridge at Porter's Lake, stating it to be very much out of repair; the centre pier having settled on one side, making it very hard to open the draw, and the wooden sills at the ends are rotted off under the ends of the iron rail. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Councillors Thomson and Reyno—

That Councillor Henley be added to the Assessment Committee.

The Councillor declined on account of remarks made about his chairmanship of the Road Committee, and getting too much of the Road Grant, &c. The motion passed.

Read a Petition from people of District No. 36, asking for a new section of Road, which would be a great improvement and convenience, locally, and for the general public. The section would be from the present Coach Road to East Petteswick Road, and the distance about 300 yards. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Councillor Madill asked permission to submit a Petition to-morrow for a road improvement in District 19; the paper not being to hand yet. Granted.

Read Report of Board of Health from District 23, shewing the health of District for past year to be satisfactory. Passed.

Read Petition from Dover District in re the claim upon them for expenses of Daniel Sawlor, a pauper chargeable to District 38. The Overseers of the Poor there say he refused to work, and they asked the city authorities not to admit him to the Poor House. He was admitted and they refused to pay for him. At a public meeting at East Dover, this action was endorsed by a resolution instructing said Overseers to refuse to pay any claim for support of Sawlor, and to take steps to defend any suit at law in the case.

The Warden stated the law in such cases, shewing that Sawlor had his settlement in East Dover, and the District was liable for his maintenance. He gave a full history of the proceedings in the case of Sawlor, who had applied for relief at the City Poor Asylum, and the Keeper could not refuse to admit him without incurring a heavy penalty. The Councillor and Overseers of Poor for District 38, after Sawlor had been admitted to the Poor Farm, had taken him

thence and dropped him in the street in Halifax, after giving him 25 cents. He was afterwards arrested as a vagrant, and supported as such in the County Jail for nine weeks at the County expense. On coming out and not finding work, suffering from palsy and having no friends, he was arrested by the police and sent for two weeks to the City Prison. Alderman Butler thereafter wrote the Warden to know what to do with him. He came to the City, conferred with the Alderman, visited Sawlor, who was in a helpless condition, which would not permit him to work. He therefore had him removed to the County Poor Farm, with an order to the Keeper to retain him till further orders. This course was the legal one; but the Overseers of Poor now refuse to pay, but will be compelled to do so by law, or find a living for him somewhere.

Councillor Scott said he acted on the advice of the then Stipendiary, and admitted giving him 25 cents, and left him on the street. He was obliged to do so, as one of the residents acted badly, and had tried to make a portion of the District pay for Sawlor's keep. Sawlor could work as well as plenty others in Dover District who were lame, blind, or infirm, yet did not refuse to work.

The discussion was kept up by a number of Councillors, some of whom considered the Law defective, and that idle and lazy paupers, or claiming to be such, should be made to work for a living. The treadmill was suggested as a punishment.

Councillors Smith, Bartlett, and Walsh gave instances like the Sawlor case. The majority agreed with the Warden that the law governed the case, and must be complied with. Referred to the Committee on Poor.

The Council adjourned to Friday morning at 10.30.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Read a Petition from 52 residents along the Musquodoboit River complaining that the various Lumbering Com-

panies driving logs and using the dams caused the flooding and damaging of the low lying lands at an unsuitable time for the grass crop, &c.

They wished it ordered that such restrictions be placed on the lumbering operations as would protect the interests of the property-holders, and urged that the companies have ample time to complete driving operations from October 1 to May 10. The Petitioners suggested that a by-law be passed preventing the companies from driving logs and flooding lands from May 10 to October 1, under a penalty and damages, the latter to be ascertained by three disinterested free-holders.

The present By-Law on Dams on the Musquodoboit River was read,

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Bartlett, the Petition was referred to a Committee consisting of Councillors Burris, Taylor, and McLean, with power to investigate, hear parties interested, and report to the Council in April.

Read the Petition named by Councillor Madill, asking that a road be constructed from the foot of McPhee's Hill, on the Milford Road, in Halifax County, thence crossing Gay's River by a bridge to be erected and leading into Colchester County, connecting with the Gay's River and Shubenacadie Road, near Pine Grove School House, so called, the distance being a mile and one-half.

It was moved by Councillors Madill and Taylor—

That the Bridge required on the projected line of road from the Milford Road, near the foot of McPhee's Hill to the Shubenacadie Road, near Pine Grove School House, be placed under the Bridge Act, and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

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

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor McLean—

That the several Statute Labor Road Sections, District 26, be changed and bounds defined as follows:—Section 5, from East Brook, Spry Bay, to brook near William Stevens; Section 6, from latter brook to Bolling's Brook, so called; Section 7, from Bolling's Brook to brook at the head of Pope's Harbor; Section 8, from said brook to brook known as Blattenbury's, west side of Tangier; Section 11, from cross roads near Newcomb's, Pleasant Harbor, to Angus Power's house, east side of Humphrey's Cove School House. Passed.

Councillor Wilson referred to the Act respecting Pedlers'

Licenses proposed by the Government last year, and sent to this Council for consideration. The draft was returned amended. (See Minutes 1897, pages 9 and 35); but the measure was not revived by the Government. He read a draft of an Act for such Licenses to meet the requirements of Halifax County as far as possible.

On motion, it was referred to Committee on Law Amendments.

Submitted and read the Report of Dr. Cunningham, Physician to the Poor Farm for 1897; also his application for re-appointment.

The Report was approved, and it was moved by Councillors Bissett and Sellars—

That Dr. Cunningham be appointed Physician to the Poor Farm for the present year, at the usual salary (\$90). Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burriss and Bartlett—

That the bounds of Road Section No. 1, District 22, be extended to Wm. Hamilton's lands.

Read, the Report of Committee on Public Property, with Schedule of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1897.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Madill, the report was adopted.

After the reading of the Report of the Committee on Public Property, the Committee intimated that it had been currently reported that the Poors Farm had been mismanaged during the past year. Different charges had been openly made against the keeper, and the Committee considered it proper to give the persons who had made the charges an opportunity of proving them. The Committee were of the opinion that it was only fair to the Keeper to have the charges investigated.

Councillor Bissett did not think there was any foundation in fact for the charges, yet he considered an investigation was in order.

The Warden thought that, as the charges were mere hearsay, the Council should not take any notice of them.

The Committee thought that the charges were a reflection on the Institution, and should be either proved or disproved.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Taylor, and seconded by Councillor Dill, and passed:—

Whereas, rumours have been put in circulation reflecting seriously upon the management of the Poors Farm at Cole Harbour;

And Whereas, a list of the names has been handed to a member of the Public Property Committee;

Therefore Resolved, That Richard Bowes, George Cribby, Lewis Moreash, William Ware, Horace Ware, Enos Conrod, and Joseph Moreash, be notified that the Committee on Public Property will meet and hear their statements on a day to be named by the Council.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Bartlett—

That the present Keeper and Matron of the Poor's Farm be re-appointed at same salary (\$350). Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and McLean—

That the sum of \$1000 be allotted to District 9 for the building of the New Road between Sambro and Pennant via Terence Bay, the same having been surveyed by the Provincial Engineer; that amount to be paid out of the unexpended balance for that purpose. Passed.

Councillors Bartlett and Donaldson called the attention of the Council to remarks of Councillor Thomson, that the Jury Lists were badly made up, and the Committee incompetent to revise them, and they requested proofs. Deferred by motion to adjourn to 10.30 Saturday.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. Present: the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of Friday P. M. were read and adopted. A delayed Petition, presented by Councillor McMullen, was read by permission of the Council, complaining of cattle trespassing on certain low lands in District 35, belonging to various owners, and asking that some regulation compelling their owners to keep them within their own limits be made, as it was impossible to keep division fences there.

On motion of Councillors Burris and McMullen, it was referred to Law Amendment Committee.

Read the Report of Special Committee on A. Wyatt's Application for License. They regard the premises as being suitable in every way for the business of a Hotel, also meeting legal requirements of the Statute, and fully recommend granting Wyatt a License.

A Petition was read on behalf of the Pastor and people

of Beech Hill from Golden Link Lodge, I. O. G. T., stating that there were over 100 African people living there, and strongly objecting to granting the License for the sale of intoxicating liquors in that vicinity. The Church and Temperance Society had wrought a great change in the morals and comfort of these people since the Council's refusal to grant a License there heretofore, and a liquor shop would be a great temptation, etc. Mr. Bulmer was granted leave to address the Council in support of the Petition. He quoted from the Law, and argued that the Council could not and should not grant the license. So doing might result in an action against the County.

Mr. F. H. Bell spoke in favor of granting the license, and Mr. McInnes also showed that the Council had a right and authority to issue the license, which course was perfectly legitimate.

The Committee gave details of their inspection and the condition of the premises as they now appear.

Moved by Councillors Walsh and Bishop—

That Arthur Wyatt be granted a License for the present year. Passed.

On requisition of three Councillors, names of the voters were called for, and stood as follows:

For License—Donaldson, Wilson, Bartlett, Walsh, Johnson, Reyno, Negus, Henley, C. E. Smith, Bishop, Croucher, Thomas, McCallum, Scott—14.

Against—Burris, Madill, Taylor, Sellars, McMullen, Kirker, A. F. Smith, Kerr, McLean, Cole, Lapierre, Shatford—12.

Not voting—Thompson, Bissett, Covey, Hall, Myers.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15TH, 1898.

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

Read a letter from parties at Sheet Harbor and Sober Island, asking for a grant to a road to Sober Island.

The letter was approved and the road endorsed by the Provincial Engineer. The funds required would have to come out of balance of New Road Loan, 1897.

The Warden mentioned that there was a number of requisitions for allotments from this Loan beyond its amount. After some discussion it was agreed that any applications for road allotments be considered bona fide, to be handed to the Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee up to April Session.

Submitted and read the Report of the Commissioners of the Court House, reporting an inspection of the building, and stating necessary repairs to be made.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Madill the report was adopted.

Read the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges clause by clause, and discussed. It was thereafter received and referred to a special committee composed of Councillors Wilson, Burris, Taylor, and C. E. Smith to report on Monday next.

A Petition of Thomas Beal to do his statute labor on his own road was referred to Councillor Bissett to decide.

Moved by Councillors Reyno and Johnson—

That a Precept be granted in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Road and Bridge Committee's Report on the Petition for the opening of a new road between the Queen's Quarries and Purcell's Cove (District 7), and that James Hanrahan, Solomon Selig, and John Beverly be appointed to carry out such precept. Passed.

The Warden requested that all Lists of District Officers be handed to the Clerk, as Monday was the day appointed to pass upon them.

The Council adjourned to Monday 17th, at 10.30.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, JAN. 17TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10 30. Present: the Warden and 30 Councillors. Saturday's Minutes were read and adopted. The Lists of District Officers for the year 1898 were separately read, moved, seconded, and passed without objection, as follows:

LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR THE COUNTY OF
HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1898.

DISTRICT No. 7—Herring Cove.

Councillor—Michael Reyno. Assessor—James Delouchry. Collector of Taxes—Frank Reyno. Constable—Charles H. Thomas, Jr. Overseers of Statute Labor—Thomas Reyno, Patrick V. Hayes. Overseers of Poor—William Gorman, George Brown, John Beverley.

SPRYFIELD.—Overseer of Statute Labor—Walter Drysdale. Constable—Richard Roche.

QUEEN'S QUARRIES.—Overseer of Statute Labor—Edward Keefe. Constable—William Keefe. Presiding Officer—George Darrah. Board of Health—Daniel Gorman, Edward Dempsey, Archibald Brackett, David Thomas.

FERGUSON'S COVE.—Overseer of Statute Labor—Matthew Lynch. Assessors—James Hanrahan. Constable—James Hanrahan, Jr.

DISTRICT No 8—Portugese Cove.

Councillor—John J. Johnson. Assessors—Thomas Holland, sr., Duncan's Cove; James Flaherty, Ketch Harbor. Collector of County Rates—James Power, Portugese Cove. Constables—Edward J. Johnson, Bear Cove; Ferguson O'Neil, 2nd, Portugese Cove; Thomas McNeil, Duncan's Cove; Peter Whalen, Ketch Harbor; Francis M. Martin, Ketch Harbor. Road Overseers—William B. Johnson, Halibut Bay; George Purcell, Portugese Cove; Laurence Bowers, Portugese Cove; Charles Holland, Duncan's Cove; Richard Fleming, 1st, Ketch Harbor; James Gallagher, 1st, Ketch Harbor. Overseers of Poor—Francis H. Martin, Ketch Harbor; John W. Holland, Duncan's Cove; Bernard Johnson, Bear Cove. Board of Health—William Fleming, Ketch Harbor; Laurence Johnson, Duncan's Cove; Joseph Johnson, Bear Cove; Hugh Munro, Portugese Cove. Fence Viewers—Thomas Quigley, Ketch Harbor; Michael Welsher, Duncan's Cove; Henry Quan, Portugese Cove. Sanitary Inspector—James Pettipaw, Bear Cove. Presiding Officer—Charles R. Martin.

DISTRICT No 9—Sambro.

Councillor—Charles E. Smith. Road Overseers—Sambro North, Patrick Rogers; Sambro South, C. W. Hart; Sambro Creek, Caleb Gray; Coot Cove, Harvey Findlay; Pennant South, George Schwan; Pennant North, C. W. Twohig; Long Cove, George H. Marryatt; Ball Rock, Charles Rogers; Sandy Cove, C. S. Fink. Constables—Alexander Cook, Benjamin Smith, George V. Gray. Fence Viewers—Andrew Twohig, John Fink. Assessors—E. T. Hart, George H. Nickerson. Overseers of Poor—C. W. Hart, William Marryatt, William Nickerson. Collector—James M. Henneberry. Presiding Officer—C. W. Hart. Board of Health—Angus Gray, Daniel Smith, Henry Smith, Charles Schwan. Revisor—John E. Tough. Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Twohig.

DISTRICT No. 10—Upper Prospect.

Councillor—James H. Walsh. Collector—Joseph Mason, jr. Assessors—Patrick W. Christian, Robert T. Duggan. Overseers of Poor—Reginald Meehan, James Hardiman, Clement Coolin. Road Overseers, Sec. 1, Thomas Kennedy; Sec. 2, Martin Christian; Sec. 3, Patrick A. Duggan; Sec. 4, Edward Coolin; Kelly's Point, John Noonan; Shag Bay, Samuel T. White. Health Officers—John William Christian, William Smith, James L. Hardiman, Thomas Beck. Constables—James Tobin, Clarence W. Christian, John Whalen, Thomas J. Meehan. Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian.

DISTRICT No. 11 Hackett's Cove.

Councillor—Elijah J. Covey. Presiding Officer—Robert Munro. Collector of Rates—James Cornelius. Assessors—Frederick Boutillier, Robert Munro. Overseers of Poor—William Cornelious, Willis Garrison, Amos Corkum. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, James Ruder; Sec. 2, Isaiah Cornelius; Sec. 3, James Dwyer; Sec. 4, David Covey, jr.; Sec. 5, Horatio Isnor; Sec. 6, George Covey; Sec. 7, Amos Corkum; Sec. 8, William Jollymore; Sec. 9, Simon Hubley; Sec. 10, Sidney Garrison; Sec. 11, Alfred Boutillier. Constables—William Cornelius, Horace Mahar, James Fralick, John Garrison, Albert Crooks, John Allen. Health Officers—Amos Corkum, John Holland, Sidney Garrison, Robert Munro. Dr. Chase, Sanitary Inspector. Fence Viewers—John Holland, Amos Corkum. District Clerk—Sidney Garrison.

DISTRICT No 12. French Village.

Councillor—Isaac Croucher. Assessors—John Croucher, Isaac Dauphinee. Collector—Neil McDonald. Surveyors of Statute Labor—Section No. 1, William J. Boutillier, jr. Section 2, John Boutillier; Section 3, Archibald D. Boutillier; Section 4, Alvan Hubley; Section 5, Alfred Schuar; Section 6, Isaac Connolly; Section 7, Albert J. Boutillier; Section 8, Nehemiah Dorey; Section 9, Amos J. Boutillier; Section 10, Jacob Slaughenwhite; Section 11, Lewis Swallow; Section 12, Edwin B. Hubley; Section 13, Norman C. Boutillier. Constables—Nathan Hubley, jr., Harris Hubley, William Smeltzer, John Schuar, jr., Nepean Garrison, Francis Frederick, Frederick Grono, Samuel J. K. Boutillier. Fence Viewers—John R. Umlah, William Smeltzer, Elias Dauphinee, Benjamin Barkhouse, Alfred Worger. Lumber Surveyor—Neil McDonald. Health Officers—Alfred Worger, Isaac Dauphinee, Abraham Burchill, David Grono. Overseers of Poor—Edmund Deal, Isaac Murphy, Charles Brunswick. Revisor—Alfred Worger. Presiding Officer—Isaac Dauphinee.

DISTRICT No 13 Springfield.

Councillor—Richard Bishop. Assessors—William Umlah, John Merlin. Presiding Officer—Archibald Kidston. Collector—George Carmichael. Board of Health—Archibald Kidston, George Brown, William Umlah, Alexander Drysdale. Overseers of Poor—George Carmichael, Benjamin Brunt, Charles Raine. Overseers of Statute Labor—Spryfield, John Drysdale; Prospect Road, William Umlah, Samuel White; St. Margaret's Bay Road, Charles Raine, William Locke; Green Head, Alexander Drysdale; Terence Bay Road, Robert A. Yeadon; Sambro Road, Charles Merlin, Benjamin Brunt. Fence Viewer—George Carmichael. Surveyor of Lumber—N. K. McNutt.

DISTRICT No. 14. North-West Arm.

Councillor, H. M. McCallum. Assessors—George Piers, Thomas Forhan. Collector—William Murray. Health Officers—George Piers, William Deal, R. J. Waugh, Alonzo Norris. Overseers of Poor—J. McAloney, Patrick Kehoe, William Yeadon. Fence Viewer—Levi Deal. Overseers of Statute Labor—Arm Bridge to Deal's Corner—Amos Geizer. Lower Arm—Fred Jollimore, jr. Amos Slaughenwhite, Arm Bridge to McIntosh Bridge Robert Drysdale, Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge. Patrick Kehoe, Deal's Corner to Tannery. Light Station to McAloney's and Geizer Hill, William Murray. Constables—Reuben C. Purcell, Amos Yeadon. Supervisor of Roads—Patrick Kehoe. Presiding Officer—Geo. Piers.

DISTRICT No 15 Bedford

Councillors—Thos. S. Donaldson. Assessors—H. Y. Clarke, Thomas Major. Presiding Officer—Douglas M. Story. Tax Collector—George VanBuskirk. Board of Health—H. Y. Clarke, J. E. DeWolf, H. Theakston, George Canfield.

Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Archibald. Fence Viewers—Richard Richardson, Nathaniel Boutilier, James Rolfe. Overseers of Poor—Douglas M. Story, George VanBuskirk, George Canfield. Constable—John Tolson. Surveyor of Lumber—Willard Richardson. Appraisers—J. E. DeWolf, Alexander Romans, H. Y. Clarke. Road Overseers, Sec 1, Robert Romans (from Tannery Bridge to Seven Mile House); Sec. 2, Hiram Mitchell (from Seven Mile House to Sackville Bridge); Sec. 3, Elisha Giles (from Pier's Mill to Catholic Chapel).

DISTRICT No 16 Hammond's Plains

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

DISTRICT No 17. Sackville.

Councillor—George S. Kerr. Presiding Officer—James D. Webber. Assessors—Charles Peverill, Fred. T. Groves. Overseers of Highways—Sec 1, William Willis; Sec. 2, Charles Barrett; Sec. 3, Peter J. Blakeney; Sec. 4, Walter Bambrick; Sec. 5, Augustus Fenerty; Sec. 6, Joseph Robinson; Sec. 7, Judson Pulsifer; Sec. 8, Robert Patton; Sec. 9, Charles A. Barrett; Sec. 10, David Shanahan; Sec. 11, William Stone; Sec. 12, William Miller; Sec. 13, James Kehoe; Sec. 14, Francis Tolson; Sec. 15, T. Larsen. 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—Peter J. Blakeney, William Harris, John Tolson. Health Wardens—Harold Church, Lewis S. Hamilton, William Harris, Richard Barrett. Sanitary Inspector—Bris. Fader. Fence Viewers—Granville Wright, Lewis S. Hamilton, John Rosley. District Clerk—E. N. Thomas. Collector—Gray Schultz.

DISTRICT No 18 Waverley

Councillor—B. C. Wilson. Presiding Officer—Peter Spriggs. Assessors—Peter Spriggs, John McDowell. Overseers of the Poor—A. R. Tullock, M. D. Goff, W. C. Morrison. Constables—Thomas Skerry, James Allen, Albert Stuart, Alfred Horne, Alexander Cole, Joseph Day, George Miller, William Stephens. Fence Viewers—John Skerry, John Kelly, D. Bennery, Robert Ledwidge. Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Albert Stuart, Henry Reeves, John Kelly, Robert Lighton. Health Wardens—P. C. Doyle, William Canfield, John Stephen, Peter Spriggs, John McDonald. Health Inspector—Albert Stuart. Keeper of Scales—A. J. Crosby. Collector of Taxes—Albert Stuart. Pound Keeper—John Anand. Surveyors of Highways—Sec. 1, Thomas Skerry; Sec. 2, Edward Miller; Sec. 3, George Miller; Sec. 4, W. C. Morrison; Sec. 5, William Laing; Sec. 6, James Fitzpatrick; Sec. 7, John Holland; Sec. 8, Christopher King. Supervisor of Roads for District 18—Albert Stuart.

DISTRICT No 19 Gay's River.

Councillor—George H. Madill. Overseers of Roads—Sec. 1, Samuel Geddes; Sec. 2, Israel Keys; Sec. 3, John McPhee; Sec. 4, Robert Logan; Sec. 5, William Blades; Sec. 6, James Mitchell; Sec. 7, Robert Woodworth; Sec. 8, John

Cleary; Sec. 9, George Butler; Sec. 10, James McMichael; Sec. 11, Alexander McWilliams; Sec. 12, Samuel Moore; Sec. 13, James Wilson; Sec. 14, Lorenzo Wilson; Sec. 15, Robert Newman; Sec. 16, Gordon McKeen; Sec. 17, John McKenzie; Sec. 18, George T. Cook; Sec. 19, Martin Ashley. Cattle Reeve—Peter Grono. Collector—John Merson. Overseers of Poor—James F. Walker, William Annand, Isaac Isenor. Fence Viewers—James Keys, James Rankin. Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, Alexander Woodworth, George T. Cook. Constables—Oliver Simpson, Clarence Keys and Samuel G. McMichael. Assessors—Alexander Logan, William Annand. Sanitary Inspector—Robert H. Killough. Board of Health—William Annand, John T. Kerr, Edward Isenor, George T. Cook. Presiding Officer—William Annand.

DISTRICT No. 20 Meagher's Grant

Councillor—Thomas Cole. Presiding Officer—Lewis Grant. Overseers of Poor—Charles Grant, William Stretch, Alexander Ogilvie. Assessors—Alexander Hurley, J. D. Bayer. Constables—Thomas Mills, Joseph Wilks, Andrew Killough. Fence Viewers—Sidney Dickie, A. Kent Sibley, Joseph Seeton. Lumber Surveyors—Miles Grant, John Ledwidge, A. Kent Sibley, George Tulley, James Hertle, J. D. Bayer. Log Scalors—A. Kent Sibley, John Kerr. Sanitary Inspector—J. D. Bayer. Board of Health—J. D. Bayer, A. K. Sibley, Sidney Dickie, Joseph Seeton. Collector of Rates—James Murphy. Road Overseers—Sec. 1, Anderson Dickie; 2, John Seeton; 3, George A. Sibley; 4, Charles Grant; 5, John Gilbert; 6, Alexander Stretch; 7, Lewis Grant; 8, Christopher Dillman; 9, Thomas Murphy; 10, Alexander Cole; 11, Arthur Cruikshank; 12, Andrew Killough; 13, Alexander McDougall; 14, J. G. Kerr; 15, Thomas Miller.

DISTRICT No 21. Middle Musquodoboit

Councillor—John H Taylor. Overseers of Roads—Sec. 1, John A. Guild, 2, Francis Guild; 3, Henry A. Murphy; 4, Edward Marks; 5, John B. Archibald; 6, Robert Fraser; 7, Samuel Higgins; 8, William Brown; 9, Arnold Gladwin; 10, Henry Higgins; 11, Samuel P. White; 12, Archibald McFatrige; 13, Albert Bryson; 14, John Shaw, jr.; 15, William Scott; 16, Elgin Murchey; 17, James Annand; 18, H. C. Taylor; 19, G. H. Taylor; 20, Samuel Irwin; 21, E. H. McNutt; 22, Alfred Scott; 23, James Doull; 24, Samuel B. Taylor. Overseers of the Poor—Francis Guild, William McCurdy, R. Kaulbach. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber, and Wood—George B. Phalen, Frank H Taylor, Edward Marks. Fence Viewers—Samuel Ervin, John McFatrige, 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 Burris, Charles H. Morris, M.D., Charles R. Tupper. Sanitary Inspector—J. Watson McCurdy. Presiding Officer—James P. Kent. District Clerk—R. Kaulbach. To swear in District Officers and make out Statute Labor Lists—Walter McCurdy, J. P. Keeper of Scales—Ainsley B. Shaw.

DISTRICT No 22 Upper Musquodoboit

Councillor—George Burris. Presiding Officer—James Kent, Esq., J.P. Collector of Rates—Wm Horton. Assessors—William Archibald, 3rd, F. W. Henry. Overseers of Poor—James McFatrige, William Dechman, William Horton. Fence Viewers—Fenwick Kent, William McGunnigle, John E. Redmond. District Clerk—F. W. Henry. Constables—George H. Kent, Frank A. Reynolds, Arthur Henry, Charles Holman, Peter McNab, Frank Henry, Albert Fisher. Board of Health—J. F. Parke, Sidney Archibald, J. P. Robinson, James D. Henry. Sanitary Inspector—F. A. Reynolds. Surveyor of Logs, Lumber and Wood—Fenwick Kent, J. H. Holman, George Jennings, William Redmond, Ernest Chaplain. Care and Working Road Machine—T. P. Dean. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Blackie Dean; 2, William Lemon; 3, Edmund Ham-

ilton; 4, Orlo Geddis; 5, J. P. Dean; 6, John Stewart; 7, Alexander Henry; 8, Kidston Henry; 9, Samuel Archibald; 10, Neal Archibald; 11, William Drady; 12, Richard Farnell; 13, Charles Moor; 14, George Dean; 15, James McFar-ridge; 16, David Archibald; 17, John Redman, sr.; 18, John Redden; 19, John Dechman; 20, William J. Miller; 21, William Fraser; 22, Alexander Fraser; 23, James Hilehey; 24, Benjamin Hutchinson; 25, Gordon Farnell; 26, William Butcher, jr.; 27, John Watson, jr.; 28, William Butcher, sr.; 29, Peter McNab; 30, Chisholm Nelson. To Swear in District Officers and Prepare Statute Labor Lists—J. G. Reynolds, Esq., J. P. Keeper of Scales—Edgar Hill, Esq.

DISTRICT No 23. Lower Prospect

Councillor—J. H. Bartlett. Assessors—John P. Slaughenwhite, Dennis Brophy. Collector—John Jollimore. Overseers of Poor—Dennis Brophy, John P. Staunwhite. Constables—Jos. Umlah, Tobias Jollimore, Jas. Jollimore. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Charles Slaughenwhite (Jacob); 2, Thomas Blake; 3, Benjamin Blackburn and Thos. Slaughenwhite. Board of Health—Samuel Slaughenwhite, John P. Slaughenwhite, Dennis Brophy, John Slaughenwhite. Presiding Officer—Mahlon Slaughenwhite. Fence Viewer—Joseph Umlah.

DISTRICT No 24. Smith's Cove

Councillor—Alexander F. Smith. Assessors—William G. Smith, Thomas E. Smith. Collector—Phillip H. Moser. Overseers of Roads—Sec 1, John Turner; 2, Jasper Moser; 3, William G. Pye; 4, Walter W. Smith; 5, Edward N. Smith; 6, Henry Pye; 7, George Hartling; 8, Isaiah Carver; 9, George Pace. Overseers of Poor—Edwin Moser, Solomon Fancy, J. A. Moser. Constables—William Fraser, Harrigan Cove; William Parlee, George Shellnut, Moser River; Thomas J. Smith, Smith's Cove; Sandy Fleet, Ecum Secum. Surveyors of Lumber and Scalers of Logs—Ecum Secum, O. P. Fraser; Moser's River, Daniel Cameron, Matthew McMann, George Shellnut. Fence Viewers—Levi Hartling, William E. R. mkey. Board of Health—James Kerr, George Hartling, John Romkey, Neil Oicle. Presiding Officer—Edward Moser.

DISTRICT No. 25. Sheet Harbor.

Councillor—Henry Hall. Presiding Officer—Finlay McMillan, m. d. Overseers of Poor—William Lowe, Robert Sample, Isaac Wambold. Fence Viewers—Robert Rutledge, John Behie. Road Overseers—Sec. 1, William Beeswanger; 2, William Fahie; 3, William Lowe; 4, Martin E. Murphy; 5, Isaac Wambold; 6, James Westhaver; 7, Roland Grant; 8, Daniel Currie; 9, Frank Boutillier; 10, Angus Clattenburg. Constables—Richard Munroe, Aaron Rood, Robert Routledge, William Munroe, Norman Verge, Henry Richards, Daniel Farrell, John Quillinan, Thomas Hall. Surveyors of Logs, Lumber, and Wood—Angus McDonald, James McG. Cruikshank, Thomas A. Baker, Andrew McDonald, Patrick J. Murphy, Michael Nelligan, Archibald Hall, William Knight. Ferry-men—William Lowe, Sheet Harbor; John Wessell, Sober Island. Board of Health—F. McMillan, m. d., John M. Gourley, m. d., Robert Brownell, Daniel Chisholm. Measurers of Wood and Coal—James McG. Cruikshank, Thomas Hall. Sanitary Inspector—Malcolm McFarlane. Pound Keeper—John Murphy, West River. Assessors—Patrick Coady, Thomas Hall. Collector of County and Poor Rates—Angus Cruikshanks.

DISTRICT No 26. Tangier

Councillor—W. C. Henley. Presiding Officer—John M. Flaherty. Assessors—Samuel H. Henley, Alexander Glawson. Collector of County Rates—George H. Conrod. Overseers of Poor—J. H. Townsend, Peter Mason, George H. Conrod. Constables—Charles Murphy, George Hilch, Joseph Masen, William

Zwicker, Charles Hilchy, Jonathan Hilchy, Edward White, John A. Leslie, Jason Keating. Surveyors of Wood, Logs, and Lumber—Thomas Hilchey, Archibald Prest, Charles W. Josey. Fence Viewers—John McCarthy, jr., James Jennings, Daniel R. Josey, Walter Clawson. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Samuel McCarthy; 2, Isaac Leslie; 3, Charles A. Henley; 4, Edward White; 5, Charles W. Josey; 6, Edward Cameron; 7, Robert Gaston; 8, George Murphy; 9, Alexander Clawson; 10, William Cameron; 11, Louis Murphy; 12, Frank Martin; 13, James Fahie; 14, John A. Gerard; 15, Reuben Cooper; 16, Henry Boutillier (Mooseland); 17 Gasper Prest. Board of Health—John W. Corbin, Robert Mason, John Beaver, sr., Theodore Leslie. Sanitary Inspector—John J. Mason. Ferryman—John T. Abriel, Gerard's Island: Mrs Tracey, Ship Harbor.

DISTRICT No. 27. Jeddore.

Councillor—Peter Myers. Overseers of Poor—Charles Slade, Arthur Webber, William Eison. Health Officers—George A. Jamieson, Walter G. Siteman, Albert Warnell, Dennis Williams. Sanitary Inspector—Enos Baker, J.P. Assessors—Robert Stevens, Conrad Marks. Collector—George Mitchell. Presiding Officer—George A. Jamieson, M.D. Surveyors of Lumber, Logs and Wood—Orlando P. Myers. Alexander Smith, George Marks, George Mitchell. Fence Viewers—Reuben Smith, James L. Myers, Enos Baker, Ebenezer Homans, Henry Newcombe, Joseph Kent. Constables—William Mosher, Gideon Blakeney, James Myers, John W. Webber, Joseph Kent, Jacob Siteman. Custodian of Jeddore Bridge—Albert Warnell. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Ronald Byers; 2, Donald Smith; 3, George Mosher; 4, Thomas Grant; 5, John McGregor; 6, Amos Slaughenwhite; 7, John Hawkins. Jeddore West—Sec. 1, Robert A. Dooks; 2, Henry Guild; 3, Benjamin Blakeney; 4, John Myers; 5, John Myers, of John. Jeddore East—Sec. 1, Amos Webber; 2, Provost Jennox; 3, Thomas Cooper; 4, William Jennox; 5, George Arnold; 6, Arthur Guild. Lakeville—Sec. 1, James M. Webber; 2, James Webber; 3, William Webber. Clam Harbor—Sec. 1, John R. Webber; 2, John Homans. Owl's Head—Sec. 1, David Palmer; 2, Stewart Richardson; 3, Cyrus Levy. Ship Harbor—Sec. 1, John M. Marks; 2, Albert, Shelnut; 3, Hector Siteman.

DISTRICT No. 28. West Chezzetcook.

Councillor—Daniel P. Lapierre. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Simeon Gaetz; 2, Alexander Patterson; 3, Andrew Leslie; 4, Charles Nieforth; 5, Reuben Nieforth; 6, John Julien; 7, Joseph Wolf; 8, James Ferguson; 9, Frederick Julien; 10, William Crawford; 11, Francis Belfontaine; 12, John Roma; 13, George Roma; 14, Lawrence Breau; 15, Augustin Mannett. Overseers of Poor—Martin Julian, Francis Petipas, Thomas Leslie. Constables—Andrew Petipas, Walter Nieforth, Thomas Julien. Collector County Rates—Sec. B., Thomas Gaetz; Sec. A., John Lapierre. Fence Viewers—James Gaetz, Dennis Wolf. Appraisers of Damage—Dennis Wolf, Andrew Petipas. Board of Health—Simon Julian, Isaac Lapierre, John Conrad, James Ferguson. Assessors—Martin Gaetz, George Lapierre. Presiding Officer—John T. McLaren. Surveyor and Scalor of Logs—John McDonald.

DISTRICT No. 29. Lawrencetown.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, George Lapierre. 2, George H. Hiltz. 3, William Shaw. 4, Daniel Darea. 5, Reuben Crowell, sr. 6, Charles Merson. 7, Albert Leslie. 8, William Conrod. Assessors—Henry Merson and Freeman Sellars. Collector of Rates—Thomas A. Naugle. Overseers of Poor—Alexander Conrod, Freeman Sellars, Adam Leslie. Fence Viewers—Desbrisay Conrod, Jas. Leslie, jr. Constables—Edmund Conrod, Alexander Crook, jr., George Lloyd, Maynard Monivan. Board of Health—William Conrod, Thomas A. Naugle, Henry Merson, Joseph Lloy. Health Inspector—Albert Leslie. Custodian of Draw Bridge—Joseph Lloy. Presiding Officer—John McDonald.

DISTRICT No 30 Preston.

Councillor—Joseph Thomas. Overseers of Statute Labor—From Salmon River Bridge (east) to Partridge River Bridge, Charles Taylor: From Partridge River Bridge to Salmon River Bridge (west), Joseph Turner: From Salmon River Bridge (east) to Porter's Lake Iron Bridge, Alexander Griswold: From Main Post Road to Brown's Bridge, William Davison: Old Preston Road, John Nelson, sr.: Upper O'Brien Street, John Thomas: Lower O'Brien Street, Samuel Carter: Lake Eagle Road, George Crawley: Crane's Bridge to foot of Phillip's Hill, James Colley, jr.: Ernst Mills to Widow Crane's, George Winder: Downey Town, James Willis: Frog Lake, Peter Williams (for shoveling snow, that section statute labor work on main post road): Look-out Road, James Ernst. Constables—Henry Downey, Nelson Winder, Samuel Williams, Joseph Turner, John Nelson, jr., Horatio Davidson. Overseers of Poor—John Davidson, John Ewing, Thos. Johnson. Presiding Officer—John Thomas. Health Officers—Peter Clayton, Joseph Evans, Joseph Smith, sr., John Colley. Assessors—Stewart Innis, Dennis Delonghy. Revisor—John Thomas.

DISTRICT No 31. Cole Harbor.

Councillor—John G. Bessett. Assessors—James Farquharson, Alexander Moreash. Presiding Officer—James Farquharson. Collector—Joseph Giles. Overseers of Poor—John Settle, William Skerry, Daniel Donovan. Overseers of Roads. Sec 1, John Tufts. 2, Charles Shaffieburg. 3, Edwin Lethbridge. 4, Thomas Fisher. 5, William Farquharson. 6, Albert Mahaney. 7, William Skerry. 8, William Bell. 9, Frederick Cooper. 10, Alexander Cane. 11, Reuben Ernst. 12, William Eignor. 13, John Settle, sr. 14, Michael White. 15, Gavin Grant. 16, Norman Moreash. 17, George Ritchey. 18, Daniel Brennan. 19, William Cole. 20, John Giles. 21, John Hartling. 22, Edward Moreash. 23, Enos Conrod. 24, Charles Jackson. 25, Joseph Lovit. Constables—James Norris, Arthur Giles, Isaiah Doyle, William Lawlor, Joseph Grant. Fence Viewers—Albert Shaffieburg, Frederick Bissett, John Farquharson. Health Officers—Charles Lydiard, Thomas Harrison, Josiah Ross, Archibald Manley. Health Inspector—Henry Baker. Swearing Town Officers—James Farquharson, John G. Bissett.

DISTRICT No 32, Hubbard's Cove.

Councillor—John E. Shatford. Assessors of County Rates—John P. Webber, William Kennedy. Collector of County Rates—Peter F. Boutilier. Presiding Officer—Peter D. Dauphinee. Overseers of Poor—Caleb F. Hubley, Peter D. Dauphinee, Henry Conrod. Overseers of Roads—Elisha Smith, William J. Boutilier, jr., Hibbert Hubley, Hezekiah Brigley, Henry Conrod, George L. Keans, Frank Mason, Mason's Point. Simeon Boutilier, Boutilier's Point. James E. Conrod, Conrod's Settlement. James Schwartz, Schwartz' Road. Simeon Dauphinee, East Side Hubbard's Cove. Constables—James E. Conrod, Gilbert Keans, John J. Brigley, Hibbard Hubley, John Ryno, Alexander Boutilier, Rand Gibbons, Lambert Conrod, Loftus Mason. Health Officers—Inspector, Dr. Gaetz, Caleb F. Hubley, Alexander Conrod, William L. Mason. Fence Viewers—George Brigley, Abel Boutilier, Thomas Kennedy, George Longard. Surveyors of Lumber—Margaret's Bay, E. H. Young, George J. Young, B. F. Young, Fred Corbett, Peter F. Boutilier, Peter Kilpatrick. For Ingram River, Rand Gibbons, Herbert Gibbons.

DISTRICT No. 33. Eastern Passage.

Councillor—W. F. Negus. Presiding Officer—Daniel A. Mosher. Collector—Nelson Negus. Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, William Ieeton, James Mosher. Assessors—William Mosher, Benjamin J. Newcomb. Constables—Henry Conrod, Henry Glazebrook, George Moreash, John Horton, John De-Young, sr., Thomas Edwards, jr. Road Overseers—Sec. 1, Provost Horne, jr.

2, Jeremiah Cleary. 3, Alexander Dunsworth. 4, Edward DeYoung. 5, William Naugle. 6, George F. Bowes. 7, Thomas Conrod. 8, Benjamin Hines. 9, David Henneberry. Fence Viewers—George Hitzelman, Andrew Cleary, James Conrod. Sanitary Inspector—John Byrne. Board of Health—Frederic Naugle, jr., Simon Gregoire, James DeYoung, Walter Osborne. To Swear in District Officers and make out Labor Lists—W. F. Negus.

DISTRICT No. 34.

Councillor—John Kirker. Presiding Officer—Henry J. Balcum. Assessors—John T. Warren, William Pye. Overseers Statute Labor—John Cameron, Beaver Harbor, Salmon River West. Matthew Gallagher, Salmon River East. Clarence Gladwin, Glawson Shore to Dufferin Mines. Edmund Smiley, Main Road to Smiley's Shore. Alexander Gammon, Quoddy West. William Robertson, Quoddy East. Charles Shiers, Harrigan's Cove. Alexander Jewers, Snow's Island. Constables—James Kirker, James Cameron, William St Clair, Robert Jewers. Overseers of Poor—Darius Snow, James P. Balcum, Leonard Whitman. Fence Viewers—Charles Darr, Andrew Shiers. Board of Health—Henry J. Balcum, George Smith, W. H. Atkins, Hector Smiley. Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Dunlop.

DISTRICT No. 35.

Councillor—Alexander McMullen. Overseers of Statute Labor—Sec. 1, Arthur Killen. 2, Allen Ogilvie. 3, John Fisher. 4, Hiram Scott. 5, Alexander McMullin. 6, James Bambric. 7, Alexander Taylor. 8, Arthur Scott. Constables—George Ogilvie, Allen Ogilvie, Charles Hurley. Surveyors of Lumber, Logs, and Wood—Arthur H. Gladwin. Overseers of Poor—Edward Cruikshank, Robert Ogilvie, George Brown. Assessors of Rates—George Brown, Alexander Taylor. Board of Health—Samuel Burris, A. H. Gladwin, Edward Howe, Winfield Cole. Appraisers of Damages—Charles Hurley, James Cruikshank, Charles Ogilvie. Fence Viewers—John Grant, Lemon Grant, John Ogilvie. Presiding Officer and Collector of Rates—Henry Cruikshank. To Swear in District Officers—Samuel Burris, J. P. District Clerk—Samuel Burris.

DISTRICT No. 36.

Councillor—E. D. McLean, M. D. Overseers of Roads—Sec. 1, James Chisholm. 2, Harry Power. 3, Alexander Gaetz. 4, William Bayer, of James. 5, Benjamin Ycung. 6, Abram Bayer. 7, Phillip Young. 8, Samuel Ogilvie. 9, Andrew Gaetz. 10, Joseph Belfontaine. 11, J. Howe Keizer. 12, John Conrod, of Lawrence. 13, Augustus Colford. 14, Joseph Pettipas. 15, Andrew Conrod. 16, Jacob Conrod. 17, Reuben Conrod. 18, Nathaniel Malcolm. 19, Eddie Dares. Overseers of Poor—Samuel Gaetz, James Gaetz, James Ritcey. Surveyors of Lumber—John Kidd, Samuel Blakeney, Ross Sibley. Constables—Azariah Venlot, George S. Gaetz, Joseph Dunphy, George Conrod, of James, George S. Keizer, Wm. Usher. Fence Viewers—John Anderson, sr., Matthew Conrod, Leonard Gaetz, sr. Assessors—Alexander McInnis, Captain William Warner. Collector—George Guild. Health Inspector—Alexander McInnis, J. P. Health Officers—Samuel Bradin, William Yeomans, George S. Keizer, John H. Anderson. Weighers of Hay and Straw—E. S. Guild, James C. Rowlings. Presiding Officer—Captain William Warner.

DISTRICT No. 38.

Councillor—Andrew Scott. Assessors—East Dover, James Fader, J. P.; West Dover, James Moreash, jr. Overseers of Roads—Bay Side, Michael Connors; McGrath's Cove, William Fordham; East Dover, Ervin Fader; Larry's Cove, Noah Moreash; West Dover, J. W. Cleveland; New Road Section, Michael Moreash. Constables—West Dover, Lindsay Moreash, Isaac Moreash; East

Dover, John Moreash, Leander Harnish. Board of Health—Charles Scott, Abraham Cleveland, Noah Moreash, Albert Launt Fence Viewers—Lawson Moreash: East Dover, Noah Moreash. Overseers of Poor—East Dover, William Forham, Noah Moreash; West Dover, Lawson Moreash. Sanitary Inspector—James Fader, J. P. Presiding Officer—Henry Fader. Collector—Silas Moreash. Revisor—Charles Scott.

Moved by Councillors Lapiere and Wilson—

That a Precept be granted to lay out a new road from District 28 to District 36, in accordance with the prayer of petitioners and report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Kerr—

That Councillor McCallum be a Commissioner of the Court House for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Hall—

That Councillor McLean be a Commissioner of the Court House for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors A. F. Smith and Kirker—

That James Kerr, Geo. H. Moser and Solomon Fancy be a Committee to lay out the proposed new road at Moser's Hill, through lands owned by Moser and Fraser in Moser River, District No. 24. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Sellars—

That the road at Montague, from the main road to Oland's Crusher, be included in Road Section No. 8, District 31. Also, that the road from the main road to the Harbour be included in Road Section No. 14, District 31. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Bartlett—

That the application from Dover District for assistance to repair a road be referred to Road and Bridge Committee. Passed.

Read, a letter from H. Beals, District 31, for leave to do his Statute labor on his own road. Referred to Councillor Bissett.

Submitted a letter from Dr. Gourley, District 25, with an account of \$20 for Medical Services at Sheet Harbour, in case of Scarletina. It did not appear upon enquiry of the Councillor that the local Board of Health ordered or reported on the matter, or had audited or certified the bill. It was ordered to lie on the table.

The Clerk submitted a number of Bills, and read the Report of the Board of Health for District No. 15, in recent

cases of Diphtheria. Part of the amount was for Supplies for families, and chargeable to the Overseers of Poor of the District.

On motion of Councillors Madill and Wilson—

Resolved, That the Report and Accounts from the Board of Health of District 15 be referred to the Finance Committee. Passed.

The discussion on the Road Bill, prepared by Councillor Wilson, was set down for Tuesday morning.

The Treasurer mentioned, that as shown in his account, there was included in the balance a special sum of \$1700 out of the Road Damage Loan. Also, that the Sinking Fund provided in the Resolution of Deputy Warden Madill last Session had not been acted on in consequence of so many Councillors having to use all their grants in 1897.

Considerable discussion followed, and action was deferred for the present.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

MONDAY, JAN. 17, 1898.

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

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and McMullen—

That the Stipendiary be appointed Clerk of License for the ensuing year. Passed.

Read, a letter from E. L. Fenerty, of the Halifax Shovel Company, stating he was desirous of using the water from the Chain Lakes for his factory, and asking permission to carry the pipe for that purpose across the St. Margaret's Bay Road, where the Bridge crosses the Brook, opposite his residence, subject to such conditions as will be necessary not to impede travel, etc.

On motion of Councillors McCallum and McLean—

Resolved, That the prayer of E. L. Fenerty be granted; the work to be done under supervision of the Overseer of Highways of that Section, and traffic on the road not to be obstructed during the time such work is in progress. Passed.

Councillor Wilson introduced the subject of the use of broad tires, showing the injury done to the roads by those in present use, and that the advisability of using the former should be followed by legislation, compelling parties to adopt the broad tires. He moved, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, the following resolution:—

Whereas, Good roads are important factors in the prosperity of the Country, and their maintenance and desirability matters of great economic importance. And whereas, the present practice of narrow waggon tires is rapidly destructive to even the best macadamized roads and detrimental to the interests of the whole country:

Therefore resolved, That this Council herewith express its confidence in, and approval of, the use of wide tires on all freight vehicles, and believes that such would tend to improve and consolidate the roadway, giving it a longer life, and materially reduce the cost of maintenance;

And further resolved, That this Council memorialize the Provincial Legislature to pass an Act compelling the use of wide tires, and would respectfully offer the following suggestions:—

That any and all waggons or vehicles for freight purposes, mail and express waggons, shall have tires not less than two inches wide. That all carrying from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and all carrying from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds be not less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; and where the vehicle and load amounts to 4,000 pounds, not less than 4 inches wide, and over 4,000 pounds, not less than 5 inches wide; and that all vehicles built and put upon the market in Nova Scotia after the passing of such an Act shall conform to these widths; and in three years thereafter it shall not be legal to use any tires under these widths.

Further, That there be a penalty for infringement of such Act, or a compensation for using wider tires than those named. Passed.

The Clerk referred to the necessity of improvement in the Assessment returns. Some Districts show decreases for several years past. The Assessors gave no reasons when asked for the falling off, and they made up the returns badly, from being either incompetent, or were otherwise unsuitable for the duty. The matter was taken up forcibly by Councillors Madill, Wilson, Bissett, Henley, McMullen, Taylor, the Warden, Thompson, Covey, and others, and the failure of the Revisors' work, as now carried out, made evident.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Madill, moved the following resolution:—

Whereas, The present method of valuations by the several District Assessors is not satisfactory, and very far from equitable, and greater uniformity of values is not only desirable but becoming absolutely desirable;

Therefore resolved, That this Council ask the Legislature to so far modify the County Incorporation Act in its application to the Municipality of Halifax County, as to admit of the following:—

That the County be divided into two Assessment Districts of East and West Halifax; the dividing line being through the Harbor and Bedford Basin, and along the division between Districts 17 and 18 to the Hants boundary;

That there be two general Assessors appointed for each Assessment District, who shall hold office for two years, and be eligible to reappointment. Also, that one local Assessor be appointed yearly for each Electoral District;

That it shall be the duty of the local Assessor to distribute and receive the valuation schedules as now maintains in the several Districts;

And it shall be the duty of the local Assessors at designated times to go over each District in company with the local Assessor, and taking the schedules handed in, together with their valuation of the respective properties; and each alternate year one of the general Assessors from the Eastern District shall go to the West, and one of the Western go to the Eastern District, thus eventually ensuring a uniform valuation over the whole County.

Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Henley, moved that the resolution of Councillor Wilson, together with the resolution of Councillors McCallum and Hall, deferred from last session, be referred to the Assessment Committee, and be reported on at this session.

Councillors McCallum and Hall's resolution of last session was as follows:—

Whereas, The present method 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 visit 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 the report of the Councillor for any District, or from reliable information furnished them as to changes in the valuation or ownership in any District. Passed.

A motion of Councillors McCallum and Bishop to re-appoint W. L. Malcom as Jailer for the current year was withdrawn, as the appointment lies with the Sheriff.

Submitted Report of Board of Health, District 16, showing total number of deaths in 1897—16. District now in fairly healthy condition.

An adjournment was moved for 10.30 Tuesday, and the Committees to meet in the afternoon thereafter to complete reports.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. The Warden and all Councillors present. The Minutes of 17th P. M. were read and confirmed.

The following letter from Hon. Judge Johnston was read:—

GENTLEMEN,—I am compelled by the exigencies of the case to call your attention to your occupancy of the County Court Room for holding the meetings of your body. When the addition to the Court House was made the room in which you now meet was built expressly for and appropriated for the use of the County Court, and the County Council Chamber was designed to be downstairs, adjoining the offices of the Stipendiary Magistrate and the Clerk of the Municipality. It was, however, discovered that the space was so limited that the plan would have to be altered and the addition enlarged if suitable accommodation was to be provided for the meetings of the Council, and in order to save the County the expense that would be entailed by the erection of a new building or extending the addition, I offered to allow the Council to hold their meetings in court room for the time being. Since that concession was made, however, the volume of business of the County Court has so increased that a continuance of that arrangement is not possible, as I require the use of my court room every day.

I am therefore reluctantly compelled, in the interest of the suitors as well as the close and orderly administration of justice, to request that you will be good enough to provide yourselves with other apartments in which to meet, in order that the room may be used for its legitimate purposes as often as occasion requires. I have had heretofore, when your body was in session, to ask for the use of a room as a favor, and now that you have appropriated the two rooms down stairs for the use of the Judges of the Supreme Court, I shall be deprived of the use of a room which I have occasionally occupied, and the Criminal Court room is so often in use as to be but occasionally available; and you will agree with me, that a Judge should not be indebted to the courtesy of any for the use of a room in which to transact the business of the court, and I may be permitted to suggest for your consideration that the County Court being the Court of the County that the first duty of the Councillors of the Municipality should be to see that the court was properly equipped. While giving you this notice, and while infinitely preferring my own to any other room in the building, yet should the Council wish the present arrangement to continue, I will accede to their desire, provided some arrangement is made by which I can have the use of a room sacred to my right and not of sufferance. I shall be happy to meet your Warden or any Committee to discuss the matter.

There is one other matter to which I would call your attention, and that is the necessity of providing a room for the witnesses, who, as is not infrequently the case, are ordered out of court until called; they have no place to go but wander round the corridors, and are often out of the way when wanted. The room on the opposite side of the passageway from mine was formerly utilized as a witness room, but latterly it has been locked. As it is not therefore now available, I would suggest that a duplicate key should be procured and left with the Crier of the Court, and then that room could be used for the purpose when required.

I have the honor to be,
Mr. Warden and Councillors,
Your obedient servant,

J. W. JOHNSTON.

There was considerable discussion over the letter, many of the Councillors expressing the opinion that the Judge's contention was not correct. The room was not appropriated to the County Council, and it was only placed at the disposal of the Judge when the Council was not occupying it.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Thompson—

That the memorial of Judge Johnston re room for Court purposes be referred to the Commissioners of the Court House. Passed.

The Draft of the proposed Road Act for Halifax County, prepared by Councillor Wilson, was read and discussed clause by clause, and at length. Some of the provisions were objected to, and that its operation should be deferred to a later date than this year.

Councillors Donaldson and Thompson moved—

That the Bill be submitted to the Legislature, and if by them approved, that it will not go into effect till 1899.

By Councillors Henley and Walsh, a motion was made in amendment that the Bill be referred to a special Committee, the Warden to name the same. Passed.

The Warden named Councillors Wilson, Burris, Henley, Taylor and C. E. Smith, as the Committee to report to the Council in detail to-morrow. Agreed to.

The Returns of Valuation in District 30 being so defective for the last three years, requiring a change of Assessors, on motion, Dennis Deloughry was appointed Assessor in place of James Colley for the present year. Passed.

The Clerk submitted and read Inspector Reid's Financial Report for 1897, with detailed Account and Vouchers, showing the Receipts to be \$690.00; Expenses \$686.37; Cr. balance \$3.63.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

The Treasurer reported in relation to Special Juries under the Act passed in 1897, that through oversight of Supreme Court officials he had been called upon to pay four Special Juries on which the stipulated deposit of \$25.00 each had not been made. He had refused to pay these Jurors for that reason. They were as follows:—

Williams vs. Bartling	\$10.00
Hattie vs. Sutcliffe	32.00
Rudolf vs. B. & T. Marine Insurance Co.....	24.00
Beazley vs. Pickford.....	10.00

On previous cases, in which the deposit had been paid, he had of course paid the Juries per returns of Clerk of Crown. The Jurors should be paid who served as summoned, but he considered that the litigants should pay and not the County. How these parties were allowed Juries under the Statute which plainly provides that litigants requiring a Special Jury should pay \$25.00 deposit has not been explained. The Clerk had an interview with Judge Graham thereon, but nothing came of it. Meanwhile he was being continually dunned by the unpaid jurors, and wished instructions in the matter, especially as the expense for Petit Juries in civil cases was also growing greater every year, and the County of Halifax seemed to be victimized by other counties getting their causes settled here. The subject was discussed, and action on it referred to the Law Amendment Committee.

In relation to constables' charges in connection with Liquor License business under the Inspector's proceedings, an investigation being deferred from April Session, 1897.

Inspector Reid made explanations in re Sheet Harbor and Spry Bay cases, and costs of constables' services.

For expenses in connection with collection of back taxes in District 10, Chief Constable Burbridge stated how and why the extra expenses were incurred.

Councillor Walsh desired that District 10 be relieved of balance of back taxes, and a discussion took place in reference to dropping the collection of deficits for 1896 in Districts, especially in District No. 10. The Clerk explained the Law regarding defaulters. Several Districts were in arrears, and these could and would be collected to amount of over \$500, by renewing warrants. The subject was deferred to next morning, and Council adjourned to 2 o'clock, then to take up committee work.

Afternoon Session.

JANUARY 18TH, 1898.

The Council met at 2.30. The Roll was called, the Warden and all Councillors were present, and adjourned to 10.30 A.M., January 19.

EIGHTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JAN., 1898.

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

Read, the Report of County Stipendiary McDougall for 6 months ended Dec. 31, 1897.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

On the matter of unpaid taxes, it was moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That all back arrearages of County Taxes previous to 1896 be struck off from Districts now in arrears, as if they never existed, and that the most stringent means be exercised for the collection of said rates from that date. The motion was lost.

Read, Report of Committee on investigation of complaints against Keeper of Poor Farm, as follows:—

“The Committee find that persons not employed by the County have been in the habit of visiting the Poor Farm, they, together with their horses, being accommodated.

“We find that one season a horse was pastured on lands of the Poor Farm for about three months (within the last two years), the horse being the property of James Turner, the Keeper's son.

“That a cow was pastured for part of the season or summer of 1896, and another for summer or season of 1897, neither of which were the property of the County.

“That horses not owned by the County have been fed with County feed.

“We find also, that an insane patient named Stewal, by the permission of the Keeper, was allowed off the premises, said patient working during his absence from the Poor Farm with Wm. Turner, Keeper's son.

“That female patients were allowed out working for neighbors.

“Your Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Turner has been lax in his management of the Poor Farm, and therefore deserves the censure of the Committee and Council.”

Some discussion followed, and Councillor McCallum considered the enquiry incomplete, some matters not being cleared up, as the parties summoned did not appear. He recommended that Mr. Turner, who was present, should be heard. The Warden agreed to this, provided no discussion followed, but the Chairman (Bissett) could have time to reply if he wished.

Keeper Turner averred that the charges were false and not sustained, but prompted by the man Bowes he had discharged for unsatisfactory conduct, and who had been reinstated by the Chairman. He could not manage the Poor Farm properly with inefficient help as at present, and he could not hire or discharge employees. There was no keeper now for the County Insane, and no cook, &c.

Chairman Bissett said Turner had printed instructions showing he had no authority in regard to hire or discharge of employees without consulting the Chairman and Committee. Bowes was Turner's own selection, and gave satisfaction two years, but troubles were occasioned by jealousy between Turner's son and Bowes about the girls in the kitchen, for which the latter was dismissed.

It was moved by Councillors Madill and Burris—

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

Read, the Report of Committee on the proposed new Road Act introduced by Councillor Wilson;

Also the minority Report of Councillor Henley.

The full report was discussed at considerable length, and finally adopted.

A number of applications from several Councillors for allotments from the new Road Loan were named to the Warden, who said they amounted to more than the balance in hand of that loan.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Bartlett—

That all applications for grants from the New Road Loan be handed to the Road and Bridge Committee to be acted upon in accordance with the law and the conditions of the loan, and report to this Council in April. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and McCallum—

That Joseph Robinson be appointed a Pound Keeper for Rockingham, in District 15, for the year 1898. Passed.

On motions regularly moved by the Councillors of the

undermentioned Districts, and seconded, the following Assessments were passed for support of the Poor :--

District No. 7, \$60; District 8, \$50; District 9, \$60; District 11, \$30; District 12, \$35; District 15, \$50; District 16, \$100; District 17, \$40; District 18, \$100; District 20, \$75; District 25, \$200; District 28, \$70; District 31, \$70; District 32, \$100; District 33, \$125.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Walsh—

That the Report of Committee on Poor be deferred this Session, owing to the negligence of several Districts in not making their Returns, and that the Councillors of those Districts be requested to have the several reports handed in on or before April Session. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and C. E. Smith—

That the Council enact the following By-Law, viz.:—That the Fourth Wednesday of March be fixed as the day for holding the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Kerr—

That Lower Sackville Bridge, at the head of Bedford, be placed under the Bridge Act. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Taylor—

That Wm. Sedgwick, J. P., and Walter McCurdy, J. P., be appointed to examine Patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane for 1898. Passed.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

JANUARY 19, 1898.

The Council met at 2.30 P.M. All present.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Hall—

That James E. Conrod and M. McFarlane be appointed Justices to examine Patients for admission to the Hospital for Insane for 1898. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Special Committee on the Government's proposed Bill relating to Ditches and Water Courses. They had given it due consideration, and approve

of the tenor and requirements it contains, and its enactment by the Legislature is recommended to the Council.

Moved by Councillors Kerr and Bartlett—

That the Report of the Special Committee on the Ditches and Water Courses Bill be adopted. Passed.

The Special Committee on Councillor Wilson's Road Act reported in its favor, with the following amendments. The age for Poll-tax payers was made 18 instead of 20:—

Clause 16 was amended by striking out the provision requiring suits for taxes to be brought under the authority of two J.'s P.

Clause 22 was amended to remove the doubt that existed in the draft, whether the Roadmaster was bound to accept all labor offered in commutation of road taxes. All that is offered must be accepted.

Clause 25 was altered, changing the date for collecting from delinquents from the 31st August to 30th September, and also all collections, fines, &c., shall be applied to the road support of the District where originating; and in respect to poll-tax delinquents where there is no property to levy upon, thirty days' imprisonment is provided.

Clauses 30 and 31 were improved to make it clear that Supervisors have power at all times of the year to repair roads, bridges, &c.; and during a flood or rush of water, to take measures to prevent washouts.

The Report was signed by four of the Committee, the fifth, (Councillor Henley) submitted a minority report recommending that the Act be deferred for one year, to enable the members of the Council and the citizens throughout the county generally to become thoroughly familiar with the change suggested. It was also recommended that copies of the Act be distributed in the meantime.

Councillor Wilson said it was little short of insulting to the Committee who had prepared this bill to talk of deferring it. "Reject or adopt it, but do not defer it."

Councillors Burris, Taylor, McCallum, Thomson, and others discussed the question, and it was on motion passed, with the understanding that its operation be deferred to 1899 as now amended.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Henley, and—

Resolved, That the clause of the report of last year made by Councillors Madill, Sellars, and C. E. Smith, so far as the ten per cent. sinking fund is concerned, be rescinded, and that the balance of the emergency fund in the Treasurer's hands be added to the Government Road and

Bridge Grant for the present year, and be appropriated with the so-called Road Grant, and in the same manner at the semi-annual meeting of this Council, and that the interest on the same be a charge upon the whole County, and that any District not having participated out of said Loan, although they may have had washouts in their several Districts, that upon an affidavit from the Commissioner who repaired the said washouts, the same shall be a first charge on said balance. Carried.

The Clerk said the balance was \$1700.

The resolution passed.

Moved by Councillors Myers and McLean—

That the bridgeway at Mitchell's Mill, Jeddore, be placed under the Bridge Act 1883, and the amendments thereto. Passed.

Submitted and read the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments, which was discussed clause by clause and passed.

On motion of Councillor Wilson the sum of \$100 was assessed for support of Poor in District 18.

Moved by Councillors McCallum and McMullen—

That there be a Session of the Council this evening. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Kirker and McMullen—

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

Moved by Councillors Kirker and McCallum—

That D. W. B. Reid, the License Inspector for the County of Halifax, receive the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, salary for the present year.

The Warden remarked that the reduction would likely cause the Inspector to resign. He commended his services. Some Councillors thought he was neglectful of his duties, and others that he devoted sufficient of his time to them. The resolution finally passed.

Read, the Report of Committee on Assessments and their Abstract of District Valuations for 1898, compared with 1897 Returns, and showing increase and decrease of each.

The Clerk said there had been a tendency in several districts in past years to reduce valuations, which nullified the increase of those which were always going up. The reasons were not given by the Assessors. The figures were read separately, and the different Councillors made explanations in regard to the reductions in values.

The Report and Abstract were adopted.

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

Whereas, The duties devolving upon the Clerk of this Municipality in his dual capacity of Clerk and Treasurer are yearly increasing and becoming more onerous; and as in the natural course of events we must expect ere long to be deprived of his valuable services, it therefore becomes an act of prudence for this Council to consider the advisability of furnishing an Assistant to relieve him in some measure, and to become familiar with the routine of County business appertaining to the office.

Therefore Resolved, That the whole matter, comprising a conference

CORRECTIONS.

Page 44. After "moved by Councillors Kirker and McCallum—

That Inspector Reid's salary be \$300, same as last year. Lost.

Moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

That D. W. B. Reid, the License Inspector, &c. (as there printed.)

Page 45. Committee on Clerk's Assistant named by the Warden—Councillors McCallum, Bissett and Donaldson.

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

Moved by Councillors Bissett and McMullen—

That John McDougall, Jas. H. Dow, and W. D. Harrington, be appointed Justices for admitting Patients to the Hospital for Insane. Passed.

The Clerk mentioned the need of discrimination in the admission of Insane to the Hospital for Insane or Poor Farm, instancing the case of one George Dauphiny, of St. Margaret's Bay, refused admission by Dr. Sinclair, being ineligible as an epileptic subject. This man's friends then came to the

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Therefore Resolved, That the whole matter, comprising a conference with the Treasurer, obtaining his views and ascertaining if a suitable person is available, and at what salary, together with all the information therewith connected, be referred to a special Committee of the Council empowered to conduct said negotiations, and report to the next meeting of this Council. The motion passed.

The Council adjourned to 7.30 P.M

Evening Session.

JANUARY 19, 1898.

The Council met at 7.30. The Warden and 16 Councillors present. The Afternoon Minutes were read and confirmed.

On motion of Councillors Bissett and McCallum—

Edwin B. Hubley, of District 12, was appointed one of the Board of Revisors of Assessment and Appeals.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Kirker, and

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

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County Clerk seeking admission for him to the Poor Farm as a harmless lunatic. He refused also, considering him as a charge on his District, and not on the County.

Read Chapter 44, Acts of 1886, Sections 2-7, relating to the direct transmission of Patients to the Poor Farm on the certificate of two Doctors and two J.'s P.

Moved by Councillors Lapierre and McCallum—

That the road from Three Fathom Harbour to the Public Landing to Main Post Road, be a Road Section, and Frederick Lapierre be Overseer thereof for this year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullen and Sellars—

That the remuneration of the Councillors for the present year be Two Dollars per day, with mileage, as heretofore. Passed.

Whereas, It is understood that Inspector Reid contemplates resigning on account of the reduction of his salary.

Therefore resolved, That if such is the case, a committee composed of Councillors Madill, Taylor, and Hall be appointed to confer with him and make arrangements whereby he shall continue in office till his successor in office is appointed. Passed.

The remainder of the Session was occupied in discussing the situation respecting the License Inspector's position. The Warden mentioned the successful work of Mr. Reid and the difficulty of obtaining a man to fill his place, and Councillor Madill remarked that there was a section of the Council who had been trying for years to remove Mr. Reid, and some wanted the office dispensed with altogether.

Several Councillors took part in the debate, and it was shown that the duty of issuing the Licenses in March would have to be effected by the present Inspector, and he would be asked to continue in office, if requisite, till next session of the Council. The Committee would confirm his salary at \$300 per annum from now till 15th March, if necessary to continue Mr. Reid in office till that date.

The Clerk said that the Inspector had gone home that morning, and was not aware of the reduction of salary.

The resolution passed, and the Council adjourned to 10.30 A. M. Wednesday, 20th inst.

NINTH DAY.

THURSDAY, JAN. 20TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. Present: The Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Hanley—

That the Committee appointed to confer with Inspector Reid be empowered to retain him at the usual salary until the next meeting of the Council, and the reduction named yesterday to take effect after that date.

After remarks by several Councillors the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillors Kirker and Bissett—

Resolved, That seventy-five dollars be assessed on District 34 for support of Poor, 1898. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill that the following be added to the By-Laws, viz. :—

The Stipendiary Magistrate for the County of Halifax shall, and is hereby authorized to, examine any pauper claiming a settlement within the Municipality of Halifax County as to the place of settlement of said pauper, and if the said Magistrate be of opinion that the said pauper has a settlement within the Municipality, he is hereby authorized to issue an order for the admission of said pauper to the Poor Farm at Cole Harbor pending further enquiries by the Overseers of Poor of the District where said pauper claims a settlement. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Wilson—

That the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars be assessed on District 22 for the support of Poor for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Hall—

That A. Stuart Innes be Custodian of Porter's Lake Draw Bridge on Main Post Road for ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lapierre and McLean—

That Charles Murphy be Keeper of Canterbury Draw Bridge in District 28 for ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Donaldson—

That George Horton be a Constable for District 22, and his name be added to the List of Officers for said District. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Walsh and Thompson—

That the deficits now due from year 1896 of District No. 10 be not added to the Ratepayers of said District. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Donaldson—

That no Poll Tax be assessed in connection with the County and Poor Rates for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Donaldson, and

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

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet as before voted on, the Fourth Wednesday of March ensuing.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORTS, ACTS, &C.

DRAFT OF A BILL

Entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 47, Revised Statutes,
'Of Highway Labor,'" so far as it relates to
the County of Halifax.

As Amended by Special Committee of the Council and finally passed.

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

1. Chapter 47, Revised Statutes, of Highway Labor, is hereby repealed in so far as the same relates to the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and the following substituted therefor:—

2. Every male person between the ages of 18 and 60 years, residing within the municipality of the County of Halifax at the time of the issuing of the yearly road tax notices in the several districts, as hereinafter provided, shall be liable to pay the sum of one dollar as a poll tax for the support and maintenance of the public roads within said municipality.

3. The balance of the sum required for the support and maintenance of the said roads shall be determined by the County Council at its annual January Session, and be levied on all the real and personal property within the municipality according to the municipal rate roll; provided, however, that the amount to be determined by said Council shall not exceed fifty cents, nor less than thirty cents on the \$100.00 of the municipal assessment.

4. All real and personal property situated within the municipality of Halifax County shall be liable for assessment for the support and maintenance of the public roads in the District in which said property is situate, without regard to the place where the owner or owners of said property may reside.

5. In case a person is notified to pay a road poll-tax in two road sections the notice bearing prior date shall prevail, and the payment of that one shall exempt him from further demands, but he shall produce his receipt of payment to satisfy the other demand if required.

6. Persons temporarily absent from any road section at the time of issuing the road tax notices may be served with such notice and payment enforced at any time prior to the 24th day of December of the then current year.

7. It shall be lawful for any person liable for poll or property road tax to commute the cash payment thereof by rendering service or work upon the highway, to be performed under the supervision of the roadmaster of the section where such tax is levied as herein defined and according to the notice from the roadmaster, which notice shall be in the form of Appendix A to this Act.

8. The Municipal Council shall annually, at its January Session, appoint one supervisor of roads for each electoral district within the municipality, and also appoint one roadmaster for each road section in the several districts as such now are or may from time to time be constituted by the Council.

9. In case any real or personal property is sold or leased by the owner thereof previous to the liquidating of the road tax levied thereon, the person or persons entering as owner or occupant of the same shall be liable for the tax so levied as fully as if he were the owner or occupier at the time the assessment was made; provided, however, that such incoming owner or occupant shall not be liable for the assessment on the personal property of the previous occupant, if the same shall have been removed and is not in the possession of the now owner or occupier.

10. All officers appointed by the Council under this Act shall within twenty days after being notified of their appointment be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, and shall hold office until their successors are duly installed, when the outgoing officers shall hand over to their successors all money, tools, or other property of the District in their keeping.

11. Any supervisor refusing to act, after being duly appointed, shall be liable to pay a penalty of \$20.00, and any roadmaster refusing shall be liable to a penalty of \$10.00, which fines shall be collected by and in the name of the Treasurer of the Municipality, and when so collected, form part of the road funds of the District to which the case refers.

12. The County Clerk shall annually, on or before the first day of March in each year, prepare and forward to each of the supervisors a copy of the assessment roll of their respective Districts, with the rate per cent. marked thereon, which the Council, at its previous session, had determined should be collected for the current year for road purposes, and also furnish the respective supervisors a sufficient number of blank forms of notices of the form in Appendix A to this Act for the purpose of duly notifying the parties liable for road tax.

13. The supervisors shall have general charge and control of the roads in their respective districts, and their remuneration for all special and general service shall be fixed and determined by the Council, and be paid out of any road funds appertaining to the District.

14. The Supervisors shall not later than the first day of April in each year make up from the assessment roll of their respective Districts a statement of all persons liable for property road tax and the amount due from each, with the additional sum of \$1.00 poll tax on all from 18 to 60 years of age, and deliver to each roadmaster a list of all such in his respective road section, and the roadmaster shall add thereto the name of anyone within his section who is liable for poll road tax only, and which has been omitted.

15. The Supervisor, by and with the advice of the Councillor, shall have discretionary powers in expending the Government or County road grant apportioned to his District, being careful, however, to apply the same principally on those portions of the road which run through sparsely settled portions where the sectional road tax is insufficient to keep such roads in repair; and the Supervisor shall, upon his sworn statement of days' labor performed or contracts completed under obligation entered into by him in respect to said roads—the same being countersigned by the Councillor, draw from the County Treasurer money to pay the same in such amounts and at such time as such expenditures are made, not exceeding, however, in the aggregate the amount allotted to his District, and shall, on or before the 24th December, make a true and faithful report in writing, countersigned by the Councillor of his District, showing the condition of the roads and the probable requirements for the coming year.

16. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor in the name of the municipality to prosecute for collection of delinquent road taxes, fines, or other cause, matters or things connected with the roads, whether by warrant or summons, and he shall be indemnified by the municipality in cases where he may have the written authority of the Councillor of his District and a Justice of the Peace of the County.

17. In case any dispute shall arise between the Supervisor and the Councillor in reference to any road, or the expenditure or distribution of any money or labor thereon, the Municipal Council shall be competent to decide the same; and in case of dispute between the Supervisor and Roadmaster, the Councillor of the District shall decide, and his decision shall be final.

18. In any case where any Councillor shall refuse to countersign the returns of the Supervisor, whereby the County Treasurer would be obliged to withhold the Government grant, it shall be com-

petent for the Warden, with a Committee of three Councillors appointed annually by the Council for the purpose, to investigate the reason for such refusal, and should the Warden and Committee, after due investigation, determine that the Councillor was not justified in refusing to countersign said returns, the Warden may sign the same; and it shall be competent for the Warden and Committee, upon investigation, to change, alter, or amend said returns, and reduce the amount of money claimed, and order the same paid as defined above. The decision of the Warden and Committee shall be final and conclusive against all parties to the dispute.

19. All persons performing labor in commutation of their tax shall provide such tools as may be specified by the Roadmaster in his notice, and shall perform a reasonable and fair day's work of ten hours under the direction of said roadmaster, and the rate of pay for such day's labor shall be fixed by the Municipal Council; but should the Council neglect to fix the rate, then such persons shall receive the current rate of wages for such labor.

20. Should any person attending on the road in accordance with the notice from the Roadmaster, refuse to labor or be governed by him, said Roadmaster is hereby empowered and authorized to discharge such person and demand the tax in cash, and in case of friction or dispute, the decision of the Councillor and Supervisor shall be final and conclusive in regard to such dispute between the roadmaster and taxpayer.

21. The Roadmaster on receiving from the Supervisor the road tax list of the section over which he has been appointed, shall proceed to give at least six days' notice to the persons residing or assessed in his section stating the time when, and place where, he will meet them for the performing of their commutation work for the then current year, by delivering a special notice to each, or left at his last or usual place of abode, stating the amount for which he is liable for property and poll-tax, as in form Appendix A, and the time for the performance of said labor shall be decided by and with the concurrence of the Councillor and Supervisor, and due regard shall be had to the time best suited to the convenience of the majority of the persons residing in such section, provided however, that such labor shall be performed between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of August in each year. The Roadmaster shall not be required to attend on the road more than six days to receive and supervise in commutation of taxes, and his remuneration shall be fixed by the Council; but if the Council neglect to fix it, then it shall be at \$1.25 per day.

22. The Roadmaster shall attend on the day and place appointed in the notices issued, and shall supervise the labor offered in commutation of the road tax, and he shall expend in a judicious

and economical manner all road tax money received by him. He shall also during the winter, whenever the roads shall become impassable from snow or other cause, notify so many of the available persons residing in his section as he may deem necessary, with their teams, sleds, and shovels, to properly attend and clear a passage through such obstruction, and the cost of such service shall be a charge upon the road service of that road section, and the amount due to each person responding to the call may be deducted from the amount of the next ensuing road tax for which they may become liable.

23. Persons over sixty years of age, and all who from any permanent disability are unable to perform labor such as appertains to road repairs, clergymen and ordained ministers, shall be exempt from poll tax, but such persons shall be liable for property road tax as before defined. The property of any widow assessed in her own name shall be exempt from road tax to the extent of \$400, but shall be liable for any amount in excess of that sum.

24. Persons residing half a mile from any public road or highway may be allowed to expend such portion of their road tax as the Collector, Supervisor, and Roadmaster may deem equitable and fair on the road from their residence to the highway, provided such "portion" shall not exceed one half of the road tax for which they may be liable; and it shall be the duty of the Roadmaster to see that such labor is faithfully performed.

25. Persons residing on islands not connected with the mainland by bridge or causeway shall not be liable for road tax on the mainland, but shall be liable if there are roads on the island on which they reside, or on any adjacent island connected therewith by bridge or causeway, or where there are public landings, wharves or jetties to be repaired or maintained.

26. The Supervisor shall within twenty days after the specified time for commutation road work to cease make a general return to the County Treasurer of all and every person who has not paid or by labor commuted his road tax, which return shall contain a full list of those in default with the sums for which they have been respectively taxed and the amounts remaining unpaid, and shall be authenticated by the oath of the said Supervisor. The Stipendiary Magistrate or any Justice of the Peace shall thereupon on demand of the Supervisor not later than the first day of October, or, in the case of absentees as fishermen or mariners, not later than the twenty-fifth day of December in any year, issue a general or special warrant of distraint or a summons, as the case may demand, against the defaulters, directed to any constable, commanding him to levy from the goods and chattels of each person named therein for the sum due by such persons, with the Justice's and Constable's fees,

and shall specify therein when the same shall be returnable, and the Constable shall execute the said writ and return the same within the specified time, under a penalty of \$20.00, to be collected as an ordinary debt, and which fine, and all collections and fines made under this clause, shall be applied to the road funds of the District. In respect to poll-tax delinquents, where the party refuses to pay and the constable finds no property on which to levy, he shall convey the party to the County Jail in Halifax, there to be imprisoned for a period of thirty days.

27. Summary proceedings, either by warrant or otherwise, may be taken at any time after the period named for commutation by labor has expired, in cases where the personal property assessed is likely to be removed from the District, and the tax due thereon is liable to be lost, or in cases of poll-tax, where the party is liable to depart from the section.

28. The poll and property tax may if deemed expedient by the Supervisor and Councillor, be sued for and collected as an ordinary debt by the Supervisor in the name of the Municipality of Halifax County.

29. The Stipendiary Magistrate's or Justice's fees, also the Constable's fees, whether for warrant or summons, shall be the same as apply under similar process in collection of County taxes or common debts.

30. The Supervisor, with the advice of the Councillor, or in emergency cases on his own authority, may make repairs at any time of the year as the necessities of the case may demand or require for the saving of expense or the safety of public travel, and may extend the expenditure of his road grant or funds over such portion of the year as may be most beneficial to the roads and the public service, and shall at any time when notified, or on his own knowledge, attend to any emergency repairs, and in case all funds at his disposal are exhausted, and the public welfare demands an extra appropriation, he shall present the same to the Councillor, whose duty it shall be to take such action to secure the needed means as the emergency demands.

31. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to arrange with and instruct the several Roadmasters, and in case any of these are negligent, than with some fit and proper person, to at all times look carefully after the roads in their respective sections; to from time to time and promptly, as occasion may require, repair any breaks in bridges or spouts, fill up any holes or sinks in the road, and in case of heavy rains or floods to attend on the road, and by timely attention relieve any congested gutters or spouts, and prevent as far as possible any washing away of the roadway, or any other necessary service which the time and circumstances may present.

The services contemplated in this clause shall include only such emergency repairs as to make travel possible and safe, or prevent avoidable loss to the section, and the remuneration for such service shall be fixed by the Supervisor.

APPENDIX A.

COUNTY OF HALIFAX. NOTICE OF ROAD TAX.

To Mr. _____

You are hereby notified that you are assessed Road Poll Tax \$1.00, also property Road Tax _____, making a total for the present year of \$_____, and that I will attend on the highway at _____ in Road Section No. _____, District No. _____, at 7 o'clock A. M., on _____ day, the _____ day of _____, A. D. 18____, to receive labor in commutation of said tax, for the period of one week from said date; and if the labor be not performed, or the tax paid within one week from such date, I will return your name to the District Supervisor as a delinquent, to be by him dealt with as the law directs.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18____.

_____, Roadmaster.

P. S.—You are requested to bring _____ Shovels. _____ Picks,
_____ Hammers, _____ Plow, _____ Horse and Cart.

AN ACT

Relating to Pedlers' Licenses for the County of Halifax.

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

1. This Act shall apply to and be in force within the Municipality of Halifax County only, unless otherwise enacted.

2. The term "pedlar," in this Act, shall mean and include any person, or persons, firms or corporations, engaged in buying, selling, or dealing in any goods, wares, or merchandize, either foreign or domestic, and who personally, or by agent or employee, conveys, either in a vehicle or on his person, or carries about from place to place, or from house to house, anywhere within this municipality,

any such goods or wares, for the purpose of sale, barter, or exchange, where they are intended to be, and are sold on the spot, and delivered to the purchaser at the time of sale or exchange, and which goods or wares are not the growth, product, or manufacture of the vendors, and such dealers or vendors shall be liable to the provisions and penalties imposed by this Act, notwithstanding that he or they may conduct business in any city, town, or place within the Province of Nova Scotia, and be assessed and pay taxes thereon in such locality.

3. Exemptions.—Nothing herein contained shall prevent any person, firm, or corporation, carrying on trade or business anywhere within this Municipality or within the Province of Nova Scotia, from delivering at the residence of any purchaser or customer any goods which may have been purchased at their place of business, either direct or by order or through an order obtained by a travelling salesman, or by such person or firms or their agent.

4. Any firm, corporation, or individual, wherever doing business or domiciled within the Province of Nova Scotia, shall be entitled to publicly vend, peddle, or barter within the Municipality and deliver on the spot any goods, wares or merchandise without a license—provided such wares are the bona-fide growth, production, or manufacture of such firm, corporation, or individual, or of his family. Also, any product of the sea, cured or made saleable by such parties aforementioned; and should such parties desire a license as a protection or avoidance of annoyance in so vending or peddling their wares, they shall receive the same at a charge of \$1.00.

5. All corporations, firms, or individuals—being British subjects and resident within the Province—desiring to vend, sell, barter, or exchange, as hereinbefore mentioned, within the Municipality, as pedlers, shall, previous to engaging in such occupation, procure from the Clerk of License for the Municipality, countersigned by the Clerk of the County, a pedler's license, which license shall be and remain in force for the period of one year from the date thereof, and the Clerk of License shall charge and receive therefor the following fees:—

If with two horses or other draught animal and vehicle	\$25
If with one horse or other draught animal and vehicle	\$15
If with hand-cart or vehicle otherwise propelled	\$8
If with pack, bag, basket, or package, carried by applicant	\$8

6. Foreigners, or persons domiciled or producing their wares outside of the Province, shall pay fifty dollars in addition to the foregoing schedule.

7. Such licensed person, firm, or corporation, or person, or

persons acting for them shall, when engaged in the calling of a pedler, carry with him the license granted, and in case of loss or destruction, a duplicate or certified copy, obtained after having made affidavit of loss, and shall, on demand of any ratepayer or County official, exhibit his said license, and failing or refusing to so produce it, shall forfeit the sum of \$5.00, which may be sued for and collected with like costs as a private debt by any person, such person to receive the fine; or by the Clerk of the County upon information and complaint, and in such case, half the amount to go to the complainant and half to the County Treasury; the nature of the offence being briefly stated in the summons.

8. Upon trial of any person for an offence under this Act it shall not avail him to prove that he had his license with him but failed to show it when challenged as above.

9. Any person, firm, or corporation who vends, sells, barter, or exchanges, or attempts so to do within the Municipality, any goods, wares, or merchandise, without having first obtained a license therefor as hereinbefore provided, shall, upon conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace of the County, pay such sum as may be imposed, not exceeding double the amount of the fee required, in their case for a license, and in default of payment, such person so convicted shall be committed to the County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty days.

10. All Acts or portions of Acts inconsistent with this Act, so far as they relate to the Municipality of Halifax County, are hereby repealed.

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO HIS HONOR THE WARDEN AND COUNCIL &c.

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 ending 31st December, 1897, 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 \$8,457.35. Included in this Balance are \$1,700.00 of the Road Repairs Fund, and \$351.45 of Grants due to sundry Schools, as per account herewith submitted.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,

F. G. WAINWRIGHT, } *Auditors.*
J. E. ALBRO? }

HALIFAX, January 10th, 1898.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT—1897.

EXPENDITURE.

County Court House, current expenses.....	\$1778 21	
" Interest 12 mos. on Improvement Loan.....	1135 00	\$2913 21
County Jail, ordinary current expenses.....	1989 20	
" extra for New Plumbing Work and Fences....	1270 34	3259 54
Judicial Expenses—Sheriff's Accounts in full.....	1064 32	
Expense of Crown Prosecutions.....	1286 57	
Grand Jury and Secretary.....	87 60	
Petit Jury, Criminal and Civil Courts.....	1040 68	
Special Juries, Civil Causes.....	148 88	
County Court Jury.....	18 00	
Criers of Supreme and County Courts.....	1200 00	4846 05
Medical Examiners' and Constables' accounts.....	313 50	
Coroners' Inquests.....	80 00	393 50
Clerk's Salary, \$1100; Treasurer, \$500.....		1600 00
Printing and Stationery.....		529 03
Warden and County Council—2 sessions.....		1244 00
County Stipendiaries—Griffin and McDougall.....	825 00	
Chief County Constable, salary 12 mos.....	3 00	
Deputy Chief County Constable, do.....	100 00	1225 00
Hospital for Insane for Pauper Patients.....	3340 00	
Certificates of Doctors for admission of Insane.....	60 00	3400 00
County School Grants.....		8238 49
Paid on account of Grants—S. Sections.....		
Roads and Bridges, Commissions in 31 Districts.....	12,621 00	
Custodians of 4 Draw Bridges.....	70 00	12,691 00
County Poor Farm—per current expenditure 12 mos.....	4197 42	
paid Debenture No. 3, and interest on others running.....	562 50	4759 92
Bounties on Wild Cats and Bears.....		120 00
District Assessors for 1896-7, on account.....		418 50
Revisors of Electoral Lists.....		2 2 60
Collectors' Commission, 1895-6-7.....		1207 23
Poor Rates in Collections returned Districts.....		1-3 82
Postage, Expressing, and Telegrams.....		54 48
Contingent and Miscellaneous accounts, viz. :—		
Legal Expenses in re Legislation, &c.....	20 50	
Amount of Bonus voted Stipendiary Griffin.....	400 00	
Contributions to Sufferers by Fire, Windsor.....	100 00	
Bus Service, 12 months, District 14.....	150 00	
Advances for District Paupers at City Asylum.....	132 38	802 88
Board of Health, District 15, Nurses' Pay.....		9 96
County Auditors auditing Treasurer's accounts.....		40 00
	Total.....	48058 61
Balance of Treasurer's accounts carried down.....		8457 35
		<u>\$56,515 96</u>

RECEIPTS.

By Balance in hand Jan. 1st, 1897, from 1896 Acct.		\$ 4720 92
Assessments Collected 1897, viz :—		
County Rates for Deficits, 1895-6	\$ 2830 20	
Received from 31 Districts for 1897.	16,948 30	
		<u>819,778 50 .</u>

City of Halifax —		
Balance of Rates, 1895-6	6501 87	
Received on Acct. of 1897.	5875 90	
		<u>12,477 77</u>

Town of Dartmouth—		
Balance of 1896 Rates	919 66	
For Assessment of 1897 in full	657 00	
		<u>576 66</u>

Fees received in Stipendiary's Office, viz :—		
Stipendiary Griffin to June 30, 6 months.		220 10
Stipendiary McDougall to Dec. 31, 6 months.		274 01

Insane Patients at Hospital—		
Collected by Treasurer several years' balances		476 57

Court House Expenses—		
Prov. Government Yearly Subsidy		360 00
County Jail, received from Jailor for Rent, &c.		16 00

Contingencies—		
Received from Districts on Account Advances for Transient Paupers at City Asylum		118 68

Special Juries—		
Deposits with Prothonotary on Acct. Suits		75 00

Road and Bridge Grant—		
From Local Government, including Special Amount through W. B. Wallace, M.P.P		10014 54

Special Loan for Damages to Road, 1896, received from Prov. Sec'y		5000 00
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Poor Farm Credits—		
Received from various Districts for 1896		1972 01

Fines rec'd from Stipendiary and other Magist's.	\$ 45 00	
Received from Sheriff, Account of Jury Fines.	18 00	
Pedlers' and Ferry Licenses	21 00	
County Seal for Certificates	10 00	
		<u>94 00</u>

51,795 00

\$56,515 06

By Balance brought down and deposited, viz :—		
For Current Accounts	\$6205 90	} \$8457 35
Balance due Schools	551 45	
Balance Special Road Loan	1700 00	
E. & O. E.		

WM. H. WISWELL,
County Treasurer.

HALIFAX, Dec. 31, 1897.
Examined, compared with the books and vouchers,
and found correct.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF
LICENSES, 1897.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg leave to submit the following Financial Report for the year 1897:

The total cash receipts for the year, as shown in detailed State-
ments of License duties and fines collected, are \$690 00
The total expenses for the year, as shown in detailed Statement, and
paper showing proceedings of year, which gives costs not col-
lected. Also, paper showing Travelling Expenses, amounts to \$686 37

Balance in favor of County \$ 3 63

During the year 40 Prosecutions commenced, 25 were convicted, 14 did
not come to trial or were dismissed, 1 continued.
Of the 25 convicted, 20 paid their fines, 2 were committed to jail, 1
left the District. Warrants have been issued for those not yet paid.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Receipts from all Sources for 1897.

Duty on Licenses granted—
John Ahearn, Riverside House \$140 00
Fines collected, as shown in Proceedings of year 500 00
Deposits on Application—
John Ahearn \$10 00
John Shannahan 10 00
Arthur Wyatt 10 00
Charles E. Rogers 10 00
Nora Hurley 10 00 50 00

Total Receipts \$690 00

Detailed Statement of Expenditure for 1897.

Paid Morning Chronicle, Advertising \$ 6 90
“ Morning Herald 4 50
“ Congdon & Outhit, Legal Services 35 00
“ Travelling Expenses 170 80
“ Postage, Stationery, Telegrams and Telephone 2 90
“ Chief County Constable Burbridge 11 32
“ Wm. H. Green, Livery Stable 8 25
“ J. Conrod, “ 3 00
“ Metropolitan “ 18 00
“ Costs in Suits not Collected 125 70
“ Inspector's Salary 300 00

Total Expenses \$686 37

Return of Proceedings of License Inspector for the Year 1897.

Names of Persons Prosecuted.	Residence.	Before Whom.	Date.	Result.	Fine Imposed	Costs not P'd.	Fine Collect'd	Remarks.
Samuel Stevens	Wellington	J. Lester Griffin	Jan. 4	Convicted.	\$ 50 00		\$ 30 50	
William Miller	Guysborough Road	" "	" 14	No Trial		\$ 5 20		Constable failed to get service
Arthur Thompson	Dartmouth	" "	" 14	"		4 75		"
Mary A. Blakeley	Indian Harbour	" "	" 20	Convicted.	30 00	13 65		Removed from District.
J. Hosking	Waverley	" "	" 20	"	20 00		20 00	
John W. Cudahy	St. Margaret's Bay Road	" "	Feb. 9	"	20 00		20 00	
John Ahern	"	" "	"	Dismissed.		7 30		
J. G. White	"	" "	"	Convicted.	30 00		30 00	
Lewis Bream	Porter's Lake	S. Burris & H. Cruickshanks	Mar. 13	Dismissed.		3 80		
Charles Wilkes	Mcagher's Grant	" "	" 6	"		6 80		
William Gilbert	Little River	" "	"	"		5 18		
William Wilson	Bedford	J. Lester Griffin	" 23	Convicted.	35 00		85 00	
John Gough	Three Mile House	" "	" 24	"	30 00		80 00	
Alfred Drysdale	Prospect Road	" "	June 4	"	30 00		30 00	
Steven Shea	Trance Bay	J. McDougall	July 23	Dismissed.		7 20		Service illegal.
Chas Slaughterwhite, jr	"	" "	"	Convicted.	20 00			
Stevens Slaughterwhite	"	" "	"	"	20 00	7 20	10 00	
P. J. Wyatt	St. Margaret's Bay Road	" "	" 24	"	25 00		25 00	
J. G. White	"	" "	"	"	30 00		30 00	
John Gough	Three Mile House	" "	" 30	"	35 00		35 00	
Ann Finley	Preston Road	" "	Aug. 1	"	20 00		20 00	
William Toppell	Herring Cove Road	" "	" 18	"	25 00		25 00	
George Sutherland	"	" "	" 20	"	50 00	6 35		Committed to jail.
Alfred Drysdale	Prospect Road	" "	" 31	"	20 00		20 00	
William Slaughterwhite	St. Margaret's Bay Road	" "	Nov. 16	"	20 00	9 80		Presented a doctor's certificate that it would endanger his life to commit him to jail.
Joseph Hosking	Waverley	" "	"	"	25 00		25 00	
Ann Finley	Preston Road	" "	" 20	Dismissed.		12 25		
Edmond Creighton	Bedford	" "	Dec. 14	Convicted.	20 00		20 00	
Nellie Shean	Windsor Junction	" "	"	"	20 00		20 00	
P. J. Wyatt	St. Margaret's Bay Road	" "	"	"	30 00		30 00	
Joseph Hawes	Tangier	W. Hay and J. C. Ross	" 17	Dismissed.		4 98		
J. W. Corbin	"	" "	"	"		7 26		
Rhoda Josey	Pleasant Harbour	" "	"	"		5 58		
William Hawes	Spry Bay	" "	"	Not Tried.		4 02		Constable failed to get service
Charles B. Hilchey	Tangier	" "	"	Dismissed.		4 88		
Ann Finley	Preston Road	J. McDougall	Dec. 23	Convicted.	25 00		25 00	
John Griffith	Herring Cove	" "	"	"	20 00	3 10		Committed to jail.
Richard Owens	Preston Road	" "	"	Dismissed.		6 50		
John Shanahan	Head of St. M. Bay Road	" "	"	Convicted.	20 00		20 00	
George Preepier	Guysborough Road	" "	"	Continued	30			
Mary Ann Blakeley, of Indian Harbor, was committed to jail on conviction of Jan. 18th, 1896.					\$650 00	\$125 75	\$650 00	
William Hawes, of Spry Bay, was committed to jail on conviction of December 2nd, 1896.								

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE JAIL.

I beg to submit my Annual Report of the sanitary condition of the Halifax County Jail and its inmates for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

Nothing of an unusual nature has happened during the year, and I am glad to be able to chronicle the fact that no sickness of a serious kind has occurred among any of the prisoners. There were 34 commitments for drunkenness of various stages, and for varying periods of time. Most of those were of the ordinary type, and the subjects readily sobered up under ordinary treatment. Five persons of unsound mind were also inmates of the Jail during the year. Of these, two were handed over to the care of their friends, and three were sent to the insane wards of the City Poor's Asylum.

The following named prisoners, sentenced to imprisonment in Dorchester Penitentiary, were supplied with clean bills of health, as follows:—

Feb'y 3—John Donovan	Mar. 11—Thos. Berrigan
Nathaniel Griswold	Michael McCarthy
Mar. 22—Joseph Handley	April 3—Frederick Webb
3—Simeon Pace	Aug. 25—Thos. Archibald
Aprl. 3—Simeon Pace	Thos. Sullivan
May 7—John Fraser	Patrick McDonough
Charles Brennan	Sept. 25—James Legg
John Batfield	Geo. Cunningham
June 2—Stephen Tobin	Joseph Breen
Andrew Griswold	William Drake
Simeon White	Nov. 3—Alex. Lang
James Ingraham	Robert Reilly
July 9—Martha Kellum	
Mary Crowe	

In my report of last year, I stated that, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Property, I had made a careful examination of the plumbing fixtures of the Jail, especially those in connection with the different water closets, and that I had recommended in the interest of the health of the inmates, the removal of the existing closets, the renewal of much of the plumbing, and the introduction of modern flush-out sanitary closets. All this, I am glad to say, has been acted upon, and the work very satisfactorily done during the year. The supply of water has been greatly increased, and the working of the new automatic closets has, up to this date, been a great success. All parts of the Jail building have now an abundant supply of pure water, and this, with the other improved sanitary conditions, must make it a safe, even if not a desired place of residence by its unwilling inhabitants.

The health of the long-term prisoners has, for the most part, been good—the cellars and corridors of the Jail have, as usual, been kept clean and well lime-washed; the food has been of good quality and well-cooked; and I have to repeat my favourable expressions of previous years, as to the considerate care by the Jailor, Mr. Malcolm, of those in his keeping, particularly the sick. Mrs. Chambers, the Matron, and Mr. Gaetz, the turnkey, have also my thanks for intelligent assistance rendered at different times.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. TRENAMAN, M.D.
Physician to the County Jail.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1897.

The Committee, in presenting their Report, would refer to the Jailor's and Surgeon's Report on the County Prison.

The Poor Farm has been conducted fairly well the past year. Although Mr. Turner, the Keeper of the Poor Farm, has been laid up for several months, yet the work on the Farm has been going on fairly well. Several improvements have been made about the Farm, such as making roads, breaking up land, etc. For statement of Produce grown on Farm, and Stock on hand, etc., we would refer to Keeper's Report.

Although there has been purchased for the use of the Farm a horse and a pair of working cattle, yet your Committee feel happy to be able to show quite a balance in favor of the Institution, as the annexed sheet will shew.

JOHN G. BISSETT,
JAMES H. SELLARS,
THOS. S. DONALDSON,
B. C. WILSON,
J. J. JOHNSON,
WM. McCALLUM,
WM. F. NEGUS.

INCOME.

In sane Paupers, 1203 Weeks 2 Days, \$2 per Week	\$2406 57
Dartmouth Paupers, 417 Weeks 2 Days, \$1.39 per Week	542 48
Districts' Paupers, 1534 Weeks 6 Days, 75c. per Week	1151 25
Sale of pair Oxen	95 00
Sale of horse	29 50
Pasturing Horse	4 00
1 Birth	8 00
	\$4236 80

EXPENDITURE.

Groceries, Provisions and Feed	\$1330 77
Beef	508 59
Making Clothes	39 25
Keeper's Salary	310 00
Coffin	6 00
Clothing and Blankets	369 98
Hardware	97 18
Lumber, Sashes and Shingles	58 18
Blacksmith	26 77
Fire Extinguisher	50 00
Post Office Box	2 00
Doctor's Bill	90 00
Ferriages and Postage	5 50
Boots and Shoes	120 50
Pay Rolls of Employees	614 00
Tin Ware	24 82
Advertising in Recorder and Chronicle	8 50
Purchase of Horse	110 00
Purchase of Pair of Oxen	60 00
Harness	39 40
Hay and Straw	73 37
Sundries	28 65
	\$3982 46

Balance to Credit of Institution..... **\$254 40**

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Commissioners beg leave to report—

That the ordinary matters of detail have been attended to.

That those of the Commissioners who are in Halifax made an inspection of the Court House January 14th, and as a result beg to recommend—That the front room, west side, now vacant, together with the room now used and known as the Admiralty Room, be for the use of the Supreme Court Judges.

That the room formerly used by Mr DesBarres, Registrar of Admiralty, be cleaned, fitted up, and used as the Admiralty Court room.

That the Prothonotary's room be enlarged, if possible. That better accommodation be provided for filing papers, etc., etc.

That the basement of this room be enlarged and improved.

That the W. C. and urinals are old and worn out, and foul smelling, and injurious to public health, and must be replaced by those of modern pattern, and such as will be up to the requirements of the City Sanitary Inspector.

That the roof is leaking, and in need of repairs.

That the front and west end should be pointed, the window frames repaired, etc.

That the basement should have new floors.

That a passage way should be made at the rear of the building, so that prisoners can be taken into and brought from the Court room without being taken through the front door and gate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD.
H. M. McCALLUM.
SAMUEL THOMSON.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN TO POOR FARM.

In submitting my Annual Report, I have to say that the health of the inmates of the County Poores' Farm for the past year has been good, due very largely to the constant care and supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Personal cleanliness is insisted upon, and that with the nutritious food and regularity of living conduces to health and comfort. When any are sick, everything possible is done for them.

I have to report seven deaths for the past year—Old age, 4; Nyelitis, 1; Phthisis, 1; Apoplexy, 1.

Yours, etc.,

N. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Dartmouth, January 6th, 1898.

REPORT OF KEEPER OF POOR FARM.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit my Annual Report of the County Poor Farm, for the year ending December 31st, 1897.

Total number of Inmates to date, 67; of those there are 33 women, 29 men, 5 children. Total number admitted, 5; discharged, 3; died, 7.

The Produce raised on the Farm, that is, Green Crops, does not compare favorably with other years, on account of the poor season. But the Hay Crop has largely increased. The Oat Fodder has been also a success, of which the following figures will show :

Hay, 16 tons ; Oat Fodder, 5 tons ; Potatoes, 125 bushels ; Turnips, 40 bushels ; Carrots, 30 ; Beets, 5 ; Onions, 1 bbl. ; Beans, 5 bushels ; Cucumbers without count ; Cabbage, 10 doz. Pork, 409 lbs. Live Stock—4 Milch Cows, 1 Heifer in Calf, 1 Yoke Oxen, 1 Horse, 2 Pigs, and the usual amount of Farming Utensils.

The improvements to Farm can be judged by the appearances.

Groceries on hand—Oatmeal, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. ; Pot Barley, 20 lbs ; $\frac{1}{2}$ Chest Tea ; 1 bbl. Pork. Dry Goods—Made-up Clothing—7 Women's Dresses, 6 Pieces of Underwear, 22 pairs Men's Drawers, 14 Outside Shirts, 6 Undershirts, 11 pairs Pants, 4 Jumpers, 39 Sheets, 14 Pillow Slips, 24 pairs Socks, 5 lbs. Yarn, 5 yards Duck, 6 Straw Sacks.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. TURNER,
Keeper of Halifax Co. Poor Farm.

Jan. 3rd, 1898.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS IN STIPENDIARY'S OFFICE, JAN. 1 TO JUNE 30, 1897.

Fees received Jan., \$62.30 ; Feb, \$30.40 ; March, \$32.35	\$125.05
" " April, \$19.70 ; May, \$36.50 ; June, \$36.35	95.05
Total.....	\$220.10

Pedlars' and Ferry Licenses, \$24.00.

Paid the same to County Treasurer, \$24.00.

For Convictions, Trials, and Fines in Liquor License causes see Inspector of License's account, 6 months to date.

HALIFAX, July 1, 1897.

J. L. GRIFFIN,
Co. Stipendiary.

Stipendiary's Return of Convictions, July 1st to December 31st, 1897.

Prosecutor.	Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Convict'n.	Convicting Magistrate,	Penalty.	Paid.	To Whom Paid Over	Remarks.
D. W. B. Reid	P. J. Wyatt	Keeping Liquor for Sale	July 21, '97	John McDougall.	\$25 00	Paid.	D. W. B. Reid	
"	J. G. White	"	"	"	30 00	"	"	
"	Stephen Slauenwhite.	"	" 25	"	20 00	Not pd.	"	
"	Chas. Slauenwhite, Jr.	"	"	"	20 00	"	"	
Thomas Donaldson	Benj. Johnson	Larceny	" 28	"	"	"	20 dys. imprisonment	Committed to Jail.
D. W. B. Reid	J. F. Gough	Keeping Liquor for Sale	" 30	"	35 00	Paid	D. W. B. Reid	
"	Anne Findley	"	Aug. 7	"	20 00	"	"	
J. W. Corbin	Jos. Jennings	Petty Trespass—8 Cases.	" 13	"	9 00	"	Prosecutor	
"	Wilfred Jennings	Petty Trespass	" 13	"	3 00	"	"	
D. W. B. Reid	Wm. Topple	Keeping Liquor for Sale	" 18	"	25 00	"	D. W. B. Reid	
"	Geo. Sutherland	Selling Liquor without License.	" 20	"	50 00	Not pd.	"	Def't. committed to Jail.
Eliz. Slauenwhite	Jos. Slauenwhite	Pointing Fire-arm	" 20	"	10 00	Paid	"	
D. W. B. Reid	Alf. Drysdale	Keeping Liquor for Sale	" 27	"	20 00	"	D. W. B. Reid	
Fannie Swith	Emma Downey	Assault	" 20	"	1 00	"	Co. Treasurer	
Bernard Dunn	Wm. Sullivan	Creating Disturbance on I. C. R. Train	Sept. 2	"	4 00	Not pd.	"	Def't. committed to Jail.
"	Wm. Bezanon	"	" 2	"	4 00	Paid	"	
George Lloy	Geo. Hawkins	Wilfully Destroying Property	" 29	"	2 00	"	Co. Treasurer	
Bernard Dunn	J. Lyuch	Causing Disturbance on I. C. R. Train	Oct. 12	"	2 00	"	"	
Sophia West	Wm. McDonald	Pointing Fire-arm	" 19	"	10 00	Not pd.	"	Warrant issued.
Eliz. Snallwood	"	Assault	" 19	"	2 00	"	"	
George Lapierre	"	Malicious Injury to Property	" 30	"	1 00	Paid	Prosecutor	
D. W. B. Reid	Jos. Hoskings	Keeping Liquor for Sale	Nov. 16	"	25 00	"	D. W. B. Reid	
"	Wm. Slauenwhite	"	" 16	"	20 00	Not pd.	"	No Warrant issued, def't. ill.
"	Ed. Creighton	"	Dec. 14	"	20 00	Paid	"	
"	Nellie Sheehan	"	" 14	"	20 00	"	"	
"	P. J. Wyatt	"	" 14	"	20 00	"	"	
H. N. Wright	Jos. Robinson	Assault	" 18	"	4 00	"	Co. Treasurer	
"	Geo. Wells	"	" 18	"	2 00	"	"	
D. W. B. Reid	John Griffith	Keeping Liquor for Sale	" 23	"	20 00	Not pd.	"	Def't. committed to Jail.
"	Anne Findley	"	" 23	"	25 00	Paid	D. W. B. Reid	
"	John Shanahan	"	" 23	"	20 00	"	"	

SUMMARY OF STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
SIX MONTHS TO DEC. 31, 1897.

Fees collected for quarter ending September 30, 1897	\$148 01
" " " December 31, 1897	126 00
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	\$274 01
Number of Trials and Convictions (liquor cases)	17
" " " (other cases)	16
Ferry Licenses issued (1)	\$ 1 00
Fines paid Inspector of Licenses	305 00
" County Treasurer	11 00
Fines imposed not collected	\$136.00
(Warrants issued against parties convicted)	

HALIFAX, Dec. 31, 1897.

JOHN McDUGALL,
Stip. Magistrate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT.

Your Committee report as follows:—

We find on comparing the Rolls of 1897 and 1898 that there is an increase in twelve Districts, and a decrease in the remaining nineteen.

We would bring to your notice for consideration Districts No. 9, 11, 14, 17, 25, 29, 30, 31, 34, and 36, which have decreased largely, and your Committee would suggest a change of the local assessors in said Districts; and that the revising board now appointed look well into the cause, if any, for such decrease. Districts Nos. 10, 11, and 14, especially, call for explanation from the representatives of said Districts. The aggregate deficit of these three Districts, during two years, is \$34,000.

Your Committee find the total decrease in the County for the year 1898, to be \$9,892.

Appended you will find a tabulated statement of amounts assessed on the several Districts, showing increase and decrease.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. MADILL.
HENRY HALL.
W. CHAS. HENLEY.
GEORGE BURRIS.
SAMUEL THOMSON.
MICHAEL REYNO.

TABULATED ASSESSMENTS.

No.	Total value,		Decrease.	Increase.
	1897.	1898.		
7.....	\$25,780	\$25,220	\$560	
8.....	22,472	21,643	829	
9.....	26,005	23,635	2,370	
10.....	29,846	29,725	121	
11.....	52,025	47,140	4,885	
12.....	41,995	42,965	.....	\$ 970
13.....	35,485	35,471	14	
14.....	137,028	125,545	11,483	
15.....	167,970	172,079	.....	4,109
16.....	44,832	44,444	388	
17.....	136,255	133,080	3,175	
18.....	92,095	94,975	.....	2,880
19.....	90,822	92,535	.....	1,713
20.....	47,734	51,225	.....	3,491
21.....	125,345	124,965	380	
22.....	111,135	111,585	.....	450
23.....	14,830	14,605	225	
24.....	50,815	54,810	.....	3,995
25.....	92,035	88,970	3,065	
26.....	79,385	79,765	.....	380
27.....	106,365	112,130	.....	5,765
28.....	64,740	66,810	.....	2,070
29.....	60,840	57,750	3,080	
30.....	25,970	24,810	1,160	
31.....	170,950	168,280	2,670	
32.....	75,960	77,795	.....	1,835
33.....	73,490	73,075	415	
34.....	51,400	50,307	1,093	
35.....	36,610	37,590	.....	980
36.....	87,137	85,190	1,947	
38.....	19,220	19,050	170	
	<u>\$2,305,561</u>	<u>\$2,187,189</u>	<u>\$38,030</u>	<u>\$28,638</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Your Committee have examined the Statute Labor Returns, so far as they have been sent in, and find them quite an improvement on the preceding year; but we would refer specially to those of District 30, which though all in and well made up, present some queer estimates of "days due," there being a great number of "half days"; and where they come in under the Statute, we fail to comprehend or to determine whether the days reported are half the days required, or half-a-day under or over the limit; and in the light of former experience from this District, we do not know as we can recommend anything better than to censure the Councilor, and "grin and bear it" till we get a change of Government.

We recommend that a Precept be granted in accordance with prayer of petitioners from Musquodobbitt Harbor for a new piece of Road, and that Samuel Gates, Alex. Gaetz. and Geo. Gaetz, be a Committee for the purpose. Also, on the petition from residents of District 28 and 30 for a

mile of new road: We advise a Precept be granted to survey the same and ascertain the cost and prospective benefits, and report to this Council in April.

Referring to the Petition from Montague, in District 31, we may say that the petition leaves us in some doubt whether the piece of road referred to has ever been incorporated into the Road System of the District. If this has not been done, we advise the Council to at once endorse its being taken over into the Montague Road Section, and then refer the matter to the Councillor of the District to see that justice is meted out in regard to its share of Statute Labor, and if possible grant some consideration from the District Road Grant. In the change of Road asked for by residents of Moser's River, we advise that a Precept be granted to survey the same, and report with all information at the command of the Committee, at our April Session. We also advise that a Precept be granted in accordance with the prayer of a very largely signed Petition for a new piece of Road between Moose River and Mooseland. Referring to the subjoined Report of Stewart Innes on the Lake Porter Iron Bridge, it is evident that the structure is liable to soon become useless as a draw-bridge, and so racked and twisted as to eventually destroy its efficiency for travel; and as these Iron Bridges are expensive structures, and the keeping in repair is a County charge, we suggest an examination be authorized to be made by some competent Engineer, and his report be made to the Council in April, in order that necessary steps be taken for its preservation. We are enabled to congratulate the Council with the assurance that Rocky Run Drawbridge is reported to be in a perfectly healthy condition, with no unpaid doctor's bills. Your Committee urgently request that all Statute Labor Returns not already in be forwarded to the Treasurer not later than 15th February, so as to ensure an equitable adjustment of the Road Funds.

Your Committee anticipate being able to offer you a much more interesting report at our April Session.

B. C. WILSON.
 GEORGE BURRIS.
 HENRY HALL.
 JOHN J. JOHNSON.
 PETER MYERS.
 E. J. COVEY.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

The Committee report as follows:—

That the proposed Act relating to Pedlers within the County of Halifax be received and acted upon, and we would earnestly press the Legislature to pass said Act.

In re the matter of Jury Fees, we recommend that this Committee emphatically protest against the payment of Special Jury Fees by this Municipality, unless the provisions of the Statute passed last year be complied with.

In re the matter of Petition from Districts 21 and 35, relating to stock trespassing on intervals or meadow lands, we would recommend that said Petition be laid over until the April Session, thus giving parties interested an opportunity of protesting against said Petition.

Your Committee is of the opinion that it is high time that the Statutes of this Province were revised and consolidated, and that this matter be laid before the Legislature at its next meeting.

Your Committee, on due consideration of the proposed Pedlers' Act, would recommend the following, in addition to clause 8:—

That persons peddling or hawking goods under this Act shall carry their name and the number of their License in a conspicuous place upon their vehicle or pack, under a penalty of five dollars for each omission.

J. H. BARTLETT.
J. H. TAYLOR.
J. KIRKER.
R. BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL FOR INSANE FOR YEAR 1897.

Your Committee report as follows:—

1st. That there were admitted to the Hospital for Insane during the year, chargeable to the Municipality, 4 patients. Their names are—

MALES.

Lindsay Borgoyne,
Daniel Fillis,
J. S. Ogilvie.

FEMALES.

Emma Boutilier.

Three Males and one Female.

We find on enquiry, one of those, J. S. Ogilvie, from District 35, has sufficient property in his own right to reimburse the Municipality.

There were discharged 2 Males, Lindsay Borgoyne and Dennis Fillis; 2 Females, Bertha Maud Whitman and Theotis Julian.

The number now in Hospital, to be paid for by the Municipality, is—12 Males and 14 Females, in all 26.

Your Committee report that the accounts for all Pauper patients at the Hospital have been examined, and paid to December 31st, 1897, as shown in the Treasurer's Abstract.

In regard to Dr. Sinclair's Letter respecting George Dauphney, of St. Margaret's Bay, we have nothing to recommend, as no application for his admission at the County Asylum has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KIRKER.
J. G. BISSETT.
GEORGE H. KERR.
J. J. JOHNSON.
GEORGE BURRIS.

MEMO. OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL DEC. 31st, 1897.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Males.

Nicholas Power,
D. W. Stoddard,
Charles Robinson,
James M. Young,
William Geizer,
W. H. Worthen,

James Fraser,
Alexander Faulkner,
Monson Warner,
William J. O'Leary,
William P. Yeaton,
J. S. Ogilvie—12.

Females.

Susan McKenzie,
Mary Gaul,
Rebecca Tough,
Gertrude Farrell,
Julia McCarthy,
Susan S. Conrod,
Libbie Johnson,

Mary Boutilier,
Elizabeth Marryatt,
Mary L. McKenzie,
Lily Meyer,
Laura Bruce,
Elizabeth Webber,
Emma Boutilier—14

Total in Hospital—26.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, &c., FOR YEAR 1897.

ADMISSIONS—Males.

Feb. 8, Lindsay Borgoyne, }
July 15, Daniel Fillis, } 3 Males.
Dec. 10, J. S. Ogilvie. }

Females.

Feb. 5, Eunice Boutilier— 1 Female.
Total admissions—4.

DISCHARGES—Males.

Lindsay Borgoyne, on trial, 13-3-97. Disch. 30-4-97.
Dennis Fillis, " 28-8-97. Disch. 16-7-97.

Females.

Bertha Maud Whitman, on trial, 9-3-97. Disch. 31-8-97.
Theotis Julian, " 30-3-97. Disch. 31-8-97.

SUMMARY.

In Hospital December 31, 1897	12 Males.	14 Females.
Admissions	3 "	1 "
Discharges	2 "	2 "

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee having gone carefully over the Report and Vouchers of Inspector Reid, believe the same to be correct.

We recommend the accounts from District No. 18 be paid, the same having been certified by the Board of Health, and that the sum of eighteen dollars be paid to Albert Stuart, and the same to be a charge on said District.

Your Committee cannot recommend the payment of Doctor Gourley's account, as the same has not been signed by the Board of Health of Dist. 25.

We also recommend the accounts from District No. 15 be paid, although we consider the charges extravagant, and would advise the Board of Health to be more careful in the future, as the means of all the ratepayers in the County must be considered.

On the annexed sheet we beg to submit the Estimates for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.
GEORGE H. MADILL.
J. H. TAYLOR.
HENRY HALL.
H. M. McCALLUM.

ESTIMATES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HALIFAX AND TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

Current Expenses of Court House:	\$2,000 00
Interest and Debentures on do.	1,150 00
County Jail Current Expenses	2,200 00
Grand and Petit Juries	1,000 00
For Sheriff	1,000 00
Crown Prosecutions, 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 Lists Revision, &c	200 00
	12,450 00
Less Government Grant to Court House	300 00
	\$12,150 00

FOR COUNTY ALONE.

For Warden and Councillors' Pay	1,200 00
Stipendiary	850 00
County Constables	850 00
Schools	8,600 00
Hospital for Insane	3,600 00
County Poor Farm Interest and Debentures	575 00
County Poor Farm Current Expenses	2,000 00
For Revisors and Assessors	700 00
Draw Bridge, \$70.00; Bus Line, \$150.00; Ferries, \$40.00.	260 00
Postage, Health, and Incidentals	100 00
Bounty on Wild Beasts	100 00
Auditors	40 00
Lunacy Certificates	40 00
Municipal Election Expenses	300 00
	18,715 00
Less Estimate from County Stipendiary's Court	600 00
	18,115 00
And from unexpended balance, 1897 Account	2,500 00
	15,615 00
For County alone	12,150 00
City, County, and Dartmouth	\$27,765 00

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THE THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NINTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

HALIFAX, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1898.

In accordance with adjournment and special notice, the Council met at the Court House at 11 o'clock A. M. this day, but were prevented from occupying the Court Room.

The County Incorporation Act requires the Council to hold their Sessions at the Court House (Sections 30-32.)

Heretofore the Council met in their own room, allotted by the Commissioners on the completion of the new addition in 1883. Subsequently Judge Johnston was granted the use of the room for the County Court, when not occupied by the Council, and necessary fittings were obtained for him for that purpose.

In consequence of Judge Johnston, by letter, stating that the Council could not meet as accustomed in his County Court room, the Warden and Commissioner McCallum had procured a room in Wright's Building, Barrington Street, for this Session. Meantime, at noon, the Judge telephoned that he would not hold court this Wednesday, and that the Council could use it all day, but that he should require it to-morrow.

The Councillors then attended in the usual place, the Warden in the Chair, and 26 Councillors present.

The Warden delivered the following Address :—

THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the County Council :-

In welcoming you to your municipal duties I am addressing the last meeting of the present body of Councillors. Before the next session comes around the municipal elections will have been held, and the usual number of changes occurred ; yet, having observed the active interest you display in all matters concerning the welfare of the County and the Districts you severally represent, I feel such changes are rather to be expected from precedent than to be desired as an actual improvement. In what measure your constituents agree with me remains to be seen. No doubt when they take into consideration the important fact that the County money has been expended on a basis of the strictest economy, and that in other matters coming under our management, as in the granting of liquor licenses, we have but followed the wishes of the taxpayers of the County, they will readily admit that the work of the past three years has been satisfactory.

The most important business you will be called upon to transact this Session is the division of the Road and Bridge Grant. Hitherto the system of dividing this grant by mileage has been followed, but that it has not been productive of the best results a moment's thought will prove. In some places long stretches of road are in good condition, either through an extra amount of work having been put upon them the previous year or by reason of their soil and situation, while in other Districts short sections are badly washed out and require more than the allotted expenditure to make them passable. Money appropriated to these roads, good and bad alike, realizes but half the effect of a judicious expenditure, when the condition of the different sections is considered. Certainly the mileage system is not to the interest of the travelling public. This single consideration is of sufficient weight to warrant a change.

In view of the requirements of the various districts throughout the County, I fear the insufficiency of the road grant will be sorely felt. Omitting the extra \$500, it is less than last year. This is all the more disappointing, as the question of road reform was thoroughly agitated previous to the opening of the Legislature in the hope of some important step being taken in the matter ; but the House opened and prorogued, and road reform, as far as I am aware, was never discussed or any bill of the kind introduced. Surely this is a tacit acknowledgment that the County Council's expenditure of the present road grant cannot be improved upon, even by the wisdom of the Legislature. If there had been a better system to adopt, it should and in all probability would have been

adopted. The many newspaper correspondents who up to a recent period busied themselves with censuring the County Councillors for their waste and extravagance in expending road money, would do well to consider the matter in its present aspect.

The Statute Labor Act you were pleased to pass last Session has, in so far as this County is concerned, passed both branches of the Legislature without amendment.

I wish to call your attention to the Act passed by the Legislature in reference to our worthy Inspector of Licenses. Now, while I entertain the highest respect for Mr. Reid, and while I look upon the reduction of his salary last January as a mistake on the part of the Council, I do not believe the Legislature is right in fastening him, or any other officer, upon us at a fixed salary. The same might be done with as much reason in regard to the Clerk-Treasurer and Warden of the County. Suppose, merely by way of illustration, that Mr. Reid does not perform his duty hereafter in the thorough manner in which he has hitherto met the calls of his office, he cannot be discharged without some stronger accusation being brought against him, such as malfeasance of office, or other like offence. It is not with Mr. Reid the cause of complaint lies, but with the Legislature for taking over a right this body is best qualified to exercise. True, the Legislature has the power to wipe out the Council, yet, so long as the latter is in existence, it should be allowed to retain the control of matters that are directly within its province. —

It is not necessary for me to commend the interest of the taxpayers to you; it has always been an uppermost consideration. However, this being election year, I would urge you to make it your earnest endeavor to finish all pending business, so that you may return to your constituents with a clean sheet.

The Minutes of January Session, as published, were read and adopted.

The Warden referred to the circumstances which deprived the Council of their place of meeting, and not wishing to incur a contempt of Court or unpleasant relations with Judge Johnston, by interfering with his Court, he and Councillor McCallum had a conference with him, and found that he could not get another Court Room at present to transact urgent judicial business.

Commissioner McCallum explained further, that Judge Townshend intimated that the East Court Room might possibly be vacant Friday and Saturday for the Council. This being uncertain, the Warden and he had been at considerable trouble to obtain a suitable room, and did so in Wright's Building, at the small cost of \$2.00 per day for the rest of this Session.

The Clerk read the letter from Judge Johnston, dated March 19th:

HALIFAX, MARCH 19TH, 1898.

To W. H. WISWELL, Esq.

Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Halifax :

SIR,—I was to-day informed that you had issued notices summoning the Municipal Council to meet on Wednesday, 23rd inst. Assuming that information to be correct, I now give you notice that there is so large an amount of business before my Court still to be transacted, that it will be impossible for me to allow you the use of my Court Room next week, nor indeed till after the first week in April, even if then. You will therefore have to secure another apartment in which the Council can meet.

I request that you will communicate this letter to His Worship the Warden with as little delay as possible, in order that no unpleasantness or complications may arise, as I shall insist on having the undisturbed possession of my room.

If the Council is not called for so early a date as the 23rd inst., you will please consider this notice as covering the date at which the Council shall be convened to meet.

I wrote the Council on this matter during their last Session, but they were not at the pains of even acknowledging the receipt of my letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. W. JOHNSTON,
Judge of County Court, &c.

The Clerk said he had telephoned the Warden the substance of this letter, and was directed to notify the Judge that the Council room would be required from Wednesday and until the Session should close. The Council room was set apart for that body under Statutes of N. S., 1881, chap. 26, sec. 7, as follows :—

“Powers of Commissioners, etc.

“The Corporation hereby created shall have the sole management and control of the said Court House, and it shall be its duty to provide sufficient accommodation in such building for the Supreme, Probate and County Courts, and for the Judges and Barristers thereof, and for the *County Council* and for all Court and *County Officers*, and also for the Supreme and Exchequer Courts of Canada, whenever sitting at Halifax, and all expenses in connection with such management and with the providing of such accommodation shall be a charge upon and shall be paid by said Municipality.”

The County Court Room not being satisfactory at that time, the Commissioners in 1883 granted the use of the Council Room for a County Court at all other times than when required by the Council. This arrangement had continued during the past 15 years.

The matter was discussed by Councillors Henley, Thomson, Donaldson, Burris, Taylor, and others, objecting to vacate the Council Room or the Court House.

The Council then adjourned to 2.30.

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.

The Council met at 2.30 P. M. The Warden and 28 Councillors present. The previous Minutes were read and passed.

Submitted the Provincial Secretary's statement of the Government Road Grant for the County, viz. :—

Total amount, 1898	\$12,433 90
Deduct interest on bridges, 1897.....	3,196 00

Amount to be appropriated\$ 9,236 90

This shews the grant to be exactly the same as 1897, but with the 12 months interest added to, that of 1896 (\$278) leaves the nett grant that much smaller.

Reference was made to the allotment of last year and the sinking fund resolution, pages 43, 44, Minutes of 1897.

The Clerk said that in consequence of most of the Councillors requiring all their allotment, he had not started the 10 per cent. reduction last year. He desired the decision of the Council regarding it, and the \$1700 there mentioned still undisposed of.

Councillor Wilson reported that the Road Bill sent from this Council to the Legislature had been passed with two or three amendments. One was the appointment of an Inspector, another fixed the time when it would go into operation, but the rest, if any, were not yet known.

Councillor C. E. Smith objected strongly to the Government appointing an Inspector, and possibly fixing his salary.

Councillors Wilson and Donaldson submitted the following motion :—

Whereas, at the last session of the Provincial Legislature an Act was passed entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 47, Revised Statutes, 'Of Highway Labor,' so far as relates to the County of Halifax, and authority granted this Council to determine when it shall go into operation ;

Therefore resolved, that this Council appoints that said Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of April, 1899."

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

"That the resolution *in re* Statute Labor Act be deferred until Monday next, or until such time as the New Road Act be placed before this Council."

The amendment passed.

Councillor Wilson submitted and read the Applications for

Road Subsidies out of the New Road Loan sent him as arranged last Session. The aggregate of these was over \$5,000, and the balance of that Loan was about \$2,000. A long debate followed by Councillors C. E. Smith, Henley, Wilson, Donaldson, Thompson, Burris, Walsh, Madill, Negus, Bissett, McMullen, McLean, Taylor.

Councillor Burris referred to the subject of damages by Dams on Musquodoboit River, and stated that the parties most interested were here and wished to be heard by the Council.

The Warden named Friday morning at noon.

The Council, on motion, adjourned to 10.30 Thursday, and the Warden named the place of meeting, Wright's Building.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1898.

The Council met at Wright's Building at 10.30. The Warden and all Councillors present. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer mentioned that as the 10 per cent. for first instalment of a sinking fund had not been deducted last year, several Councillors would have balances for Roads at their credit, but a number had, notwithstanding that, been obliged to overdraw.

The Warden cautioned the Council against overdrafts this year as being an undue claim on the Road allotments of their successors next year.

Councillor McMullen referred to the admission of John Ogilvie, of Little River, now a patient in the Hospital for Insane, and his maintenance there charged to the County, instead of to his relatives, and they should pay for him.

A Bond had been presented to the Chairman of Commissioners of Public Charities (Hon. C. E. Church,) to guarantee Ogilvie's maintenance, but was not satisfactory.

Councillor Taylor gave further explanations.

The Clerk said he was not aware of Ogilvie's admission, nor how he got there, as the customary documents had not been sent to him, and he had heard of no bond or agreement for re-payment of expenses to the County.

Councillor Burris recommended that the Treasurer send the Account to the proper parties at Little River for payment.

Moved by Councillors Lapierre and McCallum, that John F. McLaren be Revisor for District 28, and that Ernest Myette be Overseer of Roads in Section 12, District No. 28. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Taylor, that one hundred dollars be assessed for Support of Poor in District 33, instead of \$125 passed in January Session. Passed.

The following District Officers were appointed on motion of their Councillors, seconded and passed :

District 29....	John McDonald	....	Revisor, 1899.
" 10....	Richard Christian	....	"
" 15....	Andrew Archibald	....	"
" 23....	John Jollimore	.....	"
" 13....	Archibald Kidston	....	"
" 18....	John E. McDonald	....	"
" 19 & 20..	J. D. Bayer	.....	"
" 36....	Samuel Gaetz	.....	"
" 14....	Patrick Kehoe	.....	"
" 17....	Thomas Hamilton	....	"
" 27....	Arthur Webber	.....	"

By Councillors Burris and A. F. Smith, that twenty dollars be added to the vote already made for Support of Poor in District 22 for 1898. Passed.

District 27.—Peter Slade to be Overseer of Roads in place of Robert Dooks, and Joseph E. Parker, Overseer of Roads, in place of David Palmer, who will be absent. Passed.

District 17.—John Stone, Overseer of Roads, in place of Francis Tolson for Section 14, and Thos. Hamilton, Overseer for Section 7, instead of Judson Pulsifer, appointed in January. Passed.

District 28.—Andrew Petipas to be Collector of Rates, Section A, in place of John Lapierre, left the District. Passed.

District 15.—Alexander Hefler to be Road Overseer for Section 2 in place of Hiram Mitchell, appointed in January. Passed.

District 24.—By Councillors Smith and Burris, that one mile be added to the mileage granted by the Council in 1897 on the east side of Moser's River. Passed.

District 10.—Patrick Whalen to be constable instead of John Whalen; James H. Power to be Presiding Officer instead of N. B. Christian, and Michael Walsh, Assessor, in place of Patrick W. Christian. Passed.

By Councillors McCallum and McLean, that twenty dollars be assessed on District 14 for Support of Poor for 1898. Passed.

District 36.—Charles Myette, Overseer of Highways, in place of Joseph Belfontaine, who has removed from the District. Passed.

The Clerk reported the appointment of W. G. Naylor by Judge Johnston, as Crier of the County Court, in place of Charles McGinn, deceased. Salary as hitherto, \$300 per annum.

In reply to enquiry, the Warden stated that the rent for the

present Room would be only \$2.00 per day while occupied by the Council.

Several Councillors complained that the size of the room and the general confusion prevented their hearing what was transacted.

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

That the Council adjourn from this room to the County Court House, as the place of meeting should be fixed by this Council.

The motion was discussed by Councillors Henley, McCallum, Smith, Thompson, Madill, Taylor, Bartlett, McMullen and others.

On being put, there appeared for the motion 17, against 3, not voting 10.

The Council adjourned, intending to occupy the Petit Jury Room in the Court House.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.

The Council assembled at the Court House, at 2.30 P.M., as per adjournment, and were informed that the Petit Jury Room had been locked against them, by order of the Warden and Councillor McCallum, the Commissioners, and the key taken away.

The other vacant rooms were not available.

Arrangements were made to call the Roll in the Stipendiary's Office and thereafter in the Grand Jury Room. All were present except the Warden and Councillors McCallum and McLean.

As provided in Sections 13 and 14, of the County Incorporation Act, Deputy Warden Madill presided.

The Minutes of the morning were read and adopted.

The Road and Bridge Committee had leave to retire for work.

Read, a largely signed Memorial from the Ratepayers of Dover District, commending the manner in which Councillor Scott had expended the Road moneys and the improved state of the Roads in the District, the contrary having been stated by certain parties.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Bartlett—

That in regard to the matter of not spending the Road money of this District in a judicious manner, Councillor Scott is fully exonerated. Passed.

Read, a letter from E. B. Hubley of the Revising Board of Assessors, referring to the unsatisfactory mode of establishing District valuations, and suggesting that for next assessment each Revisor should group the Districts as might be most suitable and

meet the local assessors of the group, with a view to determine the proper valuations and equalize them more equitably than heretofore.

The Clerk submitted the sections of the Act relating to the powers and duties of the Revising Board. Also, the original copy of an Act concerning Assessment presented in the Legislature at 1898 session and passed. He could not say whether amended or not, as it seemed difficult to get the necessary information now.

Mr. Hubley's letter elicited much discussion of a practical nature, and it was finally referred to Committee on Assessment to consider and report at this Session of Council.

The following appointments were moved, seconded and passed, viz. :—

REVISORS OF ELECTORAL LISTS.

- For District 24—Solomon Fancy.
 “ 8—W. L. Johnson.
 “ 25—Edward Quillinan.
 “ 34—Edward Balcum, Jr.
 “ 31—Jas. Farquharson and John Lapierre.
 “ 26—Robert Mason.
 “ 33—George F. Bowes.
 “ 21—J. Watson McCurdy.
 “ 35—Edward Cruikshank.
 “ 7—George Darrah.
 “ 16—Albert Haverstock.
 “ 12—Alfred Worger.
 “ 38—Charles J. Scott.
 “ 30—John Thomas.
 “ 19—Isaac Logan, Francis P. Blades.
 “ 9—John E. Tough.
 “ 22—William Archibald, 3rd.

George Murphy to be Constable in District 26; Abraham Cleveland to be Constable in place of Lindsay Morash in District 38.

OVERSEERS OF ROADS.

District 19.—John Isenor for Section 2; Isaac Isenor for Section 16; and Walter Elliot for Section 10.

District 18.—Gasper Osborne in place of James Fitzpatrick, incapacitated by illness.

District 13.—James Umlah on a portion of Prospect Road.

District 23.—Stephen Slaunwhite in place of Thos. Blake.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Walsh—

That this Council meet to-morrow morning, at 10.31, at the Court House, in the Sheriff's Room. Passed.

The Council then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1898.

The Council met in the Grand Jury Room, in the Sheriff's Office, at 10.30 A.M. Present, the Warden and all Councillors. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Councillor McMullen asked that the Commissioners give the Council an explanation of their reasons for locking the door of the Petit Jury Room, where it was arranged to meet.

Councillor Thompson said he was glad to see the Commissioners in their places, and thought it was a high-handed act to lock the door against the Councillors who came here to transact the Municipal business, and that an explanation was necessary.

The Warden said he could justify his action. He was at the Court House yesterday afternoon, and did not know of a suitable room, and did not wish to take the Council to a dirty room in the attic. The door was directed to be locked and the key given to the Sheriff. He informed the Clerk that he would be found at the Queen Hotel, but had received no notice until evening, when three of the Councillors had called to inform him.

Councillor Wilson said the matter should now be dropped and the business of the day transacted.

Read, a Petition from a number of Ratepayers of Harrietsfield, District 13, and Sambro, in reference to closing an old road, starting near Archibald Kidston's Farm, and leading thence through to Wm. Nicholson's property or the Main Road. This Section was practically closed for traffic 45 years ago, and has been impassable for vehicles since the new road was constituted. But way-travelers and sportsmen use it to the inconvenience of the adjoining proprietors and injury to their fences, &c. The road never having been formally closed, as provided by chapter 49 R. S., 5th Series, the several owners and parties interested were given the notice therein required, and public notices posted of the intention to make this application to the Council.

Moved by Councillors Bishop and Nelson—

That the prayer of the petition for closing an old road in District 13 be granted. Passed.

On motions, duly moved, seconded and passed, the following District Officers were appointed :—

District 32—John P. Webber to be Revisor for 1899.

“ 11—Robert Munro to be Revisor for 1899.

“ 33—Joseph Perrin to be Road Overseer for Section 10.

District 15—Douglas M. Story to be Assessor in place of H. Y. Clarke for 1898.

“ 30—James Colley, Sr., Overseer of Statute Labor in place of James Colley, Jr.

Read, a petition from 30 ratepayers of Districts 13 and 29 against the management of the Poor Farm, and that certain irregularities there were not properly enquired into in the former memorial in January. That the enquiry then held was a farce, as the Committee was predetermined to exonerate the Superintendent, who was unfit for the position, and that Chairman Bissett, being his relative, should not be on any committee to investigate the charges now preferred, and they desire the investigation to be re-opened, etc.

After being discussed, the following was moved by Councillors Negus and McMullen, viz. :—

That the prayer of the petition for the re-opening of the Poor's Farm investigation be granted, and the investigation be held before the full Council, and that the witnesses be summoned in the regular way. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Madill—

That the investigation *in re* Poor Farm be taken up on Monday next, and the parties notified to appear. Passed.

Read, Return of Precept from District No. 7, Precept from District 36, Precept from District 28, Precept from District 24, with Plans, etc.

Read, a Petition from 42 Ratepayers of District 24, asking that to avoid a very steep and unsafe place known as “Mat Publicover's Hill,” on the public road leading from Smith's Cove to the “Narrows,” at Ecum-Secum, that part of the road be closed and a new road be constructed around the base of said Hill on the south side, near Mitchell Bay.

Read, a counter Petition from parties in Districts 24 and 34, objecting to the proposed Road improvement.

Councillor A. F. Smith said that it would be a great public benefit, that a number of the objectors were non-residents of the District, and that some had signed both petitions.

All the foregoing matters were referred to the Road and Bridge Committee to consider and report on.

The Clerk read a letter from the Provincial Cashier in reply to his enquiry, stating that the amount advanced on the New Road Loan to date was \$1,993.25, and that the rate of interest on that and the “Repairs” Loan was 4½ per cent.

Moved by Councillors Covey and Reyno—

That Thirty Dollars be assessed on District No. 11 for the support of the Poor for 1898. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Reyno and Madill—

That Twenty Dollars be added to the Assessment for Poor in District 7 for the current year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Hall—

That Charles Myette be appointed Overseer of Highways in District 36, in place of Joseph Belfontaine, who has removed from the District. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lapierre and McLean—

That James Lapierre be appointed Constable for District 28 for the current year. Passed.

Read, a Petition from Glenmore, Gay's River Road and Middle Musquodoboit, for a new line of road from a point at or near the mouth of the Mountain Road to a point on the Gay's River Road, a little west of Morris Annand's western line, length estimated at one to one and a quarter miles.

On motion of Councillors Taylor and McLean, the prayer of the Petition was granted and Precept to be issued.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P. M

Afternoon Session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1898.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and all present. The Minutes of Morning Session were read and accepted.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor B. C. Wilson :—

Resolved, That the bounds of Statute Labor sections in No. 8 District be amended as follows :

- 1st. That from Halibut Bay bridge to Muse's Road be made Section No. 1.
- 2nd. From Muse's Road to Power's Barn, including a branch of road running from Andrew Bowers' house to a cross roads at or near Duncan O'Neill's house, thence running westerly to Power's barn, be Section No. 2.
- 3rd. From said Power's barn to half-way tree, including a branch of road running from said Duncan O'Neill's to a bridge at or near James Power's house, be Section No. 3.
- 4th. From main post road, foot of Jack's Hill to Duncan's Cove, be Section No. 4.
- 5th. From said half-way tree to Ketch Harbor bridge, including a branch of

road running from John O'Neill's house to a sea beach at or near Wm. Fleming's, east side of harbor, be Section No. 5

Uth. From Ketch Harbor bridge to Clay Hill, including a branch of road running from cross roads, at or near Simon Mackey's store, to a bridge at or near Richard Martin's barn, west side of Ketch Harbor, be Section No. 6. Passed.

Read, a petition from residents of Mooseland, District 26, fourteen miles from Tangier, asking that a branch road leading to Spry Bay, in length three miles or more, now impassable and never put in good shape, be changed to avoid cliff and bed rock, about half mile wide, so as to reach the shore. They want about \$800 to put it in good condition, etc.

On motion, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Councillor Burris reported that the parties who had asked to be heard to-day in regard to dams on Musquodoboit River had arrived at a satisfactory settlement among themselves for the present, and the petition was withdrawn.

The Warden informed the Council that Judge Johnston would not require the Court Room after 12 to-morrow, or Monday and Tuesday.

The Council adjourned to 12 to-morrow, so that Committees could proceed with their work.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH, 1898.

The Council met in the Council Room at 12. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Clerk mentioned that he had obtained copies of the Acts affecting Municipal affairs as presented for first reading in the Legislature, but was unable to get them as finally passed, except the one fixing Inspector Reid's salary at \$300, and another disqualifying Councillors who had signed applications of parties for liquor licenses, as well as those who might be offering as candidates for councillorships.

The Act relating to Assessments was very much the same as the amendments recommended in this Council, but some changes had subsequently been made. None of the legislation of last session had been submitted for consideration of the Council.

The Pedler's License Act, sent to the Legislature from this Council, was returned to the Clerk by Mr. Mitchell, (County Mem-

ber) who stated that the House Committee considered that it could become a Bye-Law of the Municipality. (Referred to Committee on Licenses).

Read the Report of Committee on Assessments, which was received and adopted without discussion.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26.

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

The Clerk submitted Report of Board of Health from District 20, showing it to be in very good sanitary condition. Passed.

Also, from Board of Health, Waverley, District 18, reporting Diphtheria cases in the York family, which required quarantine and Medical treatment and supplies. The Bills were—A. J. Crosby, \$9.46; C. M. Mahon, watchman, \$13.50.

Read, Report of Board of Health, District 17, on cases of Diphtheria in the family of Mrs. Haley, Windsor Junction, a poor widow. The Bills in this case were—Dr. Jacques, \$10.00; Watchman, \$3.00; Fulmer & Co., Coffin and Shell, \$12.00; Burial Expenses, \$2.50.

On motion, the Reports were referred to the Finance Committee.

Read, Report of Committee on Precept for a Road between West and East Chezzetcook. Not adopted.

Read, Return of Committee on Precept for Road in District 24, showing whole distance, 1,194 feet, width 18 feet. Total cost of right-of-way and fencing, \$34.00. Passed.

Read, the return of precept for a short road connecting with the main road in District 36. The Committee state there will be no expense for right of way, etc.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Reyno—

That the report of the Committee on the precept for new road in District 36 be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bissett and Kirker—

Whereas, there appears to be \$13 of the \$1700 Road Repairs Loan not expended;

Therefore resolved, that the said amount of \$13 be granted to District 31.
Passed.

The Treasurer, in reply to questions as to the ten per cent. of sinking fund, said that it had not been charged against any District last year, as many Councillors required all their grant. Every District had, therefore, had its full allotment, and several had amounts now at their credit to be added to their allotments this year.

Read, the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee, and submitted the applications of Councillors to the Chairman for apportionments to their Districts out of the New Road Loan, together with Provincial Engineer's Certificates of approval of them.

On motion of Councillors Burris and Madill—

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

Councillor Donaldson made a vigorous protest at the small amount allotted to his District (\$60). He had reserved an amount of last year's grant toward a Rock Crusher, which was necessary for his Roads, and expected a liberal grant this year, so as to add to it. District 15 was nearly the largest contributor to the Assessments of the County, and if not better treated in this matter, would meditate Town Incorporation, etc.

The Treasurer said he had no control over the New Road Loan, the allotments for that source would be received from the Provincial Cashier direct, but he would have to report the amounts payable to each District, and it was essential that each amount allotted be voted on separately and passed by the Council.

Councillor Kirker said that there was a mistake in the Committee's allotment for District 34. The amount applied for and approved by the Provincial Engineer was \$200; the R. & B. Committee had only allowed \$100.

After some further discussion, it was moved by Councillors Burris and Madill—

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

The Report stated that there would be \$540 still to divide.

The Clerk referred to the decision of the Council on return of Precept last year for the Road round McPhee's Hill, which had been overlooked in the Committee's report.

Moved by Councillors Taylor and Madill—

Whereas, the Provincial Engineer has given his certificate of the new road from McPhee's Hill to the Shubenacadie Road, and the Road and Bridge Committee have failed to notice the same;

Resolved, that three hundred dollars be voted from the balance remaining from the Loan for New Roads Passed.

By Councillors A. F. Smith and Bartlett—

That the sum of \$200 be voted out of the New Road Loan for a new road around Moser's Mill, District 24, the same having been certified by the Provincial Engineer. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Negus—

That the sum of \$300, recommended by the Road and Bridge Committee to District 25, be granted out of New Road Loan. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Reyno and McCallum—

That \$600 be granted for opening a new road from Lawson's Mill to Purcell's Cove, the same to be paid out of the New Road Loan of the Provincial Government of 1897, as recommended by the Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Hall—

That the \$70 recommended by the Road and Bridge Committee to District 33 be granted out of the New Road Fund. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Johnson and McCallum—

That the amount of \$100, recommended by the Road and Bridge Committee to construct a new road from Duncan's Cove to Ketch Harbor, be granted out of the New Road Loan. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Walsh and Johnson—

That the sum of \$200 be granted out of the New Road Loan to District 16, to build the new road around Red Hill, as appropriated by the Road and Bridge Committee. Passed.

Councillor Walsh submitted a Resolution for a vote of the Council of \$200 for a new Road in District 10, contingent upon the approval of the Provincial Engineer.

It was not acted upon, as the Loan was exhausted.

The Council adjourned to Monday, 28th March, at 10.30.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 28TH, 1898.

The Council met at 10.30 A. M. All present. The Minutes of Saturday P. M. were read and adopted.

The order of the day being the investigation of the charges

against the Poor Farm management, Stipendiary McDougall attended to take the evidence, and the Warden conducted the examinations. The following persons attended and were each sworn and testified as to what they knew outside of hearsay reports, viz.:—Andrew Morash, Wm. Ware, Henry Ernst, Richard Bowes, Lewis Morash, George Bowes, S. B. Dares, James Conrod, Horace Ware, John Hartlen, J. G. Bissett. No other witnesses attended. The Clerk produced the Bills paid S. B. Dares, which showed the statement as to the shingles being charged to Poor Farm and used elsewhere to be false. The rest of the charges, after the fullest investigation, were shown to be equally unfounded.

Moved by Councillors Madill and C. E. Smith—

Whereas, a complaint and petition was presented to this Council in January last, charging gross irregularities in the management of the County Poor Farm, and an improper disposal of the public property, and asking that an investigation therein be held;

And whereas, a committee was appointed by this Council to institute such investigation, who, in their finding and report, stated that though there were presented some inferential evidence of slight irregularities, or alleged looseness, there was nothing elicited—in their opinion—to substantiate the charge or call for more than a cautionary advice to the keeper;

And whereas, a second petition and charge has been presented to the Council at its present session seeking a second investigation, and insinuating whitewashing by the Committee in January and collusion of the Council in its findings.

And whereas, in consequence, a second investigation held in open Council and under sworn evidence has signally failed to substantiate any charges, or bring home to the Keeper or to the Managing Committee any irregularity or illegal action, or dereliction of duty, worthy of serious consideration;

Therefore resolved, that this Council takes this method of indignantly refuting any charge of collusion on its part, or of the effort of the former Committee of investigation to smother, hide or conceal anything in connection with said investigation, and we hereby express our confidence in the committee of management of the institution, and do not consider there has been any dereliction of duty or improper disposal of the County property to warrant the allegations in the petitions of complaint as set forth

Unanimously passed.

Moved by Councillors Thompson and Walsh—

That in re the Petition for an investigation of the charges against the Poor Farm, after hearing the same, the evidence does not in any way establish the said charges, and therefore the Petition be dismissed

Passed.

Moved by Councillors Kirker and Sellars—

That \$140 be voted out of the New Road Loan for the purpose of opening up a Road in District 34 between Beaver Harbour and Sheet Harbour Passage, the expenditure having been approved by the Provincial Engineer.

The Treasurer said that he had checked the drafts on the Road Loan, as per the Road and Bridge Committee's Report, and found they already reached the amount in the Provincial Treasurer's hands, which would leave about \$10 for District 34 above the \$100 already mentioned in the report. Passed subject to said deduction.

Moved by the Warden and Councillor McMullen—

That John H. Fader be Overseer of Roads on road to Slaughenwhite's Point, District 32, for 1898. Passed.

Moved by Councillors A. F. Smith and Henley—

That Walter W. Smith, Wm. G. Smith, and Levi Hartling, be appointed to lay out the road around Matt Publicover Hill, District 24. Passed.

Read, the report of the Special Committee on assistance for the Clerk.

The Clerk said that the most pressing part of the Clerk's duty would be effected by May, but there was always too much to do. The Treasurer's work was greatest from June. The Elections in November, with the collection of rates, caused more work than one person could accomplish. The arrangement of the rooms would have to be altered before a regular assistant could be employed, and he had concluded that as the statute allowed him to appoint a deputy when disabled, if the Council would vote, say \$100, as once before for such assistance, no further change need be made this year to cause an increase in the County Estimate.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the Clerk and Treasurer is hereby empowered to employ help whenever required for the present year, the amount for said services not to exceed one hundred dollars. Passed.

Read, the Report of the Committee on Poor, with tabulated statement of returns from the several Districts for the year 1897.

Moved by Councillors Burriss and Covey—

That the Report of Committee on Poor be received and adopted. Passed.

The subject of special grant for Bus Conveyance to and from N. W. Arm, District 14, and the city, was broached by Councillor Thompson, who moved the following resolution, seconded by Councillor Croucher—

That the allotment of \$150, now provided for to have a Bus Line from the City to Dutch Village, be discontinued after the present year, as it has failed to produce the effect that it was granted for, namely, to increase the valuations of that District, and because the extension of the electric car system has to a large extent supplied the need for which the grant was made.

Moved in amendment by Councillors McCallum and Lapierre—

That the resolution of Councillors Thompson and Croucher *in re* Bus Subsidy lay on the table, to be dealt with by the incoming Council. The amendment was carried.

Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith submitted a resolution condemning the action of the Legislature in fixing the salary of the

Inspector of Licenses. This was deferred to be taken up next morning.

Read, the report of the Committee on Licenses, submitting the Pedlers' License By-Law as passed in January. (See Minutes of Council, 1898, pages 55-7,) and recommending the Council to confirm the same with the following clauses added, viz. :—

Section 9—Persons peddling or hawking goods under this By-law shall carry their name and number of their License in a conspicuous place upon their vehicle or pack, under a penalty of Five Dollars for each offence.

Section 10.—This By-Law to go in force on May 1st, 1898.

Signed by Councillor McLean, Chairman, and the rest of the Committee.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday at 10.30 A. M.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1898.

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

Read, the following resolution deferred from Monday, P. M.
Moved by Councillors Henley and Smith—

Whereas, This Council, under the Act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors of 1886, has had from that time the right and sole authority to nominate the Chief License Inspector for the County of Halifax, and to fix the salary of such Inspector;

And Whereas, This Council can best judge of the efficiency of such Inspector, the manner in which he performs his duties, the amount of the salary to be paid him, and the ability of the Municipality to pay such salary;

And Whereas, This Council, after due deliberation and in view of the manner in which the present Chief Inspector has performed the duties of his highly responsible office, at its last meeting by resolution, as was its unquestionable right and duty, decided to fix the salary of such Inspector at the sum of \$150 per annum;

And Whereas, The Legislature of this Province has seen fit in the Session recently prorogued to ignore the action of the Council, and to cast an unmerited slur on that body—and without notice to them, or their official head, the Warden of this County—to make the present holder of the office of Chief Inspector of Licenses a permanent official, and to fix the salary to be paid him by this Municipality, at a sum largely in excess of what this Council considers his services are worth;

And Whereas, This Council views this legislation as not only an intentional and unmerited slight to their body and the constituents whom they represent, but as a serious menace to the proper carrying out of the laws they are specially appointed to conserve;

And Whereas, This Council feels that it would be unmindful of its own dignity and derelict to its manifest duty did it not express its disapproval of such private and partizan legislation;

And Whereas, This Council feels that such legislation is immoral, improper, and in the highest degree subversive of the dearest rights of those it represents;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council places on record its condemnation of all private and partizan legislation generally, and especially condemns and disapproves of the special legislation whereby the Chief Inspector of Licenses for the County of Halifax is made a permanent official and his salary fixed, whereby he becomes practically independent of this Council, and their control over him is destroyed. Passed unanimously.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith:—

Whereas, In the opinion of this Council the recent legislation affecting the status of D. W. B. Reid, the Chief Inspector of Licenses for the County of Halifax, was obtained by undue and improper methods, and without notice to and behind the back of this Council;

And Whereas, this Council is of opinion that the said D. W. B. Reid is not properly performing the duties appertaining to the position of such Chief Inspector of Licenses;

Therefore be it Resolved, That the said D. W. B. Reid be requested forthwith to send to the County Clerk for the County of Halifax his resignation of such office, to take effect on the first day of May next.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Municipality to the said D. W. B. Reid.

This gave rise to considerable discussion. All of the Councillors were of the one opinion, that Inspector Reid had been made a permanent official by undue and improper methods, and the Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Smith—

Whereas, The individual members of this Council, since the enactment of the laws governing the issue of Licenses for the sale of Liquors within the bounds of the Municipalities of this Province, have had the right in their discretion, in common with all others, to sign recommendations for those whom they considered fit and proper persons to receive such licenses;

And Whereas, The signing of such recommendations was perfectly legal and proper until the close of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province;

And Whereas, Certain members of this Council, in the exercise of such unquestionable right, have signed such recommendations with the honest desire that only proper persons should procure such licenses;

And Whereas, The Legislature of this Province has seen fit, by an Act recently passed, to disqualify members of this body from seeking re-election to this Council who had honestly and in the exercise of their then legal rights signed such recommendations;

And Whereas, Such Legislation is, in the opinion of this Council, immoral, improper and subversive of their rights as citizens;

And Whereas, Such Legislation is not only *ex post facto* in its effect, and therefore, according to British precedent and custom highly improper, but is aimed at certain individuals, and is in effect private Legislation;

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Council expresses its abhorrence and condemnation of such Legislation generally, and it condemns in the most unqualified manner the special legislation by which the rights of the individual members of this body have been destroyed and obliterated.
Passed unanimously.

Read, the Chief Constable's application for two weeks' vacation, and also Stipendiary McDougall's request for twelve days' vacation at a convenient time this summer. The Council granted the requests as asked for.

Read, application from Ephraim Haverstock, District 16, to be a County Constable at salary of fifty dollars per year, to report weekly, or as the Stipendiary may require. On motion, the request to lie on the table.

Submitted request from Dartmouth to appoint Wm. McKenzie and Daniel Brennan County Constables. Passed.

Read, the report of the Law Amendment Committee, relating to cattle trespassing on law lands, District 35, etc. Passed.

Read, the report of the Finance Committee on accounts submitted to them. Passed

Moved by Councillors Burris and Bartlett—

That the Provincial Road Grant, 1896, be expended by Commissioners, except in such Districts where this Council may appoint a Supervisor. Passed.

By Councillors McMullen and Bissett—

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.

After some opposition, the motion was carried.

By Councillors Taylor and Bartlett—

That James P. Kent be Supervisor of Roads in District No. 21. Passed.

By Councillors Hall and Henley—

That Matthew Boutilier be appointed Overseer of Statute Labor in Section 11, District 25, and that John Murphy, Samuel Kenny, and John Behie, be appointed Constables in District No 25. Passed.

By Councillors Hall and A. F. Smith—

That the Bridge known as Main River Bridge, in District 25, on Killag Road, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883 and amendments thereto. Passed.

By Councillors Thomas and Wilson—

That \$70 be assessed on District 30 for support of Poor for 1898. Passed.

By Councillors McMullen and Bissett—

That there be no Poll Tax collected this year for County Rates. . . . Passed.

By Councillors Bissett and McMullen—

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

By Councillors McMullen and Sellars—

That the remuneration of the Councillors for the present Session be Two Dollars per day, with mileage, as heretofore. . . . Passed.

The Clerk wished to know whether any new Polling places would be appointed for November Election, as some trouble had formerly occurred from Presiding Officers naming them to suit themselves. The List was read as now fixed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Kerr—

That the Polling place in District 36 be at or near Capt. Wm. Warner's.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Madill—

That the several Polling places in the respective Districts remain as they now stand recorded. . . . Passed.

The subject of consolidation of Municipal Districts was revived by the following Resolution, moved by Councillors Taylor and C. E. Smith, viz.,

Whereas, In our view a readjustment of the lines of several Districts in this County seems necessary. Large sections of country with great mileage of road and increasing valuation are represented by a Councillor, and very small sections with comparatively few miles of road, and in some cases rapidly decreasing assessments have the same representation in this Council as the larger sections;

And Whereas, We deem it necessary that two or more of those smaller Districts be combined in one for Municipal purposes;

And Whereas, We believe that a smaller number of Councillors could transact the business as well and rapidly as the larger number;

Therefore Resolved, That in our opinion steps should be taken to secure some readjustment during the ensuing term of three years. . . . Passed nem. con.

Moved by Councillors Burris and McMullen—

That a Committee of three be appointed to make recommendations to the Government regarding the readjustment of Municipal representation in this Municipality.

By Councillors Burris and Bartlett—

That Councillors Wilson, McCallum and C. E. Smith, be the Committee for the preceding object. . . . Passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Bartlett—

That any reasonable expense incurred in gaining information and making recommendations in re the adjustment of Municipal representation in this County by the Committee be paid by the Treasurer. . . . Passed.

Councillor Thomas presented Bills from J. Neale and P. Clayton for Road outlay in District 30, in the year 1896.

The Treasurer said that he did not consider the claims legitimate, as they were said to be included in Commissions already paid, and that no Commissions had been issued for this work. In making up the Road allotments of last year, he had asked the Councillor to hand in all unpaid Commissions. He had done so, and thereby was largely overdrawn on 1897 grant for District 30.

The Council decided to reject the Bills.

Moved by Councillors Bartlett and Burris—

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to confer with the authorities of Dartmouth regarding the debt due by said Corporation to this Municipality.

Passed.

The Clerk said that as he had to summon the incoming Council to meet at the Court House next January, it would be necessary to provide the room in which their Session should be held, in order to avoid difficulties and comply with the Statute.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Taylor—

That the Court House Commissioners be authorized to prepare a suitable room for the County Court in this building.

Passed.

The Warden said he had no more business to submit.

Before adjournment, Resolutions were offered by Councillors Sellars, Burris, Taylor, Bissett, and others, thanking the Warden for the able way he had filled his office during the past three years.

The Warden thanked the Council, and stated, that owing to the passage of one of the Acts referred to above, several of the Councillors were prevented from offering themselves for re-election this year, himself among the number. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them at times. While in office, he had endeavoured to perform his duty faithfully and for the best interests of the County. He wished them all success in their future undertakings.

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

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORTS APRIL SESSION, 1898.

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:—

District No.	Amt. Ass'd, 1897.	Rec'd from Collector.	From other Sources.	Balance fr in last Acct.	Paid on Acct of Paupers.	Dis on Acct. of Paupers.	Amt. to be Ass'd for 1898.	Balance on hand.	Remarks.
7				\$41 76	\$41 76	\$	\$80 00	\$	
8									No Report.
9	51 93	51 10	11 23	11 23	59 74	8 90	46 00		No Report.
10									No Report.
11	78 55	75 60			57 11		30 00	18 49	No Report.
12									No Report.
13									No Report.
14									No Report.
15									No Report.
16									No Report.
17									No Report.
18	165 13	136 34	42 90	42 90	46 74			132 50	No Report.
19									No Report.
20	125 00	124 14			105 73	96 53	75 00	18 40	No Report.
21									No Report.
22	190 25	110 44	27 20	73 71	193 08	60 23	117 00	17 87	No Report.
23									No Report.
24									No Report.
25									No Report.
26		94 75	3 00	97 75	45 07			52 68	No Report.
27									No Report.
28	115 00	110 79			78 42		70 00	32 37	No Report.
29	30 00	29 73		48 59	15 62			62 70	No Report.
31		60 00		98 80	25 03			133 77	No Report.
32		99 00	3 85	42 82	108 67		100 00	39 00	No Report.
33	110 34	110 34	55 00	35 60	200 44		100 00	20 50	No Report.
34	52 53	41 44		11 24	52 68	11 24	75 00		No Report.
35									No Report.
36	50 00	56 48		59 66	15 96			100 18	No Report.
38	38 46	25 71			25 71		85 00		No Report.

(Sgd.)

CHARLES E. SMITH.
 JOHN KIRKER.
 THOS. COLE.
 JAMES H. WALSH.
 THOS. S. DONALDSON.
 ALEXANDER F. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Road and Bridge Service beg to present their Report, and have pleasure in stating that the Returns of Statute Labor for 1897 show a very marked improvement over any previous year, both in the increased amount collected and the greater accuracy in giving details of the liabilities and performance of the labor.

Your Committee would recommend that the prayer of petitioners from District 24, asking for a change of road, be granted, and that a precept to lay out the new portion be issued.

Your Committee have considered the Petition from Mooseland for assistance, and have made an appropriation which will appear on the Scale of Appropriations to the respective Districts.

The communication from the Provincial Engineer, which accompanies our Report, is for the information of the Council, and is important (but is not for publication).

Road Scale Appropriation, 1898.

District No.	County Grant.	From Loan Fund.	Extras for Special,	Total Net Appropriation.
7	\$ 96	\$ 35		\$ 131 00
8	75	40	\$20 00 for Bear Cove Hill.....	135 00
9	140	60		200 00
10	105	45		150 00
11	155	61	\$20 00 for Wooden Bridge, half to each Dist.	235 00
12	359	55	Acct. Lumber Traffic	405 00
13	400	45		445 00
14	110	40	For Spring Bridge.....	150 00
15	60			60 00
16	310	10	\$50 00 on Cross Road to Margaret's Bay.....	370 00
17	325	75	Acct. Bridges = \$4 00 less, \$4 00 to District 18	396 00
18	425	45	Plus \$4 00 from 17, and \$4 00 from District 33.	478 00
19	410	45		455 00
20	460	50		510 00
21	500	85	To Build Higgins' Bridge.....	675 00
22	660	40	\$30 00 to Rebuild Bridge	730 00
23	80	30		119 00
24	237	66		302 00
25	480	30	\$45 00 to Replace Washout.....	555 00
26	610	60		670 00
27	570	50		620 00
28	215	45	To Raise Causeway	260 00
29	310	55	Plus \$25 00 from District 31.....	390 00
30	300	35	To go on Post Road	335 00
31	415	25	\$40 to Breakhart Hill = \$480 less \$25 to Dis. 29	455 00
32	195	35		230 00
33	200	40	\$240 00, less \$4 00 to District 18	236 00
34	245	45	Acct. Dufferin Mine Road.....	290 00
35	225	40	For Road Sec. No. 8	265 00
36	300	60		360 00
38	185	35		220 00
			Mooseland Mines to Spry Bay, per Petition	100 00
				\$10,923 00

In the matter of applications for appropriation, from the new Road Fund, the following have been approved by the Prov. Engineer, and are thus far eligible:—

For a piece of new Road in District 7, from Lawson's Mills to Purcell's Cove, about 1½ miles. This has been a long-talked-of and much-desired connection, and so near a large aggregation of population that is worthy of consideration from the Council, and we suggest that \$600 be voted towards it.

A piece of new Road from Duncan's Cove to Ketch Harbour. Not a very expensive affair, and where the advantages are apparent, and we advise \$100 be apportioned to it.

A new piece of Road near Harrietsfield will very materially facilitate travel from Sambro and adjacent country, and be a public benefit much in advance of the money consideration, and we suggest that \$80 be provided for it.

A new Road round Miller's Hill, in Dist. 38, will materially advance the interests of a large community, and we advise that \$80 be granted for it.

A new Road in Dist. 33, quite short, but will open up readier communication and be advantageous, and the community have done considerable and are willing to contribute half of the estimated cost, hence we advise that they be assisted with \$70.00.

A new Road is asked for to cross a Marsh between Dist. 28 and 36, for which \$600 was asked, but it appears upon investigation, that though very desirable, its construction will run into the thousands. Therefore we suggest that it be held in abeyance for the present.

From Dist. 17 comes an application for a new road from Lakeview to Bedford, about two miles, which the Engineer estimates will cost \$2,000, and \$1,000 is asked, the inhabitants being willing to contribute. The opening of this road would be an unquestioned benefit to the people of Lakeview, and we would favorably consider it if the means were available; but under the circumstances we hesitate to do more than present the facts to the Council for them to consider if so large a sum can be provided.

Dist. 16 applies for assistance to Build a Road round Red Hill. This has been agitated for a number of years, has been surveyed and brushed out, and a start made, and we believe the Dist. entitled to \$200 to carry it through.

For a new Road of nearly two miles to connect East Sheet Harbour with Sober Island. This will accommodate some 70 families and become a Post Road, and is therefore worthy of consideration, and we approve of \$300 being apportioned to it.

The application from Dist. 34, asking for \$100 for a new Road from Beaver Harbour to Sheet Harbour Passage, we approve of.

The amounts we have recommended cover \$1,460.00, leaving \$540 unappropriated.

In addition to the foregoing, there is an application from Dist. 21 for \$150.00.

From Dist. 27 for 2½ miles of Road, of probable cost, \$450.00.

From Dist. 10 for \$100.00.

From Dist. 24 for \$200.00.

And from Dist. 19 for \$400.00.

Aggregating \$1,100.00. All of these proposed Roads, we are convinced, are as desirable perhaps as any we have reported on; but they have not yet been reported upon by the Provincial Engineer, and are not yet eligible for appropriation; and we can only express our approval of appropriating to

any of them of such amount as there may be in the hands of the Treasurer, when they shall have received the necessary approval of the Provincial Engineer, either *pro rata* or in any other way that may be agreed upon.

B. C. WILSON.
 PETER MYERS.
 WM. F. NEGUS.
 GEORGE BURRIS.
 JOHN J. JOHNSON.
 E. J. COVEY.
 HENRY HALL.

REPORT OF ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, in considering the suggestions made by Mr. Hubley regarding the method of consulting the local Assessors, feel that the Board should have discretionary power in all matters pertaining to the duties of their office.

We would beg to refer them to the report made by your Committee at the January Session of 1898.

We wish to correct an error in reporting on District 31, which should read an increase of \$1,385.00, said error was made by the local Assessors.

GEORGE H. MADILL.
 GEORGE BURRIS
 W. CHARLES HENLEY.
 SAMUEL THOMPSON.
 HENRY HALL
 MICHAEL REYNO.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

In the matter of Petition from Districts 21 and 35, laid over from January last, beg leave to report as follows:—

That as no remedy was suggested by the Petitioners, your Committee can only suggest that lines be set up defining the bounds of lands sought to be controlled, and have Commissioners appointed to make and carry out rules and regulations adopted by the owners of lands within the bounds so set up.

Rules and regulations so adopted by said land-owners to receive the of this Council.

J. H. BARTLETT.
 J. KIRKEE.
 RICHARD BISHOP.
 J. H. TAYLOR.

COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE TO THE CLERK.

The Committee appointed in January to consult with Mr. Wiswell, Clerk and Treasurer, re the appointment of an Assistant to that gentleman, beg leave to report that we have had two interviews with Mr. Wiswell, and learn from him that the heaviest part of the Clerk's work comes between the January and April Session of the Council. Therefore, the greater or heaviest portion of this year's work is over, excepting the extra work occasioned by the running dual of the Municipal Elections in November next.

We cannot but be convinced that the work in Mr. Wiswell's office is fast increasing, we believe, and recommend that he should be relieved of a portion of it. That either an assistant should be given him, or that the offices of Clerk and Treasurer should be separated. With but one official in the office, as at present, it must of necessity be closed during times of the day, thus causing no little inconvenience to persons doing business with the office.

There were a number of applications for assistant to Mr. Wiswell before us. All were considered. But your Committee were unable to make a selection or appointment, owing to the fact that we had no authority from the Council to relieve Mr. Wiswell of the responsibility of an assistant's actions.

Recognizing the fact that Mr. Wiswell is under heavy bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, we consider it (if legal) unfair to him to force him to assume the responsibility of an assistant named by us without first learning from the Council how far an assistant would be responsible to Mr. Wiswell and how far to the Council. We beg leave to recommend either that Mr. Wiswell be given an assistant, or that the offices of Clerk and Treasurer be separated.

H. M. McCALLUM.
THOS S. DONALDSON.
JOHN G. BISSETT.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance and Audit Committee beg to report that the Accounts in Districts 17, 18 and 25, be paid in part, viz.:—\$18.00 to District 25; \$24 to District 17; and \$13.50 to District 18. The balance of accounts, as far as the same relate to Districts 17 and 18, to be chargeable respectively to said Districts 17 and 18.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.
H. M. McCALLUM.
HENRY HALL.
GEORGE H. KERR.
GEORGE H. MADILL.
J. H. TAYLOR.

NOTES.

1.—The appointment of a Committee to revise the Bye-Laws was delegated to the next Council.

2.—In the Report of Committee on Poor, several Districts stated as sending "no Report" had their Returns sent back to be rectified, and did not return them in time to be passed.

W. H. W.