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OF THE

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W. H. WISWELL, CLERK.

DEPUTY WARDEN, G. H. MADILL, ESQ.

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MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1901.

The January session of the county council opened Tuesday, January 8th, the only absentee being Warden Wilson, who is confined to his residence by illness.

Deputy Warden Madill presided and a letter from the warden, enclosing a medical certificate, was read.

Councillors C. E. Smith, Gladwin, Henley, J. Dauphinee, Moren, Lydiard, Burris and Scott were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees.

DEPUTY WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Deputy Warden Madill delivered the following annual address:

To the Members of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Halifax County:

In consequence of a severe accident to his honor the warden on the 17th of December last he is unable to attend this session of the council, and the honor devolves on me of presiding over your deliberations. I embrace this opportunity of congratulating you that you are permitted to witness as a council the beginning of a new century, a distinction which will not be accorded to any of your successors among those now living.

I have convened the members of the council to enable them to deal with such matters relating to the municipality as require attention and to perform such other duties as may devolve upon them.

Finances Flourishing.

I am pleased to be able to state that the financial affairs of the municipality are in a fairly flourishing condition.

The report of the treasurer to be laid before you will show that comparatively small amount of taxes remain uncollected at December 31st, and that since that time a considerable part of amount unpaid has since been paid in.

In August last a fire occurred in the court house, the sheriff's office, barristers' room and part of the basement being more or less damaged. With the usual result upon examination it was found that the damage done by fire was less than that by water. An amicable adjustment was arrived at with the insurance underwriters and the expense of repairs was practically met by the insurance paid. In connection therewith, I desire to call your attention to the advisability of placing more insurance on the court house property. It may not be considered a hazardous risk but the experience of last August proves that it did take fire and may do so again, and in case of being entirely consumed the county would sustain a loss of some \$5,000 or \$20,000, unless the amount of insurance now existing is increased.

Preservation of Records.

Permit me also to say that in my opinion some provision should be made for the safe keeping of the county records which, in case of a fire occurring at the back of the building at the present time, would likely be entirely destroyed. I also wish to remark that the vault in the registry of deeds, in case of fire, would likely be insufficient to protect the books and records of that office from destruction, in which case much confusion with regard to titles to property would result and in some cases irreparable injury

done. I would recommend an expert examination of the several vaults of the building. The interior of the building is in good repair, but I find it will be necessary during the coming summer to repair the roof point the stone work and do other necessary repairs to the outside. I would request the finance committee to keep those matters in view when preparing the estimates for the present year.

The Road Question.

is one ever present and of increasing importance. During the past autumn a rock crushing plant with steam power attachment was at work on the Bedford road in district 15. About a mile of road was put in a very satisfactory state of repair, and demonstrated that by the use of such a plant a most efficient serviceable and durable road can be built, and that if applied to our principal highways it would immeasurably enhance the value of property and perhaps solve the problem of keeping our young people at home on the farm. From the expense attending the making of the piece of road mentioned it is clear that

The Cost Per Mile

for building a road with a crusher would be between \$400 and \$600 according to locality. Under the existing conditions there are not more than half a dozen districts out of the thirty-one comprising the municipality which would be able to build a mile of road each year. How can this financial difficulty be met? I could offer suggestions along that line, but as this council has no power to deal with the matter, I do not consider it within my province to mention them.

I beg to refer to the demise of His Honor Judge Johnston which took place on the 20th of November last. The relations between the learned Judge and this council were uniformly harmonious and pleasant and we will miss his familiar presence. I suggest that a resolution of condolence be passed and a copy thereof forwarded to the bereaved family.

I call your attention to Chapter 2 of the Acts 1900, known as

The Smaller Bridges Act

and would request you to peruse the same carefully. Also to Chapter 38 of the Acts 1900 entitled "An Act for the protection of Sheep" By that Act any

person may kill any dog worrying or terrifying sheep, or found at certain hours on farms where sheep are kept.

Provision is also made for recovery from the owner of any dog destroying sheep of the value of the same. Such an act was very much needed especially in agricultural districts, as heretofore the owners of sheep could obtain little or no redress.

Attention is also directed to an act passed in 1899 creating a

New Municipal District

which embraces Moose River and Caribou which will thus add another councillor to our already large council. It seems to me if the number of councillors were reduced to fifteen or twenty it would be greatly to the advantage of the county and the despatch of business.

By legislation last year the power of appointment of stipendiary magistrates was taken away from the municipal councils. I beg to advise you that Stipendiary McDougall has been reappointed by the governor-in-council.

The appointment of inspector of licenses for the municipality is now an annual one, the law having been changed to that effect during the last session of the legislature. In consequence of such change the warden did not consider it necessary to call for his resignation as promised.

The Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, sixth series, will come in force on the 1st of February next. At the April session the bye-laws made under the authority of such statutes will be laid before you for your consideration.

Miscellaneous.

I would ask the finance committee in making up the estimates to make adequate provision for the several services as it was found that the expenditure in connection with the poor farm and crown prosecutions exceeded the amounts allotted.

The matter of the encroachment on the highway by Henry Baker in district 31 has been made the subject of a special report by the warden which will be laid before you.

I would report that the final payment of debentures in relation to the poor farm was made in December last.

In conclusion, gentlemen of the council, permit me to express the hope that you will proceed with despatch to dispose of the several matters to come before you for consideration, and that

you will bring to the performance of your somewhat onerous duties your best efforts. I ask you to make such necessary provision for the different services as will enable the business of the municipality to be carried on with satisfaction both to you and your constituents.

At the session of the Halifax county council on Tuesday, besides other business already reported, the following resolution was moved by Councillor Flemming, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and passed:

That the report of Simeon Hiltz, chief inspector of licenses be adopted. Following is the report:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following report on application for licenses to sell spirituous and intoxicating liquors for ensuing license year. The following applications have been received in accordance with the liquor license act of 1895 and amendments thereto, viz.:

Angus Bowser, Riverside Hotel, St. Margaret's Bay, district 12.

Arthur Wyatt, Lakeview House, St. Margaret's Bay, district 13.

Richard Sheppard, New Hawthorne, St. Margaret's Bay, district 13.

W. F. Esdale, Hotel Florence, Bedford, district 15.

The petitions of the above applicants are in accordance with the license act, and there have been no objections made to the applications, or to the granting of the licenses to them. The homes and premises are in good condition, and as far as I am aware are patronized by a good class of people. I believe the applicants to be persons of good character and fit to have a license, recommend the granting to them their respective licenses.

All of which is respectively submitted.

Edmund Creighton, Bedford, has also applied for a license, but he has been fined for keeping liquor for sale by retail without the license therefore by law required on the premises for which application has been made. For this reason I am unable to recommend the granting of a license to him. I find that the application is correct, and was signed by the requisite number of rate-payers. (Signed.) SIMEON HILTZ,
Chief License Inspector.

West Lawrencetown, Dec. 31, 1900.

The licenses reported on favorably were granted by the council.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Halifax county council resumed this morning but almost immediately afterwards adjourned in honor of the home-coming South African soldiers.

At the afternoon session the tender of The Herald to publish a report of the proceedings of the council was accepted.

At the afternoon session Richard Burbridge, chief county constable, reported that he had received for civil, criminal, and outside cases the amount of one hundred dollars and thirty-five cents for the year ended December 31. Adopted.

District 31. Incroachment on highway by Henry Baker.

The following from Warden Wilson, was read: There seems well authenticated history that within some 30 years or more the road was located where Mr. Baker now has his fence. That for some reason not very clear it was desired to swing the road further to the north, and Mr. Shields, who owned the property on north side, gave the ground on which to construct the new road and that such new road was built, some 300 feet or more in length—diverting from the straight old road in the form of an ellipse—not over four rods in the widest place from said old road and gradually joining it again at each end.

It is further stated that the material of which the old road was composed (or at least a portion of it) was dug up and conveyed over to build the new road with, also that a further portion of the old road material was taken by the asylum for insane, being good road gravel, but for all these purposes only a little more than half of the old road was carried away and the present indications of a portion of the old highway, and the embankment on the south side go to substantiate this contention.

During the intervening years the site of the old road has grown up with trees and brush more or less.

It is further stated that some years after the new road was built and the old one gone out of use, the then owner of the land on the south side (the present Baker property) attempted to enclose the abandoned road into his own property and did build a fence thereon, and there are still evidences of such old fence, but that the then road authorities objected and caused him to remove such fence and go back to his original line and it is not contended by any one so far as I can find

that any one has claimed or enclosed such old road or any part of it until in 1899 Mr. Henry Baker built a fence inclosing such old road, or rather adding it in with his other enclosed land.

The alleged encroachment was made a matter of investigation before the council and an order made to have the fence removed off of what was claimed to be public highway property.

In accordance therewith instructions were issued the supervisor of district 31 to serve notice on Mr. Baker to remove the fence, which he did, but Mr. Baker refused to do so.

Authority was subsequently issued to the supervisor to remove it, and he proceeded to the place for that purpose, but after consultation with Mr. Baker he determined not to do it then but seek further advice from the warden, who advised not to take action till further orders, and in mean time he, the warden, visited Mr. Baker and suggested a compromise which at the time had every prospect of being arranged. Mr. Baker merely asking time to consider and would report. After some weeks the warden again interviewed Mr. Baker and received a positive refusal to remove his fence, or accept any compromise, declaring that his legal position was good and he would maintain it.

Seeing that a law suit was inevitable if the fence were disturbed the warden took the time and was at considerable trouble to investigate the case and see if the county's position were tenable and even got the county stipendiary magistrate to go and visit the locality and obtain evidence in the case. An amount of conflicting information was obtained and further delay resulted through a proposal from Mr. Baker to enter into an engagement to effect that he would remove the fence whenever the council might decide that they wanted the ground for straightening or improving the road, but when the warden presented a draft copy of a document for his approval he flatly declared he would not sign any bond, whereupon all further negotiations ceased.

While endeavoring to fortify the position of the county in case it came to a legal contest, I also sought to learn Mr. Baker's position, and so far I have only learned that he bases his right upon his title that on this north side of his property he is bounded by the highway and that the highway follows the circular course of the present road allowing 66 feet wide, and does not include the abandoned disputed portion. What other special claims he may have up his sleeve I know not but the coun-

ty's position or claim is that Mr. Shields owned the land on the north side and gave it for the purpose of deflecting the road, that the property on the south was bounded by the then, or old road, and that the owner there of never got a right or permission to appropriate the old road, but, in fact, was debarred from doing so when he attempted it. That Baker, the present owner, never got any such rights, that in moving his fence onto the site of the old road he did so without authority or permission and is a trespasser on the property of the county.

All these various negotiations and considerations necessarily deferred the matter well up to the end of the year, and seeing a law suit inevitable if we proceeded to enforce a removal I naturally hesitated even though, as far as I could ascertain, we had a good case, but the laws uncertainties are proverbial.

The absolute need of the ground for highway purposes is not so important as the principle involved of permitting a person to encroach upon; to enclose; or to lay claim to; public property and permitting him possession thereof; for if this were carried out to a logical conclusion it would establish the right of any person to so encroach upon the road as to narrow it down to a mere wheel track and without title to hold it by force and eventually by possession.

I had decided, however, to have the fence removed about the 20th December but the accident which happened to me on the 17th ult. prevented me from carrying out my intention, so that the fence is still in the same position.

I, therefore, hand the matter with the information obtained by me over to the council for their consideration, and would suggest that a decision be arrived at as soon as possible after the first sitting, in order that should it be so determined the deputy warden may instruct the supervisor of district 31, Frederick Cooper, to remove the fence forthwith and report his action thereon before the close of the session. The supervisor has already received the warden's authority to take action in the premises.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Negus, and passed:

Whereas, a special committee at the session of this council, after investigation of the matter of the complaint against Henry Baker regarding alleged encroachment by him on the public road or highway known as the Cole Harbor road in district 31 in this muni-

cipality, did report that the said Henry Baker never had nor had he then any right or claim whatever to fence or enclose the said road or highway, and by said report recommended that steps be taken to compel him to remove the fence he had placed across the said road or highway, and also any other obstacles he may place thereafter on said road;

And, whereas, by resolution of this council, the said report of such committee was received and adopted, and it was also resolved that immediate steps be taken to enforce the recommendations of said committee, and that the fence erected by Mr. Baker be removed, and also that all obstructions and encroachments by him be removed;

And, whereas the said Henry Baker has refused to remove said fence and continues the obstruction, and no steps have been taken to carry out the resolution of this council, or to enforce the same:

Be it therefore resolved, that this council reaffirms the said resolution passed at its last session in relation to said fence and obstruction and hereby authorizes, empowers and instructs the deputy warden to at once issue instructions and order to Frederick Cooper, the supervisor of roads for such district 31, to immediately remove that portion of the fence of the said Henry Baker that encroaches of said public road or highway, and also all obstructions placed by said Baker on said road or highway.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, and seconded by Councillor J. H. Walsh:

That the deputy warden be empowered by this council to authorize the supervisor of roads in district 31 to remove the obstacles on the main post road now placed there by one Henry Baker. Passed.

Road Section No. 1.

Moved by Councillor Flemming, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and passed:

Whereas road section No. 1 in district 18 has but short mileage and dense population and contributes more road taxes than is necessary to keep the roads within that road section in order.

And, whereas road section No. 2 in said district is but sparsely settled and has not sufficient means to maintain the roads within such section in a proper state of repair.

Therefore resolved, that road sections 1 and 2 in said district be merged into one road section to be known as road section A, from and after the date of this resolution.

Chief County Constable

Richard Burbidge applied for the position of chief county constable for the ensuing year. It was moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Hall, that Mr. Burbidge be appointed at the same salary as last year.

Moved by James Billman, seconded by Thomas Dauphinee that Duncan McDougall receive \$50 as an assistant county constable, as it is necessary to have an officer of this kind in the absence of the chief.

Purcell's Cove Ferry.

The following was read:

Whereas Charles Purcell and Robert Purcell, of Purcell's Cove, in the county of Halifax, ferrymen, are in receipt of an annual grant of \$60 for maintaining the ferry from Point Pleasant to Purcell's Cove; and whereas the said sum is insufficient remuneration for the services of the said Charles Purcell and Robert Purcell in conducting said ferry, it is hereby resolved that the said annual grant of \$60 be increased to the sum of \$100 per year.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor A. Webber, and passed:

That this council recommend a further grant of \$40 to Charles and Robert Purcell from the local government for ferrying between Point Pleasant and Purcell's Cove, as it is one of great importance to some of our western districts, and the amount received is inadequate.

Nominating Committee.

Your committee beg to report the following for standing committees for the present year, viz.:

Hospital for insane—Councillors Selars, O'Leary, Walsh, Lydiard, Flemming and Munro.

Assessments—Councillors O'Leary, Hall, Burris, Stewart, C. Dauphinee, Moren.

Roads and bridges—Councillors Henley, Stewart, Flemming, Webber, Selars, Bartlett, I. Dauphinee.

License—Councillors Butler, Scott, Gladwin, Vaughan, Lapierre and A. F. Smith.

Public property—Councillors Lydiard, C. E. Smith, Billman, Munro, C. Dauphinee, Raine.

Finance—Councillors Shatford, Billman, Burris, C. E. Smith, Henley, Butler.

Jury lists—Councillors Bartlett and Negus.

Law amendments—Councillors Negus, Shatford, Walsh, Gladwin, Webber and Moren.

Poor—Councillors I. Dauphinee, A. F. Smith, Johnston, Cole, Hayes and Hall.

(Signed) C. E. SMITH,
W. CHARLES HENLEY,
LINDSAY MOREN,
JOHN BURRIS,
A. A. SCOTT,
S. W. LYDIARD,
A. H. GLADWIN,
ISAAC DAUPHINDE.

On motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Negus, the report was adopted.

Report of County Stipendiary.

The report of the county stipendiary was presented as follows:

To his honor the warden and members of the municipal council for the municipality of Halifax county:

The stipendiary magistrate begs leave to submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1900:

Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31,	\$47.98
Fees collected for the quarter ending June 30th	66.00
Fees collected for the quarter ending September 30th	90.05
Fees collected for the quarter ending December 31st	56.90
	\$260.93
License fees received	\$44.00
Fines paid license inspector	180.00
Fines paid county treasurer	50.50
Total amount of fines imposed (liquor cases)	\$475.00
Total amount of fines imposed (other cases)	76.00
Total	\$551.00

Number of trials and convictions (liquor cases)	12
Number of trials and convictions (other cases)	33
Total	45

The stipendiary wishes to state in explanation of the fees of office being about \$50 less than last year that a large amount of work was done by him for the municipality in criminal and other matters which if charged up against the municipality would largely increase the amount of fees over last year. Only a portion of such fees were so charged. Also that the amount of fees charged do not, represent the

amount of work done, as in some cases where he was engaged for two or three days such work is only represented by a charge of \$2. He would also state that in quite a number of criminal cases where he could not act as stipendiary, he attended to them as a justice of the peace, and yet no fees were charged as otherwise the county would be compelled to pay them. A considerable number of disputes and complaints have been settled without the issue of legal papers. This has been done in cases where the parties concerned were relatives or neighbors, while in other cases this course was followed where the usual procedure would under the law as it now stands cost the county for constables and witness fees a large amount. The county has been saved in this way \$200, and yet justice in these matters has been done to the parties concerned. In the cases referred to, no fees were chargeable, and yet the county benefitted by the course pursued.

Every effort has been made by advice to supervisors and roadmasters and by letters and warrants to enforce payment of the road taxes and to make the act work as smoothly as possible.

The stipendiary is glad to be able to state that during the past year this municipality has been free from any very serious crimes. In some districts where petty offences have been prevalent, measures were taken with a view to prevent their repetition. He also desires to make mention of the uniform kindness and courtesy shown him by his honor the warden, the municipal councillors, clerk and treasurer during the year.

JOHN McDOUGALL,
Stipendiary Magistrate.

The council adjourned to 10.30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The municipal council resumed its session Thursday morning at 10.30. All the councillors were present. The minutes of Wednesday afternoon's session were read and approved.

It was moved by Councillor Negus, and seconded by Councillor Gladwin,

That William Mosher and George F. Rowes be appointed as arbitrators to lay out a new piece of road from Mink Brook Bridge to Cole Harbor Dyke Bridge in district 33.

Councillor Sellars said he had heard that the beach on the east side of Cole Harbor had been carried away by the action of the sea. He thought it was

unwise to lay out the road as it would cost \$100 to replace the beach.

Councillor Negus pointed out that that had nothing to do with appointing arbitrators in his district. He had been told that the break was gradually filling in again.

Councillor Selars explained that he did not object to appointing the men.

The deputy warden said that there was always a difficulty in placing roads near the sea.

Councillor Shatford said it was the case in all districts. Every big storm cost from \$10 to \$30 to clear the roads again.

After this discussion the resolution was passed.

Deputy Warden Madill spoke of the necessity of appointing a new revisor in his district in place of Frank Blake, and recommended Peter Tully. It was moved by Councillor Shatford and seconded by Councillor Bartlett, that Peter Tully be appointed revisor. The resolution was passed.

County Constables.

The following application for county constable was submitted by George Innes, Halifax:

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to apply for re-election as county constable, having served as such for the last six years, G. S. INNIS, County Constable.

Councillor Henley thought the appointment of so many constables was unfair to those who were working without salary. He could not understand the necessity for such a large number of constables. If there were to be so many, let them all be on the same footing, or have it arranged that a certain number, say three, should collect fees.

Councillor Shatford said he could see no impropriety in having a large number of constables. They cost the county nothing, and for the last twenty years they had had a large number.

The county clerk thought the appointment of so many constables in the city made the constables throughout the county neglectful of their duty.

A motion by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Gladwin, to the effect that G. T. Innis be appointed as constable was on standing vote of the council, lost.

Councillor Webber moved, and J. Dauphinee seconded:

That Harry Wright be appointed county constable for the ensuing year without salary.

Councillor Bartlett asked in view of the non-appointment of G. T. Innis,

why one constable should be appointed more than another.

Councillor Shatford pointed out that Harry Wright had been a constable for twenty years and could hardly be done without.

Councillor Negus thought it was not fair to appoint one constable and not another.

After further remarks by the chairman and Councillor Hall, the resolution was passed.

Councillor Shatford pointed out that a constable appointed in any district was constable for the whole county.

Moved by Councillor Henley, and seconded by Councillor Butler:

That no more county constables be appointed this year for the county who are residents of the city of Halifax. Passed.

Councillor Flemming moved, and Councillor Moren seconded:

That the piece of road extending from Mrs Stricton's corner to powder mill bridge be made a separate road section, and be known as road No 16 in district No. 17, and that William Morrell be overseer of the same. Passed.

License Inspector.

The financial report of the inspector of licenses was read by the clerk, also the list of convictions and on motion of Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Gladwin, were referred to the finance committee.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hall, that the appointment of license inspector be taken up Tuesday. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, and seconded by Councillor O. Dauphinee:

That Councillors C. E. Smith, Henley and Butler be appointed a committee to read the minutes before going to press. Passed.

The Health Report.

Health report from district 16 was read as follows:

To the warden and councillors of the municipality of Halifax, we the health officers of district 16, in the county of Halifax, beg to submit the following report:

Total number of deaths for year ending December 31st, 1900, 16. District at present in a tolerably healthy condition. TREMAINE THOMPSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

District 30 reported no cases of fever during the year, and 8 deaths.

Councillors Negus and Shatford and the deputy warden reported that the health of their districts was good.

These sanitary reports were passed. Councillor Butler asked how local expenses in connection with sanitary inspection in the different districts were to be paid.

County Clerk Wiswell explained that any expenses incurred were to be paid by the council after the items had been carefully examined and approved. He then brought to the attention of the council an act passed at the last meeting of the legislature whereby:

1. Every municipal council, at its annual meeting, and every town council at its first meeting after the annual election of councillors shall appoint a duly qualified medical practitioner as health officer for the municipality or town.

2. The appointment of such health officer shall be for one year, and he shall be paid a salary of one hundred dollars by the municipality or town.

3. If any municipal or town council neglect or refuses to appoint such health officer, and to give notice of such appointment to the provincial secretary within 30 days after the date of the meeting fixed for such appointment, the governor-in-council may appoint such health officer, and the health officer so appointed shall have the same powers, duties and privileges as if he had been appointed by the municipal or town council.

The duties of such a health officer were also read.

Councillor Shatford thought this statute would take the power of the councillors away.

Councillor Henley suggested that a resolution be drawn up to ask the government to repeal this law, as there were boards of health and sanitary inspectors all through the county.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Butler, that the matter be referred to the law amendments committee.

Creighton's License Withheld.

The matter of a license for Edmund A. Creighton, of Bedford, was they discussed.

Moved by Councillor Henley and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That the application for license to sell intoxicating liquors by E. Creighton be not granted as the granting of

the same would be contrary to the statutes.

The deputy warden refused at first to put the motion.

Councillor Butler pointed out that convictions against Mr. Creighton were under the name Edward Creighton, and application had been made by Edmund A. Creighton, and that Mr. Creighton should have the benefit of the doubt.

Councillor Shatford said that the councillors came there not to discuss the liquor license question but to carry out the law, and they could not carry out the law if they granted this license upon which the inspector had reported unfavorably.

Councillors C. E. Smith, Bartlett, and O'Leary' though the resolution should be put to the meeting. On a unanimous vote the resolution passed.

Councillor Shatford said he wished to call attention to the cattle pound at Bedford, the fence of which had been burned; and pointed out that it was a great nuisance to residents and summer visitors to have cattle roaming around at large in that district.

A resolution that the following bye-law be added to existing bye-laws relating to animals was passed.

"Horses and cattle shall not be allowed to run at large in district No. 15, and the pound now erected on Morrison's property at Bedford in said district, is hereby declared to be a public or common pound for said district."

A petition from citizens of Bedford asking that this resolution be not passed, on motion of Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Lydtard, was laid on the table.

The council adjourned to meet at 2.30.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The council opened at 2.30 o'clock, p. m. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following petition was read by County Clerk Wiswell:

To the warden and members of the council for the municipality of Halifax county:

The petition of Edmund P. Allison, of Halifax, in the county of Halifax, solicitor, humbly sheweth:

1. That your petitioner represented certain persons who are desirous of establishing mills and grain elevators within the county of Halifax on the shore of Halifax harbor, which will necessitate an outlay of at least seventy-

five thousand dollars (\$75,000), for buildings and plant alone, and will employ from thirty to forty hands in the actual working operation of the plant.

2. That the municipality of Halifax county now received annually in taxes from the property on which such industrial establishment will be situated an amount under ten dollars (\$10.00) per year.

3. That your petitioner requests on behalf of the persons represented by him, that your honorable council may see fit to aid the proposed enterprise by granting an exemption from taxes on all property owned by the company for a period of twenty-five years; it being understood, however, that taxes shall be paid on dwellings owned by the company while the same are occupied by tenants.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray,

EDMUND P. ALLISON,

Dated at Halifax this 9th day of January, A. D. 1901.

Exemption on Flour Mills and Elevator.

Discussion on the petition followed. Councillor Butler thought that as the properties were yielding the small amounts to the county of \$6.50, \$8, or \$9, a nominal tax should be made.

Councillor O'Leary thought that if a company started an industry to improve the county it should be exempted from taxation.

Councillor Billman replied that this council was not in a position to exempt any property from taxation. It could only be recommended to the legislature. He thought that any buildings outside the proposed plant should be subject to taxation.

Councillor C. E. Smith argued against exemption from taxation, and said that probably the industries would start any way.

Councillor Butler thought the council would be very foolish to lose the benefit of an expenditure of \$75,000 or \$80,000 for the sake of a small tax.

Councillor Billman stated that if encouragement was not given to the company to start in the county they would locate in the city.

After further discussion Councillor Shafford moved, and Councillor Bartlett seconded:

That this council grant the petition re flour mill, with the exception that the term be 12 years, instead of 25 years; on mill, elevator and machinery.

Exemption for Ten Years.

Councillor Billman moved the following amendment, seconded by Councillor Henley:

That Mr. Allison's petition be granted with the exception that 10 years be substituted for 25 years, which shall exempt elevator, mill and machinery. The amendment was carried.

Miscellaneous.

A petition and counter-petition signed by a number of the rate-payers of district No. 35, asking for a public highway from a point on the Musquodoboit River through the lands of Sinclair Murchy to the Guysboro road, distance of about one half mile, were read.

After a short discussion and explanation by Councillor Gladwin, it was moved by Councillor Gladwin, and seconded by Councillor J. H. Sellars:

That the two petitions referring to a proposed road through Murchy's farm in district 35, go before the road and bridge committee. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Jas. H. Sellars, and seconded by Councillor Henley:

That A. W. Smith, the janitor of the county court house building, be appointed constable in and around the building. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Burreis and seconded by Councillor James H. Sellars:

That road sections 9 and 10 in district 21, being small and sparsely settled, be united and known as section No. 10. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Charles Raine, seconded by Councillor Lydiard:

That road section No. 8 in district 13, be extended from George Umlah's gate to the Prospect road, that is in no section at present. Passed.

A letter was read from A. J. Reid stating that he had been assessed for income in addition to the regular property tax, and that his over-assessment amounted to \$600.

After discussion Councillor Butler moved, and Councillor Bartlett seconded:

That the matter of Mr. Reid's assessment in district 21, be referred to the assessment committee. The motion was carried.

Councillor Henley read chapter 23 from the statutes of Nova Scotia, containing an act for the improvement and better maintenance of certain roads, and called attention to the facts therein contained.

Councillor C. E. Smith referred to a \$2,000 loan that was to be given to his district for a new road. After putting men to work he found that the council had made no provision for getting the money from the legislature. He brought this to the notice of the council in order that steps might be taken at the ensuing sitting of the legislature for the borrowing of the amount.

A communication from Messrs. John Stephen and Albert Stuart directed the attention of the council to the unsafe state of the road between Fall River and Waverley, alleged to be due to an overflow of water from the sluice and trench of the Waverley gold mining company. Water from the sluice forms masses of overhanging ice on the mountain alongside the road liable to loosen by a thaw. Ice also forms on the road, so the writers state, making "sliding" so treacherous for sleighs.

On motion of Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Henley, it was resolved:

That the petition of Mr. Stewart and others be referred to the roads and bridges committee. Passed.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Henley:

That all the portion of road in district 13, from George Merlin's southern line of fence to the Grand Lake bridge be handed over to district 9 and that legislation for that purpose be asked. The motion was carried.

The council adjourned to meet at 10.30 Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The council resumed its session at 10.30 Friday morning with 31 councillors present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The first business of the morning was the reading of the county treasurer's report, which was as follows:

County Treasurer's Report.

The municipality of Halifax county in account with the county treasurer for the year ended December 31, 1900:

Expenditure:

County court house:	
Current expenses and repair to building by fire	\$2,503.50
Interest on loan of 1882	1,025.00
Interest on loan of 1899	280.00
Loan No. 2 Halifax Banking Co., 1st instalment sinking fund	368.42
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	\$4,176.92

County jail, current expenses	2,425.36
Poor farm, current expenses ..	4,744.95
Debenture No. 6 and interest ..	525.00
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	\$5,269.25

Judicial accounts, viz:—

Grand jury and secretary	45 70
Petit juries	785 79
Special juries	144 80
Sheriff's accounts	1,031.03
Criminal prosecutions	1,391.50
Crier's supreme and county courts	1,287.50
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	\$4,687.32

Salaries:—

County clerk, \$1,200; county treasurer, \$600	\$1,800.00
County stipendiary, \$950.04; chief county constable, \$300 ..	1,250 04
The warden and county councillors, 2 sessions	1,365.00
Coroner's inquests, \$124 50; medical examiner's account \$640.35	764.85
Assessors, \$40; revisor's of electoral lists, \$219.30;	699 30
Revisors of jury lists	43 86
Collector's commissions 1898-99-00	846.89
County auditors, \$40; custodian of draw bridges, \$70;	110.00
Bounties—13 bears, \$26; 52 wild cats, \$39;	65 00
Advances for poor to districts	33.85
Right of way for new road, district No. 24	42.50
Inspector of licenses, Simeon Hiltz	411 75
Bus subsidy, district No. 14	150.00
Printing and stationery, \$547.12; postage and telegrams, \$51.61	598.73
Contingent account, paid Indian famine fund, etc.	\$207.46
Paid legal expenses re rate collections	\$ 27.12
Paid expense conveying insane to asylum	\$ 16.52
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	\$251.10

Commissioner of public charities account insane	3,230 33
Medical certificates for insane ..	45.00
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	\$3,275.33

Government road grant—Paid 288 supervisors returns	8,872.61
Lakeview road—Paid return Supervisor Fenerty, balance ..	50.00
School grants—Paid county grants to trustees 130 school sections	8,210.98
To balance on deposit Halifax Banking Co	2,698.12

On deposit Union Bank of Halifax	257.83
Cash on hand	423.06
	<u>\$3,379.01</u>
Total	<u>\$48,780.65</u>

Received on account insane pau- pers	352.55
Court House—From Lancashire and Phoenix Fire Insurance Cos., appraised damage by fire	780.00
Government road and bridge grant, 1900, from provincial cashier	8,978.94
	<u>\$39,996.13</u>

Receipts.

By balance from account Dec. 31, 1899	\$8,784.52
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Assessments received:—

City of Halifax, balance 1898-99	2,639.87
City of Halifax, account 1899-00	1,490.66
City of Halifax, account 1900-01	5,759.15
	<u>\$9,889.68</u>

Town of Dartmouth, 1900	577.60
On account settlement April, '99	500.00
One years' interest on \$1,000 @ 6 per cent	60.00
	<u>\$1,137.60</u>

County districts:—

On account deficits, 1895-6-7-8	160.42
On account deficits 1899	1,334.93
On account 1900	14,800.91
	<u>\$16,296.26</u>

By interest on \$3,000 for 111 days on deposit receipt in Halifax Banking Co.	31.35
County jail—Sale of Oakum, etc.	263.25
W. L. Malcom, jailor, room rents, etc.	22.60
	<u>\$285.85</u>

County poor farm:—

Received from districts account paupers	1,584.14
Received from J. M. Henneberry, sup.intendent, for rents, board, sale of cow, barrels, etc	107.28
	<u>\$1,691.42</u>

Inspector of licenses, from Sim- eon Hiltz	20.80
County stipendiary:—	
Fees of office, 1900	260.93
Pellars' and ferry licenses ..	4.00
Fines in 14 cases	50.50
	<u>\$351.43</u>

Magistrates' fines, per Justice Kirker and McPherson	43.00
Prothonotary deposits special juries	125.00
Fines county court	12.75
	<u>\$137.75</u>

Total	\$48,780.65
December 31. By balance at credit of county	\$3,379.01

PARKER ARCHIBALD,
County Treasurer.

Appended to the report was the following statement of W. C. Bishop and S. S. Scott, auditors:

"We have examined books, documents and vouchers, representing the foregoing statement of the treasurer of the county of Halifax, and certify to their correctness."

Councillor Shatford congratulated Treasurer Parker Archibald, on the accuracy of the report, and the systematic manner in which the account had been kept.

Costly Criminal Prosecutions.

Councillor Henley asked why the expense for criminal prosecution should be so large this year. It had been steadily increasing since 1893, and it was unwise to allow such an increase of expenditure over the estimate.

Councillor Shatford thought that in many cases the county was charged with expenses that should be paid by the province and that vigilance was needed to ensure the bringing of no cases unnecessarily to this county for trial.

County Treasurer Parker Archibald gave some of the reasons why the expenditure was so large. In nine months of this year over 100 criminal cases were tried before Judge Johnston—a very large number. On one occasion when the court met its sessions were prolonged from day to day waiting for one of the parties out on bail, which delay cost the county from \$60 to \$75. An act had been passed last winter by which witness and constable fees were paid before parties were sent up for trial. This, too, had been paid by the county.

Stipendiary McDougall informed the council that by an act of 1900 the county council was liable for expenses

incurred at the preliminary hearing before the magistrate, as well as for trial before the judge. He was taking steps to have the stipendiary magistrate empowered to deal with cases, with power to sentence and thus summarily dispose of a large number of smaller cases, and considerably lessen costs to the county.

Pedlars' Licenses.

Councillor C. E. Smith called attention to the amount received from pedlars' fees and to the great number of pedlars throughout the county selling without a license. He suggested that a constable be appointed in each district to enquire into the licenses of pedlars.

Councillor Shatford advocated the appointment of an officer to undertake this work for the whole county.

Councillor Henley pointed out that the difficulty in arresting pedlars was due to the existing law, which necessitated delay, and thus gave the pedlars a chance to get some hundred miles away before a summons could be issued.

County Clerk Wiswell read the bye-law in reference to pedlars. Further debate on this subject was deferred till the afternoon.

Moved by Councillor Gladwin, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, that the treasurer's report be received and adopted. Passed.

Petition from Greenhead.

A petition was read from residents at Greenhead in district 13, stating that part of the road leading from St. Margaret's Bay Road to Greenhead was exceedingly steep and hilly, so that it was impossible to go over the road with more than half a load with horse and team, and in consequence of said road some of the residents had removed from that district. The petitioners asked that \$300 be expended to make about one mile and a half of new road, which already had been marked out, and \$40 expended thereon.

On motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hall, the petition was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Condolence with the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Gladwin:

Whereas this council has learned of the serious and painful accident which happened to his honor, Warden B. C.

Wilson, who, as councillor and warden, had performed his duties with signal ability, and with the utmost courtesy and kindness to the inestimable benefit of the municipality; resolved, that this council expresses its appreciation of his honor the warden and its heartfelt sympathy with him in his illness and hope that he will soon be restored to health. Passed.

County Jail Physician's Report.

Doctor Trenamen, physician to the county jail, reported as follows:

I beg to submit my annual report of the sanitary condition of the county jail and its inmates for the year ending December 31st, 1900. There was the usual number of cases requiring treatment during the year, many of them for minor troubles. The number of those committed for drunkenness was smaller than that of the previous year, being 29 as against 35 for 1899. Only one case calls for special mention. John Myers, who although committed for larceny, was suffering from alcoholism when admitted, and developed severe delirium tremens on the second day of his incarceration. His case became so serious, that on my order he was sent to the Victoria general hospital, where wards by the city stipendiary magistrate, exonerated the jail officials of any blame, and pronounced his death as due to alcoholism only.

A death occurred in the jail on August 25th. Robert Johnson, a colored prisoner, and a subject of epilepsy, was seized with violent epileptic fits, from which he never rallied, and died in a few hours without regaining consciousness.

There was but one case of insanity, admitted during the year, on May 28th. The man improved so much that after a short confinement he was sufficiently well, to be handed over to the care of his friends.

The following prisoners, under sentence to Dorchester penitentiary, were granted "clean bills of health," which accompanied them to that institution.

On February 17th, George Renner, Peter Power, Henry Corbin.

April 13th, Joseph Dunn, Wm. Doyle, Wm. Boutiller.

April 30th, Robert Riley, Thos. Connors, Thos. Sullivan.

June 29th, Frank Prossio.

July 31st, Frank Martin, Thos. Riley, Robert Smith, Brandon Nesbitt, Wilby the medical examiner, and after-William Waldron.

September 8th, Chas. Corkum, Mary he subsequently died. An investigation waiker, Annie Haverstock.

The sanitary condition of the jail building has continued good during the year. The employment which your council found for the sentenced prisoners and which has been continued uninterruptedly to the present, has had a marked effect upon the character and conduct of the prisoners, as well as upon their general health.

The building has been kept in a clean and healthy condition, its corridors and cells have been kept thoroughly lime washed. The food supplied has been of good quality and well cooked, and the jailor, turnkey and matron have been considerate in their attendance to the needs of the prisoners. Respectfully submitted.

THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D.,

Physician to the County Jail

The report was referred to the committee on public property.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Walsh that Dr. Trenaman be re-appointed surgeon to county jail for 1901 at usual salary. Passed.

Poor Farm Physician's Report.

Dr. Cunningham, physician of the county poor farm, reported as follows:

In placing before you my annual report, I beg to say that in the main the health of the inmates of the county poor farm during the past year was good. There were no epidemics, and the deaths occurring in the institution were largely among those who were previously diseased.

I have to report ten deaths for the year 1900, as follows:

Tubercular phthisis	3
Heart disease	3
Paralysis ..	2
Old age	2

I desire to point out in the above list of causes of death that three were due directly to tubercular phthisis, or consumption of the lungs.

It is now well-known and universally admitted this disease is contagious,

that is, directly communicable from one person to another, and especially in cases where the well occupy the same apartments as the sick.

Now at the county poor farm we are unable to separate the sick from the well for want of room, and particularly is this the case in their sleeping apartments, thus the well and healthy are liable to become infected by those who are diseased.

This being the case I would strongly recommend the erection of another building or ward, to which the sick could be transferred, and the dangers mentioned above be largely obviated.

In addition to this, when the sick and the well occupy the same sleeping apartments, the sick have their rest at night more or less disturbed by the movements of the well.

This disturbance of the night's rest is an exceedingly important matter to the sick, so much so, that I need not dwell upon it here.

The wards and the sleeping apartments have been kept clean and well aired. The beds and bedding have always been scrupulously clean and neat.

I cannot close this report without some reference to Mr. and Mrs. Heneberry.

And I must bear witness to their marked kindness to all the inmates of the institution, and their untiring efforts for the welfare of the sick.

N. F. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 7.

Moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Gladwin that Dr. Cunningham be re-appointed as physician to the Halifax county poor farm at the same salary as last year. Passed. The council adjourned till 2.30 in the afternoon.

County Rates Deficits.

The following statement of County rates deficits was read by County Clerk Wiswell, and on motion of Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, was received and adopted.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY RATES FOR 1900.

	Assessment 1900.	Paid to Dec. 31, 1900.	Deficit.	Remarks.
District 7	\$187.93	\$187.93	....
District 8	158.14	126.37	\$31.77	Warrant outstanding.
District 9	180.74	179.34	1.40	
District 10	222.92	173.31	49.61	Warrant outstanding.
District 11	331.14	331.14	....
District 12	300.81	299.97	.84	Not collected.
District 13	243.88	234.72	9.16	Part of this will be paid.
District 14	898.26	834.46	63.80	Wrong assessments.
District 15	1332.64	1,102.30	230.34	Warrant outstanding.
District 16	339.27	333.33	5.94	Part of this may be collected.
District 17	1042.49	929.53	112.96	Warrant outstanding.
District 18	747.91	651.12	96.79	Warrant outstanding.
District 19	622.74	620.85	1.89	Uncollectable.
District 20	365.07	339.77	25.30	Wrong assessments.
District 21	919.19	757.02	162.17	In collector's hands.
District 22	805.07	689.68	115.39	All paid since but \$9.74.
District 23	111.48	109.24	2.24	Uncollectable.
District 24	440.54	436.97	3.57	Uncollectable.
District 25	666.82	526.95	139.87	Warrant outstanding.
District 26	546.88	501.49	45.39	All paid since but \$14.00.
District 27	781.53	769.56	11.97	Part of this will be got.
District 28	501.42	487.02	14.40	Wrong assessment.
District 29	405.44	405.44	....
District 30	205.71	190.99	14.72	Warrant outstanding.
District 31	1111.80	899.23	212.57	Warrant outstanding.
District 32	534.19	579.46	4.73	Wrong assessment.
District 33	535.40	534.48	.92	Uncollectable.
District 34	534.01	537.81	46.20	Warrant outstanding.
District 35	273.17	273.17	....
District 36	661.44	626.98	34.46	Part of this will be collected.
District 38	132.88	131.28	1.60	
	\$16240.91	14800.91	\$1440.91	

PARKER ARCHIBALD, County Treasurer.

Halifax, December 31, 1900.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON'S SESSION.

At the afternoon's session of the council, after roll call and reading of minutes, the discussion of licensees for peddlars was again taken up.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Bartlett:

That there be appointed at this session of the council an officer whose duty it shall be to enforce the peddlars' act of 1899;

And further resolved, that the sum of \$100 be allowed to said officer for his services along with whatever fees the act provides for.

Councillor Butler moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That no officer be appointed to look after peddlars' license.

On a standing vote of the council the amendment was carried.

Councillor C. E. Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Bartlett and

Walsh, that the vote be reconsidered at the next meeting of the council.

A \$2,000 Loan.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Henley:

That the loan of \$2,000, asked for by district 9, and passed by this council last year, be referred to the law amendment committee that they may ask the local government for the loan of said amount. Passed.

County Treasurer's Salary.

Moved by Councillor Henley and seconded by Councillor Burris:

That this council expresses satisfaction at the report of the treasurer and appreciation of his services during the past year.

Further resolved, that the sum of \$100 be added to the salary of the treasurer. Unanimously passed.

The Late Judge Johnston.

Moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Henley:

Whereas, the municipal council for the county of Halifax learns with much regret of the death of his honor, Judge James W. Johnston, late metropolitan judge of the county court for the county of Halifax, which death occurred since the last meeting of the council; and

Whereas, this council has for many years had most kindly relations with the late learned judge, and has always found him most willing to meet the views and convenience of the council in all matters; and

Whereas, this council feels that the municipality of Halifax and the county court has sustained a very great loss in the demise of the late lamented judge;

Therefore be it resolved, that the council give expression to its feeling of sincere sorrow and deep regret at the demise of the said late judge, and its sense of the great loss which the council, the bench, and the public have sustained in his death;

Therefore resolved, that the council deeply sympathize with the widow and family of the late judge in their bereavement;

Further resolved, that this resolution be inscribed on the minutes of the council, and that a copy be forwarded to the widow of the late judge. Passed.

Report on Bridges.

A report was read from Joseph Day, custodian of Rocky-run draw bridge, stating that half of the bridge in district 29 was in good condition, but the half in district 28 was unsafe for the public, because the hoisting gear was out of repair. The draw had not been hoisted for the last three months, and was unsafe for teams, and it was impossible for boats to pass through.

A. Stuart Innes, custodian of iron draw bridges at Porter's Lake, reported that the bridge was very much out of repair, wanting new covering all over, and new turn tables.

The reports on bridges were referred to the road and bridge committee.

Assessors' Remuneration.

Discussion arose on the payment for assessors in the various districts. In the opinion of most of the councillors the rule for payments of assessors was very unfair.

Councillor Henley stated that he had reason to believe that assessors in some districts never travelled the districts to make the assessment, but made it at home, while in other cases the assessors did not travel together.

Councillor Gladwin said that in his opinion mileage and population should be the basis of remuneration for assessors.

Councillor C. E. Smith stated that in district No. 9 the assessors had 22 miles to travel, and only received \$4 a piece.

County Clerk Wiswell stated that Halifax paid less to its assessors than any other county.

After further discussion Councillor Shattford moved, seconded by Councillor Bartlett:

That the assessors of each district receive \$20, as their remuneration irrespective of the size of the district.

This motion was strongly objected to by a number of the councillors, and Councillor Lydia moved the following amendment, seconded by Councillor Flemming:

That the warden appoint a committee of five councillors to arrange a scale of salaries for the assessors of the different districts comprising the municipality of Halifax county. Passed.

Further discussion was deferred until the next session of the council.

New Road Section.

Moved by Councillor Moren, seconded by Councillor Flemming that the piece of road from David Anderson's to the end of the main road in section 6, in district 16, be made a separate road section. Passed.

The Poor Farm.

The following report was read from J. M. Henneberry, superintendent of the poor farm:

"In presenting my report for the year 1900, I beg to say that there are at the poor farm 58, of which 18 are sane men and 2 boys, 13 insane men, 14 sane women, 1 child, 10 insane women. Admitted during the past year, 10; discharged, 6; died, 10; There are five employees, two males and three females.

"The crops have been fairly good. Potatoes, 480 bushels; turnips, 230 bushels; carrots, 20 bbls; B. beets, 17 bbls; parsnips, 12 bbls.; 4½ bbls. sour kraut, 20 dz cabbage, cucumbers, peas, beans, plentiful. Hay, 10 tons off the farm, 2 tons fodder; 2 tons hay from Mrs.

Causley. Total, 14 tons. Livestock—4 cows, 2 horse, 2 pig. Killed on the farm two pigs weighing 657 lbs. One cow killed, 39 lbs.

"Farming utensils—One mowing machine, one rake, one plough, one cultivator. Waggon—One express, one mule waggon, one tip cart, one express sleigh, two wood sleighs. Harness—One double harness, one light harness, one express harness, one cart harness.

"Land Improvements—One acre more or less improved.

"Provisions on hand—Tea, 1 chest; roll oats, 1 bbl; barley, ½ bbl; rice, ½ bbl; beans, ½ bushel; sugar, 75 lbs; flour, 1 bbl; pork, 1½ bbls; herring, ½ bbl; tobacco, 15 lbs.

"Dry goods and clothing—Men's top shirts, 10; drawers, 10; pairs men's undershirts, 10; pants, 8 pairs; vests, 4; coats, 6; caps, 10; sheets, 34; pillow slip, 30, women's undergarments, 20; dresses, 5; men's socks, 24 pairs; women's hose, 6 pairs; mlts, 5 pairs; grey cotton, 96 yards; bed-ticking, 71 yards; dress goods, 40 yards; Oxford homespun, 69 yards; brown cloth for women's undershirts, 55 yards; shaker, 64 yards; shirting, 76 yards; apron goods, 10 yards; cottonade, 21 yards; toweling, 15 yards; spools, 5 dozen; yarn, 8 lbs, shoes, 4 pairs.

"List of lumber and shingles, and what it was used for, as follows:

"1,200 feet spruce for making fence around the insane yard.

"1,000 feet hemlock for barn roof, and 300 feet spruce for corner boards for barn and door.

"20,000 shingles for barn.

JAS. M. HENNEBERRY,
Supt. Poor Farm.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the report of the keeper of the county poor farm be received and adopted.

On motion Mr Henniberry was re-appointed superintendent of the Poor Farm for 1901.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The council adjourned till 10.30 Saturday morning.

The Halifax municipal council resumed its sessions on Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Deputy Warden Madill named the following representative committee to enquire into the remuneration of assessors in different districts: Councillors Henley, Burris, Flemming, O. Dauphinee and Munro.

Councillor Burris suggested that the council name the maximum sum they would pay to any assessor.

County Clerk Wiswell stated that the largest sum at present paid to assessors was \$10.00, except in one case where an additional \$2 had been paid.

Deputy Warden Madill said that he thought the work was often poorly done because the low remuneration offered.

Councillor Flemming said he often found it hard to get men in his district to do the work for the low salary.

Councillors Lydiard and Henley thought it would be wise to do away with the schedules, and make only one trip through a district.

Councillor Bartlett called attention to the large amount of writing in connection with the work of the assessor, which merited larger remuneration.

The matter was referred to the committee appointed by the warden.

Pedlar's Licenses.

The resolution on pedlars' licenses, lost at the last session of the council, was reconsidered. Councillor C. E. Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Bartlett:

That an inspector be appointed to carry out the provisions of the by-law relating to pedlars in this municipality, and prosecute offenders for this year. The said inspector to receive for his services the sum of \$100 out of the proceeds of fines and license fees if received; but not to receive anything out of the general fund of this municipality should the said fines and license fees be not sufficient to pay said sum of one hundred dollars.

A lengthy discussion ensued, participated in by Councillors Smith, O'Leary, Shatford, Burris, Webber, Henley, Lydiard, Walsh, I. Dauphinee, and the deputy warden. The resolution was passed.

An application was made by Harry Wright for position as detective pedlars' licenses, for 1901.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, that the application of Harry Wright to be detective for the enforcement of the pedlars' act for the year 1901 be received. Passed.

Councillors O'Leary and Walsh thought that the detective appointed

should be asked to give a statement of the amount of the fines collected by him.

Councillors Butler, Shatford, Bartlett and Henley objected that the fines by law belonged to the officer, and that no statement should be required by the council.

Tax Exemption.

The following more clearly-defined resolution was substituted for the one previously passed re the petition for exemption from taxation submitted by E. P. Allison. It was moved by Councillor Lydiard and seconded by Councillor Henley:

That the petition of Edmund P. Allison in re flour mills be granted, that the time be fixed at ten years, beginning from the time that actual milling commences, providing that the erection of said plant be bona fide proceeded with within two years from the first day of May, 1901. This exemption to be on elevator, mill, machinery and merchandise. Provided, however, that on all land acquired by the company there shall be paid to the municipality an amount at least equal to the taxes received by the municipality at the time of its acquirement by the company, and also providing that any dwellings owned by the company shall be subject to taxation when occupied.

Councillor Negus asked why all exemption had to come before the legislature, if the county council had power to grant the same.

Councillor Shatford declared that in his opinion, nothing but industrial institutions should be exempted from taxation.

Councillor Lydiard said that every industrial institution brought money into the county by the collection of poll and school taxes from the employees of such an institution.

W Letter from Sir Sandford Fleming.

A letter from Sir Sandford Flemming, to the county clerk, was read stating that Sir Sandford was at a loss to understand a notice for road tax which he had received. The sum claimed by the road master, James Jollimore, was \$28. It was well known that for many years Sir Sandford had freely spent his private means in making and improving public roads to the west of the North West Arm. He had a man living on his property who was prepared with horse and cart to do necessary work when required. He had also given a right of way across his property

from the military reserve to the road leading to the Arm village, about a mile in length, and had laid out a new road across his land, which would greatly improve the access to the Arm village, avoiding the two worst hills. This he was prepared to dedicate to the public, in order that it might be further improved and utilized by the county council. He was still prepared to do his full share of the road work. In view of these reasons he thought that he should be allowed to give labor in commutation of any road tax the county might be pleased to assess.

This letter was referred to the roads and bridges committee.

Miscellaneous Business.

Moved by Councillor A. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Negus: That John Drummond and William McLaughlin in road section No. 6, district No. 31, be allowed to do their statute labor on their own road, they living a long distance from the main post road, and having a very poor road leading to their properties, said labor to be performed in a manner satisfactory to the roadmaster of section No. 6. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hall: "That Snow's Island road section be extended from Snow's bridge to the main post road, as one road section." Passed.

County Clerk Wiswell called the attention of the council to needed repairs on the county court house, to the want of additional insurance, and to the lack of a place of safety for the keeping of county documents.

Councillors Butler, Negus and O'Leary strongly urged the necessity of having all official documents placed in safety.

Councillor Henley stated that all power for such work was vested in the county court commissioners. No action was taken by the council.

The council adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Halifax municipal council met Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock. The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved, after which the list of officers in districts 7 to 38 were read with the exception of district 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.

Non-payment of Ferrymen.

Councillor Henley called attention to the non-payment of ferrymen in his district. In the case of the two ferries between Gerrard's Island and Bollong's Point and East and West Ship Harbor, Licenses had been issued, the fees paid, and the work performed by the ferrymen faithfully and well, yet at the end of the fiscal year no subsidy had been paid by the government. This, in spite of repeated letters written to the office Councillor Henley said that before leaving home he had heard that ferryman running between Gerrard's Island and Bollong's Point had been paid, but no subsidy had been paid in the case of the Ship Harbor Ferry. County Clerk Wiswell stated that, acting on letters received from both Councillor Henley and the ferryman, he had written twice to the provincial secretary but had received no reply.

Miscellaneous Business.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor James Billman: That all the piece of road lying between Mushaboom Bridge and Bollong's Brook, so called at Pope's Harbor in district No. 26 in the county of Halifax, be constituted into one road section known as section A., and that Samuel H. Henley be appointed a commissioner for a term of four years to have control and management of said section as constituted in district and county as aforesaid; and further resolved, that the road around Leslie's Bay be not included in said section. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Webber: That road section No. 4, district 25, extend from division line between districts No. 34 and 25 to Little Falls Bridge, district 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and O'Leary that the bridge known as East River Ferry bridge, district No. 25 be placed under the bridge act of 1883 and amendments. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Stewart: That the bridge on the road leading from Long Lake siding on the I. C. R. to the Cobequid road be placed under the small bridge act. Passed.

Court House Commissioners.

County Clerk Wiswell referred again to the need of better protection for the county records, and Councillor Butler strongly urged some action by the council in this direction.

Deputy Warden Madill said it would be advisable for the commissioners to obtain the opinion of an expert in regard to the safety of the documents and report to the council before the first of April.

On motion of Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Walsh: Councillors Billman and Lydiard with the warden were appointed commissioners of the county court house for the current year.

Councillor Butler called attention to a resolution passed at a recent sitting of the council, allowing John Drummond and William McLaughlin, in road section No. 6, district 31, to do their statute labor on their own roads, and stated that, in view of this precedent established by the council, John G. Corbin, of Bedford, whose mill was about a mile and a half distant from the main road, asked the same privilege.

Councillor Flemming contended that the cases were not at all parallel and that the mill road in question was simply a by-road from the main road to Mr. Corbin's mill in the woods.

Deputy Warden Madill stated that all cases of this kind should be dealt with by the councillor of the district in which they occurred. No action was taken.

The afternoon was spent in committee work, the council adjourning till 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The following list of county council officers was adopted on motion of the councillors representing the different districts:

District No. 7—Herring Cove.

Councillor—John Hayes.
 Constable—John S. Adams.
 Assessors—James Hanrahan, Pilot. James Deluchrey.
 Collector of County Rates—Sylvester Adams.
 Overseers of Statute Labor—Henry Brown, Leander Dempsey, Edward F. Hayes.
 Overseers of Poor—Arhd. Bracket, Francis Hayes, Charles T. Thomas.
 Health Officers—Thomas Brown, Patrick Scallion, Phillip Power, H. Harigan.

Presiding Officer—John S. Adams.
 Supervisor—Wm. Bracket.

Spryfield.

Overseer of Statute Labor—Thomas Whittaker.
 Constable—James Oakley, jr.

Ferguson's Cove.

Overseer of Statute Labor—Wm. Conway, Jr.
Constable—Clem Conway.

Purcell's Cove.

Overseer of Statute Labor—Richard Purcell.
Constable—Edward White.

Queen's Quarries.

Overseer of Statute Labor—James Keefe.
Constable—Wm. Keefe.

District No. 8—Portuguese Cove.

Councillor—Hugh Munroe.
Assessors—Edward Gallagher, Richd. Fleming.

Collector—Bernard Johnson.
Constables—Thos. Gear, Ferguson O'Neill, Francis Fleming, Allert Fegan Hanson Mackey, Wm. Johnson (2nd).
Road Masters—Chas. Pettipas Thos. McNell, Joseph J. Johnson, Richard Fleming (1st), Charles Martin.

Overseers of Poor—Lawrence Myett, James Flaherty, Bernard Johnson.
Board of Health—James Soder Wm. Quan, James Gallagher, Andrew Scallion.

Sanitary Inspector—Francis Purcell.
Fence Viewers—Henry Quan, Thos. Quigley.

Supervisor—Charles O'Neill.
Presiding Officer—Francis H. Martin.

District No. 9—Sambro.

Councillor—C. E. Smith.
Road Masters:—
Sambro North—James Trueman.
Sambro South—C. W. Hart.
Sambro Creek—James H. Smith.
Cook's Cove—Harvey Findlay.
Penant South—Joseph Tough.
Lower Penant—Chas. Schnair.
Long Cove—Joseph Marryatt.
Ball Rock—Charles Rodgers.
Sandy Cove—Wm. Nickerson.
Constables—Alexander Cook, Wm. Hamilton, George V. Gray.
Fence Viewers—Andrew Twohig, Jno. J. Smith.

Assessors—E. I. Hart, Andrew Twohig.

Overseers of Poor—C. W. Hart, Wm. Marryatt, Wm. Nickerson.
Collector—James W. Henneberry.
Presiding Officer—C. W. Hart.
Board of Health—Angus Gray, Daniel Smith, Henry Smith, George Schnair.
Revisor—John E. Tough.

Sanitary Inspector—Andrew Twohig.
Supervisor—C. W. Hart.

District No. 10—Upper Prospect.

Councillor—James H. Walsh.
Collector—M. C. Walsh.
Assessors—Charles W. Christian, Thomas Meehan.

Overseers of Poor—Joseph Duggan, George P. Christian, William Selig.

Road Overseers:—

Section 1—Edward Coolen.

Section 2—Patrick J. Christian.

Section 3—Michael J. Duggan.

Section 4—Joseph Mason.

Keille's Point—James Power.

Shag Bay—William Coolen (Charles' son).

Health Officers—Thos. Beck, Sydney Duggan, Clement Coolen, James Kavanagh.

Constables—Samuel Meehan, William J. Christian, Michael Burk.
Presiding Officer—N. P. Christian.
Supervisor—Gregory Walsh.

District No. 11—Hackett's Cove.

Councillor—Oswald Dauphinee.
Presiding Officer—Edward Grono.
Collector—James Coakellus, sr.
Assessors—Wesley Crooks, James Isnor.

Overseers of Poor—William Cornelius, John Gates, Amos Corkum.

Overseers of Roads:—

Section 1—Edward Moore.

Section 2—James Boutiller.

Section 3—John Moser.

Section 4—Abraham Vaughn.

Section 5—Horatio Isnor.

Section 6—George Covey.

Section 7—Burton Richardson.

Section 8—Wm. Jollimore.

Section 9—Amos Garrison.

Section 10—Edward Morash.

Section 11—Hibbert Miller.

Constables—Lawson Innis, George A. Garrison, Lemuel Richardson, John Fralick, James Fraser.

Health Officers—John Milner, Daniel Leary, John Richardson, Richard Crooks.

Fence Viewers—John Holland, Cyrus Covey, Amos Garrison, James Manuel.
Supervisor—Amos Corkum.

District No. 12—French Village.

Councillor—Isaac Dauphinee.
Assessors—John Croucher, Elias Dauphinee.

Collector—Isaac Croucher.

Overseers of Statute Labor:—

Section 1—Salem Dauphinee.

Section 1 1-2—Edmond Redmond.

Section 2—John Boutillier.
 Section 3—Nathan Hubley.
 Section 4—Willis Hubley.
 Section 5—Stephen Dauphinee.
 Section 6—Henry Garrison.
 Section 7—Albert J. Boutillier.
 Section 8—Judson Dauphinee.
 Section 9—George W. Smith.
 Section 10—James Slaunwhite.
 Section 11—Isaac Hirshman.
 Section 12—John Johnson.
 Section 13—Norman C. Boutillier.
 Constables—Nathan Hubley, David Bremner, James Slaunwhite, Samuel Boutillier.
 Fence Viewers—John Umlah, Edward Deal, Lindsay Hubley, Edward Dauphinee.
 Lumber Surveyors—Chas. Brunswick, James Slaunwhite, Neal McDonald.
 Health Officers—Abraham Burchill, Henry Garrison, George Smith, Isaac J. Boutillier.
 Overseers of Poor—Edmond Deal, Henry Garrison, Elias Dauphinee.
 Presiding Officer—Abraham Burchill.
 Supervisor of Roads—Edward Mason.

District No. 13—Spryfield.

Councillor—Charles Raine.
 Assessors—William Umlah, John W. Umlah.
 Presiding Officer—William H. Dart.
 Collector—George Carmichael.
 Health Officers—Archibald Kidston, George Brown, William Umlah, Alex. Drysdale.
 Overseers of Poor—George Umlah, Charles Jackson, Richard Gilpin.
 Overseers of Statute Labor:—
 Section 1—William Bishop.
 Section 2—William Lock.
 Section 3—Alex. Drysdale.
 Section 4—James Umlah.
 Section 5—Wm. Umlah.
 Section 6—Chas. Christian, jr.
 Section 8—John Drysdale.
 Section 9—Archibald Kidston.
 Section 10—Charles Merlin.
 Section 11—Carter Yeadon.
 Constable—William Arnold.
 Fence Viewer—Alex. Drysdale.
 Supervisor—Richard Bishop.

District No. 14—North West Arm.

Councillor—James Billman.
 Assessors—George Piers, Frederick West.
 Health Officers—Geo. Piers, William Neal, Henry Piers.
 Collector—Levi Deal.
 Overseers of Poor—Jos. McLean, Wm. Deal, John Millsom.
 Fence Viewer—Peter A. Marryatt.

Overseers of Statute Labor—Tannery light station to Arm bridge—A. Gelzert; Arm bridge to McIntosh bridge, Robert Drysdale; Arm bridge to Canal bridge, Joseph McLeave.

Supervisor of Roads—William Topple.

Presiding Officer—Geo. Piers.

Constables—James Jullimore, A. Gelzer.

District No. 15—Bedford.

Councillor—M. E. Butler.
 Returning Officer—D. M. Storey.
 Collector—G. Vanbuskirk.
 Assessors—W. Studd, jr., Frank Ronan.
 Health Officers—Dr. Morton, Geo. H. Fielding, C. Davidson, A. Wyld.
 Poor Commissioners—D. M. Storey, Alex. Doy'e, Chas. F. Tremaine.
 Fence Viewers—Chas. Boutillier, Wm. Spain, David Rolfe.

Sanitary Inspector—Frank Wiltshire.
 Supervisor of Roads—Alex. McNeil.
 Road Masters—John Strachan, Tannery bridge to Princess Lodge; J. E. Roy, Princess Lodge to Sackville bridge; Walter Oakes, from Moir's mill to Moodie's hill; James Melvin, from Moodie's hill to Catholic chapel.
 Lumber Surveyors—Willard Richardson, Mr. Noddin.
 Appraisers—J. E. DeWolf, J. Daniels, George Canfield.
 Pound Keeper—Wm. Willis.

District No. 16—Hammond's Plains.

Councillor—Lindsay Moren.
 Presiding Officer—Henry A. Schmidt.
 Collector of Rates—Samuel Eisenhauer.
 Assessors—Frank Thompson, Rufus Marsman.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—Wm. Haverstock.
 Section 2—Wm. Burns.
 Section 3—Stewart Lucas.
 Section 4—Henry Smith.
 Section 5—Frank Jones.
 Section 6—Alex. H. David.
 Section 7—Samuel Goffigan.
 Section 8—John Green.
 Section 9—Saml. Anderson.
 Constables—William Burns, Samuel Wiley, David Oliver, Alfred Jenkins.
 Overseers of Poor—Fred. Schmidt, Wm. Shea, Wm. Haverstock.
 Fence Viewers—Albert Haverstock, Martell Bezanson.
 District Clerk—Frank Thompson.
 Supervisor—Henry Schmidt.
 Sanitary Inspector—Thom. Thompson.

District No. 17—Sackville.

Councillor—John S. Fleming.
 Presiding Officer—James D. Webber.
 Assessors—Chas. Peverill, Thomas Hamilton.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—Wm. Peverill.
 Section 2—Charles Barrett.

District No. 18—Waverley.

Councillor—B. C. Wilson.
 Presiding Officer—John Stephen.
 Assessors—John E. McDonald, John McDowall.
 Overseers of Poor—A. R. Tullock, M. D. Goff, W. C. Morrison
 Constables—Thomas Skerry, William Calnan, Joseph Day, William King, George Miller, W. H. A. McDonald, Robert Wright, Alfred Horne.
 Fence Viewers—John Skerry, John Kelly, Robert Ledwidge.
 Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, etc.—
 Alex. Stephen, John Kelly, J. E. McDonald, Robt. Leighton.
 Health Wardens—Patk. C. Doyle, J. E. McDonald, Peter Spriggs, Fred. L. Fultz.
 Health Inspector—Albert Stuart.
 Keeper of Scales—Thos. H. Major.
 Collector of Taxes—A. R. Tullock.
 Pound Keeper—John Ammond.
 Supervisor of Roads—John McDowall.

Road Masters:—

Section A—Fred. L. Fultz.
 Section 3—John E. McDonald.
 Section 4—W. C. Morrison
 Section 5—William Laing
 Section 6—Samuel Stevens.
 Section 7—John Holland.
 Section 8—Christopher King.
 Section 9—Clifford Wier.
 Section 4—Walter Bambrick.
 Section 5—Augustus Fenerty.
 Section 6—Arthur Peverill.
 Section 7—Elijah Thomas.
 Section 8—Robert Patton.
 Section 9—Charles Barrett.
 Section 10—David Shunaman.
 Section 11—William Stone.
 Section 12—William Miller.
 Section 13—James Adams.
 Section 14—Harold Silver.
 Section 15—Charles Peverill.
 Section 16—Wilbur Morrell.
 Constables—Arthur Peverill, William Nicholson, William Peverill, Arthur Kelsie.
 Surveyors of Lumber—Nathan Ellis, William Nelson, William Dean.
 Pound Keeper—Richard Peverill.
 Overseer of Poor—Chas. Peverill, E. N. Thomas, Robt. Fenerty.
 Sanitary Inspector—John R. Ellis.

Health Wardens—John Peverill, Wm. Nelson, Jas. A. Mason.
 Fence Viewers—John Peverill, Isaac Boutillier, Arthur Schultz.
 District Clerk—Thomas Hamilton.
 Supervisor of Roads—Robt. Fenerty.
 Tax Collector—Grey Schultz.

District 19—Gay's River.

Councillor—George H. Madill.
 Overseers of Roads:—
 Section 1—Samuel Geddes.
 Section 2—Oliver Simpson.
 Section 3—John McPhee.
 Section 4—Sanford McDonald.
 Section 5—James Keys.
 Section 6—James Mitchell.
 Section 7—Robison Woodworth.
 Section 8—John Cleary.
 Section 9—George Butler.
 Section 10—Walter Elliot.
 Section 11—Alex. M. Williams.
 Section 12—Samuel Moore.
 Section 13—James Wilson.
 Section 14—Lorenzo Wilson.
 Section 15—Robert Newman.
 Section 16—Edward Isenor.
 Section 17—John McKenzie.
 Section 18—Geo. T. Cook.
 Section 19—Robert Isenor.
 Cattle Reeve—Peter Grono.
 Collector—John Merson.
 Overseers of Poor—James Mitchell, William Annand, Isaac Isenor.
 Fence Viewers—James Keys, William Blades.
 Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand, Alex. Woodworth, George T. Cook.
 Constables—Oliver Simpson, Clarence Keys, Samuel Kent.
 Assessors—G. Frederick Gordon, Robison Woodworth.
 Board of Health—William Annand, John T. Kerr, Edward Isenor, Geo. T. Cook.
 Sanitary Inspector—William Blades.
 Supervisor of Roads—William Blades.
 Presiding Officer—Wilson Madill.

District No. 20—Meagher's Grant.

Councillor—Thomas Cole.
 Presiding Officer—Joseph Seaton.
 Assessors—J. D. Bayer, Alex. Hurley.
 Overseers of Poor—James Grant, Charles Grant, Wm. Streach.
 Constables—Geo. Dunbrack, Charles Miller, Arthur Cruickshank.
 Fence Viewers—Joseph Seaton, Geo. Dunbrack, Sidney Dickey.
 Lumber Surveyors—Daniel Grant, Leander Logan, J. D. Bayer.
 Health Officers—J. D. Bayer, Christopher Dillman, Sidney Dickey, C. A. Dickey.

Sanitary Inspector—J. D. Bayer.
Collector County and Poor Rates—
John MacMullin, P.M.

Road Overseers:—

Section 1—Alfred Lay.
Section 2—Joseph Steaton.
Section 3—George Sibley, sr.
Section 4—James Grant.
Section 5—John Gilbert.
Section 6—Alex. Streach, sr.
Section 7—Levi Hurley.
Section 8—Alfred Dillman.
Section 9—Alex. Dillman.
Section 10—John Cole.
Section 11—William Murphy.
Section 12—James Lively.
Section 13—Edwin Hirtle.
Section 14—James G. Kerr.
Section 15—Michael Smith.
Supervisor of Roads—John Kerr.
Log Scalers—Leander Logan, C. A.
Dickey, John Kerr.

District 21—Middle Musquodoboit.

Councillor—John Burris.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—John Guild.
Section 2—Robert McCurdy.
Section 3—John Shaw.
Section 4—William J. McMullin.
Section 5—Alex. Logan.
Section 6—Burton Hay.
Section 7—John Dickey.
Section 8—Samuel Crockett.
Sections 9 and 10—Samuel White.
Section 11—John Archibald.
Section 12—Henry Lindsay.
Section 13—Albert Higgins.
Section 14—Duncan Higgins.
Section 15—Henry Miller.
Section 16—Archd. McPetridge.
Section 17—Henry Archibald.
Section 18—James McPetridge.
Section 19—James Annand.
Section 20—George McPetridge.
Section 21—Burton Lawson.
Section 22—Henry Grant.
Section 23—Saml. Ervin.
Section 24—Ephraim McNutt.
Supervisor—J. Watson McCurdy.
Assessors—Wm. H. Gladwin, jr., Hy.
Lindsay.

Collector—Wm. Sedgwick.

Board of Health—Walter McCurdy,
J. W. Dickie, Chas. H. Morris, M.D.,
M. H. Guild.

Sanitary Inspector—George B. Phalen.

Overseers of Poor—Wm. McCurdy,
Robert Kaulback, Francis Guild.

Surveyors of Logs, Wood and Lum-
ber—Joseph P. Taylor, Frank H. Tay-
lor, Edward Marks, George McPet-
ridge.

Fence Viewers—Pleco Fleming, Rob-
ert McCurdy, J. G. Chisholm.

Constables—Robert McCurdy, George
Sargent, Matthew Higgins, Charles
Tupper, Joseph Bruce, Robert McGun-
nigle.

Keeper of Scales—A. B. Shaw.

Presiding Officer—Wm. Bentley.

To swear in officers—Walter McCur-
dy, J.P.

District 22—Upper Musquodoboit.

Councillor—Thomas D Stewart.

Presiding Officer—James Kent, J.P.

Collector of Rates—William Holman.

Assessors—F. W. Henry, Benjamin
Hutchinson.

Overseers of Poor—George Hamilton,
Layton Burnett, James Holman.

Fence Viewers—Tupper Stewart,
Frank Fraser, James Pace.

District Clerk—F. W. Henry.

Constables—George Jennings, F. W.
Kent, Wm. Reid, Alex. J. B. Clark,
Angus Sinclair, Albert Fisher.

Board of Health—J. D. Henry, J.
F. Parker, J. H. Chaplain, Sidney
Fraser.

Sanitary Inspector—Dr. M. G. Archi-
bald.

Surveyors of Logs, Wood and Lum-
ber—John Redmond, Neil Archibald,
J. H. Holman, John Burnett, Ernest
Chaplain, J. H. Chaplain.

Road Masters of Statute Labor:

Section 1—Frank Hamilton.
Section 2—Barry Hamilton.
Section 3—Augustus Hamilton.
Section 4—Ira Dean.
Section 5—James Dean.
Section 6—Charles E. Stewart.
Section 7—Jefferson Stewart.
Section 8—Murdoch Henry.
Section 9—J. D. Henry.
Section 10—J. H. Holman.
Section 11—James Fleming.
Section 12—George Fleming, sr.
Section 13—Charles Moore.
Section 14—John Dean.
Section 15—George Lemon.
Section 16—John G. Dechman.
Section 17—James Benvie.
Section 18—F. W. Kent.
Section 19—John Dechman.
Section 20—James Rechman.
Section 21—John Redden.
Section 22—Edward Horn.
Section 23—Robert Miller.
Section 24—Wm. Fraser.
Section 25—Wm. Butcher, jr.
Section 26—Norman Deale.
Section 27—Dugald Matheson.
Section 28—John Watson.
Section 29—Wm. Butcher, sr.
Section 30—Peter McNab.
Keeper of Scales—Edgar Hill.
To swear in officers—J. G. Reynolds,
Supervisor—Neil Archibald.

District No. 23—Terrance Bay.

Councillor—J. H. Bartlett.
 Assessors—Charles Slaunwhite, sr.,
 Joseph Umiah.
 Collector—Tobias Jollimore.
 Fence Viewer—Peter Slaunwhite.
 Overseers Public Property—John P. Slaunwhite, Richard Norris, Thomas Slaunwhite.
 Presiding Officer—Vincent Bartlett.
 Constables—Chas. Slaunwhite, jr., Dennis Brophy.
 Supervisor of Roads—Thomas Blake.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—Danl. Slaunwhite.
 Section 2—Peter Slaunwhite.
 Section 3—Edward Little.
 Overseers of Poor—Thos. Slaunwhite, Dennis Brophy, Zachariah Jollimore.
 Board of Health—Edward Wheatley, John P. Slaunwhite, Saml. Slaunwhite.
 Revisor—Dennis Brophy.

District No. 24—Smith's Cove.

Councillor—Alex. F. Smith.
 Assessors—William G. Smith, Geo. Shellnutt.
 Collector—David H. Moser.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—John Turner.
 Section 2—Jasper Moser.
 Section 3—Wm. G. Pye.
 Section 4—Walter W. Smith.
 Section 5—Edward N. Smith.
 Section 6—Sydney Pye.
 Section 7—Levi Hartling.
 Section 8—Isalah Carver.
 Section 9—George Pace.
 Supervisor of Roads—Danl. H. Moser.
 Overseers of Poor—Edwin Moser, Solomon Fancy, J. A. Moser.
 Constables—Wm. Fraser, Thomas J. Smith, Herbert Bezanson, Edmund Pye, Angus Smith.
 Surveyors of Lumber and Scalers of Logs—Andrew Archibald, Danl. Cameron, Geo. Shellnutt.
 Fence Viewers—John Behie, Robert Alex. Hartling.
 Board of Health—George Hartling, John F. Holman, John Romkey, Nell Ocle.

District No. 25—Sheet Harbor.

Councillor—Henry Hall.
 Presiding Officer—F. McMillan, M.D.
 Overseers of Poor—William Lowe, John Routledge, Isaac Wambold.
 Fence Viewers—John Bibie, Robert Routledge.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—William Beeswanger.
 Section 2—Aaron Road.

Section 3—Henry Verge.
 Section 4—James Wambold.
 Section 5—James Westhaver.
 Section 6—Ronald McDonald.
 Section 7—John Behie.
 Section 8—Martin Cruickshanks.
 Section 9—George F. Grant.
 Constables—Norman Verge, William Munroe, Aaron Road, Robt. Routledge, Thomas Hall, Henry Richards, Daniel Farnell, John Redmond, Wm. Knight.
 Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—Angus McDonald, James McG. Cruickshanks, Edward Quillman, James A. Lindsay, Thomas A. Baker, Andrew McDonald, P. J. Murphy, Archibald Hall, Michael Nelligan, William Knight, D. J. Coady, William Geddes, H. B. Anderson.
 Ferry Men—William Lowe, Sheet Harbor.
 John Wiswell, Sober Island.
 Board of Health—F. McMillan, M.D., J. M. Gourley, M.D., William Tunber, Angus Cruickshanks, John W. Hall.
 Measurers of Wood and Coal—Thos. H. Hall, James McG. Cruickshanks.
 Assessors—Edward Quillman, Saml. Behie.
 Sanitary Inspector—M. McFarlane.
 Supervisor of Roads—James A. Lindsay.

District No. 26—Tangier.

Councillor—W. Charles Henley.
 Presiding Officer—Sand. H. Henley.
 Assessors—Saml. H. Henley, Benjamin Keating.
 Collector of County and Poor Rates—George H. Conrod.
 Overseers of Poor—John M. Flaherty, William Hiltchey, Geo. E. Hawes.
 Constables—Willoughby Mason, Geo. Murphy, William Zwicker, Frank Martin, Charles Murphy, Thos. Borgal, Charles A. Josey, Alfred M. Leslie, Arthur Jackson.
 Surveyors of Wood, Logs and Lumber—Thomas Hiltchey, Archd. W. Prest, Chas. W. Josey, Alex. Mason.
 Fence Viewers—John A. Josey, John Beaver, sr., Peter Mason.
 Overseers of Statute Labor:
 Section 1—Samuel McCarthy.
 Section 2—James Andrews.
 Section 3—Theo. Leslie.
 Section 4—Edward Sturmy.
 Section 5—Robert Day.
 Section 6—Joseph A. Mason.
 Section 7—Geo. Murphy.
 Section 8—William Webb.
 Section 9—William Butler.
 Section 10—James W. Murphy.
 Section 11—Thomas Keating.
 Section 12—Walter Mitchell.

Gerrard's Island—Edw. Heneberry.
Moose and—Archibald W. Prest.
Board of Health—Robert Mason, Wm
Ferguson, John W. Corbin, Isaac J.
Leslie.
Sanitary Inspector—John J. Mason.
Ferry-men—John T. Abriel, Gerrard's
Island.
Benjamin Keating, Ship's Harbor.
Supervisor of Roads—Herb. C. Hen-
ley.

District No. 27—Jeddore.

Councillor—Arthur Webber.
Overseers of Poor—Geo. Smith, Wm.
Eisan, Wm. J. Myers.
Health Officers—Dr. G. A. Jamison,
Walter Siteman, Albert Warnell, Den-
nis Williams.
Sanitary Inspector—Enos Baker, J.P.
Collector of County and Poor Rates
—Frederick H. Stoddard.
Presiding Officer—George A. Jami-
son, M.D.
Assessors—Robert Stevens, Conrod
Marks.
Surveyors of Logs, Lumber and
Wood—Oriando Myers, Geo. Mitchell,
Amos Webber, George Marks.
Fence Viewers—Reuben Smith, Jos.
Kent, Conrod Marks.
Constables—Gideon Blakeney, John
W. Webber, Amos Webber, James L.
Myers, Alfred Weeks.
Custodian of Jeddore Bridge—Albert
Warnell.
Supervisor of Roads—George W.
Mitchell.

Road Masters:

Section 1—Ronald Byers.
Section 2—Donald Smith.
Section 3—George Mosher.
Section 4—Thomas Grant.
Section 5—John McGregor.
Section 6—Samuel Kent.
Section 7—John Hawkins.
Section 8—Peter Myers.
Section 9—Peter Maskel.
Section 10—David Blakeney.
Section 11—James L. Myers.
Section 12—Daniel Blakeney, sr.
Section 13—Daniel Warnell.
Section 14—George W. Mitchell.
Section 15—Stephen Jennix.
Section 16—William Jennix.
Section 17—George Arnold.
Section 18—Albert Power.
Section 19—James M. Webber.
Section 20—Albert Webber.
Section 21—William Webber.
Section 22—John R. Webber.
Section 23—Levi Russell.
Section 24—Joseph Parker.
Section 25—David Richinson.
Section 26—Richard Hutt.
Section 27—John M. Marks.

Section 28—Hector Siteman.
Section 29—Winnie Mitchell.

District No. 28—West Chezzetcook.

Councillor—D. Lapierre.
Overseers of Statute Labor:—
Section 1—Simeon Gaetz.
Section 2—William Graham.
Section 3—Martin Niforth.
Section 4—Addington Gaetz.
Section 5—James Gaetz.
Section 6—George D. Lapierre.
Section 7—Charles Wolfe.
Section 8—Joseph Lapierre.
Section 9—James Bellefontane.
Section 10—James Ferguson.
Section 11—Joseph Bellefontane.
Section 12—George Murphy.
Section 13—Michael Romoe.
Section 14—Joseph Myette.
Section 15—Frederick Mannatte.
Section 16—Frederick Lapierre.
Section 17—William Bonin.
Overseers of Poor—James Ferguson,
Thomas Gaetz, George Murphy.
Constables—Andrew Petipas, Walter
Niforth, James Lapierre, John Wolfe.
Collector of County and Poor Rate—
Joseph Foucher.
Fence Viewers—James Gaetz, Martin
Niforth.
Appraisers of Damage—Joseph My-
ette, Michael Romoe.
Board of Health—William Bonin,
Charles Wolfe, William Graham, Jas.
Bellefontane.
Assessors—Thomas Lapierre, Thomas
Gaetz.
Supervisor of Roads—Dennis Myette.
Keeper of Canterbury Bridge—Geo.
Myette.

District No. 29—Lawrencetown.

Councillor—James H. Sellers, J.P.
Presiding Officer—John McDonald.
Assessors—Freeman Sellars, George
Lloy.
Collector of Rates—William Naugle.
Road Masters:—
Section 1—George Patterson.
Section 2—James Misener.
Section 3—John McDonald.
Section 4—James Gooleworthy.
Section 5—James Dares.
Section 6—Elisha Crowell.
Section 7—Joseph Lloy.
Section 8—David Whirl.
Constables—Elias Hiltz, Freeman
Leslie, Burton Monivan, James More-
ash.
Board of Health—Freeman Sellars,
Thomas A. Naugle, John T. Hiltz,
William Conrod.
Health Inspector—William Naugle.

Overseers of Poor—Henry Naugle,
Edmund Conrod, Walter McDonald.
Fence Viewers—William Conrod, Al-
bert Leslie.
Custodian of Run Bridge—Joseph
Lloy.
Supervisor of Roads—Freeman Sell-
ars.

District No. 30—Preston.

Councillor—Thomas Johnson.
Assessors—John Colby, Stuart
James.
Collector—George Diggs.
Presiding Officer—Jos. Evans.
Overseers of Poor—John Glasgow,
John Davidson, Nelson Winder.
Health Officers—John Nelson, Chas.
Taylor, David Smith, William David-
son.
Keeper of Draw Bridge—Stuart
James.

Overseers of Statute Labor:—

Section 1—John Glasgow.
Section 2—William Shaw.
Section 3—Josiah Misener.
Section 4—Freeman Brown.
Section 5—John Brooks.
Section 6—John Wiseman.
Section 7—George Crawley.
Section 8—Robert Williams, sr.
Section 9—John Thompson.
Section 10—Simon Downey.
Section 11—John Smith.

Constables—George Clayton, William
Sanders, Joseph Glasgow, jr., Rhesa
Davidson, Daniel Downey, George
Bishop.

Assessors of Damages and Fence
Viewers—Geo. Carvey, Richd. Carvey,
Jos. Diggs.

Supervisor of Roads—Dennis De-
loughry.

District No. 31—Cole Harbor.

Councillor—S. W. Lydlard.
Presiding Officer—Henry Watson.
Assessors—John A. Beck, Wm. Mc-
Kenzie.
Collector of County Rates—Andrew
Turner.

Overseers of Poor—Robert Settle, sr.,
Benjamin Clark, Alexander McLean.
Constables—George Stone, Gavin
Grant, Arthur Giles, Alex. Nieforth.
Fence Viewers—John R. Morash, Wm
Kalzer, Frank Grant.

Health Inspector—Robert Settle, sr.
Board of Health—Frederick Bissett,
Arch. Manley, Rapnael Lapierre, Jno.
Dillman.

Swearing in Town Officers—S. W.
Lydlard, J.P.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—David Parker.
Section 2—Albert Shaffleburg.
Section 3—George Stone.
Section 4—Walter Boutillier.
Sections 5, 6, 7 and 11—These sections
to be under commission.
Section 8—A. A. Wise.
Section 9—Fredk. Cooper.
Section 10—Charles Fairfax.
Section 12—Alex. Innis.
Section 13—Arthur Beck.
Section 14—Hugh Grunt.
Section 15—Henry Archibald.
Section 16—Norman Morash.
Section 17—George Ritchie.
Section 18—Arthur Brennan.
Section 19—John D. Kuhn.
Section 20—John Elliott.
Section 21—John Hartlan.
Section 22—Edward Morash.
Section 23—Scott Morash.
Section 24—Chas. Drummond.
Section 25—John H. Strum.
Supervisor of Roads—Gordon Kuhn.

District No. 32—Hubbard's Cove.

Councillor—J. E. Shatford.
Assessors—John Gibbons, N. Dauph-
inee.

Collector—Peter F. Boutillier.
Overseers of Poor—Peter D. Dauphi-
nee, Henry Conrad, Hibbard Hubley.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Elijah Smith.
Section 2—Wm. J. Boutillier.
Section 3—Hibbard Hubley.
Section 4—Hezekiah Rigby.
Section 5—Henry Conrad.
Section 6—Lambert Conrad.
Mason's Point—Augustus Hartling.
Boutillier's Point—Simeon Boutillier.
Conrad's Road—James Conrad.
Schwartz Road—Jas. Schwartz.

East Side Hubbard's Cove—Simon
Dauphinee.

Constables—Lambert Conrad, Martin
Mason, James E. Conrad, Gilbert
Keans, John Moren, John J. Rigby,
Alexander Boutillier, Rand Gibbons,
Alexander Conrad.

Health Inspector—Dr. Adlington.

Board of Health—Wm. Kennedy,
Amos Hubley, P. F. Boutillier.

Fence Viewers—George Rigby, Obed
Boutillier, Wm. Conrad.

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—E.
H. Young, B. F. Young, G. J. Young,
F. W. Corbett, Rand Gibbons, Peter
F. Boutillier, John Webber, Andrew
J. Boutillier.

Presiding Officer—Peter D. Dauphi-
nee.

Supervisor of Roads—George L.
Keans.

District No. 33—Eastern Passage.

Councillor—W. F. Negus.
 Presiding Officer—Daniel A. Moser.
 Collector—Neison Negus.
 Assessors—James Moser, Edward De Young, sr.

Supervisor of Roads—Irvin Turner.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Edward Trider.

Section 2—Wm. Wells.

Section 3—Wm. Himeiman.

Section 4—John Smith.

Section 5—John Goreham.

Section 6—George F. Bowes.

Section 7—Thomas Conrod.

Section 8—Benjamin Hines.

Section 9—James Murray.

Section 10—Benjamin Henneberry.

Section 11—James Finlay.

Sanitary Inspector—Wm. Naugie.

Board of Health—John Trider, jr., Lewis Himeiman, Joseph Osborne, Jas. Henneberry.

Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, Wm. Iceton, James Moser.

Constables—George Morash, George Horne, Henry Conrod, Arthur Duns-worth, George DeYoung.

Fence Viewers—Wm Naugie, Andrew Conrod, James Conrod.

District No. 34—Salmon River.

Councillor—Thomas O'Leary.
 Presiding Officer—Henry Balcom, Jr.
 Assessors—Charles Hartlingard, Michael O'Leary.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—John O'Leary, sr.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Layton Moore.

Section 2—James Spears.

Section 3—Henry Barkhouse.

Section 4—Matthew Gallagher.

Section 5—Murdock Maloney. (Includes Barkhouse Road, with Dufferin Mines Road).

Section 6—Charles Darr.

Section 7—Alex. Gammon.

Section 8—John O'Leary, sr.

Section 9—Charles Beaver.

Section 10—Alexander Jewers.

Supervisor of Roads—Hector Smiley.
 Constables—James Kirker, Murdock Maloney, Wallace Smiley, Danl. Keefe.

Overseers of Poor—Alexander McDonald, John Kirker, jr., Henry Barkhouse.

Fence Viewers—Matthew Gallagher, John I. Warren.

Board of Health—Henry Balcom, Theodore Smith, Dr. Dunlap, Hector Smiley.

Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Dunlap.

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—Wallace Smiley, John W. Smiley, Jno. Balcom, Robert Sample.

District No. 35—Little River.

Councillor—A. H. Gladwin.

Overseers of Roads:—

Section 1—Edward Cruikshank.

Section 2—Henry Grant.

Section 3—James Brown.

Section 4—Hiram Scott.

Section 5—Allison Brown.

Section 6—James Bambrick.

Section 7—John Ogilvie.

Section 8—Arthur Scott.

Constables—Allen Ogilvie, Arthur Killen, Harvey Cole.

Surveyor of Lumber, Logs and Wood—Edward Howe.

Overseers of Poor—Prescott Dean, George Brown, Charles Ogilvie.

Assessors of Rates—Robert Ogilvie, Edward Howe.

Board of Health—John Fisher, Winfield Cole, Allison Brown, Joseph Wallace.

Appraisers of Damages—Saml. Burris, A. K. Libbey, Alex. Layton.

Fence Viewers—Charles Hurley, Jno. Ogilvie, Allen Ogilvie.

Collector of Rates—Henry Cruikshank.

District Clerk—Charles Ogilvie.

Supervisor of Roads—Arthur Killen.

Presiding Officer—W. R. Ogilvie.

District No. 36—East Chezzetcook.

Councillor—David Vaughan.

Overseers of Highways:—

Section 1—William Usher.

Section 2—Harry Power.

Section 3—Samuel Gaetz.

Section 4—William Bayer.

Section 5—Edward Young.

Section 6—George Myra.

Section 7—Philip Young.

Section 8—Frank Colbright.

Section 9—Joseph Gaetz.

Section 10—Charles Myatt.

Section 11—J. Howe Keizer.

Section 12—Matthew Daley.

Section 13—Andrew Crawford.

Section 14—Dennis Smith, jr.

Section 15—Edward Conrod.

Section 16—George Conrod.

Section 17—John Conrod, of John.

Section 18—Wallace Duckshire.

Section 19—Edward Dares.

Overseers of Poor—Thomas Smith, James Keizer, William Usher.

Constables—William Usher, George Gaetz, James Owens, J. Howe Keizer, Frank Bayers, jr.

Assessors—James Kelzer, James Rollings.

Health Officers—Jacob Conrod, Edward Conrod, David Power, Jr.

Weighers of Hay and Straw—E. S. Guild, J. E. Rollings.

Presiding Officer—James Kelzer.

Supervisors of Lumber—Amos Gould, Samuel Blakely.

Fence Viewers—Andrew Gaetz, Matthew Conrod, Herbert Greenough.

Collector—James Smith.

Supervisor—Joseph Gaetz.

Keeper of Draw Bridge—A. S. Innis, Porter's Lake.

District No. 38—Dover.

Councillor—A. A. Scott.

Assessors—James Fader, J.P., East Dover, Lawson Morash, West Dover.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Bayside, Charles Coolen.

Section 2—Magrath's Cove, William Magrath.

Section 3—James Coolen.

Section 4—East Dover, Ervin W. Fader.

Section 5—West Dover, Abraham Cleveland.

Section 6—New Road, Isaac Morash.

Constables—East Dover, John Harnish, Elijah Myra. West Dover—Abraham Cleveland. New Road Section—Isaac Morash.

Board of Health—East Dover, James Coolen, Elijah Myra. West Dover—Abraham Cleveland, Alfred Morash.

Fence Viewers—East Dover, Martin Beck. West Dover, James E. Zink.

Overseers of Poor—East Dover, Noah Morash, West Dover, Lawson Morash, William Baker.

East Dover Sanitary Inspector—Jas. Fader, J.P.

Presiding Officer—Henry Fader.

Collector—William Baker.

Supervisor of Roads—Joseph J. Scott.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Halifax municipal council resumed its sessions at 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Twenty-eight councillors responded to the roll call.

Officers for districts 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 20, were read and passed.

County Clerk Wiswell read the report of the auditor on the financial statement of the license inspector.

On motion of Councillors Bartlett and Dauphinee, the account was referred to the finance committee.

Two accounts presented to the council by S. H. Holmes, clerk of county court, for records, books, etc., paid for by himself, and amounting to \$79.14 and \$8, were, on motion of Councillors Bartlett and Flemming, referred to the county auditor.

New Liquor License

Inspector Sedgewick.

The business of the morning was the appointment of liquor license inspector. Applications were received from Simeon Hiltz, Lawrencetown, the present office holder; John Lapierre, J. P., Preston road; H. Wright, city; and William Sedgewick, Middle Musquodoboit. The result of balloting was as follows:

Sedgewick, 16; Hiltz, 8; Lapierre, 6; Wright, 0.

The deputy warden declared William Sedgewick, Middle Musquodoboit, to be license inspector for the year 1901.

Councillor Billman said that now a new inspector had been appointed it would be advisable to have the business pertaining to that office carried on in better shape, and have all amounts received paid either to the treasurer or deposited at once in the bank, and also have disbursements made either by the treasurer or clerk.

Councillor Shatford agreed with Mr. Billman. He contended that all monies received by the inspector should be deposited and drawn out by cheque countersigned by the treasurer.

Councillor O'Leary suggested that the inspector carry a little cheque book and give cheques for all debts incurred by him. He called attention to the fact that the \$33.18 owed by Mr. Reid, a former inspector, had not yet been paid.

Councillor Shatford explained that the money due by Mr. Reid was the amount of a note given to him by Councillor McCallum, which the inspector had credited in his report but had not received, and for which he was held liable.

The deputy warden said he had been led to understand that Mr. Reid would not pay this note unless he was sued for it. A lengthy discussion ensued in which Councillor Billman argued against pressing for the amount of the note, as, in his opinion, it would only involve the council in a law suit.

Councillors Henley, O'Leary and Shatford thought as Mr. Reid was liable for this amount it should be collected from him. The further discussion was

taken part in by Councillors Burris, Bartlett, Negus, Butler, Lydiard, Moran and the Deputy Warden Madill.

Councillor C. E. Smith moved and Councillor Henley seconded:

That this council authorize the county clerk to collect the amount due from D. W. B. Reid.

Councillors Butler and Billman moved an amendment:

That no lawsuit be entered against Mr. Reid for the collection of an amount of \$33.18, but that every effort be made in any other way to collect it. The amendment was defeated and the resolution was carried.

Road Loan Proposed.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor A. A. Scott:

That, whereas the public roads in districts 10, 23, 38 and 13 are in a deplorable condition, and in some places in an almost impassable condition, and the annual grant to said districts is insufficient to keep the same in a good state of repair

Resolved, That this council ask the provincial government for a loan or grant of \$1,000, the same to be expended on the roads in said districts.

Councillor Billman considered the passing of this resolution a bad precedent for the council to establish, as the interest on the money would probably come out of the county road appropriation, and advised the withdrawing of the resolution.

Councillor Walsh thought that the council should not hesitate a moment in passing the resolution in question. Nearly every district had been allowed more or less of the borrowed money none of which had been expended in districts 10, 13 or 38 although they had to pay their share of interest and the roads there were in an almost impassable condition.

Other Road Districts Have Claims

Councillor Bartlett spoke of the bad condition of the roads in part of the districts named, and suggested that the phrase in the resolution "recommend the provincial government to grant a loan" be substituted for "ask the provincial government, etc."

Councillors Negus and O'Leary said if this resolution was passed, they would petition the council to ask the legislature for a loan of money to be expended on washouts on roads in their districts.

Councillor Shatford said that there would be no limit to such petitions, and urged that the main roads receive attention first, and bye roads afterwards.

Councillor Bartlett stated that the road referred to in Councillor Walsh's resolution was a main post road, where the mail went three times a week.

Councillor Walsh reminded the council that if the resolution did not pass at this sitting of the council it would come before them again, and it was essential that something be done to repair the old road or build a new one.

On standing vote the resolution was lost.

Officers of District 15.

The deputy warden read the list of officers for district 15. Councillor Flemming objected to the appointing of John Tolson for constable, as he was a resident of district 17.

Councillor Butler said that Mr. Tolson had been constable in district 15 last year, and had performed his work faithfully and well and ought to be reappointed.

Councillors Shatford, Henley, O'Leary and the deputy warden considered it out of order for one councillor to appoint one of his officers in another district.

Councillor Butler agreed that Mr. Tolson's name be struck off and the remainder of the list was passed.

License Committee's Report.

The following report was read by the committee on licenses:

Your license committee beg leave to submit the following report:

During the past year four licenses have been taken out for pedlars.

Joseph Belus, pack license	\$8
Emil David Beatrice, pack license	8
Samuel Peter	8
P. Martin, team,	15
Total	\$39

Your committee recommend that stringent steps should be taken by our detective to force all pedlars to take out a license.

Signed—N. Edward Butler, chairman, A. H. Gladwin, A. A. Scott, David Vaughn, A. F. Smith, Daniel Lepierre.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Henley, that the report of the license committee be received and adopted. Passed.

Council adjourned to meet at 2.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session of the council opened at 2.30 o'clock. The minutes of previous sitting were read and approved.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor O. Dauphinee, and resolved: That the clerk be instructed to write the new license inspector and inform him of his appointment, and to qualify himself at once. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Jas. H. Sellars: That William Sedgewick being appointed to the office of license inspector, his name on the list of district officers for district 21 as collector of rates be replaced by that of Walter McCurdy. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor O. Dauphinee, and resolved: That this council cannot see their way clear to appoint a county health inspector at this session. Passed.

\$25 for the Dispensary.

Councillor C. E. Smith called attention to the report of the dispensary, appearing in The Herald of Monday morning, and to their need of assistance. Also to the fact that a number of the cases treated by the dispensary came from sections throughout the county of Halifax.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Bartlett:

That this council donate the sum of \$25 in aid of the Halifax dispensary. Passed.

Auditor's Report Adopted.

The report of the auditors of the municipal council was read as follows:

We beg to submit for your consideration the report of our work as auditors for the municipality for the year ending December 31, 1900.

We have examined the books of the treasurer together with the vouchers and the collectors' books, all of which have been found correct.

We have to report that the collectors' books with a few exceptions, were returned to the treasurer at the required time, thus enabling him to complete his work to the end of the year 1900.

The method of keeping the books in the past is now obsolete and we would suggest to your honorable body that a change be made in order to conform to modern ideas and system of book-

keeping. We refer particularly to the ledger which does not, and never has, contained the necessary accounts to readily determine the assets and liabilities of the municipality.

Yours respectfully,

W. C. BISHOP,

J. J. SCOTT, Auditors.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor J. E. Shatford: That Messrs. Bishop and Scott, the present auditors, be re-appointed for 1901. Passed.

The council adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Halifax municipal council resumed its sessions on Wednesday at 10.30 o'clock. Twenty-nine councillors were present. County Clerk Wiswell read the following report from the committee on assessments.

Your committee on assessment after going carefully over the several rolls of the districts find that, as heretofore, some districts have increased in valuation while others have decreased. This year the increases are greater than the decreases as shown by a statement prepared by the county clerk and handed in herewith. We would ask the councillors of the district where valuations have decreased to give the council an explanation of such decrease.

The rolls are legible and in very good condition, but we find about half of them not made up in school section form as the instructions to the assessors call for. Districts 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38, are only alphabetically put up and do not show the school sections.

We find that in district 36 A. a number of properties do not appear on the roll. We recommend that the same be sent back to the assessors for amendment.

In regard to protest from A. J. Reid, re income tax, your committee consider it beyond the power of the council to deal with.

We also wish to call your attention to the appointment of the board of assessment revisors at this meeting of the council.

In connection with this we would request the law amendment committee to ask the legislature to rescind that portion of the assessment law relating to the appointment of such revising board, also with the issuing of schedules, known as schedule B. in the

assessment act in so far as those relate to Halifax county, your committee being of the opinion that they are no practicable benefit to the county financially and otherwise. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, T. O'Leary, chairman, John Burris, Henry Hail, Oswald Dauphinee, Thomas Stewart, Lindsay Moren.

The Valuation Roll.

Statement of total valuations given in assessment rolls for 1901, districts 7 to 33, and comparison with 1900:

Districts.	Valuations 1900.	Valuations 1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 7	\$26,820	\$24,760	....	\$2,060
" 8	22,210	22,581	371	....
" 9	25,807	24,228	....	1,579
" 10	26,535	25,305	....	1,230
" 11	47,260	47,260	....	....
" 12	42,933	42,473	....	460
" 13	34,798	35,535	737	....
" 14	128,315	121,255	....	7,060
" 15	177,643	176,770	....	873
" 16	44,626	44,538	....	88
" 17	138,965	138,320	....	645
" 18	102,397	112,820	10,423	....
" 19	88,924	90,549	1,625	....
" 20	47,995	46,279	....	1,716
" 21	129,345	132,400	3,055	....
" 22	113,260	112,390	....	870
" 23	13,835	13,115	....	720
" 24	53,721	54,735	1,014	....
" 25	87,735	88,235	500	....
" 26	78,103	79,545	1,437	....
" 27	111,600	112,240	640	....
" 28	69,595	68,795	....	800
" 29	57,885	57,065	....	820
" 30	26,165	27,525	1,360	....
" 31	177,045	182,775	5,730	....
" 32	83,400	88,171	4,771	....
" 33	75,404	76,535	1,131	....
" 34	82,248	80,072	....	2,176
" 35	39,015	87,664	....	991
" 36	92,150	87,664	....	4,486
" 38	18,945	19,170	225	....
			\$33,019	\$26,564

Increase, \$6,455.

Decreases Explained.

In cases when there was a large decrease in assessment, explanations were given by the councillors of the district in question which were accepted by the council.

Councillor Butler said that it was well known by all the councillors that a

great deal of the property in Halifax county was assessed too low. The assessors did not do their work properly, and the council was at their mercy.

Councillor Shatford said assessment would never be done satisfactory until two assessors were appointed for the whole county of Halifax to meet with one assessor appointed from the district. Then a fair assessment would be given.

Councillor Lydiard called attention to an act passed at the last session of the legislature which made it optional with the council to appoint one assessor for each district and one for the county.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Negus: That the report of the committee on assessments be received and adopted. Passed.

Report on Insane.

County Clerk Willswell read the following report from the committee on the hospital for the insane: That there were admitted to the hospital for insane during the year, chargeable to the municipality, 8 patients:

Males—Stephen Bonang, Henry Geyser, E. Dauphinee, James W. Lapierre, Daniel Lapierre.

Females—Margaret Homans, Francis Fraser, Gertrude Barkhouse.

There were discharged 12 patients:

Males—Nicolas Power, Morrison Warner, Henry Geyser, Herbert Fenerty, William Bonang.

Females—Emma Mosher, Mrs. Crooks, Annie Harpell, Mrs. Mary Perry, Elizabeth Webber, Annie Hamilton, Frances Frazer.

There are 21 persons still remaining in the hospital December 31, 1900:

Males—D. W. Stoddard, Charles Robinson, James M. Young, W. H. Worthen, Alexander Faulkner, Daniel Staughenwhite, George Latter, Stephen Bonang, E. Dauphinee, James W. Lapierre, Daniel Lapierre.

Females—Susan McKenzie, Mary Grant, Rebecca Tough, Gertrude B. Farrell, Susan S. Conrad, Mary Boutillier, Mary L. McKenzie, Olive Carvery, Margaret Homans, Gertrude Barkhouse.

Number removed to poor farm during the year, on June 30, 1900, 3:

Males—Nicholson Power, Mounson Warner.

Female—Elizabeth Webber.

Your committee would draw the attention of this council to the failure of the several committees of justices for examining the friends or relatives of

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lunatics before committing them to the hospital for insane to forward to the clerk the proper forms of details as required on their part. This matter has been brought to the attention of this council several times, but no remedy has as yet been applied.

Signed, James H. Sellars, chairman, S. W. Lydiard, T. O'Leary, John S. Flemming, Hugh Munroe, James H. Walsh.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Gladwin:

That the county clerk be authorized to collect from James Fenerty, of district 17, the sum paid by the county of Halifax to the hospital of insane for the keeping of his son, Herbert. Passed.

Grant for a New Road.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Flemming: That the government be asked to grant the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of building a piece of new road in district 33.

Councillor Negus explained regarding this resolution that the road in question had been completely washed away by the sea. It was impossible for a team to drive over it, and residents in that part of his district could only reach the city by going through private properties. He had spent a large portion of his road money and statute labor in trying to repair the road, but all repairs had been destroyed. He asked the council to consider favorably this petition as he believed it the only way for obtaining a new road.

An animated discussion followed the reading of this resolution. Councillors Billman and Henley thought as a resolution of similar character was lost at the last sitting of the council this one should not be passed, but a petition of residents in that districts be presented to the provincial legislature.

Councillor Negus said he had interviewed members of the local government and had been led to understand that the government would not furnish funds unless the matter be recommended by the council.

Further debate was participated in by Councillors Walsh, Sellars, Madill, Butler, Gladwin and Flemming.

The resolution was lost.

Miscellaneous.

Moved by Councillor Flemming, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and resolved:

That the bridge on the Windsor road, at the junction of the Beaver Bank known as Parker Bridge, be placed under the shorter bridge act of 1900, and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Burris, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That John H. Taylor, Walter McCurdy and William Sedgewick, J. P.s, be commissioners for the making out of papers for admission of patients to lunatic asylum. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Hall and resolved:

That John Kirker and Henry J. Balcom be appointed justices to sign papers of insane persons for admission to the hospital for the insane for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Flemming, and resolved:

That the bridge known as the Cleveland bridge, in district 38, be placed under the provincial bridge act of 1883 and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillor I. Dauphnee and seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith:

That John McDougall, W. D. Harrington, and James Dow be appointed commissioners to sign papers for the admission of insane to hospital for the insane. Passed.

Council Meet Again in March.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Isaac Dauphnee, and resolved: That the next meeting of this council, being the semi-annual session, be fixed for the last Wednesday of March next. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor J. H. Sellars: That his honor the warden be absolved from all fines for non-attendance at this session owing to illness. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Jas. H. Sellars, seconded by Councillor J. E. Shatford, and resolved: That no poll tax be collected in this municipality for this current year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor James Sellars, seconded by Councillor J. E. Shatford:

That the pay of councillors attending at this January session be \$2 per day and mileage, and that the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same. Passed.

The council adjourned to meet at 2.30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The council resumed business at 2.30 o'clock.

A letter was read from William R. Ogilvie, Little River, stating that he felt aggrieved by the decision of the fence viewers in regard to a fence in dispute between George Ogilvie and himself, and asking a further consideration of the matter by the council. In the opinion of the councillors this was beyond their jurisdiction, and no action was taken.

Moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Hall: That Justices George A. Jamison, M. D., and P. W. Maskell be commissioners for examining lunatics for admission to the asylum for the year 1901. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bartlett: That the bridge known as the Canal bridge in district 10, be placed under the small bridge act. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee: That \$80 be assessed in district 20 for the support of the poor for the present year, 1901. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lydard, seconded by Councillor Johnson: That the bridge known as Walker's bridge on the Harvey road, on the division line between districts Nos. 30 and 31, be placed under the small bridge act of 1900. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Butler: That the fine paid by Henry McDonald to Justice Henley be paid over to the county treasurer. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley and seconded by Councillor Stewart: That the sum of \$25 be assessed in district No. 26 in the county of Halifax for the support of the poor for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Billman, seconded by Councillor Bartlett: That the sum of \$50 be assessed in district 14 for support of poor for current year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor A. H. Gladwin, seconded by Councillor J. H. Sellars: That district 35 be assessed \$5 for poor. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Henley, and resolved:

That the sum of \$175 be assessed in district No. 22, in the county of Halifax, for the support of the poor for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. H. Sellars and seconded by Councillor Gladwin:

That \$20 be assessed in district No. 29 for support of poor in said district for year 1901. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford and seconded by Councillor Burris, and resolved:

That the sum of \$100 be assessed in district 32 for the poor for 1901. Passed.

Remuneration of Assessors.

The county clerk read the following report from the committee appointed to enquire into the question of remuneration of assessors as follows:

Your committee appointed to enquire into the question of remuneration of assessors beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter and beg to recommend the scale hereto annexed.

Your committee find that the manner in which property is assessed is not the same throughout the municipality.

They are informed that in some districts the assessors do not travel at all in making up the assessment, in others one assessor takes one portion of a district and his co-assessor the other, and after ascertaining what property, real and personal, is in their respective portions meet and make up the assessment for the whole district, while in a few districts both assessors go together over the whole district. Your committee, without recommending any particular way of assessing, would urgently recommend the council to pass a resolution making the manner of assessing uniform throughout the municipality as at present it is unfair to some of the assessors who are painstaking in their work and injurious to the municipality.

Re Assessors' Pay.

District.	Amount now paid.	Basis on mileage and number of ratepayers.	Amounts proposed to pay them.
No. 7	\$10.00	\$10.46	\$11.00
" 8	8.00	10.23	13.00
" 9	8.00	10.25	13.00
" 10	10.00	10.14	13.00
" 11	12.00	14.39	16.00
" 12	15.00	15.00	17.00
" 13	14.00	12.60	16.00
" 14	16.00	11.12	17.00
" 15	16.00	14.05	17.00
" 16	15.00	14.65	17.00
" 17	18.00	19.31	24.00
" 18	16.00	17.74	21.00
" 19	16.00	15.58	20.00
" 20	15.00	13.36	17.00

" 21	20.00	20.00	23.00
" 22	20.00	22.57	26.00
" 23	8.00	8.99	10.00
" 24	14.00	15.33	17.00
" 25	16.00	20.09	21.00
" 26	20.00	23.00	26.00
" 27	22.00	30.00	31.00
" 28	18.00	21.20	23.00
" 29	12.00	11.35	15.00
" 30	10.00	12.95	15.00
" 31	20.00	22.40	24.00
" 32	15.00	16.26	18.00
" 33	15.00	15.00	17.00
" 34	17.50	16.00	19.00
" 35	10.00	9.06	12.00
" 36	17.00	22.59	24.00
" 38	10.00	11.54	13.00
	<u>\$453.50</u>	<u>\$487.21</u>	<u>\$566.00</u>

O'Leary, C. E. Smith, Lydiard, O. Dauphinee, Bartlett, Henley, Walsh, Burris, Deputy Warden Madill, County Clerk Wiswell, and others. No action was taken and the resolution will be put to the council at its next sitting.

Report of Finance Committee.

Councillor Shatford submitted the report of the committee on finance as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your finance committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Estimates for Year 1901, City, County and Dartmouth.

County Court House	\$1,550.00
Interest on debentures	1,025.00
Court House sinking fund	368.42
Interest on loan for 1899	280.00
Current expenses county jail	2,500.00
Grand, petit and special juries	1,000.00
Sheriff's account	1,000.00
Crown prosecutions	1,200.00
Printing and stationery	500.00
Criers supreme court	900.00
Criers county court	400.00
	<u>\$10,723.42</u>
Less government grant	300.00
	<u>\$10,423.42</u>

Signed, W. Chas. Henley, John Burris, John S. Flemming, Oswald Dauphinee, Hugh Munroe.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Bartlett: That the report of assessors' committee be received and adopted to take effect in next assessment. Passed.

New Assessment Law Asked for.

The following resolution, moved by Councillor Shatford, was read:

Whereas under the present system of assessment in the county of Halifax it appears impossible to get a fair and equitable valuation of the rateable property of this county and whereas it appears that the assessors of the various districts vie with each other in keeping their several districts as low or below its actual valuation.

And whereas this system has led to many irregularities and causes much trouble and dissatisfaction throughout the whole county as well as to involve a vast deal of trouble to the county authorities, and it is a direct incentive to create too low a valuation on much of the property in the county.

Therefore, resolved, that this council humbly request the provincial legislative at its next session to so amend the law that this council may have power and authority to appoint two general assessors for the whole county each year and one local assessor for each district to confer with the two general assessors and give them any information they may require regarding ownership of property and other local matters. For the county of Halifax only. And further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the county for the local legislature.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of the resolution, participated in by Councillors Shatford, Butler,

Your committee examined the liquor license inspector's report and agree with the report of auditors, and suggest that the bondsmen of said inspector be instructed to produce vouchers in detail for expenditure and receipts and present them before the council at the April session, failing which they should be proceeded against for any deficiency occurring, as the auditors' report two sums have been paid but not accounted for, according to inspector's report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, John E. Shatford, W. Chas. Henley, O. E. Smith, James Billman, John Burris, M. Edward Butler, Finance committee.

County Alone.

Warden and councillors' pay	\$1,400
Municipal elections	225
Stipendiary magistrate	950
Clerk and treasurer	1,500
Chief county constable	300
Deputy county constable	50
Schools	8,600
Insane hospital and lunacy certificates	3,200

County poor farm current ex-		
penses	1,500	
Revisors and assessors	750	
Draw bridges and bus line	220	
Postage, health and incidentals	50	
Bounties on wild animals	100	
Auditors	50	
Coroner	125	
Dispensary	25	
		\$19.045
Less,		
Probable fees stipendiary's		
office	\$ 300	
Unexpended balance	1,500	\$1,800
		\$17.245

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Stewart: That the item of Court House expenditure be reduced \$50. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Gladwin: That the portion of the report of the finance committee referring to the license inspector be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford and seconded by Councillor Bartlett, and resolved: That the clerk and treasurer assess upon the county the amount of the estimates for 1901 reported by the committee on finance and adopted by this council with the costs of collecting the same added thereto.

Moved by Councillors Butler and Hall: That \$35 be assessed in district 15, for support of poor for present year. Passed.

The council adjourned until 10.30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

The annual session of the county municipal council concluded Thursday afternoon. The morning session opened with 29 councillors present.

Councillor Butler read the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Henley:

Whereas this council have learned of the appointment of his honor Judge Wallace to the position of judge of the county court for the metropolitan county of Halifax,

Resolved, that the council tender to the learned judge its warmest congratulations on his elevation to the bench, its desire that the pleasant relations which existed between it and his lamented predecessor may be continued between him and this council.

and its hope that he may be long spared to adorn the high office to which he has been called.

Further resolved, that the clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the learned judge. Passed.

Assessment Revisors Appointed.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and resolved:

That Samuel H. Henley be appointed a revisor of the board of assessors for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Fleming, and resolved:

That J. Sprott Stewart be appointed a revisor of the board of assessors for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor A. A. Scott, and resolved:

That G. B. Hubley be one of the assessment revisors for the coming year. Passed.

Poor Assessments.

Moved by Councillor Burris, seconded by Councillor Scott:

That the sum of \$35 be assessed this year in district No. 8 for support of the poor in such district. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Moren:

That \$140 be assessed in district 33 for the support of the poor for this year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Vaughan, and seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith,

That the sum of \$40 be assessed on district 36 for the support of the poor. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Moren, and seconded by Councillor Negus:

That the sum of \$90 be assessed on district 16 for the support of the poor for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O. Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Flemming:

That \$45 be assessed on district 11 for the maintenance of the poor. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Webber:

That the sum of \$150 be assessed in district 25 for the support of the poor. Passed.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor David Vaughan:

That the sum of \$45 be assessed on district 9 for the support of the poor. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Scott and Fleming, and resolved:

That the sum of \$30 be assessed in district No. 38 for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Miscellaneous Motions.

Moved by Councillors Webber and Hall:

That the bridge known as Salmon River bridge and Navy Pool's bridge, in district No. 27, Jeddore, be placed under the bridge act of 1833 and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor Oswald Dauphinee, and resolved:

That Stipendiary McDougall be clerk of license for the present year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Fleming and Moran:

That Mr. Grey Schultz be appointed collector of rates for district No. 17 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hall:

That the Warden, Councillors Shatford, Fleming, Lydiard and Negus be the board of arbitration to consult with the city on assessment. Passed.

Election of Councillors.

Stipendiary Magistrate McDougall called attention to new rules in the election for councillors. Nominations must be made two weeks before the third Tuesday in November—election day—instead of ten before, as formerly. All ballots are to be provided by the county clerk, and papers issued by him.

Public Property Report.

The following report was submitted by the committee on public prosperity

January 8th, 1901

Your committee on public property beg leave to submit the following report:

That during the last year the Poors' Farm has been managed very successfully. The crops have been very good with the exception of the hay crop, which was considerably lessened on account of the long drought in the early part of the season. For statement of produce raised, farming utensils, and provisions, dry goods and clothing on hand we would refer you to the report of Superintendent Hen-

neberry. There has been a slight decrease in number of weeks board from each of the following sources, viz., county insane, Dartmouth and Districts, caused by the large number of deaths (10) and discharges (6), most of which occurred during the last half of the year. To offset this in part we have received \$30.44 from private boarders.

The old barn, which was useless on account of its dilapidated condition, the frame of which was good, has during the last year been stripped of its old covering and been newly boarded and shingled, thereby making room for a large stable for horses, and also place of storage for straw (for beds), waggons, farming utensils, etc., etc., the cost for repairs to same being small, as a large part of the work was done by the superintendent and employees of the institution. Tiles-stones have all been removed from the land broken up in 1898-9, and a crop of turnips taken from it during the past year. During the summer and autumn about one acre more has been broken up, from which the stone will be removed in the spring. A large amount of manure is being hauled for next year's crop, the purchase of a part of which tends to increase the past year's expenditure.

Your committee would draw your attention to the large balance in favor of the institution at the close of the year, namely, \$1,181.68. As there appeared only \$176.04 to the credit of the institution for the eight months of the new keeper's management in the year 1899, yet it must be borne in mind that there were a number of outstanding bills not paid from years previous, which had to be settled during the first year of his incumbency, and although the county is not the loser by this method, yet had they been paid during the year they were contracted the balance in favor of the institution for year 1899 would have been augmented over \$200, and the balance of previous year lessened that amount.

Therefore your committee would recommend to this council that all future public property committees be compelled to have all indebtedness embodied in their report for the year in which they hold office.

At the close of the past year 1900 your committee are pleased to show a balance in favor of the institution of \$586.51 for the year, besides extra articles which were necessary, and will

not need to be duplicated for years, yiz., new wheels for heavy waggon, tip cart, iron bedsteads, kitchen range, farmers' boiler, platform scales, etc., also extra goods on hand, the whole amounting to \$294, making an actual surplus of \$380.51 over and above the expenditure for current year.

We would also call your attention to the present keeper's reports, showing that there has been within a fraction of 1,500 lbs. of pork raised and killed at the Poors' Farm and served to the inmates, equal to the total amount reported for the five previous years. Your committee would also recommend the granting of fifty dollars in crease to the salary of keeper and a matron in recognition of their services in the management of said Institution, and more particularly the large amount of saving in expenditure which has been effected by their careful supervision, whereby this county has received so large a surplus over that of former years. We also append for reference a list of names of inmates of said Institution on December 31st, 1900.

Insane Chargeable to County.

Male—(13.)	Female—(10.)
Harry Ascott.	Ellen Donovan.
James Wordworth.	Mary Doyle.
Dougall McKay.	Mary Boutiller.
Paul Lapierre.	Elizabeth Gott.
Nicholas Power.	Eliza Marryatt.
Monson Warner.	Elizabeth Myers.
John Barry.	Elizabeth Webber.
John Murphy.	Eliza Thomas.
John M. Murphy.	Margaret Lawlor.
James Stoneman.	Emma McKinley.
William Stawell.	
Simeon Hubley.	
Charles Dunbrack.	

Chargeable to Districts.

Male—(15.)	Female—(12.)
Reuben Young.	Alice Farnell.
Reuben Burgess.	Jane Farrell.
Garrett Murphy.	Eliza Briscoe.
Charles Martin.	Agnes Clary.
Fred. Moore.	Julia Dory.
James Winters.	Mellnda Manuel.
Alfred Smith.	Emma Price.
James Carey.	Amelia Price.
James Hamilton.	Christy Osborne.
John Norris.	Christy Nelson.
Clarence Osborne.	Mary Day.
Harry Horton.	Isabel Kidston.
William McFatrige	
Thomas Coolen.	
Arthur Walton.	

Chargeable to Dartmouth.

Male—(5)	Female—(2)
Jake Farquhar.	Ada Mosher.
James Loner.	Maria Hooper.
William Keelor.	
Norman Warren.	
Thomas Horner.	

The jail has been run in a careful and judicious manner. It is clean and well ventilated, and your committee feel that great credit is due to the jailor, Mr. Malcolm. We would refer the council to the jailor's and surgeon's reports.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) C. E. SMITH, Chairman.
S. W. LYDIARD,
CHARLES W. RAINE,
JAMES BILLMAN,
HUGH MUNROE,
OSWALD DAUPHINEE.

Account of expenditure of Halifax County Poors' Farm for year ending December 31st, 1900:—

Groceries and provisions.....	\$1,026.25
Dry goods and clothing.....	212.28
Boots and shoes	53.36
Boots and shoes (repairs).....	22.30
Beef	364.51
Employees pay	760.25
New milch cows (three).....	100.40
Oats (crushed and for seed)....	65.55
Lumber, shingles, lime, etc.....	73.08
Hardware, paints, oil, etc.....	48.16
Doctor's salary	90.00
New wheels for hauling waggon	35.00
New horse cart	37.00
Blacksmith	34.11
Rubber blankets	15.25
Making clothes	18.50
Iron bedsteads	30.00
One kitchen range	40.00
Manure	53.40
Fresh fish	29.25
Repairs to harness	10.10
Interest on debt, No. 6.....	12.50
Printing	10.37
Farmers' boiler	12.00
Platform scales	10.00
Repairs to waggons	29.20
Keeper's salary	350.00
Chairman and vice chairman's salary	50.00
Sundries	75.86

\$3,648.68

Account of income of Halifax County Poors' Farm for year ending Dec. 31st, 1900:—

Insane, 1,221 weeks, 1 day, at \$2.00 per week	\$2,442.29
District, 1,453 weeks, 3 days, at 75c. per week	1,090.07
Dartmouth, 422 weeks, 6 days, at \$1.30 per week	549.71
Board of Wenman Stawell.....	25.44
Board of Mrs. Carter.....	3.00
Board of Alex. Hendry.....	2.00
Pasturing colts	8.00
One birth	8.00
Two cow hides, 8.68; 1 calf skin, 40c.....	9.08
Sale of potatoes, etc.....	38.40
Sale of cow	20.00
Sale of Casks, etc.....	4.61
Sale of junk	7.55
Sale of bags and barrels.....	16.54
Estate of James Turner for barrels	4.50
Burials (three)	6.00
Balance in favor of institution, from 1899	595.17
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	\$4,830.36

Summary.

Income	\$4,830.36
Expenditure	3,648.63
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Balance in favor of Institution	\$1,181.68

On motion of Councillors Gladwin and A. A. Scott, the report of the committee on public property was received and adopted.

Infectious Disease Hospital.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Lydiard and seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith:

That whereas from the report of the physician in attendance at Halifax County's Poor Farm, it appears to this council that no provision has been made at that institution for the accommodation of patients having contagious diseases, and that it is absolutely necessary for the welfare and general health of the other patients that some arrangements be made for the accommodation of such sick patients;

Therefore resolved, that the public property committee be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$500 in the erection of a building or ward at the Poors' Farm during the present year.

Councillors Lydiard and Smith urged that this resolution be passed as, in case of any increase in the number of patients, the accommodation afforded by the present building was much too limited. It was also absolutely necessary to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to remove the sick to a ward or building where they might be properly cared for.

Councillors Shatford and Burris thought the erection of such a building might be deferred until another year. It was necessary for the council to curtail expense. Further discussion was participated in by Deputy Warden Madill and Councillor Butler. The resolution was passed.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Sellars:

That the present committee on revision of by-laws be continued. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Moren and Fleming, and resolved:

That R. Haverstock be appointed surveyor of lumber for district No. 16 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Taxation of Indians.

A letter was received from Louis Newell, on behalf of the Indian residents at Fall River, asking that the collectors who were attempting to compel the Indian families in that district to pay taxes, be directed by the council not to harass them, as they were only able to earn a precarious subsistence. On motion of Councillor Billman this matter was laid on the table.

Purchase of Road Machinery.

Moved by Councillors Butler and Fleming:

Whereas road machinery has been used by the commission in Bedford road with great success, be it resolved: That this council authorize district 15 and such other districts as may wish to associate themselves with district 15, to deal with the local government for the purchase of said road machinery. Provided, however, the interest on money for purchase shall be assessed in district 15 and such other districts so associated. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Negus:

That road sections Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 11, in district No. 31, be placed under a commission in accordance with the act in such cases passed in 1900, said commission to be composed of Reuben

Ernst, Joseph McDonald and Gordon Kuhn, with power to maintain said road as by such statute provided for the period of one year. Passed.

Report from the Law Committee.

The law amendment committee reported as follows:

Your committee on law amendments beg leave to submit the following:

We would strongly urge the government to repeal the act appointing a county sanitary inspector, as far as Halifax county is concerned, as it is the unanimous opinion of this council that with our district boards of health and sanitary inspectors to look after the health of the county, it is needless to incur any further expense.

We would also recommend that the government be asked to pay to district 9 the sum of two thousand dollars for building a certain piece of new road, the same being unanimously granted by this council at the January session of 1900.

We would again respectfully urge the government to make the following amendment to section 11, of chapter 35, of the revised statutes, viz.: Between the word "father" on the first line and the word "grandfather" on the same line, and insert the word "brother."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WM. F. NEGUS, Chairman.
JOHN E. SHATFORD.
ARTHUR WEBBER.
J. H. WALSH.
LINDSAY MOREN.
A. H. GLADWIN.

On motion of Councillors Henley and O. Dauphinee the report of the law amendment committee was received and adopted.

Free Telephone Withdrawn.

The county clerk read a letter received from the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, stating that they were unable longer to furnish telephone service in the court house free of charge.

On motion of Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Gladwin, the application of the telephone company was referred to the commissioners of the court house.

The council adjourned, to meet for its last sitting at 2.30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The municipal council resumed business at 2.30 o'clock. Only twenty-five councillors were in attendance, a number having obtained leave of absence and left the city.

Moved by Councillors Butler and O'Leary: That George S. Canfield be appointed weigher and measurer for district 15. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee: That the \$50 recommended by the public property committee for keeper and matron of county poor farm be granted. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bartlett: That \$50 be assessed in district No. 10 for support of the poor for 1901. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Walsh: That \$50 be assessed in district 23 for support of the poor for 1901. Passed.

Rate of Remuneration

For Supervisors.

Moved by Councillors Isaac Dauphinee and T. O'Leary: That the roadmaster's pay in the several ward sections be \$1.25 per day. Passed.

Discussion followed on the pay of road supervisors.

Councillor Sellars thought the salary should be \$1.50 a day instead of \$1.25 as heretofore.

Councillor Lydlard said it would be unfair to past supervisors to raise the remuneration, and in his opinion roadmasters, if any, should receive the increased salary.

Councillor Henley argued that the supervisors were well paid at present. He also considered their work easier than that of the road master.

Councillor Isaac Dauphinee pointed out that the supervisor held himself at the call of the district to leave his regular work and go to any other part of the district. As the best men in the district were usually called upon to fill this office, they should be adequately remunerated.

Deputy-Warden Madill and County Clerk Wiswell enumerated the duties of the supervisor. He was the responsible man, and should be well paid. Further discussion was participated in by Councillors O'Leary, Butler, Negus and Walsh.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith, and resolved: That the remuneration for

the supervisor of roads be \$1.25 per day for the present year.

Councillor Sellars moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor I. Dauphinee: That the supervisor of roads receive \$1.50 per day. The amendment was lost by a standing vote of 13 to 9.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor A. F. Smith: That the rate of percentage for road tax be 35 cents per one hundred dollars. Passed.

Road Tax per \$100 for 1901.

Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Negus: That this council decide that the property known as Sherwood is exempt from taxes, under the municipal assessment act. Passed.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Henley: That the clerk, Mr. Wiswell, be authorized to sue for the amount due by Mr. D. W. B. Read, providing that the said amount cannot be collected after three months' notice. Passed.

Report on Jury Lists.

The following report was submitted from the committee on jury lists:

The committee on jury lists beg to report that they met to carry into effect the requirements of the new law which came in force in January, 1900, and prepared with care and as accurately as possible under the sources of information at their command, the separate lists of grand, petit and special jurors for the year with the least loss of time. These lists were thereafter published in one of the city newspapers, and subsequently notice to all concerned that objections and changes would be heard and errors corrected at the final meeting of the committee on March 1st, as provided in the statute. Having completed the revision of the lists, copies of the same were delivered to the prothonotary and the county clerk for public inspection.

As the preparation, checking, copying and rectifying of these lists entails a new and burdensome duty on the secretary, who is one of the com-

mittee, it is only equitable that, as in the city and Dartmouth, he should be paid his proportion. The cost to the municipality is less than one-half the old sum.

In connection with this business the committee recommend that as the law for Halifax county requires the selection of jurors to be made from within fifteen miles of the city, the area should cover the whole of the districts from which they are now chosen.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. H. BARTLETT,
Chairman.

W. F. NEGUS.
WM. H. WISWELL,
Secretary.

Districts 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 33.

The report of committee on juries was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Poor.

The following report of the committee on poor was received and adopted:

Your committee beg to report that no returns were received from districts 14, 22, 23, 30, 31, 34 and 35, and would impress upon the councillors the necessity of seeing that in future returns from the overseers are made previous to the annual session of council.

They would also recommend that reports from overseers be filled up on blanks provided for the purpose, as in some cases it is impossible for the committee to ascertain precisely the condition of the poor funds. Returns have been handed in from more districts this year than in 1900.

(Signed)

ISAAC DAUPHINEE,
Chairman.

HENRY HALL.
JOHN HAYES.
A. F. SMITH.
THOMAS COLE.
THOMAS JOHNSON.

Returns From Overseers of Poor for Year Ending December 31st, 1900.

DISTRICT.	Amount assessed 1900.	Balance from last accounts.	Collectors Commission.	Received from other sources.	Paid on account paupers.	Due on account paupers.	Amt. to be assessed 1901.	Balance on hand.	Received from collectors.
7—Herring Cove..	\$ 40.00	.....	\$2.00	.....	\$18.00	.....	.....	\$15.00	\$35.00
8—Port'gese Cove	114.50	.....	5.00	.....	82.97	.....	35.01	4.16	101.86
9—Sambro	48.00	11.83	2.31	.....	39.11	.....	45.00	16.77	46.36
10—Up. Prospect..	16.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	6.00	10.00
11—Hackett's Cove	47.66	.....	2.38	.....	39.11	.....	40.00	3.66	47.66
12—French Village	10.00	8.13	.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.60	12.47
13—Spryfield .....	.....	.....	.....	\$16.95	.....	.....	.....	23.37	6.42
14—N. W. Arm....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15—Bedford	50.00	3.43	2.50	.....	39.11	.....	35.00	4.32	40.00
16—Ham. Plains...	90.00	1.96	4.25	.....	78.22	.....	90.00	3.75	85.00
17—Sackville	52.50	19.00	2.50	.....	71.50	.....	.....	43.72	52.50
18—Waverley	41.16	137.23	2.02	5.00	99.29	.....	100.00	81.27	40.35
19—Gay's River....	53.59	80.00	6.54	80.00	118.50	.....	40.00	30.80	50.92
20—Meag. Grant... 100.00	.....	.....	4.65	.....	84.82	.....	85.00	8.18	93.00
21—Mid. Musquod.	61.64	2.00	.....	.....	16.94	.....	.....	59.64	16.94
22—Up. Musquod....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23—Low. Prospect. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24—Moser's River..	.....	43.98	.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.86	.....
25—Sheet Harbor.. 200.00	.....	9.02	.....	.....	152.53	.....	150.00	51.49	195.00
26—Tangier	50.00	17.82	2.25	.....	29.25	.....	25.00	33.57	45.00
27—Jeddore	100.00	84.05	5.45	.....	39.11	.....	150.00	95.53	109.14
28—Chezzetcook....	.....	32.98	.....	.....	7.55	.....	25.00	25.43	.....
29—Lawrencetown. 20.00	60.24	.69	3.50	39.00	.....	.....	.....	47.50	23.46
30—Preston .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31—Cole Harbor... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32—Hubbard's Cove 175.00	.....	9.12	.....	.....	182.32	.....	150.00	8.96	182.32
33—East. Passage.. 128.36	18.67	6.40	20.00	156.40	.....	.....	140.00	4.00	128.36
34—Salmon River..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35—Little River... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.11	80.00	80.76	.....
36—E. Chezzetcook.	80.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37—Dover	85.00	.....	4.00	.....	60.00	13.93	30.00	.40	80.10

Report of the Road and Bridge Committee.

To the Warden and Councillors of the municipality of Halifax County:

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned committee on roads and bridges, beg to report as follows:

Re the communication from Sir Sandford Flemming relative to his road tax on property at the Northwest Arm, we beg to say that in our opinion naught can now be done to collect the amount due last year, as according to the revised statutes all such amounts would be uncollectable. We consider Sir Sandford Flemming should be notified that his road tax can be paid in labor if necessary.

Re the petition from district 35 ask-

ing for a public highway, we find that the petition and counter petition contains quite a number of the same signatures; consequently we would recommend the non-granting of the prayer of said petition.

Re the report of Joseph Lloy, custodian of Rocky Run drawbridge, we beg to say that frequent complaints have been made to Councillor Lapierre relative to the defective condition of that half of said bridge in his district, but hitherto nothing has been done to remedy matters. Therefore your committee, in view of the negligence shown by Councillor Lapierre, would urge the council to inform said councillor that he must attend to the repairs of the bridge immediately.

C. SMITH WALSH.

January 17th, 1901.

Re the report of Stewart Innes relative to the iron drawbridge at Porter's Lake, we have only to say that we refer Mr. Innes to the supervisor of the district.

Re the report on the Canterbury bridge, we would refer the matter to the attention of the supervisor of the district.

Re the petition from Greenhead, district 13, your committee recommend "that the parties interested do petition the local government, as the county certainly could not grant the amount asked.

Re the communication from Waverley, district 18, we have only to recommend the same back to the supervisor, as according to law now provided, he has full authority to deal with the matter in question.

Your committee find, that owing to neglect on the part of several of the roadmasters in not forwarding their returns, and also on account of the time those returns now before the committee would consume in their examination, we would beg to defer reporting on said returns until the March session of council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.
THOS. E. STEWART,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
J. H. BARTLETT,
ISAAC DAUPHINEE,
ARTHUR WEBBER,
JAS. H. SELLARS.

Summary of Statute Labor Returns
of the Several Districts:

District	Total tax.	Amount paid in Labor and Cash.	Unpaid.
7.....	\$201.55	\$201.55	....
" 8.....	195.11	190.45	4.66
" 9.....	187.12	186.59	.53
" 10.....	145.92	145.34	.58
" 11.....	337.20	337.20	....
" 12.....	341.70	341.70	....
" 13.....	193.89	193.89	....
" 14.....	554.27	467.07	87.20
" 15.....	740.16	740.16	....

District 16.....	268.41	263.80	4.61
" 17.....	616.75	613.43	3.32
" 18.....	324.23	318.98	5.25
" 19.....	461.47	461.47	....
" 20.....	255.26	255.26	....
" 21.....	636.58	636.31	.27
" 22.....	611.73	601.47	10.26
" 23.....	146.34	145.21	1.13
" 24.....	445.78	407.67	38.11
" 25.....	495.53	494.28	.25
" 26.....	594.21	579.98	14.23
" 27.....	931.66	872.33	59.33
" 28.....	591.64	548.20	43.44
" 29.....	305.86	302.88	2.98
" 30.....	213.16	201.60	11.56
" 31.....	963.72	954.31	9.41
" 32.....	(Councillor Shatford reports loss of summary of statute labor.)		
" 33.....	450.00	446.35	3.65
" 34.....	589.00	569.20	19.80
" 35.....	189.12	184.22	4.90
" 36.....	596.94	574.89	22.05
" 38.....	194.64	194.64	....

In explanation to the clause of this report referring to negligence in repairing the Rocky Run drawbridge, Councillor Lapierre said repairs would be made before spring. The report was received and adopted.

Councillor Lydiard moved a vote of thanks to Deputy-Warden Madill for so acceptably presiding over the sittings in the council.

The deputy-warden responded by thanking the council for their courteous treatment, and congratulated them on the cordial and expeditious manner in which business had been disposed of.

Councillor Lydiard suggested that after adjournment the councillors visit the county jail.

The council adjourned to meet for the semi-annual session the last Wednesday in March.

SPRING SESSION.

The Halifax County Council opened its semi-annual session at noon on Wednesday, 27th March, 1901. The councillors took the oath of allegiance to King Edward VII., Clerk Wiswell swearing them in. The councillors absent were the following named:—Councillors James H. Walsh, O. Dauphinee, James Billman, Henry Hall.

The minutes of the last sitting of the council were read and approved.

Warden Wilson's Address.

The warden, B. C. Wilson, who was unable to be present at the January session, on account of illness, was in the chair, still lame, but everybody was glad to know, very much improved. He delivered the opening address as follows:—

Gentlemen of Municipal Council of Halifax County:

I had not the pleasure of meeting you at the January session, and therefore take the present opportunity of congratulating you upon the position you occupy upon the advent of a new century.

It is my duty to advise you that, owing to circumstances over which he had not control, Councillor Bartlett deemed it advisable to tender me his resignation as councillor of district No. 23. The cash penalty for such resignation, as defined by statute, did not accompany it, and I do not think you need expect it.

District 23 is now without a representative in this council, and the resignation, only coming four days ago, there was not time to have one elected for this session.

I would call your attention to the new law relative to councillors' elections and now in force. The method is much more complicated than heretofore, and is identical with the practice which obtains in Dominion and local elections.

I am pleased to inform you that the new inspector of licenses has been duly installed in office and entered upon his duties. Ex-Inspector Hiltz solved the problem, and doubt as to who was inspector or whether we should have two, or none, by handing me his resignation; and an amendment introduced in the legislature the present session will remove all doubt in future.

I regret that the government has not seen its way clear to deal more generously with the general road grant, considering the prosperous condition of provincial finances; or to inflate such machinery as would enable the counties to grapple with the problem and raise money on their own credit to improve the highways. From what information is at my command I think we may anticipate a diminished amount in our county grant as compared with last year, but the definite amount has not been made known yet, so we may at least live in hopes.

Among the bills introduced in the legislature was one looking to the compulsory use of wide tires, and though no objections were offered, it was withdrawn "to afford opportunity for the municipal councils to express an opinion." To the average layman this looks as if our legislators had not the courage of their convictions in thus seeking to screen themselves behind the councils, presumably to repudiate any responsibility should such an act prove unpopular.

The act of a few years since, granting local option for any county to adopt wide tires, might better have been entitled "an act to permit local municipal suicide," for no county would reasonably isolate itself from the rest of the province by adopting such a course. Any act enforcing wide tires must be universal over the whole province.

One important duty before you is the considering the new by-laws to be arranged under the revised statutes promulgated in February last, and which the committee appointed for the purpose will lay before you.

I engaged the services of Mr. Marshall to enquire into the conditions of the court house and its needs, and his report will be laid before you.

And now, gentlemen, this is the last session of this council. With the close of the current year our occupation as councillors will be gone. Undoubtedly a number of the present incumbents will be returned for another term, and equally true a number will return no more. Some will retire through their personal desire to do so, and some in deference to the wishes of their constituents.

There are several of us, myself included, who have served the county for periods varying from fifteen to twenty years, and the time has nearly come, for such of us at least, to resign our stewardship in favor of younger men, and, let us hope, more capable men.

The council then adjourned, to meet at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At the afternoon session of the council an application for increase of salary was read from Charles Gates, turnkey of the county jail. During his five years' service his duties had considerably increased, yet his wages remained the same.

The application was deferred until a later sitting of the council.

Councillor Henley remarked that a resolution had been passed by the council some time ago to the effect that all applications for increases of salary must be accompanied by a resignation of the office held by the applicant. The warden and several of the councillors proposed that this rule be rescinded.

In consequence of the resignation of the councillor of district 23, the vacancy on the roads and bridges committee was directed to be filled by the appointment of Councillor C. E. Smith

A letter was read from Scriven & Sons, bakers, asking for information as to the basis on which the contract for supplying bread to the county jail was awarded. The communication was laid on the table.

Appointments by Council.

Moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Arthur Webber: That Henry Boutilier be appointed road master in section 1, district 2, instead of Salem Dauphinee, the latter being too old to fill said office. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Burris, seconded by Councillor A. F. Smith: That William Dickey be roadmaster in section 16, district 21, instead of Archibald McFatridge, who left the province. Passed.

Moved by Councillor John Hayes, seconded by Councillor Munro: That John S. Adams be appointed collector of taxes, instead of Sylvester Adams, already appointed, who has left home and joined the army. Passed.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Vaughan: That William Brunt, district 9, be appointed collector, instead of W. Henneberry, who is leaving the district. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, seconded by Councillor J. H. Sellars: That Thomas Kennedy be a constable for district 32 in place of John Brighby, who is on the sick list. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Flemming: That road section No. 5, in district 58, be divided

into two sections—section No. 5 to extend from Publicover's to Poor's Hill, and that Edward Moreash be appointed overseer of said section. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Stewart and resolved: That James Cooper be appointed road master for section 6, in district No. 26. Passed.

Moved by Councillor A. F. Smith and seconded by Councillor Burris: That Edward Moser be presiding officer for district 24. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Arthur Webber: That Lewis J. Boutilier be appointed road master in section 9, district 12, instead of George W. Smith, the latter being over 60 years of age, and not wishing to act. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Scott: That Lawson Moreash be appointed supervisor for district No. 38, in the place of Joseph J. Scott, who has left the district. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Negus: That Albert Stuart, of Waverley, be added to the list of constables in district 18; also, that Albert Stuart be appointed collector of taxes in district 18, in place of A. R. Tullock, who is unable to attend to the duties. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor Negus: That Newton Kuhn be appointed road master for section 16, district No. 33, in place of Norman Moreash, whose name appeared through mistake in the list of road masters for 1901. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That Edward O'Leary be road master in place of John O'Leary, Sr.; also, that Joseph Hartling be road master in place of Murdock Maloney, of district 34. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That John T. Warren be constable for district 34; also, that Edmund Smiley be assessor for district 34 in place of Michael O'Leary. Passed.

Moved by Councillor David Vaughan and seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith: That E. Gaetz be appointed assessor in place of James Rollings for district 36. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith: That John Mosher be appointed road master in district 36 in place of Harry Power, who has left the district, and that William Warner be appointed constable for district 36. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor Negus: That William C. Bishop be appointed road master for section 18, in district 31, in place of Arthur Brennan, who has left the country. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Stewart: That John D. Miller be appointed road master for road section 17, district 17, since through some omission his name does not appear on the lists of road masters for district 17. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley and seconded by Councillor George H. Madill: That Councillor Fleming be appointed on the committee of jury lists in place of Councillor Bartlett, who has resigned. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Moren and seconded by Councillor Fleming: That Henry Haverstock, Jr., be appointed supervisor for district No. 16 in the place of Henry Schmidt, who is unable to attend through ill health. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Shatford and seconded by Councillor Raine: That a committee be appointed to enquire into ascertain and make out a list of the assets of the county of Halifax and place it in the hands of the treasurer, so that in future it may be an easy matter to know the assets and liabilities of this county. Passed.

The committee were named as follows: Councillors Shatford, Henley, Madill, Lydiard and Burris.

Moved by Councillor B. C. Wilson and seconded by Councillor Fleming: That road section No. 16, in district 17, and road section A, district 18, be placed under a commission, as per statute of 1900, and that Wilbur Morrell, St. C. Ruggles and James

Murphy be the commission to take charge of such road. Passed.

The council adjourned to meet at 10.30 o'clock Thursday forenoon.

THURSDAY'S SITTING.

The Halifax municipal council resumed business Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Warden Wilson was unable to be present, and Deputy Warden Madill occupied the chair.

Moved by Councillor Charles Raine, seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That section No. 7 be added to section No. 4 and made one road section. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Munroe, and seconded by Councillor Scott: That James Pettipas be appointed road master for section 1 in district 8, in place of Joseph Johnson, who is removing from the district, and that Christopher Purcell be road master in section 2, district 8, in place of Charles Pettipas. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Charles Raine, seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That William J. Yeadon be appointed road master for section No. 11, instead of C. Yeadon. Passed.

The New By-Laws.

The business of the morning was the first reading of the amended by-laws submitted with the following report:

"Your committee appointed to revise the by-laws of the municipality beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the by-laws of this and other municipalities within the province, and in addition to revising those now in force, have prepared by-laws in relation to matters in which regulation have not heretofore been made.

"Accompanying this report are the by-laws which the committee desire to submit to the council for consideration.

(Signed.)

M. E. BUTLER, Chairman.
JAS. H. SELLARS,
WM. F. NEGUS,
S. W. LYDIARD,
JOHN S. F. FLEMMING.

Councillors Negus, Lydiard and Flemming wished it understood that although they had signed the report they did not necessarily agree with all the articles contained therein.

The reading of the by-laws was not finished at recess and was resumed after luncheon and occupied the afternoon.

FRIDAY'S SITTING.

Friday morning's session of the Halifax municipal council was devoted to the reading of the amended by-laws.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That John Glasgow be appointed road supervisor in district No. 30 in the place of Dennis Delouchry, deceased. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That Samuel Williams be appointed road master for district No. 30 in place of John Glasgow, in road section No. 1. Passed.

Manure on Public Roads.

The reading of the by-laws was concluded at the afternoon sitting of the council. In regard to the section regarding manure on the public road, Councillor Negus moved, seconded by Councillor Fleming: That no manure be allowed to be placed on the side of any public road from the first day of July to the thirty-first day of August, and further that manure so placed within the prescribed time shall not interfere with any drains or ditches on said public roads. Passed.

Electoral Revisors Appointed.

Moved by Councillor John Hayes, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary: That Jeffrey Gorman be revisor for the incoming year for No. 7 district. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That Dennis Purcell be appointed revisor for district No. 8 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Henley: That Alfred Morgan be appointed revisor in district No. 12 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Charles Radne, seconded by Councillor M. Edward Butler: That Archibald Kidston be appointed revisor for district No. 13 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor A. H. Gladwin: That Thomas Hamilton, of Sackville, be revisor for district 17 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Warden Wilson, seconded by Councillor Negus: That J. E. McDonald be revisor for district 18 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Deputy Warden Geo. H. Madill, seconded by Councillor Burris: That James Mitchell be appointed revisor for section 12, including districts 19 and 20 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Thomas Cole, seconded by Councillor Henry Hall: That James D. Bayers and John McMullin (postmasters) be revisors for districts Nos. 19 and 20 for 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Burris, seconded by Deputy Warden Madill: That J. Watson McCurdy be revisor in district 21 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Henley: That Arthur Henry be appointed revisor in district No. 22 for 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor A. F. Smith, seconded by Councillor Burris: That Solomon Fancy be appointed revisor for district 24. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Webber: That Edward Quillman be appointed revisor for district No. 25 for the year 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Stewart: That Robert Mason be appointed revisor in district No. 26 for the year 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Arthur Webber, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith: That Henry Gullid be appointed revisor for district 27 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor James H. Sellers, seconded by Deputy Warden Madill: That John McDonald be revisor in district No. 29 for the year 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That Joseph Evans be appointed revisor for district No. 30 for the year 1902. **Passed.**

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor A. H. Gladwin: That Henry Watson and Robert Settle, Sr., be appointed revisors for district No. 31 for ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford: That John P. Webber, of Ingram River, be revisor for district 32 for the year 1902. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor A. H. Gladwin: That William Moser be revisor for district No. 33 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Henry Hall: That Edward H. Balcom be revisor for district 34.

Moved by Councillor A. H. Gladwin, seconded by Councillor Negus: That Prescott Dean be revisor for district 35 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor David Vaughan, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith: That James Chisholm be appointed revisor for district 36. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lapierre, seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That Simon Lapierre be revisor for district 28 for the ensuing year.

Other Appointments.

Moved by Councillor Lapierre, seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That Simon Lapierre be presiding officer for district 28 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Webber: That Andrew McDonald be collector of county and poor rates for district No. 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Charles Raine, seconded by Councillor Gladwin: That the road leading from main road past R. Ervin's be included in road section No. 14, district 21. Passed.

Sheet Harbor Lumber Assessment.

Councillor Henley submitted a request from the manager of the Sheet Harbor Lumber company for a refund of taxes paid in district 26. The company claimed to have already paid taxes through other channels. Councillor Henley asked the council to consider the matter. County Clerk Wiswell explained that the money paid to him had been for other lands not on the Sheet Harbor Lumber company's assessment.

Communication from J. J. Scriven & Son.

A second communication was read from J. J. Scriven & Son in regard to the previous communication from them, asking the basis on which the tender for supplying the county jail with bread for 1900 and 1901 had been awarded, and which communication had, by vote of the council, been laid on the table.

In view of the reports of the statements made by Councillor Smith, as given in the Chronicle of the 28th, Mr. Scriven desired a hearing at a meeting of the council.

Councillor Smith declared that he had said nothing in the council damaging to either Mr. Scriven or his business. He had said that he would make any explanations before a committee if they were appointed. He said one duty of the public property committee was to ask for tenders and award them. He thought that the council would be kept very busy if they were to hear reports from every person whose tender was not accepted.

Councillor Shatford said he did not hear Councillor Smith say anything derogatory to Scriven & Son's business. He thought the committee had the right to accept any tender they chose.

Warden Wilson stated that while it was in the interests of the council to get supplies at the lowest figure, it was not always judicious to accept the lowest tender.

Councillor Negus moved that the matter be dropped.

Councillor O'Leary said that, while the council had every faith in the committee, he thought the other side of the story should be given and that, as an act of courtesy, Mr. Scriven should be heard.

Councillor Lydiard considered it disrespectful to the council not to stand by the committee appointed.

Councillor Henley remarked that he had reason to believe Mr. Scriven had been misinformed as to the remarks made in council in regard to the matter contained in the first communication. He objected to establishing the precedent of hearing all persons who think they have a grievance.

Councillor Butler moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Madill: That Mr. Scriven be given a hearing.

On a standing vote the motion was lost. Mr. Scriven was present during the discussion.

County Clerk Wiswell reported that he had communicated with D. W. B. Reid in regard to the resolution passed at the January session of the council, but had received no reply.

The council adjourned till 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Halifax municipal council resumed business at 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning. In the absence of Warden Wilson, Deputy Warden Madill presided.

Moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the clerk of licenses be requested to hand in before adjournment of the council an account of all peddlers' licenses issued since the first of January last. Passed.

Moved by Councillor J. E. Shatford, and seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That Parker Archibald be clerk of licenses for the present year in place of Stipendiary McDougall, who cannot act in his capacity as stipendiary on license cases while being clerk of licenses. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Moren, seconded by Councillor Henley: That A. E. Havensstock be appointed revisor of electoral district No. 16 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Billman, seconded by Councillor Butler: That E. Lawson Fenerty be revisor of electoral lists for district 14 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor O. Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor I. Dauphinee: That Wesley Crooks be appointed revisor for district 11. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Jas. H. Sellars, seconded by Councillor Burris: That the bridge known as the East River Bridge, Lawrencetown, be placed under the government bridge act of 1886 and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. E. Shatford: That Patrick M. Duggan be appointed collector instead of M. C. Walsh; that Patrick E. Christian be appointed constable instead of William J. Christian; that Patrick Whalen be road overseer in section 4, instead of Joseph Mason; and that Robert Duggan be revisor. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Moren, seconded by Councillor Fleming: That Jonathan Marsman be appointed constable in district No. 16, for the ensuing year. Passed.

J. D. Bayers, Meagher's Grant, health inspector for district 20, reported the health of that district fairly good during the past year, with very few deaths.

A report from the board of health in Sheet Harbor district, with accounts from Drs. McMillan and Gourley for medical attendance at cases of typhoid fever and diphtheria, was referred to the finance committee.

Councillor Lydiard presented a request from H. H. Lang, manager of the Policy Holders' National Union, for a hearing before the council. On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Negus a resolution was passed to hear Mr. Lang on Monday.

County Clerk Wiswell read a letter from James Sheppard, agent of the Sawyer and Massey Co., Ltd., stating that he had for sale a road machine and reversible road roller, both of which he would sell for \$725.

A communication was read from a number of ratepayers in Bedford re assessment and poll money.

The council adjourned to meet on Monday at 10.30 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Halifax municipal council resumed business at 10.30 o'clock Monday morning. Warden Wilson and thirty councillors were present.

A communication was read from the Waverley gold mining company stating that as a portion of the road near Rutherford's, so-called, was on low, marshy ground and liable to be flooded over at every freshet, and by the waters from the company's dams, thus causing inconvenience to the public, the company were building a road on the high ground round the swamp, making a short diversion from the route of the present road. They ask the council to grant permission to flood the old piece of swamp road, whenever the new road is approved and accepted by the councillor and supervisor of roads for the district.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Henley: That the prayer of the Waverley gold mining company be granted whenever they shall have put the new piece of road in proper order, and the same shall have been approved and accepted by the councillor and supervisor of roads for the district, and a certificate of the same is filed with the county clerk. The resolution was passed.

Bedford Assessment and Poll Money.

County Clerk Wiswell read the following communication, deferred from the last sitting of the council:

To Warden of Municipal Council for Halifax County.

Dear Sir,—In the summary of returns of road masters for district 15, according to the minutes of the council, held in January, 1901, we learn that all the assessment and poll money has been collected and spent or worked on the roads.

There must be something wrong in the returns if this be true, for (1) There are quite a number who have not worked nor yet paid their road taxes for 1900. (2) A few have attended on the highway according to their road notice, and as the road master was not in attendance as specified in notice, did no work, nor have they yet paid. (3) Others received notice with

no particular place of meeting mentioned. (4) For Bedford section alone there would be about three hundred and fifty dollars assessment and poll tax, and as near as we can judge, there was only about fifty dollars spent in this section. Now, according to this there should be about three hundred dollars on hand.

Now, sir, the questions we would like to ask you are the following: (1) If this money is on hand why was it not laid out in the proper times? (2) If not on hand, where is it? (3) What power has an overseer to appoint a substitute to wait on the road to receive work in payment of taxes? (4) Is the councillor justified in sanctioning the actions of such overseer? (5) Can the councillor and others not district officers make contracts for road work as private individuals? (6) If so, can they after becoming district officers take sectional road funds to satisfy such private contracts? (7) Can the overseer of one section legally collect the road tax of another section? (8) Can the road and poll tax money of one section be legally transferred and expended in another section at the option of the overseer?

By answering these questions at this sitting of the council you will bestow a favor on a large number of ratepayers of district 15.

Yours respectfully,

ALFRED BOUTILIER,
FRED. EMMERSON,
LEWIS L. DIXSON.

Referred to Road and

Bridge Committee.

Councillor Butler said that as councillor of the district from which the communication had come, he had never been approached on the subject referred to, and knew nothing of the existence of any feeling of dissatisfaction. He stated that his district had been placed under a commission which had started working the road machinery at the lower end of the district. He thought the idea must be abroad that the commission had to expend a proportionate amount over the whole district.

Councillor Henley suggested that the matter be referred to a committee who would listen to both sides of the question and enquire into grievances.

On motion of Councillors Burris and Gladwin the matter was referred to the roads and bridges committee.

Sanitary Inspection at Sheet Harbor.

The following report from the finance committee on the bills for medical attendance and sanitary inspection in cases of contagious diseases at Sheet Harbor was adopted:

To Warden and Councillors Municipality of Halifax County:

Gentlemen,—Your finance committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The several accounts which were brought before the committee have been carefully examined and we find it impossible to recommend the payment adduced which makes it clear to your of any of them, for the following reasons:

(1) None of the bills have been made out in accordance with the law committee that the said Crookshanks is in a position to discharge his own doctor's bills; (3) In relation to San—which governs the payment of such accounts, as they have not been certified by the board of health for the district; (2) In the case of the Crookshanks' account, evidence has been taken by Inspector McFarlane's account, there is no statement as to the actual work done, and we find it would be a bad precedent to recommend the payment of accounts without their being certified.

We would respectfully bring to the notice of the council the necessity of presenting these accounts in legal form. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD,
W. CHARLES HENLEY,
C. E. SMITH,
JAMES BILLMAN,
M. EDWARD BUTLER,
J. BURRIS.

Halifax, April 1st.

Turnkey's Salary.

In regard to an application for increased salary made by Charles Gaetz at a previous sitting of the council, Councillor Henley moved, seconded by Councillor Fleming: That the salary of Charles Gaetz, turnkey of the county jail, be increased \$40 per annum, as the amount now received is inadequate to the service. Passed.

Appointments.

Moved by Councillor James Billman, seconded by Councillor M. E. Butler: That Amos Geizer be appointed overseer of roads for the road leading from Dutch Village to Geizer's Hill; also for the road leading from Fairview, and terminating at the road leading to Geizer's Hill—district 14. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Butler: That Jas. Jollimore be appointed overseer of roads for the lower Arm, section 10, district 14. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee: That Thomas Faulkner, of Musquodoboit Harbor, be appointed roadmaster to fill the vacancy in road section No. 2, district 27, Jeddore. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Isaac Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Webber: That Benjamin Dauphinee be appointed constable in district 12 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Miscellaneous Business.

Moved by Councillor Billman, seconded by Councillor Butler: That the part of public road in district 14, commencing at Sir Sandford Fleming's gate, and leading to and terminating at the southern end of said district, together with all the public roads in district of Lower Arm shall be created into one road section, to be known as section No. 10. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Hall: That \$150 be assessed on district 27 for the maintaining and keeping of the poor of said district. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor James H. Sellars:

That the road leading from Charles Christlan's, Prospect Bay to Senator Power's, be made road section No. 7, and that John M. Brennan be appointed road overseer for said road. Passed.

Moved by Councillor John Hayes, seconded by Councillor Hall: That the election for councillor be held in Herring Cove, No. 7, in the school house. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Negus: That the polling place in district 18 for municipal election shall be as near as may be convenient to Waverley hotel in Waverley. Passed.

Moved by Councillor James H. Selars, seconded by Councillor James H. Walsh: That the polling place for holding the council election be at or near the residence of Samuel J. Hiltz, district No. 29. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Henley: That John Jennings be presiding officer for district 21, B., for the present year, and that the poll be held at or near the mouth of the Moose River road. Passed.

The council adjourned to meet at 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Halifax County Council met for a short sitting at 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The county treasurer submitted a return of pedlar's licenses issued and paid for under the by-law for 1900, as follows:

1900.

Joseph Belus	March 7
Emil David Beatrice	April 20
Samuel Peter	April 20
P. Martin	November 8

1901.

Haïd Petros	March 16
Samuel Petros	March 16
Dominis Bowles	March 27
Joseph Bowles	March 30
Deep George	April 2
George Abraham	March 20

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Lydford: That the county pedlar license inspector be ask-

ed to make a return of all business passing through his hands, at the next January session. Passed.

Moved by Councillor James H. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Selars: That the place for holding the election for councillor be at or near Mr's. John Duggan's, Upper Prospect. Passed.

Moved by Councillor LaPierre, seconded by Councillor John Hayes: That the election for councillor be held at Ephraim Julien's, district 23. Passed.

The amount of the government road grant was communicated to the council and the sitting was adjourned until 10.30 Wednesday morning, to enable the road and bridge committee to get together and apportion the grant.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

At the meeting of the county council on Wednesday morning the following report was given by the roads and bridges committee re communication from residents of Bedford in regard the road money in district 15:

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council:

The road and bridge committee beg leave to report:—

In re petition of residents of Bedford concerning the expenditure of road moneys in district 15, your committee desire to state that the summary of returns presented at the annual session of the council showed that the sum of \$740.16 had been collected and expended during the past year in said district—such summary has disappeared in the interval and cannot now be found.

A number of witnesses appeared before your committee and proved that they had not paid their road taxes, nor had they commuted the same by labor. From a list shewn your committee, it would appear that a sum amounting to \$244.45 for road taxes in said district still remains uncollected and due by ratepayers.

One of the commissioners for said district appeared before your committee and said that the commission had advanced the said sum of \$244.45

in anticipation of the amount being collected from delinquents at a later date.

Your committee would recommend that in future the uncollected road taxes be collected as the law directs.

(Signed.)

CHARLES HENLEY, Chairman.
JOHN S. FLEMING,
ISAAC DAUPHINEE,

ARTHUR WEBBER,
T. E. STEWART,
JAS. H. SELLARS,
C. E. SMITH .

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Gladwin the report was adopted.

Supplementary Tax Statement.

The following supplementary statement of taxes for the year 1900 was read:—

District	Assessment. 1900.	Am't paid to Dec. 31, 1900.	Am't paid Jan. 1 to March 31, 1901.	Deficit.
7.. .. .	\$ 187.93	\$ 187.93	.....	.....
8.. .. .	158.14	126.37	12.19	19.53 Part of this is collected.
9.. .. .	180.74	179.34	.....	1.40
10.. .. .	222.92	173.31	30.02	19.59 Part of this is collected.
11.. .. .	331.14	331.14	.....	.....
12.. .. .	300.81	299.97	14	70 Uncollected.
13.. .. .	243.88	234.72	8.63	53 Uncollected.
14.. .. .	898.26	834.46	26.42	37.38 Error in assessment.
15.. .. .	1332.64	1102.30	101.97	123.37 Warrant outstanding.
16.. .. .	339.27	333.33	3.69	2.25 Uncollected.
17.. .. .	1042.49	929.53	45.40	67.56 Error in assm't, wr'nt outst'ng
18.. .. .	747.91	651.12	49.62	47.17 Warrant outstanding.
19.. .. .	622.74	620.85	.....	1.89 Uncollected.
20.. .. .	365.07	339.77	3.80	21.50 Error in assessment.
21.. .. .	919.19	757.02	156.13	6.04 Uncollected.
22.. .. .	805.07	689.68	114.52	87 Uncollected.
23.. .. .	111.48	109.24	.....	2.24 Uncollected.
24.. .. .	440.54	436.97	74	2.83 Uncollected.
25.. .. .	666.82	526.95	63.70	76.17 Paid \$34 since
26.. .. .	546.88	501.49	45.39	.....
27.. .. .	781.53	769.56	8.31	3.66 Doubtful.
28.. .. .	501.42	487.02	.....	14.40 Error in assessment.
29.. .. .	405.44	405.44	.....	.....
30.. .. .	205.71	190.99	5.32	9.40 Part of this will be collected.
31.. .. .	1111.80	899.23	151.91	60.66 Part of this will be collected.
32.. .. .	584.19	579.46	.....	4.73 Error in assessment
33.. .. .	535.40	534.48	.....	92 Uncollectable.
34.. .. .	584.01	537.81	41.25	4.95
35.. .. .	273.17	273.17	.....	.....
36.. .. .	661.44	626.98	30.06	4.40 This will be collected.
38.. .. .	132.88	131.28	1.61	.....
	\$16240.91	\$14800.91	\$866.81	\$573.19

Halifax, N. S., March 31, 1901,

PARKER ARCHIBALD,
County Treasurer.

Miscellaneous.

Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Moran: That the road known as Kearney Road, in district 15, be handed over to Councillor Moran for year ensuing, as per former arrangement. Passed.

Moved by Councillor A. A. Scott, seconded by Councillor J. H. Walsh: That the polling place for the county election be at or near James Fader's, in Dover, district 33. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That all side streets in Bedford village be placed with the rest of the Bedford road under the commission which now exists, and that the commissioners be Alexander McNeill, John Strachan, J. E. Roy, and that their term of office be four years. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That all fines paid into the treasurer for violation of pedlars' license act be paid to Inspector Harry Wright. Passed.

The council adjourned to meet at 10.30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Halifax county council met at 10.30 o'clock Thursday forenoon.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary: That road section No. 2 extend from East River ferry to Bluff on Sheet Harbor passage road; also road section No. 3 from Bluff to Little Falls bridge, Sheet Harbor passage, all in district No. 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor A. H. Gladwin: That the place for holding the election for councillor in district No. 31 be at or near John B. Farquharson's, on Preston road. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary: That H. V. Wier be appointed electoral revisor for district 15 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That Simon Boutillier be road master in section 10, district 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Gladwin, seconded by Councillor Geo. H. Madill: That the councillors get \$2 a day for the present session and travelling expenses, and that absentees be exonerated from fines for non-attendance. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor Butler: That the resolution of this council passed at its January meeting, authorizing the assessment of \$35 in district 8 for the support of the poor, be, and the same is hereby rescinded. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Gladwin: That the clerk be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of the statutes relating to health, fences, statute labor and stream driving printed for distribution to the several county officials. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Gladwin, seconded by Councillor Lydiard: That the resolution re pedlar license inspector's report be rescinded and the new resolution read as follows: That the county pedlar license inspector be asked to make a quarterly return of all business passing through his hands at the next January session. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Jas. H. Sellars, seconded by Councillor Lydiard: That whereas a section of road in district No. 31, being the outlet from district No. 29 to the Harvey road, a length of about 3 1-2 miles, there being no statute labor, therefore

Resolved, that the county clerk is hereby authorized to take from the allotment of district No. 31 the sum of \$22, to be added to the allotment of district No. 29, and to be expended by the supervisor of district No. 29 together with such sum as the councillor and supervisor of district No. 29 expend to repair said road. Passed.

The council adjourned until two o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Road and Bridge Reports.

The reception of the report of the road and bridge committee, for which the council had been waiting two days, was the business for the afternoon. It was as follows:

1. Your committee have made the allotments to the various districts of this county from the sum allowed by the government for the roads. And they herewith produce the particulars of such allotments.

2. Your committee have to report further. That the estimates of the government for the year 1901 appropriate to this county the sum of \$13,289 for roads and bridges, as per page 9 of the official estimates, from which sum \$4,074.36 is deducted for interest on the "bridge and road machinery account" leaving the sum of \$9,214.61 as the total amount to be paid to this municipality for the road and bridge services.

3. Your committee believe from the experience of past years that even this small sum may be reduced in succeeding years by an amount, as yet undetermined, to be retained by the government for expenditure on the roads by persons who will not be controlled by or responsible to this council.

4. Your committee believe the system is vicious and inimical to the interests of the municipality, under which money for expenditure on the roads is placed in the hands of persons who are not members of this council, and responsible to the council, and that under such a system the money so paid is liable to be misappropriated, and the roads receive little or no benefit from such expenditure.

5. Your committee is forced to this conclusion because they have been attended by certain members of this council, representing certain districts in this county, who assert that amounts appearing in the public accounts of the province, is paid to persons not responsible to, or appointed by, this council, for expenditure on the roads were not so expended, and the said councillors positively asserted that to their knowledge said moneys had not been expended on the roads.

6. Your committee is the more impressed by the serious aspect of this question, as they are called on to appropriate and limit to each section of the county the sum to which each section is entitled out of the general appropriation.

7. Your committee have further to report that in their opinion the condition of the roads is one of the most serious matters which this council has to deal, and that in order to obtain good roads that largest possible assistance should be received from the government, and therefore they are of opinion that the interest on the large sum expended on the roads, exclusive of bridges, by the

government some years ago should be deducted from present or future appropriations.

8. Your committee would call the attention of this council to the fact that under the existing law the only and proper channel through which moneys should be expended on the roads is the council of the municipalities. Yet the government of the province retain a large sum annually out of the general appropriation, which your committee consider an infringement of the rights of the council and shows a lack of confidence in the gentlemen elected to represent districts of the county.

9. Your committee would further suggest, that the government be requested either to hand over to the council the total appropriation for roads, or otherwise that the government should assume all expenditures and with it the entire responsibility.

W. CHARLES HENLEY,
ISAAC DAUPHINEE,
JOHN S. FLEMING,
C. E. SMITH,
ARTHUR WEBBER,
JAMES H. SELLARS.

	Amt. for year 1901.	Amt. of Grant for 1900.	TOTAL.
Herring Cove	\$109.58	2.59	\$112.17
Portuguese Cove	125.64	2.22	127.86
Sambro ..	160.46	3.33	163.79
Upper Prospect	128.58	2.96	131.54
Hackett's Cove	198.91	4.25	203.16
French Village	359.74	7.77	367.51
Spryfield	357.52	9.71	367.23
North West Arm....	101.52	2.96	104.48
Bedford	41.24	2.22	43.46
Hammond's Plains .	305.74	7.77	313.51
Sackville	358.48	9.54	368.02
Waverley	401.50	9.25	410.75
Gay's River	386.97	9.45	396.42
Meagher's Grant ..	405.73	10.91	416.64
Mid. Musquodoboit ..	543.42	15.91	559.33
Up. Musquodoboit ..	609.35	19.42	628.77
Lower Prospect	81.46	1.76	83.22
Moser's River	225.16	5.92	231.08
Sheet Harbor	456.20	11.10	467.30
Tangler	640.00	15.59	655.59
Jeddore	519.95	15.72	535.67

Chezetcook	203.57	5.75	209.30
Lawrencetown	312.98	6.04	319.02
Preston	291.15	8.32	299.47
Cole Harbor	335.14	11.47	396.61
Hubbards' Cove	187.16	5.18	192.31
Eastern Passage	202.69	4.99	207.68
Salmon River	223.51	6.10	229.61
Little River	203.22	4.81	208.03
East Chezetcook ...	289.62	8.51	298.13
Dover	162.75	4.81	167.56

\$8,978.96 \$235.70 \$9,214.64

List of allotments from the provincial government to the districts named:

Districts.

8 Charles O'Neal		\$35.00	
9 Ephraim Marriot	\$23.10		
George H. Nickerson	31.75	54.85	
13 Charles W. Merlin	20.00		
W. D. Yeaton	95.60		
James Umlah	40.00		
Wm. Umlah	25.00		
Wm. Brunt	20.00		
Charles W. Merlin	20.00		
Archibald Kidston	35.00	265.60	
14 Robert Drysdale	125.00	125.00	
15 Joseph Fisher	150.00		
Robert Romans	60.00	210.00	
16 Ben Thomas		24.99	
17 Robert Penerty	75.00		
Edward Rosley	23.00	98.00	
18 John McDowel	150.00	150.00	
21 John Kerr		50.00	
22 William Miller	35.00		
George Dean	65.00	100.00	
24 Walter Smith	50.00	50.00	
25 James W. Butler	10.00		
James W. Wambolt	40.00		
Frank Boutiller	25.00	75.00	
28 Daniel Lapierre	24.50		
Andrew Petipas	25.00	49.50	
31 George Patterson	50.00		
Gordon Kuhn	30.00		
Joseph McDonald	30.00		
Reubin Ernst	10.00		
Robert Turner	30.00	150.00	
33 Edward Trider	40.00	40.00	
34 John Turner	25.00		
Matthew Gallagher	50.00		
Joseph Spears	25.00		
Joseph Atkins	25.00	125.00	
36 Dennis Smith		30.64	

The Report Discussed.

A feature of the report of the roads and bridges committee was the list of allotments from the provincial government to the various districts, with the names of the individuals to whom special grants had been made, as given in the blue book.

Councillor C. E. Smith suggested that as the special grant apportioned to his district was read, each councillor should

be given an opportunity of explaining how the money had been expended.

Councillor Butler objected to this. He did not think the council had any right to inquire into the amounts he or any other councillor received from other sources. The business of the roads and bridges committee was to apportion the amount granted to them by the government.

Councillor Henley took a decidedly opposite view.

The warden directed the list of allotments to be read.

Councillor Raine stated that he knew nothing of \$95.60 being granted to W. D. Yeaton in his district.

Councillor Billman asked if this was a special committee to look into the acts of the local government, and said he considered it a waste of the council's time and the council had no evidence that the statements were correct.

Councillor Smith said it was not a waste of the council's time. It would bring before the public how the money had been spent, and claimed it was the business of all the councillors to know how the money was expended. As for evidence they had taken their statements from the blue book.

Deputy Warden Madill thought if any of the councillors were suspicious as to how the special grants had been expended, they should obtain details from the department.

Warden Wilson explained that in the case of the \$150 granted to his district the money had not been expended in district 18.

Wrong to Retain Part of Grant.

Councillor Henley stated that he considered it very unfair to the municipality that \$1,623 should be reserved from the government grant of \$9,000 to be divided among a few districts. Councillor Billman's district had received last year \$125, besides an amount charged to Councillor Raine's district and he (Councillor Henley) did not see how a councillor with any conscientious scruples could expect the same amount as was apportioned to those districts which did not receive special grants. He said not only had Councillor Billman received this money from the government but he (Councillor Billman) could go to that body at any time and get \$200 or \$300 more.

Councillor O'Leary said the districts would not have received special grants if they had not needed them.

Councillor Billman, in reply to Councillor Henley, pointed out that his district was near the city and the roads

had perhaps more travel than all the rest of the county put together. The Margaret's Bay road had very little statute labor on it, and the grant of \$100 from the county the previous year would have done little more than fill up the holes in this road. If the government had not assisted them the road would have been impassible. In his opinion, instead of getting too much he did not think his district got a fair show.

Councillor Lydiard asked if a conservative government were in power, and Councillor Henley thought it possible to get \$10,000 to improve the roads in his districts, would be not apply for it and get it.

The council then proceeded to discuss the report, clause by clause,

In reference to clause 3 Councillor Henley said the council wanted to have the granting of all the road money or of none.

Should Have Received it all.

Councillor Smith said that from the \$10,602.52 allotted to the county for 1900, \$1,623 had been reserved. He claimed that the total amount should have been distributed among all the districts. The report of the roads and bridges committee aimed at having the total amount named in the estimate come before the county council.

The warden suggested that "succeeding years" be added to the clause, making the first sentence read thus: "Your committee believe from the experience of past years that even this small sum may be reduced in succeeding years by an amount, as yet undetermined, to be retained by the government for expenditure on the roads by persons who will not be controlled by or responsible to this council."

Councillors Butler and Billman moved that clause 4 be expunged.

Warden Wilson thought better results could be obtained if all the road money were concentrated in one fund.

Councillor Burris suggested that a milder word be substituted for "vicious."

Councillor Flemming suggested that "Iniquitous" be used.

A Vote was Taken.

Councillor C. E. Smith said, in reference to clause 4 that he did not object to the government granting small amounts, but he did object to these amounts being expended without the knowledge or consent of the council, and he wanted to protest against it.

Councillor Butler objected strongly to the last clause, and reiterated that the council could only deal with the municipal grants by the government.

Councillor Henley urged that the council should receive the whole grant, and he felt that it could be trusted to judiciously expend it. Any other system was entirely wrong.

A vote was taken on these clauses which were adopted 9 to 6. The report was adopted as a whole.

An Electoral Revisor.

Councillor Flemming referred to a resolution adopted at the morning session appointing H. V. Vier as electoral revisor for district 15. He severely criticized Mr. Vier's conduct in the office, and asked that the resolution be rescinded. As no motion of reconsideration had been given, however, no action could be taken.

The council then, having finished its business, the semi-annual session came to an end.

Municipality of the County of Halifax,

1901.

- County Warden—B. C. WILSON, Esq.
Deputy Warden—GEO. H. MADILL, Esq.
County Clerk—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.
County Stipendiary and Clerk of Licenses—John N. V. McDOUGALL,
Esq.
County Auditors—S. S. SCOTT, W. C. BISHOP, Esqrs.
County Treasurer—PARKER ARCHIBALD, ESQ.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

- District 7—Herring Cove—John Hayes.
“ 8—Portuguese Cove—Hugh Munro.
“ 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
“ 10—Upper Prospect—James H. Walsh.
“ 11—Hackett's Cove—Oswald Dauphinee.
“ 12—French Village—Isaac Dauphinee.
“ 13—Spryfield—Charles Raine.
“ 14—N. W. Arm—James Billman.
“ 15—Bedford—M. E. Edwd. Butler.
“ 16—Hammond's Plains—Lindsay Moren.
“ 17—Sackville—Jno. E. Flemming.
“ 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 Burris.
“ 22—Upper Musquodoboit—Thos. S. Stewart.
“ 23—Lower Prospect—J. H. Bartlett.
“ 24—Moser's River—Alex. F. Smith.
“ 25—Sheet Harbor—Henry Hall.
“ 26—Tangier—W. C. Henley.
“ 27—Jeddore—Arthur Webber.
“ 28—Chezzetcook—Danl. Lapierre.
“ 29—Lawrencetown—James H. Sellars, J. P.
“ 30—Preston—Thomas Johnson.
“ 31—Cole Harbor—Samuel Lydiard.
“ 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J. P.
“ 33—Eastern Passage—Wm. F. Negus.
“ 34—Salmon River—Thos. O'Leary, J. P.
“ 35—Little River—A. H. Gledwin.
“ 36—East Chezzetcook—David Vaughan.
“ 38—Dover—Andrew Scott.

County Inspector Pedlars' Licenses—**HARRY N. WRIGHT.**
Chief County Constable—**RICHARD BURBRIDGE.**
Deputy Chief Constable—**D. McDOUGALL.**
Keeper of County Jail—**W. L. MALCOLM.** Matron—**MRS. CHAMBERS.**
Superintendent of County Poor Farm—**JAS. M. HENNEBERRY.**
Janitor and Constable of Court House—**ALEX. W. SMITH.**
County Court Crier—**W. G. NAYLOR.**

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1901.

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

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Sellars, O'Leary, Walsh, Lydiard, Fleming and Munro.

Assessments—Councillors O'Leary, Hall, Burris, Stewart, C. Dauphinee, Moren.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors Henley, Stewart, Fleming, Webber, Sellars, C. E. Smith, I. Dauphinee.

License—Councillors Butler, Scott, Gladwin, Vaughan, LePierre, A. F. Smith.

Public Property—Councillors Lydiard, C. E. Smith, Billman, Munro, C. Dauphinee, Raine.

Finance—Councillors Shatford, Billman, Burris, C. E. Smith, Henley, Butler.

Jury Lists—Councillors Fleming, Negus.

Law Amendments—Councillors Negus, Shatford, Walsh, Gladwin, Webber, Moren.

Poor—Councillors I. Dauphinee, A. F. Smith, Johnson, Cole, Hays, Hall.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On Arbitration with the City and Dartmouth—The Warden, Councillors Shatford, Fleming, Negus and Lydiard.

On By-laws—Councillors Butler, Sellars, Negus, Lydiard and Fleming.

AN ACT
IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Being Chapter 102, R. S., 1900.

CHAPTER 102.

OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

1 This chapter may be cited as "The Public Health Act."

2 In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the expressions hereinafter mentioned, shall have and include the following meanings:—

- (a) "The board" means the Provincial Board of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia;
- (b) "Local board" means the board of health appointed under the provisions of this Chapter for any district.
- (c) "District" means any city, incorporated town, polling district, union of polling districts or other area, over which a local board exercises jurisdiction;
- (d) "House" includes schools, factories and other buildings, huts and tents used for human habitation or work, whether such is permanent or temporary and whether the same are stationary or movable;
- (e) "Owner" means the person for the time being receiving the rent of the lands or premises in connection with which the word is used, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for some other person, or who would so receive the same if such lands and premises were let;
- (f) "Street" includes every highway, road, square, row, lane, mews, court, alley and passage, whether a thoroughfare or not.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

3 There shall be a Board of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia, which shall consist of the Provincial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, the Medical Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital, the Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital, and four duly registered medical practitioners, to be appointed

by the Governor-in-Council, and to hold office during pleasure. The board shall be a body corporate, under the name of the Provincial Board of Health. 1893, c. 12, s. 1.

4 The Provincial Secretary shall be president of the board, and in his absence the Attorney-General or the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines shall act as president. 1893, c. 12, s. 3.

5 The Governor-in-Council may appoint one of the members of the board to be secretary thereof, who shall hold office during pleasure, and shall be the chief health officer of the province. 1893, c. 12, s. 4. 1898, c. 28, s. 2.

6 The board shall meet whenever notified so to do by the president of the board. Five members, including the president or acting president, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. 1898, c. 18, s. 3.

7 Members of the board who are not residents of the city of Halifax or the town of Dartmouth shall be entitled to receive from the provincial treasury their actual travelling and other necessary expenses while attending meetings of the board. 1893, c. 12, s. 5.

8 The board shall have power to make rules and by-laws for the transaction of its business, and may appoint committees, to whom it may delegate authority and power for the work committed to them. 1893, c. 12, s. 8.

9 The board shall take cognizance of all matters in respect to life and health among the people of the province, and in the performance of that duty it shall,—

- (a) make a special study of such vital statistics of the province as are available, and endeavor to make an intelligent and profitable use of records of deaths and of sickness among the people;
- (b) make sanitary investigations and enquiries respecting causes of disease, and especially of epidemics; the causes of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, conditions, habits, and other circumstances, upon the health of the people;
- (c) make such suggestions as to the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases as it deems most effective and proper, and calculated to prevent and limit as far as possible the rise and spread of disease;
- (d) inquire into the measures from time to time taken by local boards for the limitation of any dangerous

contagious or infectious disease, under powers conferred upon such local boards by this Chapter, or any Act of the legislature of this province, and if it appears that no efficient measures are being taken, the board shall require the local board to exercise any of the said powers which, in the opinion of the board, the urgency of the case demands; and if the local board, after request by the board, neglects or refuses to exercise its powers, the board may exercise and enforce, at the expense of the municipality or district, according as the liability may be, any power of the local board which under the circumstances it deems necessary;

(e) advise when required, or when it deems proper, officers of the government and local boards as to the public health and the means to be adopted to secure the same, and as to the location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excreta, heating and ventilation of any public building.

10 The board shall, from time to time, and especially during the prevalence in any part of the province of epidemic, endemic or contagious disease, make distribution through the newspapers, and by circular to local boards and health officers, city, town and municipal councils, and in and through the public schools, and otherwise, of such sanitary literature and special practical information relating to the prevention and spread of contagious and infectious diseases as it deems necessary in the interests of the public health. 1893, c. 12, s. 10.

11 The board may send its secretary, or any member or members of the board, to any part of the province, when deemed necessary, to investigate the causes of any unusual mortality or of any contagious or other disease; and at such investigation evidence may be taken, on oath or otherwise, as the said secretary, member or members, deem expedient; and the secretary, or any member of the board present at the investigation, may administer the oath; and the person or persons conducting such investigation may, by warrant under the hand and seal of any one of them, call upon any person to give evidence regarding any matter in question in the investigation; and shall have all the powers which may be conferred upon commissioners under the provisions of the Chapter entitled, "Of inquiries concerning public matters." 1893, c. 12, s. 11.

12 The board may from time to time make sanitary regulations for the prevention of infectious and contagious

diseases, for the relief of persons suffering therefrom, and for the burial of persons who have died thereof, and such orders may be enforced by penalties therein expressed, not to exceed four hundred dollars for any one offence. Such regulations shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and the production of any copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing any such regulation shall be *prima facie* evidence of the making, date and contents thereof. 1888, c. 9, s. 1.

13 The board may by such sanitary regulations provide:

- (a) For the frequent and effectual cleansing of the streets, yards and outhouses by the local health authorities, or by the owners or occupiers of adjoining houses and tenements adjoining thereto, or by the local health authorities;
- (b) For the removal of nuisances;
- (c) For cleansing, purifying, ventilating and disinfecting houses, churches, buildings and places of assembly, railway stations, steamboats, railway carriages and cars, as well as other public conveyances, by the owner or the persons having the care thereof;
- (d) For regulating, in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease, the entry or departure of boats or vessels at the different ports or places in Nova Scotia, and the landing of passengers or cargoes from such boats or vessels, or from railway carriages or cars, and receiving passengers or cargoes on board the same;
- (e) For the safe and speedy burial of the dead and the conduct of funerals, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infectious diseases as aforesaid;
- (f) For supplying medical aid and accommodation and medicine, and such other articles as are deemed necessary for mitigating such epidemic, endemic or contagious disease;
- (g) For preventing or mitigating such epidemic, endemic or contagious disease in such other manner as to the board seems expedient;
- (h) For securing the enforcement of this Chapter by local boards. 1888, c. 6, s. 2.

LOCAL BOARDS.

14 (1.) In the city of Halifax the city health board shall be the local board of health.

(2.) In every incorporated town the town council shall be

the board of health. The mayor shall be the chairman and the town clerk shall be the clerk of the board.

(3.) In every municipality one board of health for each polling district shall be appointed by the municipal council at the annual meeting. The councillor for each polling district shall be chairman of the board for such district. Two or more polling districts may be united under one board of health if it appears to the satisfaction of the council that the purposes of this Chapter may be carried out thereby. The councillors for such districts shall be members of the board, and the council shall designate one of them to act as chairman. If the councillor or senior councillor of the district resides outside the polling district or is absent the warden and two councillors may appoint any ratepayer of such polling district chairman. Vacancies in any such board shall be filled by the municipal council by which the board was appointed. 1888, c. 9, s. 3.

15 In case any municipal council does not appoint such local board the Governor-in-Council may appoint the same, but any local board appointed by the Governor-in-Council shall cease to exist upon the appointment by the municipal council of a local board for the same district. 1888, c. 9, s. 4.

16 The local boards in municipalities shall consist of not less than five persons, including the chairman.

17 A majority of the members of any regularly constituted local board shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. 1888, c. 9, s. 12.

18 A minute book shall be kept in which the proceedings at the meetings of the local board shall be recorded. 1888, c. 3, s. 13.

19 The various local boards shall meet as occasion requires or as often as the council of the city, town or municipality deems necessary, and in municipalities the annual meeting of each local board shall be held at least two weeks before the annual meeting of the municipal council. 1888, c. 9, s. 6. 1889, c. 41, s. 1.

20 If any member of the board, after being duly summoned by the chairman to a meeting, fails to attend, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five dollars. 1889, c. 9, s. 5.

21 The Governor-in-Council, whenever the public interests warrant it, may confer upon any regular physician employed by the government of Canada to deal with certain forms of

disease all the powers and authority vested in a local board. And when the Order-in-Council to that effect has been published in the *Royal Gazette* the officer so authorized and empowered may lawfully do all things in relation to any matter of public health within the area prescribed by such Order-in-Council as any local board could do if duly organized within such area. 1890, c. 21, s. 1.

POWERS OF LOCAL BOARDS.

22 If any infectious plague, disease or distemper has been introduced, or there is imminent danger of its introduction, into any place, the local board shall assemble immediately, and may make regulations as occasion requires, not inconsistent with this Chapter or any law of the province, and may appoint persons to enforce the same, and may fix penalties for the violation thereof, not exceeding fifty dollars for any such violation, and copies of such regulations shall be forthwith transmitted to the Provincial Secretary; and the same, until altered or revoked by the Governor-in-Council, shall continue in force. 1888, c. 9, s. 6.

23 The local boards shall superintend the carrying out of such regulations, or shall carry out or aid in carrying out the same within their respective districts, and do and provide all such acts, matters and things as are necessary for superintending or aiding in the carrying out of such regulations, or for executing the same as occasion requires. 1888, c. 9, s. 7.

24 A local board may order any person suffering from a contagious or infectious disease to be removed from any house or other place to a suitable house or place, and if such person cannot be removed without danger to his life, to be certified by a duly qualified medical practitioner, the local board may cause such house or place to be vacated by the other occupants for such time as the board deems necessary for the safety of the public. 1888, c. 9, s. 15.

25 When it appears to the local board that any tenement used as a dwelling house is so unfit for that purpose that the public health is endangered thereby, the local board may order in writing that it shall be vacated within a reasonable time, to be therein prescribed, and such order shall be served upon the inmates or left at such dwelling house, and in case of disobedience thereto or of a re-occupation of the dwelling house without a permit, the local board may direct a warrant to the sheriff or a constable or sanitary inspector to enforce compliance with the terms of such order. 1888, c. 9, s. 26.

26 (1.) When it appears to the local board that any cellar, lot or vacant ground is in a state likely to endanger the public health, the local board shall cause a notice to be given to the owner or the occupant, if any, requiring such owner or occupant to remove such cause of complaint as in such notice prescribed, and in case of neglect the local board shall cause the same to be removed.

(2.) If there is no occupant and the owner or owners do not reside within the jurisdiction of the local board, such notice may be given by advertisement in one or more newspapers published within such jurisdiction, if any are there published, or if not by posting the same publicly. 1888, c. 9, s. 27.

27 The local board may make regulations for prohibiting the introduction into any city or town, and for preventing the sale and the offering for sale, of any kind of uncleaned fish, and for preventing persons from throwing offal into any place where the same is likely to be offensive or to be dangerous to the public health. The several local boards may from time to time make regulations fixing the extent and limits within which the slaughtering and dressing of animals for food shall be prohibited or permitted, under a penalty not to exceed forty dollars for any one offence. 1888, c. 9, s. 31.

28 If any person coming from abroad or residing within the province is infected or lately before has been infected with or exposed to small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, cholera or any infectious malady, the local board of the district in which such person is may make effective provision in the manner which to it seems best for the public safety, by removing such person to a separate house, or by otherwise isolating him, if it can be done without danger to his health, and by providing nurses and other assistants and necessaries for him at his own cost and charge, or the cost of his parents or other person or persons liable for his support, if able to pay the same, otherwise at the cost and charge of the municipality. 1888, c. 9, s. 37.

29 Every local board shall require each householder or tenant to provide an abundant supply of wholesome drinking water for the occupants of all houses, either on the premises of each householder or tenant by a public water supply or otherwise, and the local board may order the owner of any property to provide a well suitably situated where feasible and necessary. 1887, c. 9, s. 35.

30 When any local board has authority to direct that any matter or thing shall be done by any person or corporation,

such local board may, in default of its being done, direct that such matter or thing shall be done at the expense of the person in default, and in case of non-payment of the expense, the same shall be recovered in like manner as municipal taxes. 1888, c. 9, s. 20.

31 Every local board in a municipality shall before the annual meeting of the municipal council cause to be transmitted to the council in duplicate a report of the sanitary work done during the year, and of the sanitary condition of the district, and one copy of each of such reports shall immediately after such annual meeting be transmitted by the warden or clerk to the Provincial Secretary. The local board in every incorporated town shall make an annual report in duplicate in January to the council of the town, and one copy of the report shall immediately be transmitted by the mayor to the Provincial Secretary. 1888, c. 9, s. 14.

32 In every municipality, and in every incorporated town within the territorial limits of the county or district of which such municipality is formed, all necessary expenses incurred by a local board in suppressing any infectious or contagious disease shall be a charge upon the municipality, and all other necessary expenses incurred by a local board, including the allowance to any sanitary inspector, shall be a charge upon the town or the polling district or union of polling districts over which the local board exercises jurisdiction; and in case of a union of districts under one board the municipal council shall apportion the part of such expenses which shall be charged upon each district. 1888, c. 9, s. 10.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

33 (1.) Every municipal council, at its annual meeting, and every town council, at its first meeting after the annual election of councillors, shall appoint a duly qualified medical practitioner as health officer for the municipality or town.

(2.) The appointment of such health officer shall be for one year, and he shall be paid a salary of one hundred dollars by the municipality or town.

(3.) If any municipal or town council neglects or refuses to appoint such health officer and to give notice of such appointment to the Provincial Secretary within thirty days after the date of the meeting fixed for such appointment, the Governor-in-Council may appoint such health officer, and the health officer so appointed shall have the same powers, duties and privileges as if he had been appointed by the municipal or town council. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

34 The health officer shall be the executive officer of the municipal or town board of health. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

DUTIES OF HEALTH OFFICER.

35 It shall be the duty of every health officer,—

- (a) to enforce the sanitary laws of the province, such sanitary orders as are from time to time made by the Provincial Board of Health, and all orders and regulations of the board or boards of health in the municipality or town ;
- (b) to cause to be abated or removed all nuisances in the municipality or town ;
- (c) to regulate the location, construction, repair, use, emptying and cleaning of all water closets, privies, cess pools, sinks, plumbing, drains, yards, pens, stables, or other places where offensive or dangerous substances or liquids do or may accumulate ;
- (d) to immediately notify the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health of any outbreak of infectious or contagious disease in the municipality or town ;
- (e) to inspect annually, and oftener, if he deems it necessary, the sanitary condition of all schools and school buildings and premises in the municipality or town ;
- (f) to make a quarterly report to the warden or mayor of the sanitary condition of the municipality or town, and to send a copy of the said report to the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health ;
- (g) to promptly furnish such special reports as are called for by the Provincial Board of Health. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

36 When information is given or reasonable belief exists that an infectious or contagious disease prevails in any house or any locality, the health officer may cause such house or locality to be inspected, and if he finds that such infectious or contagious disease exists, may, as seems to him best, send the person so diseased to a pest house or hospital, or may restrain such person and others exposed to such disease from intercourse with other persons, and may prohibit ingress or egress from such house or locality. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

37 The health officer may take measures to afford facilities for gratuitous vaccination, and may also, when required, furnish disinfectants. He may afford such medical or other relief to and among the poor of the municipality or town as

in his opinion the protection of the public health requires, and during the prevalence of any epidemic may provide temporary hospitals for such purposes. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

38 The health officer may, on the threatened outbreak of any epidemic disease, close any school or schools, and prohibit public gatherings for such time as he deems necessary. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

39 The sanitary inspectors in every municipality and town shall be under the authority and subject to the orders of the health officer. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

40 The secretary of the Provincial Board of Health shall notify the health officer of any district of any infectious or contagious disease in any adjoining district in so far as he has received information thereof, in order that precautions may be taken to prevent the introduction of such disease. 1900, c. 17, s. 1, (part.)

SANITARY INSPECTORS.

41 Every town council and every municipal council shall from time to time appoint sanitary inspectors, and designate the limits within which each inspector shall act. Each inspector shall receive such reasonable compensation for his services, and for charges incurred about his duties, as the council allows. 1888, c. 9, s. 8.

42 For the purposes of this Chapter, sanitary inspectors shall, subject to the control of the commissioners of streets or overseers of highways, or other recognized local authority, in all things relating to public streets, sewers and drains, within their jurisdiction, and to the control of the local board in all matters, have charge of all streets, highways, passages, docks, wells or other water supply systems, markets and market places, common sewers, drains, vaults, privies, vessels, wharves and other places, so far as the jurisdiction of the legislature of Nova Scotia extends, and shall cause all nuisances and filth to be removed therefrom, or destroyed, and may open and enter all places where substances noxious and dangerous to the public health are reasonably suspected to exist, and any local board may, by order in writing, cause any house, building, place, vessel or boat, so far as such legislature has jurisdiction, to be fumigated or otherwise purified, and may cause anything dangerous to the public health to be removed. 1888, c. 9, s. 21.

43 In every incorporated town, the allowance for such sanitary inspector, and all other necessary expenses incurred

by a local board, shall be paid out of the general revenue of such town. 1888, c. 9, s. 9.

44 If any person upon being notified of his appointment as sanitary inspector refuses to accept the office, or having accepted, refuses to discharge the duties thereof, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, and another shall immediately be appointed in his place, but no appointment of sanitary inspector shall continue for more than one year, and no person appointed as sanitary inspector shall be bound to serve oftener than once in four years. 1888, c. 9, s. 11

VACCINATION.

45 A municipal council or a town council may at any regular or special meeting direct a general vaccination in the municipality or town, or in any part or section of such municipality or town, and may make regulations providing for the expense or the vaccination of such persons as are unable to pay therefor. 1888, c. 9, s. 16.

46 Any one who vaccinates persons unable to pay therefor as provided in the next preceding section, shall return to the municipal council or town council the names and ages of the persons vaccinated and the dates of their vaccination, together with the particulars of their accounts duly verified on oath, and such accounts, when examined and allowed, shall be assessed for and paid in the same manner as other municipal or town charges. 1888, c. 9, s. 17.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

47 Any person who knowingly, without permission from a local board in the place to which such person is brought,—

(a) brings into this province any person ill of any infectious or contagious disease, dangerous to the public health, or

(b) lands in any part of the province any person so ill from any vessel or ship,

shall be liable to a penalty not less than one hundred or more than four hundred dollars. 1888, c. 9, s. 18.

48 When any person becomes sick of small-pox, malignant cholera, diphtheria, typhoid fever, scarlet fever or any infectious disease, in any house, vessel or other place, in any town or municipal district, the proprietor, or other person in charge or possession of such house, vessel or place, shall if so directed by the local board, display in some conspicuous place thereon a yellow flag or a placard, not less than twelve

inches square, and shall keep the same displayed during the prevalence of any such infectious disease. All expenses incurred in carrying into effect the objects herein expressed, shall be borne by the respective local boards in such town or district. 1888, c. 9, s. 19.

49 Every house within the limits of the district of any sanitary inspector shall be furnished with a suitable drain for carrying off waste water, also with a suitable water closet, earth closet, or privy and vault attached thereto, and the owner of any such dwelling house who neglects to provide the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars. 1888, c. 9, s. 22.

50 All privies and vaults shall be built so that the inside shall be at least two feet from the line of the adjoining lot, unless by consent of the owner thereof in writing, and shall be at least two feet distant from every street, lane, court, square, public place or public or private passage way. There shall be no communication between the privy and any public sewer or drain, and the drain from any privy shall not at any point be less than three feet below the surface. Every vault shall be tight, and the contents shall not be allowed to be within two feet of the surface of the ground, but the local board may give other instructions relative to their construction. 1888, c. 9, s. 23.

51 When any privy or vault is reported offensive by the sanitary inspector, such privy or vault, within a reasonable time after notice in writing to that effect given to the owner or his agent or the occupant of the land where the same is situated, may be ordered by the local board to be cleansed and disinfected at the expense of the owner, agent, or occupant, and in case of neglect the same shall be done under the orders of the sanitary inspector, and the person guilty of such neglect shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars. 1888, c. 9, s. 24.

52 No privy or vault shall be emptied without a permit from the sanitary inspector where one is appointed, and in no case between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of September, unless by order of the local board. Every privy and vault shall be emptied and cleansed at least twice a year. 1888, c. 9, s. 25.

53 No person shall put in any place on land or water, any offensive matter or thing likely to endanger the public health, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, and if any person suffers any such matter or

thing to remain upon his premises after notice in writing requiring him to remove the same, the sanitary inspector may remove the same under the direction of the local board and at the charge of the owner or occupant of such place. 1888, c. 9, s. 28.

54 Any justice or health officer, on the oath of one witness, may make an order in writing for the removal, burial or destruction of any offensive substance being or likely to become a nuisance in any place or in any boat or vessel, so far as the legislature of Nova Scotia has jurisdiction, and may direct the same to be done by the person occasioning the offence, or by any other person who is appointed, and the expense shall be recovered as in the order prescribed. 1888, c. 9, s. 29. 1900, c. 17, s. 2.

55 No person shall sell or offer for sale, or have in his possession in a public or private market or any other place for the purpose of sale, any unwholesome, stale or decayed article of food, under a penalty not exceeding forty dollars, and any such article may be forthwith seized and destroyed by the sanitary inspector. 1888, c. 9, s. 30.

56 When any householder knows that any person in his family or household has the small-pox, diphtheria, cholera, scarlet fever, or other infectious disease, he shall within twenty-four hours give notice thereof to the local board for his district, and no member of such household shall attend school until a certificate has been obtained from a legally qualified medical practitioner, or when that is not obtainable, from any member of the local board, that infection no longer exists in the house, and that the sick person, the house, clothing and other effects have been disinfected to his satisfaction. 1888, c. 9, s. 32.

57 When the local board or any of its members knows of the existence in any house of any such infectious disease, they shall at once notify the head or other master of the school or schools at which any member of such household is in attendance, and, unless it is evident that such member has not been exposed to any such disease, the teacher shall forthwith prevent the further attendance of such member until the certificate mentioned in the next preceding section is obtained. When any teacher of any school has reason to suspect that any pupil has, or that there exists in the house of any pupil, any such disease, he shall notify the local board, in order that the truth of the report may be inquired into, and he shall prevent the attendance at school of such pupil or pupils until satisfactory evidence of the falsity of

the report has been obtained. The local board may close any school or other assemblage which it decides may be a means for disseminating disease and the closing of which is required in the interest of the general health of the district. 1888, c. 9, s. 33.

58 All wells which are in use, whether such wells are public or private, shall be cleaned out once in each year, and if the local board certifies that any well should be filled up such well shall be forthwith filled up by the owner of the premises. All wells shall be so located as to be absolutely free from danger of contamination from stables, barns, privies, cesspools, or from any other source whatever. 1888, c. 9, s. 36.

59 No new cemetery shall be opened, and no existing cemetery shall be extended, where the boundaries of the land set apart for burials in such new cemetery, or extension of any existing cemetery, are within two hundred yards of any college, school house, or hospital, or of any existing dwelling house, nor shall any burial take place in any such new cemetery or extension of any existing cemetery within one hundred yards from the boundary thereof. 1895, c. 36, s. 1.

60 When the establishment of a public water supply or system of sewerage is contemplated by the council of any city or town, or by any corporation, such council or corporation shall submit all plans in connection with such supply or system to the Governor-in-Council, and no work on such supply or system shall be commenced until the plans have been approved by the Governor-in-Council. 1888, c. 9, s. 34.

61 Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall, unless it is otherwise specially provided, be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars. 1888, c. 9, s. 38.

62 Every penalty recovered under this Chapter shall be paid to the treasurer of the town or municipality in which the offence was committed.

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