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OF THE

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Annual Meeting January, and Semi-annual
Meeting April, 1903.

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W. H. WISWELL, CLERK.

CHAS. E. SMITH, DEPUTY WARDEN.

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ANNUAL MEETING

January, 1903.

The County Council, in accordance with public notice, met at the Court House on Tuesday, January 13th, at noon. Present—His Honor Warden Maddill and Councillors Patrick Hayes, Bernard Johnson, Chas. E. Smith, James A. Coolen, Wesley Crooks, Isaac Croucher, William Bishop, G. S. Canfield, Lindsay Moren, J. S. Fleming, B. C. Wilson, J. H. Taylor, Fred. D. Darrah, T. S. Stewart, J. F. Ryan, Alex. F. Smith, H. Hall, D. T. Leslie, Wm. Homans, Wm. Mayette, Peter Kuhn, John Thomas, S. W. Lydiard, Charles McLean, W. F. Negus, J. H. Whitman, Alex. McMullen, Daniel Casey, J. Bernard Connors.

Councillor Billman absent in Newfoundland, and Councillor Milne en route.

The warden briefly addressed the council, welcoming them cordially and requesting diligent and careful attention to the transaction of business coming before them.

The clerk stated the order of business and read the by-laws relating thereto. Also the minutes of the final meeting of last session and of the special session July 23rd to provide for right of way for the South Shore Railway, all of which were approved.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Darrah:

That Councillors Lydiard, McLean, Taylor, Fleming and Connors be the committee to appoint the standing committees. **Passed.**

The clerk enquired whether the minutes would be printed for distribution as heretofore. Action deferred.

The council adjourned to 2.30 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The council resumed at 2.30. All present.

The clerk submitted tenders from the Chronicle and Herald Printing Companies, offering to do the work as formerly, viz.: for the two sessions, 8,000 copies, to be sent to the several districts and 100 copies in pamphlet form. Deferred to Wednesday.

W. M. Sedgwick, Esq., inspector of license, presented his annual report of applications for liquor licenses in the county. These were from W. H. Donovan, hotel, St. Margaret's Bay Road; Angus Bowser, hotel, St. Margaret's Bay Road; Wm. Topple, hotel, Spryfield; John Mackay, shop license, Ketchikan Harbor.

They all had the statutory requirements, but he was unable to say whether the last-named owned the property in which he intended to sell liquors.

Councillor Johnson said Mackay did own the property.

Councillor Whitman spoke at some length on the evils of intemperance, and urged the council to refuse to grant licenses.

Councillors Taylor, Wilson, Lydiard, Kuhn, Ryan, McMullen and others discussed the subject.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Canfield:

That no liquor licenses be granted in the municipality of Halifax county in the year 1903.

It was argued by several councillors and the warden that provided the applicant fulfilled the qualifications and requirement contained in the law, the license should be granted.

The clerk said the statute was not prohibitory.

In amendment, moved by Councillors Negus and McMullen, that each application for license be considered separately, the amendment passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Croucher, that Angus Bowser be granted a license. Carried.

Moved by councillors Bishop and McLean, that W. H. Donovan be granted license. Carried.

Moved by Councillors Hayes and Johnson, that Wm. Topple be granted a license. Carried.

Moved by Councillors Johnson and Hayes, that license be granted to John Mackay.

Councillor C. E. Smith objected to this on account of the proximity of the shop to his and other families, and as offering facilities for young people and others to obtain liquors and disturb the neighborhood. He asked to be excused from voting.

On the vote being taken and names called for, there were:

For granting—Councillors Wilson, Darrah, Stewart, Croucher, McLean, Connors, Johnson, Hayes, Coolen, Thomas, Fleming, Negus, Bishop, McMullen—14.

Against—Councillors Whitman, Taylor, Crooks, Mayette, Casey, Kuhn, Ryan, Canfield, Moren, Hall, Homans, Leslie, Lydiard, A. F. Smith—14.

Being a tie the motion was lost, as according to by-law.

The council adjourned to Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

The council met at 10.30 a.m. The warden and 30 councillors (including O. A. Milne) present.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The clerk submitted the tenders for reporting and printing the minutes, received from the Chronicle and Herald Printing Companies. Both being much higher than for the same service in 1902 led to a long debate.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Stewart, that the tender of The Herald for reporting and printing the transactions of the council be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Bishop and McMullen that the newspaper reporting be dispensed with.

On the vote being taken the amendment was lost and the original resolution carried.

The nomination committee presented the following as the standing committees for 1903:

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Wilson, Canfield, Coolen, Milne, Casey, A. F. Smith and Ryan.

Assessments—Councillors Whitman, Leslie, Bidman, Croucher, McLean, Hall and Stewart.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors C. E. Smith, Taylor, McLean, Hall, Kuhn, Moren and Darrah.

Public Property—Councillors Lydiard, Wilson, Fleming, Ryan, Negus and Bishop.

Finance—Councillors Taylor, Fleming, Canfield, Lydiard, Moren, Connors,

License—Councillors Connors, McMullen, Hayes, Whitman, Homans, Crooks and Leslie.

Jury Lists—Councillors Negus and Croucher.

Law Amendments—Councillors Kuhn, Stewart, Johnson, Mayette, Thomas and Darrah.

Poor—Councillors McMullen, Bidman, Homans, Johnson, Milne, Hayes and Bishop.

Arbitration—Councillors Wilson, Negus, Lydiard, Fleming, the county clerk and stipendiary.

Moved by Councillors Negus and McMullen, that the report of the nominating committee be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Whitman, that Councillor Wilson be added to the law amendment committee. Passed.

Stipendiary's Report.

County Stipendiary McDougall read his report of convictions, fees and business of his office during 1902, as follows:—

Fees collected for the year ending March 31st	\$ 68.50
Fees collected for the year ending June 30th	68.55
Fees collected for the year ending September 30th	49.35
Fees collected for the year ending December 31st	66.95
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	\$253.35

Number of trials and convictions of liquor cases	32
Number of trials and convictions under criminal code and for breach of by-laws	26
Amount of fines imposed	\$1,213
Amount of fees collected in cases under code and by-laws.....	70
Fines collected under liquor license act	\$24
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	\$390
Fines collected from convictions in 1901	\$ 90.00
Total amount of fines and fees collected	\$1,233.35

The above statement as to the number of cases only refers to those in which convictions were made—cases in which the charges were heard and dismissed, and preliminary examinations are not included in the number given. There were also many matters of a minor character dealt with without the issue of papers.

The stipendiary made two trips to the eastern part of the county, where he disposed of a number of cases of petty offences, and was consulted by district officers with regard to their duties. He also visited the western part of the county twice during the year and tried some liquor and criminal cases which could not conveniently be dealt with in Halifax on account of the expense which would be involved in the procuring of witness. He is pleased at being able to report that there has been a marked decrease in crime throughout the county.

The magistrate desires to state that he is ready to render any assistance to the councillors and district officers in regard to municipal affairs, whenever required.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McDOUGALL,
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Also submitted (schedule of convictions and fines, etc., the reading of which was waived.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Negus, that the stipendiary's reports be received and adopted. Carried.

The warden referred to the matter of a public landing in Bedford district, and asked if there were any report thereon.

Councillor Fleming explained the difficulty in defining the location. There

seemed to be no possibility of fixing the boundaries. Mr. W. Y. Gray claimed to be owner and it did not appear necessary to lay out a landing for him alone.

Councillor Canfield mentioned the division of the original property into lots sold at auction where a landing was supposed to be reserved.

The county clerk gave further information and suggested that it had been the Lester property. The transfers may be in the registry office.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and C. E. Smith, that the petition of Mr. Gray be referred to a special committee composed of Councillors Bishop, Canfield and Fleming, with power to enquire fully into the matter and report to this council at next session. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Fleming, that permission be granted to Dr. A. McD. Morton to erect and maintain a telephone line along the highway from Bedford to Beaver Bank via Sackville. Passed.

The council then adjourned to 2.30

Afternoon Session.

Business was resumed at 2.30 o'clock. Mr. Conrod, an aged resident of Lawrencetown, spoke in the interest of better roads. He charged the members present not to consider this sitting in the light of a junket, as the matters they had under advisement were of serious import to the county.

William M. Sedgewick, Inspector of Licenses, read his report, which was favorably received. It showed a balance on hand of \$490.54. The report was adopted. Mr. Sedgewick was re-appointed to the office, with an increase of \$100 in his salary.

The Municipality of Halifax County in account with William M. Sedgewick, Inspector Licenses, December 31st, 1902.

Expenditure:—

Con. Burbridge, travel and searches	\$ 14.04	
Con. Burbridge, arrests, etc.	6.70	20.74
W. W. McLellan, legal services	25.00	
W. W. McLellan, legal services	10.00	
W. W. McLellan, legal services	5.00	
J. J. Power, legal services	5.00	
J. J. Power, legal services	10.00	
J. J. Power, legal services	15.00	\$ 70.00

Holloway Bros., printing bills	12.00	
Chronicle Pub. Co. adv....	6.00	
Halifax Herald adv.....	8.50	\$ 26.50
Costs in suits not collect'd	200.06	
Maynard Bowman, analyzing beer and giving expert evidence	13.00	13.00
Personal expenditure as per detailed statement attach'd	241.66	
Inspector's salary, 1 year	300.00	741.72
Balance in favor of county		490.54
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		\$1,362.50

I certify that I have examined the vouchers, comprised in the above statement of expenditure, and find them to be correctly stated.

W. J SCOTT, Acct.
Auditor.

Receipts:—

Licenses fees on licenses granted for 1902:—		
Angus Bowser		\$ 140.00
Thomas T. Butler		140.00
William Topple		90.00
Deposits on applications for 1903:—		
Angus Bowser	\$10.00	
W. H. Donovan	10.00	
William Topple	10.00	
John MacKey	10.00	.40
Fines paid as per detailed statements of proceedings		952.50
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		\$1,362.50

Balance brought down.....\$ 490.54

WM. M. SEDGEWICK,

Chief License Inspector for the Municipality of the County of Halifax.
January 13th, 1903.

In presenting his report for the year the inspector desires in order that the council may have all the facts before them to direct attention to the applications for license granted at the last annual meeting.

There were five applications for hotel license and two for shop license granted. Of this number, only two hotel licenses and one shop license were taken out by the applicants. The finance committee in preparing the estimates, had doubts: in view the number of applications granted, and accordingly estimated a surplus from the inspector's office of five hundred dollars. The license fees on the three hotels and one shop license,

which were never completed, would have amounted to \$510. The inspector submits that if his statement showed an adverse balance of \$10, the estimate of the committee would have been met. During the year the inspector has given a large amount of time in enforcing the provisions of the liquor act against offenders, and he has pleasure in being able to report a sum of four hundred and ninety dollars and fifty-four cents on hand, after payment of all expenses incidental to his duties.

The inspector would make mention of the help and assistance he has received from the county stipendiary, county clerk, county constables and county treasurer.

Returns of proceedings of license inspector for 1902:—

Offences, 42; fines imposed, \$1,150; fines collected, 952.50; costs not collected, \$206; balance on hand, \$490.54.

WILLIAM SEDGEWICK,

License Inspector.

I hereby certify that \$206 is the amount of magistrate's, witness and constables' fees paid out by license inspector in cases dismissed, and costs in convictions where fines were not collected, and that the sum of \$952.50 was the total amount of fines collected in 1902.

JOHN McDUGALL,

Stipendiary Magistrate.

Complaint was read from Attorney Walsh, for Albert Geiser, whose property in district 13 had been flooded by water owing to some road construction that had been carried on. Friday at 10.30 was the time set for a hearing before the council. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Geiser will be given an opportunity to make statements.

Reading License Inspector Harry Wright read his report. Adopted.

Application from Harry Wright for reappointment as county constable for ensuing year was read.

D. M. Burbidge, chief constable, was reappointed.

County Coroner Joseph Spencer was reappointed. His report was read and adopted.

A. F. Smith was reappointed janitor of the court house.

The report of W. L. Malcolm, jailor, for 1902, was read. It showed a decrease of 26 inmates. The important case of the year was that of George W.

Cook, for the murder of his wife in Halifax. The sanitary condition of the jail is good; conduct of prisoners generally good. New floors are required in the basement of the jail. The suggestions of the penal institutions inspector have not all been carried out, but when they come into force it will necessitate considerable changes in the diet and much extra work on the part of the officials.

The report of the jail keeper showed that 246 criminals, and 44 debtors were admitted during this year, being 26 less than the previous year. The largest number in the jail at one time was 29. The conduct of the prisoners was generally good. The convictions from the various courts were as follows:—

City Court	208
Magistrates Court	44
Supreme and County Court	30
Municipality of Dartmouth	12
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The following shows the offences for which the prisoners were committed:—

	Males	Females
Arson	4	—
Fraud	4	..
Threats	7	1
Murder	1	1
Forgery	2	..
Perjury	4	..
Larceny	44	5
Assault	32	2
Mischief	2	..
Vagrancy	3	..
Bastardy	6	..
Seduction	1	..
Indecency	4	..
Trespassing	5	..
Drunkenness	37	11
Manslaughter	1	..
Unsound mind	1	..
Crown witness	3	..
Disorderly conduct	4	4
Violating fishery act	1	..
Deserting from ship	10	..
Receiving stolen goods	1	..
Escaping from prison	2	..
Resisting peace officer	3	..
Wilfully damaging property	2	..
Burglary and larceny	8	1
Violating inland revenue act	2	..
Violating liquor license act	4	..
Neglecting to support family	2	..

Inmates of bawdy house	1	12
Attempt to commit suicide .....	..	1
Keeping children without license ..	..	1
Obtaining goods under false pretences	2	..
Permitting defilement of girl on premises .....	..	1
Having counterfeit bills in possession	1	..
Neglecting to obtain assistance at child birth	1
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	204	41

Jail Health Report.

The report of Dr. Trenaman, jail physician, was read. During the year no contagious diseases were treated. Cases of alcoholism were in excess of those of last year. The enforced employment authorized by the council two years ago continues to show markedly good results. Oakum picking by the prisoners is not financially remunerative, but the beneficial effect upon the prisoners of some employment is of great benefit morally and physically. Last year's recommendations of the inspector have to some extent been carried into effect. Baths for hot and cold water have been added to the jail's equipment for the prisoners—one for men and one for women. All are compelled to bathe once a week and on admission. It seems necessary that a supply of clothing and a uniform outfit for sentenced prisoners should be provided, which may be substituted for their own clothing. The jailor, matron and turnkey have all been helpful in carrying out medical treatment. The report was adopted. Dr. Trenaman was reappointed physician at the same salary.

Report of Poores' Farm, 1902.

There were at the poores' farm, January, February and March, 60 inmates; April, May and June, 67; July, August and September, 72; October, November and December, 66 inmates, of which 18 are insane men, 12 insane women, 37 sane men, 19 sane women; admitted during the year, 23; discharged, 17; died, 3. There are 6 employees, 1 male attendant, 1 female attendant, 2 domestics, 1 farmer, 1 night-watch.

The crops have been fairly good. Potatoes, 300 bushels; turnips, 350 bushels; carrots, 16 bushels; parsnips, 29 bushels; B. beets, 21 bushels; mangels, 40 bushels; sour kroot, 13 barrels; cabbage, green, 20 dozen; peas, beans and

cucumbers, plentiful. Hay 14 tons; fodder, 2½ tons, live stock, 4 milch cows, 4 heifers, 2 horses, 2 pigs. Killed on the farm, 4 pigs, weighing in all, 850 lbs. Farming utensils, the same as last year.

Clothing on hand, 5 coats, 5 vests, 15 pairs drawers, 12 pairs pants, 18 men's top shirts, 18 men's undershirts, 27 pairs socks, 12 mitts, 10 pairs braces. Women's underclothing, 24 pieces women's dresses, 6 Galatea, 55 yards, mole, 40 yards, towelling, 10 yards, homespun, 20 yards, Ladies tweed, 92 yards, Kersey, 20 yards. Bed-ticking, 40 yards, shaker flannel, 40 yards, grey cotton, 116 yards, yarn, 10 lbs., spools, 5 dozen.

Provisions.

Flour, 2 barrels, corn meal, 1 barrel, sugar, 200 lbs., tea, 30 lbs., molasses, 50 gallons, herring, two-thirds of barrel, oatmeal two-thirds of barrel, pot barley, 60 lbs., pork, 100 lbs.

JAMES M. HENNEBERRY,
Superintendent.

Other Reports Submitted.

Reports from the supervisors of roads were read from districts 13, 14, 18, 21 and 36. The general cry was for "more money." The conditions of the roads were bad. Prospect road, in district 13, was mentioned as being in a most unfit state for travel. In district 18 two bridges had been built, and two more were needed, but funds were exhausted.

A letter was read from George L. Sinclair, M. D., inspector of humane and penal institutions, who called the attention of the municipal clerk of Halifax county council to clause 20, of an act of 1900, the terms of which had not been carried out, namely, the appointment of a board of visitors, two of whom may be women, to whom penal institutions shall be open at any time. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

The county council met Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock. The first business was the appointment of a committee, consisting of Stipendiary Mc Dougall, Councillors Lydiard and Taylor, to take in charge the bill presented to the council by the town of Dartmouth for expenses incurred in the sup-

pression of smallpox in that place. The committee will confer with the town council of Dartmouth as to the proper apportionment of the bill, which is a very heavy one. The resolution was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McMullin, and passed.

Road Petitions.

A road petition from district 10, James A. Coolen, was presented, asking for a new road, of a mile in length, to Beck's, on the east side of Prospect Bay, the lack of which is a great detriment to the community in the winter season and at times of sickness, etc. Signed by 113 ratepayers. On motion of Councillors Wilson and Whitman, the petition was referred to the road and bridge committee.

District 18 sent a protest against the closing of the old Truro road, from where the road leading to Enfield branches off to where the road leading from Elmsdale intersects the old Truro road. Signed by 106 ratepayers.

Remarks by B. C. Wilson.

This being Councillor Wilson's district, he had something to say in the matter, the road being closed as protection to life, as bridges were unsafe for foot passengers let alone teams. Mr. Wilson had tried to get bridges repaired without avail; the theory that his intention was to permanently close the road was a misunderstanding. He criticized the methods by which moneys are handled as being unsatisfactory in results, there being so many heads and hands to administer the fund appropriated. In reference to the matter of the bridge, Mr. Wilson had waited upon Dr. Murphy, as representing the government. Bridges were examined and two repaired by government funds.

One high bridge in district 18, of 50 foot span, was reported as very bad, and the government refused to be held responsible for accidents thereon. The only thing remaining to be done was to fence up the road pending some relief in the matter. Mr. Wilson spoke of resolutions that were passed at a former meeting of the county council, to be presented to the provincial government, that had never been presented to that body. His argument was that as long as the government hears no complaints from the council, they will conclude that everything is running smoothly when the reverse is the case. The resolution was to ask the government to consolidate the fund for road

construction and repairs so something more practical could be done.

William Bishop suggested that other county councils be requested to unite with us in petitioning the government. The petition, on motion of Councillors Wilson and Whitman, was referred to the road and bridge committee.

Asks Right of Way.

District 24 sent a petition for right of way from the house of the late F. E. Smith, on the main post road to the seashore, to connect with the proposed government wharf to be built on the east side of Moses River.

On motion of J. S. Flemming and Wilson, the petition was referred to the road and bridges committee.

Commissioners of Bedford Road.

District 15 presented a report for the past year as to repairs and construction, with full account as to money expended. On motion of Messrs. Wilson and Canfield, it was referred to the road and bridge committee. The report says:

The repairs for the most part were made toward the Bedford and Rockingham ends of the road. The commissioners urge that all taxes in the district be rendered in one bill, stating the amount for different services and all collected by one collector. In the year 1900 a piece of macadamized road was built from the tannery to the residence of Robert Allan, something less than a mile in length. The material used was stone, found for the most part along the Bedford road. No repairs have been done on that piece of road since. Traffic is heavy on this road, and the commissioners are convinced that the material used there is the right kind to be used in a road from Halifax to Bedford. What is needed in order to construct this kind of road is that all taxes for a period of years shall be put in one fund, less an amount sufficient for repairs. When the I.C.R. begin the double track of the railway it is their intention to take material from the road between Fairview and Rockingham, removing a width of ten feet, which will save the road authorities much money. The council is urged to take action along this line so that it may be brought before the next legislature. Signed, Alex. McNeil, John Strachan, J. E. Roy.

Had No Power.

The petition from William R. Ogilvie, Little River, was for a right of way to his land over the land of John Shorey, which is at present denied him. The council decided that they had no power to act in the matter.

From district 27 James Bowser made complaint of what he considered trespass on his property by Overseer Dennis Williams in road work. On motion of Messrs. Flemming and McLean, it was laid on the table.

For Better Roads.

The Halifax maritime board of trade sent a report from their meeting, held at Sydney last August, in the interest of better country roads. They deplore the condition of the roads, notwithstanding the large amounts granted and the statute labor on them. The present system of disbursing funds does not produce the best results, and as these roads are a hindrance to the growth of the community, they recommend that a competent instructor in road making be appointed.

Mr. Wiswell spoke of the system of keeping up roads in New Brunswick as worthy of investigation, in view of the good results obtained.

Mr. Bishop said the council at present can only make suggestions; the supervisor of roads controls things at present. A member suggested doing away with statute labor on roads and substituting therefor a poll tax.

District 36 sent in a request for a readjustment of boundaries in sections 13, 14 and 15. Moved by Councillor Carey and seconded by Wm. Mayette, that attention of the suitable authorities be called to it.

District 28 reported Canterbury bridge at Porter's lake to be in an unsafe condition, and a new one absolutely necessary. Referred to road and bridge committee. The council then adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon sitting, on behalf of district 29, Henry Stawell objected, in a letter, to the grant of a public road which constitutes a serious trespass on his property.

Councillor Kuhn said the road had been in existence for fifty years as a gated road, but since it became public the gates had been left open, which

resulted in trespass on the complainant's property.

On motion of Messrs. Negus and McLean, the petition was referred to the road and bridge committee.

District 36 sent a report from the board of health relative to closing the schools in section No. 3, on November 27, in order to eradicate diphtheria. In Dr. Kennedy's opinion this was the only way to deal with the disease effectually. Passed.

The board of health at Musquodoboit reports schools closed on November 15 to stamp out diphtheria. Bill for services appended:

Councillor Casey	\$3.75
Health officer	5.00
	—
	\$8.75

James Owen sent a bill of \$2 for burying a cow, per order of Councillor Casey. Michael Power sent a bill for quarantine of houses, 70 cents, all of which was referred to finance committee.

Report was received from Trans-Canada (projected) railway, with map, with the request that if the Halifax county council approve it that they send such a report to the minister of railways at Ottawa. Messrs. Ryan and McLean moved that the petition be deferred for the present.

District 27 sent a petition for new road construction. This was, on order of Messrs. Flemming and Homans, referred to the road and bridge committee.

District 30 health officer's report for the year ending December 31, gives 20 deaths, one being from smallpox. Clean bill at present time. Signed, William Saunders.

The report of Dr. Cunningham for the poor farm was read. He reports everything as "going on with dreary monotony," relieved only by an occasional birth and semi-occasional death. Good health and comfort is the rule. The King's Daughters of Dartmouth visit the farm at Christmas and bring gifts. He suggested some form of entertainment for the inmates; the donation of magazines would be acceptable. A trained nurse is needed as the matron has double duty which works great hardship to her. Three deaths were recorded. Report passed. Messrs. Lydard and Milne moved that Dr. Cunningham's suggestions be referred to the public property committee. Dr. Cunningham was reappointed for the com-

ing year on motion of Messrs. Negus and Fleming.

Map of the County.

A. F. Church and Co., Bedford, petitioned the council in regard to the preparation of a new map of the county of Halifax, the only one in existence being 37 years old, asking for material encouragement from the council in preparation of the same.

Acting on Dr. Sinclair's report, the following were appointed visitors to the county poor farm: J. S. Stevens, of Dartmouth; Rev. E. Roy and wife, A. W. Smith and wife.

In district 24 the supervisor, George Shellnutt, reports roads in bad shape. Up to August, 1902, he collected \$70.43 and paid out \$90.32. It was remarked that he was the only one who had any money on hand, but still he wanted more.

Moved by Messrs. Whitman and Smith, that the law and amendment committee ask the provincial government to make the second Wednesday in January the regular day of meeting, instead of Tuesday, for the greater convenience of the eastern councillors. Passed.

County Treasurer's Report.

The county treasurer read his report, which was as follows:

Expenditure.

County court house—Current expenses	\$1,534.95
Interest on loan of 1882	1,025.00
Interest on loan of 1889	280.00
Sinking fund, loan of 1899	363.42
Sinking fund, for repairs	700.00
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	\$3,908.37
County jail—Current expenses.....	\$2,731.73
County poor farm—Current expenses	5,394.03
New addition	736.29
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	\$6,130.37
Judicial accounts—Grand petit and special juries	\$ 991.90
Criminal prosecutions, \$2,336.07;	
sheriff's accounts, \$1,091.19	3,427.26
Crier's supreme court, \$900; crier county court, \$450	1,350.00
Clerk of crown, \$202; printing and stationery, \$548.85	750.85
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	\$6,520.01

Salaries—County clerk, \$1,200;	
county treasurer, \$800; stipen-	
diary magistrate, \$950; chief	
county constable, \$300	1,250.00
Deputy county constable, \$50;	
auditors, \$50	100.00
	<u>\$3,350.00</u>

The warden and county council-	
lors	\$1,381.60
Coroners, \$56; assessors, \$640.90;	
collectors, \$1,248.16	1,945.06
Board of appeal, \$45.90; boun-	
ties, \$243; draw bridges, \$56.....	343.90
Revisors of electoral lists, \$207.30;	
revisors jury lists, \$18.70	226.00
Board of health, \$166.19; medical	
certificates, insane, \$80	246.19
Postages and telegrams, \$57.79;	
Dutch Village bus subsidy,	
\$137.50	195.29
Inspector of liquor license, \$977;	
Inspector of pedlers' licenses,	
\$100	1,077.00
Inspector of pedlers' licenses—	
Fines violations pedlers' act....	13.00
Stipendiary magistrate—Expens-	
s two trips Eastern Shore	75.00
Halfax Dispensary, \$25; contin-	
gences, \$65.10	90.10
Interest on overdraft in Halifax	
Bank	13.90
Interest on road overdrafts, \$41-	
70; hospital for insane, \$3,131.20..	3,172.90
School grants paid on trustees	
orders	8,366.10
Government road grant paid sup-	
ervisor's returns	8,356.40
Advances for poor, etc., \$202.15;	
right of way district No. 24	
\$20.....	222.15
To balance:	
On deposit Halifax Banking Co....	1,832.98
On deposit Union Bank of Hall-	
fax	74.47
Cash on hand	400.63
	<u>\$2,308.08</u>
	\$50,673.15

Receipts.

By balance from account Decem-	
ber 31, 1901	\$5,347.69
Assessments received:	
City of Halifax, balance 1900.....	1,196.57
City of Halifax, account 1901	2,147.06
City of Halifax, account 1902	6,525.31
	<u>\$9,869.94</u>
Town of Dartmouth, year 1902....	\$ 692.00
County districts, account 1902.....	20,470.70
County districts, account 1901	1,705.44
County districts, 1898 to 1900.....	56.36
	<u>\$22,232.50</u>

County jail—W. L. Malcom, sale	
of oakum, etc	\$ 133.25
Room rents	19.10
	<u>\$ 152.35</u>

Received on account poor farm,	
etc.....	\$1,600.99
Inspector of licenses, liquor fines..	952.50
Balance of license fees, 1902	370.00
Deposits on four applications for	
1903	40.01
	<u>\$1,362.50</u>
Stipendiary magistrate, fees of of-	
fice, 1902	\$ 253.30
Fines criminal cases	45.70
Fines re violations pedlers' act...	13.00
	<u>\$ 312.00</u>
County magistrate fines, per John	
Kirker, J. P.	\$ 4.00
Per John Gibbons, J. P.....	17.00
	<u>\$ 21.00</u>
County court fines (2), \$20; jury	
fines, \$15.30	\$ 35.30
Estreated recognizances (2)	206.10
Clerk of licenses—25 pedlers' licen-	
ses, \$24.00; 3 ferry licenses, \$3...	227.00
Sinking fund loan, 1899—Interest	
on deposit receipt	25.19
Interest on deposit receipt for 77	
days	14.76
Advances account poor, returned.	50.87
Insane paupers, received on ac-	
count	125.00
Government road and bridge grant	
—per provincial cashier	8,400.06
	<u>\$50,673.15</u>

Dec. 31.—By balance at credit of
county

PARKER ARCHIBALD,

E. and O. E. County Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

Halifax N. S. Jany. 12th, 1903.

We beg to report that we have examined the books and vouchers of the county treasurer, for the year ending December 31st, 1902, which we have found correct and in accordance with his statement submitted for your consideration.

Owing to the tardy return of two of the assessment books, by the collectors, he was delayed in closing his books until this date. We are, yours respectfully,

W. J. SCOTT, C. A.
W. C. BISHOP, Auditors.

Moved by Messrs. Lydiard and Negus that the report be received and adopted. Passed.

The bill from the board of health from district 17, for burial of horse, was referred to the finance committee, on motion of Messrs. Smith and Stewart.

The petition from district 27, for a new road from Owl's Head to the settlement at the South West Cove, to give the people direct connection with Owl's Head, and requesting a grant of money therefor, signed by 100 ratepayers, was referred to the road and bridge committee.

Clerk Wiswell recommended strict economy on the part of the finance committee, as many bills had to be dealt with.

Commissioners of roads in district 17, for sections 1, 14 and 16, under commission for the year, submit a report, signed by Charles Peverill, Emerson Barrett and H. St. C. Silver:

Cash on hand	\$33.62
Amount of government grant.....	15.00

District 17 road commissioners' bill was passed and referred to the finance committee.

The council adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

Friday morning the first business before the Halifax county council was the hearing for Albert Geiser, Fairview, in district 14. Attorney Walsh stated the case. In new road construction a filling was made which raised the elevation eight feet; as a result a drain is diverted into the garden, flooding his land and doing serious damage; further, the elevation renders it difficult to enter his yard as formerly, and a large team cannot enter it at all. He petitions the council to give him relief in the matter. He offers to do the work himself at a cost of about \$12, which would consist of cutting a new drain, and a levelling off of the obstructing elevation would enable him to use his gate as formerly. Residents substantiated the story of Mr. Geiser. Supervisor Heschlen appeared and stated that the work in question was done two years ago, and this was the first complaint he had heard. The remedy would seem to call for the enlargement of the stone culvert that crosses the cutting, the present one being too small.

Councillor McMullin wanted to know what it would cost to enlarge the culvert. The reply from the supervisor was about forty-five or fifty dollars.

Good Way to Settle It.

Councillor McMullin thought it would be cheaper to let Mr. Geiser make the change at the price he named. Mr. Kuhn suggested that in the absence of Councillor Billman, of the district, authority be given the supervisor to act with Mr. Geiser to settle the affair.

Councillor Wilson thought it was as well to let the thing be settled in that way, as Councillor Billman was absent, and as he had decided that he isn't "going to have anything to do with the blasted district any more." If a culvert was necessary it would be built, but he thought as to the grade it was the business now of Mr. Geiser to conform to the requirements of an abutter on a public road.

Warden Madill seemed to think the culvert was a necessity. Supervisor Heschlen replied with the chronic complaint of the scarcity of funds. The road grant is only \$25, and he often had to take money out of his own pocket to pay his men for their labor on the road.

Attorney Walsh said the roadmaster had been complained to about the grievance, and had refused to do anything about it.

Councillor McMullin thought it better be laid over until the spring session, as nothing in the way of work could be done on the premises now.

Moved by Councillors Smith and Wilson, in the complaint of Albert Geiser, that the matter be referred to the supervisor, the roadmaster to confer with Mr. Geiser, also to await the return of the councillor of the district, and make report at the April session. Passed.

The Bedford Road.

Recorder MacCoy addressed the council on the condition of Bedford road as being worse than any other well-travelled road he knew of. The two ends of the road are well kept, but the distance between these two points is disgraceful. He had refused to pay his road tax for two years, as the council probably knew, because of his dissatisfaction at the use made of the money. It was being used to fix up back streets where lots are for sale. Recorder MacCoy considers his neck as of

value to himself and the city of Halifax, and does not want to risk the safety of it any longer on such dangerous journeys as he is required to make daily. Councillor Flemming sustained Recorder MacCoy, as he travelled over the road and knew whereof he spoke.

Councillor Bishop said the council could do nothing in these matters; road grants are steadily decreasing in amount; it looks as though we were being slowly weaned off from the government grants, until we will find ourselves without any at all. He suggested that the clerk communicate by letter with the county councils of Nova Scotia, urging them to unite with a view to petitioning the local government for a better distribution of money and increased grants of the same for our urgent need. Resolution passed.

Councillor C. E. Smith spoke in reference to a liquor license which was refused John McKay by this council. He felt very sore over the matter. There was no flaw in his application, but it was denied him. He had paid the amount of \$10 and had nothing for his pains.

Clerk Wiswell thought the council had no power to refund it. A member stated that it is customary with the city of Halifax to refund the fee.

Councillor Wilson said the license seemed to have been refused as a matter of sentiment, as it was not a hotel license. There was no flaw in the application, and he thought the fee should be returned. It looked like sharp practice to retain something for which no equivalent was given. Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Whitman, that the money be refunded. Pass d.

Map of County.

The matter of the proposed new county map by A. F. Church and Co. was taken up. Councillor Wilson said the map was obsolete, being made 37 years ago, and it is of nothing but its topical value at the present time. The necessity for an up-to-date map didn't need much urging. The project of itself is not remunerative unless made the object of a grant of money from the council and government. If this was voted a first-class map would be produced.

Clerk Wiswell said the necessity for such a correct map was evident. In case of law disputes the old map would be of no value now, and was faulty in the beginning.

Warden Madill thought the map a needed instrument.

Councillor Wilson stated he represented the matter as it appeared to him, and remarked somewhat irrelevantly that, though it seemed to be the sense of the council that such a map was needed, perhaps it would be as well to go slowly in order that the Musquoddy boat railway might have a place on it.

Councillor Lydiard thought there should be a lien law for collecting of road taxes on non-resident property. Warden Madill was in sympathy with the question, and Councillor McMullin also. Stipendiary McDougall saw the necessity for some action. It could be done for county rates only at present. Councillor Lydiard said some different method of rendering tax bills was clearly needed. They should be itemized in one account and rendered. Passed, on motion of Messrs. Bishop and Kuhn.

Encroachments Must Stop.

Councillor Wilson said there was complaint in his district of a tendency to encroach on the public domain. When old fences are replaced, for some reason they are often set ahead until pretty soon some of them will be in the ditches. Twenty year-gives possession. On motion of Councillors Wilson and Carey, it was resolved that instructions be sent to all supervisors of roads, that they be particularly enjoined to see that no further encroachment be made and any existing be removed as soon as possible. Clerk Wiswell read the law in such cases which met the requirements. But supervisors were often ignorant of their full duties. Councillor McMullin thought posting in all the districts would be the best plan.

The report of the clerk of pedlars' and ferry licenses was read by Clerk Wiswell. Passed on motion of Messrs. Negus and McMullin.

Halifax, December 31, 1902.

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

The clerk of licenses begs leave to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1902:

At the last session of the council a large number of deputy clerks of license were appointed, and with their assistance the number of pedlars travelling in this municipality during this year has been greatly reduced.

Quite a number of the deputy clerks issued licenses and furnished informa-

tion leading to the conviction of several violators of the by-law, and compelling them to take out licenses. I would recommend that deputy clerks of licenses be appointed for the ensuing year.

Three ferry licenses were issued during the year.

Hereto annexed is a list of licenses issued during the past year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

PARKER ARCHIBALD,

Clerk of License.

Halifax, N. S., December 31, 1902.

Return of Licenses Issued.

March 3—Joseph Deep (pack)	\$ 8.00
March 8—John Allan (pack)	8.00
March 31—Dominie Bowles (pack) ..	8.00
March 31—Joseph Bowles (pack)....	8.00
April 1—Isaac Fried (team)	15.00
April 17—John Abraham (pack)	8.00
April 19—Hugh McCourt (pack)	8.00
April 23—George Abraham (pack)....	8.00
April 28—David Serafini (team)	15.00
May 17—George Deep (pack)	7.00
May 17—Albert Younes (pack)	8.00
May 21—Wm. Hartlen (pack)	8.00
Jun ^e 2—Louis Tiscornia (pack)	8.00
June 3—Jacob Kravis (pack)	7.00
June 12—David Keefe (pack)	8.00
June 12—Ned Thomas (pack)	8.00
July 3—William Surtiz (pack)	8.00
July 7—Louis Carbage (pack).....	8.00
July 10—E. Israel Cammerman (pack) 8.00	
Sept. 2—Jos. C. Lavers (team)	15.00
Sept. 17—Henry Margin (team)	15.00
Oct. 1—Joseph Allan (pack)	8.00
Nov. 10—Chas. Smith (pack)	7.00
Nov. 10—Chas. Joseph (pack)	7.00
Nov. 27—Louis Mozelome (pack).....	8.00
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	\$224.00

Ferry Licenses Issued.

Jan. 7—Chas. Purcell, Point Pleasant ferry	\$1.00
Jan. 7—Robt. Purcell, Point Pleasant ferry	1.00
Nov. 8.—John Young, Pebbyswick ferry	1.00
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	\$3.00

PARKER ARCHIBALD,

Clerk of License.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31, 1902.

The poor reports were, on motion of Stewart and Taylor, passed over to the poors committee en bloc.

Report from district 30 was read, John Thompson supervisor, as to the bad

state of the road. A total of \$475.53 was expended, the amount of \$210.53 being statute labor. A portion is worn down to the road-bed. A heavy mail goes over this road daily, Sundays excepted. Bridges are in very bad state. Alfred Dickie and Co. built a dam; it broke away and flooded part of the road, making a trench. The councillor for the district, John Thomas, said he would like to know what was to be done in a case of this sort. Was the district to stand the expense alone of repairing the damage? On motion of Councillors Flemming and Hall it was referred to the road and bridge committee. Passed.

Afternoon Session.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and C. E. Smith, that John Jones, Robert Routledge and William H. Pye be a board of supervisors for district 34, to define public property.

The report of Amos Webber, supervisor in district 27, says the roads are in fairly good shape. Money all expended.

In reference to road extension of road section 7, district 25, extended to Grand Lake bridge on Spry Bay road and to Little River bridge on Musquodoboit road. Passed, on motion of Councillors Hall and Flemming.

County Rate Statement for Year.

District No.	Amount Assessed.	Re-ceived.	De-ficit.
7	\$ 227.48	\$ 227.48	..
8	220.56	212.60	7.96
9	233.34	233.34	..
10	280.02	221.47	58.55
11	432.84	432.84	4.00
12	410.54	406.48	4.06
13	341.77	331.95	9.82
14	1,178.30	1,164.29	14.01
15	1,658.12	1,561.17	96.95
16	402.59	386.40	16.19
17	1,325.37	1,278.52	46.85
18	1,068.44	1,066.21	12.23
19	841.42	836.00	5.42
20	439.23	17.63	421.60
21	1,115.22	1,112.46	2.76
21a	182.44	173.75	8.69
22	967.99	967.99	..
23	127.22	123.97	3.25
24	693.75	683.88	9.87
25	840.35	785.35	55.00
26	759.62	756.72	2.90
27	1,115.16	1,107.37	7.78
28	658.13	653.58	4.60
29	518.93	513.24	5.69

30	262.58	253.35	9.23
31	1,578.23	1,496.00	82.23
32	899.25	896.68	2.57
33	697.38	668.26	29.12
34	737.13	509.24	227.89
35	351.44	349.98	1.46
36	876.68	859.28	17.40
38	193.27	193.27	..
	\$21,634.78	\$20,470.70	\$1,164.08

On motion of Councillors Flemming and Stewart, the assessment returns were passed.

The appointment of officers in districts 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 16 18 19 20 21 21a 22 23 24 27 28 29 30 33 34 35 36 and 38 was read and passed.

Report of the Coroner's Constable for the Year 1902.

There have been in the city of Halifax and town of Dartmouth, 71 deaths, by months as follows:—

January	1
February	11
March	5
April	13
May	6
June	7
July	4
August	4
September	7
October	5
November	3
December	5

Also one on the St. Margaret's Bay road.

Of the above 71 I personally attended 25; the remainder were viewed by the medical examiner, who granted the necessary certificate.

J. SPENCER.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.

Saturday morning the first matter brought up was the remittance of the county and poor rate to Alfred Gill, in district 33, for 1902, the collection of same being considered unjust. Moved and seconded by Councillors Negus and Flemming. Passed.

Clerk Wiswell reported that the resolution of Councillor Bishop, in requesting a union of the councils to petition the government, had been duly prepared and copies had been sent to the wardens of all the councils now in session requesting their joint action

Mr. Wiswell was commended for his promptness and energy in the matter. Following is the resolution:

Whereas, there are many complaints from all sections of the county of Halifax, and the same no doubt in all the other counties in the province, as to the bad condition of the roads, particularly the county of Halifax, and

Whereas, the municipality is helpless in remedying this bad state of affairs through principally the want of sufficient funds, the provincial grant to the council should be much larger than it is. When we compare the revenue of the province and the road grants of the past, for instance in the year 1882 we find the grant was \$159,376; in 1900 it has dwindled down to \$73,994, while the revenue has very largely increased through the development of the mineral and other resources of the province;

Therefore resolved, that the clerk of this council be instructed to communicate at once with the other municipalities of Nova Scotia to join with us in appointing committees to wait on the local government, and also join with us in a joint committee to recommend some better plan of expending the road monies, and a larger grant, to be expended by the municipalities on the road service; also to explain the bad condition of the roads in the several counties to that body, and that the matter be acted on at the coming meeting of the legislature in February.

The council then adjourned to inspect the jail and take up committee work.

Afternoon Session.

The council met for roll call and then adjourned for committee work.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19.

The first business of the Halifax county council Monday was a resolution, moved by Councillors Milne and McMullin, for a special grant of \$400, to be expended on the harbor road, between Meagher's Grant and Musquodoboit Harbor, in districts 20 and 36. Passed.

Councillors Bishop and Hail moved that John W. Walsh be collector; Richard Bishop, fence viewer. For statute labor, Peter Munroe and Richard Gilpin, in district 13. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Croucher, that the bridge on Dufferin Mine road, in district 34, known as East Brook bridge, be placed under the small bridge act. Passed.

Send in the List.

Clerk Wiswell read a letter from R. McColl, assistant provincial engineer, which is as follows:

G. H. Madill, Esq., Warden, Milford, Halifax County, N. S.:

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly get the municipal clerk of your municipality to send me as soon as possible a list of the roads in each district of the county, dividing them as near as he can into "main roads and by-roads," so that at any time I can tell the mileage in the different districts. If the clerk has not got them, could you not get them from the different councillors while they are in session?

I would also like if you would see the councillors and get them to give you a list of the bridges that would likely come under the smaller bridge act, that is, bridges too small to come under the larger bridge act, but which are, say, of about ten foot span or over. Of course, the smaller bridge act does not contemplate building all bridges over 10 foot span, as in cases where the bridge is low, say two or three feet and not very expensive, this will still be left to the municipality. It would aid me very much if I had the total number of these bridges in each district, with the length of the span. I am in no hurry for this, but what I would like at once is a list of the bridges which will require either renewal or repairs during the coming season, so that if we decide to build them we can order the lumber at once. I would also like a list of the bridges large enough to come under the larger bridge act, that require renewal or repairs during the coming season, reported to me at once, and if not already placed under the bridge act by resolution of the council, that this be done at the present session, so that we can prepare at once for their examination and reconstruction if necessary.

As I know you are as much interested in this matter as I am, I trust you will be kind enough to assist me in this.

Regarding the total number of bridges in each district and their size, I am in no hurry about this, but the ones re-

quiring renewal or repairs this year I would like as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

R. McCOLL,

Asst. Prov. Engineer.

Bridges Needing Repairs.

The list of officers for districts 32, 17, 25 and 26 was then passed.

The statement from the board of health, district 31, with bill for suppression of smallpox, was referred to the finance committee, on motion of Councillors Flemming and Negus.

Moved by Councillors Crooks and Taylor, that the bridge, the dividing line between districts 11 and 38, called Canal bridge, be placed under the small bridge act and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Croucher, that the bridge on Dufferin Mine road, in district 34, known as East Brook bridge, be placed under the small bridge act of 1900.

Moved by Councillors Coolen and Ryan, that Smelt Brook bridge, in Shad Bay, be placed under the small bridge act.

District 18 reports Laing bridge, near Enfield, 30 feet span and 20 feet high; and Black Brook bridge, on the old Truro road, 25 feet span and 10 feet high, as in condition which calls for re-building.

Councillor Myette reports the Canterbury bridge, at Middle Porter's lake, as in need of rebuilding.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Connors, that the claim made by district 39, in reference to smallpox, be referred to the financial committee. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Casey, that the bill from districts 31 and 33 be passed. It amounted to \$24. Referred to finance committee.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Negus, that the bridge in district 17, known as the Plank bridge, on the Beaver Bank road, be placed under the small bridge act.

Allowance for Assessors.

Moved and seconded by Councillors Bishop and Canfield, that the assessors for district 13 be allowed \$10 each for their services as assessors, instead of the present sum of \$8. Mr. Bishop claimed that in this particular district they worked at a great disadvantage. The men only worked because there was a penalty attached for a refusal to

act. But the fact was that they were underpaid. Councillor Flemming said that was the general complaint, that they worked for the county at a loss.

Warden Madill thought it would open the way to a great deal of discussion, and many more claims would have to be dealt with if this one was allowed. Two years ago the scale was revised.

Councillor Negus thought that if they made a house to house canvass the present sum was not enough.

Councillor McMullin stated that in his district the assessors divide the district between them, and a house to house canvass was made. He thought they were paid as well as the members of the council in proportion to the expenses they were under.

Councillor Wilson wouldn't open up the dangerous question unless it was a case of peculiar hardship. Let the assessors in that case be paid by the district, otherwise we couldn't tell where it would end.

Councillor Bishop said there was a continued complaint about the low assessment returns, and a house to house canvass is not compulsory at present. Banks are printed and furnished, to be filled out by ratepayers, but not one in ten know how to make them out. Put to vote and lost.

From district 10 a petition was read from Mrs. Mary C. Christian for an abatement of taxes. On motion of Councillors Flemming and Negus, it was referred to the assessment committee.

Supervisors of public grounds, district 21, to be John Archibald, Martin F. Tupper and M. H. Guild. On motion of Councillors Taylor and Stewart, passed.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Negus, that the bridge on the School House road, in Lower Sackville, district 17, be placed under the large bridge act, 1883, and amendments thereto. Passed.

Supervisors of public property in district 7 to be Robert Bishop, James Hannahan, jr., F. J. Darrach. Moved by Councillors Hayes and Johnson and passed.

The County Map.

In reference to the proposed map of the county, the following was introduced, on motion of Councillors Wilson and Darrach:

Whereas, A. F. Church and Company have memorialized this council with a view of obtaining a subsidy towards

making a new map of the county of Halifax,

And whereas, the only map we now have was compiled nearly forty years ago, and has practically outlived its usefulness, and a new map is very desirable;

Therefore resolved, that this council vote the sum of \$400 toward compiling and publishing such a map to A. F. Church and Co., upon the recommendation, who are hereby constituted a committee to confer and carry out such recommendations and conditions as may be beneficial to the county's interest.

There was considerable discussion pro and con. Councillor Wilson stated the position of the firm, and the general sentiment seemed to be that the map, if prepared as represented, would be of great special value, but the bonus asked was what they objected to. The councillor was doubtful that the game was worth the candle. He didn't think we would be justified in appropriating so large a sum in our present state of finances.

Councillor Casey thought when it got so the councillors of the county could not find their way it would be time enough to get a map. This seemed to be conclusive, and the resolution was lost.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Flemming, that Samuel Behie, Robert Hall and Ronald McDonald be supervisors of public property for district 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Stewart and Darrach, that J. H. Chaplain, J. D. Henry and David Archibald be appointed supervisors of public ground in district 22.

Councillor Billman arrived and was greeted with applause. It was his first appearance at this session. He presented his list of officers and withdrew.

List of small bridges for district 34 to be placed on the small bridge act: Bridge near Jeffrey Baptist, Harrigan; bridge at Green Brook and Rocky Brook at Port Dufferin. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Darrach and Stewart, that the bridge known as McLeod Lake bridge, on road between Carriboo gold mines and Morceland road, be placed under small bridge act. Passed.

Loan to Open Road.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Lydiard, that this council ask the provincial government for a loan of \$700 to open up road between Beaver Dam

bridge and Sheet Harbor, in district 26. This raised considerable discussion, and the members were mostly opposed to the prospect of an increase of interest which would be a result of the loan. Mr. Hall stated that a previous resolution for \$400 was passed in favor of district 20. It was pointed out that there was a great difference between a loan and special grant; one incurred interest, which the other did not. It was stated that if the loan was made it would be a charge upon the council, as there was no other way to pay it. The better way would be to petition the government direct for the road. In reference to a previous occasion, when Councillor Hall asked for funds and the petition was denied, it was simply because the appropriation had given out. New roads must be had if the county is to prosper; that is true, but this loan should not be entertained at present. The motion was lost.

Councillor Bishop started considerable discussion over the purchase of road making machinery. The stone crusher which was invested in for the benefit of districts 14, 15, 33 and 31 has proved too expensive to operate, and is at present unhusbed and neglected. It cost \$3,000. is lying unproductive, and Mr. Bishop would like to know if the districts for whose immediate benefit the machine was bought, pays the interest or whether the council does.

A resolution was brought forward for increase of pay of assessors in district 21a.

Afternoon Session.

The discussion of increased pay for assessors in 21a district was resumed, and was finally passed at the rate of \$5 for each assessor.

List of officers for district 31 was passed.

Councillor Bishop resumed the discussion of the road machinery. He read the law relating to the matter, which appears that the county is liable for the interest on \$3,000 at 7 per cent, which would be \$210 per year.

Councillor Lydiard said the stone crusher was a necessity, but it cost so much to operate it and this was the reason it was not in operation. The sentiment generally was that the machine was greatly needed, and many more would like to use it if it could be managed. It does good work, and Bedford was expected to take proper care of it. Councillor Lydiard said the

stone crusher was all right, but it could not be operated with a fund of three or four hundred dollars. Permanent roads could not be made without the stone crusher. It has been difficult to find competent men to operate it. Mr. Bishop said it was bought for the benefit of four districts, and he thought they ought to be held responsible. Deferred.

Change in a Road.

The resolution by Councillors Connors and Wilson was as follows:

Whereas, the road leading to McGrath's Cove, in district 33, goes over a steep hill, where it is almost impossible to keep the highways in passable condition;

Therefore resolved, that the supervisor of district 33 be empowered to change said road for a short distance, so as to avoid the aforementioned hill. Deferred till spring session.

A resolution was moved and passed that Councillor Lydiard be added to the law and amendments committee.

On motion of Councillors Flemming and Negus, the bill from district 31 was referred to the finance committee.

Moved by Councillors Kuhn and Ryan, that the opinion of the attorney retained by the committee having the Dartmouth matter, in regard to small-pox bill in hand, bring in a written statement from the gentleman to be presented to this council. Deferred.

The question of the board of appeals was brought up, but deferred.

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

The first business to come before the county council Tuesday morning was the introduction by the warden of Alexander McNeil, of this city. He addressed the council in the interest of good roads. The remarks were along the lines of the resolution introduced at Monday's session by Councillor Bishop, for a consolidation of road money and joint action of the councils all over the province. Mr. McNeil stated in illustration of his subject the work accomplished by the Roads Improvement Association of Ontario. In 1894 their forlorn condition was very similar to ours; statute labor was employed, funds administered badly, and the local government took no interest of practical

value. Since this public-spirited association was formed improvements have gone steadily on. Competent road-making instructors were obtained, and the work now goes successfully on. A system of handling road money had been obtained that gave the best results; in fact the sum of \$1,000,000 had been granted by the government quite recently. Eastern Ontario had formed an association of its own, which met in Ottawa, and had a newspaper engaged in its special interest. All effective shaping of public opinion comes through the power of the press, and must be enlisted in the behalf of good roads. The question is becoming more and more of importance with the development of our industries. The farmers must have better roads to get to market, and an organization along the lines of the Ontario association points the way to success. The municipal council of Halifax is the proper one to move in this matter. Mr. McNeil suggested the council call a special meeting to consider this matter. Attorney Murray, Mr. McNeil and Editor McClellan, of the Chronicle, had moved as a self-appointed committee to call the attention of the council to the subject. Attorney Murray had given the good roads association much study, and could address them fully on the matter.

Warden Madill stated that requests for a meeting of wardens of all the councils had been sent out, and all returns at hand showed they were ready to co-operate. The council has no funds in their hands to use for improvements, but by concerted action we may get some from the government.

Mr. McClellan, editor of the Chronicle, was called upon and addressed the meeting. He said we all know the serious state our roads are in; many think all agitation along this line is in the interest of fancy horses and driving roads, but such is not the case. For marketing and general traffic good roads is the important thing to be obtained. No country is considered a civilized country unless it has good roads. Good roads once made are a perpetual asset. A portion of the old Roman road is still used in Great Britain. This projected association will focus all the scattered energies and make our cause of prime importance to the provincial government.

Councillors Discuss Road-making.

Councillor Bishop said we couldn't make roads while the sum of \$5 a mile, along vacant land, where no stat-

ute labor could be obtained, was all that was given us.

Councillor Kuhn thought the sum was not enough for repairs let alone to construct new ones.

Councillor Ryan thought statute labor a farce, but it is going to be hard to get the government to do away with it unless we make united action on it. At a public meeting we can get the sentiment of the country at large, which will help to abolish statute labor.

Councillor Taylor took exception to Councillor Ryan's statement regarding the inefficiency of statute labor. He found it in his district a valuable help.

Councillor Kuhn said that of course each councillor would have a diversity of opinion; one succeeds where another fails. He was in favor of proceeding along the lines suggested of county union, to work to better advantage.

Mr. McClellan stated that the best roads in the province were in Yarmouth, where statute labor obtains. He would not suggest the abolition of statute labor at once; the public needs enlightenment on the question.

Councillor Canfield said he would willingly fall into line and work for organization and better roads.

Councillor Taylor said he would willingly attend a public meeting to hear what these gentlemen who have interested themselves have to say.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Homans, that Councillors Bishop, Kuhn and Whitman be the committee to represent this council in the joint committee to meet the local house at its next meeting, in accordance with the resolution passed by this council. Passed.

Clerk Wiswell suggested that each councillor call a meeting on his return home and have a full discussion of the matters advanced in the interest of good roads. There are long winter evenings in the country that would be well taken up in improving matters.

On resolution of Messrs. Lydiard and Canfield, the council will meet with the gentlemen of the city to discuss the good roads movement, as introduced by Mr. McNeil, Wednesday evening, January 21, at 8 o'clock.

Transaction of Local Business.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Stewart, that J. Spratt Stewart, E. B. Hubley and Samuel C. Henley be re-appointed as a board of appeals for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McMullin and Bishop, that the bridge on Little River,

district 35, known as Cole's bridge, be placed under the bridge act of 1833 and amendments thereto. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and McMullin, that the road tax be 35 cents on \$100, and the pay for man and team per day be the same as last year; that the pay of roadmaster be \$1.25 per day, and that of supervisor \$1.50 per day. Passed.

Report of License Committee.

The report from the license committee was read and passed, on motion of Councillors Negus and Stewart, excepting the last clause of the second paragraph, which read: "And that the appointment of a pedlar license defective be discontinued after the present year." The report as passed recommends that the clerk be authorized to notify all ferrymen to duly apply for a license as the law demands, and favors the appointment of deputy clerks of license in April next, with authority to issue pedlars' licenses and further assist in enforcing the act.

Work of the Afternoon Session.

The first matter brought forward at the session held in the afternoon was a resolution to apply a lien law on overdue road taxes. The county is at a continual loss by defaulters. The matter was deferred upon motion.

Committee Report on Insane.

The committee on the hospital of insane reported finding the total amount chargeable to the county for insane for the past year as \$1,660.72. At the close of the year there were ten male and eighteen female patients at the hospital chargeable to the county. The committee are advised that the government will call upon them during the current year to take over to the poor farm several harmless insane, and with that view the committee recommend that additional facilities be provided at the farm.

The committee find that the preliminary expenses of insane paupers are expected to be paid by the county treasurer, and they reaffirm the regulation of 1836, that all such expenses are to be

paid by the friends of the lunatic, or otherwise by the overseers of the poor of the district whence they are sent.

B. C. WILSON, Chairman.
G. S. CANFIELD.
J. A. COOLEN.
O. A. MILNE.
D. CASEY.
A. F. SMITH.
J. F. RYAN. Passed.

Board of Health District 36.

The report of the board of health from district 36 was read, and on motion of Messrs. Hall and Flemming, referred to the finance committee. The report is by W. J. Kennedy, M.D., and sets forth the offices of the local boards, their merits and demerits. He says that consumption claims about 50 per cent. of the mortalities in that district, and refers to the general epidemic of diphtheria that prevailed there so largely during the year. Dr. Kennedy avers that infectious diseases work more havoc in the country districts than in the cities owing to the most reprehensible carelessness on the part of the local boards.

A bill from district 25 was brought up. It presented a total of \$152 for medical services in the treatment and suppression of diphtheria. On motion of Councillors Hall and Flemming, it was referred to the finance committee. Passed.

[Resolution by Councillors Croucher and Bishop, that Norman Hubley, of Seabright, district 12, be allowed the privilege of running a line of telephone posts along the highway from what is known as the Chester Forks to his place of business at Seabright, a distance of about five miles, and not to interfere with the highway. Passed, in so far as the municipality has power to grant such privilege.

Reports and Resolutions Discussed.

The road and bridge committee submitted their report for the year. The committee recommends the appointment of an instructor in road-making, but not until the local government makes a sufficient appropriation to make his services of value. The report includes a summary of the statute labor returns of the several districts.

Moved by Councillors Kuhn and Ryan, that the petition referring to the mat-

ter of Henry Stawell, in the road and bridge report, be laid over until the April session. The report was duly passed with that exception.

Councillors Canfield and Lydiard brought up a resolution for the residents along the Bedford road, in district No. 15, asking that a first-class road be made from Halifax to Bedford, and that the local government be asked to advance an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for such purpose. After considerable discussion the resolution, upon motion, was lost.

The finance committee placed their report for the year before the council. It dealt with a few accounts, and upon motion was passed.

The following names, George W. Marriot, William Graves and William Arnold, are added to the list of officers for district No. 13, as a committee on public grounds. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

The first business transacted at Wednesday morning's session of the county council was the question of the appointment of a health officer for the county. As no officer was appointed last year, it was decided to leave the position vacant. It was moved by Councillors Wilson and Whitman and passed.

Councillors McMullin and Negus moved that no poll tax be collected in this municipality for the current year. Passed.

Justices of Peace.

The appointment of justices of the peace to inquire into the mental condition and also the financial ability of the relatives of persons adjudged insane were as follows:

Moved by Councillors Moren and Flemming, that Benjamin Thompson, J. P., be appointed from district 16. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hayes and Johnson, that John Johnston, J. P., be appointed from district 7. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Moren, that William Nelson, J. P., be appointed from district 17. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Homans, that M. McFarlane, J. P., and John D. McPherson, J. P., be appointed from district 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Stewart and Taylor, that Walter McCurdy, J. P., and Wm. Sedgewick, J. P., be appointed from district 22. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Homans and Hall, that Peter W. Maskill, J. P., be appointed from district 27. Passed.

It was stated that insane patients are placed at the hospital without

The Proper Investigation

being made as to their mental condition, and also as to the responsibility of relatives to pay the cost of maintaining them there.

Clerk Wiswell said that often the first knowledge of a patient came to his notice when a bill for the charge of the same came to him from the hospital authorities having them in their care.

Warden Madill thought it would be well to inquire into the matter. These men were appointed to investigate the mental and financial status of the patients admitted to the insane hospital, and he thought the duty should be lived up to.

Date of Spring Session.

In discussing the date of assembling the spring meeting of the council there was a unanimous opinion that a change should be made. It was started in the first place by the eastern councillors, who found the present time a hardship and inconvenience. Some of the members complained of being compelled to remain in Halifax over Sunday at their own expense; this they claimed could be avoided by change of date. It was the sense of the council that the date of assembly be left to the warden and clerk, who could then regulate the date by the completed session of the local house, and reckon with the moveable date of Easter.

By-Laws Rescinded.

It was then moved by Councillors Negus and McMullin, that the by-laws at present regulating the time of sitting for the semi-annual session be rescinded. Passed. Referred to law and amendments committee, on motion of Councillors Negus and Canfield.

Moved by Councillors Negus and McMullin, that \$150 be assessed on district 33 for care of poor for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Bishop and Connors, that the raising of the waters of the chain of lakes and the elevation of the dam at such lakes by the city of Halifax has caused the waters to overflow a piece of the St. Margaret's Bay road limits, and is washing away the side of said road at the upper lake of said chain, and if not attended to

during the coming summer much damage may be done to the piece of road.

Therefore resolved, that the clerk of this council be instructed to communicate with the proper parties and at the proper time, in connection with the above, to have this evil remedied. Passed.

Poor Assessments.

Moved by Councillors Milne and Ryan, that \$95 be assessed in district 20 for the care of the poor for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Thomas, that \$40 be assessed for the care of the poor, district 15, for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Connors and Hayes, that \$50 be assessed for the care of the poor in district 33, 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Myette and Casey, that \$60 be assessed in district 28 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Homans, that \$200 be assessed for support of the poor for 1903 in district 25. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Moren and Flemming, that \$110 be assessed for support of the poor in district 16 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Casey and Myette, that \$100 be assessed for support of the poor in district 36 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors McLean and Connors, that \$150 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 32 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Croucher and Connors, that \$60 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 12 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Coolen, that \$40 be assessed for support of the poor in district 23 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Coolen and Ryan, that \$25 be assessed for support of the poor in district 10 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Crooks and Taylor, that \$40 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 11 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Thomas and Canfield, that \$50 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 30 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Hall, that \$75 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 31 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Stewart and Darrah, that \$50 be assessed for the support of the poor in district 22 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Homans and Bishop, that \$100 be assessed for the

support of the poor in district 27 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and C. E. Smith, that \$100 be assessed in district 18 for the care of the poor for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Moren, that \$50 be assessed in district 17 for the support of the poor for 1903. Passed.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Hall, that whereas it has been reported to this council that in consequence of a dam or dams having been built in district 30, and such dam or dams having broken, causing considerable damage to a certain road in said district;

Therefore resolved, that the supervisor of public grounds in that district be notified to inquire into the facts, and report to this council at its next meeting. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Moren, that the road known as the Kearney road, in district 15, be handed over to district 16 for ensuing year, as per former arrangement. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and C. E. Smith, that John Kirker and H. J. Balcom, district 34, be appointed to investigate and make out papers for the admission of patients to the insane hospital. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Homans and Negus, that Enos Baker, J.P., be added to the list of officers for admitting patients to the insane hospital for district 27. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Croucher and Crooks, that Isaac Dauphiney and Abraham Burchell be assessors for district 12 for the ensuing year. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Moren and Flemming, that Wm. Romans be appointed constable for district 16. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Whitman, that communication of the Trans-Canada railway, asking for an expression of opinion, be deferred until the spring session of this council. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Moren, that Councillors Lydiard and Flemming be re-appointed court house commissioners for 1903. Passed.

The Henry Stawell Complaint.

In reference to the Henry Stawell complaint, Attorney Troop was allowed to state his client's case in the council. He said the means by which the road in question became a public road

were illegal, no notices were given and it was undoubtedly obtained through misrepresentation. The property had been in the family of Mr. Stawell for over 100 years, and he still claimed ownership of the same. Mr. Stawell also was given a hearing.

Councillor Kuhn said he desired the matter put over till the spring session, in order that he might get a better understanding of several matters relating to it. This delay cannot injure Mr. Stawell to any greater extent. Deferred.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and Whitman, that the amount of \$3.25, due Councillor Casey for time lost during the epidemic of smallpox in district 36, be paid by the council.

This caused considerable discussion. Some members said if it was allowed, they had bills to bring in of a similar nature. The board of health from district 36 showed that Councillor Casey did admirable work in checking the spread of the epidemic. A vote was taken, which was very close, but the motion was lost.

The Afternoon Session.

Councillors Ryan and Casey moved a resolution to have all warrants admitting patients to the Nova Scotia hospital signed by the supervisor of the district to which the patient is chargeable, and the supervisor of the adjoining district.

The discussion of this subject consumed much time, and on a close vote the motion was lost.

Report of the Joint Arbitration Committee for City, Municipality and Dartmouth.

The committees on arbitration in re county assessment appointed by the city, county and Dartmouth, met at the county court house, Halifax, on Thursday, December 4th, 1902, for a readjustment of the proportion of the assessment for county purposes to be borne by the city of Halifax, municipality of Halifax county and the town of Dartmouth. There were present on behalf of the city, Aldermen MacDreith, Hubley, Hayward and Lithgow; for the county, Warden Madill, Councillors Wilson, Lydiard, Fleming and Negus, County Clerk Wis-

well and Stipendiary McDougall; and for Dartmouth, Mayor Scarfe, Aldermen Stevens and Tuttle, Clerk Elliot and Stipendiary Russell. Mayor Scarfe was appointed chairman, and County Clerk Wiswell, secretary. After discussion on the subjects of a basis of assessment and of the various objects to which each corporation should jointly pay yearly, a sub-committee of six was appointed, two from each corporation, to enquire into all matters involved in a joint assessment and report a possible scheme of settlement. This committee was also desired to confer with the local government in regard to an increase of the annual subsidy to the county court house, and matters relating to judicial expenses requiring changes in legislation. The sub-committee was thus composed, viz:—For the city, Aldermen MacDreith and Hubley; municipality, Councillors Lydiard and Wilson; Dartmouth, Mayor Scarfe, Alderman Stevens. Councillor Wilson was unanimously chosen chairman. The committee met on different occasions and after waiting on the government, by whom they were favorably received and promised further consideration of the subjects presented, they proceeded to discuss and arrive at a decision on the basis of combined valuations on which the assessment should be apportioned. Different propositions having been submitted, that of Mayor Scarfe was agreed to by the city and municipality representatives to be reported to the joint committee at next meeting, December 19th.

The joint committee met Friday, December 19th, 1902, all present. Councillor Wilson in the chair, Clerk Wiswell, secretary.

The sub-committee reported as follows:—That the government would consider further the subjects of subsidy and judicial expenses. That they recommend the basis of valuations of the several corporations for future assessment as follows:—

The City	\$21,000,000
Municipality	3,350,000
Dartmouth	1,650,000

Subject to the maintenance of existing items and objects to be borne by the several municipalities and to continue for the term of ten years. It was moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Alderman Lithgow and resolved, that the report of the sub-committee be

received and adopted. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hubley and seconded by Alderman Stevens, that a committee consisting of Alderman MacTearth, Stipendiary McDougall and Stipendiary Russell, be appointed to draft an agreement in accordance with the basis and terms decided upon by the joint committee and sign the same on behalf of the city, the municipality and Dartmouth. Passed.

Under this arrangement the apportionment of the joint county assessment will be—

For the City	420—520ths
For the Municipality	67—520ths
For Dartmouth	33—520ths

and the objects or items to be contributed to by each corporation will be as follows:—

County court house current expenses.
Interest on loan of 1882.

Debentures for renewal of said loan, with interest as above and sinking fund.
Interest and sinking fund on loan for court house of 1890.

County jail expenses.

Sheriffs' accounts

Grand petit and special juries.

Criminal prosecutions.

Clerk of the crown accounts.

Chiefs of supreme and county courts.

Printing and stationery.

Proportion of clerks' and treasurer's salaries, \$400.

G. H. MADILL, Warden.

WM. H. WISWELL, Sect'y

The report of the special meeting of the finance committee was read and passed.

Councillor Smith wished to know who was responsible for the special meeting held in July. It was stated that Mc-

Kenzie and Mann were responsible. The bill has not been paid as yet.

The council then adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

The first business of the Halifax county council on Thursday morning was the reading by Clerk Wiswell, of the report from the committee having the poor report in hand. It is as follows:

To His Honor the Warden and Municipal Council:—

Dear Sirs,—Your committee on poor, beg leave to report, that Districts 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, 21, 21A, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 34, 35, have not sent in their reports, and as some of these districts have no poor, we do not consider it necessary for them to report. The councillors from districts 24 and 25, inform us that their reports were not correct, and they have returned them to the overseers of poor for said districts; and they also say they will have them there for the April session.

We would also call your attention to some districts, which have sundry local expenses, and nothing to show how the money was expended. We would also recommend that in all such cases, that the items for such expenditure be sent with the returns. (Signed),

ALEX. McMULLIN, Chairman.

O. A. MILNER.

WILLIAM HOMANS,

B. D. JOHNSON.

PATRICK HAYES.

WILLIAM BISHOP.

Returns of Overseers of Poor.

Returns from overseers of poor, for year ending December 31st, 1902:

DISTRICT.	Amount assessed, 1902.	Bal. from last account.	Collectors' commission.	Rec'd. from other sources,	Paid on account of paupers	Due on acct. paupers.	Uncollected 1902.	Amount to be assessed, 1903.	Balance on hand.	Received from Collector.
7										
8						\$10.00		\$20.00		
9										
10										
11	42.64	7.44	2.13		\$43.30			\$40.00	\$6.78	\$42.64
12	65.59	19.94	3.25		67.56		.65		14.07	64.94
13										
14										
15			2.50		39.11				8.39	50.00
16	90.00	3.46			95.76	5.08	3.85	110.00		92.26
17	50.00	25.08	2.50		49.37				23.21	52.50
18	100.00	82.19	5.85	5.32	62.05				131.76	112.15
19										
20	85.12	14.86	4.25		32.08		88.00	95.00	12.84	34.24
21										
22	150.00		765	3.10	165.51	12.61		150.00		150.00
23										
24										
25										
26										
27	125.00	102.99	5.00		114.13		25.00	100.00	83.86	100.00
28	65.37	43.96	3.20		80.78		1.06		24.29	61.31
29										
30	65.00		3.25				6.75		8.54	55.00
31	150.00		5.96		163.75	43.95		75.00		125.29
32	100.00	50.84			114.94	14.18		150.00	36.85	100.85
33	104.97		5.00	20.00	115.50	34.58		150.00		100.50
34										
35										
36	56.00	4.85	2.70		66.31	64.77	1.37	100.00		54.62
38	47.68	16.41	2.38		45.00	35.78		65.00	16.71	47.68

It was stated that better accounts should be kept and items carried out plainly, so that the council would be able to distinguish between all charges as to correctness. This is imperative. Moved by Councillors Flemming and Negus, that the committee's report be adopted. Passed.

A bill was read, with letter from J. F. Pinceo, M. D., district 32. The letter stated that this physician had examined a patient as to her sanity. He was required to travel a distance of 18 miles, and the bill was for \$13.

Councillor McLean stated the regular charge for examination was \$5, but those having the patient in charge went beyond the one who was by situation the nearest, going further to find one who would suit their purpose better. There was a feeling prevailing in the

district that the patient was not really eligible to the restraint of the insane asylum. The bill was referred to the finance committee to report at the spring meeting. On motion of Councillors McLean and Connors.

Report of Committee on Assessments.

Report of the committee on assessments was read as follows:

To His Honor the Warden and Municipal Council:

The committee on assessments beg to report that in reference to Mrs. Mary C. Christian's appeal for a reduction of her valuation in district No. 10, they recommended that it be placed at \$750, from which her widows' exemption

should be deducted leaving her nett assessment \$350.

Respecting the Arlington Mining Company, we consider the valuation put on this mine by the assessors to be a fair one—\$2,000.00.

With regard to the objection made by the St. Anthony Mining Company to the valuation of \$7,000, judging from the result of the sale of the property by the sheriff for \$21,500, we do not consider the assessors' valuation excessive. Of course, that figure includes the mining areas and supposed value of the mineral product underground, but the assessors' estimate is for the machinery and buildings above ground.

Herewith we submit a schedule of the total valuation of each district for real and personal estate and income for 1903, with a comparison of the assessments of 1902. It will be noticed that as in previous years many districts show decreases, some of them very large, and the assessors present no reason for the falling off.

Your committee are at a loss to suggest an effective remedy for this frequently recurring condition, by which districts exhibiting an increase yearly bear an unequal share of taxation for roads, schools, insane, poor and general municipal purposes.

In justice to those districts, steps should be taken to ascertain and correct what is manifestly inequitable and most unsatisfactory.

The suspension of the work of the revisors of assessments, places it out of the power of the council to adjust and rectify the evil.

J. H. WHITMAN, (Chairman.)

ISAAC CROUCHER.

CHARLES C. McLEAN.

T. D. LESLIE.

HENRY HALL.

T. E. STEWART.

District Valuations.

Comparative statement of district valuations for the years 1902-1903:

District.	1902.	1903.	Inc.	Dec.
7	\$ 24,615	\$ 24,940	325	...
8	22,970	23,050	80	...
9	26,358	24,173	...	1,185
10	29,453	28,480	...	973
11	47,045	47,845	800	...
12	44,043	46,555	2,512	...
13	36,705	36,565	...	140
14	126,680	128,475	1,795	...

15	176,375	180,945	4,570	...	
16	43,297	42,936	...	361	
17	140,965	145,230	4,265	...	
18	113,655	115,705	2,050	...	
19	90,405	91,902	1,497	...	
20	47,180	47,470	290	...	
21	121,190	122,970	1,780	...	
a21	19,615	18,740	...	875	
22	104,780	100,625	...	4,155	
23	13,660	158,40	2,180	...	
24	70,794	70,712	...	82	
25	87,530	83,900	...	3,630	
26	81,635	81,505	...	130	
27	119,831	118,822	...	1,009	
28	71,508	69,855	...	1,650	
29	56,389	53,445	...	2,944	
30	27,963	27,848	...	115	
31	197,295	184,045	...	3,250	
32	96,675	98,570	1,895	...	
33	74,955	77,540	2,585	...	
34	76,765	75,850	...	915	
35	37,778	40,315	2,537	...	
36	93,210	88,125	...	5,085	
38	20,531	21,172	641	...	
		\$2,330,849	\$2,334,150	\$29,803	\$26,501

There was considerable discussion as to the increase and decrease of valuations.

Mr. Lyford asked if something could not be done to stop the decreasing returns from certain districts that did not seem to be justified by appearances. He thought the assessors of said district should be called to account and state their reason for such decrease in their reports. Warden Madill said there should be some attempt to explain a large falling off in particular.

Councillor Wilson spoke in relation to the falling off in a mining district, that, after the machinery had been installed for four or five years, it was not worth twenty-five per cent. of its original value. A large margin must be allowed for depreciation.

Warden Madill stated that to understand the matter fully they must take into consideration, that only the operating machinery was assessed in the returns, the value of the mine was a different item. There is a heavy royalty paid on every ounce of gold mined.

Councillor C. E. Smith stated the decrease in his district was occasioned by the sale of three vessels. Three more had been purchased, but not in time to appear on the present list.

Changes in districts 21 and 21a were largely due to re-districting.

The increase in district 23 was stated by Councillor Ryan to be largely due to the better attention of the assessors to

their duties. In regard to district 29, Councillor Kuhn said there was no good reason, but the assessor had stated that he was going to lower the district and he did.

Councillor Thomas, of Preston, was complimented in his district, as taking into account the number of widows' exemptions the district showed a real increase.

Councillor Lydiard speaking for district 31, said they had lost manufacturing interests, and also re-districting operated adversely.

Councillor Whitman, of district 34, said they would have to adopt Councillor's Ryan's method and tune up the assessors.

Councillor Casey, of district 36, stated that the Nelly Mines burned down, there was widow's exemption and a blind man exemption. He also deplored the tendency to let the large property holders off at a much lower percentage than the poor man.

Councillor Lydiard thought if this undervaluation is allowed to go on there is no telling where it will end. On motion of Councillors Flemming and Negus, the report was passed.

Miscellaneous Reports.

A report from Wednesday afternoon is as follows:—

Moved by Councillors McLean and Connors, that Robert Taggart and John Moran be added to the list of officers for district 32, as surveyors of logs and lumber. Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Kuhn, that the clauses in the road and bridges report, relating to the Stowell petition passed last January, and also the counter petition reported upon this present session and deferred until April session, be declared null and void, and that the whole matter be investigated and reported upon at the spring session. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Moran that the road in district 15, from the Tannery Brook to Talson's Bridge, together with section A. Bedford, be placed under the control of the following commissioners, according to the Nova Scotia road act of 1900: George E. VanBuskirk, T. D. Knowles and H. J. Mitchell. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Lydiard, that section 1, district 33, be from boundary line between districts 31 and 33 to York's Corner, and that section 21 be from English church to the aforesaid

boundary, and section 7 be from Osborne Beach to the aforesaid boundary. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Negus, that road section 15 in district 31, be from Battery Hill to the boundary line between district 31 and 33, and section 23 from English church to aforesaid line, and section 20 from Cole Harbor road to aforesaid boundary line. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Canfield that Thomas H. Hall be deputy clerk of license for district 25, for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Hall, that Charles Humphrey be deputy clerk of license in district 15 for 1903. Passed.

Pay to Councillors.

Moved by Councillors McMullin and Negus that the pay of the Councillors be \$2 per day, and the usual travelling expenses, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Milne and Ryan that John McMullin and John Milne be deputy clerks of peddlars' license in district 20 for 1903. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Bishop, that W. C. Bishop and S. S. Scott be reappointed county auditors for ensuing year at the same salary. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Stewart and Taylor that the deputy clerks of license of 1902, be reappointed. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Casey and McMullin, that the sum of \$9.50 be assessed on district 36, to pay bills incurred in suppression of the diphtheria. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Johnson and Hayes, that \$20 be assessed on district 8, for the support of the poor for 1903. Passed.

The caretaker, Henry Akers, of Rocky Run Bridge, Lawrencetown, reports the draw in perfect working order.

On motion of Councillors Darragh and Stewart, the above report was passed.

Must Borrow Money.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and C. E. Smith:—

Whereas, the amount of funds at command of the treasurer, is insufficient to meet the current expenses of the county until money comes in from the tax collections, and in such cases it has been the custom heretofore to obtain advances from some bank to tide us over;

And whereas, the bank for such advances requires the guarantee of some responsible party;

Therefore resolved, that this council authorize the wardens to negotiate upon the credit of the county, a sum sufficient to meet current expenses until relief is afforded from the incoming taxes. Passed..

Supplementary report of finance committee is as follows:—

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report in re bill of Dr. Findley MacMillan, for attendance on families afflicted with contagious diseases in district 25. That your committee consider the bill excessive, and would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be paid him in full for services named. This offer of settlement to be considered without prejudice.

J. H. TAYLOR.

S. W. LYDLARD.

JOHN S. FLEMMING.

GEORGE S. CANFIELD.

J. B. CONNORS.

LINDSAY MOREN.

There was dissatisfaction over this report. Mr. Whitman thought the physician as one likely to make a just charge. Mr. Hall said the people whom he treated were unable to pay anything. He suggested it be made at least \$70.

A motion was made by Messrs. Hall and Whitman, that the word fifty be struck out, and the word seventy be substituted therefor. The first vote was a tie, and names were called for with the result that the motion was lost.

The committee having in charge the bill presented by the town of Dartmouth, for the suppression of smallpox, asked for an extension of time. Mr. Kuhn thought there should be a report of the work as far as they had got.

The Afternoon Session.

The Dartmouth bill was discussed again. At Mr. Kuhn's request, the original resolution of appointing the committee was read.

Moved by Councillors Lydlard and Taylor:—

Whereas, the committee appointed to confer with representatives of the town of Dartmouth, relative to the account contracted in connection with smallpox in the town last year, have stated that they are not in a position to make a

definite report, and have requested further time for the consideration of the matter.

Resolved, that the said committee is continued with instructions to report to this council at the semi-annual meeting.

Moved by Councillors Kuhn and Ryan, in amendment, that the committee report to the extent of their finding. Passed. After a great deal of discussion, Messrs Kuhn and Canfield submitted the following:—

Whereas, the town of Dartmouth has presented to this council a memorandum of costs, occasioned by an outbreak of smallpox in that town during the past year;

And whereas, the municipal council of the town of Dartmouth, makes a claim on the municipality of the county of Halifax, for payment of the amount of said costs;

And whereas, after an exhaustive examination of the statute bearing on this matter this council has decided that the law is ambiguous, a direct, intelligent, practical interpretation is impossible;

And whereas, the city of Halifax and the municipality of the county of Halifax bear their own burdens in these matters, and as that course is undoubtedly legal—whether defined by human or divine laws, we would recommend the town of Dartmouth that they bear theirs also;

And it is further resolved, that the municipal board of the town of Dartmouth be cordially invited to appoint representatives to meet representatives appointed by this board, whose duty it shall be to bring the matter to the notice of the government, for the purpose of getting legislation satisfactory to both parties. Passed.

A Separate Riding.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and B. C. Wilson:

Whereas, that portion of Halifax county, lying to the east of Halifax harbor, contains upwards of 25,000 inhabitants, more than is contained in eleven of the other counties of the province;

And whereas, this eastern portion of the county of Halifax is over 100 miles in length, with an average width of about 40 miles;

And whereas, it is extremely difficult (owing to the size) to have this large section adequately represented by mem-

bers living in the western portion of this portion of the county;

And whereas, other counties of this province, containing less than half of the population of this eastern portion, elect representatives to parliament;

Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this council the eastern portion of this county should be a separate riding, and elect its own representatives for both the Dominion and local legislatures;

And further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Hon. Premier Murray, and to the representatives of this county in the Dominion and local parliaments. Passed.

The report of the law amendment committee was read and passed in sections, on motion of Councillors McLean and Hall:

Law Amendment Report.

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors:—

The law amendment committee beg leave to report as follows:—

They recommend that legislation be obtained, authorizing the municipality to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) toward providing a free right of way for the South Shore railway in this county. Passed.

To Issue Debentures.

They would also report that it is necessary to apply to the legislature at its next session for an act to empower the municipality to issue debentures for the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.) to retire the debentures issued in connection with the court house expenditure in 1882. Passed.

That on account of the difficulties met with in the collection of road taxes, your committee would recommend that the road act be so amended as to make the collection of the same a lien on real estate. Passed.

The committee would recommend that the county clerk be instructed to communicate to the government the opinion of this council. That in all sales or transfers of real estate the actual price at which the property is sold should be mentioned as the consideration in the deed or conveyance of the same. Passed.

The committee is strongly of the opinion that the scale of witness fees in criminal prosecutions is excessive, and

recommend that the fee for attendance of witnesses be reduced from \$1 to 50 cents per day. Passed.

With regard to proposed change of date of annual meeting from the second Tuesday in January to the following Wednesday;

That on account of the inconveniences occasioned to a number of councillors who have to leave their homes on Friday to make connections by the usual public conveyance, when a through connection can be made on Monday, arriving in time for the opening of the session on Wednesday; the committee would recommend that the necessary legislation be obtained to meet the case.

And we recommend that the legislature be asked to legalize a loan of \$1,500, extending over a period of three years, and to issue debentures therefore for the purpose of affording additional conveniences at the Halifax county poors farm.

PETER KUHN.

B. C. WILSON.

FRED D. DARRAGH.

B. D. JOHNSON.

T. E. STEWART.

JOHN M. THOMAS.

WILLIAM MYETTE.

S. W. LYDIARD.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Lydiard, that we be empowered to borrow the \$1,500 necessary to enlarge the poor farm.

Moved by Councillors C. G. Smith and Whitman, that whereas this council held a special session in July last, and the same special session was called by instance of representations of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, contractors for the South Shore railway, they requiring certain rights of way in this municipality and the said expenses to be paid for by said contractors;

Therefore resolved, that this council authorize the county clerk to have the said amount collected. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Whitman and Croucher, that Stipendiary McDougall be instructed to make two trips to the eastern part of the county during the year, the sum of \$75 and expenses to be paid therefor; also to make two trips to the western part of the county, and his expenses allowed therefor. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Wilson, that whereas road sections 1 and 2, in district 31, were under com-

mission during the past year, and it is desirable to continue such commission for another year; and, further, as road sections 13, 19 and 22, in the same district, are similarly constituted;

Therefore resolved, that the said road sections 1 and 2 continue under commission during the present year, and that sections 13, 19 and 22 also remain under commission for the same period. The same commissioners as conducted the operations last year remain in authority for the present year. Passed.

Finance Committee's Report.

Finance committee's report on estimates for the city, county and Dartmouth, 1903:

Court house, current expenses...	\$2,200.00
Court house, interest on loan of	
Court house, interest on loan of 1899	286.00
Court house, sinking fund, on loan of 1899	335.00
County jail, current expenses	2,700.00
Grand, petit and special juries...	1,000.00
Sheriff's accounts	1,100.00
Criminal prosecutions	2,000.00
Clerk of crown	250.00
Printing and stationery	550.00
Criers, supreme and county courts	1,350.00
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	\$12,790.00

Less government subsidy, court house	300.00
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	\$12,490.00

The city pays in addition to above and their proportion of treasurer's salary, \$400.

County alone:	
Warden and councillors pay.....	\$1,200.00
Stipendiary magistrate	950.00
County clerk \$1,200, county treasurer \$400.....	1,600.00
Chief and deputy county constables	350.00
School grants	8,600.00
Hospital for insane	3,500.00
Poor farm, current expenses.....	4,100.00
Revisors \$207.30, assessors \$600.....	807.30
Board of appeal \$65, draw bridges \$70.....	135.00
Postage and telegrams \$65, bounties \$225	290.00
Dispensary \$25, coroners \$75.....	100.00
Auditors \$50, contingencies \$150....	200.00
Chairman public property committee	75.00
Interest on overdraft	50.00
Board of health	150.00
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	\$22,107.30

Less probable fees stipendiary magistrate's office	\$ 250
Probable fees and fines, license inspector	250
Probable income from poor farm paupers	\$1,700 2,200.00
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	\$19,907.30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. TAYLOR,
J. S. FLEMING,
GEO. S. CANFIELD,
G. B. CONNORS,
LINDSAY MOREN,
S. W. LYDIARD.

Estimates for Jail.

In connection with the jail estimates in the finance committee's report, Clerk Wiswell stated that the joint committee agreed that Mrs. Chambers, the matron, should receive \$200 in addition to her present allowance of \$100, making it \$300 per year. The jailor's salary is to be as before, \$150 per year. Approved.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Negus, that the clerk and treasurer assess upon the county the amount of the estimates for the year 1903, with the costs of collection to be added thereto. Passed.

Inspector of Peddlers' License for 1903.

That during the year he has endeavored to prevent unlicensed peddlers selling within the municipality. He has, in pursuance of his duties, visited different parts of the county. As a result of the efforts made by him to prevent illegal peddling of goods, many of those who used to peddle have removed to other counties. During the past year, the number of peddlers has been considerably reduced. The sum of two hundred and twenty-four dollars has been received for licenses granted, and the sum of thirteen dollars in fines has been imposed and collected, as will be seen on reference to the report of clerk of license.

HARRY WRIGHT,
Inspector.

To His Honor the Warden and members of council of the municipality of the county of Halifax:—

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by you at your regular semi-annual meeting held during the month of April last past, to enquire into and report upon the propriety and expediency of creating a pound in district 15, in the said municipality, beg to report as follows:—

1. Your committee approve of the application of the petitioners that said district 15 be created a pound district.

2. Your committee have visited said district 15, and after careful consideration of this matter believe that it is proper and expedient that said district 15 should be created a pound district, and the committee would recommend that the whole of that portion of the municipality of the county of Halifax, known as district 15, aforesaid, be made the limits of said proposed pound district.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Dated at Bedford, in the County of Halifax, this 29th day of September, 1902.

JOHN McDOUGALL,
PARKER ARCHIBALD,
JOHN MacLEOD,
Committee.

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Fleming:—

Resolved, that the said report be received, and that the clerk of the municipality be authorized to take such further steps in connection with the creation of said pound district as in the by-laws of this municipality set forth. Passed.

Report of Maurice Colford, Supervisor of District 36.

1901—Overdraft left by Councillor Vaughan	\$ 20.13
1901—Building of Mill Brook Bridge	29.43
Interest .....	.17
Total	\$ 49.73

The following reports of 1902:—

Section No. 5, Edward Young	\$ 12.50
Section No. 6, Abram Bayers	12.17
Section No. 16, George Conrad	10.00
Section No. 10, John Redmond	25.00
Section No. 8, Frank Colbright	25.00
Section No. 14, Dennis Smith, Jr.	10.35
Section No. 7, Philip Young	10.00
Section No. 19, Edward Dares	20.17
Total	\$125.09

This being on commissions:

Labor performed by Maurice Colford, supervisor:—

April—Section 17	\$ 24.60
June—Mixed commission	64.35
July—Repairs on bridges	13.15
October—Repairing bridges and washouts	12.17
Total	\$114.27

Overdraft by Councillor Casey:—

On a commission to Thos. Gaetz	\$ 12.00
On a commission to Ritchy Bros., building new bridge	3.23
Total	\$ 15.23
Mixed commission by supervisor	11.33
Total	\$ 26.56

Total for 1902

After balance taken from 1901.

Approved by

DANIEL CASEY,
Councillor District 36.

Sworn at Lower East Chezzetcook, this sixth day of January, 1902; Maurice Colford, by Daniel Casey, Councillor, District 36.

From District 13.

I have the honor to report that statute labor performed in district No. 13 for the present year, amounted in all to \$151.69, together with municipal amount of \$300, less the overdraw for the previous year of nearly \$40 was also expended. The above grant is altogether too small for this district of about sixty miles of roads, and so little road tax to be worked out, with the exception of the St. Margarets Bay road, there is hardly a gravel pit to be got and our road beds are very soft going, as they are through many swamps and bogs. The Prospect and Terrence Bay roads are almost unfit for travel, and it will require quite a substantial sum to put them in anything like a passible condition, and these roads are largely travelled by residents of other districts. I would respectfully ask the council to deal as liberally as possible for the district, as without a much larger grant for the roads of this district next year they will not be fit to travel.

DAVID DRYSDALE, Supervisor.

From District 18.

In handing in herewith the returns of statute labor for the current year, I have to report that owing to the liberality of the road masters of the several sections, I have found it very difficult to get an intelligible statement—or rather a report strictly in accordance with the copies and blanks furnished by the county clerk.

I may however, say, that after going over each section and carefully investigating, I found that the taxes had been strictly collected and carefully expended.

In section A, which is a large one, the road master, while a good practical road builder and carefully looking after all the taxes, and I believe, a strictly honest man, still his account keeping was all from memory, as he was literally incapable of showing a strict detailed account, but by going over the district with him, and examining all his statements and accounts, I found he had faithfully performed his duty to the section to the best of his ability, and honestly to the benefit of the roads, and that the amount of work done on the roads was good value for the taxes levied; although his returns present a rather mixed appearance and difficult to check, still I am convinced the statute labor has been well and judiciously expended, and so far as I can find, only one person escaped paying, and he has since left the country.

The county grant has been carefully and I think, judiciously expended, and made to go as far as the limited amount made it possible, and our roads compared with the rest of the county, are in fairly good condition. But even this only admits they are not nearly as good as they should be, and need a very much larger outlay to make them comfortable, or I may say, safe for travel.

I made application to the government and got two new bridges of twenty-four feet span each, built. I have also to report that two more bridges are needed in the district, for which I have no funds to build, and which I brought to the notice of the government, as being in a very dangerous condition, but received reply that nothing more would be done this year, and served me with notice that they would not be responsible for any accidents that might occur. Whereupon, in self defence and the protection of the county, I closed up the road and placed a notice that

the same would remain closed till the bridges were made safe for travel.

ALBERT STUART, Supervisor.

From District 21.

Enclosed you have the account of the road tax for district 21, as the several road masters have given them to me. The two names on the defaulters' list, left the district some time before the issuing of the road tax notice. One road master, Ephraim McNUIT, section 24, made no report, as the return was lost when his house was burnt. But he is an old man, alone in the section, and has been fixing up his road probably to the full extent of his tax.

JOHN A. GUILD.

City Property Report.

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

Matters at the poors' farm have been conducted in a satisfactory manner during the year 1902. The crops have been very good, sufficient having been raised to supply the institution for the year. For statement of produce raised, provisions, dry goods, clothing, etc., on hand we refer you to the superintendent's report. There has been a large increase in number of weeks' board of county insane, also income from district paupers is larger than that of 1901. The number of inmates at present in the institution is 66. During a number of months of the year as many as 72 were domiciled in the institution, this being the largest number ever provided for at one time since the poors' farm was started. The superintendent at this time was compelled to ask the county clerk to notify the different districts throughout the county not to send any more paupers to the farm, as they could not be accommodated on account of want of room. Here your committee would ask that in the event of there being a number of paupers sent to the farm during this year, that some provision be made by this council for their accommodation. During the past year your committee have had the old wash house, which stood in front of the other buildings, and which was unsafe, taken down and removed to the rear of the centre house, where it has been rebuilt, and in which clothes can

be dried during wet weather. The cost for making this change amounted to \$116.95. A fire force pump and hose for use in extinguishing any fires which may occur at the farm has been purchased. This purchase was necessary on account of insurance, and cost the sum of \$137.50.

The superintendent and matron are giving very good satisfaction, and in the opinion of your committee are discharging their duties in a creditable manner. At the close of the year 1901 the balance in favor of the institution amounted to \$1,326.97. This surplus your committee have decided to drop. At the close of 1902 your committee are pleased to show a balance in favor of the institution for the year of \$251.10.

Jail.

The jail has been carefully managed during the year, all needful repairs being attended to. The office of jailer is creditably filled by Mr. Malcolm. For further information we would refer you to jailer's and surgeon's reports.

S. W. LYDIARD,
(Chairman-
CHARLES E. SMITH,
B. C. WILSON,
R. D. JOHNSON,
W. BISHOP.

Account of expenditure of Halifax county poors' farm for year ending December 31st, 1902:

Groceries and provisions.....	\$1,334.91
Dry goods and clothing	171.60
Boots and shoes	58.20
Boots and shoes (repairs).....	45.15
Beef, etc	484.15
Employees' pay	848.20
Hardware, lime and bricks	69.53
Doctor's salary	90.00
Iron badsteads (12)	54.00
Fresh fish	21.78
Oats (crushed and for seed).....	76.66
Middlings and bran	47.85
Manure	28.72
Printing	11.25
Lumber and shingles (new wash	
Straw and seeds	56.83
Fruit trees	7.75
Waggon repairs	17.85
Blankets (woollen)	23.00
Blankets (rubber)	20.00
New milch cow, pigs, etc.....	51.00
Harness repairs	11.60

Seed potatoes	16.40
Making clothes	23.15
Carpenters' wages (new wash	
house)	53.41
Fire hose and pump	137.50
Chairs	5.40
Stoves, etc	22.97
Blacksmith	10.46
Insurance	50.00
Sundries	74.20
Superintendent and matron's sal-	
ary	400.00
Chairman and V. C.'s salary.....	50.00
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	\$1,427.11

Account of income of Halifax county poors' farm for year ending December 31st, 1902:—

Insane—157½ weeks, 2 days, at	
\$2 per week	\$3,050.57
District—1337 weeks, at 75c. per	
week	998.25
Dartmouth—413 weeks, 5 days, at	
\$1.30 per week	537.83
Board of carpenters	12.94
One birth	8.00
Sale of bags and barrels.....	18.30
Sale of saur kraut and cabbage..	19.12
Sale of puncheons, etc	1.20
Sale of cow	22.00
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	\$4,678.21

Summary:

Income	\$4,678.21
Expenditure	4,427.11
Balance in favor of institution..	\$ 251.10

Supplementary Report From the Committee on Public Property.

That the superintendent of the poors' farms has called our attention to the clause in the regulations requiring a visit to the sleeping rooms every two hours of the night, as being undesirable, in fact, injudicious, as the inmates are liable to be disturbed thereby, and owing to their nervous unbalanced constitutionalities it is difficult to get them quieted again, and he suggests, that he be allowed discretionary powers in the matter rather than have to carry out arbitrary orders; and in this your committee concur.

As all the available room in this institution is now occupied, and it is absolutely necessary to have more accommodation for inmates who are likely to be sent us from the hospital for insane and in fact, from the county, generally,

we suggest that the council authorize this committee to take such steps towards securing the same as the exigencies of the case demands, and we advise that the requisite amount to provide the same which will probably be in the vicinity of \$1,500, be extended over a period of three years. Which we would respectfully ask the council to approve. (Signed.)

S. W. Lydiard, (Chairman.)

JOHN FLEMING.

JOHN F. RYAN.

WILLIAM BISHOP.

B. C. WILSON.

WM. F. NEGUS.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

List of Officers, District No. 7. Herring Cove.

Supervisor—Richard Roche.
Road Masters, Herring Cove—Richard Nagle, Linus Higgins.
Road Master, Ferguson's Cove—Wm. Umlah.
Road Master, Purcell's Cove—Bery Purcell.
Road Master, Quarrys—Peter McDonald.
Road Master, Spyfield—Thos. Roche.
Collector—Richard Nagle.
Overseers of Poor—William White, John Sullivan and Frank Hayes.
Assessors—Thos. Brown and Wm. Conway.
Presiding Officer—John S. Adams.
Constables—Richard Nagle, Clement Conway, Peter McDonald and James Oakley.
Sanitary Inspector—Edward Demsey.
Health Officers—Clement Conway, James Wm. Adams, sr., Purcell and Nell Sullivan.
Fence Viewers—Thos. Roche, Edward White and Chas. Selig.

List of Officers, District No. 8.

Assessors—Charles Holland, Duncan's Cove; James Flarety, Ketch Harbor.
Collector of County Rates—John Johnson, J.P.
Road Masters—Andrew Scallior, Bear Cove; Charles Pettipaws, Portuguese Cove; Thomas McNeil, Duncan's Cove; Daniel Flemming, Ketch Harbor; Edward Myatt, Ketch Harbor.

Constables—George Johnson, Bear Cove; Furgerson O'Neil, Portuguese Cove; John Holland, Duncan's Cove; John Fagan, Ketch Harbor; Lewis Flemming, Ketch Harbor.

Overseers of the Poor—John Johnson, J.P., Bear Cove; Christopher Purcell (2nd), Portuguese Cove; John Myatt, Ketch Harbor.

Board of Health—James Saddler, Portuguese Cove; Lawrence Johnson, Duncan's Cove; Stephen Martin, Ketch Harbor; Gilbert Flemming, Ketch Harbor.

Fence Viewers—Hugh Munro, Portuguese Cove; George Flemming, Ketch Harbor.

Sanitary Inspector—James Pettipaw, Bear Cove.

Presiding Officer—Charles Martin, Ketch Harbor.

Supervisor of Roads—Joseph Johnson, Bear Cove.

List of Officers, District No. 9.

Road Masters—William Hamilton, Sambro North; C. W. Hart, Sambro South; James H. Smith, Creek; Harry Finley, Coat Cove; Joseph Tough, Pennant South; Charles Schnair, Lower Pennant; Joseph Maryatt, Long Cove; Charles Rodgers, Ball Rock; Peter Finck, Sandy Cove.
Constables—Harry Smith, Edward Findlay, George V. Gray.
Fence Viewers—Andrew Twohig, John J. Smith
Assessors—E. T. Hart, Andrew Twohig.
Overseers of Poor—C. W. Hart, Ambrose Gray, Joseph Findlay.
Collector—Wm. Brunt.
Presiding Officer—E. W. Hart.
Board of Health—Angus Gray, Daniel Smith, Henry Smith, George Schnair.
Supervisor—C. W. Hart.
Sanitary Inspector—George Garnatt.
Revisor—John E. Tough.

List of Officers, District No. 10.

Assessors—Charles W. Christian, William Merlin.
Collector—Clem Coolin.
Revisor—Clarence Christian.
Road Masters—James Kavanagh, P. E. Christian, Samuel A. Hardiman, Joseph Mason, Edward B. Power, K. Point; J. A. Coolin, Shad Bay; William Christian, Prospect Bay.
Constables—C. D. Christian, Joseph White, John J. Hardiman.

Overseers of Poor—Nathan Duggan, Michael C. Duggan, Francis Meehan.
Health Officers—Herbert Noonan, William Smith, Charles Merlin.
Supervisors—James L. Hardiman, Samuel Meehan, J. A. Coolen.

List of Officers, District No. 11.

Presiding Officer—Edward Grono.
Collector—James Cornelius.
Assessors—James Isnor and Amos Corkum.
Overseers of Poor—William Cornelius, John Gaetz, Robert Richardson.
Constables—Lawson Innis, Robert Richardson, James Fralick, Lewis Fraser.
Health Officers—John Miller, sr., Daniel Leavey, James Daubin, John W. Richardson.
Fence Viewers—James H. Johnson, Cyrus Covey, Amos Garrison, Edward Crooks.
Overseers of Roads, Section 1—James Ruder, sr. **Section 2**—Daniel Boutlier. **Section 3**—James Dwyer. **Section 4**—William Covey, sr. **Section 5**—James Allen. **Section 6**—George Covey. **Section 7**—Amos Corkum. **Section 8**—William Garrison. **Section 9**—Leander Wambolt. **Section 10**—John Crooks, jr.
Supervisor—Everett Shatford.

List of Officers, District No. 12.

Councillor—Isaac Croucher.
Collector of County and Poor Taxes—Stephen Dauphiney.
Overseers of Statute Labor—**Section 1**—William I. Boutlier, jr. **Section 1½**—Edward Redmond. **Section 2**—John J. Boutlier. **Section 3**—Neil McDonald. **Section 4**—David Bremner. **Section 5**—Alfred Snair. **Section 5½**—Albert H. Boutlier. **Section 6**—Henry Garrison. **Section 7**—Jeremiah Tanner. **Section 8**—Nemiah Dorey. **Section 9**—Lewis J. Boutlier. **Section 10**—Jas. H. Slaughterwhite. **Section 11**—Isaac Harshman. **Section 12**—John Johnston. **Section 13**—Norman C. Boutlier.
Constables—Isaac F. Boutlier, Howard Hubley, Willis Hubley, John Snair, jr., William H. Boutlier, Benjamin Smith, Nehemiah Dorey, James H. Slaughterwhite, Lewis J. Boutlier.
Fence Viewers—Edward Redmond, Nathan Hubley, sr., Lindsay Hubley, Nathaniel Dauphiney.
Lumber Surveyors—Charles Brunswick, James H. Slaughterwhite, Neil McDonald.

Health Officers—Simon P. G. Boutlier, Harry Hubley, John C. Smith, Judson Dauphiney, David Grono.
Overseers of Poor—Edward Deal, Henry Garrison, John Smith.
Presiding Officer—Abraham Burchell.
Supervisor of Roads—Alvin Hubley.

List of Officers District No. 13.

Councillor—William Bishop.
Assessors—Robert A. Yeaden, William Umlah.
Presiding Officer—William H. Dart.
Health Officers—George Brown, William Drysdale, William Brunt, William Umlah.
Overseers of Poor—George Umlah, Charles Jackson, Richard Galpin.
Fence Viewer—Richard B. Snop.
Supervisor of Roads—David Drysdale, senior.
Constables—William Arnold and Henry Grouse.
Revisor—William Arnold.
Overseers of Statute Labor:—
Section 1—Peter Munroe.
Section 2—Richard Marriatt.
Section 3—Richard Galpin.
Section 4—Archibald Drysdale, junior.
Section 5—Richard Yeaden.
Section 6—Charles Christian, junior.
Section 7—George Merlin.
Section 8—George Umlah.
Section 9 and 10—George W. Marriatt.
Section 11—William D. Yeaden.
Collector—John W. Umlah.
Health Officers—George Brown, Richard Bishop, William Umlah, William Brunt.
Collector—John W. Umlah.
Councillor—William Bishop.

List of Officers, District No. 14.

Assessors—George Piers, Frederick West.
Health Officers—George Piers, E. L. Fenerty, Levi Deal.
Collector—Charles D. Deal.
Overseers of Poor—Joseph McLeavey, E. L. Fenerty, John Millsom.
Fence Viewer—Peter A. Marryatt.
Overseers of Statute Labor:—
Tannery light station to Arm Bridge—Amos Geizer.
Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge—Robert Drysdale.
Arm Bridge to Sanford Fleming's gate—Robert Drysdale.
Arm Bridge to Canal Bridge—Joseph McLeavey.
Dutch Village to Geizer's Hill and the road leading from Fairview to Geizer's Hill—Amos Geizer.

Section 10, Lower Arm—Frederick Jollimore.

Supervisor of Roads—G. C. Helschen.
 Presiding Officer—George Piers.
 Constables—James Jollimore and A. Geizer.

List of Officers, District No. 15.

Councillor—George S. Canfield.
 Returning Officer—G. E. VanBuskirk.
 Collector—G. E. VanBuskirk.
 Assessors—William Studd and N. A. Roche.
 Health Officers—Dr. A. McD. Morton, N. G. DeWolf, George H. Fielding and J. A. Daniels.
 Overseers of Poor—D. M. Story, L. L. Dixon and C. Davison.
 Fence Viewers—G. F. Sanford, Charles Boutfler and William Spain.
 Sanitary Inspector—E. N. Haystead.
 Supervisor of Roads—F. Emmerson.
 Road Masters—A. Verge, from Molr's Mill to Moodie's Hill; James Melvin, from Moodie's Hill to Catholic chapel.
 Lumber Surveyors—Alex. Doyle and Robert Lindsay.
 Constables—John Tolston, W. M. Mitchell and Alfred Boutfler.

List of Officers, District No. 16

Councillor—Lindsay Moran.
 Presiding Officer—Henry Schmidt.
 Assessors—Frank Thomson and James Allison, senior.
 Collector of Rates—Ames Bezanson.
 Roadmasters:—
 Section 1—Garvey Haverstock.
 Section 2—James Romans.
 Section 3—Stewart Lucas.
 Section 4—Alpheus Smith.
 Section 5—Alfred Jenkins.
 Section 6—Robert Boutfler.
 Section 7—John Allison.
 Section 8—John Greene.
 Section 9—Samuel Anderson.
 Section 10—Martin Johnson.
 Constables—Nathaniel Melvin, Joseph David, Jonathan Marsman, John Jones, David Oliver.
 Overseers of Poor—Fred Schmidt, Samuel Wiley, Alfred Johnson.
 Fence Viewers—A. E. Haverstock, William Shea, Martell Bezanson.
 Sanitary Inspector—Benjamin Thomas.
 Supervisor of Roads—Henry H. Haverstock.
 Surveyor of Lumber—Rouzo Haverstock, Frank Thomson.
 Board of Health—Henry Schmidt, Samuel Eisenhauer, Benjamin Thomas, James Jones,

List of Officers, District No. 17.

Presiding Officer—J. D. Webber.
 Assessors—Thomas Hamilton, John Rosley.
 Collector of Rates—Gray Schultz.
 Supervisor of Roads—Robert Fenerty.
 Roadmasters:—
 Section 2—Charles Barrett.
 Section 3—David Ford.
 Section 4—Walter Bambrick.
 Section 5—Charles Fenerty.
 Section 6—Isaac Boutfler.
 Section 7—E. W. Thomas.
 Section 8—Robert Patton.
 Section 9—Frederic Groove.
 Section 10—James Peters.
 Section 11—William Stone.
 Section 12—Albert Miller.
 Section 13—Archibald Rafter.
 Section 15—Theo. Larsen.
 Section 17—John D. Miller.
 Constables—Arthur Peveril, George Swamy, George Stone, Thomas Walsh.
 Surveyors of Lumber—Nathan Ellis, Arthur Wilson, William Nelson and William Dean.
 Overseers of Poor—Charles Peveril, Robert Fenerty, Arthur Schultz.
 Health Officers—John Peveril, C. A. Barrett, William Nelson, J. A. Mason.
 Sanitary Inspector—John R. Ellis.
 Fence Viewers—Charles Peveril, John Peveril and B. A. Fader.
 District Clerk—Thomas Hamilton.

List of Officers, District No. 18.

Councillor—B. C. Wilson.
 Presiding Officer—John Stephen.
 Assessors—Thomas Major, Albert Stuart.
 Overseers of Poor—A. R. Tullock, W. C. Morrison, M. D. Goff.
 Constables—Thomas Skerry, William Calnan, Albert Stuart, William King, George Miller, Edward Whidden, Frank Reeves.
 Fence Viewers—John Skerry, James Skerry, Edward Whidden, Robert Ledwidge.
 Surveyors of Lumber, etc.—Robert Leighton, Alex. Stephen, John Kelly, Edward Whidden.
 Health Wardens—W. C. Morrison, Peter Spriggs, John McDowal, T. H. Major.
 Health Inspector—Albert Stuart.
 Keeper of Scales—Thomas H. Major.
 Collector of Taxes—Albert Stuart.
 Road Masters:—
 Section A—John Meagher.
 Section 3—John McDowal.
 Section 4—W. C. Morrison.
 Section 5—William Laing.

Section 7—John Holland.
 Section 8—Christopher King.
 Supervisor of Roads—Albert Stuart.

List of Officers, District No. 19.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Wilbert Withrow.
 Section 2—Isaiah Keys.
 Section 3—John T. Kerr.
 Section 4—Sanford McDonald.
 Section 5—James Keys.
 Section 6—James Mitchell.
 Section 7—Robinson Woodworth.
 Section 8—John Cleary.
 Section 9—George Butler.
 Section 10—Walter Elliott.
 Section 11—Alex. McWilliams.
 Section 13—James Wilson.
 Section 14—Lorenzo Wilson.
 Section 15—Frank Newman.
 Section 16—Edward Isenor.
 Section 17—John McKenzie.
 Section 18—George T. Cook.
 Section 19—Manuel Grono.
 Section 20—David Moore.

Supervisor of Roads—William Blades.
 Board of Health—William Annand,
 John T. Kerr, Edward Isenor, George
 T. Cook.

Sanitary Inspector—Arthur M. Heffy.
 Presiding Officer—J. Wilson Madill.
 Overseers of Poor—Isaac Isenor, Wil-
 liam Annand, James Mitchell.
 Fence Viewers—James Keys, William
 Blades.
 Surveyors of Lumber—William Annand,
 Alexander Woodworth, George T. Cook.
 Constables—Oliver Simpson, Clarence
 Keys, Samuel Kent.
 Assessors—William McLeod, Samuel
 Kent.

List of Officers, District No. 20.

Councillor—O. A. Milne.
 Assessors—John McMullen, P. M.,
 Henry Crawford.
 Collector of Rates—John Seeton.
 Supervisor of Roads—George S. Sibley.
 Overseers of Poor—Ralph Bayers, El-
 mer Milne, Charles Kerr.
 Constables—Charles Miller, Joseph
 Wilks.
 Health Officers—Christopher Dillman,
 James Seeton, Anderson Dickie, John
 Kerr.
 Surveyors of Logs—John Kerr, Anderson
 Dickie, Daniel Grant, Henry Crawford,
 John Flemming, William Murphy.
 Fence Viewers—Arnold McBain, Charles
 Grant, Edward Darris.
 Surveyors of Lumber—Leander Logan,
 James Grant, Fred Fuller.
 Sanitary Inspector—A. B. Lay.
 Presiding Officer—Joseph Seeton.

Overseers of Roads:—

Section 1—James Dickie.
 Section 2—Sidney Dickie.
 Section 3—Thomas Rourke.
 Section 4—William Streach.
 Section 5—John Gilbert.
 Section 6—Joseph Wilks.
 Section 7—Henry Cole.
 Section 8—Christopher Dillman.
 Section 9—Alex. Murphy.
 Section 10—John Cole.
 Section 11—William Murphy.
 Section 12—Samuel McMullen.
 Section 13—Edward Hurtel.
 Section 14—James McDonald.
 Section 15—William Miller.
 Section 16—Andrew Kellough.

List of Officers, District No. 21.

Councillor—John H. Taylor.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—John McFetridge.
 Section 2—J. G. Chisholm.
 Section 4—Burton Fox.
 Section 5—W. J. Scott.
 Section 6—William Archibald.
 Section 7—John Dickie.
 Section 8—Robert McFetridge.
 Section 9 and 10—Samuel P. White.
 Section 11—Harry McFetridge.
 Section 12—Samuel Dickey.
 Section 13—Albert Higgins.
 Section 14—Arthur Higgins.
 Section 15—John O'Connell.
 Section 16—William Dickey.
 Section 17—Henry Archibald.
 Section 18—William Logan, junior.
 Section 19—George Bell.
 Section 20—George McFetridge.
 Section 21—Burton Lawson.
 Section 22—George H. Taylor.
 Section 23—James S. Archibald.
 Section 24—E. H. McNutt.

Supervisor of Roads—John A. Guild.
 Assessors of Rates—William H. Glad-
 win and M. H. Guild.
 Collector of Rates—Francis H. Guild.
 Board of Health—Walter McCurdy, J.
 W. Dickie, Charles H. Morris, M. D. and
 M. H. Guild.
 Overseers of Poor—William McCurdy,
 Samuel Hanna and J. G. Chisholm.
 Surveyors of Logs, Wood and Lumber—
 Raymond Fisk, F. H. Taylor, J. P. Tay-
 lor, Edward Marks and George Mc-
 Fetridge.
 Fence Viewers—Pineo Fleming, Robert
 McCurdy and J. G. Chisholm.
 Constables—Robert McCurdy, George
 Sargent, Charles Tupper and Caspian
 Day.
 Sanitary Inspector—Thomas Green.
 Keeper of Scales—Lily Shaw.
 Presiding Officer—John Higgins, 9th.
 J. P.
 To swear in district officers—William
 M. Sedgewick, J. P.

List of Officers, District No. 21A.

Presiding Officer—Matthew Higgins.
 Electoral Revisor—Arlington Hillehey.
 Assessors—Matthew Higgins, Richard Cameron.
 Collector—Monson Lindsay.
 District Clerk—Arlington Hillehey.
 Constables—O. Wrin, Nathan Higgins.
 Overseers of Poor—James McIsaac, Robert Shearer, Albert Logan.
 Surveyor—George Miller.
 Fence Viewers—James Hillehey, Norman Deal, Reuben Miller.
 Supervisor—Monson Lindsay.
 Road Masters—Norman Deal, Nathan Higgins.
 Health Officer—George Archibald, M. D.
 Board of Health—Albert Logan, Joseph Smith, R. Cameron, Henry Miller.

List of Officers, District No. 22.

Councillor—T. E. Stewart.
 Presiding Officer—James Kent, J. P.
 Collector of Rates—Alexander Burnett.
 Assessors—F. W. Henry, John Redmond.
 Overseers of Poor—William Holman, James Holman and M. G. Reid.
 Fence Viewers—Wallace Miller, Layton Burnett and David Brown.
 District Clerk—F. W. Henry.
 Constables—George Jennings, F. W. Kent, Alexander I. B. Clark, Evert Holman and Albert Fisher.
 Board of Health—J. D. Henry, J. F. Parker, Frank Fraser and M. G. Archibald, M. D.
 Sanitary Inspector—M. G. Archibald, M. D.
 Surveyor of Logs, Wood and Lumber—John Redmond, Neil Archibald, J. H. Holman, John Burnett and Ernest Chaplain.

Road Masters of Statue Labor:—

Section 1—J. H. Chaplain.
 Section 2—Edward Hamilton.
 Section 3—P. Hamilton.
 Section 4—Tra Dean.
 Section 5—T. P. Dean.
 Section 6—John Stewart.
 Section 7—Jefferson Stewart.
 Section 8—Kidston Henry.
 Section 9—Arthur Henry.
 Section 10—J. F. Parker.
 Section 11—Michael Fleming.
 Section 12—David Weeks.
 Section 13—Charles Moore.
 Section 14—George Dean.
 Section 15—George Lemon.
 Section 16—George Horton.
 Section 17—James Bonvie.
 Section 18—George Redmond.
 Section 19—John Dechman.
 Section 20—James Redmond.

Section 21—William Redden.
 Section 22—William J. Miller.
 Section 23—Robert Miller.
 Section 24—William Fraser.
 Section 25—William Butcher, junior.
 Section 26—Benjamin Hutchinson.
 Section 27—John Watson.
 Section 28—William Butcher, senior.
 Section 29—Peter McNabb.

Supervisor of Roads—Neil Archibald.
 To swear in officers—J. G. Reynolds, J. P.
 Keeper of Scales—Edgar Hill, J. P.

List of Officers, District No. 23.

Assessors—Charles Slaunwhite, Jeremiah Slaunwhite.
 Collector—Tobias Jollimore.
 Fence Viewer—Peter Slaunwhite.
 Overseers of Public Property—John P. Slaunwhite, Thomas Slaunwhite, Thomas Norrjs.
 Presiding Officer—Vincent Bartlett.
 Constables—Charles Slaunwhite, Dennis Brophy.
 Supervisor of Roads—Michael Slaunwhite.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—Daniel Slaunwhite.
 Section 2—Peter Slaunwhite.
 Section 3—Dennis Brophy.
 Overseers of Poor—Dennis Brophy, Joseph L'Amiah, Zachariah Jollimore.
 Board of Health—Edward Wheatly, John P. Slaunwhite, Samuel Slaunwhite, Robert Slaunwhite.

List of Officers, District No. 24.

Assessors—William G. Smith, Thomas Fancy.
 Collector of County Rates—David H. Moser.
 Road Masters:—
 Section 1—John Turner.
 Section 2—Jasper Moser.
 Section 3—William Parlee.
 Section 4—Walter W. Smith.
 Section 5—Edward N. Smith.
 Section 6—Sydney Pye.
 Section 7—Levi Hartling.
 Section 8—Isiah Carver.
 Section 9—Odess Pye.
 Supervisor of Roads—George Shellnutt.
 Overseers of Poor—Edwin Moser, Solomon Fancy, J. A. Moser.
 Constables—William Fraser, Thomas J. Smith, Herbert Bazanson, Angus Smith, Alexander Hartling.
 Surveyor of Logs and Lumber—Andrew Archibald, George Shellnutt, Matt McMann, William Richardson, Herbert Bazanson.
 Fence Viewers—William H. Sims, Joseph Worthen, William Romkey.

Board of Health—Daniel H. Moser, J. F. Holman, Walter W. Smith, Nell Ocle.

Sanitary Inspector—Edward Moser.
Presiding Officer—Edward Moser.

List of Officers, District No. 25.

Presiding Officer—F. McMillan, M. D.
Overseers of Poor—Thomas H. Hall, John Routledge, Isaac Wambold.
Fence Viewers—John Behle, Robert Routledge.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—William Malay.
Section 2—Elbridge Lowe.
Section 3—Benjamin Westhaver.
Section 4—Lewis Wambold.
Section 5—Headly Mudroe.
Section 6—Patrick Coady.
Section 7—George F. Grant.
Section 8—Martin Cruickshanks.
Section 9—Roland Grant.
Section 10—John Power.
Section 11—Berton Winters.

Constables—William Munroe, James Westhaver, Robert Routledge, Thomas Hall, Daniel Farnell, E. H. Lindsay.

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—Andrew McDonald, James McG. Cruickshanks, Edward Quillman, James A. Lindsay, Daniel J. Chisholm, Thomas A. Baker, P. J. Murphy, Michael Nelligan, Daniel J. Coady, Samuel Behle, Archibald Hall.

Board of Health—M. McMillan, M. D., J. M. Gourley, M. D., O. P. Fraser, Daniel Chisholm, John W. Hall.

Ferryman—Elbridge Lowe, Shæet Harbor, John Wessell, Sober Island.

Assessors—Edward Quillman, John Behle.

Sanitary Inspector—M. McFarlane.

Supervisor of Roads and Bridges—P. J. Murphy.

To swear in district officers—M. McFarlane, J. P.

Collector County and Poor Rates—Thomas H. Hall.

List of Officers, District No. 26.

Presiding Officer—William Ferguson.

Assessors—Archibald Prest, Charles A. Murphy.

Collector—George Conrod.

Overseers of Poor—J. H. Townsend, R. W. Prest, George Conrod.

Board of Health—Lewis Thomas, M. D., W. C. Henley, John C. Ross, C. B. Hildey.

Sanitary Inspector—James P. Miller.

Ferryman—William Tracey, John T. Abriel.

Constables—Leander Josey, William Henley, junior, Joseph Mason, George Hildey, senior, Gregory Murphy.

Surveyors of Lumber, Logs, etc.—Jonathan Hildey, Albert White, W. A. Prest, Addington Prest, Sydney Ferguson.

Fence Viewers—Frank Martin, John Logan.

Supervisor of Roads—Isaac J. Leslie.

Road Overseers:—

Section 1—Alex. McCarthy, junior.
Section 2—Henry Boutilier.
Section 3—Theodore Leslie.
Section 4—Manuel Josey.
Section 5—Robert Day.
Section 6—William McPherson.
Section 7—James Jennings.
Section 8—Alex. Glawson.
Section 9—James Cameron.
Section 10—Lewis Murphy.
Section 11—James DeWolfe.
Section 12—James Fahte.
Section 13—William McKenzie.
Section 14—Henry Prest.
Section 15—John C. Hildey.
Section 16—William Myers.
Section 17—George F. Josey.
Section 18—Samuel H. Henley.

List of Officers, District No. 27.

Councillor—William Homans.

Presiding Officer—George A. Jameson, M. D.

Overseers of Poor—George Smith, William Eisen, William J. Myers.

Health Officers—Dr. Jamieson, Walter Sideman, Albert Warnell, Dennis Williams.

Sanitary Inspector—Peter Myers, West Head.

Assessors—Robert J. Stevens, Conrad Marks.

Surveyors of Lumber and Logs—Amos Webber, George Marks, Orlando Myers, George Mitchell.

Fence Viewers—Reuben Smith, Edward Warnell, Joseph Kent, Conrad Marks, John Homans.

Constables—John W. Webber, Gideon Blakney, Amos Webber, James Bowler, John M. Marks, Henry Stoddard.

Keeper of Jeddore Bridge—Albert Warnell.

Supervisor of Roads—William H. Mitchell.

Collector of County and Poor Rates—Samuel Deklar.

Road Masters—Section 1, Thomas Gates; section 2, Charles Slade; section 3, Andrew Mosher; section 4, Thomas Grant; section 5, Dennis Williams; section 6, Samuel Kent; section 7, John Hawkins; section 8, William Hampill; section 9, Peter W. Maskell; section 10, Benjamin Faulkner; section 11, Joseph Day; section 12, Colin J. Myers; section 13, James Myers, sr.; section 14, George W.

Mitchell; section 15, Stephen Jenex; section 16, James Foley; section 17, El Baker; section 18, Albert Power; section 19, James M. Webber; section 20, James Bowser; section 21, William Webber; section 22, Robert Cook; section 23, Levi Russell; section 24, Richard Hubt; section 25, Joseph Parker; section 26, David Richardson; section 27, Thomas Siteman; section 28, Dr. Jameson; section 29, Alfred Weeks.

List of Officers, District No. 28.

Councillor—William Mayette.
Road Masters of Statute Labor—Section 1, Lemuel Graham; section 2, Geo. Ogilvie; section 3, Andrew Leslie; section 4, Thomas Fellis; section 5, James Gaetz; section 6, Charles Nieforth; section 7, Robert Wolfe; section 8, Isaac Lapierre; section 9, Peter Lapierre; section 10, Joseph Bellefontaine; section 11, Patrick Bellefontaine; section 12, John Roma; section 13, Andrew Roma; section 14, James Ferguson; section 15, Frederick Maurice; section 16, Celestine Manette; section 17, Dennis Boulin.

Supervisor of Roads—Daniel Lapierre, J.P.

Assessors—Isaac Lapierre, Joseph Conrad.

Overseers of Poor—George Murphy, Isaac Lapierre, James Gaetz.

Board of Health—Isaac Lapierre, John Roma, Thomas Bellefontaine, James Gaetz.

Fence Viewers—Joseph Roma, Gabriel Murphy.

Constables—Andrew Pdtipas, Abel Bellefontaine, James Lapierre, Angus Gaetz.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—Lawrence Bellefontaine.

Custodian of Canterbury Bridge—Ephram Mayette.

Presiding Officer—John T. McLaren.

List of Officers, District No. 29.

Councillor—P. Kuhn.

Presiding Officer—John McDonald.

Assessors—Simeon Hiltz, Daniel Daris.

Collector of Rates—Elias Hiltz

Road Masters—Section 1, James Morash; section 2, William Naugle; section 3, Walter Daly; section 4, James Goldworth; section 5, Reuben Crowell; section 6, Wilson Crowell; section 7, Chas. McDonald; section 8, Daniel Murphy; section 9, Jasper McDonald.

Constables—Elias Hiltz, Freeman Leslie, Daniel Clark.

Board of Health—Alex. Conrad, Henry Meron, David Wirrell, William Conrad.

Health Inspector—John Bremner.
Overseers of Poor—Edmund Conrad, Daniel Murphy, Adam Leslie.

Fence Viewers—Desbrisay Conrad, Patrick Conrad, Reuben Crowell, jr.

Custodian of Run Bridge—George Hawkins.

Supervisor of Roads—Henry Naugle.

List of Officers, District 30.

Councillor—John Thomas.

Assessors—Stuart Innis, John Wiseman.

Collector of County and Poor Rates—George Diggs.

Presiding Officer—James Thomas.

Overseers of Poor—Joseph Thomas, John Wiseman, Joseph Simmonds.

Health Officers—Shadrach Ross, David Ross, David Downey, Edward Davidson.

Health Inspector—William Saunders.

Road Masters—Section 1, Peter Clayton; section 2, Charles Taylor; section 2, Josiah Miscner; section 4, Freeman Brown; section 5, John Nelson, jr.; section 6, John Wiseman; section 7, George Crawley; section 8, Nimrod Williams;

section 9, Joseph Thomas; section 10, Peter Williams; section 11, David Smith;

Constables—William Saunders, Simeon Williams, Joseph Turner, William Cain, jr., Henry Davidson.

Fence Viewers—Daniel Johnson, Richard Saunders, John Johnson.

Supervisors of Public Grounds—John Brooks, Joseph Digs, Daniel Clayton.

Revisor—James Thomas.

Supervisor of Roads—John Thompson.

List of Officers, District No. 31.

Councillor—S. W. Lydiard.

Presiding Officer—Henry Watson.

Assessors—William McKenzie and John P. Morash.

Collector County and Poor Rates—Justus Morash.

Overseers of Poor—Charles F. Lydiard, Robert Settle, sr., Robert Turner.

Constables—John McDonald, William Sawor, Charles Fairfax.

Fence Viewers—Frank Grant, William Eisener, Andrew Turner.

Sanitary Inspector—Hugh Grant.

Board of Health—Wallace W. Paveril, John D. Kuhn, Wm. E. Farquharson, Gavin Grant.

Surveyors Logs and Lumber—Webster Eisener, Reuben Ernst.

Swearing Town Officers—S. W. Lydiard, J.P.

Commissioners and Road Masters—Sections 1 and 2 (under commission)—John Dillman and George A. Tufts, com-

missioners; section 3, Artemus Eisener; section 4, John O'Connor; section 6, Wm. B. McDonald; section 7, William McKenzie; section 9, Fredk. W. Cooper; section 10, Edward Jump; section 11, Reuben Ernst; section 12, Alexander Farquharson; sections 13, 19 and 22—under commission—Edward Morash, commissioner; section 14, Hugh Grant; section 15, Henry Archibald; section 16, Arthur Tobin; section 17, George Ritchie; section 18, Joseph McDonald; section 20, John Elliot; section 21, John Hartlen; section 23, Louis Mbrash; section 24, Charles Drummond; section 25a, John H. Strum; section 25b, Edward Keelor.

List of Officers, District No. 32.

Assessor—John Gibbons, Stewart W. Shankel.

Presiding Officer—William Kennedy.

Collector of Rates—James E. Conrod.

Overseers of Poor—John Gibbons, Henry Conrod, Charles Johnson.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Elisha Smith.

Section 2—William J. Boutlier.

Section 2½—James Kennedy, junior.

Section 3—Edmund Colp.

Section 4—Thomas C. Kennedy.

Section 5—Davis Jollymore.

Section 6—Miah Harnish.

Mason's Point—Augustus Hartling.

Boutlier's Point—Alexander N. Boutlier.

Conrod's Road—Jacob Conrod.

Schwartz Road—Francis Schwartz.

East Side Hubbard's Cove—Simon Dauphinee.

Constables—Alex. Conrod, Merton Mason, Cyrus Hyson, Herbert Gibbons, Thomas C. Kennedy, Levi Dauphinee, Lambert Conrod, James Conrod, William T. Harnish, James Cook.

Health Inspector—Stephen Adlington, M. D.

Board of Health—Henry Dauphinee, Amos Schwartz, Amos Hubley, Joseph D. Fader.

Fence Viewers—Ronald McEachran, George Brigley, Francis Schwartz.

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber—S. W. Shankel, Joseph Shankel, John Gibbons, Rand Gibbons, Fred Corbett, John Bowman, Robert Vaughan, Herbert Gibbons, Amos Schnare, Malaki Shankel.

Supervisor of Roads—William Kennedy, North Shore.

List of Officers, District No. 33.

Presiding Officer—Daniel A. Moser.

Collector—George Morash.

Assessors—James Moser, Edward DeYoung, senior.

Supervisor of Roads—Irvin Turner.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Provost Horne.

Section 2—George Himelman.

Section 3—William Himelman.

Section 4—Edward DeYoung, senior.

Section 5—James Naugle.

Section 6—William Moser.

Section 7—Henry Conrod.

Section 8—Benjamin Hines.

Section 9—James Murray.

Section 10—George Williams.

Section 11—James Finlay.

Sanitary Inspector—William H. Naugle.
Board of Health—John Trider, junior, John E. Horne, Joseph Osborne, James Henneberry.

Overseers of Poor—Francis McDonald, William Section, James Moser.

Constables—George Morash, John E. Horne, William Osborne, Arthur Duns-worth, George DeYoung.

Fence Viewers—William H. Naugle, Albert Osborne, Robert Thompson.

List of Officers, District No. 34.

Councillor—J. H. Whitman.

Presiding Officer—J. P. Hogan.

Assessors—Edmund Smiley, John T. Warren.

Collector of Poor and County Rates—V. G. Henry.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Andrew Brenton.

Section 2—William W. Pye.

Section 3—James E. Hartling.

Section 4—Matthew Gallagher.

Section 5—Edward Barkhouse, (including Barkhouse road with Dufferin M. n. s. road included.)

Section 6—Hector Smiley.

Section 7—Abraham Harvey.

Section 8—Thomas Hartling.

Section 9—Alexander McDonald.

Section 10—S. W. Atkins.

Supervisor of Roads—Wallace Smiley.

Constables—James Kuhn, William Carle, Samuel Dehar.

Overseers of Poor—Charles Blave, James Stuart, E. H. Balcom.

Fence Viewers—Ronald Hawbold, Leonard Whitman, Robert Jewers.

Board of Health—Henry J. Balcom, Theodore F. Smith, Henry Hawbold, John H. Jones.

Sanitary Inspector—Dr. E. W. Dunlop.
Surveyors of Logs, Wood and Lumber—William Barkhouse, Robert Rutledge, George Wessel, William R. Hartling.

List of Officers, District No. 35.

Overseers of Statute Labor:—

Section 1—William Rhind.

Section 2—Joseph Grant.

Section 3—Winfield Cole.

Section 4—Hiram Scott.
 Section 5—Allison Browne.
 Section 6—Henry Wallace.
 Section 7—Charles Ogilvie.
 Section 8—Arthur Scott.

Constables—Clifford W. Rhind, Wilson Ogilvie, Henry Grant.

Surveyors of Lumber, Logs and Wood—Arthur H. Gladwin, Joseph Wallace.

Overseers of Poor—Edward Howe, John Ogilvie, junior, Alexander Taylor.

Assessors of Rates—Sammel Burris, Aileen Ogilvie.

Board of Health—Samuel Burris, George Brown, Charles Hurley, Edward Cruikshanks, Robert Ogilvie, James Brown.

Fence Viewers—Henry Grant, Henry Cruikshanks, Archibald McLellan.

Supervisor of Roads and Bridges—Harvey E. Cole.

Presiding Officer—W. R. Ogilvie.

Collector of Rates—Henry Cruikshanks, To swear in district officers—Samuel Burris, J. P.

District Clerk—John Ogilvie, junior.

List of Officers, District No. 36.

Councilor—Daniel Casey.

Board of Health—James Owens, Maurice Colford, Michael Power, Augustus Colford.

Sanitary Inspector—Dr. Kennedy.

The list of Road Masters, viz.:

Section 1—Abner Gaetz.
 Section 2—John Mosner.
 Section 3—Samuel Gaetz.
 Section 4—George Gilbert.
 Section 5—Simon Conrad.
 Section 6—William Bayers.
 Section 7—Herbert Greenough.
 Section 8—Frank Colbright.
 Section 9—Sandy Crawford.
 Section 10—Charles Mayette.
 Section 11—George Keizer.
 Section 12—Simon Conrad.
 Section 13—Joseph Dunphy.
 Section 14—Joseph Pitepas.
 Section 15—Joseph Misener.
 Section 16—John Roast.
 Section 17—Josiah Ferguson.
 Section 18—Wallace Dukeshire.
 Section 19—Arch Crawford.

Overseers of the Poor—Justin Colford, Michael Power, Josiah Ferguson.

Constables—William Wournell, William Usher, William Conrad, Levi Conrad, (John's).

Fence Viewers—Andrew Gaetz, Herbert Greenough, Josiah Ferguson.

Assessors—Abner Gaetz, James Owens.

Collector—Captain Wm. Wournell.

Supervisors of Lumber—Amos Gould, Alex. Smith.

Weighers of Straw and Hay—E. S. Guild.

Keper of Porter's Lake draw bridge—A. S. Innis.

Supervisor of Roads—John D. Casey.
 Justice of Peace—W. P. Mackasey, in place of J. R. O'Brien, in swearing in officers of District 36.

List of Officers, District No. 38.

Councilor—J. B. Connors.

Assessors—James Fader, J. P., East Dover, and Isaiah W. Cleveland, West Dover.

Road Masters:—

Section 1—Bayside, Charles Coolin.

Section 2—McGrath's Cove, Thomas McGrath.

Section 3—William B. Duggan.

Section 4—J. B. Murphy.

Section 5—Abraham Cleveland.

Section 6—Isaac Morash.

Section 7—Lyndsay Morash.

Constables—East Dover, John Harnish; West Dover, John Forrester and Leander Cleveland.

Board of Health—East Dover, Daniel Murphy and Thomas McGrath. West Dover, Joseph Smeltzer and Edward Morash, junior.

Fence Viewers—East Dover, Enoch Harnish. West Dover, James Sink.

Overseers of Poor—East Dover, Noah Morash. West Dover, William Baker and Benjamin Cleveland.

Sanitary Inspector—James Morash, J. P.

Presiding Officer—Henry Fader.

Collector—Reuben Scott.

Supervisor of Roads—Michael Connors.

The council then adjourned until the spring session.

APRIL SESSION.

The Halifax County Council met Tuesday, April 7, at noon in the county court house, first sitting being consumed in a reading of the minutes. There were present Patrick Hayes, J. B. Johnson, C. E. Smith, James A. Coolen, Wesley Crooks, Isaac Croucher, William Bishop, James Billman, George S. Canfield, Lindsay Moren, John Fleming, John H. Taylor, Thomas E. Stewart, John F. Ryan, Alexander F. Smith, William Homans, Peter Kuhn, John M. Thomas, S. W. Lydiard, W. F. Negus, James H. Whitman, Alexander McMullen, Daniel Casey and Fred. D. Darrah. At two o'clock the council settled down to work, Stipendiary McDougall and Coun-

ty Clerk Wiswell being present. The first detail consisted in the reading of a list of bridges built and repaired by the government up to September 30 last, under the acts of 1833 and 1900. They were as follows:

Construction—

Annand's Bridge, Colchester and Halifax counties	\$1,050.00
Murchyville Bridge, Halifax Co...	945.00
Newcomb's Brook	745.00
Reid's Bridge	990.00
Cole Harbor Dyke	851.57
Crawford's	1,300.00
Crook's	650.00
West River, Sheet Harbor	1,200.00
Ecum Secum, Halifax and Guys-boro	506.00

Repairs—

Cow Bay Bridge, District 33.....	46.03
Dillman's Bridge, Dist. 20.....	98.04
Key's Bridge, Dist. 19	100.25
Porter's Lake, Dist. 30.....	447.61
Reid's, Dist.	219.21
Shad Bay, Dist. 10	47.60
Stretch, Dist.	54.45
Upper Bedford, Dist. 17	179.45
Enfield, Halifax and Hants, Dist. 18	22.15
Gay's River, Colchester and Hants, Dist. 19.....	38.72
(Inspecting, \$300.90; painting, etc., \$150.16.)	

Small Bridge Act 1900, Capital Account.

Rocky Brook Bridge	593.60
College Lake Bridge	203.89
Fleming's Bridge	137.68
Jenning's Bridge	711.07
Kidston's Brook Bridge	190.45
Matheson's Bridge	150.68
Mushaboon Bridge, Dist. 25.....	130.71
Paper Mill Run Bridge	793.11
Quoddy Bridge, Dist. 24	135.13
Twin Bridge (inspection of above, \$82.10).....	311.91

Revenue Account.

Bayer's Bridge	37.89
Boutillier's Bridge	33.82
Beaver Bank Bridge, Dist. 17.....	113.31
Canal Bridge, Dist. 17	4.14
C. Willis Bridge	171.94
Brown's Bridge	35.83
Chocolate Lake Bridge	41.81
Ketch Harbor Bridge, Dist. 8.....	98.00
Killog Mines Bridge, Dist. 25.....	83.12
Lochaber Bridge, Dist. 25.....	348.98
Milton Bridge	20.34
McIntosh's Run Bridge	13.66
North East River Bridge	51.28

Ogilvie Bridge	149.27
Puddle Bridge	49.96
Peggy's Cove Bridge, Dist. 11.....	23.34
Pense's Bridge	70.49
Rocky Run Bridge	342.18
Robinson's Brook Bridge	20.88
Stanley Bridge	70.97
Terence Bay Bridge, Dist. 23.....	109.10
York Redoubt Bridge, Dist. 7.....	6.50
Stillwater Bridge	48.81

(Inspecting above list, \$188.16; do Bridge Act 1833, days' work, \$72.10; painting and adjusting iron work, \$242.87.)

This report was made to September 30, 1902, by the provincial engineer. Some of the bridges were not then completed, but were so afterwards; and on others the appropriations were not all expended at that date, but would be subsequently.

The South-Western Railway.

Some interesting discussion came up under the reading of the bill granting \$5,000 to aid the South-Western railway, it developing that while there was no question as to the legality of the contract, which was not conditional as to route, that there was a general understanding among the council that the grant was given on the explicit understanding that the line was to be by way of Hammond's Plains, and not Margaret's Bay. The stipendiary assured the council that whatever was the understanding before the contract, the latter was binding in law, and the fact was taken as a text by several of the members on which to base spirited pleas for greater caution in future. Councillors Smith, Bishop, Moren and Croucher and others spoke in this connection.

Consideration of Bills.

The second bill discussed was that to authorize the municipality of Halifax to borrow money to redeem the court house debentures, which, with the exception of clauses 6, 7 and 8, to come up next session, was passed by the legislative assembly.

Still another was that to authorize the municipality to build a much needed addition to the piers farm at Cole Harbor. In connection with this some decided differences of opinion were expressed as to whether an architectural plan or merely a carpenter's should be secured, the discussion ending in a reference of the matter to the committee.

Another had referred to a change in the day of the council's meeting.

Appointment of Officers.

The following resolutions were passed:
That William Conaway be sanitary inspector, instead of James Dempsey.

That William Conaway be road-master at Ferguson's Cove.

That Martin Tupper be keeper of scales in district 21, Mr. Shaw having left the district.

That Edward Morash, jr., be appointed road-master for district 33.

That Leonard Whitman be appointed assessor for district 34.

That Richard Burbridge be granted a leave of absence for ten days the coming summer.

That George Lewis be a member of the board of health for district 34.

That D. Slade be appointed road-master for district 27, in place of Charles Slade, over age.

That Alfred Worger be appointed revisor of polling district No. 12.

That Francis Keefe be road-master in place of Peter McDonald, who will be away during that season of the year.

That James Gaetz be assessor in place of Joseph Conrod.

That Thomas Miller be constable in place of Charles Miller, who refused to act.

That Freeman Brown be constable instead of Henry Davidson, deceased.

That William Shaw be appointed road-master for section 1, district 29, instead of James Morash.

That J. S. Stewart be presiding officer for district 22 instead of James Kent, deceased.

That Peter Downey be constable instead of Wm. Cain, jr., who refused to act.

That Andrew Bellefontaine be road-master, to take the place of John Roma, who left the district.

That Wilbert McMullen be road-master in district 20, in place of John Cole, who refused to act.

That John Milnes be assessor for district 20, in place of John McMullen, who is over sixty, and refused to act.

That James Mitchell be road-master for section 14, district 27, in place of George W. Mitchell, going away.

Considerable comment was aroused by the frequent recurrence of "refusal to act," as necessitating re-appointments, the warden stating that the number of

re-appointments was larger than ever before in his experience.

The Good Roads Association.

In conclusion, Councillor Bishop, gave an interesting account of the visit of the delegation to government, and stated that he thought the former had been treated a little roughly. It developed that a prominent officer of the recently formed Good Roads Association had stated that he had requested the government not to make any concession to the delegation, and it appeared to be the general sentiment of the council that in so doing he had taken an unwarranted step. The councillors did not appreciate the effort of the government to instruct them, but appear to feel that they understand existing needs excellently.

The Halifax county council resumed its session at half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, seventeen members, just constituting a quorum, being present at roll call. However, shortly after, that number was increased to 28. After the reading of the minutes of the preceding day's meeting, Warden Madill announced that he had received a letter from Councillor McLean, of the roads committee, stating that the latter was unable to attend the full session of the council, but could, he thought, be present on two days if he could be informed precisely when the business of the committee would come up. Immediately thereafter it was moved by Councillor Negus, and seconded by Councillor Croucher, that Councillor W. Crooks be appointed on the roads committee in place of Councillor McLean. Carried.

The next detail of business consisted in the passage of the following resolutions:

That William Jollimore be road-master in section 8, district 11, in place of William Garrison.

Moved by Councillor Coolen, and seconded by Councillor Ryan, that Clarence W. Christian be appointed revisor for district 10.

Moved by Councillor Brooks, and seconded by Councillor Croucher, that Horace Maher be revisor for district 11.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, and seconded by Councillor Coolen, that John Jollimore be appointed revisor for district 23.

Moved by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Negus, that Thomas Hamilton, of Sackville, be appointed electoral list revisor for district 17.

Moved by Councillor Hayes, and seconded by Councillor Coolen, that Michael Sullivan be revisor for electoral district No. 7.

Moved by Councillor William Homans, seconded by Councillor Hall, that Ebenezer Homans be revisor for district No. 27.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, and seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Norman Stewart be revisor for district No. 22 for 1904.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, and seconded by Councillor Crooks, that Robert M. McFatrige be revisor for district No. 21 for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor Milne, seconded by Councillor Canfield, that Leander Logan be appointed revisor for district 20 for the year 1904.

Moved by Councillors Leslie and Milne, that Henry McKenzie be revisor of electoral lists for district No. 26.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Homans, that Angus McDonald be appointed revisor of electoral lists for 1904.

Moved by Councillor Canfield, seconded by Councillor Thomas, that Thomas Donaldson be revisor for district 15 for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Kuhn, that Hugh Monroe be revisor for district 8 for 1904.

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Canfield, that James Thomas be revisor for 1904 for district No. 30.

Moved by Councillor Darragh, and seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Arlington Hildrey be appointed electoral revisor for district 21a for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor Connors, and seconded by Councillor Crooks, that Noah Morash be appointed revisor for district 33.

Moved by Councillor Negus, and seconded by Councillor McMullin, that William Mosher be appointed revisor for district 33 for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Warden, seconded by Councillor McMullin, that James Mitchell be appointed revisor of electoral lists for district 19.

Moved by Councillor McMullin, and seconded by Councillor Negus, that Edward Cruikshanks, district 35, be revisor for the year 1904.

Moved by Councillor Moren, seconded by Councillor Fleming, that A. E. Havestock, Hammond's Plains, be appoint-

ed revisor of electoral lists for district No. 16.

Moved by Councillor Homans, seconded by Councillor Leslie, that Nathaniel Dooks be collector of county and poor rates for district 27, in place of Samuel Dellar, who is away from the district.

Moved by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Croucher, that the bridge on Quoddy River, known as Harvey's bridge, also that bridge known as Fogler Stewart bridge, on west side of Quoddy, in district 34, be placed under smaller bridge act of 1900.

Moved by Councillor Whitman, and seconded by Councillor Croucher, that James P. Balcom be appointed revisor for electoral district 34 for 1904.

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, and seconded by Councillor Hall, that Robert Settle, sr., and Harry Wilson be appointed revisors of electoral lists for district 31.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor J. B. Connors, that John E. Tough be appointed revisor for district 9 for 1904.

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor McMullin, that John Stephens be appointed revisor of electoral lists in district No. 13 for the ensuing year.

A very animated and interesting discussion came up following the reading of a letter addressed to Warden Madill by W. W. Walsh, counsel for Albert Geizer, stating that although the council at their January meeting had passed a resolution to the effect that in March it would take action in the matter of the Geizer claim, nothing had been done. The present time was mentioned as an excellent one to visit the premises and see the extent of the damage which Mr. Geizer alleges was caused to his property by repairs to the road under the direction of the road-master. Mr. Walsh stated in his letter that while his client does not care to resort to the courts, he would be compelled to do so in order to save his property. It developed that legislation on the question of roads, and explicitly defining mutual rights is a crying need in Halifax county. It was stated that while 60 and 66 feet were the prescribed breadths of the government, county legislation is imperative if constant complications and general dissatisfaction are to be avoided. Stipendiary McDougall said that it was the duty of the council to stand by its officers in the conscientious performance of their duty.

Councillor Negus cited a case of apparent grievance in district 33, intimat-

ing that sometimes officers should not be supported.

The stipendiary responded that he did not mean to imply that a man should be backed up by the council in a wrong. It was the duty of the council to stand by the officer who was seeking conscientiously to do his best.

It appeared as the discussion progressed that the supervisor has control of the road, and that if, in the interests of the public, repairs to it are in his judgment necessary, he has the backing of the law in making them.

Warden Madill, Councillors Negus, Canfield, Croucher, Taylor, Milne, Coolen, Lydiard, Hayes, Bishop, Casey, McMullin and Walsh all took an active part in the discussion, which served, as stated, to emphasize the crying need for legislation defining the breadth of the road, the rights of property owners, etc.

Councillor Taylor pointed out that all public roads, if the party did not apply for compensation within a certain time, become the property of the crown forever. Councillor Milne said that the law was unmistakable. It was as plain as A B C. Councillor Negus referred to the frequent difficulty in carrying out the law.

County Clerk Wiswell read the road act. Councillor Casey referred to the sixty-six foot width, and wished to know if the supervisor had a right to go beyond it. Councillor McMillan thought legislation desirable defining width of roads and holding them.

County Clerk Wiswell said the answer he had given to inquiries in this connection was, "Get the man's deed, and see where the limit is defined."

At this point the council adjourned until the afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

The county council resumed its deliberations at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of damages to roads, especially in district 30, at Chain Lakes, came up. It was claimed that the city was responsible, as they had raised the level of the lake, thus causing the damage.

The following report was read:

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors;

The supervisors of public grounds beg leave to report, as required at January session. We inspected the piece of road that was washed away. This piece of road was gravelled last summer. The gravel was washed off and a deep trench made, caused by a dam breaking away and flooding the road. Mr. Fitz Crook built the dam. We are not able to state whether Mr. Crook or Mr. Dickey are liable for damage. The amount of damage done to the road is about \$15.

The clerk drew the attention of the council to the mistakes made in the assessment rolls by the assessors, which drew forth a little discussion.

Councillor Casey had rectified the mistakes in the returns of the assessors in his district, No. 36, to the extent of adding \$2,780.

The Canadian Trans-Continental railway asked for an expression of opinion, but no formal notice was taken of it.

The question was asked if a fisherman had the option of doing his road work on his return home. It was answered that he could not do so, but his road tax could be collected by warrant of distraint.

The absence of a member of the council—Councillor Billman, of district 14—called forth a little discussion. It was shown that he was in the city, and it was urged that he be fined for each and every session he was absent.

The report of the committee on jury lists was read and adopted. It is as follows:

To His Honor the Warden and the County Council:

Gentlemen.—Your committee on jury lists beg to report that they met at the county court house and prepared the lists of grand and petit jurors for the municipality of Halifax county, in accordance with the requirements of the statute relating thereto, and to the best of their knowledge derived from inquiry and information.

No persons appearing to have names struck off or changes made up to 31st March, the jurors' lists as completed were delivered at the prothonotary's office by the clerk, April 3rd, and a copy thereof retained for reference and use until again requiring to be revised.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC GROUCHER,
WM. F. NEGUS,
WM. H. WISWELL,
Sec. Committee.

Halifax, April 8, 1906.

The following resolutions were passed:

That the clerk be authorized to notify the supervisor of roads for district No. 14 to make a report re Geizer matter to this council at once, according to resolution passed at January session.

That William Arnold be revisor for district 13 for the ensuing year.

That Solomon Fancy be revisor for district 24 for the ensuing year.

That the road in district No. 2, section 19, be defined as follows: From the main post road on the south to lands owned on the north by Edwin Little.

That Charles Morash be appointed revisor for district 29.

That William Fisher be appointed road-master for section No. 12, in district 19, for the current year, in the place of Samuel Moses, deceased.

The council then adjourned.

The Halifax county council resumed its session at half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, among those who arrived shortly after roll call being Councillor McLean, who had been unable to be present at the preceding meetings, and who received a hearty welcome. The first business transacted was the presentation of reports of the deficits in the treasurer's office, as follows:

District 7	.....	paid up	
" 8	.....		\$ 1.82
" 9	.....	paid up	
" 10	.....		17.49
" 11	.....	paid up	
" 12	.....		1.68
" 13	.....		2.79
" 14	.....		3.06
" 15	.....		60.29
" 16	.....		5.21
" 17	.....		20.99
" 18	.....		10.35
" 19	.....		.42
" 20	.....		.93
" 21	.....	paid up	
" 21a	.....		8.69
" 22	.....	paid up	
" 24	.....		9.87
" 25	.....		35.34
" 26	.....		2.90
" 27	.....		3.31
" 28	.....		4.60
" 29	.....	paid up	
" 30	.....		9.23
" 31	.....		57.67
" 32	.....		2.57
" 33	.....		6.80
" 34	.....		44.05
" 35	.....		1.46
" 36	.....		13.83
" 38	.....	paid up	
Total	.....		\$25.71

The following resolutions were then passed:

Moved by Councillor Leslie, and seconded by Councillor Homans, that the sum of \$100 be assessed on district 26 for support of the poor.

Moved by Councillors Leslie and Homans, that Andrew Mason be overseer of roads in section 6, district 26, in place of William McPherson, who is unable to act.

Owing to the fact that Councillor McLean, of the roads and bridge committee, was present, Councillor Crooks, who was appointed as his substitute with the expectation that he would not be present, retired from that committee. It was then moved by Councillor Lydard, and seconded by Councillor Bishop, that A. A. Wise be road-master for section 8, district 31.

Councillor McMullin then stated that he had two petitions—a petition and a counter petition—to present to the council, which he would explain to that body. The petitions were as follows:

From W. R. Ogilvie.

To the Honorable Councillors of the Halifax County Council:

Gentlemen,—At the January meeting of the county council a petition was presented for your consideration for the buying out of a road from the Gars River road to my land. The distance is about 40 rods by an older road over the land now owned by Allan Ogilvie. The old road has been in use for 45 years, but the present proprietor of the land has forbidden me to travel on said road, as I own one hundred acres of land adjoining his, part of which is cleared and in pasture, of which I receive no value for want of a road.

Will you please take this road into consideration and grant a receipt for laying out said road, and appoint commissioners for the same. And your petitioner will ever pray.

I would recommend as commissioners the following persons: Harvey Cole, Edward How, George Brown.

WILLIAM R. OGILVIE.

Little River, March 16th, 1903.

Counter Petition.

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

Whereas W. R. Ogilvie, of Little River, in district No. 35, has posted notices signifying his intention to make applica-

tion to your honorable council for the laying out a road or way across the lands of Allan Ogilvie, we, your petitioners, being residents of district No. 35, beg leave to show that the particular road alluded to is in no sense a public necessity; that the said W. R. Ogilvie can get to the lot of land mentioned by taking the line between Allan Ogilvie and Frank King, a distance of about seven rods, and the distance across Allen Ogilvie's lot by the way asked for is about 25 rods. Your petitioners therefore humbly ask that the prayer of W. R. Ogilvie's petition be not granted; and your petitioners will ever pray. (Signed) Allan Ogilvie, E. Howe, Winfield A. Cole, Alexander Taylor, Lewis Dillman, Arlington Grant, Prescott Dean, Chas. Ogilvie, Allison Brown, Clarence Cole, Joseph Wallace, Samuel Burris, A. H. Gladwin, Roy McCabe, N. C. Ogilvie, C. McMullin, Alex. Sutherland, Robert Cruickshank, Joseph Grant, Arthur Cruickshank, Henry Grant, James Brown, Lemon Grant, Hervie Grant.

Little River, March 31st, 1903.

Councillor McMullin explained that in an interview with W. R. Ogilvie the latter told him he had seen the stipendiary magistrate, and that Mr. McDougall had told him signatures were not necessary for a petition of this kind, which was for a private road. However, Councillor McMullin had assured him that while he had the law on his side in that particular, it might perhaps strengthen his case to have the signatures, as they would indicate that the district was in favor of his getting what he wanted. It would be well to provide for the possibility of a counter petition. He could hardly expect the council to "chip up" in the matter of costs when the road was a private one. Would he pay the actual expense? He had said, of course, he would. The councillor had told him that the matter would possibly be sifted in the roads and bridge committee. The claim of the gentlemen who presented the counter petition was that by following the main road, making a difference of only a few rods, W. R. Ogilvie could avoid crossing the property regarding which there was dissatisfaction. They claimed, when questioned by the councillor as to the nature of the ground, that with an immaterial exception it was as good for road purposes as the other. Ogilvie on the contrary, claimed that there were 20 feet of bottomless mud, which would make it impossible to get along except in case of very hard frost. The councillor stated that there was, he was

forced to admit, a little "ugliness" between the men.

County Clerk Wiswell—"We cannot issue a precept unless a petition bears the signature of 20 freeholders."

Councillor McMullin—"Mr. Ogilvie was informed by the stipendiary that no signatures were required for a road of this kind."

Councillor Taylor—"There is no doubt about it. The law is plain. No signatures are needed for a private road."

The Stipendiary—"Mr. McMullin is right. I looked up the statute. No signatures are required."

Councillor Negus—"I move that the matter be referred to the roads committee."

Councillor Kuhn—"I should like to be informed as to whether a man can apply for a road to his property over another man's property."

The Stipendiary—"He is entitled to a road to his property, and if the only road possible is a road taking him over another man's property, he is entitled to that. Of course, he must pay land damages and expenses."

The discussion ended in a reference of the matter to the road and bridges committee for action, a resolution to that effect being passed on motion of Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor McMullin.

It was moved by Councillor Billman, seconded by Councillor McLean, that Frank J. Ronnan be appointed revisor of electoral lists for district 14.

At this point Councillor Kuhn notified the council that a delegation was present, hoping to be heard by the council, in connection with the Stowell matter. Henry Stowell, who claims that he has a grievance, was also present to speak in his own behalf. The matter appertains to district 29, and grows out of a request for a separate road section by the people represented by the delegation. Mr. Conrod, being introduced by Councillor Kuhn, thanked the council for acceding him a hearing, and stated that the assertion that a request had been made for a public road was incorrect. What they had asked for was a separate road section, and this the council had granted. It was shown that four families were maintaining a road which was also used by the public. Mr. Stowell's claim, said the speaker, was to the effect that they left the gates open, so that cattle strayed in and damaged his property, and that eleven furrows were ploughed off his field was untrue. "If we leave the

gate open," said Mr. Conrod, "It is a gate that protects our property, and we should suffer too." They were not forcing a new road. The road was the same road that had been there for forty years. In conclusion Mr. Conrod invited the members of the council to visit the scene of dissatisfaction at the expense of the delegation.

The Warden—"That's fair."

Mr. McDonald, of the delegation, was then heard, and showed with great clearness and directness, with the aid of an excellent map, the state of affairs against which Mr. Stowell complains. He said that he had been living by the side of the road for 35 years. It was the only public road by which to reach certain points, which he mentioned. The road was referred to in his father's deed, showing that it was certainly 49 years old. The plan to which attention was directed was 22 years old. Henry Stowell's property, only a portion of which was fenced in, was all on one side of the road. Mr. Stowell's complaints were without a basis in fact. The road referred to was "the only road any way he wanted to go." The road was a benefit to Mr. Stowell. Mr. McDonald went into careful detail regarding the road, making a strong case. "All the Stowells in Canada," said he, "cannot change this road."

Mr. Stowell, on the contrary, claimed that the opposite of the statements made by Messrs. Conrod and McDonald were the facts, and spoke with great indignation of the bringing of the matter before the council. It appeared to be a question of veracity between the gentlemen. The warden, for that reason, feared it must end in a lawsuit, as it was obviously a case where witnesses would have to be called.

Councillor Kuhn thought the council could certainly decide whether the road might be set apart as a road section.

Councillor Taylor wished to know if the settlers affected by the road did statute labor.

Mr. McDonald, in reply to his question, explained that Mr. Stowell had never paid but \$2 on the road.

Councillor Canfield—"Is a road with gates on it a public road?"

At this point Mr. Stowell became greatly excited, and addressed Mr. McDonald as a "sneak," to which Mr. McDonald replied indignantly.

Councillor Bishop thought the gentlemen should be requested by the warden not to indulge in personalities. He

moved that the matter should be referred to the roads and bridge committee.

Councillor Kuhn reported that, before the meeting of the council, and for the reason that he wished to be perfectly just in the matter, he had both personally visited the section referred to and had also made careful inquiry from various settlers, and he had been unable to discover the slightest alteration in the conditions, due to the matter represented by the delegation except with an almost infinitesimal exception, things were absolutely unchanged. Compliance with the request of the delegation could only result to Mr. Stowell's advantage, and while Mr. Stowell was his constituent and friend, he was forced to say that he thought his complaint wholly unreasonable. He asked the council to re-endorse his action of January.

Councillor Casey stated that it had been clearly shown, to his mind, that the road was a private road—practically a road for the use of three families. The public did not use it. It was not a matter for the council to deal with.

Councillor McMillan was also of that opinion. The first move of the parties should be to have the road made a public road. Certainly they should not have to pay taxes and keep up the road. The course he indicated was a practical way out of the difficulty.

Councillor Ryan agreed with Councillor McMullin.

After prolonged discussion the following resolution, on motion of Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Hall, was passed:

"That the Stowell road matter be left to the roads and bridge committee, to report upon."

Councillor Taylor thought it a pity the matter should be blocked. The matter should be dealt with, not staved off. The council would be doing no injustice to anyone by dealing with the case on the information received. It could be defined as a road section with the privilege of gates, as already arranged.

Councillor Negus was in sympathy with Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Bishop spoke strongly of the wisdom of a friendly compromise between the interested parties.

The difficulty Warden Madill saw was that one side claimed it was the road, and the other that it was not.

Councillor Canfield thought it was clear that the road was Mr. Stowell's private road.

Stipendiary McDougall did not see how the council could have any responsibility

ity in the matter. The gentlemen had asked for a road section and statute labor. The council was not responsible.

It was reported that A. G. Troop had sent a request to be heard by the council in the matter on Tuesday next.

All this discussion was declared out of order in view of the passage of the resolution.

Councillor C. E. Smith thought the roads and bridge committee might meet at once and confer with the delegation with a view to proceeding with the matter after luncheon.

It was moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Bishop, that James W. Conrod be appointed to act as electoral revisor for the ensuing year in district 32.

It was moved by Councillor McLean, and seconded by Councillor Bishop, that John Gibbons, Esq., be appointed to act as health inspector in district 32, in place of Stephen Adlington, M.D., who has gone away.

It was also moved that William Nelson, of Beaver Bank, be appointed road-master in section 10, district 17, in place of James Peters, who is unable to act.

At this point the council adjourned.

The Halifax County Council resumed its session Saturday, among those present being the Honorable Mr. Church. The first detail of business consisted in the reading of the following letter from Alexander McNeil, president of the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association:

Halifax, N. S., April 8th, 1903.

Geo. H. Madill, Esq., Warden of Halifax County, city:

Dear Sir:—As a result of the public meeting called by your council at the close of its last session, the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association has been formed. An executive representative in each county and district in the province has been appointed.

On the 3rd day of April instant, the following letter was, pursuant to the decision of the association, forwarded to the premier of the province:

"On the evening of Tuesday, March 24th last, the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association was formed. At a meeting of the officers of the association, held on the morning following the meeting, it was decided that a letter should be addressed to you, urging that a good

roads instructor for the province of Nova Scotia be appointed. This was done in Ontario some years ago. The results in Ontario have been eminently satisfactory.

"To emphasize that a change in method is necessary, that a large portion of the public money for roads is annually wasted, and that instruction is what is most needed now, the association would ask the careful consideration of your government to the weighty words of their experienced provincial engineer in his report to you for the past year.

"Trusting that this request of the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association will receive the favorable consideration of your government."

In order that a complete and stronger organization may be established, it has been decided to hold a good roads convention for the province at some central point in the province in the month of July next.

I have to request that your council appoint not less than three delegates to attend that convention as representatives of the Halifax county council.

Yours very truly,

ALEX. McNEIL,

President N. S. Good Roads Association.

It was then announced that Mr. McNeil, who was present, would like to address the council, and he was introduced. It will be recalled that at one of the earlier sittings of the council it was stated that in the opinion of some members, the failure of the delegation which some weeks ago waited on the government, to confer about the matter of improving the roads, to secure an appropriation, was partly attributable to the fact that Mr. McNeil had requested the government not to make an appropriation for this purpose. Mr. McNeil spoke briefly of what has throughout the late agitation in behalf of good roads been his attitude. It will be clearly recalled that at the meeting when the organization of the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association was effected, he made a vigorous plea for the removal of the movement "from the heated arena at party politics." This he reiterated yesterday, stating that he thought the present primary needs were for a new system and better instruction, in order that the money might be judiciously expended and not practically thrown away. He stated that the Ontario Good Roads Association, which has been so successful, had taken a similar position when it started out, and

that Mr. Campbell had said, some years later, that he believed the movement would have utterly failed if they had asked the government for money. He hoped that the convention in July next would take a similar attitude, although of course every delegate to that convention had a right to his opinion and to its expression on that occasion. The movement was one whose success or failure was to be decided by the people. It depended on the people, and not on the government or the municipal council. The people will get good roads if they want good roads. In conclusion Mr. McNeil expressed the earnest hope that the council would send the three delegates referred to in his letter to the July convention. Mr. McNeil then retired. The matter was not discussed, and the election of delegates was deferred until the petitions on hand were disposed of. It was remarked by the warden in this connection, that in spite of it being out of order to receive petitions after the third day of the council's sitting, they were coming in from all directions, although yesterday was the fifth day of the session. The first one presented was as follows:

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

The petition of the undersigned residents of Port Dufferin and vicinity humbly sheweth: That your petitioners are residents of Port Dufferin, in the county of Halifax, within the said municipality, or interested in rafting and driving logs on Salmon River and branches.

That it is necessary, in order to facilitate the conveyance of logs down said river and its branches, that the obstructions on the same be removed, and that the same be made more easily drivable.

That your petitioners desire that commissioners be appointed to remove said obstructions, and to keep the said river clear to facilitate the driving of logs on the same.

That in the opinion of your petitioners the said commissioners, if appointed, should have jurisdiction over the said Salmon River, also the whole of the north-west branch, from and including Cross Lake; the north-east branch, including Sholey Lake; the east branch, including Spar Lake; and the whole of the main river, and to terminate at the government wharf at Port Dufferin.

They would therefore pray that the council approve the appointment of commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and

establish the points in the river between which the powers of the commissioners shall be limited, and take such action as the council may deem necessary. (Signed) James H. Whitman, Joseph E. Hartling, Albert Hartling, John T. Whitman, Samuel C. Whitman, Freeman Hartling, James McLeod, Samuel Hartling, Wm. R. Hartling, E. N. Dunlop, Henry Barkhouse, V. G. Henry, Charles Darr, Wallace Smiley, Henry Smiley, J. W. Smiley, Charles Smiley, Hector Smiley, W. E. Gallagher, W. E. O'Leary, E. H. Balcom, E. C. Whitman, E. C. Balcom, H. J. Balcom, J.P., James P. Balcom, Thomas O'Leary, W. F. Wessel, Matthew Gallagher, John F. Gallagher, Edmund McLeod, Joseph Seiff, James Clark, Robert Routledge, Alex. Routledge.

Names submitted for commission: John H. Jones, James P. Balcom, Wallace Smiley, George Wessel.

Councillor Whitman explained in detail that this was simply a petition to enable the people to facilitate their work.

Councillor Lydiard read the section of the law on the subject—chapter 95, section 2.

County Clerk Wiswell—"We have strong resolutions in our own regulations."

Stipendiary McDougall—"The law is clear. All the council has to do is to confirm the petition and then hand it to the government, or reject it, as the case may be."

Warden Madill—"Who pays these commissioners?"

It appeared to be that their work is a labor of love. The outcome of the discussion was the passage of the following resolution, moved by Councillor Whitman and seconded by Councillor Charles E. Smith:

That this council approve of the application of the residents in the neighborhood of Salmon River, in district 34, in this municipality, asking for the appointment of commissioners on said river, and establish as the points in said river over which the commissioners should have control, those mentioned in the said application.

The following petition was then read by Mr. Wiswell:

Lochaber Mines, April 6th, 1903.

We, the undersigned, residents of Lochaber Mines, Halifax county, district of Sheet Harbor, do hereby petition and pray that the honorable councillors of Halifax county will allow us to change

road now going through Parker Mac-Carty's field to a more convenient place. (Signed) John S. MacCarty, Henry Munroe, John W. Malay, James Beeswanger, Joseph Malay, Joseph Henry Malay, Chadwick M. Malay, Parker Malay, Enos Bezanson, Charles McDonald, James Russell, John Parker MacCarty, Alexander MacCarty, sr., Joseph MacCarty, John Angus McDonald, Gibson A. Beeswanger, Parker MacCarty, William Beeswanger, Howard MacCarty, Manson Bezanson, Arthur Bezanson, Alex. Russell, Alex. MacCarty, jr.

Committee—P. P. McCarty, William Malay, William Beeswanger.

Councillor Hall explained the precise import of the petition, which, he said, was agreed to by all the residents with only one exception.

On motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith, the following resolution was passed:

That a precept be granted in district 25 for the laying out of a new road over P. P. McCarty's land, and that P. P. McCarty's, William Malay and William Beeswanger be appointed to lay out the same.

County Clerk Wiswell then stated that Supervisor Helchen, district 14, was present, desiring to be heard with reference to the claim of Albert Geizer, for alleged damage to his property through the repair to the road. The matter was brought to the attention of the council some days ago by a letter from Attorney Walsh, who intimated that his client would resort to the courts if the council took no action. Mr. Helchen was heard, and stated that although the repairs alleged to have caused the trouble were made several years ago, he had never heard any complaint of damage until recently. It would require an expenditure of about \$50 to do the work.

Warden Madill—"He's a pretty patient man if he waited four years to complain."

County Clerk Wiswell read the report of the action taken in January in regard to the matter, showing that the upshot of it had been a reference of the matter to the supervisor, to be reported upon at the April session.

Councillor Billman, with admirable clearness, showed that the claim of Mr. Geizer had nothing to stand upon which gives the council any responsibility whatever in the matter. He stated that there was a slight feud between Mr. Geizer and the road-master, which

was the probable cause of all the trouble. His property had sustained no damage whatever through repairs in the roads. However, let the whole thing be referred to the supervisor, and let him do what he could the coming summer with the money he had.

The supervisor made an earnest protest against using his not large funds for this purpose, asking that if the council thought it a case for it to take up, it give him money to do the work.

Councillor McMullin said that in his opinion the report from district 14 clearly showed that it would be better for the council not to bother about the matter. Why should the district bear the expense for a matter for which it was in no way responsible? "I believe," said he, "that Mr. Geizer has no case at all."

Councillor Kuhn—"This is a good test time for drains and culverts. What is the condition of the property now?"

Councillor Billman explained that owing to the location of the house, which is at the bottom of a hill, it was apt to suffer a little in case of freshets, that there was no necessity for a culvert, although Mr. Geizer wanted it. His explanation seemed conclusively to show that Mr. Geizer has no case.

Councillor McMullin—"Quite plain. It's no case for our interference."

Councillor Negus—"Is there a petition? If so, I move that we lay it on the table."

The Warden—"The matter was brought up by a letter from Mr. Geizer's counsel."

Councillor Billman—"The matter was never at any stage one for the council. It should be left to the supervisor and the road-master."

The discussion ended in the passage, on motion of Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor McMullin, of the following resolution:

That the letter from Attorney Walsh, in reference to an overflow of water on the property of Albert Geizer, be ordered to lie on the table as a matter for the councillor and supervisor of the district to deal with.

The following appeal was presented:

To the Worshipful the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax, now in session convened:

The petition of the undersigned freeholders, and others interested in driving timber on Salmon River, Preston, in the county of Halifax, sheweth that they

are desirous of having commissioners appointed for removing obstructions, and for rendering the said Salmon River and stream more easily drivable, between the outlet at Lawrencetown and Lake William, on the north of Preston township, according to the provisions of chapter 95 of the revised statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, and subsequent amendments. We ask for the approval and recommendation of your honorable body, that the governor-in-council of the province of Nova Scotia may appoint three or four commissioners for the purpose stated, and as in duty bound will ever pray. (Signed) Alex. Woodworth, Alfred Dickie, James McMichael, Samuel McKay, Charles Myers, Stephen B. McKay, Whitmore Warner, Geo. Myers, James Myers, Charles Day, Alexander Dooks, Welsford Slade, Joseph Myers, James Myers, John Myers, David Bonn, Edward Greenhill, Anthony Deloughry, John Deloughry, Benjamin Mannette, George McNutt.

After discussion it resulted in the passage, on motion of Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor Thomas, of the following resolution:

"That the application for the appointment of commissioners in the Salmon River, district 30, in this municipality be approved, and this council do hereby establish the points mentioned in the said application as the points over which the commissioners should have control."

The following resolution, moved by Councillor Kuhn, seconded by Councillor Whitman, was passed:

"That Jasper McDonald, Walter Daly and George Hawkins be appointed supervisors of public property for district 29."

The following was then moved by Councillor Kuhn, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Mr. Woodworth be permitted to establish a telephone system between Dartmouth and his mill at Lawrencetown. The erection of the posts to commence at Henry Baker's, on the Cole Harbor road, the extreme limit to which they are at present erected, to continue along said road until it intersects with the Lawrencetown road, thence by said road to the place designated.

This privilege is not granted, however, in the nature of a monopoly, as this committee reserves the right to grant at any time it may be applied for the privilege of extending this system to Musquodoboit Harbor.

This brought out a very interesting discussion, Councillor Kuhn making a vigorous plea for its adoption.

Both the warden and County Clerk Wiswell thought to pass the resolution would be an infringement on the rights of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company. The warden suggested that Mr. Kuhn look further into the matter.

Councillor Kuhn stated that he was already very fully informed. The company were very willing to allow it, if it becomes tributary to their line. It had agreed to assist him in putting up a wire, so that it could hardly be hostile.

Councillor Taylor—"What they must do is to put posts on the side of the road subject to the Nova Scotia Telephone Company."

Councillor Kuhn stated that he did not believe in acknowledging rights unless the company gave a service. If they did not do it, they ought not to have the right to keep others out.

Warden Madill—"No; but I think they have."

Councillor Negus—"Can the Nova Scotia Telephone Company place poles on the side of the road without the consent of the council?"

Warden Madill—"Yes, but they must not interfere with traffic."

Councillor Taylor—"I suggest that Councillor Kuhn hunt up the charter of the N. S. Telephone Company, and see if it grants it the right to place poles along the highways of the province."

The warden thought it would be well for Councillor Kuhn to see the Telephone Company, in order to be quite sure of his ground, which the latter indicated his perfect willingness to do, withdrawing the resolution for the present.

County Clerk Wiswell wished to know who inspected the telephone lines on behalf of the county. Nothing, he believed, was ever said about inspection, to ascertain whether there was interference with public or private rights.

Councillor Taylor reported several instances where there was decided interference with the convenience of citizens.

The next matter brought up was the following:

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor McMullin, and

Resolved, that the following be appointed deputy clerks of license of this municipality for the year 1903, for the enforcement of the by-law relating to peddlers and hawkers,

Further resolved, that the said deputy clerks of license receive the sum of \$1 for each license issued by them respectively: John Kirker, Quoddy; William Currie, Port Dufferin; Thomas Hall, Sheet Harbor; W. C. Henley, Spry Bay; Azariah Weeks, Head Ship Harbor; John Killen and Robert Stoddard, Musquodoboit Harbor; William Brodeur, East Chezzetcook; Daniel Lapierre, merchant, West Chezzetcook; Simon Gregoire, Eastern Passage; John D. Kuhn, Cole Harbor; Albert Stuart, Fall River, Waverley; John McMullin, Wyse's Corner; John Milne, Lower Meagher's Grant; William M. Sedgewick, Middle Musquodoboit; John G. Reynolds, Upper Musquodoboit; Albert Logan, Cariboo Mines; James G. Mitchell, Cook's Brook, Gay's River; J. N. Boudillier and John Tolson, Bedford; Fred Schmidt, Hammond's Plains; W. J. McAdam, Herring Cove; Joseph Johnson, Bear Cove; John E. Tough, Pennant; Edward Wheatley, Terrance Bay; James H. Power, Upper Prospect; Percy McGrath, East Dover; Oswald Dauphinee, Boudillier Cove, St. Margaret's Bay; Isaac Dauphinee, Tantallon, St. Margaret's Bay; William Kennedy, North Shore, St. Margaret's Bay; and that the sum not exceeding fifty dollars be put in the estimates for expenses connected with the said service.

The resolution passed.

Councillor Casey called attention to the fact that there were two from his district.

Councillor Negus said the whole thing was a farce. The peddlers without license laughed in the face of the inspectors when asked to show them, and were frequently impudent. If the deputy or constable could arrest them at once, without laying information, it would be a good thing.

The warden thought it would be well to adopt the plan which is followed in Hants.

The stipendiary thought the council were in a measure responsible for the difficulty. In a spirit of economy they had opposed the setting apart of a sum for the hiring of a team to facilitate the capture of the men and get them on the run. We must keep at them tightly. Inspector Wright was an excellent officer, willing to start out on the warpath at any time of day or night. The peddlers were a nuisance, and the only way to get rid of them was to go after them in earnest. If they hadn't any name, give them one. Make war on them, and let them see they have either got to keep the law or go out of business in this province.

Councillor Negus cited instances of impertinence when the law had been literally laughed at defiance.

The Stipendiary—"You should serve your summons."

Councillor Canfield thought it hardly fair that a man born and brought up in Halifax county should require a license.

Councillor McMullin thought a man who had his goods in a waggon had as much right to have a license as a man who kept his goods in a shop.

The Hon. Mr. Church said that if the council could not deal with the problem it was radically impossible for the government to do so. There was plenty of elaborate law in the municipality, but the thing was to get it enforced. These people had no status, no property, no interest in the country, and active measures should be taken to prevent their infringement of the country's laws. The law was good enough. The thing was to enforce the law.

Councillor Kuhn thought it would be well to restrict each pedlar to a certain district.

Councillor Casey—"There would not be enough districts."

Councillors Bishop, McMullin and the warden also spoke. The result was the addition of a rider to the resolution to the effect that a sum not exceeding \$50 be appropriated for team hire in this connection.

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor Bishop, that Judson Baker be appointed road-master for section No. 5, district 31, for ensuing year.

The following was also passed:

Moved by Councillor A. F. Smith, seconded by Councillor S. W. Lydiard, that the return of the precept from district 24, granted at the January session, be received and adopted.

Afternoon Session.

The county council resumed business at 2.45 Saturday afternoon.

A petition was read asking for a new line of road from the south end of Camp Hill to North River, about three and a half miles. It was signed by R. W. Prest and about a hundred others.

Councillor Darragh—"I think the petition might be left with Mr. Leslie. Personally I think it will amount to nothing."

Councillor Leslie—"As we were informed by Mr. Stuart this morning that

a precept for this road had been granted about four years ago, and if so, it would be unnecessary for us to do anything."

Councillor Taylor said the road had been reported on about four years ago, and it was shown that it would cost about \$1,000.

Councillor Leslie—"Suppose no precept was granted, would there be any harm in granting one at this session? There is nothing on the records to show that a precept was granted."

The warden said that remained to be proved. It had not been found, but still it was probably on the records.

On motion of Councillors Taylor and Darrach, the petition was referred to the government.

Councillor Smith—"If there is nothing more before the council before the roads and bridge committee report, I would like to ask what is being done about the crusher. It was bought for four districts, and two of them have not been getting their full share of the benefits. It is the opinion of many that the county should own the crusher, and I should like to get an expression of opinion on the part of this council."

The warden said he had told the people of these districts that they had not the money to work it. It now seems that they want the government to reimburse them the cost of the machine.

Councillor Lydiard—"I would like to make an explanation. The machine did not cost \$4,000 or even \$3,000—\$2,900 was the price, and the government paid for it. I saw the cheque. But they wanted a sinking fund established to eventually pay off this sum. Some money was set aside the first year, but nothing has been done since. I am out of money personally through an accident to the machine which cost us over \$100, \$90 of which was paid by me. The machine is all right, and it's a cheap machine, too. It seems pretty hard that we have to pay for this machine."

Councillor Negus—"It seems to me when this question of a rock crusher on the shore districts comes up, we have the road machines in the back country used as an argument. If a road machine was any good in my district I would have one, too. I don't know what the councillor for Bedford has been doing to break the machine. It never went through any bridges in my district. I always took care to shore up any bridges over which it had to pass. When it left my district it was in perfect order."

Councillor Smith—"I have always contended that a rock crusher is the best machine with which to build roads. Mr. Warden, your district had a present of a road machine."

The Warden—"That has been thrown up several times. It was not a present to my district, but to the whole county."

Councillor Smith—"Well, it won't hurt to throw the subject up again. I admit it was a present to the county as an experiment, and I contend that this rock crusher is also an experiment, only more expensive than the road machine."

Councillor Taylor—"I saw this machine yesterday, and I must say that I was surprised at its appearance. In two years the whole woodwork will have to be renewed."

Councillor Negus—"According to what I hear the condition of that machine is a disgrace to the district of Bedford."

Councillor Kuhn—"That only goes to show that the machine is no good or it would be taken better care of."

Councillor Negus—"Nothing of the kind."

Councillor Kuhn—"These stony districts have considerable difficulty in making good roads. I consider that these four districts wanted to build roads and bought this rock crushing machine. It may be true that it was bought by the districts on the recommendations of the government, and if the government has not carried out their promise it should be drawn to their attention."

Councillor Negus—"There are a number of shore districts which should be looked after. There are some districts which will be served by the new railways projected, but there are some districts which, through their geographical position, will never have a railroad. These districts should be looked after or they will be running along in the same old rut for years to come."

Councillor Leslie thought there was too much sectional feeling about the road machines. Why can't the county buy them and let the district, with sand enough to pay, operate it?

Councillor Taylor—"What annoyed me was to see the machine abused. It should be taken good care of."

Councillor Smith—"As things stand now these four districts will have to pay for the machine. Why can't we pass a resolution to get the government to relieve the payment on this machine?"

There is one other thing to consider. The machine is now exposed to the weather. If the county takes the machine it should be looked after, but of course if the districts paid for it they could do as they liked."

Councillor Whitman read a letter showing how the department of public works in Ontario kept up its roads. He obtained the letter because he understood that Mr. McNeill would appear before the council in the morning. He believed Mr. J. McNeill was almost in the confidence of the government, and that the Good Roads Association was endeavoring to handle all the money grants for road purposes, and that all the road expenditures would in time be taken away from the county councils.

On motion of Councillors Kuhn and Hall, it was decided that Councillors Lydiard, Smith and Taylor be a deputation to wait on the government to present to that body the difficulties arising from lack of money to operate machinery for improved road making, particularly the rock crusher lately purchased by the government.

Councillor Leslie wanted to know if it was to go on record that this council was opposed in every way to the Good Roads Association. For a man outside a council Mr. McNeill had interested himself very much in the roads.

Councillor Lydiard agreed with the last speaker, and thought Mr. McNeill should be given every credit for the interest he was taking in the road question.

Councillor Kuhn thought it was a reflection on the four districts who had purchased the rock crusher that the machine was kept in the sorry condition it was. He wanted to know if they were going to take any better care of it. The following resolution was submitted. It was moved by Councillor Canfield and seconded by Councillor Leslie:

Whereas, the Suburban Electric Company, Limited, has secured a charter from the provincial legislature, authorizing them among other things to generate, manufacture and otherwise dispose of electric or galvanic currents, and all material and appliances or apparatus for the application, conversion and use of the same, to erect poles and conduct such electric currents by such appliances as may be found necessary within the county of Halifax:

And, whereas, it is the desire and intention of this company to erect poles and run wires along the highways in the districts of Bedford, Sackville and

Waverley, or any of them, for the purpose of furnishing electric light in the village of Bedford and at other places on their lines within the said districts;

Therefore resolved, that the councillors for the before-mentioned districts be authorized to locate and supervise the erection of such poles, wires and other apparatus as may be required.

On motion of Councillors Smith and Whitman, action on this resolution was deferred until Tuesday.

The following resolution, moved by Councillors Leslie and Canfield, was submitted:

Resolved, that the Halifax county council hereby expresses itself as being in sympathy with the objects of the Good Roads Association, as set forth in clause two of its constitution, and that the council will do all in its power to aid the association in its work, and that we proceed to elect delegates to the convention as suggested by Mr. McNeill.

The question was asked if the council was going to make itself subordinate to the Good Roads Association.

Councillor Leslie was in strong sympathy with the work of the association, who were certainly doing a good work for the roads of the province.

Councillor Taylor expressed himself as being strongly in favor of the objects of the association, but objected to Mr. McNeill or anyone else coming before the council and insinuating that the appropriations were being wrongly expended. He had come before the council saying that the statute labor system was a failure, and mentioned that when this labor was being performed the men spent their time lying around under trees, chewing tobacco and swapping yarns, and Mr. McNeill had even gone as far as to insinuate that there were no brains in the council.

The resolution passed.

Councillor Kuhn was sorry the resolution had passed. It was in fact delegating the authority of the council to the Good Roads Association.

Councillor Ross said that the last speaker had changed front in the last twenty-four hours.

Councillor Taylor—"I do not see that we are delegating our authority to the Good Roads Association, and I believe that good will come out of this movement."

Councillor Kuhn—"A word in explanation. I have not changed front in the last twenty-four hours. The only thing

I object to is the sweeping nature of the resolution. I don't think we ought to send delegates. There has been a great deal said as to what the Good Roads Association has said before this council. I believe they spoke the truth, but I find fault with them for doing it. They had no right to come before this council and affront us. I acknowledge that we don't know how to build roads, but I don't like them to tell us. I don't believe they know any more about it than we do—in fact there is no one here that knows anything about it."

Councillors Smith and Whitman moved that Councillors Bishop, Lydiard and Flemming be appointed delegates from this council to the meeting of the Good Roads Association to be held in July.

Councillor MacLean spoke of a difficulty which will shortly arise in his district. The by-laws said that the wages for men were put at \$1.25; the railroad now being built was paying \$1.35, and he asked what should be done.

A motion was made that Councillor MacLean be instructed to hire labor at the lowest possible rate.

There was some discussion as to the legality of giving one district this authority, when practically there were a number of districts in the same position.

Warden Madill retired, and Deputy Warden Smith took the chair.

The council adjourned until 10.30 Monday.

MONDAY'S SESSION

The Halifax county council resumed its session at half-past ten o'clock yesterday. The first detail of business was the reading of the following letter:

Cole Harbor, April 11th, 1903.

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

Gentlemen,—I hereby make application for two weeks' vacation this coming summer. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours truly,

JAS. M. HENNEBERRY,
Supt. Poons Farm.

The warden remarked that of course such permission could not be given except with the understanding that Mr. Henneberry would provide an efficient substitute. The following resolution was then passed:

Moved by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Fleming, that the application of James M. Henneberry, for two weeks' vacation, be granted, on condition that he provide a substitute to the satisfaction of the chairman of public property committee.

Councillor Casey announced that he did not think that he had the right to appoint another lumber inspector, and a lengthy discussion ensued in connection with the following letter:

Musquodoboit Harbor, March 27, 1903.

Mr. Daniel Casey, East Chezzetcook:

Dear Sir,—We want you to appoint C. F. Roop as surveyor of logs and lumber at the next council meeting for county of Halifax, and oblige,

Yours truly,

LOGAN AND SUTHERLAND.

It developed that the firm named were requesting an inspector for their own shipment of lumber, a request which the council was in duty bound to grant, owing to the fact that, as Councillor Casey pointed out, it was not lawful to ship lumber without a sworn surveyor.

Councillor Darragh wished to know whether any sworn surveyor of a district was not eligible in that capacity in any part of the county.

Councillor Flemming—"Perhaps the stipendiary will tell us precisely what the law says on the matter."

Warden Madill—"They're doing it in Hants and Halifax both."

Stipendiary McDougall read the section dealing with the matter, which intimated that the surveyors were expected to do duty "in their respective districts," although it did not say "their respective districts only." He thought it was a question whether it was to the interest of the council to force the matter.

The warden cited two or three instances of inspectors in his own experience being called to duty in other districts than their own. And one of an inspector even being called to duty in another county.

The Stipendiary—"They have no right to go out of the county."

The warden thought it not advisable to press the matter.

Councillors Taylor, Flemming, Casey, County Clerk Wiswell and Councillor Milne all took an active part in the discussion, which culminated in the passage of the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dandel Casey, seconded by Councillor Milne, that Fred Roop be appointed surveyor of lumber for district 36.

It was stated that Councillor McLean had been obliged to return to his home on Saturday night, and Councillor Crooks was requested to act in his place on the roads and bridges committee.

The following resolution was then moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Flemming:

Whereas, the South-Western railroad, according to the present survey, will cross the Post road six times between the North-West Arm and the head of St. Margaret's Bay, and within ten miles of the city of Halifax it crosses the Post road three times in a half-mile, and, whereas, this council is of the opinion that so many crossings will endanger the lives of the travelling public;

Therefore resolved, that a committee of three be appointed from this council to wait on the members representing Halifax county, to request them to use their influence with the government to have the above-named road kept on the north side of the Post road as much as possible to ensure the safety of the public against accidents.

Councillor Bishop thought that were the building of the road according to the present survey allowed to proceed, without a protest from the council, and an accident ensue, every member of the council would be personally responsible. It was pointed out that it was possible to build on the north side altogether.

Councillor Ryan pointed out that there was a provincial act compelling them to put the road on one side.

County Clerk Wiswell said he supposed the provincial engineer had a plan of the route.

Councillor Croucher thought not. The resolution was finally passed.

The following was also passed:

Moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Lydiard, that Councillors Croucher, Flemming and Ryan be a committee to wait on the local members, in accordance with the resolution just passed.

Councillor Smith then announced that Councillor Leslie, district 26, had not complied with last year's recommendation of the council in the matter of having his district measured, for the reason that he thought several of the districts were over-mileaged, and he

thought it would be better to have all the districts re-measured. It would not cost more than \$250 or \$300.

County Clerk Wiswell thought that an under estimate, and that it would cost not less than \$1,000.

Councillor Smith thought not, if the machine were used.

Councillor Flemming said the machine was unreliable.

Councillor Madill wished to know Mr. Leslie's authority.

Councillor Smith replied that his authority was the method used.

Councillor Ryan thought the council should have something very definite to proceed upon before going into it.

Councillor Homans—"I would like to have my district measured."

Councillor McMullin did not think it necessary that the county should be re-measured. If Councillor Leslie would not measure his road, get a man to do it and take the expense out of the district. He appealed to Councillor Hall as to the excess of mileage in the district.

Councillor Hall said there was certainly too much mileage in the district, although he would not exactly like to say that the precise difference was that indicated by Councillor McMullin.

Councillor McMullin thought that if the councillor hadn't measured his district, his money should be withdrawn until he did measure it.

Councillor Smith stated that Mr. Leslie's contention was that Ex-Councillor Henley was going about claiming the district was over-mileaged. It was not a case of taking any advantage.

Councillor Ryan thought it an expense for nothing. The council should insist upon the road being mileaged.

The following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor A. F. Smith, that \$25 be assessed on district 31 for support of the poor for year 1908.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that the sum of \$50 be assessed on district 25 for support of poor for the year 1908.

Moved by Councillor Billman, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that \$10 be assessed on district No. 14 for poor purposes.

Moved by Coun. Milne, seconded by Councillor Lydiard, that George Dumbach be appointed health officer, in place of John Kerr, who is over sixty, for district 20.

Councillor Kuhn then referred to his resolution regarding the establishment of a telephone between Dartmouth and Aleck Woodworth's mill at Lawrencetown.

The stipendiary stated that it would be wise to insert in the resolution the words "In so far as the municipality has power to grant."

Mr. Kuhn readily agreed to this, and the resolution, seconded by Councillor Whitman, as follows, was passed:

Moved by Councillors Kuhn and Whitman, that in so far as this council has power to grant, Aleck Woodworth be permitted to establish a telephone system between Dartmouth and his mill at Lawrencetown.

The erection of the posts to commence at Henry Baker's on the Cole Harbor Road, the extreme limit to which they are at present erected, to continue along said road until it intersects with the Lawrencetown road, thence by said road to the place designated.

This privilege is not granted, however, in the nature of a monopoly, as this council reserves the right to grant at any time it may be applied for the privilege of extending the system Musquodoboit Harbor.

Further, that said posts be erected subject to the approval of the supervisor of the districts, through which the line passes.

The following resolution was passed:—

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Darragh, that the petition from Districts No. 26 and 21A, re building a road from Camp Hill, so-called, to Moose River Mines be referred to the government. Passed.

The following was the petition referred to:—

To the Council of the Municipality of Halifax County:—

We, the undersigned petitioners, are desirous of having a new line of road from the south end of Camp Hill to Moose River, a distance of about three and one-half miles, which will make one-half mile of road more, only to Middle Musquodoboit, and leave out seven miles of road which is at present impassable.

Hoping you will grant us our humble petition, we do ever humbly pray.
Yours, etc.,

R. W. Prest
Henry Prest.
Morris Hilehey.
A. K. Stewart.
Melvin Prest.

Arthur Jackson.
Addington E. Prest.
A. M. Hilehey.
Jonathan Hilehey.
Charles A. Prest.

Harris E. Prest. Hezekiah Prest.
Albert White. Isaac Hilehey.
Wallace Jackson. W. S. Reynolds.
John A. Robertson. James MacIsaac.
James Hogan. George Clements.
Henry Miller. James Dowell.
Arthur Miller. W. F. Burns.
Thomas Jackson. Angus Redden.
W. A. Prest. Levi L. Hilehey.
T. H. Hilehey. John J. Mason.
James P. Miller. John R. Miller.
Edward Hutt. James Hutt.
Daniel Lolor. William Swicker.
A. E. McPhail. Joseph Fox.
John Murphy. Angus McDonald.
G. J. Leslie. John R. Leslie.
Rueben Cameron. Angus Cameron.
James H. Reid. Nathan Higgins.
Suther Higgins. Henry Redden.
George Dowell. Smith Higgins.
Charles Smith. Watson Higgins.
Joseph Smith. Samuel Higgins.
Wallace Redden. William Higgins.
Matthew J. Higgins. George Smith.
William Cameron. Frank Miller.
James A. Lindsay. John A. Reynolds.
Richard McNutt. Andrew McGregor.
Reuben Miller. Walter A. Miller.
James Dowell. Albert Dowell.
Harris Higgins. Cyrus Dowell.
William Redden. Neil Redden.
George A. Cameron. William MacKenzie.
Charlie Donecker. C. B. Hilehey.
Alex. Mason. Robert Gaston.
Theo. T. Leslie. John A. Leslie.

A bill from Dr. Gourley, Sheet Harbor, for professional services to the son of James Cruickshanks, and dated November 30, December 10th, 1900, was then presented by Councillor Hall. The items of the bill are as follows:—

14 visits	\$2.00
1 coffin	3.50

The child died of diphtheria. Councillor Hall had it presented two years ago, but it was not paid. A few days before this meeting of the council the doctor had met him and had told him the council ought to pay it. He (the councillor) did not quite see that, as Mr. Cruickshanks was able to pay the bill he believed.

The stipendiary pointed out that the last-named fact had no direct bearing on the case, providing the bill was certified by the board of health. The municipality was responsible for the payment of expense incurred by the board of health in suppressing contagious disease. If it could be proven the doctor in this case was acting under explicit instructions from the board of health, and the bill was certified to by them, the coun-

oil was liable for the amount. He thought it of vital importance for the protection of the council in future, that it should pass a resolution urging the board to go very slowly in endorsing bills. The warden wished to know if the purchase of the coffin would be included in "suppressing" the disease.

The stipendiary thought it would.

Councillor C. E. Smith moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee to investigate.

Councillor Croucher thought this a district affair. His district settled these affairs for itself.

The warden suggested that the stipendiary draw up such a bill as he had referred to.

Councillor Casey objected to the bill. Send it to the district.

County Clerk Wiswell thought the board of health was not justified in passing any bill a man might choose to present.

Councillor Fleming reported numbers of cases of contagious disease where no appeal to the council for payment of bills had ever been heard of.

Councillor Negus said the same was true in district 33.

Councillor Ryan thought the trouble was that the legislature gave the board of health too much power.

Councillor Canfield pointed out that the mere recommendation by the board of health, that this bill be paid, was not certifying to its correctness or certifying to it as a bill incurred by a physician acting under its orders, upon which fact the liability of the council hinges.

The following resolution was then presented:—

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor John F. Ryan, that, Dr. Gourley's bill from Sheet Harbor district be referred to the finance committee. Passed.

Councillor McMullin moved that it be laid on the table, but withdrew this in favor of the first resolution.

The stipendiary cautioned the council in regard to the wisdom of a careful investigation before action, lest it find itself in the midst of a law suit.

Councillor Lydard reported a case of diphtheria in his district, where there had been no appeal to the council.

County Clerk Wiswell said they should require the minutes of the board of health with the bill.

Councillor Hall aroused considerable laughter by his witty references to the difficulty of getting the council to pay bills from his district. The resolution was passed.

TUESDAY'S SESSION

The Halifax county council resumed its session at half-past ten o'clock this morning, the first detail of business consisting in the passage of the following resolution:

All the provisions of the by-laws of this municipality in respect to the petition of T. H. Major, Alfred J. Bell, F. J. Cragg and others, asking that district 15 be created a pound district, having been fully complied with, it was moved by Councillor Canfield, seconded by Councillor Fleming,

And resolved, that the report of the committee upon the propriety and expediency of creating such district 15 a pound district, be confirmed and ratified, and said district 15 is hereby declared to be a pound district and subject to the provisions of the by-laws of this municipality, and of all acts of the province of Nova Scotia in force, in so far as the same may be applicable.

And further resolved, that William Willis, of Bedford, and T. D. Knowles, of Rockingham, be appointed pound-keepers in said district 15.

The following resolution was then presented:

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Negus, that the expenditure of the government grant for roads for the current year be by the several district road supervisors, in accordance with the statute and the requirements of this council at the January session, except for those sections now under commission.

Councillor Stewart wished to know how this was going to act if you could not get a supervisor.

Councillor McMullin—"Doesn't our statute labor govern all that?"

Councillor Fleming stated that the act had been slightly amended.

Councillor Stewart reported that it appeared to be impossible to get a supervisor in his district.

The Warden—"We will have to make an excuse in your district, I suppose."

County Clerk Wiswell thought it would be well to get the statute and read it, which he accordingly did.

Councillor Stewart stated that a supervisor had been appointed in his district, who, however, had refused to go and be sworn in, preferring to pay his fine.

The warden thought the difficulty in getting supervisors to act was largely attributable to the niggardly policy of the council, the small pay making it unreasonable to suppose that capable and suitable men would act.

Councillor Negus thought the reluctance to act indicative of a very unpatriotic spirit on the part of the people.

Councillors Whitman, Croucher, Casey, Lydlard, all took an active part in the discussion, which culminated in the passage of the resolution.

It was moved and seconded that the treasurer pay the councillors \$2 per day in accordance with their attendance and their mileage, and that those councillors excused and granted leave of absence be exempted from payment of fines. Passed.

A bill from Dr. Hawkins "for expert testimony before the supreme court" aroused considerable and very spirited discussion, the general sentiment, very definitely and vigorously expressed, being that Dr. Hawkins had not the slightest claim on the council in this particular. The amount of the bill was \$15. The following resolution regarding it was passed:

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Stewart, that the account rendered by Dr. Hawkins for expert testimony before the supreme court, be referred to the finance committee.

Councillor Whitman thought the county clerk fully justified in his refusal to pay the bill.

The question of bounties, and especially bounties on wild cats, came in for discussion, Councillor Croucher provoking shouts of laughter by his statement that in his experience since the increase of bounty there had been an increase in the number of wild cats.

Councillor Stewart said if any change was made it should be in the direction of an increase.

County Clerk Wiswell reported that he had sent to the provincial secretary the petitions from districts 30 and 35 re obstructions in rivers, but no names had been attached to that from district 30. He suggested that names be decided upon now and handed to him for presentation to the government.

It was accordingly moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Canfield, that the names of Samuel McKay, Antony De Loughrey and Benjamin Mannett be suggested.

The matter of obstructions to roads came in for discussion.

Councillor Casey thought it dangerous under the present circumstances to widen them.

County Clerk Wiswell—"It is a question of encroachment, Councillor Casey."

The stipendiary stated that the law assumed the road to be 60 feet wide unless otherwise stated in the deed of dedication, but that it was impossible to find such a thing as a deed of dedication at the crown lands office. Legislation must be had before complications would cease to present themselves. As to new encroachments, let the supervisor break them down.

Councillors C. E. Smith, Croucher, Negus and Hayes all took part in the discussion.

The following resolution was passed:

Moved by Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Whitman, that all obsolete papers, such as voters' lists, assessment rolls and matters settled and on record in the minutes of the council up to six years back, say, 1877, be destroyed under supervision of the clerk and stipendiary.

Councillor Whitman wished to know if the council had a committee on printing and publishing. If it had not, one should be appointed. It developed that it had not.

Councillor Bishop made an admirable plea on behalf of greater precaution in the matter of wanton forest fires, causing great destruction of game, through the destruction of the nests. The mischief was done largely by thoughtless young fellows on fishing expeditions. He thought it would be well to have placards printed and posted throughout the county as a check.

County Clerk Wiswell read the law on this matter, showing that both a fine and a term of imprisonment was the penalty for the offence.

The following resolution was then passed:

Moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Lydlard, that the clerk be authorized to have printed chapter 15 of the by-laws relating to forest fires, the same to be in the form of posters, and that he cause the same to be posted in conspicuous places

throughout the municipality and city of Halifax and town of Dartmouth.

On motion of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Stewart, the following report of the commissioners of the court house was adopted:

Meeting of commissioners of county court house, court house, 14 April, 11 a.m. Present, the warden, Mr. Madill, Mr. Russell, Mr. Lydiard, Mr. R. T. MacIlreith, Mr. F. W. Bell.

Resolved, that the court room now used as a witness room for the county court be set apart as a room for the use of the official reporter of the supreme court.

Resolved, that Mr. MacIlreith obtain an estimate of the cost of repainting the county court house.

Resolved, that an estimate be obtained for cost of wiring library for electric lighting, and to proceed with work if cost does not exceed \$25.

A lengthy and exceedingly animated discussion came up in connection with the following resolution:—

Moved by Councillors Canfield and Kuhn:

Whereas, an appropriation has been made by this council for the purpose of extending the residential accommodation at the county poor's farm;

And whereas, no committee has been appointed to take charge of this matter;

It is therefore resolved, that the public property committee be appointed a committee to take charge of the matter;

It is further resolved, as the present affords an advantageous opportunity for remodelling and as far as possible, beautifying the present buildings, that the committee be therefore instructed and empowered to employ the assistance of an experienced architect to prepare plans and supervise the erection of the contemplated building or buildings.

Councillor Lydiard stated that \$1,500 were the available funds at disposal, and that \$15,000 would be required if the buildings were remodelled. The committee had been instructed to give the work to the lowest tender. Councillor Canfield stated that they had no authority to buy more land or build more buildings. Councillor Kuhn stated that the object of the resolution was the improvement of the buildings, which could only be effected by an experienced architect. If business-like methods were pursued, they could not go astray. They were not obliged to build under certain restrictions, Coun-

cillor Negus stated that the \$1,500 was given for the express purpose of making more room, and he, for one, would not vote \$1 for alterations.

Councillor Bishop suggested as a way out of the difficulty, that an architect be asked to make a plan and write a specification, but not to superintend the work. This could be done for \$40.

The Warden—"That's too much."

Councillor Kuhn thought the conception of the council with regard to the resolution, was not a perfect one. It wished, while extending the accommodation, to have an eye to beauty. The committee knew nothing about building, and for that reason he thought the services of a skilled architect important.

Councillor Lydiard stated that he took exception to Mr. Kuhn's statement.

Councillor McMullin thought to employ an architect at this stage would be like "sticking a ring of gold in a swine's snout." The resolution was finally lost, only four voting in favor of it.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The council resumed business at 2.45 o'clock.

A bill contracted by a family in Councillor Lydiard's district for groceries, luxuries and necessaries, in the time when they were suffering from diphtheria came into a little discussion.

No action was taken.

It was moved by Councillors Thomas and Lydiard, that the bridge known as Dares' bridge, over Partridge River, in District 30, be placed under the smaller bridge act of 1900. Also, the bridge known as the Meeting House Bridge, over Partridge River, in said district, be placed under the smaller bridge act of 1900. Passed.

It was moved by Councillors Mills and Casey, that, Fred Rupe be appointed a surveyor of logs and lumber for District 20. It was carried on a standing vote.

It was moved by Councillors Negus and McMullin, that, in all districts within the municipality of the county of Halifax, where a medical doctor is residing and practising his profession within the said district, that the said medical doctors be debarred from serving on any board of health in the districts where they are residing. Passed.

It was moved by Councillors Kuhn and Whitman, that a committee of three be

appointed, which shall be known as the printing and publishing committee, whose duties shall be to take charge of the publication of the proceedings of this council and any other matters that may come under their supervision.

The motion passed and the committee was appointed as follows: Councillors Bishop, Lyldard and Fleming.

The following resolution moved at last Saturday's session, and which was deferred until Tuesday, was taken up:--

Whereas, the Suburban Electric Company, Limited, has secured a charter from the provincial legislature, authorizing them among other things to generate, manufacture and otherwise dispose of electric or galvanic currents, and all material and appliances or apparatus for the application, conversion and use of the same, to erect poles and conduct such electric currents by such appliances as may be found necessary within the county of Halifax;

And, whereas, it is the desire and intention of this company to erect poles and run wires along the highways in the districts of Bedford, Sackville and Waverley, or any of them, for the purpose of furnishing electric light in the village of Bedford and at other places on their lines within the said districts;

Therefore resolved, that the councillors for the before-mentioned districts be authorized to locate and supervise the erection of such poles, wires and other apparatus as may be required.

Councillor Canfield, who moved the resolution, amended it by striking out the word "councillor" in the clause and substituting the words "supervisor of roads."

The amended resolution passed.

The following communication was read:
Mr. W. H. Wiswell, County Clerk:

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., in reference to the alleged overflow of the road at the upper end of the Chain Lakes.

I was not aware that you had written to the city until I received your letter of the 8th. I find that your former letter has been referred to the city recorder for report. I will not enter into the merits of the case; but beg to remind you that any raising of the lakes since I have been in office did not affect the level of the Upper Chain Lake at the place you mention. That lake and Long Lake remain at the same level as they were when I entered the city service.
Yours truly,

F. W. W. DOANE,
City Engineer.

It was moved by Councillors McMullin and Negus, that the public property committee are hereby directed and authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500 voted at the last annual session of the council in the erection of suitable buildings at the county poor farm;

That, the said committee be and are hereby directed to call for tenders for the erection of the said buildings, and to give the contract for the same to the lowest tender giving security for the faithful performance of the contract;

And, further, that the said buildings be erected according to plans and specifications, and at a cost not exceeding the above-named sum. The resolution passed.

On motion of Councillors Casey and Milner, John D. Casey was appointed deputy clerk of peddlers' license for District 36.

Council adjourned to 10.30 Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Halifax county council resumed its session at half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning. The first detail of business consisted in the presentation of the supplementary report of the finance committee, which was as follows:

Your committee would recommend that this council, re the bill from I. M. Gourley, be not paid in full, but the sum of \$8 be paid if he accepts the same as payment in full of his account. This tender of payment to be without prejudice.

Your committee also recommends that in future all bills from local boards of health must be accompanied by extracts from the minute books of the board of health for such districts showing that such expenditure was made by orders of the local board in such district, and be reported from such board of health in their annual report to the council; otherwise we recommend such bills be not received or paid.

In re bill of Dr. Hawkins, your committee state the municipality is only liable for crown witnesses, and not those for the defence. And, secondly, that this municipality is not liable for expert testimony, and therefore cannot recommend payment of this account.

Re bill of Dr. Pineo, your committee recommend that this bill be dealt with

by the overseers of the poor for district 32.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. TAYLOR,
J. S. FLEMMING,
GEO. S. CANFIELD,
S. W. LYDIARD,
LINDSAY MOREN,

Finance Committee.

On motion of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hall, the report was received and adopted.

The following resolution aroused much discussion:

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor C. E. Smith, that the sum of one thousand dollars in the provincial treasury, towards purchasing road machinery, be expended towards payment of the rock-breaking machine purchased by districts 14, 15, 31 and 32, and that this municipality purchase the said machine from said districts, at the amount now owing by said districts on the same, and pay all claims on the said machine for sinking fund and interest.

Councillor Ryan objected to it altogether. The people who purchased the machines did so with their eyes open, and they should pay for them.

Councillor Lydiard stated that it was necessary to have a resolution of council to draw money for any purpose. It was no use to talk about the districts paying. He then proceeded to show how this was the case.

Councillor Fleming: Isn't it the statutory law that the district has to pay for them? Lay it on the table."

Councillor Caesy: "I understand the matter rather differently now from what I did before. It would cost us more to get it into our district than all the rock it would break would be worth.

Councillors Negus, Bishop, McMullin and Taylor also took part in the discussion, which ended in the passage of a resolution to lay it on the table.

The following resolution was also passed:

Moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor McMullin; That districts 31 and 32 be exonerated from the blame of allowing the rock crusher to stand

out to the inclemency of the weather without covering.

The report of the roads and bridges committee was next read, and was as follows:

Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

To the warden and councillors of the municipality of the county of Halifax.

Your committee after fully considering the Stawell petition (carried over from the January session) and having all the parties interested before them, said parties agreed to have the matter settled by arbitration, but when the necessary papers were made out Henry Stawell refused to sign said agreement.

Therefore your committee would recommend to this council the setting off of that part as a road section, beginning at the main post road and bounded by lands owned by said Henry Stawell on the one side, Wm. Conrod and Jasper McDonald on the other side, and farther through the western dyke to a tree past the second bridge leading to Fox Island, reaffirming our former decision to have same laid out as a road section known as section No. 9 in district No. 29.

With reference to the petition of W. R. Ogilvie, your committee being assured that the road applied for is not a public necessity, and in deference to a largely signed counter petition, do not recommend the granting the prayer of said petition.

We submit the following sheet, marked A, as the division of the road grant for the present year, showing feet of bridges, number of miles of road, statute labor, statute labor per mile of road, the amount to be received by districts from the road grant, and the total amount from both per mile.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
J. H. TAYLOR,
W. CROOKS,
HENRY HALL,
P. KUHN,
LINDSAY MOREN,
F. D. DARRAGH.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

April, 1908.

No. of District.	Feet of Bridges	Miles of Road.	Statute Labor.	Per mile of road.	Allotment of Road Grant.	Total amount per mile.
7	317	14	\$220.19	\$15.72	\$96.26	\$22.60
8	162	10	193.27	19.32	100.62	29.39
9	1000	18½	174.59	9.44	154.17	17.77
10	700	15	225.83	15.06	114.35	22.68
11	581	18½	327.85	17.72	149.66	25.81
12	1011	42	310.47	8.10	264.33	13.68
13	1153	54	211.20	3.91	404.86	11.41
14	300	16½	516.09	31.27	26.48	32.88
15	543	13	740.16	56.93	26.17	58.95
16	705	41	288.68	7.04	288.69	11.64
17	924	53	576.21	16.87	315.97	16.83
18	1286	50	636.45	12.73	331.66	19.36
19	2807	51	461.47	9.00	399.00	16.87
20	2992	59	285.70	4.84	390.00	11.45
21	3240	84	588.09	7.00	522.56	13.22
22	3610	95	504.80	5.31	568.00	11.29
23	322	9½	158.01	16.63	70.90	24.00
24	1127	31¾	463.51	14.60	217.96	21.30
25	2566	69	563.19	8.16	484.51	15.18
26	2817	75	549.32	7.32	507.38	14.09
27	1896	86	934.41	11.00	487.51	16.72
28	950	30¾	556.62	8.10	177.96	28.70
29	1200	34	309.95	9.11	263.06	16.95
30	1000	45	211.75	4.70	299.05	11.35
31	890	62½	1009.57	16.15	412.62	22.76
32	756	28	553.92	19.78	170.32	25.87
33	526	27	421.50	15.61	188.73	22.60
34	1053	33	479.90	14.54	230.62	21.53
35	1432	26	182.56	7.02	202.94	14.82
36	1047	46	679.88	14.78	296.76	21.23
37	504	23	220.66	9.59	167.27	16.96
21a	300	17	120.47	7.08	135.53	15.05

After a long discussion regarding the allotments, in which Councillors Fleming, Hayes, Moren, the Warden, Ryan, Bishop, Croucher and others took part, the report was adopted, on motion of Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Fleming.

The following was lost:

Respecting the memorandum sent by the town of Dartmouth to this council, occasioned by an outbreak of smallpox in that town, it is moved by Councillors Kuhn and Canfield, that a councillor be appointed to meet representatives from the town to arrange a settlement of the claim, and that the maximum amount to be offered in settlement of said claim do not exceed \$960.

An amendment, however, was passed as follows:

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Bishop, in amendment:

Whereas, the town of Dartmouth has rendered an account for expenses incurred by the board of health for said town in relation to contagious disease in said town during 1902;

And, whereas, it is in the opinion of this council that the said bill is exorbitant and contains a large number of items, improperly charged as expenses incurred in suppressing said contagious disease, and which are therefore not chargeable to this municipality;

And, whereas, this council is desirous of arriving at an amicable settlement of the said claim;

Therefore resolved, that this council, without prejudice to its rights, and while reserving all its rights to dispute the said claim, and the items thereof, and

with a view to an amicable settlement, do hereby offer to pay in full of said claim the sum of nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$960.00), this offer to remain open for one week from this date.

The following was passed:—

Moved by Councillor Lydiard, seconded by Councillor Taylor:

In the event of the town of Dartmouth accepting the sum of nine hundred and sixty dollars in full settlement of their claim for expenses incurred in connection with the suppression of contagious disease during 1902;

Resolved, that said sum be assessed on this municipality for the current year.

The following resolutions were all passed:—

Moved by Councillors Kuhn and Milne, that the action of the council last year in laying out a new section in Lawrence-town district, to be known as Section No. 9, be reaffirmed.

Moved by Councillors Coojen and Ryan, that the bridge known as Mud Hole Bridge in Section 10, be placed under the small bridge act.

Moved by Councillors Flemming and Ryan, and resolved, that this council release the special committee appointed to interview the government re the line of the South Shore railway.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Croucher, that the bridge known as Barry's Brook bridge on Waverley road,

District 31, be placed under the smaller bridge act of 1900.

The council then adjourned for the session.

The poors farm report states that crops have been raised sufficient for the needs of the institution. There has been a large increase in the number of weeks' board of the county insane; the income from district paupers is larger than 1901. The number at present is 68 the largest at one time being 72. The districts were notified that no more could be received. Increased accommodation must be made before any more can be received. A fire force pump and hose have been added by order of insurance, which cost \$137.50. Remodelling the old wash house cost \$116.95. The officials are giving good satisfaction. At the close of the year 1901 the balance in favor of the institution was \$1,326.97. This year the favorable balance is \$251.10. The jail has been carefully managed, needed repairs being made. Mr. Malcolm fills the position of jailor acceptably. Signed, S. W. Lydiard, chairman; Charles E. Smith, B. C. Wilson, R. D. Johnson, W. Bishop.

J. M. Henneberry being called upon, stated that the male wards were overcrowded, and the institution should be remodelled to admit 100 more

Municipality of the County of Halifax, 1903.

County Warden—GEORGE H. MADILL, Esq., J. P., Milford.
Deputy County Warden—CHAS. E. SMITH, Esq., Halifax.
County Clerk—W. H. WISWELL, Halifax.
County Treasurer—PARKER ARCHIBALD, Halifax.
County Stipendiary—J. N. V. McDOUGALL, Esq., Halifax.
County Auditors—S. S. SCOTT, W. C. BISHOP, Halifax.
County Inspector of Licenses—W. M. SEDGWICK, J. P., Middle Musquodoboit.
Clerk of Licenses—PARKER ARCHIBALD, Halifax.
County Inspector of Peddlers' Licenses—HARRY N. WRIGHT, Halifax.
Chief County Constable—RICHARD BURBIDGE, Halifax.
Deputy Chief Constable—D. McDOUGALL, Halifax.
Keeper of County Jail—W. L. MALCOLM. Matron—MRS. THOS. CHAMBERS.
Janitor and Constable of Court House—ALEX. W. SMITH.
Superintendent of County Poor Farm—JAS. M. HENNEBERRY, Cole Harbor.
Crier of County Court—W. G. NAYLOR.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

- District 7—Herring Cove—Patrick Hayes.
" 8—Portuguese Cove—Bernard Johnson.
" 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
" 10—Upper Prospect—Jas. A. Coolen.
" 11—Hackett's Cove—Wesley Crooks.
" 12—French Village—Isaac Croucher.
" 13—Spryfield—Wm. Bishop.
" 14—N. W. Arm—Jas. Billman.
" 15—Bedford—G. S. Canfield.
" 16—Hammonds Plains—Lindsay Moren.
" 17—Sackville—J. S. Flemming.
" 18—Waverley—B. C. Wilson.
" 19—Gay's River—G. H. Madill.
" 20—Meagher's Grant—O. A. Milne.
" 21—Middle Musquodoboit—J. H. Taylor.
" 21a—Carribou (new)—Fred. D. Darrah.
" 22—Upper Musquodoboit—T. S. Stewart.
" 23—Lower Prospect—J. F. Ryan.
" 24—Moser's River—Alex. F. Smith.
" 25—Sheet Harbor—H. Hall.
" 26—Tangier—D. T. Leslie.
" 27—Jeddore—Wm. Homans.

- District 28—Chezzetcook—Wm. Myett.
 " 29—Lawrencetown—Peter Kuhn.
 " 30—Preston—John Thomas.
 " 31—Cole Harbor—S. W. Lydiard.
 " 32—Hubbard's Cove—Chas. McLean.
 " 33—Eastern Passage—W. F. Negus.
 " 34—Salmon River—Alex. McMullin.
 " 35—Little River—Alex. McMullin.
 " 36—East Chezzetcook—Danl. Casey.
 " 38—Dover—J. Bernard Connors.

Standing Committees, 1903.

MEM.—The Warden is *ex officio* a member of all committees, and the first named on each committee is chairman.

Hospital for Insane—Councillors Wilson, Canfield, Coolen, Milne, Casey, A. F. Smith and Ryan.

Assessments—Councillors Whitman, Leslie, Billman, Croucher, McLean, Hall and Stewart.

Roads and Bridges—Councillors C. E. Smith, Taylor, McLean, Hall, Kuhn, Moren and Darrah

Public Property—Councillors Lydiard, Wilson, Fleming, Ryan, Negus and Bishop.

Finance—Councillors Taylor, Flemming, Canfield, Lydiard, Moren, Connors.

License—Councillors Connors, McMullen, Hayes, Whitman, Homans, Crooks and Leslie.

Jury Lists—Councillors Negus and Croucher.

Law Amendments—Councillors Kuhn, Stewart, Johnson, Mayette, Thomas, Darrah and Lydiard.

Poor—Councillors McMullen, Billman, Homans, Johnson, Milne, Hayes and Bishop.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Arbitration with City, &c.—Councillors Wilson, Negus, Lydiard, Flemming, County Clerk and County Stipendiary.

On Bedford Electric Tramway Location, &c.—Councillors Canfield, Moren, Billman, Wilson, Ryan, Flemming and Bishop.

Commissioners of the Court House—The Warden, Councillors S. W. Lydiard and J. S. Flemming, Hon. Judge Weatherbe, Hon. J. W. Longley and F. H. Bell.

Committee on Public Landing Prince's Lodge—Councillors Flemming, Bishop and Canfield.

On Dartmouth Small Pox Claim—Councillors Lydiard, Taylor and County Stipendiary.

Board of Appeals—J. Sprott Stewart, Saml. C. Henley, Edwin B. Hubley.

Delegates to Good Roads Association, &c.—Councillors Bishop, Lydiard and Flemming.