GOVERNMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1890.

MAYOR. FREDERICK SCARFE.

COUNCILLORS.

WARD 1.-WM. H. STEVENS. F. G. DARES. ⁽¹⁾ 2.-JOHN B. MACLEAN. JOHN GREENE. ⁽¹⁾ 3.-GEO. A. CRATHORNE. WM. H. STERNS.

> STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE AND RECORDER. BENJAMIN RUSSELL.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER. ALFRED ELLIOT.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS. COUNCILLOR STEVENS, Chairman. CRATHORNE. DARES. FRANK WOODBURY. CHAS. H. HARVEY.

COMMISSIONERS OF DARTMOUTH PARK.

MAYOR F. SCARFE. COUNCILLORS STERNS AND DARES. HENRY ELLIOT. J. W. ALLISON.

FERRY COMMISSION.

MAYOR SCARFE. COUNCILLORS MACLEAN AND STEVENS. B. A. WESTON, GEO. J. TROOP, JOHN WHITE.

TOWN ASSESSOR. FRANK HYDE.

REVISORS OF ELECTORAL LISTS. WM. K. ANGWIN, H. H. HARRISON, T. MOTT.

AUDITORS.

GEO. FOOT. WALTER CREIGHTON,

MAYOR'S REPORT

THE RATE-PAYERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, FOR THE YEAR 1890.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-

The second year of my official duties as Mayor of this Town having closed, it affords me the opportunity to place before you the following report of the several services that have engaged the attention and exertions of your Council. The most important of which are the Ferry, between the Town and the City of Halifax; the Railway subvention; the Water Supply and Sewerage; Electric Lighting; Cemetery and Post Office: together with the ordinary services incidental to the health, good order and management of the Town in general; some of which they have been enabled to carry to completion, while others, particularly the introduction of a water supply, and construction of systematic sewerage have, after much laborious investigation, been adjourned, pending the result of a further and exhaustive examination that has been carried out by the assistance of a committee you considerately appointed in September last. Unquestionably the year just passed has been a momentous one for the Town, and the measures that have been matured and carried into operation, notably the entire control and acquisition of the ferry must have a great influence on our future progress and development; the Auditor's Report, hereto appended, page 20 will show you in detail your present financial condition; and the future requirements will be shewn by the reports of the

various departments. I trust that the several steps that have been taken by your Council for the purpose of improving the well being, health and prosperity of the Town will be considered satisfactory and meet with your full approbation. I will now review the various departments under their several heads :--

LEGISLATION.

The Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1889 not having received your approval, and certain alterations being found necessary to make it accord with the altered conditions then existing so that its privileges and powers might be taken advantage of at any future time you might determine; your Council promulgated and procured during the last session a short Act of amendment, in so far as was rendered requisite without making any material alteration in the principles of As instructed by your vote at a public meeting held the Bill. March 6th, requesting your Council to take the legal steps to procure the authority and powers to establish and operate a Corporation Ferry, to and from Halifax ; your Council procured the introduction, and notwithstanding the strenuous and persistent opposition of the Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry Company, secured the passage of an Act investing a Commission with full powers to carry out your desires, and authorizing your Council to borrow the sum of \$110,000 on debentures for the purposes of the ferry, and further in compliance with your vote at public meeting held 25th March last, your Council likewise secured the passage of an Act empowering them to borrow the sum of \$12,000, to enable the School Commissioners to erect and equip three additional schools. This has been carried into effect by the issue of debentures for the sum of \$12,300, bearing interest at 4% per annum, and the amount realized has been handed to the Commissioners for the purpose An Act was also procured repealing the 30th set forth. section of Chapter 40, of the Acts of 1877, amending the Towns' Incorporation Act, and which restricted the Council from levying an assessment exceeding the sum of \$15,000 in

any one year; this having been rendered requisite by the growth and increased requirements of the Town.

BY-LAWS AND ORDINANCES.

The prevalence of diphtheria in the Town during the past summer rendered it necessary for the general health that your Council, acting as a Board of Health, should draw up and submit to His Excellency, the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, a set of by-laws and code of regulations, governing persons and places infected, which were duly approved; and having been published for the information of all concerned, have greatly assisted the Health Officers in the carrying out of their arduous duties.

THE SANITARY STATE OF THE TOWN.

During the past year there has been an unusual outbreak of diphtheria in the Town, several of the cases having been undoubtedly imported by parties coming from the City and outside districts. The number of cases during the epidemic has been distributed through 29 families, resulting in 40 recoveries and 18 deaths, the last case received a clean certificate from the Doctor on 24th Dec. last. The only house in the Town still under the ban of infection is that occupied by Henry Power on Tulip street who since the diphtheric patient of his family died, has neglected to take the proper steps to cleanse and disinfect his premises so as to procure the necessary certificate. I am happy to say that by God's grace and the efficient exertions of the Doctors and Health officers in carrying out the various orders and regulations of the Board of Health, together with the precautions taken by the citizens generally, the Town is entirely free from the fatal scourge-Having in view the fact that the Town is absolutely without any sewerage, and that the water supply is defective in quality and inadequate in quantity, the death rate of the Town has been surprisingly below that of many other places far more favourably equipped in these respects.

RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

The several applications of the Dominion Government for the Annual subsidy of \$4000, now amounting to the sum of \$20,000, having become importunate and in fact placed in the hands of their Solicitors, Messrs. Borden, Ritchie and Parker, for collection, and your Council failing to make their case understood by correspondence, and from the best information available, been assured that the terms and conditions of the agreement under which the demand was made against the Town, have not been fully complied with by the Dominion Government; and that consequently the Town's liability had not accrued, decided in April last to send myself and His Honor the Recorder as delegates to Ottawa, to present their case personally to the Government, and press the points relied upon as favorable to the Town's contention : with the result that the case has been for the time suspended to await the action of Parliament at its forthcoming session, when it is fully anticipated that a satisfactory solution of this much vexed and serious question may be arrived at. It will appertain to the incoming council to closely watch the case. and they may find it necessary for its success to send a personal representative again to Ottawa to press their claims.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

This much discussed, and important service has been passing through various phases during the year, and the Act of the Legislature of 1889 and Amendment thereto, of 1890, having failed to meet with the approval of the citizens as expressed at two public meetings held for the purpose of their consideration, a citizens Committee was appointed on the 29th of September last, to enquire into the whole subject; who have since that time been engaged in an exhaustive examination and enquiry as to the capacity, capability, quality, and possibilities of the various proposed sources of supply, their cost of introduction and distribution, and have decided to virtually endorse the scheme as propounded by Engineer Keating, and adopted by the Council in 1889, and recommend its adoption with some alterations in the mode of carrying out the work which, if approved by the citizens at their meeting to be held on the 26th inst., will necessitate the procuring of a new Act from the Legislature during their coming session. The plan of *Sewerage* has been likewise approved with some slight modifications in the details of construction.

FINANCES.

According to the Auditors' Report and statements hereto appended page 20, the receipts of the Town from all sources, has been for the year \$17,285.77, this with the balances in hand on the 31st December, 1889, of \$1156.72, balance due to Treasurer or Bank \$54.68, and transferred interest from the School and Ferry Boards of \$2682.36, makes a total of \$21,179.53, which sum has been expended during the year as therein set forth. The current liabilities of the Town are as follows:

Interest	on	Ferry	Debentures		337	50
**	**	Other	**		231	50
Hospita	l fo	r Insan	ne and other	accounts	1,575	66

The Bonded Liabilities at the end of the year were as under:

Title of Debenture.	When iss	ued.	Rate of Int	Yrs.	to run.	Amt.
School (Hawthorne),	March 8th	i, 1886,	6	2	20	2,000
Consolidated Debt,	Dec. 2nd	, 1889,	4	2	25	17,000
Ferry Loan,	June 2nd	, 1890,	41	2	25]	110,000
School (new bld'gs),	July 21st	t, 1 890;	4	2	20	12,300
		Total			- \$1	141,300

The actual assets to represent the above are largely of a productive character, that is the Ferry will of itself produce

sufficient to cover the interest, the general finances of the Town having to provide the interest on the remaining \$31,300 expended for Schools, Town Hall and Engine House.

The current liabilities show a heavy amount owing to the balance due to the Ferry Company on the purchase of their property by the Commission, and for which the Legislature will be asked to grant authority to fund; the amount paid to E. H. Keating, C. E., on Water Supply; the purchase of land at Spider Lake; and the large amount of the assessment for the year still uncollected; which of itself is more than sufficient to cover all current outstanding claims chargeable on the current finances of the year.

The Assessed Valuation of Real and Personal

property within the Town amounts to \$1,275,520 00

being an increase of $1.15\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the valu-

ation of 1889, the assessment rate being \$1.16 per 100 dollars of valuation.

The incidental Revenue otherwise than from		
Assessment amounted to	\$3,889	81
The Statutory exemptions to Firemen, Widows and others	\$884	67
On the 31st December, there was uncollected of the Assessment for the year	\$1,370	35

Being nearly 10 per cent., and in excess of the same period in 1889 of \$406.18, and is a larger amount than has been outstanding for many years, the only apparent reason for which is the general depression that has permeated the business portion of the community during the past two years; still with exercise of the utmost forbearance consistent with the Town's requirements, I am fully assured that the greater portion of the amount will be collected.

The other current Assets principally for Poll Tax and Common Rent are \$338.74.

The only service that has during the year exceeded the estimated provision, was the construction of the Fire Proof Vault in Town Clerk's Office, and this was an item in which efficiency and completeness were imperative, and the work could not be curtailed: I have therefore much pleasure in congratulating the Citizens on the very satisfactory state of the public finances, a detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditure with Auditors' Report, will be found appended page 20.

FERRY.

The Commission instituted by the Act of the Legislature on the 15th day of April, having been duly appointed on the 17th of the same month, was at once organized and commenced to take the necessary steps to carry out the duties imposed upon them, by taking over from the citizens' committee the steamer "Arcadia" that had been provisionally purchased on the 31st day of March to carry the foot pssengers across the Harbor upon the Ferry Company withdrawing the privilege of commutation rates; and made provision for the continuation of this initial service; they also immediately sent delegates to New Brunswick and the States to look for and report upon a boat suitable to undertake the complete team service; at the same time they engaged an engineer to examine and report on the most available site on the Harbour for the Dartmouth Landing, and to prepare plans for the Docks, Floats, Landings, etc., that would be required on both sides of the Harbour; after a lengthened tour of the delegates and extensive examination of various vessels, the steamer "Halifax," (late "Annex 2") was, on the report of Engineer Waring, supplemented by the recommendation of the dele-gates, purchased in New York for \$25,000, to which the expense and insurance incurred to bring her down, the duty and necessary repairs and alterations required to fit her to receive the requisite certificate for the service, have to be During the proceedings pending the purchase of this added. boat, negociations were opened with the existing Ferry Company for the purchase of their entire premises and plant, but no definite arrangement could be arrived at until after the

final purchase of the steamer had been completed; soon after which the suspended negociations were re-opened and eventually led to the acquisition of the whole interest of the Company it being transferred to the Commission for the sum of \$109,000, the sale being perfected as taking place on the 1st day of July last; thus terminating the exciting contest for supremacy between the then existing Company and the Commission for the passing traffic that had been carried on with more or less vigour during the previous three months, and preventing the loss that must have accrued by operating an opposition ferry on a large scale.

By this purchase the investment of the Commission was increased to the extent of Forty Thousand Dollars beyond the sum contemplated, and for which you in public meeting called for the purpose on the 22nd day of July, voted approving the scheme, and authorized your Council to apply to the Legislature for the necessary power to borrow on debentures the said further sum of \$40,000; but this is not likely to increase in any way the burdens of the town as the Commission has entered into the possession of property beyond the necessary requirements of the ferry that is producing an annual rent equal to the interest on about \$35,000 of this sum, and the remaining interest will become a first charge on the earnings of the ferry itself; this property can at any time be disposed of when a purchaser can be found willing to pay a figure equivalent to its annual return ; there are also two or three boats that can be dispensed with when opportunity offers, which will likewise reduce the capital investment.

As to the achievements that have resulted from the Town's acquisition of this undertaking, first there has been effected a bonafide reduction of 40% on the rate for foot passengers, which is the chief source of income, this is participated by the public at large. The citizens of Dartmouth, who are the principal holders of commutation tickets, have not directly received any benefit from this reduction, as the special rates charged remain the same as of old; it has been found

necessary to slightly increase the charge for commutations for team and vehicle traffic, in order to assimulate it more in accordance with the expense incurred. The great reduction from 5 to 3 cents has already been more than made up by the increased number of passengers carried, but this has been in some measure achieved by the reduced number of persons that have taken out commutation tickets, so that while the receipts from the general traffic for the past six months has increased nearly \$1,000 beyond the corresponding period in 1889, the returns from commutation tickets for the same time has been \$1,260, less than in 1889, but this appears to be largely improving, as the returns for the last quarter has made a great advance beyond the first. I therefore consider you may look forward in the near future to the time when the income will have increased to a sum beyond its previous greatest return. But the expenses are largely in excess of those incurred by the Company; the running of larger boats, and those for longer hours, are in every respect a more costly affair; the engineers have to be of a more advanced class, and must be paid accordingly, the crews have to be increased in number, the quantity of coal consumed is increased 50 per cent, this necessitates more yard labor to handle: the wear and tear to the boats, docks, and approaches, is beyond calculation, all these additions, with many others, added to the cost of maintainance will for some time militate against the accumulation of any The necessity of having to erect a new waiting room surplus. and station house in Halifax, the repairs to docks, wharves and buildings, have made heavy demands on the resources of the commission, so that some time will probably elapse before any much greater reduction in rates can be contemplated ; but being in the hands of the citizens they have the assurance that so soon as the income may warrant, a revision of tariff rates will take place, and they will receive the full benefit that may be compatable with security. I trust that the accounts of the Commission at the close of the first full year of operation will show on the whole a very satisfactory result.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

These have been under the control of a special commission for the past two years, and should now be showing the advantages anticipated by the change of management, how far these have been realized I will leave to the judgment of such parents as have children in attendance, who should be in the best position to form an impartial opinion.

The Town having in the spring of 1889, established a Kindergarten department as a part of the public system of Education; which has now been in operation upward of three terms, and if this special method of imparting instruction is in itself a success, apart from the original idea of introducing a brightening and invigorating principle into the lives of the little waifs of a great city, who had previously found little in this world but squalor, want and misery: it is now quite time that it should be shown by the improved status the pupils that have received this training attain in the other departments of the Schools, for if it terminates in their ability to imitate the actions of their instructors it is of small value; I am sure you will anxiously watch the developments in this connection.

The sum asked for maintenance this year and appropriated by your Council for this service was S6603, which with the sum of S1357.62 the amount of Provincial Grant to Teachers makes a total of S7960.62, and there has been expended for this purpose \$8211.31.

For the purchase of land and the erection of three new buildings, debentures have been issued by the Town for the sum of \$12,300 for 20 years bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. The north end building of two departments has been erected, the Tuft's Cove School occupying one of the rooms. The Greenvale or central building for four departments is in course of construction, the contract for the Woodside building has not been let at present, and the commissioners have found it necessary to make an application for the further sum of \$2500 to enable them to complete the grading and fencing of the grounds attached to the Central School and the erection of the building at Woodside; the consideration of this additional requisition will devolve upon the incoming Council—for particulars see chairman's report page 31.

DARTMOUTH PARK.

This fine tract of land has been, under the charge of the Commission, planted with 500 ornamental trees, a pavilion erected, seats set up, the roads and paths have been improved, portions of land levelied, the surface stones removed, and drains constructed, which in the course of a few years will greatly add to the appearance and usefulness of the place as a public resort ; much more could have been accomplished had more extensive funds been available for the purpose. The receipts for the year have been, from the Town funds, \$250; from voluntary contributions, \$55.00; and interest of deposit, \$30.21; for building stone, \$9.50; these, with the balance in hand on 1st January, 1890, of \$831.62, make a total of The expenditure has been for Town, \$100.00; \$1176.33. pavilion, \$210.38; labor ; and sundries, \$563.63, in all \$874.01, leaving a balance of \$302.32, \$300 of which lies in the bank on special deposit, and the sum of \$50.00 of the voluntary contributions still uncollected.

STREETS.

This service has received the constant attention of the committee and overseer, who have endeavoured to bring into as efficient a state as possible, the Roads and Streets of the outlying sections, and as in the year 1889, doing little more than cleaning and maintaining the streets of the centre plot, having in contemplation the necessity of their surfaces having to be broken up in the near future, for the purpose of constructing sewers, &c. The sum placed in the estimates was \$2,100, out of which \$2,081.44 has been expended. Granite crossing on Water Street, paving 500 feet of gutter with stone on Ochterloney Street, the reconstruction of several large culverts, the erection of new fences, the repairing of Lake Road with 1244 bushels of broken stone, 436 loads of shore gravel was used in the general repairs throughout the Town, and in cleaning out and repairing the various gutters, drains and culverts—this service will in the near future require a much larger expenditure, as the shore gravel now obtainable is becoming yearly deteriorated in quality, and all the pits in the vicinity of the Town from which material have from time to time been drawn, have been exhausted, the only resource left being the purchase of an improved Stone Crusher with portable engine, and the breaking up of the whin stone so abundant an all sides.

The sum of \$300 was provided for the watering of streets: during the summer the committee had the cart out 43 days from May 23rd. to Sept. 26th, using salt water throughout at an expenditure of \$194.93.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Town Clerk's Office.—The sum of \$250 was provided in the estimates for the construction of a fire proof vault, to contain the papers, vouchers, and documents appertaining to this office; this much required work has been satisfactorily completed by tender and contract at a total cost of \$339.47, and although this sum exceeds the estimated amount by \$89.47, still the outlay is small for the obtained-certainty of security against possible loss by fire of the vast accumulation of documents, that no money compensation could possibly recover.

Lamont Property.—This is under conditional lease to Levi Conrod, the dam and mill being considerably out of repair, the place is let at a nominal rental; the house was slightly damaged by fire during the summer, and has since been repaired at the charge of the Insurance Company. Engine House and Lock-up. — An additional room has been fitted up and added to the apartments of the caretaker of the Engine House and necessary repairs effected to the Lock-up, at a total cost of \$43.92. The Bell tower of Engine House having lately developed symptoms of weakness will require thorough examination in the spring, and any defect that may be found attended to.

Street Lamps.—These at present number 57, distributed througout the town; they include 3 new ones erected by the town, and one presented by Ex-Mayor Simmonds and erected in Ward 1—the cost for this serivce has been \$755.93. I cannot leave this subject without reverting to the various proposals that have been made to employ electricity for this purpose; but as no reasonable plan that was likely to satisfy the requirements of the citizens, at a cost within the reach of your council has been propounded, it has again been necessary to defer action in this direction for the time being; but I trust that, through the many and great improvements that have, and are continually taking place in the application of electricity to street and other lighting, it will not be long before it can be made available.

Pumps and Wells.—There are at present 19 Public Wells and 18 Pumps, these have been duly cleaned and repaired, there has been during the year, 1 new well excavated, and 3 new pumps set up, the whole service in so far as it extends, is in a satisfactory condition, although the quality of the water is in general far from good, and the distribution inadequate to meet the requirements of all sections; the amount expended has been \$167.69.

Fire Department.—This service has been maintained in its usual state of efficiency, and has promptly responded to the several calls during the year, which have been 6, viz., 3 alarms, and 3 fires, and in each case the fire was so far controlled as to confine its ravages to the building within which it originated, the amount expended has been \$457.92. 1 steam fire engine.

1 small hand engine.

1500 feet rubber hose.

400 feet leather hose.

1 extra length suction hose for steamer.

4 hose reels.

1 water cart.

3 buckets, 6 lanterns, 6 torches.

Apparatus under charge of Axe and Ladder Company-

1 waggon, 8 ladders, 1 grappling.

1 hook, 6 axes, 3 lanterns.

2 buckets, 2 torches, 1 rope and 2 chains.

Apparatus under charge of Union Protection Company-

1 waggon, 3 rubber covers.

4 baskets, 3 axes and 3 ropes.

- POLICE.

The usual force has been employed, and from the large extent of ground to be patrolled by so small a force, it has on the whole been satisfactorily performed, the Town having been exceptionally free from disorder and crime; the expenditure for this service has been \$1197.94. A change has been decided upon whereby half of the force will from the 1st of this present month perform night duty, and it is fully anticipated that the change will be the means of preventing the repetition of a series of petty offences that have at various times occurred to the annoyance of the citizens.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

This is the fourth year in which the only application for license has been from Messrs. S. Oland, Sons & Co., for an wholesale Brewers License, for which they have paid the statutory application fee of \$10.00.

POOR.

There has been an increase of 2 persons chargeable to the Town during this year, making a total of 8, namely, 5 males and 3 females; they have been taken care of in the County Poors' Farm at a charge to the Town of \$424.37. They appear to have received all requisite care and attention. The other charges under this department amount to \$179.19 for usual grant to Dispensary and general assistance to some of the families while suffering from attacks of diphtheria and other indigent persons.

PAUPER LUNATICS.

The number of Town patients in Hospital at the commencement of this year was 8, admitted since 2, making a total of 10. Two patients have died, and one has been discharged, leaving a balance of 7 in hospital at present chargeable to the Town, viz.: 3 males and 4 females. The amount paid to the Hospital has been \$606.50, due on the 31st December, 1889, of which sum the Town has received for maintainance, etc., of a patient the sum of \$117.46, making a nett expenditure of \$489.04, paid by the Town. There is now due the hospital to date the sum of \$1138.29, which will have to be provided for in the estimates for the year 1891.

PUBLIC CEMETERY.

The plot of ground devoted to this purpose is nearly all taken up, and although there is an authorization to extend the enclosure southwards to the line of Stairs street, it has not been deemed advisable to carry it into effect, the general consensus of opinion being favourable to the establishment of a place of burial farther removed from the population, and in this connection your Council has been like their predecessors untiring in their enquiries and examinations of localities for this purpose, but have up to this present failed to recognize a plot that will meet all the requirements; they have in view two probable parcels of land either of which can be procured, and they are in many respects very suitable, but each has its own deficiencies. From the mass of information that will be placed at the disposal of the incoming Council, I have every reason to hope they will be enabled at an early date to select a satisfactory plot that will meet with your full approval.

POST OFFICE.

I have much satisfaction in reporting that the Dominion Government have acknowledged the long made just claims of the town for a change in this service; at the last meeting of the Legislature a sum of money was placed in the estimates for the purpose of purchasing a site for and erecting a suitable building for a Post Office. After full consideration your Council have decided that the lot of land owned by the Ferry Commission on the south-west corner of Portland and Water streets, is the most suitable site for this purpose, and they have appointed a committee to wait on the County members of the House of Commons to request their services in recommending the same to the Government, and urge the necessity of the work being proceeded with immediately.

LITIGATION.

During the year no very important litigation has occurred. A suit was brought against the town for proceedings of the Street Committee in 188. The Committee had made an agreement with Mr. Franklyn, who assumed to be the owner of the Cottage Hill property, for the privilege of taking earth from the side of the hill to repair the streets. The ownership of the land has since been claimed by Mr. L. B. Fairbanks, who brought a suit against the Town for the value of the earth taken. The cause was tried before Mr. Justice Townshend, who gave judgment against the plaintiff on the ground that no trespass was shewn to have been committed outside of the line of the street, even assuming that the land adjacent was that of the plaintiff, as alleged by him. The plaintiff has appealed from this judgment to the Supreme Court *in banc*. Before closing this report, I have to acknowledge the great obligations I am under to the several members of my Council, the numerous Commissioners and others with whom I have been associated in the onerous duties of the various services of the Town, to His Honor the Recorder, the Town Clerk, and other officials of the Town, for their hearty co-operation and cordial assistance under many difficult and trying circumstances in carrying out of the various duties devolving upon them and the ability with which they have throughout attended to the best interests of the Town.

Thanking you for the honor and confidence you have a second time bestowed upon me, and with sincere wishes for the progress and prosperity of the Town of Dartmouth, I have the honor to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

FREDERICK SCARFE,

Mayor.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 22nd, 1891.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Gentlemen,-

We beg to report having audited the books, vouchers and accounts of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, including the books, vouchers and accounts of the Board of School Commissioners, Dartmouth, for the year ending December 31st, 1890, all of which we find in order and correct.

Annexed is a list of the current liabilities of the Town, and a statement of the consolidated and bonded debts, as shown by the ledger accounts and sundry documents placed in our hands for inspection.

By the accompanying statement it will be seen that the receipts for the year amounted to \$19,968.13, and the expenditure to \$21,179.53, leaving to debit of the town \$54.68, being the difference between receipts and expenditure, less \$1,156.72, balance at credit of the town brought down from last year.

The statement of the Board of School Commissioners shows that the receipts for the year amount to \$8,146.23, and the expenditure to \$8,211.31, leaving a balance to the debit of this account, \$48.98. It will be seen the balance between receipts and expenditure shows \$65.08; the difference, \$16.10, is the balance brought down.

By the School Board capital account the receipts from debentures sold amount to \$11,998.65, and sale of Falconer House, $\$255\ 00=$ \$12,353.65, and expenditure on school sites and buildings. \$5,520.20, leaving balance \$6,733.45, *i. e.*, on special deposit, \$6,200.00 in bank current account \$484.47, and owing this account by general fund \$48.98.

All of which is respectively submitted.

GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON. Auditors.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 12th, 1891.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure of the Town of Dartmouth for the year ended 31st Dec., 1890.

RECEIPTS.

	Tenobii 16.					
	Cash on hand			1095	08	
	Balance License Fund		1	61	64	
	Assessment 1887	14	45			
	1888	36	10			
	1889	673		W		
	1890	12,671				
	1000			13,395	96	
	Poll Tax 1887	4	00			
	1888	2	00			
	1889	50	50			
	1890	1200	42			
	1000			1256	92	
	School Tax, Outside District, 1888	2	09			
	1889	5	56			
	1890	270	38			
				278	03	
	School Tax, Halifax, 1889	1	17			
í	1890	944	10			
				945	27	
	Dog Tax,			171	00	
	Licenses :- Hackney	20	00			
	Truck	30	50			
	Auction	20	00	2.8.9	·	
	Exhibition	44	50			
	Traders	14	00			
				129	00	
	Court Fees			467	52	
	Contingent, Sundries			4	97	
	Fines			116	00	
	Interest :- On Special Deposit \$1000	5	26			
	From School Board on cost of Park School					
	building included in Consolidated Debt	207	36			
				212	62	
	Poundage .			13	25	
	Cemetery : For Lots Sold			30	50	
	Lamps :- For Broken Glass				50	
	Pauper Lunatics :- Maintainance	107	46			
	Clothing	10	00			
	0	·		117	46	
	Liquor License Fund :- Fines	100	00			
	Olands, Application Fee	10	00			
				110	00	
	Rents : Common	49	40			
	Engine House	40	00			
	Lamont Property	22	95			
				112	35	

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Lamont Property for old plank sold		2 0	0(
Ferry Interest Acct., half year's Int. on Debentures, \$110,000, at 42%	× .	2475 0	
Common Lots Sold		129 7	18
Balance	47 91		
Do. License Fund	6 77	54 6	68
Total	8	21,179 4	53

EXPENDITURE.

	Q 1 Meriata and Becordon	399	0.6			
	Salaries :- Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder	1050	1.20			
	Town Clerk and Treasurer					
	Messenger	99	12	1549	09	
	Charles Talan	1610	31	1949	03	
	Streets :- Labor	253				
	Stone, Gravel, &c		13			
	Lumber		15			
	Blacksmith					
	New Fence		30			
	Repairs to Wall	9	-			
	Survey St. Line, (S. Manfg. Co.)		00			
	Sundries	16	73			
	9809 (1994) 1994 - Tanaharan Andrika (1995) 1993 (1995) 1993 (1995) 1995 (1995			2081	47	
	Lamps ;—Oil	231				
	Wages Lamplighter	448	50			
	Lanterns	25	60			
	Chimneys and Burners	33	89			
	Repairs	14	99			
	Sundries	1	42			
	. Cunditee to the test of test			755	93	
	Police :- Chief of Police Salary	549	96			
	No. 2 do.	469	92			
	Clothing allowance	100	00			
	Special Constable		50			
	Fuel		36			
	Prisoners' Meals		25			
			76			
	Cleaning and Sundries	20	10	1197	- 4	
		20	00	1197	1 ±	
	Poor :- Dispensary Grant	60	00			
	Maint'nce Paupers at Co. Poor Farm 12 months	101				
	ended June 30th, 1890	424				
1.0	Board of A. Brown		01			
	Assisting Families ill with Diphtheria		67			
	Medical attendance to prisoners	5	00			
	Sundries		51			
				603	56	
	Interest :- On School Debentures paid off	24	66			
	On Consolidated Debt (in part)	540				
	On Overdraft at Halifax Bank	7	97			
	Discount on Note \$600	12	15			
		-		584	78	

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Pumps and Wells	:-New Pumps		89.		
	New Well Dawson St		25		
	Foston's Services Repairing		50		
	Other Repairs		17		
	Rubber Buckets and Chains		00		
	Sundries	6	88	167	69
				101	00
Public Property :-	-Glazing		54		
	Repairs to Southend Pound		00		
	New Stove-pipe, &c., Town Hall		17		
	Repairs Caretaker's Room Engine H.		00		
	Sundries	2	21	19	92
				40	94
Fire Department :	-Engineers' Salaries	300	00		
1	Repairs to Engine House, &c	8	95		
	Other Repairs	3	00		
	Fuel	66	38		1
	Water-proof Coats	21	00		
	New Water Barrel and Painting	7	00		
	Hauling Engine	12	00		
	Stove-pipe and Lanterns for Engine		-		
	House		70		
/	Watching Fires		50		
	Cleaning Supplies and Sundries	15	39	457	00
				457	34
	'nce at Hosp. for Insane for half year				
	ded Dec. 31st, 1889,	600			
. Watch	ning Lunatics	6	50	202	=0
				606	
School Board				6603	
County Rates				807	
Park Improvemen	t	2003		250	00
Liquor License Fu	nd :-Law Expenses	109			
	Inspector's Salary		00		
	Analyst		50		
	Sundries	6	62		
				178	41
	or Town Hall			339	47
	count half year Int. on Debentures		<u> </u>	0197	50
	t 41 per cent	00	68	2137	50
watering Streets:	-Horse and Driver		25		
	Repairs to Cart				
	Salt Water Supply		00	194	93
1					
	washing fence, &c			6	00
Water Supply :	E. H. Keating for services, including				
	plans and report re-Water Supply	1		- 14 D	8
	and Sewerage	600	00	200 g (* 1	
	For Crown Land, near and including				
S	part of Spider Lake	120	00	700	00
14			-	720	00
	ded				00
School Debentures	s paid off			1000	00

Contingent : Auditors	60	00		
Assessors	115	00		
do. under Franchise Act	40	00		
Stationery and Printing	148	58		
Ferriage	37	00		
Sanitary Expenses	12	79		
Railway Delegation\$300.00			6	
Less amount returned 95.00				
	205	00		
Fuel for Town Hall	17	63		
Telephone Town Hall & Police Station	50	00		
Rent Reform Club Hall, Pub. Meetings	48	00		
Advertising		50		
Deputy Recorder and Stipendiary	25	00		
Revisors Electoral Lists	40	00		
Election Expenses.	9	60		
Cleaning and Sundries		56		
ortannig and canaliser		4	892	66
Total			\$21.179	53

Examined and found correct.

GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON,

Auditors.

Dartmouth, Jan. 12th, 1891.

AUCTION LICENSES, 1890.

Jas. D	uggan &	So	ns												.\$10	.00
James	Shand.			•	 •	•	•	•	•	• •	 	•	•	•	. 10	00
	To	tal.													.\$20	00

HACKNEY LICENSES, 1890.

John Myers Geo. Turnbull			Total	320	00
Jabez Conrod	2	50	Henry Aker	2	50
R. Wambolt	2	50	Geo. Richards	2	50
W. H. Greene \$	\$ 2	50	Lewis DeYoung	2	50

TRUCK LICENSES, 1890.

W. H. Greene, (6 H) \$	7	50	Edward Warner, (3 H)	4	50
John Jones	2	50	John Bowden	2	50
Thos. Behan					
Daniel Lee, (2 H)		50			
Jas. Cassedy	2	50	Total	\$30	50
John Hearn	2	50			

TRADERS' LICENSES, 1890.

Edwa John																		
	Т	6	ta	1		•		•	•	•				•	•	.81	4	00

DOG TAXES PAID FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31st, 1890.

TAX OF 1889.

Beck, A. M	1	00	Graham, Timothy	1	00
Coats, Wm.	1	00	Mumford, F. T	1	00
Isnor, Benjamin	1	00	McAdam, Angus	1	00
Power, John					

TAX OF 1890.

Allan, John	1 00 /	Evans, Isaac	1	00
Austen, H. E	1 00	Erb, Ephraim	1	00
Allen, Jos. W	1 00	Ellis, A. E	1	00
Austen, J. Howe	1 00	Edward, Hy	1	00
Allison, J. W	1 00	Findlay, Geo	1	00
Angwin, Frank	1 00	Fraser, Donald	1	00
Aker, Henry	1 00	Foston, Geo	1	00
Barry, Sr., Richard	1 00	Farrell, Paul	1	00
Brennan, M	1 00	Flint, Shadk	1	00
Bissett, Wm	1 00	Foston, Jas	1	00
Bowden, John	1 00	Greene, John	1	00
Beck, A. M	1 00	Graham, Matthew	1	00
Behan, James	1 00	Greene, W. H	2	00
Black, S. H	1 00	Graham, Timothy	1	00
Baylis, Henry	1 00	Gates, Lamont	1	00
Balfour, Alex	1 00	Greene, Adam	1	00
Brown, Alex	1 00	Hutchinson, Albert	1	00
Bowes, Geo	1 00	Hunt, John	1	00
Boutilier, A. T	1 00	Hiltz, Henry	1	00
Crook, John	1 00	Hiltz, James	1	00
Creighton, H. D	2 00	Hawkins, John	1	00
Carter, Job	1 00	Harvey, C. H	1	00
Chipman, Geo	2 00	Henderson, O. H	1	00
Campbell, John M	1 00	Henley, Isaac	1	00
Collins, John	1 00	Innes, George	1	00
Crowell, C. M	1 00	Jones, John	1	00
Campbell, Colin	1 00	Isnor, Benj	1	00
Coats, Wm	1 00	Keddy, N	1	00
Cribby, John	1 00	Keelor, Wm	1	00
Creighton, C. E	1 00	Keddy, Wm	1	00
Colbert, Thos., Jr	1 00	Landsburg, G. H	1	00
Chapman, T. H	1 00	Lynch, Alex	1	00
Cox, John	1 00	Lane, Chas. S	1	00
Dwyer, John	1 00	Lawlor, A. E	1	00
DeYoung, L	1 00	Laidlaw, Geo	1	00
Day, Peter	1 00	Lloyd, Alex	1	00
Downey, Mrs. M	1 00	Lawlor, Mrs. I	1	00
Drysdale, C. H	1 00	Leahy, Patk	1	00
Day, John	1 00	Lydiard, Samuel	1	00
Devan, Wm	1 00	Mott, J. P	1	00
Dustan, G. G	1 00	Murphy, Frank	1	00
Wm. Fluke	1 00	Morrison, M	1	00

Mills, Oliver	1	00
Myers, John	1	00
Medley, Johnson	1	00
Mellor, Rev. T. C	1	00
Mitchell, John	1	00
Mott, Wm	1	00
Monaghan, Geo	1	00
Munro, Chas. F	1	00
McCulloch, Mrs	1	00
McLellan, J. P	1	00
McKenzie, Wm	1	00
McKnight, Alex. Rev McDonald, Wm	1	00
McDonald, Wm	1	00
McLaughlan, Joseph	1	00
McDonald, Allan	1	00
McAdams, M	1	00
McDonald, Allan	1	00
McNab, Wm. G	1	00
McDonald, Wm	1	00
McAdams, Angus	1	00
Oland, G. W. C	1	00
Oland, John C	1	00
Pettipas, Jos	1	00
Prescott, Hedley	1	00
Prescott. Clifford	1	00
Reeves, Mrs. Jas	1	00
Richards, Clarence	1	00
Ring, Frank	1	00
Russell, Benjamin	1	00
Robertson, Mrs	1	00
Swaffer, Geo	1	00
Sircom, S. J. R	1	00
Stevens, Geo	1	00
Stevens, Wm	2	00
Shrum, John H	1	00
Stevens, Fred. W	1	00
Shiels, Andrew	1	00
Shrum, Jos. H	1	00
Stewart, Douglas	1	00

roung, sonn a s		00
Young, John A		00
Westlake, Edward	1	00
Whidden, James	. 1	00
Walsh, Richard.	1	
Warner, Edw	1	00
Williams, W. H. Mrs	1	00
Wilson, Wm	1	00
Waddell, Duncan	1	00
Walker, E. M	2	00
Weston, B. A Whitely, Jas	: 1	00
Walker, J. T	. 1	00
Walker, H. C	1	00
Whebby, W. E	1	00
Wilson, John L	· 1	00
Wamboldt, Richd	$1 \\ 1$	00
Wales, M. D	· 1	00
Wilson, Hy		00
Werner, Mrs. M	1	00
Watt, Henry	. 1	00
Wentzell, Wm	. 1	00
Webber, Wm		00
Webber, Richard	1	00
Vanbuskirk, Geo E	. 1	00
Veck, George	. 1	00
Fobin, James	. 1	00
Tynes, Richard	. 1	00
Fufts, J. W	. 1	00
Fait, George	. 1	00
Taylor, Thos	. 1	00
Smith, Wm McV	. 1	00
Sherring, Geo. Smith, Wm McV Faylor, Thos	. 1	00
Seakens, Eben	. 1	00
Shrum, Alex	. 1	00
Shrum, Alex	. 1	00
Smith, Chas	. 1	00
and the colored		00

\$171 00

DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT.

Business for Year ended December 31st, 1890.

No. of Writs issued, and served by the Town Police Constables in Dartmouth, and in Dartmouth School Section :---

Summonses	328
Capias	14
Summonses and capias served by City and	
County Constables on Defendants residing in	
City and County of Halifax	57
Summonses served in other counties	6

Total No. of writs issued 405

No. of executions issued, and served :-

By Town Police Constables	170
" City and County Constables	40
Total	211

POLICE COURT.

Return of Cases brought before this Court for the Year ended December 31st, 1890.

OFFENCE.	Con.			Acq.
Drunkenness	4			
Disturbing the Peace	4			2
Fighting on Street	4			1
Drunk and Disorderly				3
Common Assault	5			4
Throwing missiles on Street	4	×.		
Malicious injury to Property	3			1
Obstructing Street by standing in groups	8			1
Keeping fierce Dogs				2
Allowing animals to go at large	2			4
Larceny	2			1
Keeping disorderly House				1
Carrying dangerous weapons				2
Selling Liquor without License				1
Keeping Liquor for sale		÷.,		2
Depositing obstruction on Street				1
Obstructing entry of License Inspector				1
Cruelty to Animals				-
				••
Dealing in Junk without License				
Neglect to report Diphtheria				2
Discharging Firearms			-	•
Pointing loaded Revolvers	•••			2
	_			-
Totals	73			31
Committed for trial in Supreme Court :- House breaking 1				

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STAFF OF TEACHERS, Nov., 1890.

	Names.	Grade.	License.	•	Salary.
CENTRAL		orade.	License.		Salary.
	e nemos es entres com	0			
*H. 3	S. Congdon, Principal	8	B		\$1,000
* "	S. Findlay M. Mosely	6	C B		400
	A. Downey	7	C ·		$\frac{360}{340}$
* "	• E. Sprott		- C		240
	E. Hume	ĩ	č		350
* "	J. Findlay		$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$		260
* "	M. A. Hamilton	K'garten.	$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$		400
PARK SCH	lool-				
Miss	M. Downey	6 ~	C		350
* "	J. Shute	5	č		260
* "	Scarfe		C		260
* "	F. Murray		$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$		260
HAWTHORN	SE SCHOOL-				
Miss	B. Hume	1 8- 9	Ċ		340
* "	F. Godfrey		č		260
Elliot Sc	HOOL-				
			C		200
MISS	K. Major	5 & 1	С		300
TOWN HAI	LL SCHOOL				
*Miss	A. Wilson	4 & 5	С		240
Tunn'a Car	VE SCHOOL-				
*Miss	Rayne	Misc.	С		240
WOODSIDE	School-				
*Miss	M. Thompson		\mathbf{C}		240
COLORED S	CHOOL-				
	M. Lamphier	"	\mathbf{C}		240
	eachers marked * hold	Normal Sch	ool Diplom	nas.	

To the Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,-

It is my duty, as Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners, to lay before you a brief report of the receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending the 31st Dec. last, and also to acquaint you with the general condition of this most important branch of the public service.

Seventeen teachers were employed during the winter, and eighteen during the summer term of the past year, an increase of one over the corresponding terms of the previous year.

During the winter term the schools were open 118 days—full time; 988 pupils were enrolled, who made a total attendance of 73,389 days, or an average of 62 per cent. of the days school was open.

It is to be regretted that, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, it was deemed advisable to close the schools in the centre of the town for about six weeks. During this term the schools were only open on an average 68 days; the enrolment was 1057. The total attendance during this time was 44,404 days, making the average 62 per cent. of the enrolment, daily present.

The attendance for the term previous to the appearance of diphtheria, was much larger than that of the corresponding term of any previous year; but the attendance from the re-opening of the schools, until the end of the year, was only about one-third of the usual number.

The total number of different pupils enrolled during the year was 1,176, an increase of 45, or about one department, but there is no doubt had it not been for the outbreak of diphtheria the increase would have been very much larger.

The total cost for the year was \$7975.46, or a per capita cost of \$6.78 for those enrolled, which is an increase of 6 cents per capita over last year; but if the increase in attendance had been as large as anticipated, the per capita cost would have been less.

The equipment is much better than formerly, and the teachers are therefore enabled to do better work.

The Kindergarten department co-ordinates easily with the regular primary departments; many of its methods have been carried on in the succeeding department, continuing that training of the hand and eye, so valuable in after life.

The action of the Board in establishing this department has been fully endorsed, by the establishing of three fully equipped Kindergartens, in the City of Halifax, besides several others in different parts of the province. In a few years, no town of any importance will consider its system complete, without a department in which Froebels principles are fully practiced.

The attendance in this department for the past term was 69, which is as many as can be efficiently taught. It is to be regretted that the assistants are all from beyond the confines of our own town; but these unpaid, but wise young ladies will reap benefits, that should be secured by those among us.

As the people everywhere are asking for practical education, and are urging the establishment of manual training schools, it can readily be seen that, our Kindergarten is a step in the right direction introducing as it does, the manual training at the outset, which is admitted by all, to be the proper time.

The schools' banks still continue to be well patronized.

The amount deposited since their establishment, three years ago, has been	\$3,165.15
Of this amount there has been transferred to the Government and Post Office Savings Bank	2,501.00
Repaid to depositors Leaving a balance in hand of	343.35 320.80
\$300 of which is on deposit in the Union Bank, Halifax, at four interest, and \$20.80 in same bank in the current account.	per cent.

The contract for the school at the north-end was awarded to Mr. John T. Walker for the sum of \$2149.00, being about \$1600 less than the next tender.

Several tenders were received for the construction of the central building, but Mr. Walker's tender was again \$28.00 lower than any other, being \$5997.00. The building is now in course of construction, and will be handed over to your board early in the spring.

The architect, in preparing the plans, has made provision for future needs; and has so designed it that future enlargements can be economically made. The building will, when completed, enable the board to provide for all the pupils attending without renting outside rooms.

Your board considered the question of sites very carefully, and examined a number in all quarters, getting prices and comparing sizes. The sites selected were in each case fully considered, and all things being taken into account, your board feel the selections were the best that could be made with the funds at their disposal.

At the north-end a site was purchased from Mr. D. Farrell, measuring 200 feet on Windmill Road and 150 feet on the side street.

On this site they have erected a fine substantial building containing two rooms, one of which is now occupied. This building is lighted, heated and seated according to the most approved methods.

It is so situated, that while doing justice to the residents at Tufts Cove who have been promised such accommodation for several years past, it will also be convenient for a number residing in the north-end of the town.

A site has been purchased from Mr. A. C. Johnston at the south end, at such a distance from the sugar refinery that a number of pupils residing in the Town may be accommodated without coming, as at present, to Hawthorne school.

In the centre of the Town a site has been purchased from Mr. James Shand, measuring 249 feet on Octerloney St., and 283 feet on Pine St., which street, according to the deed, has to be extended so as to meet an extension of Quarl St., thus making it a corner lot. The lot contains nearly one and one-half acres.

The three sites cost about \$350 less than was estimated; but the cost of construction being so much greater, than when Park and Hawthorne schools were built; your Board find that they will not be able to accept tenders for the South end school, and for fencing and out-buildings for the central school, without a further grant of \$2500. Your Board regrets having to ask you for a further sum, for completing the work, but as tenders were asked for, and the lowest accepted in every case, they feel that you will see they were as economical as possible, and did the very best they could with the money voted.

It is gratifying to note the very few cases of corporal punishment inflicted on pupils during the year, and therefore we must conclude that the moral character of the young is improving. The action of the Ferry Commission in passing the children attending the County Academy, without charge, has removed one of the principal reasons for starting a High School in Dartmouth, and therefore your Board has not deemed it advisable to add that department to the system.

Appended will be found a statement of receipts and expenditure, both for the general, and capital accounts.

I have the honor to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. STEVENS,

Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners.

DARTMOUTH BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended December 31st, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, Jan. 1st, 1890\$	16	10		
Town of Dartmouth, full amount of Estimate, 1890	6603	00		
Coal supplied Lock-up	19	16		
Accrued interest on \$12,300 Bonds sold	151	04		
Gov't Grant to Teachers for year ended Oct. 31st, 1890	1357	62		
School Bank—Interest.	15	41		
Balance		98		
Danali ve i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	_	- 8	8211	31

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries—Teachers	6198 22	85 00			
			S	6220	85
Janitrices				467	00
Stationery				182	74
Maps				32	10
Printing and Advertising				57	54
Printing and Advertising				126	86
Repairs				217	
Fuel					17
Stove Service				116	
Cleaning and Lime-washing					
Rent					
Brooms and Buckets				7	62
New Desks and Furniture				123	34
Trees				5	00
				56	65
Contingent					
Interest on Debentures				· - ·	
" Over-draft					
School Bank				60	
Insurance Premium N. End School (3 years)				40	00
			s	8211	31

Capital Account for Year ended Dec. 31st, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Debentures sold-\$12,300, four per cents, @ \$97.55 %\$11998	65		
Sale of Falconer House	00		
		\$12253	65

EXPENDITURE.

Greenvale School Site	8	2675	00	
South-End "		500	00	
North-End " 275	00			
Clearing Land North End School Site 55				
-Building (on acct. contract North end School)2000	00			
		2330	10	
Recording Deeds		3	10	
Moving flag stones		2	00	
Printing Debentures		10	00	
Balance :				
Union Bank (Special Deposit)	00			
Current Account 484	47			
Over-drawn by general fund				
		6733	45	
	_		-\$12,253	65
				-

Dartmouth, Jan. 10th, 1891.

ALFRED ELLIOT, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON, Auditors.