

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1891.

Mayor.

FREDERICK SCARFE.

Councillors.

WARD 1.—WM. H. STEVENS. J. HOWE AUSTEN.
" 2.—JOHN B. MACLEAN. E. M. WALKER.
" 3.—GEO. A. CRATHORNE. A. C. JOHNSTONE.

Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder.

BENJAMIN RUSSELL.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

ALFRED ELLIOT.

Board of School Commissioners.

COUNCILLOR MACLEAN, *Chairman*.

" STEVENS.

" JOHNSTON.

FRANK WOODBURY. CHAS. H. HARVEY.

Commissioners of Dartmouth Park.

MAYOR SCARFE.

COUNCILLORS CRATHORNE AND WALKER.

J. W. TUFTS. J. W. ALLISON.

Ferry Commission.

MAYOR SCARFE.

COUNCILLORS CRATHORNE AND STEVENS.

B. A. WESTON, GEO. J. TROOP, GEO. STAIRS.

Town Assessor.

FRANK HYDE.

Revisors of Electoral Lists.

WM. K. ANGWIN. H. H. HARRISON. T. MOTT.

Auditors.

GEO. FOOT. WALTER CREIGHTON.

MAYOR'S REPORT

TO THE

Rate-Payers of the Town of Dartmouth.

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

I have the honor to submit for your information and approval, the following report of the transactions and labours of your Council for the third year of my incumbency of the office of Mayor, from which you may ascertain the disposition made of the funds placed in our hands, the results attained, the present efficiency of the various services, and the future requirements that will be necessary to provide for and ensure the progress and welfare of the community. Your Council have especial pleasure in directing your attention to the present financial condition of the Town as shown more particularly in the Financial report on page 18, which is verified and detailed in the Auditors' Statement and report on page 17, by which it may be seen that nearly all the accounts and charges against the Town rendered and passed by the Council at their meeting on the 29th of December, 1891, have been paid; that of the Hospital for the Insane for the quarter ended December 31st, 1891, which covered nearly the whole amount unsettled was paid on the 12th instant. I would bespeak your careful attention to the various departmental reports following.

LEGISLATION.

The terms of purchase of the property of the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company which took place on the 15th July, 1890, rendered legislation necessary, and your Council in accordance with instructions as voted at the Public Meeting held on the 22nd July, 1890, took the requisite steps for promulgating an Act to authorize the issue of debentures for the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and to legalize said purchase, to extend the powers of the Commission as regards the working and management of the boats, the jurisdiction of the Stipendiary Magistrate to offences com-

mitted on the boats, and approaches which was approved and finally passed by the Legislature on the 19th of May last.

The Act for supply the Town with Water and Sewerage passed in 1890, not having met with the approval of the Citizens, you after an exhaustive examination and discussion having given instructions by vote in public meeting held on the 26th January, 1891, to your Council, they drew up a new Act in accord with said instructions and presented it to the Legislature, whe after some discussion and alterations finally passed it as by them amended on the 19th of May last.

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS.

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria having during the past summer again taken possession of several families, it was deemed advisable to revise and reconstruct the by-laws and regulations relating thereto, bringing them into accord with the experience gained during the previous visitation to the town and in other localities; these on completion were in compliance with the statute reported to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and published for the information of the public and the direction of the Sanitary Officers.

LITIGATION

In reference to pending litigation in which the Town is concerned, His Honor the Recorder reports as follows:—

The Drake Suit.—This was an action brought against the Town and Ferry Commission for damages, resulting from an accident caused by the alleged negligence of the servants of the Ferry Commission in not properly securing the boat to the landing. The case has been tried before Mr. Justice Weatherbe, who is to hear an argument on the legal questions involved.

Isnor vs. Dartmouth Ferry Commission.—This action is brought for damage to a team alleged to have been occasioned by the ferry gate not being fastened in place, in consequence of which the wheels of plaintiff's team were caught on the gate and destroyed. The statement of claim has not yet been delivered, and the cause cannot be tried until February next.

McLellan Suit.—This is an action for alleged wrongful dismissal. It has been tried before Mr. Justice Weatherbe and judgment reserved.

Fairbanks vs. Town of Dartmouth.—This cause was tried before Mr. Justice Townshend in December, 1890, and judgment given in favor of the Town from which the plaintiff appealed, and the appeal was not proceeded with. The case has been re-entered on appeal by the plaintiff, and a motion was made on behalf of the Town to strike out the entry and dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution, but there was no court to hear it, nearly all the judges being disqualified in consequence of their connection as counsel while at the Bar with the matters involved in the suit.

Town of Dartmouth vs. Hutchinson.—This is an action brought against the defendant to try the title of a portion of Portland Street near the First Dartmouth Lake, on which it is alleged that the defendant is building his ice house. The case is not yet at issue and will not be tried until April, 1892.

THE SANITARY STATE OF THE TOWN.

There is little to be said on this subject as during the past year there has only been 8 cases of diphtheria and 7 cases of scarlet fever reported, this considering the number of cases continually occurring in Halifax and the surrounding country is very small, the new revised rules and regulations have proved of great assistance to the Sanitary Inspectors in carrying out the various onerous duties that devolve upon them.

The general condition of the Town has not materially altered during the past year, the water and sewerage works not having been carried to any part of the town. There are no cases of infectious or contagious disease at present reported as existing within the town.

THE FERRY.

This service has been during the year successfully carried on by the Special Commission appointed for the purpose, and although the anticipation held out in my last annual report, that the gross income would during the past year reach its previous greatest amount under the high tariff in vogue under the management of the late Ferry Company has been fully realized, still owing to causes therein referred to, of the very large additional expenditure, consequent on the improvements carried out, in the running of larger boats, the general work of the service, and the extensive repairs as set forth in my report on the Ferry in July last. An adverse revision of tariff rates was found to be imperative so as to bring the income up to the

unavoidable requirements of the service: And the rate has, after several discussions with the Governor in Council been accordingly raised to four cents for transient foot passengers, the other rates and commutations remaining the same as during the previous year. The traffic has throughout shown a continual increase, which combined with the introduction of the greatest economy, consistent with efficiency in the working of its various departments that have been carried out by your commissioners from time to time, and the change in rates for transient passengers has resulted during the past six months in reducing the gross loss on current account from \$5,810.09 to \$4,249.10 for the eighteen months ending 31st December, 1891. The Commissioners have likewise carried out a considerable quantity of repairs to their wharves and docks of a more or less permanent nature, besides keeping the several boats in good working condition.

They have disposed of a portion of their surplus land on the north-west corner of Portland and Water Streets to the Dominion Government for a Post Office site for the sum of \$4,500, which sum together with \$1,000 from the proceeds of sale of steamer Arcadia lies in the Bank on Special Deposit. All the labour and salaries are paid to the end of the year, and after making provision for interest on debentures due on the 1st of January, 1892, there was a balance in Bank and on hand of \$213.33.

The inconvenience arising from the closing and making up the accounts of this service at the end of each twelve months ending on the 30th day of June, although rendered necessary at the first inception of the service, is so very objectionable in many respects, that I would strongly advise the incoming Commissioners to carry the accounts over to the end of the calendar year, so that they could be closed and reported upon at the same time and along with all the other services of the Town.

THE DARTMOUTH PARK.

This place of public recreation has been under the management of a joint commission who have during the year planted 50 additional trees; those planted last year with but few exceptions have taken well and are progressing favorably. But owing to the small income available they have not been able to accomplish much beyond the extension of Mott Avenue to School Street and clearing up portions for widening same, the clearing up, repairing and improving the roads, walks and water

courses, and the commencement and partial carrying out of the plan to fill up the unsightly depression at the corner of Stairs Street and Windmill Road.

The income for the year was-	-	-	\$603.77
Made up by balance from 1890	-	-	\$302.32
Donated by J. W. Turner for trees-	-	-	25.00
" by Town per statute	-	-	250.00
Receipts for stone sold	-	-	18.00
" for Interest on Deposit	-	-	8.45
The amount expended for trees, labour, &c.			\$513.07
Leaving a balance in hand of-	-	-	\$90.70—
all claims to date being paid.			

The two subscriptions amounting to \$50 overdue at the close of 1890 have not since been paid, notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts of the Treasurer to collect them. The memory of our late lamented citizen James W. Turner will, I am sure, be long held in high esteem by his fellow citizens for his handsome bequest of \$1,000 towards the embellishment of this fine tract of public land.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

A scheme for these very important services having been formulated and approved by the citizens at a public meeting held on January 26th last an Act in accordance with the views then entertained was prepared and submitted to the Legislature which after some alterations passed on the 19th of May under which authority your council immediately elected Councillors A. C. Johnstone and J. H. Austen as their commissioners. On the 12th June was received the notification that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor had on the 6th appointed Messrs Alexander Lloy and Foster Elliot, Commissioners. And the Board met on the 15th day of June for organization. On the 14th of July, C. E. W. Dodwell, C. E., was appointed as Engineer to perfect the plans and carry out the works under whose superintendence contracts were let for the supply of cement blocks and pipes for Sewerage, Cast Iron pipes, Valves, Gates, and other fittings for Water service.

A gate and screen house with all necessary connections, waste weir, and conduits for drawing off the water when required has been erected under contract. Contracts have

likewise been entered into for trenching, laying of main pipes and covering, refilling, and making good over same from the Gate house to the Town at foot of Pine Street, under which 11,300 feet of Pipe has been laid, the work is still in progress and will be completed by the 15th of May ensuing. A trench has been cut and lined with stone from the Gate house to the lake, the connection between the two lakes deepened some six feet and lined with stone, and shores of lake partially improved.

Portions of the Sewers have been constructed notably the 24 inch Sewer at west end of North Street with a portion of the outlet, which will in the spring have to be extended some forty or fifty feet further into the Harbour, a portion of Bogg Street sewer and outlet complete, and the south portion of Wentworth Street sewer to outlet. Sixteen Catch Pits have been completed. On these several contracts and works, the sum of \$29,900 has been expended to the 31st of December. Owing to the advanced stage of the season before the commission was organized, it was not considered advisable to make any commencement with the general system of sewerage and laying of pipes for the distribution of water within the town; but advantage will be taken during the winter to perfect plans and prepare for that work, so that an early and energetic start can be made as soon as the weather will permit, and should no unforeseen difficulties arise the whole system, as far as contemplated should be completed and in operation before the close of the coming summer. Engineer Dodwell being appointed Dominion Resident Engineer for Halifax District, resigned, and W. G. Yorston, C. E., was appointed to the vacancy to whom the commissioners are much indebted for the energy and zeal displayed and the efficiency with which he has performed the duties devolving upon him.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

These have been as for the two previous years under the management of a special commission. The report of their Chairman will be found on page 23.

The requisition of the Commissioners in March last for the additional sum of \$2,500 to complete the outhouses and fences of the Greenvale School and erect the Woodside building, not having been acquiesced in by the ratepayers at the public meeting called for its consideration, they had to postpone all operations on the property at Woodside and the principal fencing of the grounds at Greenvale, and further reduce the

plans for outhouses, with these modifications they have succeeded in opening and furnishing the four departments of the Greenvale School.

As a great necessity exists for a suitable building for a School at or near Woodside I would recommend to the rate-payers that a sufficient sum should be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners for that purpose.

The sum asked for maintenance this year and appropriated by your Council was \$7,388, which with the amount of Provincial Grant to teachers of \$1,885.22 and from sundries \$31.88 make a total income of \$9,305.10. The total expenditure has been \$9,159.11.

For further particulars see Chairman's report, page 28.

FINANCES.

The Auditors' Statement and Report will be found on page 17 according to which the receipts of the Town for the year from all sources under the control of your Council amounts to \$27,542.16. The expenditure as therein set forth for the year for all services amount to \$26,850.66; leaving a balance in hand and bank on the 31st December, 1891, of \$636.82. Of this sum \$382.50 is required to meet overdue Interest Coupons on Ferry bonds and \$140.00 for overdue Interest Coupons on Consol Bonds that were not presented for payment at end of year, leaving a net balance of \$114.32 for general purposes. All salaries being paid to end of the year. The current liabilities of the Town are:—

For accounts audited	\$278.31
“ accounts unaudited so far as known to date	167.79

The Bonded liabilities are:—

Title of Debenture.	When Issued.	Rate of Interest.	Year.	Amount.
Hawthorne School,	March 8, 1886	6%	20	\$ 2,000
Consolidated Debt,	Dec. 2, 1889	4	25	17,000
Ferry,	June 2, 1890	4½	25	110,000
School,	July 21, 1890	4	20	12,300
Ferry,	July 1, 1890	4	25	40,000
Water,	Jan. 1, 1892	4½	20	80,000
Total.....				\$261,300

The largest amount of the above, namely, the Ferry Bonds for \$150,000 is provided for by the direct earnings of the ferry, and are not a burden on the ratepayers.

The assessed valuation of Real and Personal property within the Town for the year 1891 was \$1,284,320 being an increase of \$9,150.00 on the valuation for 1890.

The assessment rate being \$1 $\frac{4}{100}$ on the \$100 valuation, this high rate having been rendered necessary to meet the expenses incurred in 1888 and '89 connected with surveys, plans, &c., for Water and Sewerage, and the accumulated deficits of several years.

The School rate for the maintenance of the Public Schools being on the \$100 valuation.....	48 cents.
The Statutory exemptions to Firemen, Widows and others amount to	882 08
The amount of the Assessment for the year uncollected on 31st December, was.....	957 58
Other Current Assets principally for Poll Tax and Common Rent, was	290 00
The uncollected Assessment for the year being 7.45 per cent. is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent less than last year,	

which has resulted in the Town being enabled to settle all acknowledged outstanding current claims to date, and I am sure that the present very satisfactory condition of the finances of the Town will be a great consolation to the citizens for the sacrifices made by them, caused by the high rate.

The only service that has exceeded the amount appropriated in the estimates is the Fire department, and this could neither be foreseen nor guarded against, for full details of receipts and expenditure see Auditors' statement page 17.

STREETS.

This service has had the unremitting care and attention of the Committee appointed by the Council, who have expended upon them the sum of \$2461.45 being a little less than the amount estimated, but there are some outstanding accounts to come in that will fully use up the balance. I am again compelled to refer to the recommendation in my previous reports relative to the crushing of stone for this service instead of purchasing the very unsatisfactory shore gravel, and I am still of the opinion from continued inspection, that if a suitable portable steam engine was purchased, the crusher owned by the Town with a few slight repairs and proper attention, could be utilized with good results for some years. Broken stone will be more especially necessary during the incoming

season, to make good the surface of the Roads and Streets after they have been cut up by the excavations that will be rendered necessary by the works in connection with the distribution of Water and Sewers for which purpose the poor shore gravel now procurable would be utterly useless, besides the continual increase of heavy traffic over the principal thoroughfares of the Town, call for improved metal surfaces and attention. In this connection I would suggest that as a competent engineer would be required to take charge of and run the engine, the service could be well combined with the care and charge of the Steam Fire Engine, which joint service under proper arrangements could be performed more economically and with great advantage and security to the Town, and I trust the incoming Council may find themselves in a position to undertake this very desirable service without unduly increasing the taxes.

In the general repairs 1810 loads of shore gravel and 1011 bushels of broken stone have been used at a cost of \$664, exclusive of hauling.

Watering Streets.—This service was commenced on 9th May, and continued when required until the 17th September, but owing to the exceptionally wet summer the cart was only out 35 days at a cost of \$159.80, salt water was used throughout the whole service.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Town Hall.—The Water and Sewerage Commissioners requiring offices and store accommodation, requisitioned the Council for the use of a portion of the unoccupied part of this building, which was granted and has been fitted up and used by the Commission. The building being in good repair, no expenditure has been incurred this year. The council chamber which is now utilized for a court room has become too small for the purpose. I would suggest that the vacant portion of the Hall be fitted up for this purpose, which could be done at small expense and would give all the accommodation that will be required for some years.

Lock-Up.—The only outlay required on this building was for re-covering the roof, this was done at an expense of \$12.00, and it is now in an efficient state of repair.

Engine House.—The Tower of this building upon examination not proving as defective as was anticipated, the committee concluded to postpone the contemplated repairs for the

year. The amount appropriated for this service has been applied towards meeting the unexpected and unavoidable expense of repairs to Boiler of Steam Fire Engine.

Lamont Property.—This property has been from the end of 1890 out of repair and unproductive, and as it was acquired for the purposes of Water Supply, it was on the organization of the Commission for that service handed over to them for the purpose contemplated.

Street Lamps.—There are now included in this service 58 lamps, one new one having been erected during the year, the expenditure amounted to \$731.82, it is with much regret that I have to report this service as very unsatisfactory and inefficient, this must be apparent to you all, but in consequence of the great distance to be travelled in going the rounds of the lamps, for cleaning and lighting it appears to be insurmountable without a large increase of expenditure that has not yet commended itself to your council. A provisional arrangement has been approved by your Council to perform this service by electricity, and I trust the incoming council may find an opportunity to close a satisfactory agreement that will greatly improve this necessary service.

Pumps and Wells.—The amount expended on this service was \$93.20 in the sinking of one new well, on Thistle Street and in general repairs and cleaning; this service although satisfactory so far as it extends is certainly quite inadequate to the requirements of the outlying districts of the town.

Fire Department.—The several divisions of this important service have maintained their usual high state of efficiency; the only serious demand that has been made on their energies during the year being at the Water Street fire in Halifax on 1st of October, where they were engaged throughout the night for nearly twelve hours, they had six calls within the town, five of which resulted in little or no damage the exception being Mr. J. C. P. Frazee's barn in June, which was entirely destroyed. There has been added to their outfit during the year 400 feet new Rubber Hose and Branch Pipes, 6 new Rubber Buckets and other sundries. The boiler of Steam Fire Engine, having at the last inspection and test, shown defects in some of the tubes, these had to be replaced by an entire new set at a cost of \$413.03, the total expenditure for this department being \$1402.01.

The apparatus under the charge of the Union Engine Company consists of—

1 steam fire engine.	1 extra length suction hose.
1 small hand engine.	1450 feet rubber hose.
4 hose reels.	400 feet rubber hose "new."
1 water cart.	400 feet leather do.
10 branch pipes.	10 water buckets.
6 lanterns.	4 torches. 1 axe.

Apparatus under charge of Axe and Ladder Company—

1 wagon, 8 ladders, 2 grapplings.
2 buckets, 4 axes, 2 ropes.
4 torches and 1 pike.

Apparatus belonging to and under charge of Union Protection Company—

1 wagon, 3 buckets, 3 ropes.
3 rubber covers and 2 axes.

POLICE.

There has been no change in the character of this force, and the present members thereof are performing their several duties in a satisfactory manner, as evidenced by the general quiet and orderly appearance of the town at all times. The expenditure for this service including sundries amounted to \$1175.36.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

As for the past four years, there has only been one application for a Wholesale Brewers License, which has this year been made by Mr. G. W. C. Oland of Turtle Grove, for which he has deposited the statutory fee of \$10.00. There have been during the year four prosecutions for keeping table beer for sale, these charges were for cause withdraw. Two charges instituted for selling liquor without license, of these one was sustained and one dismissed. One fine collected under a conviction in 1890. Two charges for keeping ale for sale without license, both of which were sustained. In a case where a conviction for selling liquor without license in November, 1890, and appealed to the County Court and from thence to the Supreme Court, judgment was obtained in December last confirming the original conviction. From the general freedom of the town from cases of drunkenness, it would appear that the Act on the

whole when properly enforced is fully answering the purpose for which it was designed.

POOR.

There are now nine paupers chargeable to the Town, of these four males and four females are being taken care of at the County Poor Farm at a charge of \$1.30 each per week, and one male outside at a charge of \$1.25 per week. There have been two new patients sent to the farm, and one died there during the Year. The expenditure for this service including grant to Dispensary and casual aid during the winter has been \$890.71. On inspecting the patients at the farm the committee had every reason to be well satisfied with the food provided and the care and attention bestowed by the Master and Matron, the whole place being clean and healthy, there has likewise been expended by the Board of Health for aid to poor families in cases of contagion, and in watching and disinfecting the houses the sum of \$112.89.

PAUPER LUNATICS.

The number of patients in the Hospital for the Insane is the same now as at the commencement of the year, namely, three males and four females, the cost for the year being \$1004.29 the amount paid being \$1910.55. The last account for the three months ending 31st December, 1891, was paid on the 12th instant.

PUBLIC CEMETERY.

There has been little done in this direction during the year, several property have been examined, but none have met with full approval, and suitable site that will meet all the requirements appears to be very difficult of attainment.

POST OFFICE.

This long felt want is in a fair way of being supplied, the Dominion Government have purchased the plot of ground recommended by the Council and referred to in my last report, and have given instructions for the preparation of plans for a suitable building; which I trust will be erected and occupied before long.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

This valuable aid to the young and others has been continuously opened throughout the year at a total cost of \$401.72, of which sum \$108.05 was expended for magazines and papers and \$284.77 for rent, light, fuel, superintendance and general purposes, towards which the Town subscribed the sum of \$100.00, the balance has to be met by voluntary contributions. The value of this institution can be best seen by reference to the record of attendance, which averages 150 daily making upward of 45000 as the attendance for the year, this is much in excess of any previous record and shows that the advantages as they become known are more fully appreciated. The Directors are encouraged to anticipate donations of books, which with those on hand will, it is hoped, shortly enable them to open a lending library department. this if successfully accomplished will be a most useful adjunct, and meet a want long felt in this community.

REPORT OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

Before closing my report I must refer in a brief manner to the very unfair action of certain citizens at the Public Meeting held on the 25th August last, for the purpose of considering the report of Citizens' Committee on the condition of the Town, and the practical operation of the Assessment law and the possibilities of its amendment; in refusing to hear the reply of your Council to the report of said Citizen's Committee published on the 4th August, in which after an investigation extending over some eight or nine weeks, the several charges when condensed reduce themselves to. First, the Town was indebted to the Hospital of the Insane in the sum of \$1000.00, and that this amount had been assessed twice over. Second, that they found \$720.00 had been illegally voted for the Water Service. Third, that in the year 1886, the Street Committee expended \$387.00 over the appropriated amount. Fourth, that \$100.00 had been illegally voted this year towards the support of the Public Library and Reading Room. The remainder of the report, as can be seen, was made up with charges of misappropriation, undue and lavish expenditure, and general incapacity without the productions of any facts to support their assertions. I would shortly say in reply to the first charge, that the indebtedness to the Hospital of the Insane was not discovered by the committee, but was well known and referred to at large with the cause in my report for 1890. Second, that \$600.00 of this sum was authorized by public meeting

held 13th November, 1888, and the whole amount paid by authority given in Ch. 82 Sec. 2 Acts 53 Vic. Third, that the committee mistook the preliminary estimate of \$2000.00 compiled by the outgoing Council, for the estimate prepared by the Council for Assessment in which \$2500 was appropriated for the service, the sum expended being \$2387.00. Fourth, that had they consulted the Local Statutes they would have found the authority in the Acts of 1890 Cap. 173, Sec. 7, for the vote to this useful institution. Having briefly replied to all the committees' statements of facts, your Council do not consider they are called upon to vindicate themselves and their predecessors from the vituperations contained in the report, but will leave the Citizens to draw their own conclusions from the facts as set forth, and are assured that the action of the rate-payers in placing them in their present position is the best reply that can be given.

In conclusion I have to acknowledge the great obligations I am under to the several members of my Council and the Commissioners of the several special boards, and all others with whom I have been associated in the onerous duties of the different services of the Town, to His Honor the Recorder, the Town Clerk and other officials, for their co-operation and cordial assistance under many difficult circumstances in carrying out the various duties developing upon them, and the ability with which they have throughout attended to their instructions for the best interests of the Town.

In taking leave I have to thank you for the honor and confidence you have so long bestowed upon me, and with sincere wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of the Town of Dartmouth, I have the honor to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

FREDERICK SCARFE,

Mayor.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

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

Gentlemen,—

Herewith we supplement the Auditors' Monthly Reports, with this our final report for the year ended December 31st, 1891.

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 of Dartmouth for the year ended December 31st, 1891, we find them all in order and correct. The cash in the Bank is \$528.17, and in the hands of the Treasurer \$108.65 as shewn by the accompanying statement. The receipts for the year were \$27,542.16, deducting \$6550.00 received from the Ferry Commission for interest on Ferry Debentures leaves the receipts from the Town resources \$20,992.16. The expenditure \$26,850.66 of which amount \$6,505.00 was paid for interest coupons presents to Dec. 31st, on Ferry Debentures, making the expenditure for Town purposes \$20,345.66.

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.

The statement of the Board of School Commissioners shows the receipts for the year amount to \$9,305.10 and expenditure \$9,252.64, of which \$103.35 was advanced to capital account to meet over expenditure on this account.

It will be seen that the receipts of the School Board Capital account gives a total of \$6,898.43, of which \$6,733.45 was the balance carried over from 1890. The expenditure on School Capital account was \$6,898.43, the whole amount was used for school house contracts and extras.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. FOOT, }
W. CREIGHTON, } Auditors

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure of the Town of Dartmouth for the year ended 31st Dec. 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Assessment 1879 and 1888.....	14 27	
1889	22 66	
1890.....	829 21	
1891	15,891 36	
	16,757 50	
Poll Tax 1887, 1888, 1889.....	7 00	
1890.....	114 15	
1891.....	1265 10	
	1336 25	
School Tax, Outside District, 1888, 1889.....	11 00	
1890.....	15 39	
1891.....	304 96	
	331 35	
School Tax, Halifax, 1891.....		1041 93
Dog Tax		174 00
Court Fees.....		538 03
Fines		150 25
Licenses :—Hackney	19 00	
Truck	28 00	
Traders	20 00	
Auction.....	20 00	
Junk.....	4 00	
Exhibition	2 00	
	93 00	
Rents :—Common	33 40	
Engine House	20 00	
	53 40	
Cemetery :—Lots sold		13 00
Lunatics :—Clothing.....		30 00
Poundage.....		10 00
Interest :—On Special Deposit.....	28 49	
From School Board on Cost of Park School included in Consolidated Debt.....	207 36	
	235 85	
Ferry Interest :—\$110,000 4½%	4950 00	
On Debentures, \$40,000 4%.....	1600 00	
	6550 00	
Liquor License Fund :—Fines	166 80	
Oland's Application Fee.....	10 00	
	176 80	
Lamont Property, Return Insurance Prem.....		80
Total.....		\$ 27,542 16

EXPENDITURE.

Jan. 1st, 1891, Balance.....	47 91	
Balance License Fund.....	6 77	
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Salaries :—Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder	399 96	
Town Clerk and Treasurer.....	1050 00	
Messenger.....	109 57	
	<hr/>	1559 53
Streets :—Labor.....	1650 12	
Stone, Gravel, &c.....	664 04	
Lumber	83 08	
Blacksmith.....	35 75	
Street Crossing.....	15 30	
Sundries	13 16	
	<hr/>	2461 45
Lamps :—Oil.....	193 70	
Wages Lamplighter.....	468 00	
Lanterns.....	17 50	
Chimnies and Burners.....	30 99	
Repairs.....	17 75	
Ladder and Sundries.....	4 38	
	<hr/>	732 32
Less received for glass.....	50	
	<hr/>	731 82
Police :—Chief of Police, Salary.....	549 96	
Police No. 2,	432 20	
Clothing allowance.....	92 75	
Fuel.....	35 18	
Prisoners' Meals.....	8 40	
Telephone.....	25 00	
Repairs, Roof Lockup.....	12 00	
Handcuffs.....	4 50	
Cleaning and Sundries	15 37	
	<hr/>	1175 36
Poor :—Dispensary Grant.....	60 00	
Maintenance Paupers at County Poor Farm for 18 months ended Dec. 31st, 1891,	729 95	
Less received from U. Musquodoboit for board of a pauper.....	16 25	
	<hr/>	713 70
Board of A. Brown.....	62 33	
Fuel and Supplies to Poor.....	36 41	
Burials	15 25	
Sundries.....	3 02	
	<hr/>	890 71
Interest :—On Over-draft, Halifax Bank.....	15 92	
On Consolidated Debt.....	680 00	
	<hr/>	695 92
Pumps and Wells :—Foston's Services Repairing.....	34 50	
Other Repairs.....	30 30	
New Well, Thistle St.....	22 75	
Rubber Buckets and Sundries....	5 65	
	<hr/>	93 20

Watering Streets :—Horse and Driver	73 51	
Repairs to Cart	16 35	
Salt Water Supply	70 00	
		159 86
Lunatics :—Maint'nce at Hosp. for Insane for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ years to Sept. 30th, 1891	1840 29	
Interest on bill for 1890	49 26	
Lunacy Certificates	20 00	
Cab Hire	1 00	
		1910 55
Fire Department :—Engineer's Salary	300 00	
Fuel	52 41	
Boiler tubes and testing boiler	351 43	
Labor repairs to Engine	61 60	
Other Repairs	15 79	
Fire hose and play pipe	471 08	
Waste, rubber packing, lantern, &c	15 25	
Waterproof Coats	28 50	
Hauling Engines	44 00	
Buckets	22 15	
Watching fire \$2.00, Oil 6.80	8 80	
Badges for Firewards	3 00	
Cleaning and Sundries	28 00	
		1402 01
Water Supply :—Cab and Boat Hire at Spider Lake, Aug. 1890		17 50
Cemetery :—Lime-washing fence, &c		6 10
Liquor License Fund :—Inspector's Salary	60 00	
Advertising, Witness fees &c	10 45	
Law expenses,	114 00	
		184 45
Ferry Interest :—On Debentures, \$110,000 @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	4905 00	
On Debentures, \$40,000	1600 00	
		6505 00
Public Reading Room		100 00
School Board		7388 00
County Rates		614 00
Park Improvement		250 00
Public Health :—Watching Diphtheria Cases	13 35	
Doctors Services	5 00	
Sinking dead horse in harbor	1 50	
Supplies to poor families with Diph- theria Cases	13 04	
		112 89
Contingent :—Auditors	60 00	
Assessors	115 00	
Do. for returns under Franchise Act	40 00	
Stationery and Printing	80 60	
Ferriage	21 99	
Fuel for Town Hall	51 15	
Telephone " "	25 00	
Rent Reform Club Hall for Public Meetings	18 00	
Advertising	12 50	
Revisors Electoral Lists	40 00	
Cabinet, Town Clerks Office	5 00	
Election Expenses	4 00	

Daily Chronicle.....	6 00	
Telegram to Ottawa and Petitions re		
Railway Bridge.....	12 98	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	67 74	
	<hr/>	559 96
Poll Taxes :—Refunded.....		12 00
Court Fees :—Serving Writs outside of Police limits...		20 35
Balance :—Cash on hand.....	108 65	
Cash in bank.....	528 17	
	<hr/>	636 82
Total		<u>\$27,542 16</u>

Examined and found correct.

GEO. FOOT, }
W. CREIGHTON, } Auditors.

Dartmouth, Jan. 12th, 1892.

AUCTION LICENSES, 1891.

Jas. Duggan & Son.....	\$10 00
James Shand.....	10 00
Total.....	\$20 00

HACKNEY LICENSES, 1891.

W. H. Greene.....	\$ 2 50	Lewis DeYoung.....	2 50
R. Wambolt, (2 H).....	4 00	Geo. Richards.....	2 50
Jabez Conrod.....	2 50		
John Myers.....	2 50	Total.....	\$19 00
Geo. Turnbull.....	2 50		

TRUCK LICENSES, 1891.

W. H. Greene, (6 H).....	\$ 7 50	Edward Warner, (3 H).....	4 50
John Jones.....	2 50	John Bowden.....	2 50
Thos. Behan.....	2 50	S. Williams.....	2 50
Daniel Lee, (2 H).....	3 50		
John Hearn.....	2 50	Total.....	\$28 00

TRADERS' LICENSES, 1891.

A. Wilson & Son.....	\$10 00
John Hancock.....	10 00
John Bowden, (Junk).....	4 00
Total.....	\$24 00

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

TAX OF 1890.

Bowes, Ewd.....	1.00	Durney, Hy, ('89 & '90).....	2.00
Casedy, Jamas.....	1.00	Murphy, M. F.....	1.00
Crichton, Jas. A.....	1.00	McKenzie, G. A.....	1.00

TAX OF 1891.

Allan, John.....	1.00	Fluke, Wm.....	1.00
Austen, H. E.....	1.00	Forrester, Fred'k.....	1.00
Austen, Jos. H.....	1.00	Farrell, Paul.....	2.00
Allen, J. W.....	1.00	Frazee, J. C. P.....	1.00
Allison, J. W.....	1.00	Findlay, Geo.....	1.00
Angwin, Frank.....	1.00	Fraser, Donald.....	1.00
Adams, Mrs. Geo.....	1.00	Foston, Geo.....	1.00
Anderson, Jas.....	1.00	Foston, Jas.....	1.00
Beck, A. M.....	1.00	Greene, John.....	1.00
Brennan, M.....	1.00	Greene, W. H.....	2.00
Bowden, John.....	1.00	Greene, Adam.....	1.00
Behan, Jas.....	2.00	Graham, Timy.....	1.00
Black, S. H.....	1.00	Gates, Lamont.....	1.00
Baylis, Hy.....	1.00	Gentles, Jas.....	1.00
Bowes, Geo.....	1.00	Gray, Ferdinand.....	1.00
Boutilier, A. T.....	1.00	Glendenning, Hy.....	1.00
Bowes jr., John.....	1.00	Hutchinson, Albert.....	1.00
Bremner, H. A.....	1.00	Hiltz, Hy.....	1.00
Bowie, Wm.....	1.00	Hiltz, Jas.....	1.00
Crook, John.....	1.00	Harvey, C. H.....	1.00
Creighton, H. D.....	1.00	Hyde, Frank.....	1.00
Carter, Robt.....	1.00	Hodgson, Alex.....	1.00
Chipman, Geo.....	2.00	Holmes, Alfred.....	1.00
Crowell, C. M.....	1.00	Innes, Geo.....	1.00
Campbell, Colin.....	1.00	Ingram, John.....	1.00
Coates, Wm.....	1.00	Jones, John.....	1.00
Cribby, Jon.....	1.00	Keeler, Wm.....	1.00
Creighton, C. E.....	1.00	Keddy, James.....	1.00
Cox, John.....	1.00	Landsburg, C. H.....	1.00
Colbert Jas.....	1.00	Lane, C. S.....	1.00
Crathorne, G. A.....	1.00	Lawlor, A. E.....	1.00
Cassey, Jas.....	1.00	Laidlaw, Geo.....	1.00
Cunningham, A.....	1.00	Lloy, Alex.....	1.00
Campbell, Mrs. J. E.....	1.00	Lawlor, J. A.....	1.00
Dwyer, John.....	1.00	Leahy, Pat'k.....	1.00
Dunbrack, Jas.....	1.00	Lydiard, Sam'l.....	1.00
DeYoung, Lewis.....	2.00	Loomer, E. J.....	1.00
Downey, Mrs. M.....	1.00	Lang, John.....	1.00
Drysdale, C. H.....	1.00	Laing, Thos. Y.....	1.00
Day, John H.....	1.00	Laidlaw, Peter.....	1.00
Evans, Isaac.....	1.00	Lynch, M. A.....	1.00
Erb, Eph.....	1.00	Leahy, Jas.....	1.00
Ellis, A. E.....	1.00	Mott, Mrs. J. P.....	1.00
Edwards, Hy.....	1.00	Murphy, F. T.....	1.00

Morrison, M	1.00	Smith, Chas	1.00
Mills, Oliver	1.00	Smith, Geo. W	1.00
Myers, John	1.00	Sterns, Wm. H	1.00
Mellor, Rev. T. C	1.00	Sterns, G. A	1.00
Monaghan, Geo	1.00	Seakin, Eben	1.00
Medley, Johnston	2.00	Settle, J. T	1.00
Medley, Peter	1.00	Scarfe, Arthur	1.00
Murphy, M. F	1.00	Taylor, Thos	1.00
McKnight, Alex	1.00	Tobin, Jas	1.00
McLaughlan, Joseph	1.00	Turnbull, Geo	1.00
McDonald, Allan	1.00	VanBuskirk, Geo	1.00
McAdams, M	1.00	Wentzell, Wm	1.00
McDonald, Allan	2.00	Watt, Henry	1.00
McNab, Wm. G	1.00	Wambolt, Richard	1.00
McDonald, Wm	1.00	Wilson, J. L	1.00
McKenzie, Capt. G. A	1.00	Wilson, Annie	1.00
McKenzie, Miss	1.00	Wilson, Wm	1.00
McLennan, Miss F	1.00	Whebby, W. E	1.00
Newman C. L	1.00	Walker, J. T	1.00
Oland, G. W. C	1.00	Walker, E. M	2.00
Oland, J. C	1.00	Weston, B. A	1.00
Pettipas, Joseph	1.00	Whitely, Jas	1.00
Prescott, C	1.00	Waddell, D	1.00
Parker, Miss	1.00	Williams, Mrs. W. H	1.00
Richards, Clarence	1.00	Warner, Edw	1.00
Ring, Frank	1.00	Werner, Const	1.00
Russell, Benj	1.00	Walsh, Richard	1.00
Stevens, Geo	1.00	Whidden, Chas	1.00
Sircom, S. J. R	1.00	Watson, Edw	1.00
Shrum, John H	1.00	Waddell, Montague	1.00
Shrum, Jos. H	1.00	Williams, Jos	1.00
Shrum, Alex	1.00	Weeks, Otto	1.00
Stevens, F. W	1.00	West, Arthur	1.00
Stevens, Wm	2.00	Webber, Wm	1.00
Stewart, Douglas	1.00	Young, John A	1.00

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 :

Summons.....	450
Capias.....	13
Summonses and capais served by City (43), by County (39), Constables on Defendants residing in City and County of Halifax..	82
Summons served in other counties.....	3

Total No. of writs issued..... 548

No. of executions issued, and served :—

By Town Police Constables.....	168
“ City and County Constables.....	36

Total..... 204

POLICE COURT.

RETURN OF CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THIS COURT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1891.

OFFENCE.	CON.	ACQ.
Drunkenness	3	3
Disturbing the Peace	10	2
Fighting on Street	3	2
Drunk and Disorderly	22	8
Abusive Language	3	1
Common Assault	7	10
Throwing missiles on Street	6	8
Malicious injury to Property	1	1
Obstructing Street by standing in groups	5	2
Allowing animals to go at large	9	5
Larceny	2	..
Selling Liquor without License	1	1
Keeping Liquor for sale without license	2	..
Cruelty to Animals .....	..	1
Neglect to report Scarlet Fever .....	..	1
Vagrancy	1	..
Breach of Ferry Regulations	3	4
Assaulting and resisting a police officer	5	..
Peddling Goods without License	1	..
Neglect to affix collar on Dogs	1	6
Depositing offensive matter likely to endanger public health ..	..	1
Obtaining goods under false pretence .....	..	1
Neglect to support family .....	..	1
Doing Servile labor on Lord's Day .....	..	1
Committed for trial in Supreme Court :—		
Burglary	1	
Larceny	1	
Shooting with intent to commit murder	1	

REPORT

OF

Chairman of Board of School Commissioners.

To the Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

It becomes my duty to report to you on the condition of our public schools, and account to you for the expenditure in connection with that important service for the year ended December 31st, 1891.

BUILDINGS.

Before the close of 1890 it became evident to the Board that the sum voted for new buildings was not sufficient to finish the work, for which tenders had been asked and received.

The building at Tuft's Cove was finished and occupied; the Greenvale building was in the hands of the contractor, and tenders were in for outhouses and fencing it, and for the erection of a building at the south end. The Board was not in a position to accept those tenders until a sufficient sum was voted to complete the contract.

The Board for 1891 asked for a vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500, but you refused to grant its request; consequently the Board was unable to accept the tenders for the completion of the proposed work.

The lowest tender for outhouses and fencing for Greenvale was \$750 and the Board had less than \$300 to do the work, so the plans had to be modified to meet the straitened condition of the funds.

The Greenvale School was opened on the first of May with four large, well-lighted and ventilated rooms, thus enabling the Board to dispense with the notoriously unsuitable and unhealthy room in Town Hall, the over-crowded Elliot School, and the small attic room in the Central School.

With the exception of Woodside all the departments are comfortably housed, seated, and otherwise well provided for.

The claims of the south end to a new suitable and well-furnished building should receive your early attention, and I trust that when

the Board for 1892 asks you to authorize the expenditure of a sufficient sum for the accomplishment of that object you will see the wisdom of cheerfully providing the required accommodation for that end of the section.

REPAIRS.

Only a comparatively small sum was spent on repairs during the year just closed. Some of the older buildings—especially the Central—will require to receive considerable attention in the way of repairs, painting, and fencing during the ensuing year.

SUPPLIES.

The Coal, Stove Service, and School supplies have been put up for competition, and the lowest tender accepted in every case.

TEACHERS.

Eighteen teachers were employed during the first part of the year. There are now twenty on the staff. Several of these have been in the service a number of years, and six are on their first term.

Mr. H. S. Congdon, the late Principal, severed his connection with our schools on October 31st, after nine years service.

The Board secured Mr. Inglis C. Craig, a teacher of experience who holds a Grade "A" License, to succeed Mr. Congdon in the Principalship. Mr. Craig comes to us well recommended by educational authorities.

The Board has under consideration the feasibility of taking up High School work in connection with our system, believing that it would have beneficial effects upon our more advanced pupils, and be the means of keeping them longer at school and fit them better for the duties of life.

The Kindergarten is gaining in popularity and usefulness. Miss Hamilton is to be congratulated on the creditable show of juvenile handicraft she made at the Provincial Exhibition.

Dartmouth was one of the pioneers in introducing the system in the Province, and other places are following her lead and approving her enterprise.

The colored school is efficiently taught, but the attendance is small in comparison with the number of colored children in the section. It is to be regretted that parents do not make more persistent efforts to keep their offspring at school more regularly.

It gives me pleasure to record the fact that we have teachers on our staff that are doing grand work and cannot be excelled in their profession by any in the Province.

VISITING.

I have given some time to visiting the different departments during the year and regret that I was unable to devote more time to that important duty.

I find by the register of visitation that few parents have visited our schools during the year. I believe that visits by parents and others are stimulating to teachers and pupils alike. Parents should be familiar with the school in its everyday life, not merely on examination or exhibition days, but should see its ordinary everyday work.

Parents and teachers should become acquainted, and together discuss traits of character, temper and constitution of the pupil.

As a rule parents hold aloof and do not show sufficient sympathy with the teacher.

ATTENDANCE.

The schools were open 212 days during the year, the number of pupils registered was 1073; the total days attendance, 124,458—being 6,665 more than the preceding year—making an average daily attendance of 587.

The prevalence of diphtheria and scarlatina led many parents to keep their children away from school. Therefore the number registered and the attendance were much smaller than under more favorable circumstances.

SAVINGS' BANK.

There has been a slight falling off in the amount deposited in the School bank compared with 1890. The deposits for 1891 amounted to \$769.18 and the withdrawals to \$126.20, showing that the pupils are learning habits of frugality and increasing the amount on deposit to their credit.

If the school banking system teaches economy—the saving of money—and a desire to accumulate wealth, it will tend to make better and more useful citizens of the pupils, and parents should encourage their children to continue their interest in the banking business.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure on General and Capital Account will be found itemized in the accompanying Financial Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MACLEAN,
Chairman Board of School Commissioners.

Dartmouth, January 12th, 1892.

STAFF OF TEACHERS, NOVEMBER, 1891.

	Grade.	Class of License.	Salary.
Central School :—			
Inglis C. Craig, (Principal),	8	A	\$1,000
Miss S. Finlay,	7	C	400
“ M. Mosely,	6	B	380
“ A. Downey,	5	C	350
“ J. Shute,	5	C	280
“ K. Major,	4	C	300
“ A. McKenzie, (Prin's. Asst.)		B	300
Park School :—			
Miss M. N. Downey, (Vice-Prin.),	6 & 7	C	370
“ M. Scarfe,	4	C	280
“ A. Wilson,	2 & 3	C	280 240
“ M. Jack,	1	C	275
Greenvale School :—			
Miss E. Hume, (Vice-Prin.),	1	C	370
“ Hamilton,	K'garten.	C	400
“ H. Rice,	3	B	300
“ F. Murray,	1 & 2	C	260
Hawthorne School :—			
Miss F. A. Godfrey, (Vice-Prin.),	3, 4 & 5	C	280
“ J. Findlay,	1 & 2	C	260
Woodside School :—			
Miss A. H. Stenhouse,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	B	300
Tuft's Cove School :—			
Miss M. Jackson,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7	C	300
Colored School :—			
Miss L. Howell,	1, 2 & 3	C	200

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD.

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended
December 31st, 1891.*

RECEIPTS.

Town of Dartmouth amount of estimate.....	7388 00
A. M. Beck, his share line fence Greenvale School.....	15 00
J. Short, for damage done by his son at Hawthorne School..	4 00
Gov't Grant to Teachers for term ended Oct. 31st, 1890	
Balance due.....	235 85
Gov't Grant to Teachers for year ended Oct. 31st, 1891..	1649 37
	1885 22
Interest on School Bank Fund (\$300.).....	12 88
Balance.....	6 52
	\$9311 62

EXPENDITURE.

Jan. 1st, 1891, balance.....		48 98
Salaries—Teachers.....	6469 58	
Substitutes	36 00	
Janitrices	521 64	
		7027 22
Stationery		134 18
Interest on Debentures.....		819 36
Over-draft.....		17 32
New Desks.....		213 80
Teachers' Desks.....		20 00
Insurance on Greenvale School.....		45 00
Rent.....		75 00
Fuel.....		283 37
Stove Service.....		137 54
Printing and Advertising.....		21 95
Labor and Repairs		143 17
Cleaning.....		30 00
Contingent.....		87 66
Brooms, Buckets, &c.....		14 95
Blinds, Greenvale School.....		28 59
Salary, Treasurer School Bank.....		60 00
Balance Capital Account.....		103 53
		\$9311 62

Capital Account for Year ended Dec. 31st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1st, Balance.....	\$ 6733 45
Int. on Special Deposits at Union Bank.....	61 45
Balance	103 53
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	<u>\$6898 43</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Greenville School Contract.....	\$ 6057 50
Tufts' Cove School Balance of Contract.....	156 56
Architect	297 00
Advertising.....	9 25
Recording Deed of South End Lot	1 50
Greenville School :	
Outhouses and Fences.....	330 00
Surveyor.....	3 00
Grading.....	43 62
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	376 62
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	<u>\$ 6898 43</u>

Dartmouth, Dec. 31st, 1891.

ALFRED ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

GEO. FOOT, }
W. CREIGHTON, } Auditors.