





# Mayor's Report for the Year 1893.

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TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*—The financial year having ended on December 31st, I beg to submit for your information the following report of the affairs of the Town for the past year:

## LEGISLATION.

At the last meeting of the Local Legislature your Council applied for and obtained an Act abolishing the Dartmouth Water Commission, and transferring all the powers and privileges of that Board to the Town Council. This Act came into force on May 1st, 1893, and since that time all the work in connection with the water and sewerage of the Town has been performed by your Council. The abolishing of the Water Commission has been found to make the affairs of the Town in this respect move along much more easily and with less friction than when there were two separate and distinct bodies. Under the authority granted them by the Town meeting, held on March 23rd, 1893, an Act was obtained, authorizing your Council to borrow a sum of \$35,000, for the extension of the water and sewerage system; this same Act, which is Chapter 62 of 1893, changes the mode of assessing the water rates, a change which has been found to be much more workable than the original tap system.

At the request of your Council Clause 97 of Chap. 1 of the Acts of 1888, which authorized the appointment of a Town Assessor and a Ward Assessor for each ward, was repealed by the Legislature, and authority obtained to appoint three Town Assessors, whose duty it is to go over the whole Town and make the assessment as a Board. While it is too early to form an opinion as to whether this change will remove all the objections found against the repealed clause, I feel sure that the Town should be benefitted to a large extent in having the opinion of three assessors instead of two as formerly.

Chap. 60 of the Acts of 1893, is an Act entitled, "An Act respecting the Compulsory Education of Children in the Dartmouth School Section," and was passed at the instance of the School Commissioners. An extended reference to this act appears under the School Board Report.

#### STREETS.

This service of the Town has had a great deal of time devoted to it by your Committee on Streets. The appropriation for the service was \$3,000, (which included the Superintendent's salary) and the expenditure \$3,048.54. Owing to the fact that the streets in the centre of the Town were being more or less cut up for the purpose of connecting the different houses with water and sewerage, the committee felt it would be unwise to expend any considerable amount of money on them, but should rather turn their attention to the streets outside the Town plot. With this end in view they contracted for a supply of stone to be placed at different points, and had the stone-crusher moved from place to place as required. In this way Cole Harbour Road, the Lake Road, and a portion of the Windmill Road have been macadamized, and with but little repair should now last for years. While this mode of breaking stone was the best the committee could adopt under the circumstances, it has proved somewhat expensive. The crusher is too small to do effective work, and moving it adds largely to the cost, even the labour of feeding it costs 11cts. per ton; all this could be very largely reduced provided the Town had a proper stone-crushing plant in some central place, and only using the small crusher at the outskirts of the Town. I would therefore urge upon the incoming Council the need of taking hold of this matter at an early day, and providing a plant which will take any sized stone, and thus save the labour now required to break them up by hand small enough for the present crusher.

During the excavation of the water and sewer trenches, your committee had all the round stone that came out of them saved, and placed in a pile near the lower bridge. These stone could not now be placed there for less than \$800, and they have practically cost the Town nothing, and ought to go a long distance towards covering the streets in their vicinity.

Anticipating the fact that there would be a large amount of surplus material from the trenches in the southern section

of the Town, your Council felt that the time was opportune to carry out a scheme, which had been talked of for many years, that of filling up the canal under the lower bridge and making, what has heretofore been an unsightly and dangerous structure, a permanent roadway.

The labour in connection with this improvement entailed a large amount of work on your Council, and if it had not been for the hearty co-operation of the Building Society on the one hand, and the Land Improvement Company on the other, it is questionable if the work would have been accomplished. An archway, 12 feet high by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet broad, was built out of bent iron rails, and this covered over with stone; the sides of the structure being made of heavy blocks of stone, obtained from different places; the middle being filled in with the surplus from the trenches, and some material from the streets. In all some 775 tons of heavy stone, 8 tons of iron rails, and 3,258 loads of filling were used. It is fortunate that this work was done at the present time, as in taking down the old bridge the ends of the stringers were found to be quite rotten. The cost amounted to \$943.01. In the spring a railing should be built on the sides, which can be done for about \$100.

Owing to the large amount of work during the year, the naming of the streets and numbering the houses was held over, this however will likely be accomplished early in the spring.

Every street committee for years past has seen the need of a reliable plan of the Town being made, and steps should at once be taken to have this done, and the necessary legislation (if any required) be obtained during the present session.

#### WATERING THE STREETS.

This service was commenced on May 12th, and kept up as occasion required until September 16th.

The cost amounted to \$124.26. The water used was all taken from the fire hydrants, thus saving the amount paid for water last year, \$72. To have this service as efficient as it should be, either two carts should be constantly at work, or what would perhaps be cheaper, a much larger one than that used at present, with two horses, should be obtained.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT.

During the year the Electric Light Company have lighted

the streets according to their contract. The slightly unsatisfactory working mentioned in my last report has been altogether removed, and the light has given very general satisfaction to the Town, and is a vast improvement over the old oil lamps.

There are at present 67 lights, and as applications are constantly being made for additional ones, their number will likely be increased during the present year.

#### POOR AND LUNATICS.

As anticipated in my last report, the cost of these two services has increased during the year.

On January 1st, 1893, there were 10 paupers at the Poor Farm, of these 1 has been discharged, 1 removed by her family, and 2 have died. One new inmate was admitted in December last, making a total of 7 at the end of the year chargeable to the Town.

In addition to the above a woman, with two children, have lately been sent to the Farm, but as Dartmouth cannot be made liable for their support, the Recorder is taking the necessary steps to have a transfer made at once.

LUNATICS.—The number of patients at the Hospital for the Insane is 7, 4 males and 3 females. One was admitted, and one died during the year.

The cost of poor for the year, including unpaid accounts, was \$865.68. That of lunatics, \$1080.82.

#### LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS.

During the year 4 persons were prosecuted for violation of the Act by the Chief Inspector: 2 cases were dismissed, 1 paid a fine of \$20 and costs, and 1, in default of paying a fine of \$50, was committed to jail for three months.

#### SANITARY MATTERS.

There was but 1 case of diphtheria. This was a mild one, and the patient (a child) recovered.

There was also 1 case of scarlet fever, a very mild one.

No account was kept of the several cases of fever which occurred last fall, as they were not considered by the physician

to be contagious. For a Town the size of Dartmouth this is a most satisfactory showing.

#### PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The expenditure for this service has been small. During the year the canopy over the bell tower of the Engine House has been removed and the top strengthened. It is hoped that now that there is no obstruction to the sound from the bell an alarm will be more generally heard than formerly.

#### POLICE.

There has not been any change in this department during the year. The two officers continue to perform their duties in an efficient manner.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Apparatus in charge of the Engine Co'y. :—1 steam fire engine, 3 lanterns, 8 water buckets, 3 hose reels, 16 torches, 1 water cart, 1 siamese coupling, 3 branch pipes, 1550 feet rubber hose, 2 controlling nozzles, 6 rubber coats, 1 fire axe.

Apparatus in charge of Axe and Ladder Company :—1 waggon, 1 pike, 2 ropes, 4 torches, 8 ladders, 2 grapplings, 4 axes.

Apparatus belonging to Union Protection Company :—1 waggon, 3 ropes, 2 axes, 3 buckets, 3 rubber covers.

During the year there were 7 fires, none of which were of much consequence, with the exception of Mrs. Boland's house, on the common road.

Reports having been circulated that the steam fire engine was unfit for service, your Council ordered a thorough test to be made, and the following is the report of the Fire Committee thereon :—“They have had the Steam Fire Engine tested by Mr. John Keefe, and the test proved the boiler in a most satisfactory condition, it standing a test of 150 lbs. cold water pressure, which is equal to nearly three times the steam pressure used in ordinary work ; and, with the exception of a slight defect in the covering plate, which your Committee have had repaired, would consider the engine in good condition as far as

your Committee have any means of finding out; and that in all probability the boiler will last out the life time of the present sett of tubes, say from two to three years."

#### PUMPS AND WELLS.

The cost of this service was \$77.23. Two wells were dug, one on Windmill Road and one on George St. As recommended in my last report, the well on Quarl St., and the one on Water St., have been filled up.

#### NEW CEMETERY.

Nothing has been done in this matter as yet, but the crowded state of the present one must force the conclusion on the incoming Council that the matter cannot be much longer delayed. No site has yet been offered which seems to combine all the necessary qualifications.

#### RAILWAY.

The bridge across the Narrows having, for a second time, gone down, your Council felt the occasion was opportune to urge upon the government the need of building an overland route to connect with the Intercolonial. To further this idea two public meetings were held, at which the expression of opinion was very strong that the bridge should not, in the interest of the Town, be rebuilt, and a resolution to this effect, endorsing the previous action of your Council, was passed and transmitted to the government. Nothing having been heard from them, your Council in November last appointed Councillor Johnston and Recorder Russell a delegation to proceed to Ottawa and urge upon the Minister of Railways the views of the Town. These two gentlemen met Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and the Hon. Mr. Haggart and laid before them all the facts and figures that could possibly be used to strengthen their case. Subsequently when the Premier and Sir Hibbert came to Halifax a very strong delegation of citizens waited on them at the Halifax Hotel and debated the subject from all points. The case made out by the Town was a very strong one, so strong in fact that, without wishing in any way to anticipate the report of my successor, I may say that the government have decided to accede to your wishes and build the



overland route, word to this effect having been placed before the Council on the 17th inst. The fact of this road being built will, I feel confident, have a very great effect on the real estate and business of the Town. When it is generally known that we have a shorter connection (by some 4 miles) with the Junction, as well as a more direct one, than the City of Halifax, it is certainly not too much to hope that shippers will find it to their advantage to use this side of the harbour. It will, however, be the duty of the Council to continually press upon the government the need of giving the Town the necessary terminal facilities, and also of running a passenger train to connect with all the trains at the Junction. When these things are done, then, and not before, may we expect Dartmouth to occupy that position which nature certainly intended she should.

#### WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Under the authority granted them at the public meeting, held on March 23rd, 1893, your Council have, during the past year, proceeded with all the extensions authorized, as well as with several others, which seemed to them advisable to build at the present time.

Tenders were asked for the different pipes, castings, etc., required, and the lowest in all cases accepted.

The estimates of the work that were laid before you at that meeting were found to compare very favourably with the actual results. The Block House Hill and Pine Street systems were built for considerably less than the estimate, but the saving made in these two sections was unfortunately more than counter-balanced by the cost of the work from Bishop St. past the Presbyterian Church to the head of Maitland St. Contrary to the expectations of every one this piece turned out to be almost all solid rock, and consequently cost fully one-half more than was anticipated. An 8-in. pipe has been laid across the canal to connect with the 6-in. pipe at the foot of Wilson's Lane, and you have consequently the centre of the Town supplied by two separate lines, one via Ochterloney St., the other via Portland St., thus in case of a break on either street the Town can be supplied by the alternative line.

Block House Hill has been laid with 6 and 4-in. pipes, Pine St. district with 8 and 6-in., with two short sections of 4-in. pipe, one on Myrtle and one on Tulips St. The southern

district with 8 and 6-in., with 411 feet on Canal St. and 394 feet on Maitland St. of 4-in.

The original plan has been extended to a considerable extent: The 6-in. pipe has been laid on the Cole Harbour Road 935 feet further than was anticipated, as the residents in that neighbourhood asked to have it done, not only for house use but also for fire protection.

Myrtle Street was laid with 231 feet of 4-in. pipe, which also was extra. Messrs. Douglas & Co., having established their works here, asked to have the water extended to them, this was done by laying 223 feet of 4-in. pipe on the west end of Ochterloney Street, which takes it across the railway track; your Council at this point placed a fire hydrant, which gives excellent fire protection to the large number of buildings on the water-front in that vicinity.

It was stated at the public meeting that the Provincial Government would likely take water for the Hospital for the Insane if some satisfactory arrangement could be made; after considerable negotiations an agreement was entered into with the government whereby a connection was made with their pipe on the Asylum road, they providing, placing, and keeping in order an eight inch meter, and for all the water passing into their pipes they are to pay the Town 8c. per 1,000 gallons, but in no one year shall the sum payable under the agreement be less than \$200,—the agreement is for ten years. It was the original intention to end the pipe at the junction with the Asylum pipe opposite Dr. Parker's gate, but a fire having occurred near the southern boundry of the Town, representations were made to your Council to extend the pipe further along this street, this was done with an 8-in. pipe for 1389 feet, or just opposite the residence of Mr. Henry Grant. In the meantime the Acadia Sugar Refinery Co'y made application to have their pipe connected with the Town system, this was done at the above point, on the same terms as with the government, save that the Town in this case provides and keeps in repair the meter, charging the refinery a yearly rental for the same. On Canal Street 411 feet of 6-in., and the same of 4-in., have been laid to connect Mr. McElmon's mill with the main on Portland Street, and a fire hydrant has been placed in close proximity to his mill.

Maitland Street is supplied with 394 feet of 4-in., and also a fire hydrant.

A pressure gauge has been placed in the Town Hall, at which point the pressure is 70.4 lbs. per square inch, as the guage registers 70 lbs. ; it proves that with all the water used in the Town it only reduces the pressure a fraction, and also shews that the leakage is very small if any.

During the autumn a large amount of work was done at the foot of Lamont's lake. Formerly the wash of the main road, as well as of the cultivated lands in this vicinity, flowed into the lake close to the Pipe House ; to prevent this a ditch some 900 feet long was dug on the southern side of the road, thus leading this water into the brook below the lake. All the small bushes growing on the shore of the lake have been cut away, and a rip-rap wall, to an average height of 3 feet, built along the west side, as well as on a portion of the opposite side of the lake. The swampy holes have been filled up with clean stone, and the whole covered with clay on an incline towards the road, thus effectually preventing any water that falls on the road running into the lake. The location of the overflow has been changed to the northern edge of the lake, and cut out of the rock and earth composing the bank, the material of this overflow ditch is of such a nature that any chance of gullying is impossible. The dam has been raised nearly two feet, and the large hole below has been filled up, sloping towards the brook. It is the intention, when spring opens, to seed down all the newly-made ground and have the whole place looking green and neat. A 7-strand wire fence has been built from the western end of the property along the road until it comes to the land recently purchased from the Messrs. Humphrey. I would most strongly recommend the incoming council to enclose all their property around the lakes in the same way.

The Act of expropriation only gives the right to take 100 feet around the shore of the lake from high water mark ; this is not enough, and the Act should be amended so as to include all of the water-shed. In my opinion it is absolutely necessary that this should be acquired at once. As things are at present not only is the Town running the risk of the land surrounding the lakes being cultivated, and the wash finding its way into the lakes, but also that of having the trees cut off the land ; if this is done the value of your water-shed, and consequently of your resevoir, is depreciated to a very large extent.

In my last report it was stated that none of the Riparian rights on Lamont Lake stream had been settled. I have now the pleasure to inform you that, as will appear by the Auditor's Report, the following claims have been settled :—

E. Isenor .....	\$1,200.00
Robert Settle.....	75.00
John Kuhn .....	250.00
Judson Baker .....	200.00
Arthur Tobin.....	300.00
Stephen Cross.....	315.00

The claim of Mr. Josiah Ross was before a board of arbitrators, who awarded him \$500; he, however, appealed to the Supreme Court, and no decision has yet been given in his case.

Mr. Robert Humphrey's claim for seven acres of land, situated at the foot of Lamont and Topsail Lakes, and including the brook between the two lakes, has been settled for \$540, and the deed of that land is now in the Town.

The arbitrators in the Whiteley case awarded him \$100 for damages sustained through the pipe line being laid through his property; he appealed to the Supreme Court, and a jury awarded him \$400, which, with the costs, amounted to \$548.27. Your Council, while being of the opinion that this amount was excessive, had no alternative but to pay it. It must be remembered, however, that this is the only claim that the Town has had to pay for right of way to the lakes, and the whole pipe line is now on property on which they have a legal right of entry at any time.

Mr. Edward Cross' claim for his right on the stream is the only one remaining, and no doubt this will be in a way for settlement before long. During the year opportunity offered to purchase by auction, from Mr. Stephen Cross, 4 acres of the water shed of Topsail Lake, this was done at a cost of \$75.00, but the deed has not yet been signed.

At the end of 1892 127 houses only had been connected with the water mains. One year later, December 31st, 1893, 350 houses are now enjoying this benefit; and during the present year a large number of others will be connected.

Thirty-one hydrants have been set during the year, making a total of 55, all but 3 being off a 6-in. pipe or greater. This should give the Town most ample fire protection.

The water pipe laid consists of,—

6,751	feet	of	8-in.
6,185	"	"	6 in.
1,571	"	"	4-in.

A total of 14,507

This, with what was laid in 1892, makes a total length of water pipe of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The sewers were laid (with but a few slight changes) the same as were outlined at the public meeting. A 9-in. sewer was laid on Myrtle Street for a distance of 231 feet, and on Maitland Street a 6-in. for 197 feet: these two streets were not included in the original estimate.

15 additional catch-pits and 25 man-holes have been built. The outlet on Maitland Street has not yet been connected, but will be commenced as early in the spring as is advisable. It is but a small matter and should not take more than a couple of weeks to complete.

Wherever there is a dead end in a sewer a flush cock has been connected with the water pipe, whereby simply by turning a valve a heavy flow of water can be turned into the sewer for the purpose of cleaning it whenever necessary. At the junction of Dahlia and Maple Streets running water, which comes down the hill, has been turned into the sewers, thus ensuring this sewer, from this point to the outlet at North St., always being kept clean. In all 10,201 feet of sewers, varying in size from 6 in. to 24 in., were laid during the year, which, with those laid during 1892, make something over 4 miles built altogether. The tenders for the trenching (which was let in short sections) varied considerably, the average being for rock, \$2.60; loose rock, 50c.; earth, 26c. per cubic yard.

135 houses have been connected with the sewers, making a total of 225.

I cannot close this part of my report without calling your attention to the fact that J. Walter Allison, with the public spirit that always animates him where the interests of this Town are concerned, has placed, at his own expense, a watering tank on the Eastern Passage road, the Town supplying the water. This has proved a very great benefit to the teamsters and others using this road, and it is a gift that is very much appreciated.

By the Auditors' Report it will be seen that the sum of \$40,912.14 was expended during the year. The Water Commission went out of existence on the 30th of April last, and the accounts include the amounts spent under that Board, as well as by your Council.

Of this amount of \$40,912.14 the sum of \$2,083.17 was for accounts properly due against 1892, and \$4,028.27 for claims adjusted and expenses paid in connection with the rights on the stream and lake, leaving the sum of \$34,800.70 spent during the year in construction. The Receipts were:—

Balance on hand, Jan'y 1st, 1893.....	\$10,137 57
Received for Sewer Connections, etc.....	2,264 47
Bonds sold at par.....	30,000 00
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	\$42,402 04
Expended.....	40,912 14
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Balance Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,489 90
Add. value stock on hand.....	1,750 00
Bal. due the Town for connections, etc.....	298 31
Bonds unsold.....	5,000 00
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Balance.....\$ 8,538 21

The amount of the bills remaining unpaid is small; and as the only claims outstanding are those of Messrs. Josiah Ross and Edmund Cross, there should therefore be quite a sum for further extension or for the acquiring of the water shed. The only pieces to be constructed in the Town, which at the present moment seems to be called for, are about 240 feet on King St., and the same length on North St., these are not expensive extensions.

The engineering expenses during the construction in 1891-92 amounted to 3 per cent. of the total amount; for the year just closed they amount to but a very small fraction over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pr. ct.

#### AMALGAMATION OF THE TOWN AND FERRY OFFICE.

A committee of the Council was appointed to confer with a committee of the Ferry Commission, to consider the advisability as well as the practicability of having the clerical work of the two bodies done in one office. Two reports have been

received from these committees, the majority approving of the idea, but pointing out that unless the Town Hall is moved in the vicinity of the Ferry, it will be impossible to make the change to the advantage of the Town generally. The minority report disapproves of the idea and does not think that any saving can be effected by the amalgamation. There the matter rests at present. If you desire a new Town Hall several sites offer near the Ferry, and no doubt with the increasing business of the Town some change will have to be made in the near future. In this respect perhaps I may be pardoned if I call your attention to the disgraceful room (called by courtesy a council room) in which you ask your representatives to do your business. It must be remembered that they give a large amount of their time to your affairs without any reward, and it is not too much to expect that you provide them with a room which is respectable and comfortable.

#### POST OFFICE.

Early in the spring the Dominion Government commenced the erection of a Post Office on the site purchased from the Ferry Commission. The building has been completed and only awaits the finishing of the internal arrangements before the public will have the advantage of this long desired boon. The opening should certainly take place within the next two months.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union with the zeal that always characterizes their doings, by a public entertainment and from private subscription realized enough money to purchase a very handsome drinking fountain which they presented to the Town. It was to have been placed on Water Street, but objections having been made by residents of that vicinity permission was asked of the Dominion Government to erect it in the square to the West of the Post office, no definite answer has yet been received, but it is hoped that when it does come it will be favourable, as the site will be central and in many ways the most desirable. I would take this opportunity of publicly thanking the ladies of the Union for this gift; which reflects great credit on them, and which will be an ornament to the Town.

## FINANCES.

The Auditors' reports will be found on page 19. It shows that the revenue of the Town including the balance from last year to have been from all sources (except the construction account for Water and Sewerage and the Sewerage Sinking fund) \$35,190.06 and the amount expended \$36,789.99, leaving a balance against the Town of \$1,599.93.

## Current Liabilities :—

Interest to Dec. 31st, accrued but not due.	\$4,038	66
Unpaid Accounts.....	1,076	76
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	\$6,715	35

To meet this there are taxes due for the year \$1,465.86 (being  $7\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. of amount assessed). Water Rates due May 1st, \$443.59; Water Rates due Nov. 1st, \$2,106.89; School Tax and Poll Tax \$200.00; Ferry Commission proportion of interest \$1,149.71; a total of \$5,366.05, leaving a shortage on current account for the year of \$1,349.30. In the assessment for the past year nothing was included for the roadway across the Canal \$943. the railway delegation \$165, the Liquor License Fund \$52, Public Health \$54, and several small over expenditures, these items making up the difference. As the expenditure on the Canal roadway was an extraordinary one, and also one that might fairly be born by the assessments of two or three years, perhaps it would be wise for the incoming Council not to make the whole amount a tax on the present year. In connection with this work, the filling up of the Canal obviated the necessity of building an iron girder across the Canal to carry the Water pipe, this would have cost something over \$200 beside an additional amount for the protection of the pipe against frost, and therefore it was considered fair that the Water fund should bear a large portion of the saving made in this way and the sum of \$200 was charged against the Water construction account and credited to the roadway.

The bonded debt of the Town on December 31st, amounted to \$311,300 as follows :

Title of Debentures.	When Issued	Years to Run.	Interest.	Amount.
Hawthorne School,	March 8, 1886,	20	6%	\$ 2,000
Consolidated Debt,	Dec. 2, 1889,	25	4	17,000



Ferry,	June 2, 1890,	25	4½	110,000
Ferry,	July 1, 1890,	25	4	40,000
School,	July 21, 1890,	20	4	12,300
Water,	July 21, 1891,	20	4½	20,000
Water,	July 1, 1892,	20	4½	80,000
Water,	July 1, 1893,	20	4½	30,000

Total.....\$311,300

The actual amount is however \$6000.00 less, as the Ferry Bonds have been reduced by \$3000 and there is an amount of \$3000 in County of Lunenburg Debentures, part of the Sewer Sinking Fund, these two amounts reduce the annual interest charge by \$270.00 per annum. The amount of Interest for which the Town is annually liable is \$13692.00, of this sum the Ferry contributes \$6550, the Water and Sewerage \$5850, leaving \$1292 to be born by the Town for the School Houses, Town Hall, Engine House, &c. As the ratepayers pay off the sewer frontages and the amounts are invested, the bonded debt will be reduced just so much, and consequently the Annual Interest. The total amount of the Sinking Fund should be about \$32,000.

The 4½ per cent. bonds sold (to the extent of \$30,000) for Water and Sewerage extension, all brought par, which speaks well for the credit of the Town, as at the same time City of Halifax 4½ per cent. sold at a discount. Our debt though large, is to a great extent self-sustaining, and we can show what perhaps some other Towns cannot, that for every dollar borrowed we have a perfectly good asset to represent it.

The assessed valuation of real and personal property within the Town for the year was \$1,479,025 being an increase of \$76,425 over the previous year. The assessed rate was \$1.30 per \$100, 53 cents of which was for the support of the Public Schools. The statutory exemption to firemen, widows and others was about the same as formerly \$800.

I cannot close my report without bearing witness to the close attention which your Superintendent of Street and Water Works has given to the affairs of the Town, not only did he design and carry through the permanent structure across the canal, as well as the laying of the Water and Sewer without any engineering assistance, but he has by his forethought and knowledge saved the Town in many ways a large amount of money.

## LITIGATION.

The principal part of the litigation in which the Town has been concerned for the past year, has had reference to the adjustment of the claims for damages in consequence of the proceedings of the Water Commission. These have all been settled and adjusted with the exception of the claims of Mr. Josiah Ross and Mr. Edmund Cross. The latter has not yet assumed the shape of a legal contest. The claim of Mr. Ross was arbitrated upon in the usual way, and an award of \$500 was made. From this Mr. Ross appealed on the ground that it was too small a sum. The motion to increase the award was heard in part by Hon. Mr. Justice Townshend, and is now pending before him, when evidence is to be produced by the parties to the contention.

The claim of Mr. Donald Sutherland for moneys which he alleges are due him upon his contract referred to in last year's report, is still pending and undetermined.

## READING ROOM.

The usual grant of \$100 was made to this important institution. The room has been kept up to its usual state of efficiency, and continues to be patronized by the ratepayers to as great an extent as formerly.

Thanking you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for the honor you have done me, in twice electing me your Chief Executive Officer.

I remain, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. OLAND,

*Mayor.*

DARTMOUTH, January 24th, 1894.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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

Gentlemen,—

Herewith we supplement our monthly audit reports with this our final report for the year ended December 31, 1893.

We have 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, 1893, we find them all in order and correct.

We audited the books and vouchers of the late Water Commission from the period they were unaudited to 31st May last, when the balances were carried to the books of the Town.

The accompanying statement shows receipts from all sources.....		\$80,976.60
Minus :—		
Balance brought down 1892....	514 40	
Ferry Int.....	6425 00	
Water Int.....	2250 00	
	9,189 40	
Water Maintenance.....	4428 76	
Water and Sewerage, Bal.		
Jan. 1893.....	10,137 57	
For year 1893.....	32,264 47	
	42,402 04	
Sinking Fund—Sewer Frontage Recd.....	3384 50	50,215 30
		59,404 70
Receipts for the year from ordinary sources .....		\$21,571 90
 The Expenditure.....		 80,722 13
Minus :—		
Ferry Int.....	6042 50	
Water " .....	2250 00	
Ferry Int. due 1892 paid 1893..	247 50	
Int. on Consol Debt, due 1892, paid 1893.....	140 00	
	8,680 00	

Water Maintenance.....	5127 59		
Water and Sewerage.....	40912 14		
Sinking Fund.....	3020 00		
		49,059 73	57,739 73
Expenditure for the year ordinary services.			<u>\$22,982 40</u>

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

The statement of the Board of School Commissioners gives the expenditure, \$12,053 03, and the receipts \$10,405 77.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

## STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Dartmouth, for the year ended Dec. 30th, 1893.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st., 1893.....		514 40
Assessment, 1886.....	8 23	
1887.....	31 90	
1890.....	23 28	
1891.....	74 12	
1892.....	717 62	
1893.....	1637 43	
		17196 58
Poll Tax, 1887, 1890 & 1891.....	8 00	
1892.....	45 15	
1893.....	1298 20	
		135 135
School Tax, (outside district)—1892.....	25 64	
1893.....	284 35	
		309 99
School Tax, (Halifax)—1891.....	14 40	
1892.....	173 28	
1893.....	1047 43	
		1235 11
Dog Tax.....		184 00
Fines.....		252 75
Court Fees.....		462 35
Common Rent.....		6 33
Licenses—Truck.....	55 50	
Hackney.....	18 00	
Auction.....	10 00	
Junk.....	4 00	
Exhibition.....	8 00	
Traders.....	50 00	
		145 50
Lighting—Chimneys sold.....		2 10
Lunatics—For maintenance of Inmate at Hospital for Insane.....		53 42
Contingent—From Ferry Com. Proportion Report Streets—From J. W. Allison and others towards Plank Sidewalk.....	25 00	5 95
For Load Stone Fund &c.....	1 50	
		26 50
Pumps and Wells—For Rubber Bucket.....		50
Liquor License Fined—For Fines.....		21 00
Cemetery—For Lots sold.....		11 00
Poor—On acct. order affiliation.....		83 41
Poundage.....		16 70
Interest—From School Board.....		207 36

Ferry Int.—On Debentures, 1 year on \$38,000 @ 4 %	1520 00	
“ “ “ 109,000 @ 4½ %	4905 00	
		6425 00
Water Int.—6 mos. on Debentures \$100,000 @ 4½ % due Jan. 1893.....		2250 00
Water and Sewerage Construction Account—		
Balance Jan. 1, 1893, amount remaining from proceeds \$100,000 bonds.....	10,137 57	
Bonds sold at par .....	30,000 00	
Sewer connections.....	1,984 41	
Sewer deposits.....	260 46	
Old house sold, \$14.60 ; Waggon, do., \$5.....	19 60	
		42,402 04
Water, Maintenance account—		
Water Rates.....	3885 56	
Interest on special deposits..... \$189 58		
bonds accrued .....	322 45	
sinking fund account .....	31 17	
		543 20
Sinking Fund .....		4428 76
Sewage frontages.....		3384 50
Balance Town account .....		901 10
“ Water Maintenance Account.....		698 83
		<u>882,576 53</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Salaries—Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder .....	600 00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer .....	1050 00	
Messenger .....	156 00	
		1806 00
Streets—Labor .....	1550 66	
Stone, Gravel, &c.....	618 90	
Blacksmith .....	20 75	
Lumber.....	32 18	
Repairs to Stone Breaker, Engine and Boiler .....	203 18	
Fuel, Oil, &c., for do.....	170 33	
Screen for Stone Breaker .....	100 00	
Superintendent's expenses to Yarmouth re Stone Breaker.....	14 93	
Superintendent's salary.....	300 00	
Plan Wilson's Land .....	5 00	
Hauling Stone Breaker.....	19 00	
Sundries .....	13 61	
		3048 54
Police—Chief of Police, salary.....	549 96	
No. 2, salary .....	450 00	
Clothing allowance.....	100 00	
Prisoners' meals .....	14 25	
Fuel .....	35 15	
Telephones .....	16 58	
Electric lighting.....	19 06	
Dormer Window, Lock-up.....	19 50	
Repairs Chimney, Lock-up .....	4 50	

Police—Connecting water and sewerage, Lock-up ..	77 46	
Plumbing, Lock-up.....	35 50	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	19 60	
	<hr/>	1341 56
Poor—Dispensary Grant ..	60 00	
Maintenance Paupers at County Poor Farm, 9 months, to March 31, 1893 .....	492 75	
Board of A. Brown.....	63 60	
Maintenance children re order affiliation ...	66 60	
Fuel and supplies to poor .....	101 74	
Burial expenses.....	10 00	
Medical attendance, Poor Farm.....	20 00	
Cab hire, paupers to Poor Farm .....	6 50	
Sundries .....	3 84	
	<hr/>	825 03
Fire Department—Engineers' Salary.....	\$300 00	
Sundry Repairs.....	17 42	
Fuel .....	59 17	
Waste, etc.....	5 00	
Oil for Engine House.....	8 44	
Hauling Engine .....	35 00	
Electric Lighting.....	22 50	
Controlling Nozzles.....	40 55	
Glazing, Whitewashing, etc .....	7 50	
Brass Wrenches.....	5 35	
Torches.....	8 00	
Axes and Handles.....	5 40	
Sundries and Cleaning.....	11 00	
Stove Pipe, etc.....	17 70	
	<hr/>	\$ 543 03
Pumps & Wells—Rubber Buckets .....	4 20	
Lumber .....	8 36	
Repairs.....	61 18	
Sundries.....	3 49	
	<hr/>	\$ 77 23
Contingent—Assessors .....	125 00	
“ under Franchise Act.....	40 00	
Auditors.....	60 00	
Stationery and Printing .....	139 51	
Fuel Town Hall .....	38 75	
Telephone do. ....	40 00	
Electric Lighting Town Hall.....	38 70	
Repairs Stoves and Pipes.....	11 00	
Advertising.....	48 50	
Revisors, Prov'l (\$40) & Mun'pl Lists (\$50 2 yrs). ..	90 00	
Election Expenses.....	9 00	
Hire Reform Club Hall.....	30 00	
Blacksmith .....	9 53	
Plan Post Office Building .....	30 00	
Railway Delegation.....	165 00	
Assistant Clerk.....	48 00	
Damages and Costs T. Farrell.....	95 00	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	126 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,144 56
Electric Lighting, (13½ months to Nov. 30th, 1893).....		1,435 90

Lunatics—Maintenance at Hospital for Insane, 9 mos. to June 30, 1893.....	842 46	
Cab Hire.....	1 00	
Lunacy Certificates.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	873 46
Public Health—Supplies.....	6 76	
Fumigating.....	6 75	
Hauling ashes.....	20 00	
Medical Officers Salary.....	20 00	
Sundries.....	1 15	
	<hr/>	54 66
Watering Streets—Repairs to Cart.....	9 75	
Horse and Driver.....	114 51	
	<hr/>	124 26
Public Property—Fencing.....	3 50	
Painting Flagstaff.....	3 00	
2 Ladders.....	4 70	
Sundries.....	90	
	<hr/>	12 10
Liquor License Fund—Inspector's Salary.....	60 00	
Witness Fee, and Printing.....	13 30	
	<hr/>	73 30
Cemetery—Whitewashing Fences.....	6 50	
County Rates.....		552 60
Park Improvement.....		250 00
Canal Bridge.....		943 01
Poll Tax, Refunded.....		7 85
Public Reading Room.....		100 00
Court Fees.....		21 68
School Board.....		9005 00
Interest—On Consolidated Debt—		
6 mos. on \$7000 @ 4% due Dec. 2nd 1892	140 00	
12 " " 17000 @ 4% " Dec. 2nd 1893	680 00	
On Overdraft, Bank.....	20 83	
	<hr/>	840 83
Ferry Int.—Bal. on outstanding Coupons, due 1892.	247 50	
On Coupons presented due 1893.....	6042 50	
	<hr/>	6290 00
Water Int.—6 mos. on Debentures \$100,000 @ 4½% due Jan., 1893.....		2250 00
Water and Sewerage Construction Account— Amount transferred from Town Account.....		35 30
Awards for arbitrated damages to properties—		
Humphrey.....	540 00 ✓	
Isenor.....	1200 00 ✓	
Kuhn.....	250 00 ✓	
Baker.....	200 00 ✓	
Tobin.....	300 00 ✓	
Cross.....	315 00 ✓	
Settle.....	75 00 ✓	
	<hr/>	2880 00
Arbitrators.....	300 00 ✓	
Whiteley verdict and costs.....	548 27 ✓	
Solicitors' services.....	300 00 ✓	

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## Salaries: Engineers—

- Balance due W. G. Yorston, 1892,	\$320 00.		
- " W. G. Yorston, 1893,	120 00.		
- " F. A. Creighton, 1892,	12 50.		
- " F. A. Creighton, 1893,	200 00.		
	<u>652 50.</u>		
- Sec. and Treas. under Water Comm'n,	420 00.		
- Supt .....	225 00.		
		1297 50.	
- Interest .....		22 50.	
- Labor .....		16,839 89.	
- Material .....		15,042 57.	
- Improvement Shore Lamont Lake .....		1077 87.	
- Hydrants .....		1056 00.	
- Sewer Outlet, etc., North St. ....		278 03.	
- Special Castings .....		149 87.	
- Water Meters .....		415 40.	
- Wharfage .....		226 83.	
- Cab hire .....		68 40.	
- Trucking .....		284 30.	
- Stationery, Printing Advertising, etc. ....		94 63.	
- Sundries .....		30 08.	
- Water Maintenance Account.			
- Salary Supt. for December, 1892....	64 59.		
- " " year ended Dec., 1893.	474 96.		
		539 55.	
- Labor .....		73 00.	
- Printing .....		9 40.	
- Int.—I year to Dec. 31, 1893, on bonds \$100,000	45 00		
- On overdraft at Bank .....	5 64	4505 64	
			5127 59 .
- Sinking Fund—Invested in County of Lunenburg			
- Bonds .....		3000 00	
- Prem. paid on Do. Do. ....		20 00.	
			3020 00.
- Balance—Water and Sewerage Construction Account :			
- In Bank .....		1454 60	
- Hand .....		35 30	
			1489 90
- Balance—Sinking Fund, .....			364 50
			<u>\$82,576 53</u>

Examined and found correct.

WALTER CREIGHTON, }  
GEO. FOOT, } Auditors.

Dartmouth, January 15th, 1894.

## List of Licenses Granted 1893.

AUCTION.

James Shand ..... \$ 10 00

HACKNEY.

John Hunt, (2 H).....	\$4 00	Lewis DeYoung.....	\$2 50
John Myers.....	2 50	Richard Wambolt, (2 H).....	4 00
George Richards.....	2 50		
Jabez Conrad.....	2 50	Total.....	\$18 00

TRUCK.

Keeler Bros.....	\$2 50	Daniel Lee, (2 H).....	\$3 50
John Jones.....	2 50	George North.....	2 50
Thomas Behan.....	2 50	John Bowden.....	2 50
W. H. Greene, (5 H).....	6 50	Charles Ryan.....	2 50
S. Williams.....	2 50	Isaac Evans.....	2 50
John Behan.....	2 50	Edward Warner, (3 H).....	4 50
Angus McAdam, (2 H.).....	3 50	George Shrum.....	2 50
George Weeks.....	2 50	Joseph Keddy.....	2 50
Alex. Marvin.....	2 50	James Craig.....	2 50
W. H. Williams.....	2 50	Total.....	\$55 50

TRADERS AND HAWKERS.

Louis Soumit.....	\$10 00	L. Blumenthal.....	\$10 00
George Romkey.....	10 00	Edward Eisenor.....	10 00
John A. Hancock.....	10 00	Total.....	\$50 00

JUNK DEALERS.

John Bowden..... \$ 4 00

## DOG TAXES Paid for Year ended Dec. 31st 1893.

Name of Owner.	Tax.	Name of Owner.	Tax.
Adams, Mrs. Geo.	1 00	Eagar, M. F.	2 00
Allen, John	1 00	Edwards, James	1 00
Austen, P. G.	1 00	Erb, Eph.	1 00
Austen, H. E.	1 00	Edwards, E.	1 00
Angwin, Frank	1 00	Forrester, Henry	1 00
Atkinson, Geo.	1 00	Flint, Shad'k.	1 00
Allen, J. W.	1 00	Foston, Jas.	1 00
Baylis, Henry	1 00	Foston, G.	1 00
Black, S. H.	1 00	Greene, John	1 00
Rowes, F. C.	1 00	Greene, W. H.	2 00
Brown, Alex.	1 00	Graham, Walter	1 00
Bishop, W. L.	1 00	Gentles, Jas.	1 00
Brown, Abram	1 00	Greene, Adam	1 00
Bowser, Thomas	1 00	Graham, Timothy	1 00
Braudis, Wm.	1 00	Gates, Lamont	1 00
Bowden, John	1 00	Gentles, Chas.	1 00
Campbell, John	1 00	Grant, H. H.	2 00
Crook, John	1 00	Hiltz, Jas.	1 00
Cox, John, Jr.	1 00	Hall, Jas.	1 00
Coleman, J. B.	1 00	Hyde, Frank	1 00
Colbert, James	1 00	Hodgson, Alex.	1 00
Cameron, James	1 00	Hunt, John	1 00
Chapman, Geo.	2 00	Hutchinson, Albert	2 00
Campbell, Colin	1 00	Keddy, N.	1 00
Carter, Robert	1 00	Keefe, John	1 00
Creighton, C. E.	1 00	Keddy, Mrs.	1 00
Creighton, H. D.	2 00	Jones, J. J.	1 00
Cameron, J. W. H.	1 00	Innes, Geo.	1 00
Cribby, John	1 00	Loomer, E. J.	1 00
Crane, Geo.	1 00	Landsburg, G. H.	1 00
Coombs, W. G.	1 00	Leahy, Philip	1 00
Coates, Wm.	1 00	Lynch, Alex.	1 00
Creighton, A. S.	1 00	Laidlaw, P.	1 00
Crowell, C. M.	1 00	Lynch, M.	1 00
Cunningham, A.	1 00	Leahy, Patrick	1 00
Chittick, Johnston	1 00	Lloy, Alex.	1 00
Dymond, W. A.	1 00	Lydiard, Samuel	1 00
Downey, Mrs. M.	1 00	Leahy, James	1 00
Drysdale, Chas.	1 00	Levy, Wm.	1 00
DeYoung, Louis	2 00	Leedham, A.	1 00
Dillman, John	2 00	Lane, Charles	1 00
Day, John	1 00	Lane, Charles, (1892)	1 00
Debay, John	1 00	Medley, Johnston	1 00
Dunbrack P.	1 00	Murphy, F. T.	1 00
Evans, Isaac	1 00	Mitchell, John	1 00
Edwards, Henry	1 00	Mitchell, Mrs. K.	1 00

Name of Owner.	Tax.	Name of Owner.	Tax.
Monaghan, Geo	1 00	Stewart, D	1 00
Meredeth, W. J.	1 00	Sterns, Geo	1 00
Mott, Thos	1 00	Stevens, T. G.	1 00
Myers, John	1 00	Simonds, P.	1 00
Murray, Dennis	1 00	Stewart, Jas	1 00
Murphy, D.	1 00	Stone, Robert	1 00
Medley, Peter	1 00	Smith, Chas	1 00
Mott, Wm	1 00	Stewart, Alex	1 00
Morrison, M.	1 00	Strum, Jas. (W. 3)	1 00
McKenzie, G. A	1 00	Strum, John	1 00
McDonald, Mrs. Wm	1 00	Settle, J. T.	1 00
McLaughlan, Jos	1 00	Tobin, Jas	1 00
McCleave, Benj	1 00	Taylor, Thos	1 00
McQuarrie, Geo	1 00	Tufts, J. W.	1 00
McKenzie, Wm	1 00	Turnbull, Geo	1 00
McKay, Mrs. J	1 00	Tynes, Geo	1 00
McAdam, Mrs. A	1 00	Trider, Jas	1 00
McNab, W. G	1 00	Troop, G. J.	1 00
McLellan, E	1 00	VanBuskirk, G. E.	2 00
McKay, Chas	1 00	Vosenack, O. F.	1 00
McDonald, Allan	1 00	Webber, Wm	1 00
McCulloch, M.	1 00	Walker, J. T.	1 00
Newman, C. L.	1 00	Wilson, Henry	1 00
Naus, W. J.	1 00	Walker, Wm. H.	1 00
Prescott, C. B.	1 00	Whebbly, W. E.	1 00
Peveril, Chas	1 00	Walker, E. M.	2 00
Parker, Wm	1 00	Warner, Edward	1 00
Philips, Jas	1 00	Whebbly, Miss N	1 00
Parker, Miss	1 00	Watt, Henry	2 00
Oland, G. W. C.	1 00	Wentzell, Wm	1 00
Oland, J. C.	1 00	Walker, Alpin	1 00
Ring, Frank	1 00	Weston, B. A.	1 00
Robertson, Miss	1 00	Wambolt, Richard	1 00
Richards, Alex	1 00	Williams, E	1 00
Rankin, W. B.	1 00	Whiteley, Jas	1 00
Robinson, Wm	1 00	Wisdom, Albert	1 00
Richards, Geo	1 00	Wirrell, Robt. Jr. (1892)	1 00
Russell, Benj	2 00	Young, F. A.	1 00
Stevens, Wm	1 00	Young, Wm.	1 00
Sircom, S. J. R.	2 00		
Shrum, Alex	1 00	Total	<u>\$184 00</u>

## DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT.

*Business for year ended December 31st, 1893.*

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

Summonses .....	355
Capias .....	19
Summonses and capias served by City (35) by County (20) Constables on Defendants residing in City and County of Halifax.	
Summonses served in other Counties 1.....	56
	430
Total No. of writs issued.....	430

No. of Executions issued, and served :—

By Town Police Constables.....	150
“ City (16) and County (16) Constables....	32
	182
Total. ....	182

## PARK COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*—Herewith I beg to report on behalf of the Commissioners of the Park.

During the year some 2500 trees were imported and planted, most of these being very small were set out in a level piece of ground below Fairy rock which was especially prepared for them, they will be left there until large enough to transplant without danger of loss.

A large amount of work was done on the Green road, making this road equal to any of the others and thus adding another beautiful drive to those which have been constructed from time to time.

A picket fence has been built around a portion of the West and South sides of the Park, this has proved a great benefit in keeping off cattle, and it also adds greatly to the appearance of the Park.

I am happy to report that very little damage has been done during the year to the trees, and it is very gratifying to find that the children are taking an interest in maintaining and improving this beautiful spot.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

1883.

Receipts.	Expenditures.
Cash on hand Jan'y. 1st. . . \$435 00	Trees . . . . . \$ 47 75
Town Grant . . . . . 250 00	Fencing . . . . . 60 78
Interest . . . . . 6 57	Seeds . . . . . 3 50
Trees sold . . . . . 6 85	Manure . . . . . 4 00
Subscription . . . . . 25 00	Painting . . . . . 9 15
288 42	Labor . . . . . 345 88
\$723 42	Sundries . . . . . 9 75
	Balance on hand. 242 61
	\$723 42

Balance on hand consists of Deposit Receipt.	200 00
Cash in Bank .....	42 61
	<hr/>
	\$242 61

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY YEARS.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
1889.....	\$1935 00	1889.....	\$1103 38
1890.....	344 71	1890.....	846 70
1891.....	301 45	1891.....	520 38
1892.....	1288 93	1892.....	964 63
1893.....	288 42	1893.....	480 81
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$4158 51		\$3915 90
Balance on hand.....			242 61
			<hr/>
			\$4158 51

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN C. OLAND,  
*Chairman Park Commission.*

## FERRY COMMISSION.

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TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

*Ladies and Gentlemen*.—In accordance with the Act creating this Commission, the period of service of Mr. George Stairs expired in February last, and he was re-appointed by the Chief Justice, who had the appointment. There have been no other changes in the membership of the Board.

### PROPERTY.

During the year past the property held by the Commission has been kept in good repair, and considerable sums have been spent in this service.

The wharves have been further repaired, and are now in very good condition, but will need some expenditures during the next year.

### LITIGATION.

The two suits against the Commission, undetermined last year, were ultimately decided adversely to the Commission, the Court of Appeal deciding that the injuries arose from the negligence of the employees of the Commission, and in each case the judgments have been paid.

A claim for damages, caused by collision, made on behalf of the Steamer "Camellia," was, after investigation, allowed and paid, it being apparent that the damage arose through the fault of the employee of the Commission.

The damages and costs on these three claims amounted to \$1,182.56.

### MEETINGS.

The Commission has, by resolution, opened the meetings of the Board to the public, and the monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 4 p. m.



## BOATS.

The sale of the "Chebucto" was completed, and the purchase price paid.

The hiring of the "Sir C. Ogle" was continued for a period of 12 months, and the sum realized therefor has largely helped in meeting the expenditures for the year. This boat has now been returned to the Commission, and it is their intention to dispose of her should an opportunity offer. In the meantime no expenditures will be necessary for this boat.

The "Dartmouth" has had her circulating pump taken down and thoroughly repaired; the paddle shafts lifted and lined up; her machinery thoroughly overhauled, and as difficulty was experienced in docking her in heavy weather, owing to the flatness of her construction, a considerable addition was made to her keel, and this has been found to greatly improve her in this respect. It was also necessary to have her docked in order to examine her, and to put in place a new sea-cock. The boat was painted and all necessary repairs effected.

The Inspectors of Hulls and Machinery required a large amount of repairs to be done to the "Halifax," and the Commission, before deciding upon these, obtained the opinion of Messrs. North & Zwicker, as to whether they would be justified in expending the sums necessary in view of the condition of the boat, and, upon receipt of favourable opinions, asked for and obtained tenders, and effected the necessary repairs at a cost of \$10,137.74.

This boat's hull and machinery are now in first-class condition, and with a small annual expenditure upon the upper works she should be good for service for a long time.

The "Mic-Mac" was run continuously whilst the repairs were being done to the "Dartmouth" and "Halifax," and no opportunity was afforded to repair or paint her. This boat will probably require during the coming season to have a very considerable overhauling and repairing, and when this is effected she will do for a relief boat, to be used only during such time as either of the other boats is off undergoing repairs.

Lately the regulations in relation to equipment of passenger-carrying boats have been more strictly enforced, and upon application to the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the equipment of boats on the "Halifax" and "Dartmouth," after the transfer of a metal life boat from the former to the latter, was approved.

A large number of life jackets, in addition to those previously carried, have been placed upon the boats run by the Commission, and in this respect, as well as that in relation to certified Masters, Mates and Engineers, this Commission has complied with the law.

The Ferry Service has been regularly kept up during the year, only once in that time has it been interrupted by a storm, and this for only a very short time.

#### DEBENTURES.

There has been no change in the Debenture indebtedness of the Commission; the repurchased debentures to the amount of \$3,000 are still held by the Commission, the coupons for accrued interest thereon having been destroyed.

#### COAL AND WATER.

A contract for supply of 4000 tons of slack coal was made with the Dominion Coal Company, but, as anticipated in my last report, at an advanced rate of 25cts. per ton over the contract of the previous year.

The water supplied by the Town of Dartmouth has now been used in the boats' boilers for over a year, and the Chief Engineer reports that it is less injurious to the boilers than that formerly used.

#### EXPENDITURE.

Herewith are submitted the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement, as prepared by the Secretary, and audited by Mr. W. C. Bishop.

The whole of the expenditure for the year has been charged to current expenses, and none to capital account, as in the opinion of the Commission no further capital indebtedness should be created. Wherever practicable all supplies have been purchased by tender.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance to the credit of this account of \$235.75, and at the end a debit balance of \$5,895.30.

During the year there has been received from all sources \$46,520.99, and expended for all services the sum of \$54,378.17. The value of the stock of coal, etc., on hand being estimated at \$1,961.88.

The Commission had on deposit the sum of \$6,000 received from sale of property, this has been drawn out and, with the exception of \$104.70, used, in preference to borrowing from outside sources, to meet the expenditures of the year, and will be replaced out of future earnings of the Ferry.

In view of the exceptional expenditures for law suits, repairs and renewals, and the fact that no charge has been made to capital account, the profit and loss account is not unsatisfactory.

The amount received for hire of the "Sir C. Ogle," and the saving in coal by running the small boat, contributed largely to the smallness of the balance against the Commission.

The amount overdrawn in the bank account is more than offset by stock of coal, etc., on hand Dec'r 31st last.

For the year 1892 there was received from transient passengers the sum of \$34,628.83, and for the year 1893 the sum of \$34,223.86, and for the year 1892, for commutation, \$8,403.83, and for the same service for 1893 \$8,713.73.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN C. OLAND,

*Chairman Dartmouth Ferry Commission.*

## DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

*Profit and Loss Account for 12 months ended 31st Dec., 1893.*

1893.	Dr.	
Feby. 7, To	Paid damages to Str. "Camellia" .....	\$ 45 00
" 16,	" cost and damages in Isnor suit .....	198 01
May, 5,	" cost and damages in Drake suit .....	939 55
		\$ 118 56
	Interest .....	62 24
	Coal .....	630 00
	Dartmouth Taxes .....	120 00
	Wages .....	1727 00
	Insurance .....	4 00
	Dock, City of Halifax .....	80 00
	Town of Dartmouth Water .....	8 00
	Special repairs Str. "Halifax" .....	101 00

### REPAIRS AND EXPENSES.

Ordinary repairs to Halls and Machinery of	
Steamers .....	1739 05
False keel on Str. "Dartmouth" .....	798 95
Repairs to Wharves .....	997 35
Lumber, Iron, Oil, etc., used by Carpenter and	
Machine Shops .....	1334 00
Uniforms for crews 108.77, Telephones 81.75 ..	190 52
Repairing Musgrave's Wharf .....	120 00
Gov't. Inspectors fees 142.40, Tickets 98.20 ..	238 60
Connecting tenement houses with water system	82 00
Electric Lighting, Boats and premises .....	445 97
Office, printing, stationery, etc .....	116 05
Sewer frontage tax .....	141 22
Rubber hose, 306.55, Painting Stmr's. 380.15 ..	686 70
Water rates for tenements, and fire protection	
rates .....	172 15
Hard coal for Station houses .....	129 70
E. G. & C. Stayner, rent .....	50 00
Solicitors and Auditors salaries .....	250 00
General Repairs not elsewhere specified .....	448 40
Sundry expenses " " " .....	265 48
	\$ 81 00

1893.	\$520 00
Dec, 31, To Balance .....	\$ 58 00

CR.

1892.			
31,	By	Balance .....	\$235 75
		Ferriage (Transient) .....	34223 86
		Commutations .....	8713 73
		Rents .....	1039 42
		Discounts .....	41 08
		Wharfages .....	163 79
		Parcel Repository .....	59 11
		Rent for Str, "Sir C. Ogle" .....	2280 00
1893.			
31,		Balance .....	5895 30
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			<u>\$5665 04</u>

G. E. VANBUSKIRK,  
*Secretary.*

I certify the above statement of Profit and Loss to be correct.

W. C. BISHOP,  
*Auditor.*

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan'y. 24th, 1894.

## BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.	CR.
Profit and Loss .....	\$ 5895 30	\$ 1780 36
Adventures .....		147000 00
Real and Personal Property .....	140259 43	
Accounts .....	143 75	
Union Government .....	520 00	
Cash on hand .....	561 88	
Stock on hand .....	1400 00	
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	<u>\$148780 36</u>	<u>\$148780 36</u>

December 31, 1893.

G. E. VANBUSKIRK,  
*Secretary.*

I certify the above Balance Sheet to be correct, and as shown by the Books of the Commission on December 31st, 1893.

W. C. BISHOP,  
*Auditor.*

HALIFAX, N. S., January 24th, 1894.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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HALIFAX, N. S., Jan'y 24th, 1894.

*To the Dartmouth Ferry Commission :*

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby certify that I have made a careful and thorough examination of the books of accounts kept by your Commission up to December 31st, 1893, and have to report as follows:—

The books and accounts have been, as heretofore, correctly and well kept by your efficient Secretary, Mr. Geo. E. Van-Buskirk.

I have carefully compared the vouchers and time books in connection with the expenditure, and the receipts from commutation and transient tickets and other sources of income with the cash book and ledger, and find them all in perfect accord.

I have verified the trial balances since the issue of your last report also the bank book and cheque books, all of which are correct.

W. C. BISHOP,  
*Auditor.*

TO THE RATE-PAYERS  
OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

Our financial school year having terminated on the 31st day of December last, it becomes my duty to submit for your information the following report of the condition and requirements of that important branch of the public service.

BUILDINGS.

No new building has been erected during the year, although three additional departments have been opened. The second department in the North School was opened on the first day of May, and the Elliot school-house was rented at the same time for a second primary Grade, in the central portion of the town.

By alterations in the Park Building, another room has been utilized and an additional department opened in November. This room was of no special use until altered and enlarged. It now makes a good room, well lighted and ventilated, and though not as large as the rooms in the new buildings, it is comfortably and pleasantly situated.

At the opening of the schools after vacation, the Stairs Street Building was found insufficient to accommodate the largely increased number of pupils.

More room, and better ventilation must be had. It was decided to extend the building twelve feet north. The work was undertaken at once, and accomplished with little interruption to the school, and it is now much larger and better ventilated than before.

## REPAIRS.

The greater portion of the roof of the Park Building was shingled, also considerable repairs made on the roofs of "Central," and "Greenvale."

The alterations and improvements made at the Park, and Stairs Street Buildings, having been forced upon the Board by the largely increased attendance became a necessity although not provided for in the estimates.

## FUTURE ACCOMMODATION.

The building in which the school at Woodside is kept, is far from satisfactory. There was no better place that could be secured. Parents have complained of the unfitness of the building, and justly so. Two stoves are required to make it at all fit for pupils and teacher in cold weather.

It is the duty of the rate-payers to authorize the Board to erect a suitable building on the site on the Asylum Road, and thus give the children at the south-end the much needed improved school accommodation.

The Elliot School-house though now rented by the Board, is not fit for a school-room. It is small, poorly ventilated, and badly situated.

Before the close of the present year, increased accommodation will become an imperative necessity in the central portion of Town. Now is the time to consider the question, and make provision by a vote of the rate-payers, to borrow a sufficient sum to provide the necessary accommodation for the fast increasing attendance at our public schools.

## TENDERS.

As much of the expenditure as practicable was made under tender and contract. The school supplies, fuel, stove service and all repairs that could be clearly defined before the work was undertaken, were put up at competition, tenders received, and contracts awarded to the lowest tender.

## COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

In my report of last year, reference was made to the intention of the Board to have a compulsory attendance act, intro-



duced at the then approaching session of the Legislature, to apply to the Dartmouth School Section.

The act has had a very beneficial effect, on the attendance. It has gone far to revolutionize our whole system. Its effect has been felt in every apartment. A number of pupils attend school now that never spent a day at school although within school age, some that came occasionally, now come regularly.

The new department at the Park, and the great increase at the Stairs Street School, are entirely owing to the operation of the act. The increase in the attendance since the vacation has been phenomenal.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

A little over a year ago the Board, after careful deliberation, decided to re-establish the High School department; the suppression of which some years since, has proved disastrous to the educational interests of the town.

It was supposed at the time, that pupils who passed the entrance examination to Halifax Academy, would complete the High school course in that institution. But the result has proved that, from various causes, not more than 20 per cent. of the passed pupils availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Academy. The remainder simply dropped out, and lost the two or three years of High School training, which should have been to them the most beneficial of all.

The first year or "D." was opened in Nov. '92, with 30 pupils, a number which proved the desire of pupils and parents for High School advantages at home. About 50 per cent. of these successfully passed the Provincial Examination after 8 months tuition, a fact that speaks well for the success of the undertaking. Two of these also passed the professional examination and are now teaching. The 2nd or "C" grade was opened in Sept. '93, and though seriously crippled for the want of room, are doing good work in the subjects of that grade. The registration for both grades is now 52. Teachers and pupils are looking forward, longingly to the time when another and more suitable room will be at their disposal than the small gloomy class-room which necessity compels them at present to use.

Principal Miller speaks very highly of the great advantage it has been to him in this work, to have in Miss Findlay, as Sub-

Principal, an invaluable assistant, a teacher of the highest order, possessing great skill and executive ability.

#### KINDERGARTEN REPORT.

The Kindergarten, under the skilful management of Miss Hamilton, is in a flourishing condition.

The number of pupils graded to the different Primaries from the Kindergarten during the year was fifty.

The number on the register for some time has been 67.

The average is larger since September than ever before.

Year by year parents are taking a greater interest in this department, as shown by their frequent visits, and the gradually increasing number of pupils. Some months since it became necessary for Principal Miller to instruct Miss Hamilton to decline to receive any more pupils at present. If this pressure for admittance continues, it will be necessary before long to make arrangements for increased Kindergarten accommodation. If the public demand tuition for their little ones in Kindergarten methods, it is imperative on the School Commissioners to provide it.

The present class are good workers, as evidenced by their exhibits on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, instant, which were admired by a large number of visitors.

Miss Howe and Miss Crook, having passed a satisfactory examination in the different subjects, were awarded diplomas as Teachers of Kindergarten method and practice.

Miss Kennedy, of Mahone Bay, and Miss Mumford, of Dartmouth, are training at present, and another lady is expected from N. B.

The aim is to establish a first-class Training School for Kindergarteners in Dartmouth, and the prospects are encouraging for the success of the attempt.

Ours is the only Public K. G. and Training School in the Province, and it is very generally admitted that both in excellence of results regarding the work of the pupils and in training facilities for teachers, our institution is second to none.

#### THE COLORED SCHOOL.

No department in our schools has been so much effected by the new act as this one. From a register of thirty, and an average attendance of ten, there has been evolved a register of forty-five, with an average attendance of thirty.

It appears that the change has settled the fate of this department so long in doubt as to the final outcome. Thanks to the new act and the efficiency and experience of the present teacher. It is now on a fair way to show good results and assure its continued existence.

#### HEALTH READER.

At the last session of the Local Legislature, a bill was passed making Temperance Education compulsory in the public schools of this Province.

To meet the requirements of this law, a text book (the Health Reader,) was specially prepared for the use of schools on this subject, and is being introduced as rapidly as copies can be obtained. The importance of training the children in this matter of Temperance is apparent to all.

If the hope of a sober world in the future is to be realized, it must be by educating the school children of to-day in the principles of temperance, and as instruction in this subject is no longer optional, we are assured that it will receive that attention from teachers which its importance merits, and which has never before been given to it. What temperance lectures and temperance organizations have failed to do, we have great hopes of effecting by means of careful instruction to all grades of pupils in our public schools.

#### SCHOOL BANKS.

These are in a healthy condition. The period of excitement is passed, and the Banks may fairly be said to have reached their normal condition, and under careful attention from teachers show a considerable increase in deposits.

In 1891 the total deposit was . . . . .	\$769.18
“ 1892 “ “ “ “ . . . . .	882.17
Increase . . . . .	<u>\$112.99</u>
In 1893 the total deposit was . . . . .	\$1181.44
Increase . . . . .	<u>299.27</u>
No. Banks . . . . .	21
“ Depositors about . . . . .	700
Average weekly deposit . . . . .	29.51

Statement of Cash deposited and withdrawn for year  
ending Dec. 31st, 1893

1893		
Jan. 1	Balance on hand.....	\$ 300.60
Dec. 31	Deposited .....	1181.44
		<u>\$1482.04</u>
	Withdrawn .....	\$ 108.86
	Transferred to Post Office Savings Bank....	1009.00
	Balance :	
	Special deposit .....	\$ 300.00
	Cash on hand.....	64.19
		<u>\$364.19</u>
		<u>\$1,482.04</u>

ATTENDANCE.

The schools were open 210 days during the year.

The total number of pupils registered was 1,239, being an increase of 83 over the preceding year.

The total days attendance for the year was 186,234, being 46,454 more than last year, and the average daily attendance was 887 being 237 a day more than 1882.

These figures show that the daily attendance has increased enormously during the year, the greater increase being shown since the re-opening after vacation.

The influence of the Compulsory Attendance Act has been a powerful factor in obtaining such a gratifying result. The increased attendance has been equal to four full departments for the whole year.

TEACHERS.

A year ago we had a staff of twenty teachers ; we have now twenty-three on the staff.

Miss Godfrey obtained leave of absence for a year. Miss Wilson resigned to fulfil a more pleasing engagement in which the Board wishes her continued joy and prosperity. Misses Mosely and Simpson also resigned their positions.

Misses Allan, McKay, and Thomas, have been engaged to fill the new departments, and Misses Pender, Hopkins, Harris, and Fultz, to fill the vacancies that occurred.

I have been much pleased with the good order and general proficiency shown by the pupils during my visits. Principal Miller reports his staff second to none,

Mr. Miller is to be congratulated on his successful administration of affairs. The school machinery and government run smoothly, and no complaints are heard.

This fact must be taken as evidence that our Principal is the right man in the right place.

#### EXPENDITURE.

Owing to a change in the Provincial School Year, a large portion of the school grant for 1893 has not yet been received by the Board.

The increased accommodation required on the opening after vacation, has caused a large expenditure than had been contemplated.

Annexed will be found the financial statement showing the amount expended on the different branches of the service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MACLEAN,

*Chairman Board of School Commissioners.*

Dartmouth, N. S., Jan. 15th, 1894.

## BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, DARTMOUTH.

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for year ended Dec. 31, 1893.*

1893.	RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 1.	Balance.....	\$9 54
	Town of Dartmouth—Amount of Estimate.....	9005 00
	Government Grant to Teachers—	
	To February 3, 1893.....	464 76
	To July 31, 1893.....	921 25
		1386 01
	Interest on School Bank Fund.....	\$ 300 00      11 36
	Glass broken.....	1 25
	Book and picture.....	1 65
	Map broken.....	50
		3 40
	Balance.....	1636 72
		\$12,052 03

### EXPENDITURE.

Salaries— Teachers.....	7775 94	
Substitutes.....	74 00	
		7849 94
Janitrices.....		593 07
Stationery and other supplies.....		269 20
Chemicals, &c., High School.....		31 63
Advertising and printing.....		39 37
Repairs—Park School.....	247 39	
General.....	219 87	
		467 26
Fuel.....		335 47
Stove Service.....		107 21
Desks.....		382 00
Cleaning.....		79 64
Rent—Elliot School.....	25 00	
Repairs Woodside School.....	92 97	
		117 97
Water Supply—Central School.....		16 11
Interest on Debentures.....	919 36	
Overdraft.....	33 79	
		953 15
Insurance.....		40 00
Truant Officers' Salaries.....		74 94
Treasurer School Bank—Salary.....		60 00

Contingent—Photos of School Buildings .....	10 00	
Hire Piano .....	27 00	
Blackboard.....	6 50	
Trees .....	6 77	
Clocks and repairs .....	12 85	
Table .....	2 50	
Blinds .....	3 16	
Sundries .....	30 82	
		99 60
Park School—Additional Room .. . . . .	295 72	
Colored School—Addition.....	213 65	
		509 37
Grading G. V. School Grounds.....		26 70
		<u>\$12,052 03</u>

ALFRED ELLIOT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

G. FOOT,  
W. CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

## STAFF OF TEACHERS,

FOR YEAR COMMENCING AUGUST 1ST, 1893.

	Class.	Grade.	No. reg.	Per cent.	Salary.
Central School :—					
G. J. Miller, (Prin.),	A) S	C			\$1100
Miss S. Findlay, (Asst.),	C) H	D	52	85.6	440
“ Stenhouse,	B	8	34	69.7	320
“ Hopkins,	B	7	60	72.7	400
“ A. Downey,	C	6	76	81.9	390
“ Shute,	C	5	78	81.5	320
“ Jackson,	C	4	66	82	320
Park School :—					
Miss M. Downey,	C	5 and 6	58	80.3	410
“ Thomas,	C	5	40		
“ Scarfe,	C	4	49	81.4	300
“ Pender,	C	2 and 3	48	82.9	260
“ Hennigar,	C	1	68	83.2	280
Greenville School :—					
Miss Hamilton,	C	K G	69	63.4	420
“ B. Hume,	C	2	59	84.6	410
“ J. Findlay,	C	4	46	85.2	300
“ E. Hume,	C	1	72	73.2	360
Hawthorne School :—					
Miss Harris,	C	3 and 4	60	82.7	300
“ Murray,	C	1 and 2	39	75.4	320
North School :—					
Miss M. McKay,	B	1 to 5	46	77	300
“ B. McKay,	C	“	58	71.4	300
Woodside School :—					
Miss Murray,	C	1 to 5	52	85.8	300
Elliot School :—					
Miss O. Allen,	B	1	54	73.5	300
Colored School :—					
Miss Fultz,	C	1 to 5	47	66.8	300

Total registered pupils..... 1,241  
 Average daily attendance..... 887  
 Grand total days attendance .....186,234½