

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1896.

Mayor.

W. H. STERNS.

Presiding Councillor.

W. McV. SMITH.

Councillors.

WARD 1.—H. H. HARRISON,

J. R. GLENDINNING.

“ 2.—J. E. STERNS,

W. McV. SMITH.

“ 3.—HY. MOSELEY,

G. W. C. OLAND.

Board of School Commissioners

F. ELLIOT. (Ch.) COUNCILLORS SMITH, STERNS, MOSELEY,
C. S. LANE.

Commissioners of Dartmouth Park.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLORS STERNS AND OLAND; J. W. ALLISON
J. W. TUFTS.

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

THE MAYOR, (Ch.) COUNCILLORS OLAND AND MOSELEY; B. A.
WESTON, GEO. J. TROOP, J. W. ALLISON.

Town Officers.

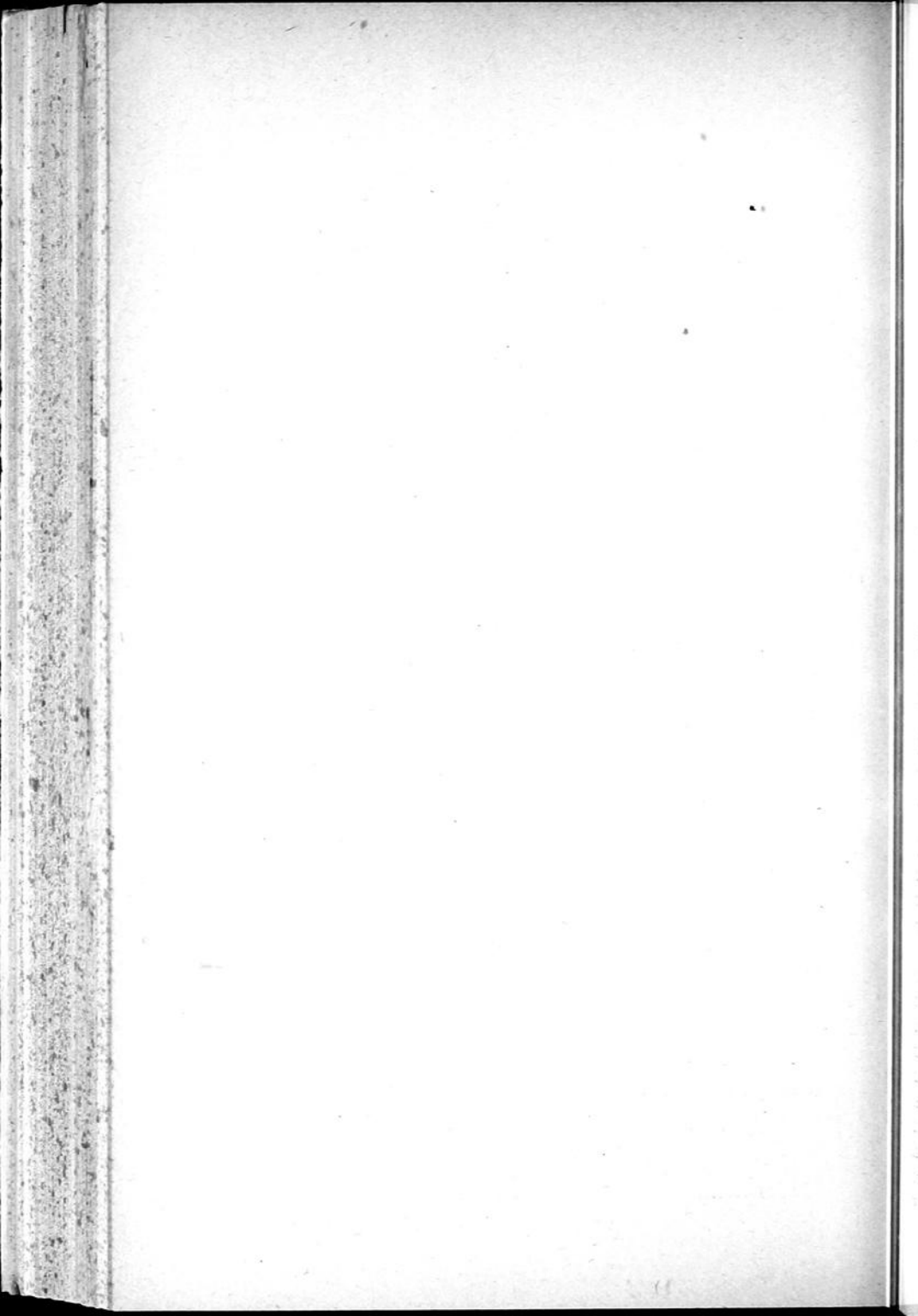
STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE AND RECORDER,..... B. RUSSELL, Q. C.
DEPUTY “ “ “ “..... WM. R. FOSTER.
TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER,..... ALFRED ELLIOT.
TOWN ASSESSORS,..... F. HYDE, J. R. ORMAN, J. T. WALKER.
AUDITORS,..... GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON.
REVISORS OF ELECTORAL LISTS, T. NOTTING, P. SIMMONDS, J. S. WARNER
SUPT. OF WATER WORKS AND STREETS..... W. L. BISHOP.

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MAYORS
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

1873-4.....	Wm. J. Symonds.
1874-5.....	Wm. J. Symonds.
1875-6.....	Geo. J. Troop.
1876-7.....	Geo. J. Troop.
1877-8.....	Wm. H. Weeks.
1878-9.....	Wm. H. Weeks.
1879-80.....	Wm. H. Weeks.
1880-81.....	Jas. W. Turner.
1881-2.....	John Y. Payzant.
1882-3.....	John Y. Payzant.
1883-4.....	John F. Stairs.
1884-5.....	John F. Stairs.
1885-6.....	John C. P. Frazee.
1886.....	Byron A. Weston.
1887.....	Byron A. Weston.
1888.....	James Simmonds.
1889.....	Fred'k Scarfe.
1890.....	Fred'k Scarfe.
1891.....	Fred'k Scarfe.
1892.....	John C. Oland.
1893.....	John C. Oland.
1894.....	Wm. H. Sterns.
1895.....	Wm. H. Sterns.
1896.....	Wm. H. Sterns.



Mayor's Report for the Year 1897.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—In submitting for your information this report of the affairs of the Municipality of Dartmouth for the year ending 31st of December, 1896. I regret to say that the financial statement still shows an adverse balance. Your Council were in hopes to have largely reduced if not altogether expunged this amount and I have no hesitation in saying would have accomplished their desire had it not been for the occurrence of several contingencies not controllable by them, one of the principal of these being Legislation obtained by the Graving Dock Company at the last Legislature, the Government fixing the assessment on their property at \$57,000 in place of \$89,150 the amount assessed by the duly qualified assessors thus reducing at one blow the estimated revenue by the sum of \$418. I think there should be a strenuous effort put forth to have this legislation repealed as it is making a very bad precedent and one that will sooner or later be taken advantage of by others if it is found to be so easy to induce the Legislature to step in and take the place of the regular assessors, who, one would think should have a better knowledge of the value of property within the Town than a committee of the Legislature selected from the province at large, some of whom I will venture to say base their decision on hearsay evidence, without visiting the property upon which they are asked to place a value.

The freshets caused by the unprecedented fall rains made some very bad washouts on our streets which caused an extra outlay of nearly \$400 dollars, to make good the damage. These two items alone would have enabled the the Council to show a largely decreased deficit, however as shown by the report of the Finance Committee the finances of the Town are in better shape than last year and the present statement of the assets and liabilities only showing a balance of about \$1600, on current account leaves us in a fairly good position.

The reports of the Finance, Streets, and Water and Sewerage Committees here appended will give you all the information in detail.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—A review of the Auditor's Annual Report, now before you for the year 1896, presents a rather more favorable statement of Town Finances than that of 1895, notwithstanding the fact that the estimated revenue was reduced nearly \$500.00 through a reduction in the assessed valuation on real estate of \$33,600.00 caused through legislation obtained by the Halifax Graving Dock and St. Peter's T. A. & B. Society.

This amount together with the extra expenditure of \$373.00 authorized on streets to repair washouts of last fall would have admitted the wiping out of at least one half the previous year's deficit of \$2221.00 nevertheless a reduction of \$648.00 on the same is shown to have been made by the report.

The receipts for the year in the ordinary account of the Town were \$23,855.96, and the expenditure \$24,696.46.

On the 31st December, 1896, the current liabilities amounted to \$7,811.17, of this amount \$4,413.79 was due the Union Bank. \$873.00 of this amount however being extra on streets as authorized in 1894-6, for Ferry interest coupons not presented \$416.25, and sundry accounts amounting to \$2981.13.

Bonded Debt
Water only.

412,800 (192)
140,500 (189)

272,300

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The current assets to meet the above are :

Taxes 1895.....	\$ 720 36
Taxes 1896.....	5135 95
Poll Tax 1896, on those not assessed.....	282 00
School Tax 1896, Halifax.....	411 95
School Tax 1896, O. D.....	162 53
Dog Tax.....	32 00
Court Fees.....	39 81
Common Rent.....	145 79
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	\$6930 39
Less allowance uncollectable 10%	639 00
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	\$6237 39

Showing a net deficit of \$1573.78 against \$2221.00, in 1895.

The Bonded Debt of the Town of Dartmouth was on December 31st, 1896, as follows :—

TITLE OF DEBENTURE.	WHEN ISSUED.	YEARS TO RUN.	INTEREST.	AMOUNT.
Consolidated Debt	Dec 2. 1889	25	4%	
Engine House.....				4275
Town Hall.....				1527
School (Park).....				3054
Water.....				8144
				<hr/>
				\$ 17000
Schools (Hawthorne)	Mar 8. 1886	20	6%	2000
Schools	July 21. 1890	20	4%	12330
Schools	" 1. 1894	20	4½%	7000
				<hr/>
				21300
Ferry.....	June 2. 1890	25	4½%	10000
"	July 1. 1890	25	4%	40000
				<hr/>
				150000
Water.....	July 21 1891	20	4½%	20000
	July 1. 1892	20	4½%	80000
	July 1. 1893	20	4½%	30000
	July 1. 1893	20	4½%	5000
	June 1. 1895	20	4½%	3000
	Dec 10. 1895	20	4½%	500
	May 1. 1896	20	4½%	2000
				<hr/>
				140,500
Total.....				<hr/>
				\$328,800

An increase of \$2000.00 over 1895, authorized by the Acts of 1896, Cap. 31, for the extension of the Water and Sewerage system to Pine, Quarrell, North and King Streets, but as the sewerage sinking fund now amounts to \$11,391.00 the actual net Bonded Debt of the Town is \$317,409.00.

The Real and Personal property within the Town for was assessed this year at the following valuation:—

Real.....	\$1,365,851
Personal.....	407,150
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Total.....	\$1,773,001

The assessed rate for the year was placed at \$1.30 per \$100.00, which includes the Public School rate of 55 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HARRISON,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY,

Your Committee on streets and Public property beg to submit their report for the year 1896.

This branch of the Town service has had close and careful attention. In the early part of the spring it was quite evident that there would have to be rebuilt a large number of culverts as they had become worn out and useess. They have been replaced with a more durable material, and we have tried to do this work in as permanent a way as it was possible for us with the means at our disposal. In the early part of the spring some moulds were made and from them were cast several concrete pipes costing about 48 cents per foot. Crock pipes of the same size and strength cost 80 cents per foot and we are of the opinion that the concrete pipes make the better culvert as well as a very large saving. Two of the old culverts have been replaced with concrete

pipes, one on the Old Ferry Road and one on Creighton Avenue. Several were built with salt water logs bolted together. At the close of the season's work we find that there has been expended on this branch of the road service \$212.40.

About 2200 tons of stone were broken and used on the streets, viz: Ochterloney, Canal, Portland, and Pleasant Sts., nearly all of the stone that was used on Pleasant Street was taken from the sides of the road near the place where the repairs were made. The heavy freshet of Oct. 19th, caused a considerable amount of damage to the streets, we therefore had to ask the Council for an extra grant of \$500.00. To make good the damage it took \$396.26 of that amount to put the roads in good condition again.

The total expenditure was.....	\$3087	32
Less received for old stone and cement sold.....	53	55
Leaving the net expenditure.....	\$3033	77
Your Com. have charged Water Com. for the \$25 worth of stone which they expected to be refunded.....	25	00
Total reduced to.....	\$3008	77

STREET LIGHTING.

The estimate was \$1400.00 and the expenditure \$1396.42, well within the estimate. The number of lights being 70.

STREET WATERING.

As recommended by your Committee last year, the Town Council authorized the purchase of a new watering cart. After making diligent enquiry and getting prices from several firms, your Committee purchased from G. Heaman

of London, Ont., a four wheeled waggon, 600 gals. capacity, with patent sprinkler which has given general satisfaction. The amount placed in the estimates for the cart and watering the streets was \$550.00; the expenditure was \$446.40.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

The amount estimated for this service was \$100.00, and expenditure \$124.80, mainly for the cost of re-shingling the north roof of the Engine House and repairing and re-shingling the south roof of the Lockup. The portable engine which was purchased some years ago to run the old stone breaker being of no more service to the Town since the plant run by water-power was established on the Canal property and which was recommended to be sold by your Committee last year was advertized and sold for \$300.00. The amount has been credited to the general revenues of the Town.

CEMETERY.

Although \$200.00 was placed in the estimates to extend the fence on the south side to take up the vacant ground between the cemetery and Stairs Street, your Committee thought it advisable to postpone the work for another year not wishing to expend the money, as there did not seem to be any pressing necessity that the work should be done this year. Your Committee would recommend that the work be proceeded with when the Spring opens.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. GLENDENNING,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Your Water and Sewerage Committee having finished their work for the past year will endeavour to lay before you a brief statement of the work done for the year and the condition of both services at the present time.

RATES.

Having found that the rate of last year was too low to meet the requirements of the service, the Council on recommendation of your Committee increased the Domestic rate from 40 cents to 45 cents, which they consider is as low a rate as can be made to bring in revenue enough to keep the service in first-class condition and meet running expenses.

EXTENSIONS

The sum of \$2000.00 having been borrowed under an Act of the Legislature, for the purpose of extending the water and sewerage along King Street from Ochterloney street to North Street and along that street from King Street to Edward Street and extending the Water system along Quarrel Streets from Wilson Street to Pine Street and along Pine Street from that point to Ochterloney Street, your Committee asked for tenders early in April for trenching for the proposed work and Mr. Awalt's tender of 26 cents for earth and \$2.25 for rock being the lowest was accepted, and the work was completed in a satisfactory manner and within the estimated cost. The extension of Water on Tony Street was not carried out on account of the Town not having a deed of the street and not wishing to incur the risk of a law suit. The water was also extended along Stairs street from Water Street to the railway station for the purpose of supplying the I. C. Railway. The revenue to be received from that service will pay a good per-centage on the outlay.

THE LEAKS AT THE LAKE AND IN THE MAIN PIPE.

The leak at the pipe-house which has been increasing ever since the works have been completed and which last year caused a loss of nearly 100,000 gallons of water per day was taken in hand during the summer, and we are pleased to say that thanks to the good work of our Superintendent, Mr. Bishop, the leak has been completely stopped.

The cost of the work \$96.10 was very small considering the nature of the undertaking.

The several leaks in the main have also been stopped and the pipes so far as we know are all in good order now.

THE FARQUHARSON CLAIM.

Mr. Farquharson having had a claim against the Town for water overflowing his land at the head of Lamont Lake, the claim was referred to your Committee and having gone over the ground they decided to settle the matter for all time by buying from Mr. Farquharson a strip of land around the head of the lake from D. Donovan's line on the West side to the line of the town property on the East side. The price agreed upon by both parties is \$300.00.

SEWERAGE.

The heavy freshets of the past season having proved that the sewers although large enough for general purposes are too small to carry the storm water in heavy rains, it will be the duty of the incoming Council to consider the best way to provide for carrying off the surplus water.

There have been a number of complaints to the Council and wherever possible, your Committee have arranged matters to the satisfaction of all concerned but other means will have to be taken to relieve the sewers before the work can be considered permanent. The present Committee have before them a scheme for the construction of a sewer for storm water only from the man-hole at the corner of Pine and Ochterloney Streets to Wilson Street and along that street to the lower canal bridge. Also making a curve in the sewer pipe at the corner of Ochterloney and Water Streets running north, and at the corner of Portland and Water Streets, running south, which we consider will relieve the present sewer system and make it work satisfactorily. The cost of the work is estimated to be about \$1500.00.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

The funds available for construction purposes having been all used you will be asked at an early date to vote a further sum for that work. The amount needed at the present:—\$300.00 for James Farquharson's land; about \$200.00 for Tony Street extension; and a sum not to exceed \$2000.00 for the purpose of improving the sewer system.

A financial statement of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Water and Sewerage department has been prepared and found correct by the Auditors and will be found on another page of this report.

J. E. STERNS,
Chairman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Your Fire Department Committee submit the following report in connection with this service for the past year, which has certainly been very satisfactory.

It is absolutely necessary that this report shall call the attention of the Council to the present condition of the Steam Fire Engine, the boiler of which has now been in use five years beyond the guarantee period of the makers, and having been re-tubed three times within the past 20 years, any further expenditure of a like character cannot be recommended. Provision for either re-classing this Engine or the purchase of a chemical should be made in the estimates for 1897. The estimated cost of maintenance for this department for 1896 was \$660.00 and for pumps and wells \$50.00. The total expenditure including the purchase of 250 feet of new hose was \$634.16 and the expenditure on pumps and wells \$14.59, leaving a balance to credit of \$61.25.

Your Committee feel that the citizens are to be congratulated on the small amount annually assessed for this

important department, as from comparisons made, we find the cost considerably lower than in any other incorporated Town in the Province.

H. H. HARRISON,

Chairman.

DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT.

Business for year ended December 31st, 1896.

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

Summonses	} 337
Capais		

Summonses and capais served by City (22) by County (50). Constables on Defendants residing in City and County of Halifax.

By Constables in other Counties (5).....	77
No of writs issued (not served).....	9

Total No. of writs issued.....423

No. of executions issued and served:

By Town Constables	164
City (14) and County (25) Constables on defendants residing in other Counties (5)..	43

Total..... 207

POLICE.

There has been no change to note in this service, the two officers continue to perform their duties in a satisfactory manner.

LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS.

Several prosecutions under the Liquor License Act of 1895 have been made during the year, but in most, if not all cases, they have been removed to the Supreme Court and are yet undecided.

POOR.

The amount expended on this account during the year was \$750.24, but the Town owes the County to Dec. 31st \$589.65.

We maintained at the Poor Farm during the year ten patients, 5 males and 5 females.

LUNATICS.

Ten patients are supported by the Town at Mount Hope Asylum. Six males and four females. The amount expended for this service was \$952.75 and there is now due on this account to December 31st, \$1450.69 exactly one year behind, this state of affairs should not be allowed to exist, and I would strongly advise the assessing for the full amount required in each year to cover both this and the Poor account and paying them up the same as any other service, even if the tax rate has to be increased to do so

In conclusion I have to thank the ratepayers for the confidence bestowed in electing me to this important office for the third term, and it is very gratifying to me to know that my administration of your affairs merited such esteem,

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. STERNS,

Mayor.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.,
January 11th, 1897.

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

Gentlemen,—Herewith we hand you our final report for the year ended December 31st, 1896.

We beg to report having audited all 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, 1896.

We find all in order and correct.

The securities belonging to the Town were placed before us for our inspection which we find agree with the details as set forth in account No. 4.

We hand you the accompanying statements Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, showing the different services, etc., of the Town.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

No. 1.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure of the
Town of Dartmouth for the year ended
December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

ESTIMATES.	Assessment 1890	.....	\$ 15 92	
	1893	.....	60	
3786	1894	.....	9 95	
	1895	.....	2462 80	
	1896	.....	16764 67	
			<hr/>	\$19403 94
	Poll Tax 1894	.....	\$ 10 67	
1350	1895	.....	125 95	
	1896	.....	1017 50	
			<hr/>	1154 12
	School Tax, (Halifax) 1894	.....	3 25	
	1895	.....	247 97	
	1896	.....	687 41	
			<hr/>	938 63
	School Tax, (outside district) 1893	.....	3 92	
	1894	.....	8 46	
	1895	.....	58 82	
	1896	.....	245 96	
			<hr/>	317 16
160	Dog Tax	.....		140 00
450	Court Fees	.....		506 06
120	Fines	.....		89 45
	Licenses—Hackney	.....	27 00	
	Auction	.....	\$ 20 00	
	Junk	.....	4 00	
	Trucks	.....	41 50	
	Trailers	.....	349 00	
150	Exhibition	.....	2 00	
			<hr/>	443 50
	Cemetery—For lots sold	.....		5 00
	Lunatics—For maintenance at Hospital for In-	.....	
	sane	.....		104 00

Pro--From Prov. of N. S. for maintenance of paupers at Poor Farm 1893-94-95..		\$ 142 23
Contingent		7 65
Streets—For old iron	\$ 28 25	
For cement	25 30	
		53 55
Pumps and wells.....		1 59
Poundage		11 75
Interest from School Board.....		207 36
Ferry Interest--On Debentures 1 yr. on \$38,000 @ 4%.....	1520 00	
On Debentures 1 yr. on \$109,000 @ 4½%.....	4905 00	
		6425 00
150 Union Bank tax		150 00
Portable Engine sold.....		300 00
100 Common rent.....		30 06
Balance		4413 79
		<u>\$34694 75</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Balance		\$ 3877 04
Salaries—Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder..	\$ 600 00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer.....	1050 00	
Assistant Clerk	133 50	
Messenger.....	84 60	
Assessors.....	300 00	
2283 Auditors	100 60	
		2268 10
Police—Chief of Police Salary	549 96	
No. 2.....	450 00	
Clothing allowance.	100 00	
Fuel.....	39 08	
Telephone.....	25 00	
Cleaning and White washing.....	6 00	
Prisoner's meals	5 10	
Night Watchman	52 00	
Electric Light.....	15 96	
1200 Sundries	7 73	
		1250 83
Lunatics—Maintenance at Hospital for Insane 9 months to Dec 31 1895.....	941 75	
Lunacy certificates	10 00	
1670 Cab Hire.....	1 00	
		952 75
Fire Department—Engineer's Salary	150 00	
Fuel, Waste, &c	57 02	
Electric Lighting	28 33	
Stove Service	5 60	
Hauling Engine.....	18 00	

	Repairs -- Fire Engine.....	\$ 15 60	
	Kerosine Oil.....	5 78	
	Watching fire.....	1 60	
	Hose Straps, &c.....	293 58	
	Repairs to Buckets.....	10 00	
	Setting up Fire Bell at U. P. C. Hall.....	26 60	
	Repairs to Ladder Wagons.....	10 00	
	Putting Water in Engine House.	11 47	
660	Cleaning and Sundries.....	12 65	
		<hr/>	\$ 645 63
	Contingent—Stationery and Printing.....	188 80	
	Refund Taxes.....	12 22	
	Election expenses.....	2 00	
	Electric Lighting Town Hall.....	36 48	
	Rent of Re'orm Club Hall.....	10 00	
	Telephone Town Hall.....	40 00	
	Legal expenses.....	20 00	
	Replacing fence, Glendinning Lane.....	5 00	
	Revisors (Prov. Lists).....	40 00	
	Fuel, Town Hall.....	10 00	
	Stove Service.....	5 33	
	Refunded amount paid at Tax sale for the Thomas Lot.....	\$46 00	
	Interest, Thomas Lot.....	4 51	
	Taxes on Thomas Lot.....	1 97	
		<hr/>	\$51 58
	Less pd. from tax sale fund..	37 01	
		<hr/>	14 57
478	Sundries.....	71 22	
		<hr/>	455 62
	Public Property—Shingles for roof Town Hall..	7 80	
	Shingling roof Engine House..	53 57	
	Repairs to Lockup.....	63 43	
		<hr/>	124 80
100	Engineer's Level.....		47 25
	Poor—Dispensary Grant.....	60 00	
	Maintenance paupers at County Poor Farm, 12 months to Dec. 31, '95.....	584 12	
	Burial expenses.....	26 50	
	Medical Attendance.....	5 00	
	Fuel and Supplies to Poor.....	215 65	
1192	Sundries.....	1 25	
		<hr/>	892 52
1420	Lighting—12 months to Nov. 30th, 1896..		1396 42
50	Pumps and Wells—Repairs to Pumps.....		14 59
112	Ferry Interest—On outstanding coupons 1895.....	112 50	
	On coupons presented due 1896.	6008 75	
		<hr/>	6121 25

60	Liquor License Fund—Inspector's Salary	\$ 60 00	
	Witness Fees	12 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 72 00
	Interest—On Consolidated Debt, 12 months to Dec 1896 on \$7000 @ 4%	280 00	
	12 months to Dec 1896 on \$10,000 @ 4%	400 00	
648	On Over-draft at bank	111 34	
		<u> </u>	791 34
100	Public Health - Medical Officer's salary	20 00	
	Watching infections cases	67 10	
		<u> </u>	87 10
1000	County Rates—In full 1895	653 16	
	On acct. 1896	346 84	
		<u> </u>	1000 00
200	Cemetery		
350	Water Wagon		265 00
250	Dartmouth Park		250 00
	Poll Tax Refunded		1 00
100	Reading Room		100 00
200	Watering Streets		181 40
	Court Fees		37 94
10823	School Board		10823 00
	Streets—Labor	2027 63	
	Blacksmith	27 33	
	Repairs to Stone-breaker	82 26	
	Stone and gravel	241 48	
	Cement	63 10	
	Rent of Water Power	200 00	
	Shovels	13 67	
	Dynamite	12 50	
	Lumber	48 97	
	Wire Fencing &c	19 44	
	Pick and Hammer Handles	3 60	
3250	Superintendents Salary	300 00	
		<u> </u>	3040 07
			<u> </u>
			\$34694 75

ALFRED ELLIOT

Town Treasurer.

Examined and found correct

GEO. FOOT,	} Auditors
W. CREIGHTON.	

No. 2.

Water Maintenance Account. Jan. 1st, to Dec. 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1st, 1896.....	\$ 1190 11
Water Rates.....	5292 04
Interest on Sinking Fund.....	402 84
Sever Interest.....	1190 26
Sale of Grass at Lamont Lake.....	33 00
Interest on cost of Meter, Sugar Refinery.....	31 50
	<u>\$ 8139 75</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Bonded Debt.....	\$ 6187 50
Interest on Overdraft at Bank.....	88 06
Supt. Salary, (12 months).....	474 96
Clerk and Treasurer, (12 months).....	200 00
Labor, General repairs.....	152 85
Repairs, Dam at Lamont Lake.....	96 10
Hardware and Sundries.....	22 59
Printing and Advertising.....	36 50
Cab Hire.....	28 50
Cement.....	32 65
Balance.....	1820 04
	<u>\$ 8139 75</u>

No. 3.

Water and Sewer Construction Account, January 1st to
December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

For 4 Water bonds sold at \$500 each.....	\$ 2000 00
Premium $\frac{1}{2}\%$	90 00
Interest (accrued).....	19 96
Water and Sewer connections.....	85 62
Balance.....	22 75
	<u>\$ 2218 33</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Jan. 1st, 1896, Balance.....	\$ 2 68
House Service Trenches.....	233 41
Labor and Material.....	291 06
Extension King and North Streets.....	384 65
Extension Pine and Quarrell Streets.....	95 81

Standard Drain Pipe Co. for Drain pipe I C R. freight and Lighterage on pipe	\$ 178 76
Interest on overdraft at bank	5 65
Water Gates	38 25
Survey at Lamont Lake	7 50
Printing Debentures	15 00
Water Pipe for extensions	595 69
Drain to Robertson House Ochterloney Street.....	18 00
Stairs Street extension to I. C. R. Station	88 79
Fees, Registering Deeds	5 80
Building Culvert Portland Street near Wambolt's.....	57 27
S. Sutherland vs. The Town Claim as Foreman of Main Pipe Line	\$147 00
Interest	16 69
Costs	15 00
	178 69
Trenches at Marine Slip and Engine House	21 32
	<u>\$ 2218 33</u>

No. 4.

Sinking Fund, December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Sewer Frontage--Received to Dec. 31st, 1895	\$ 9539 99
" " " " 1896.....	1891 08
	<u>\$11431 07</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Invested in Bonds (4½%):	
Town of Lunenburg	\$4000 00
Municipality of Lunenburg	500 00
Town of Pictou.....	500 00
	<u>\$ 5000 00</u>
Premium on Bonds	35 00
Prov. of P. E. Island--Deposit Receipt @ 4%.....	5000 00
Exchange	5 00
Balance in Union Bank Savings Department @ 3½% Int.	1391 07
	<u>\$11431 07</u>

List of Licenses Granted 1896.

AUCTION.

Shand, Jas.....	\$10 00
Dugran & Sons, J.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$ 20 00

HACKNEY.

Hunt, John.....	\$ 4 00
Richards, Thos.....	2 50
Conrod, Jabez.....	4 00
Myers, Mrs. L.....	2 50
Greene, W. H.....	2 50
DeYoung, Lewis.....	4 00
Richards, Geo.....	2 50
Wambolt, R L.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$ 27 00

TRUCK.

Dartmouth Coal & Supply Co.....	\$ 3 50
Jones, John.....	2 50
Behan, Thos.....	2 50
Greene, W. H.....	5 00
Lee, Dan'l.....	3 50
Keddy, Jos.....	2 50
Ryan, Chas.....	2 50
Edwards, E.....	2 50
Williams, Stephen.....	2 50
Evans, Isaac.....	2 50
Warner, Edward.....	4 50
Strum, Jas.....	2 50
Wambolt, S. B.....	2 50
Craig, Jas.....	2 50
	<hr/> \$ 41 50

TRADERS.

Merchants Portrait Co.....	\$ 8 00
Donovan, W. H.....	30 00
Moir, Son & Co.....	30 00
Collier, P. F.....	8 00

Kaizer, Geo.....	\$20 00
Bertram, J. H.....	20 00
Globe Laundry.....	15 00
Corrigan, S. H.....	30 00
Davis, A. J.....	29 00
Fleishman & Co.....	8 00
Davis, Lewis W.....	8 00
Hamilton, G. J.....	30 00
N. Y. Biscuit Co.....	8 00
Singer Mfg. Co.....	20 00
A. J. Joyce.....	8 00
A. J. Redding.....	8 00
Lapierre, Simon.....	10 00
McQuaid, John J.....	10 00
Black & Flinn.....	10 00
Hames, W. J.....	20 00
Hancock, J. A.....	20 00
Jensen & Co., C.....	8 00
	<hr/> \$ 349 00

JUNK.

Bowden, John.....	\$4 00
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DOG TAX paid for year ended December 31st, 1896.

Name of Owner.	Tax.	Name of Owner.	Tax.
1895		Coombs, W. G.....	1 00
Campbell, Colin.....	\$1 00	Coates, Wm.....	1 00
Crowell, C. M.....	1 00	Cunningham, Allan.....	1 00
Innes, Geo.....	1 00	Cameron, Robt.....	1 00
Oland, G. W. C.....	1 00	Carter, Jos.....	1 00
Oland, J. C.....	1 00	Crathorne, Jr., Geo.....	1 00
		Coleman, E. L.....	1 00
	\$0 00	Chapman, T. H.....	1 00
1896.		Drysdale, Chas.....	1 00
Adams, Mrs. Geo.....	1 00	Dillman, John.....	1 00
Austen, H. E.....	1 00	Dunbrack, P.....	1 00
Angwin, Frank.....	1 00	Durney, Hugh.....	1 00
Atkinson, Geo.....	1 00	Douglas, Peter.....	1 00
Austen, P. G.....	1 00	Douglas, Jas. R.....	1 00
Allison, J. W.....	1 00	Drake, H. H.....	1 00
Anderson, J. L.....	1 00	Evans, Isaac.....	1 00
Austen, J. H.....	1 00	Eiger, M. F.....	2 00
Aker, Miss E.....	1 00	Elliot, Reuben.....	1 00
Anderson, Earle.....	1 00	Elliot, Edward.....	1 00
Awalt, Arch'd.....	1 00	Elliot, Alfd.....	1 00
Baylis, Hy.....	1 00	Forrester, Hy.....	1 00
Black, S. H.....	1 00	Foston, Jas.....	1 00
Brown, Alex.....	1 00	Frazee, J. C. P.....	1 00
Bishop, W. L.....	1 00	Findlay, Geo.....	1 00
Bowden, John.....	1 00	Fraser, D.....	1 00
Bowes, Stanley.....	1 00	Greene, John.....	1 00
Baker, Arthur.....	1 00	Graham, Walter.....	1 00
Bayne, Geo. A.....	1 00	Gray, Jer'h.....	1 00
Bassett, A. D.....	1 00	Glendinning, Hy.....	1 00
Bentley, T. J.....	1 00	Gow, Robt.....	1 00
Barss, W. L.....	1 00	Gray, Robt.....	1 00
Beck, Chas.....	1 00	Hiltz, Jas.....	1 00
Campbell, John.....	1 00	Hodg-on, Alex.....	1 00
Cox, Jr., John.....	1 00	Hutchinson, Albert.....	1 00
Colbert, Jas.....	1 00	Helsby, E. H.....	1 00
Campbell, Colin.....	1 00	Hamm, Jas.....	1 00
Creighton, H. D.....	1 00	Herman, Fred.....	1 00
		Keefe, John.....	1 00

Name of Owner.	Tax.	Name of Owner.	Tax.
Keddy, Jas.....	1 00	Power, Patrk.....	1 00
Kane, Howard.....	1 00	Publicover, Artbur.....	1 00
Jones, J.....	1 00	Pickering, W. E.....	1 00
Innes, Geo.....	1 00	Robinson, Mrs J.....	1 00
Landsburg, G. H.....	1 00	Regan, John.....	1 00
Lloy, Alex.....	1 00	Riley, Miss G.....	1 00
Leahy, Jas.....	1 00	Richards, Clarence.....	1 00
Logan Wm.....	1 00	Stewart, Douglas.....	1 00
Lynch Mrs.....	1 00	Strum, Jas.....	1 00
Lawlor, A. E.....	1 00	Settle, Jas. T.....	1 00
Lavers, W. G.....	1 00	Sawler, O.....	1 00
Mitchell, J. G.....	1 00	Smith, D.....	1 00
Monaghan, Geo.....	1 00	Shrum, Jos. H.....	1 00
Meredith, W. J.....	1 00	Stevens, W. H.....	1 00
Mott, Thos.....	1 00	Turnbull, Geo.....	1 00
Munro, Miss A.....	1 00	Tinder, Jas.....	1 00
Miller, G. J.....	1 00	Thwaites, Miss.....	1 00
Martin, John.....	1 00	Torrens, Robt.....	1 00
May, Miss Bessie.....	1 00	Taylor, Alex.....	1 00
Murphy, J. D.....	1 00	Veck, Geo.....	1 00
McLaughlin, Jos.....	1 00	Walker, J. T.....	1 00
McQuarrie, Geo.....	1 00	Walker, W. H.....	1 00
McKav, Mrs. J.....	2 00	Webbby, W. E.....	1 00
McNab, W. G.....	1 00	Wentzell, Wm.....	1 00
McLennan, Edw'd.....	1 00	Weston, B. A.....	1 00
McDonald, G. E.....	1 00	Wilson, Frank.....	1 00
McKenzie, Hugh.....	1 00	Watt, Miss Belle.....	1 00
McKay, Alex.....	1 00	Wallace, Wm.....	1 00
McAulay, Mrs. J.....	1 00	Walker, Jas.....	1 00
McElmon, Robt.....	1 00	Woodbury, Frank.....	1 00
Newman, C. L.....	1 00	Warner, Jas. S.....	1 00
Nicholson, A.....	1 00	Young, F. A.....	1 00
O'Hanley, Mrs. M.....	1 00		
Peveril, Chas.....	1 00		
Parker, Wm.....	1 00		

 \$140 00

REPORT
OF
Board of School Commissioners.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have the honor for the first time, as Chairman of the Board to present to you the following report of the work done by the board for the past year, and in doing so would briefly state the condition of the schools. There have been a few changes in the teaching staff. Early in the year the board sustained the loss by death of Miss Marion Scarfe, one of the first teachers in the employ of the board, this place has been given to Mrs. Bertha Cray, a former teacher, who is giving good satisfaction. Another of the staff, Miss Jessie Findlay resigned her position to take another and more responsible one. Her place has been taken by Miss Grace Moody, of Halifax, a Grade B teacher, and one whom the board thinks will be a credit to the teaching staff. All the rest of the teachers are the same as last year.

During the year it was thought best to remove Miss Emma Ellis, (teaching the 8th grade) at Central to a room in Greenvale, better suited for this advanced grade, and the change has proved quite satisfactory. The number of teachers remain the same as last year.

During the year the board decided to try the new system of grading, which requires that each pupil shall receive from the teacher, at the end of each month a card, showing the No. of days absent, No. of times tardy, results of monthly

examinations, conduct and general standing. The cards are to be taken to the parents, and by this means the parents will be kept informed as to the progress being made. If the parents take an interest in their children, they will see to it that they make good use of their time and the results cannot fail to be satisfactory. So far the new system is working well.

During the year the commissioners have each month visited the different schools, and by this means have been brought more in contact with the working of the schools, and have become acquainted with the method and work done by the pupils. It is an encouragement to the teachers to know that an interest is being taken in their work.

The board granted the free use of a room in Central school for a night school, if a sufficient number of pupils came forward, but as there did not seem to be a desire to do so, the school has not been opened. The Colored school is fairly well attended. The board were fortunate to secure the services of Miss Bruce who has proved herself a faithful, pains-taking teacher, and the colored people in our midst should see to it that their children take advantage of this school.

The Kindergarten continues to do good work and under the guidance of Miss Hamilton is meeting the wants of the town.

In connection with this report will be found one from the Supervisor, giving the details of attendance, work of the High school, and some other matters.

The report of the Finances will also be found in connection, and I am happy to say the expenditure has been kept within the estimates, and shows a balance on the right side. It has been my aim and object since I have had the honor of having a seat at the board to try to keep the rate of school taxation down with all due regard to the efficient working of the schools. With our scattered school sections, and not having many very valuable properties for assessment, it will be very difficult to get the school rate much lower, unless there is a greater boom in the town than there

has been for the past two years. I cannot close this report without congratulating the town in having such an efficient principal and the very successful staff of teachers. Our schools should be a pride to the citizens and it would be a source of gratification to principal and teachers, if more parents would take an interest in visiting the schools from time to time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREEMAN ELLIOT,

Chairman.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS :

SIR,—I beg to report as follows :

The number of pupils enrolled during the school year ending July 1st, 1896, was 1268. Boys 656, Girls, 612.

Of these 63 were under 5 years ; 1173 between 5 and 15 years, and 32 over 15 years.

The total days attendance made by the 1268 pupils was 160,930 days. The average daily attendance was 743.4

The attendance is divided among the various grades as follows :

Grade I.....	238
“ II.....	137
“ III.....	210
“ IV.....	126
“ V.....	150
“ VI.....	114
“ VII.....	105
“ VIII.....	54
“ IX.....	40
“ K. G.....	94
Total.....	1268

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school or Grade IX numbered 40, of whom 72 present attended during the year. Of those who went

up for examination for High school certificates, over 80% were successful. Not over six of last year's pupils are in attendance in the present class, which numbers 45.

ATTENDANCE.

The compulsory attendance act needs amending badly. As far as Dartmouth is concerned, it has never been put into operation, and while *operating the law means placing truants in jail to become criminals*, it will never be operated. There is only one thing that will ever make this law a success, and that is a *Provincial School for truants*. An institution where truants will not be herded with criminals and contaminated by the society and conversation of jail companions; when common school instruction will be provided for him, and the rudiments of a trade in addition, and when under a kind and experienced teacher, he may be so trained as on his discharge, to be a credit to his teaching and a good member of society, instead of a vagabond. May the time soon come, when such an institution will be at our disposal.

KINDERGARTEN.

The number of pupils enrolled was.....	94
Number transferred to Grade I.....	47

The seventh anniversary of the Kindergarten was celebrated on May 7th, when sixty dollars was realized towards the library for the training class.

Funk & Wagnall's dictionary with stand has been purchased as well as a fine book-case with cabinet and desk combined. Over 20 new books have been added to those already on hand.

As most of the best training classes in the U. S. give a two year's course, Miss B. Angwin of Dartmouth has decided to take the extra year.

Miss Edith Elliot of Dartmouth, and Miss Rachel Wood of Halifax, are taking the first year's work.

Miss M. H. Ball, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., graduated in July, and received her diploma from Dr. McKay, Supt. of Education.

Miss Ball has a Kindergarten in Windsor, and Miss Nicholson, who graduated in '95 has one in Campbellton, N. B.

Miss Howe, another graduate, has for three year's been successfully assisting in the Kindergarten in connection with the School for the Blind, Halifax.

In closing what must be admitted by everyone to have been a successful year's work, I cannot but refer to the excellence of the teaching staff. To them is due the credit, for they did the work. Taking the staff all round, an experience of nearly 20 years enables me to say that I never was associated with a better. They are faithful, exact and thorough.

The excellent results obtained at the Prov. examination for grade by the pupils of the High school, are very largely due to the splendid qualification of Deputy Principal, Miss S. Findlay. Whether in the School room as a teacher, or in the office as executive, Miss Findlay is equally at home.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. MILLER,

Supervisor.

SCHOOL BANK.

This useful branch of school work has been successfully conducted during the past year, and it is hoped that the lessons of thrift, and the idea of saving a part of one's earnings will bear fruit during the future in the lives of our pupils. The amount deposited was over \$220, more than the previous year. The school regulations provide that the

teachers shall spend at least ten minutes each week in teaching the principles of thrift and economy, and in explaining the advantages of the school banks.

Statement of Cash deposited and withdrawn for year ended December, 31st, 1896.

Jan. 1st, 1896. Balance.....	\$ 307 67	
Deposited	918 97	
	<u> </u>	\$1226 64
Withdrawn.....	\$ 96 78	
Transferred to P. O. Savings Bank...	789 00	
Balance:		
Special Deposit.....	\$300 00	
Cash.....	40 86	
	<u> </u>	340 86
		<u> </u> \$1226 64

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, DARTMOUTH.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from Jan. 1st, to December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

ESTIMATES.

	Gov't. Grant—For half year ended Feb. 1896.....	\$1085 00
\$ 2200	For half year ended July 1896.....	1045 02
		\$ 2130 02
10823	Town of Dartmouth—Amount of estimate for year 1896.....	10823 00
12	Interest on School Bank Fund	11 40
	Dr. A. P. Reid—Donation	20 00
	Interest on Donation.....	3 52
		23 52
	Picture frame money—Paid in by teachers, col- lected from pupils.....	7 72
	Judson Baker—Tuition Fee.....	19 39
	Jas. McLearn, Jr—Tuition Fee	6 46
	E Lethbridge—Tuition Fee	29 79
	Miss Hamilton—For K. G. goods.....	42
	Conscience money	1 00
		\$13052 90
<u>\$13035</u>		

EXPENDITURE.

ESTIMATES.

\$ 438	Balance, Jan. 1st, 1896.....	\$ 438 01
9050	Salaries—Teachers.....	\$8975 62
50	Substitutes	67 28
716	Janitrices.....	716 00
150	Truant Officers.....	149 88
		9908 18
250	Stationery.....	198 45
380	Fuel.....	317 62
200	Repairs	266 42
1134	Interest on Bonds.....	1134 36
100	Interest on Overdrafts to July 31st, 1896	70 53
60	Treasurer School Bank.....	60 00
20	Water Rates to May 1st, 1896.....	20 00
20	Printing and Advertising.....	6 95
60	Cleaning (outdoor).....	30 00

\$ 150	Contingent	\$ 40 58
170	Stove Service	119 51
40	Insurance North School prem. 3 yrs.....	19 00
47	Plumbing Greenvale School	46 88
	Ventilating apparatus, G. V. School	72 00
	Set "People's Encyclopedia"	25 00
	Portraits public men, framing do	16 85
	Desks.....	65 90
	Bookcase and Chairs, K. G.....	16 00
	Balance.....	179 66
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<u>\$13035</u>		<u>\$13052 90</u>

ALFRED ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

Examined and found Correct.

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

STAFF OF TEACHERS,

FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDED JULY 31ST, 1896.

Teachers.	Grade.	Class.	No. reg.	Per. cent.	Salary.
G. J. Miller, (Prin.)	} H. S.	A	40	71.8	\$1200
Miss S. Findlay, (Dep. Prin.)		C			450
" E. Edis	8	B	54	74.5	420
" A. Downey,	7	C	58	70.7	420
" J. Shue,	7	C	46	72.7	360
" M. Downey,	6	C	47	77.1	420
" B. McKay,	6	C	64	79.5	340
" B. Thomas,	5	C	60	72.4	260
" A. Mitchell,	5	D	53	63.2	240
" M. Jackson,	4	C	59	71.6	360
Mrs. B. Gray,	4	C	46	72.1	300
Miss J. Findlay,	3	C	52	69.3	340
" M. Harris,	3 and 4	C	58	62.2	320
" M. Currie,	3 and 4	C	48	75.2	320
" B. Hume,	2	C	54	68.5	400
" A. Pender,	2 and 3	C	60	73.	280
" M. McKenzie,	1 and 2	C	52	61.6	260
" L. Allen,	1 and 2	C	59	68.9	320
" E. Hennigert,	1	C	60	69.1	340
" E. Hume,	1	C	87	58.5	420
" M. Murray,	1 to 5	C	68	80.	360
" C. Bruce,	1 to 5	C	49	60.5	260
" M. Hamilton,	K. G.	C	94	51.3	450

Total No. registered pupils, Girls 612, Boys 656.....	1,268
Average daily attendance.....	788.4
Grand total attendance.....	160,929½

STAFF OF TEACHERS,

DECEMBER, 31ST, 1896.

	Class.	Grade.	Salary.	
Greenvale School :—				
G. J. Miller, (Prin. & Supv.)	A	} H S.	\$1200	
Miss S. Findlay, (Dep. Prin.)	C		450	
" E. Ellis,	B		8	440
" A. Mitchell,	D		5	260
" M. Jackson,	C		4	380
" J. Findlay,	C		3	360
" B. Hume,	C		2	400
" E. Hume, (V. P.)	C		1	420
" M. Hamilton,	C		K. G.	450
Central School :—				
Miss A. Downey, (V. P.)	C	7A	420	
" J. Shute,	C	7B	360	
" B. McKay,	C	6	360	
" B. Thomas,	C	5	280	
Park School :—				
Miss M. Downey, (V. P.)	C	6	420	
Mrs B. Cray,	C	4	300	
Miss A. Pender,	C	2 and 3	300	
" E. Hennigar,	C	1	360	
Hawthorne School :—				
Miss M. Harris, (V. P.)	C	3 and 4	340	
" M. McKenzie,	C	1 and 2	280	
North School :—				
Miss M. Currie, (V. P.)	C	3-4-5-6	340	
" L. Allen,	C	1-2-3	340	
Woodside School :—				
Miss M. Murray,	C	1 to 5	380	
Stairs Street School :—				
Miss C. Bruce,	C	1 to 5	300	

REPORT
OF
Dartmouth Ferry Commission

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is gratifying to the Commission to be able to report another favorable year's business as the annexed balance sheet and Auditor's report will show.

The credit balance of \$7010, brought forward from last year has been increased to \$16078, showing a net gain for the year of \$9068.

This exceptionally good showing is in a large measure due to the Commission, having had no litigation and not being called upon for any extra repairs to boats or property rather than to an increased revenue from traffic.

MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. George Stairs' term expired on the 1st February last. Mr. J. Walter Allison was appointed by the Chief Justice to fill the vacancy. Alderman Dr. Smith also retired and the council appointed Alderman Moseley to fill his place. These were the only changes in the Commission.

NEW STEAMER.

On the completion of the plans and specification for a new boat by the Lockwood Mfg. Co., of East Boston, the

Commission asked for tenders in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, with the option of tendering for either a wood or steel boat, and out of a number tenders received, the Commission awarded the contract to Messrs. John Shearer & Sons of Glasgow, Scotland, for the construction of a steel double ended screw ferry boat with all modern appliances for safety and comfort to the patrons of the ferry to be delivered to the commission in Dartmouth, not later than the 15th July next, their tender being the most advantageous to the Town.

DOCKS.

The Commission are now considering the much needed improvements to the Halifax Dock, and in view of the great importance to the City of Halifax of having a first class ferry, are in hope to obtain the co-operation and assistance of the Halifax council in making the desired changes.

The end of the coming year with their large boats and good dockage on both sides of the harbor should place the Commission in such a position, that with good grace they could approach the local government for a subsidy to enable them to materially reduce the rates and make the ferry what it should be, a cheap connecting link between East and West Halifax.

W. H. STERNS,

Chairman Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

Cash on hand	\$ 449 60	
Real and Personal Property	140059 43	
Stock of Materials on hand	805 22	
Special Deposit Union Bank	15500 00	
Investment Bonds	5000 00	
Construction Account	1026 62	
Rents Due	237 22	
Debentures		\$147000 00
Profit and Loss		*16078 09
	<u>\$163078 09</u>	<u>\$163078 09</u>

*Net gain since July 1890.

Dartmouth, December 31st, 1896.

JOHN W. JAGO,

Secretary.

I certify the above Balance Sheet to be correct, and as shown by the Books of the Commission on December, 1896.

W. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 18th, 1897.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

1896.	Dr.	
Dec. 31st,	To Interest.....	\$ 5945 59
" "	" Coal.....	5685 90
" "	" Dartmouth Taxes.....	1491 85
" "	" Wages.....	17101 95
" "	" Insurance.....	423 50
" "	" City of Halifax, (Dock Rent).....	800 00
" "	" Repairs and Expense.....	4532 50
" "	" Town of Dartmouth (Water).....	275 00
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		\$36356 29
Dec. 31st,	To Balance	16078 09
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		\$52434 38
1895.	Cr.	
Dec. 31st,	By Balance	\$ 7010 14
1896.		
Dec. 31st,	By Ferriage.....	\$34774 50
" "	" Commutation.....	9384 39
" "	" Rent.....	1214 40
" "	" Parcel Repository.....	26 10
" "	" Junk	14 10
" "	" Discount.....	10 75
		<hr/>
		\$45424 24
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		\$52434 38
1896.		
Dec. 31st,	By Balance.....	\$16078 09
Dartmouth,	December 31st, 1896.	

JOHN W. JAGO,

Secretary.

I certify the above Statement of Profit and Loss to be correct, and as shown by the Books of the Commission on December 31st, 1896.

W. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 18th, 1897.

DETAILED STATEMENT, REPAIRS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT, 1896.

Repairs to Machinery	\$402 32
Lubricants, Oils, Waste, &c.....	308 27
Uniforms for Crews	372 25
Kerosene Oil, Brooms, Brushes, &c.....	212 47
Iron, Carriage, Paint and Hardware.....	489 85
Life Jackets for Steamers "Halifax" and "Dartmouth".....	185 52
Printing Tickets.....	231 25
Electric Lighting, Repairs to Dynamos, Armatures, &c.....	593 28
Town of Dartmouth, Shifting Valves in Yard.....	23 18
Town of Dartmouth, Water Rates for Tenants.....	114 20
Government Inspection, Fees for Steamers.....	87 92
Salaries—Solicitor, \$150, Auditor \$100.....	250 00
Telephones (rent).....	65 00
Hard Coal for Stations.....	91 00
Office Stationery.....	19 39
Printing Ticket Books, Specifications for New Boats, Advertising and Typewriting.....	198 52
Steam Fittings for Office.....	30 00
Lumber.....	386 85
Repairs to Lamps, Stoves, and making Ventilation.....	52 09
Incidental expenses.....	419 13
	<u>\$4532 50</u>

Dartmouth, December 31st, 1896.

JOHN W. JAGO,

Secretary.

I hereby certify that that the above statement of Repairs and Expense is correct, and agrees with the account in the Ledger.

W. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

Dartmouth, January 18th, 1897.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 20th, 1897.

TO THE DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION :

Gentlemen,—I hereby certify that I have made a thorough examination of the books of accounts kept by your Commission up to December 31st, 1896, and have to report as follows :

The books and accounts for the past year have been correctly kept.

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 found them all in perfect accord.

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

There is now on special deposit at the Union Bank at the credit of your Commission the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, which sum with the Five Thousand Dollars invested in bonds makes a total of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars immediately available.

Herewith I submit a regular Balance sheet and a statement of the Profit and Loss account which shows a gain of \$16078.09 since, the Ferry was acquired by the Town in 1890 to December 31st, 1896.

W. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

REPORT
OF
Directors of Dartmouth Reading Room.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen—Although the Public Reading Room has been established for some eight or ten years, and the annual public meeting held regularly, as required by the act of incorporation—all subscribers (to the extent of \$2.00) having the privilege of attending, voting and inspecting the accounts—yet in the past no report and financial statement has ever been embodied in the Mayor's Annual Town Report.

In presenting our report for the past year we are pleased to be able to state that at no time during our existence have we ever been in such a good financial position, and for this we have very largely to thank our lady friends and fellow citizens who were instrumental in conducting our Reading Room concert with such satisfactory results. This is not only gratifying from a money point of view, but the interest evinced by our citizens generally, proves that our Reading Room is appreciated.

The aim of the directors has been to furnish the room with the popular magazines and periodicals of the day, together with the leading English, American and Canadian newspapers, all of which tend to enlighten and improve the mental and moral standing of our town, and it is gratifying to find the room so generally used, especially during the long winter evenings.

We beg to state that the room is only intended for the use of those over fifteen years of age, and not a place of resort for small children who do much damage by careless handling of the pictorial magazines, and destruction of papers.

As will be seen by the financial statement the cost of maintenance is about three hundred and fifty dollars per annum—a small amount compared with the good results—and we hope the Public Reading Room will never cease to exist in Dartmouth for lack of funds.

J. WALTER ALLISON,

Chairman.

DARTMOUTH READING ROOM.

In Account With **E. L. THORNE**, Treasurer.

EXPENDITURE.

1896.	
Feb. 8th, Balance due Treasurer	\$21 48
E. Brown, cleaning yard	4 00
G. E. Vanbuskirk, coal	94 72
J. Bowes & Sons, Covers for Magazines,	3 20
Jantrix Services	52 00
Sundries \$2.77, P. O. Box rent \$3.00	5 77
Electric Lighting	40 00
Repairs to chairs	3 00
E. Bowes painting and cleaning	8 55
Magazines and papers, 1896	82 50
" " " 1897	81 66
Ferry Commission, Rent	50 00
Balance to credit	10 49
	\$457 37

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
Feb. 10th	Sale of Papers.....	\$ 34 85
	Town Grant	100 00
	Net proceeds of Concert.....	110 85

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Dartmouth M'g Co.....	\$25 00	J. W. Videtto.....	\$ 1 00
Dr. Woodbury.....	10 00	Mrs Mott.....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co.....	10 00	Dr. Parker.....	10 00
J. W. Angwin.....	5 00	Geo. Foote.....	2 00
C. P. Blathwayth.....	1 00	Dr. Lathern.....	1 50
A. McKay.....	5 00	W. Forsyth.....	2 00
J. T. Walker.....	1 00	Dr. Woodbury (1897).....	10 00
T. M. Cutler.....	5 00	J. C. Oland.....	5 00
Starr M'g Co.....	15 00	Rev. Dr. Morrison.....	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Turner.....	10 00	Miss M. T. Foster.....	1 00
H. S. Crighton.....	1 00	G. G. Dustan.....	1 00
Job Carter.....	1 00	A. Eliot.....	2 00
Edwd. Williams.....	2 00	W. P. Moseley.....	1 30
C. L. Newman.....	5 00	Frank Hyde.....	1 00
Austen Bros.....	5 00	A. E. Ellis.....	5 00
C. H. Harvey.....	3 00	A friend.....	50
R. D. Dickson.....	1 00	A. S. Hunt.....	2 00
E. L. Thorne.....	5 00	W. B. Rankin.....	1 00
G. J. Troop.....	5 00	L. S. Payzant.....	5 00
The Misses Mott and Mrs		Lewis Thomas.....	50
Howe.....	10 00	R. S. Dustan.....	1 00
D. P. Mott.....	1 00	T. Gentles & Sons.....	5 00
G. E. Vanbuskirk.....	1 00	Loan of Magazines.....	17
Dr. Russell.....	10 00	W. H. Ferguson.....	2 00
G. L. Sinclair.....	4 00		

211 67

\$457 37

E. L. THORNE,

Treasurer.

Dartmouth, January 31st, 1897.

REPORT
OF
Dartmouth Park Commission.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The most important work done during the past year was the erection of a Fountain at a cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars.

This is supplied by a two inch pipe from the Town service on Water street, and is capable of throwing a stream 80 to 90 feet in height. The basin is built of solid concrete, 18 feet in diameter—with a stone foundation to a depth of five feet, and is expected to stand the test of frost and weather for many years.

It is intended to terrace the hill side both above and below the fountain, which will add greatly to the beauty of the spot.

A large number of the small trees from our Nursery were transplanted, and the thanks of our citizens are due to the Nova Scotia Nursery for a quantity of flowering shrubs generously contributed to the Commission, with which we propose to ornament the terraces.

The roads and paths have been thoroughly repaired, and all the ornamental trees have been carefully cared for.

Early in the season a portion of the Park was again injured by fires set by children, and it is especially requested that parents will impress upon their children the necessity of being more careful not to start any fires there in the future.

J. WALTER ALLISON,

Secretary.

DARTMOUTH PARK COMMISSION.

In Account With J. WALTER ALLISON, Treasurer.

1896.

Dec. 31st, To paid Labor, &c., during the year, transplanting Trees, repairing Roads, Paths, &c.....	\$305 62
Dec 31st, To cost of Fountain.....	248 43
" " Balance in Bank.....	23 65
	<u>\$577 70</u>

CREDIT.

1896.

Jan. 1st, By Cash in Bank.....	\$ 20 51
May 11th, By Halifax Banking Co. Special Deposit withdrawn	300 00
" " " Accrued Interest on do.....	7 19
Aug. 3rd, " Grant from Dartmouth.....	250 00
	<u>\$577 70</u>

1897.

Jan. 1st, Balance brought down, on Deposit Halifax Bank- ing Co.....	\$23 65
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