

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1897.

Mayor.

A. C. JOHNSTON.

Presiding Councillor.

H. H. HARRISON.

Councillors.

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2.—F. C. BOWES,	JOHN FORSYTH
3.—H. MOSELEY,	EDWARD F. WILLIAMS.

Board of School Commissioners.

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W. H. STEVENS.

Commissioners of Dartmouth Park

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLORS MOSELEY AND WILLIAMS; J. W.
ALLISON, J. W. TUFTS.

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

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

Town Officers.

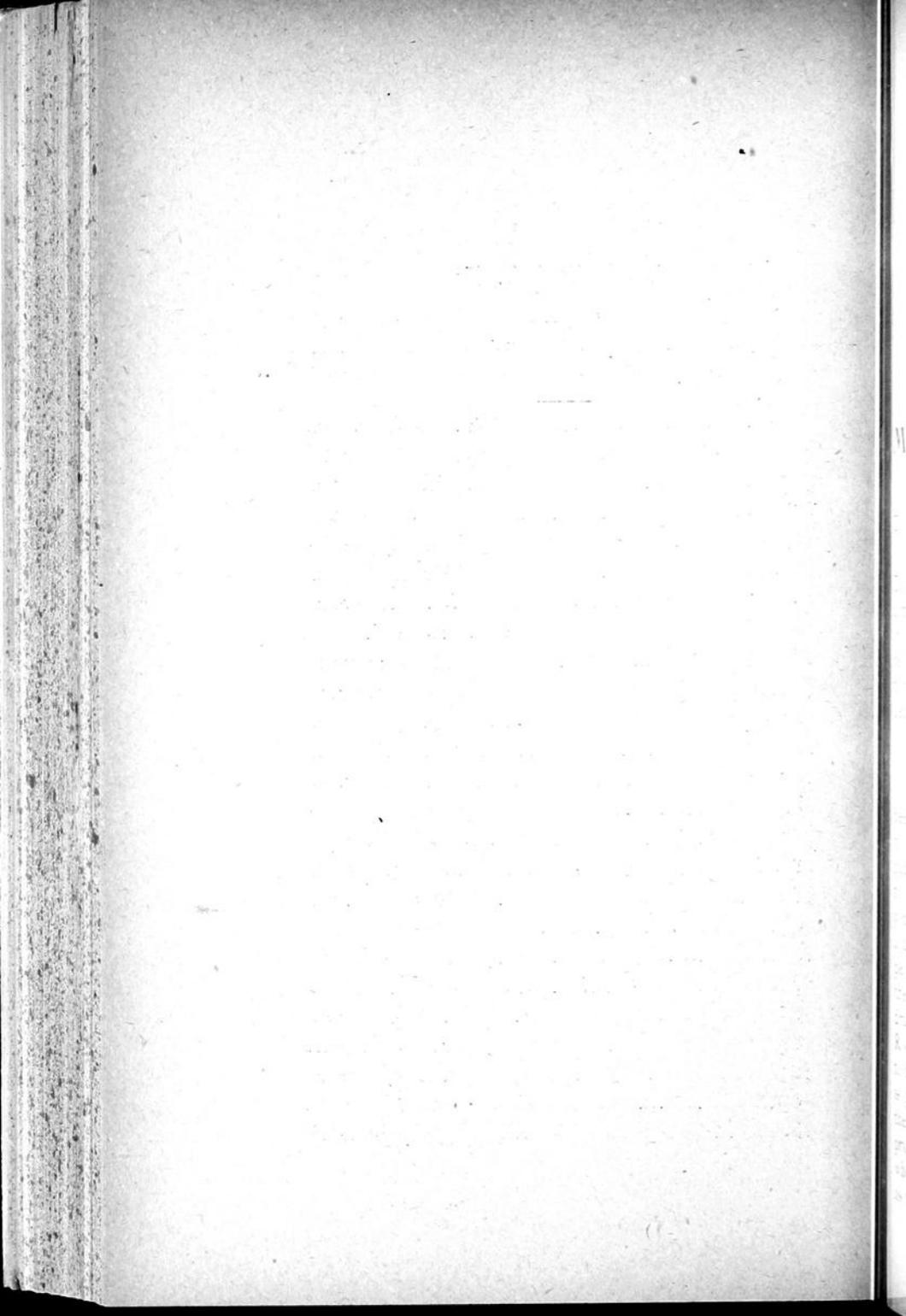
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AUDITORS.....	GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON.
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SUPT. OF WATER WORKS AND STREETS.....	W. L. BISHOP.

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Mayor's Report for the Year 1897.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The Financial Year of the Town having ended on the 31st day of December, it becomes my duty to submit for your consideration the actions of your Council in the various matters which have come before them from time to time, as well as to ask your attention to other subjects which must, in the near future, be dealt with by your representatives.

NEW TOWN HALL.

The matter of the erection of a New Town Hall has been discussed more or less for several years past, but no action looking towards an improvement of the present quarters has yet been started. You elect seven Gentlemen to represent you on the Council Board, to transact your business, for which they get no remuneration, but give a large amount of time to your affairs, and they are compelled to do your business in a building totally unsuited for the purpose. The Council Room and Clerk's Office are drafty and without any pretence to ventilation. The Council Room is also the Police Court, and if a meeting happens to be held on the evening of a Court day, the atmosphere is positively injurious. Dartmouth has surely arrived at the stage when a Town Hall, which would be a credit and pride to its citizens, might be built, and if occasion offers when this can be done at a moderate cost, it seems as if it were an improvement that should be made.

CEMETERY.

In 1884 the Legislature granted authority to borrow the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of providing a new Cemetery, but up to the present no progress has been made in this matter. If the need of it was felt then, much more so is it now, when not one single lot is for sale in the present Cemetery, and something must be done by the incoming Council. A few years ago tenders were asked from parties who had land to sell for this purpose, and although several replies were received, none seemed to meet with approval. There are so many things to be considered that the obtaining of a suitable place is surrounded with difficulties.

It has been suggested that the Southern Fence of the present cemetery might be extended to Stairs Street, and the ground thus enclosed be used for several years to come. Some Ratepayers object to this as perpetuating a present evil, and think it would be well at once to locate a place near the Town limits. This will have to be seriously considered before any definite steps are taken.

SHADE TREES.

For a great many years past, Ratepayers in different portions of the Town have planted Shade Trees in front of their properties, with the laudable object of benefitting, not only their own Places, but also of improving the appearance of the Streets. Owing to various reasons this plan has met with but a limited amount of success.

It is thought that if the Town would take hold of this matter, and appropriate a sum of money every year for the planting and protecting of Shade Trees on the Streets, that in a few years' time the Streets would assume a different appearance from what they do at present, and would make some of them which now look anything but inviting, a credit to the Town.

With this end in view your Council is asking for legislation, to empower them to assess an amount, (not more than \$200 per annum) for this purpose. The Trees to be

planted only in front of those properties whose owners ask for them, and who are willing to bear one-half the cost. The Trees to be the property of the Town. In this way it is hoped that a very large number will be set out, the cost being so small, that all who can should avail themselves of the opportunity of improving their properties and beautifying the Streets.

If every Citizen would consider that he has a direct interest in every Tree thus planted, it should be his care to see that they are not harmed. Anyone found wilfully injuring them should be punished in a most summary manner.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

On the 1st of June last the five years' contract with the Dartmouth Electric Light Co., for lighting the streets, expired.

Early in the year the Company made representations to your Council that the price which they were then receiving, \$20.00 per light, was not sufficient, being less than any other town in the Province was paying, and that they must have the price increased to \$35.00 per light, or they would sell out to the Town, as provided for in the agreement.

Your Council referred this matter to a meeting of the Ratepayers, who appointed a Committee to act in conjunction with the Council, to consider the whole subject. This Committee met several times with the Directors of the Electric Light Co., and fully discussed the situation with them, with the result that they finally agreed to accept \$25.00 per light for sixty-five lights, and \$20.00 per light for every additional light. The Committee then reported to the Citizens that they could not recommend the purchase of the plant of the Company, but that a contract for three years be entered into with them on the above terms. This was accepted by the meeting, and your Council entered into a contract with the Company for that time. It is now in force and will expire on June 1st, 1900.

Under a clause in their contract, the Company could not sell out to any other Company, without first obtaining the consent of your Council. On October 28th last the Council received a letter from the Company, stating that they had been offered \$30,000 for all their plant, &c., and giving the Town the first option at those figures. The Council declined to entertain the proposal, and therefore the Company was free to dispose of their plant elsewhere. This, it is understood, has been done.

It is a matter for most serious consideration, if it would not be to your interest to own and operate your own Electric Light Plant. It seems to be the opinion of the age, that if public franchises are of benefit to a company, they are of equal benefit to a town, and that they should be retained in the hands of the Rate-payers. You will have an opportunity before the expiry of the present contract to obtain control of this franchise if you see fit, as your Council has asked for legislation empowering them to borrow, with your approval, the sum of \$50,000, for the establishment of an Electric Light Plant, both for street and house lighting, it being provided in the legislation that the town cannot operate their own works until June 1900.

It is interesting to note that the cost of lighting the Streets for the year 1897, amounted to \$1,561.00, and for the Town Hall and other buildings \$83, a total of \$1,644.00, representing a capital sum of 4% of \$41,100. Every new light placed on the Streets, at an annual expenditure of \$20.00, means the interest on \$500, and with an up-to-date plant erected on your property at the Ferry, where all the cartage on the coal can be saved and where it could be run at a very small cost, it would seem as if the Town could supply light to the Ratepayers at a price which would enable the poorest to take advantage of it.

If the legislation asked for is granted, the present year will not be too soon to make enquires relative to all the details of a plant suited to your needs.

If, on investigation, it is found that this idea can be carried out, it will be an easy matter to comply with the requests, so often made, for more light on the Streets. At present the cost deters your Council from doing this.

WINDSOR FIRE.

On Sunday, October 17th, our neighbouring Town of Windsor was almost totally destroyed by fire. This calamity, which (comparatively speaking) was as great as any of the like nature which has ever occurred, appealed to the feelings of every one in the Town.

In your name I telegraphed the Mayor of Windsor, offering assistance, and immediately organized a Relief Committee to solicit donations, with the result that the sum of \$1,189.95 was subscribed. This was the result of private subscriptions only, and at a representative meeting of citizens, which was held to appoint the collecting committee, a resolution was passed asking your Council to appropriate a sum not less than \$500, as a donation from the Town. As several other towns in the province not nearly as large as Dartmouth had appropriated a sum much greater than this, your council voted \$1000 as a donation from Dartmouth, for the relief fund of the sufferers, and this sum has been paid over. Legislation will be asked for at the approaching season to legalize the assessment of this amount, either in one year or in two as the Council may see fit.

The amount subscribed was disposed of as follows:

Paid Acct.	Owen McCarthy, Blankets, &c.....	\$	12	55
"	" John Wisdom, Underwear.....		6	00
"	" J. W. Tufts, Underwear.....		37	50
"	" L. Sterns & Son, Underwear.....		43	61
"	" Smith Bros, Underwear.....		5	40
"	" J. W. Tufts, Men's Shirts & Cardigans..		10	00
"	" John Allen, Boots and Shoes.....		22	65
"	" Scovil & Page, Suits.....		15	00
"	" J. Wisdom & Son, Underwear.....		5	76

"	"	J. Wisdom & Son, Blankets.....	8	25
"	"	L. Sterns & Son, sundries.....	3	15
"	"	L. Sterns & Son, Womens Dress Goods.	10	85
"	"	L. Sterns & Son, Bedding, &c.....	37	22
"	"	W. L. Tuttle, Boots and Shoes.....	22	50
Total value of Goods shipped.....			\$	240 44
Nov, 15. Cash remitted Mr. H. Goudge...			\$	200 00
Dec. 3rd. Cash remitted Mayor Smith.....				749 61
				<hr/> 949 51
Total.....			\$	1189 95

In addition to the above a large amount of second-hand clothing, hardware, stoves, &c., were donated by numerous citizens and at once forwarded to their destination.

It is very satisfactory to note that every cent of the money subscribed was paid in. I question if any other subscription list in the province can show a like result.

"VICTORIA SQUARE."

The following letter which speaks for itself was received by your Council on December 15th :

ROPEWORKS, Dartmouth,
December 15th, 1897.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, DARTMOUTH, N. S.:

Dear Mr. Mayor.—A certain block of land having been advertised during the past two weeks for sale, it occurred to me that it might be purchased and presented to the town for the purpose of making a public square.

The property I refer to was formerly part of the Colonel Sinclair estate and is bounded by Dawson, Bligh, Pelzant and Walker streets thus making a square of almost two acres in extent.

It is a very nice property with a brook running through it, and I think a small sum of money expended annually for several years would be sufficient to lay it out and add much to the appearance of the neighborhood.

After discussing this matter with several residents in this locality, I decided to buy the property, assisted by the following subscribers to the fund, viz :—

Mr. Wm. J. Stairs,	Mr. Albert Wright,
Mr. John Moir,	Mr. Jos. Keddy.
Mr. Fred Keans,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. George Oland	Mr. John Gaval,
Mr. Albert Sawler,	Mr. Alber. Landsburg,
Mr. Wm. Meredith,	Mr. John Oland.
Mr. James Moir,	Mr. John F. Stairs,
Mr. James Keddy,	Mr. James Behan,
Mr. John Kilroy,	Mr. Alexander McPherson.

We now offer this piece of land to the town of Dartmouth on condition that the same is forever kept as a public square, and also that the sum of \$150.00 be annually expended for four years in improving this property.

We all hope that the Council will give this proposal their most favorable consideration, and that this gift of land will be accepted for the public benefit.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE STAIRS.

Your Council gratefully accepted the lot in question, and decided to vote the sum of \$150 a year for four years for beautifying the same, the deed has not yet been handed to the town but is in the course of preparation, and will be completed in due time.

The action of the donors of this square cannot be too highly commended. It exhibits a public spirit and a love for the town which redounds to the credit of all concerned.

SIDEWALKS.

The matter of providing Sidewalks of a better nature than we have at present, has engaged the attention of the various councils for some years past. Concrete or Asphalt with the necessary granite curbing, cost so much that it has deterred the Council from making any more in this direction.

Lately your superintendent has been making experiments with the screenings from the stone-crusher, using as a curbing, spruce or hemlock timber. This has proved to make a very good walk, and while of course not as durable as might be wished, still it will last with slight repairs for 10 or 12 years. The curbing could in future be so laid that when it wants renewing, it can be replaced without disturbing the surface. The cost of this sidewalk is (even in the most expensive places) only fifteen cents a running foot, and it would seem that if this can be built in the principal streets during the coming season, it would be a wise move.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Early in the year a letter was received from the High Commissioner of the Dominion in London, G. B., asking that a few views of points of interest in the town might be sent to him for a collection he was making, for the purpose of advertising different portions of the country. In compliance with this request, twenty photos of scenes which seemed most suitable have been mailed to him. They were all taken and printed by your Superintendent of Streets, at a cost of \$10, the price of the plates and paper.

REGATTA.

One item of expenditure appears in the accounts which is altogether new, the sum of \$100 for the Regatta Fund. At the request of the Council the Legislature authorized them to assess a sum not exceeding \$200 per annum

toward paying the expenses of a regatta, &c., &c. Your Council voted \$100 for this purpose, and paid it into the funds of the Chebucto Amateur Athletic Association, who took the whole management of the Regatta on their hands.

Too much praise cannot be given to the committee of this club, who laboured long and arduously to make the day the success it was, it is not too much to say that they did more to advertise the beauties of the town, than anything else that has ever been done, and it is to be hoped that the coming season they can be induced to undertake the work again.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the day which will show just how the money in their hands was used :

**STATEMENT Receipts and Expenditure Regatta Committee
Chebucto A. A. Club.**

To amount from previous year.....	\$ 2 40	
" Grant from Town Council.....	100 00	
" Grant from Ferry Commission.....	100 00	
" Net proceeds advertisements in Booklet.....	15 00	
" Net proceeds—Sale of Programmes.....	35 44	
" Private subscriptions.....	61 50	
" Entrance Fees.....	2 50	
" Balance (short received).....	13 62	
By Paid Printing.....		\$ 41 75
" " Band.....		25 00
" " Prizes.....		155 00
" " Fireworks.....		55 25
" " Ferriage of Band.....		3 60
" " Truckage of Boats, &c.....		9 60
" " Advertising.....		2 75
" " Lubber, &c.....		4 18
" " Jubilee Singers.....		5 00
" " Hire of Boat House.....		2 00
" " Sundry—small accounts.....		26 33
	<u>\$330 46</u>	<u>\$330 46</u>

ARTHUR C. PYKE,
President.

Dartmouth, December 6th, 1897.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

During the year there were seven fire alarms, two of these unfortunately resulted in the total destruction of two dwelling houses, the other five were put out before any damage to speak of was done.

The amount assessed was \$401 and expended \$1601.27, this, however, includes the sum of \$1205.37 repairs to the engine, which the Council has decided to assess for in two or more years. The actual amount expended against the estimate being \$395.90. A bill of \$18 remaining unpaid. Regarding the repairs to the engine, the committee reported as follows :

"The extraordinary expenditure authorized to be made on the Steam Fire Engine entailed an outlay of \$1205.37 and the work executed by the Starr Manufacturing Company in this connection, proved to be most satisfactory, your committee feel that the engine is to-day, practically new throughout, and so far as the boiler is concerned, should be good for at least, another 15 years.

The following is a list of apparatus in charge of the Dartmouth Engine Company :

One Steam Fire Engine.

Twenty hundred feet of Rubber Hose. (Four hundred feet of the above is placed in the Coach House on Pleasant Street).

Three 4 wheeled Hose Carriages, (one of the above is placed with the hose at Pleasant Street).

One Two wheeled Hose Reel.

Two controlling Nozzles.

Seven Hose Branches.

Nine Nozzles.

One Siamese Coupling with Valve.

One Siamese Coupling without Valve.

Three Hydrant Wrenches.

Seventeen Hose Straps.

Eight water Buckets.
 Ten Torches.
 Five Lanterns.
 Five Rubber Coats.
 One Water Cart.
 Nineteen Oil Jackets.
 Nineteen Oil Pants.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Under this heading are included the Streets, Street Watering, Street Lighting and Public Buildings, all being subject to the control of the same committee.

STREETS.

The Streets for the past year have received very careful attention at the hands of the committee. A retaining wall, drain and sidewalk were built across Findlay's Pond up to the top of the hill.

The following streets were macadamized: Crichton Avenue and Pine Street from Ochterloney Street to Dahlia Street, a portion of the Wyse Road and a portion of the Cole Harbor Road. The street to the Railway Station was put in good order and a creditable sidewalk built on the South side.

Several old culverts were enlarged, and eight new ones built, some of the most important ones being made large enough to admit of a man going through for the purpose of cleaning them if found necessary. During the year the Stone Crusher broke 2800 tons of stone, 696 tons of this were sold at a profit to parties outside the town, and 2104 tons were used on the streets, at a total cost spread on the streets of 3.07 cents per bushel.

The amount voted by the Council for the service	
was.....	\$2942 00
Additional for Stone sold.....	418 40
Additional received from Water Committee for work done for them.....	25 00
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Total.....	\$3385 40

The expenditure per detailed statement amounted to \$3303.81, (this included \$81.68 accounts of previous years), thus leaving an unexpended balance of \$81.59. An account of \$15.20 against this service is still unpaid.

As the streets in the centre of the town are now in very good order, and should remain so for some time, with but slight repairs, I would strongly recommend that the incoming Council turn their attention to the streets and sidewalks in the outskirts. Some of our most beautiful building sites are situated in the suburbs, and if the approaches to them were put in good order, they would be more rapidly built upon. Comparatively speaking, a very small amount expended each year in these places, would soon put them in the condition which those residing there now, seem to have a right to demand.

WATERING STREETS.

The assessed amount for this service was \$200, and amount expended \$162.40. Tenders were asked for this service, and the following received:--Wm. Greene, 40c., Edward Warner, 40c. and John Hunt 35c. per hour. The contract was awarded to Mr. John Hunt, his tender being the lowest. The cart was used 47 days during the year. An amount of \$1.50 against this service is still unpaid.

STREET LIGHTING.

The amount assessed for this service was \$1440 and the amount expended \$1562 36, and there remained unpaid the account for December, 1897, amounting to \$169.91 making a total expenditure of \$1723.07. This, however,

is for 13 months, as included in the above is the account for December, 1896. This overdraft was unavoidable owing to the fact that when the estimates were made up, the outlook for the street lighting was in such an uncertain state, that it was impossible to say what would be the outcome and the Council estimated the same amount as for the previous year.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &C.

The estimate for this service \$50 was found to be too small, more extensive repairs to several properties being needed than was at first thought. The total expenditure was \$100.82, and there remained unpaid the sum of \$30.06. \$29.50 of the above was for bills contracted in 1896.

PUBLIC HEALTH,

During the past year the health of the town has been exceptionally good, but one case of Diphtheria occurred, and this was brought in from a district some distance away, a watch was at once put on the house and every precaution taken to prevent a spread of the disease, which happily proved successful. The estimate for this service was \$100 and the expenditure \$65.90, which includes the Medical Officers salary for two years.

POLICE.

This service was increased by the appointment of a third Policeman, who is on duty all night. The change was made (at the request of a large number of ratepayers) at a cost of \$350 per annum. The amount voted was \$1547.

Expended	\$1506 52
Less received from Ferry Commission....	4 50
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	\$1502 02

An account of \$43.78 remains unpaid.

DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT.

Business for year ended December 31st. 1897.

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

Summonses: }	342
Capais }	

Summonses and capais served by City (23) and by County (20) Constables on De- fendants residing in City and County of Halifax. By Constables in other Counties (2).....	45
No. of writs issued, (not served).....	10

Total No. issued.....	397
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No. of executions issued, served :

By Town Constables.....	162
By City (7) and County (22) Constables on defendants residing in City and County of Halifax. By Constables in other Counties (2)	31

Total No. issued.....	193
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POOR.

On January 1st, 1897, there were 8 paupers at the Poor Farm. 1 was discharged during the year, leaving 7 in that Institution at present. On December 31st, 1896, the amount of \$589.65 was due the County on this account, this was paid in 1897, as well as the account up to March 31st, 1897, leaving an amount still due for the year just closed of \$400.00. The amount assessed was \$1050, and the expenditure \$1059.18, making a small overdraft.

The detailed account shows an expenditure of \$233.08.

for Fuel and supplies to the poor, this it is to be remembered is altogether separate from the Poor Farm account and is money used for outside relief, while it is not easy for the committee at all times to refuse the calls made on them for assistance, still it might be possible to devise some means whereby a better system than that at present existing.

Buying coal and groceries at the retail price and in the case of the latter having no supervision whatever, over the item, and also the paying of cash to the paupers are matters which may well be considered by the incoming Council.

The expenditure under this head has increased from \$50.21 in 1892 to \$233.08 in 1897.

LUNATICS.

At the first of the year there were 10 patients at Mount Hope, one was discharged in September, leaving 9 there at the present time.

On January 1st last, there was due the Local Government on this account the sum of \$1450.69, this with the amount for this year \$1303.84, made a total due of \$2754.53. Your Council assessed the sum of \$2240. \$2090.27 of this amount has been paid the Government, leaving the sum of \$664.26, due on 31st December last, to be provided for in the present year's assessment.

If possible this account should be paid the moment it is rendered, otherwise interest is charged by the Government, which the past year amounted to \$68.52.

COUNTY RATES.

On January 1st 1896 the sum of \$319.66 was due the county, the amount levied for 1897 was \$657 making a total of \$976.66 to December 31st 1897. This has all been paid off, and we are now out of debt to the county on this account, a more favorable state of affairs than has been the case for several years.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

The amount assessed for this account was \$937, and the expenditure \$1479.09, this very large over draft was caused by the court giving a judgment against the town in the suit brought by Mr. Alex Lloy for damages claimed by him for an overflow of water on his property on Crichton Avenue.

The sum of \$120.00 was received from the local government, return of deposit made in 1890 to secure lands bordering on Spider lake, and which your council decided to forego, also \$5.10 received from Ferry Commission for their share of the Town Report. Both of these sums were placed to the credit of this account thus making the amount \$1062.16. There is also a bill of \$25 unpaid, making a total over draft of \$441.99.

WATER.

Your consent having been received for bonding the debt of the Town for \$1200, for this service, \$800 was used as shown in the detailed statement, leaving \$400 still unissued. The principal work was the extension of the water main, along Dundas street, at a cost of \$161.51, bringing in a revenue of \$13.50. One object for which you were asked to vote the \$1200 was for the purpose of relieving the sewerage on Portland and Ochterloney streets, at times of a great freshet, this has not been done, and I submit the following report of the Water Committee on this matter.

"The proposed overflow sewer for Portland Street was not gone on with, as your committee found that the difficulty could be overcome by placing a relief sewer on I. G. Leslie's private sewer, he being the only person affected when the sewer on this street is heavily taxed by storm water.

Your committee, after carefully reconsidering the matter, concluded that there was no need of incurring the expense of the proposed overflow sewer at the corner of Pine and Ochterloney streets, as in their opinion the

overflow pipe would not remedy the trouble, i.e., the choking of the sewer, during excessively heavy rains with storm water. Your committee did not come to their decision until after the drain pipe was ordered, which remains on hand. The estimated cost of both these works was \$468 in the former case a remedy was found as stated above, and work done at the cost of \$17. In the latter case, no money was laid out except for cost of pipe, \$102.00, which can still be used for sewer purposes."

It having been found absolutely necessary both to prevent a law suit, and to maintain the purity of the water to purchase from Mr. James Farquharson the water shed owned by him at Lamont Lake, the Council appropriated \$300 from current revenue for this purpose, and obtained from him a deed of 3 1-10 acres, which gives you control of the mouth of the brook flowing into the lake at that place. This was made necessary, owing to the fact that the very offensive smell and taste, which the water had in the Spring, was found to arise from fish, which going up this brook to spawn, were killed at night and left to decompose on the banks, thus contaminating the water. To prevent this, a close stone wall has been built across the mouth, at a cost of \$17.92.

The trees on a portion of this water shed, as well as on certain other portions owned by the Town, have been cut down. And as it is a well established fact, that to preserve both the quantity and quality of the water, the water shed should be as far as possible covered with forest, I would strongly urge the Council to plant in the early Spring, on the lands owned by the town, such trees as can be early obtained in the neighborhood. The trees are close at hand, the cost would be but for labor, and a couple of days should be sufficient to do all that is necessary. Another matter which would be not only an improvement, but a safe guard, is the extending of the fence along the Preston road, to the boundary of the property.

The Water Rates for the year were the same as for 1896, i.e., 45 cents on the \$100 for domestic use.

During the year 22 houses were supplied with water, making a total to date of 408 houses.

By the Maintenance Account it will be seen, there is a balance to the credit of \$589.37, the only charge against this being a small bill of \$14.25. On the 31st of December, 1897, the sum of \$2589, was due for unpaid water rates, this when collected will be used to pay the interest on the coupons falling due at this date.

FINANCES.

This, the most important matter which comes before your council has received most constant and careful consideration during the past year, and while the result is not yet what all would wish, still on the whole you are, I think, to be congratulated on the shewing. By the report of my predecessor the town owed on current account on January 1st 1897, \$7,811.17. This year that amount has been reduced to 4,740.18, every current liability having been taken into account. The accounts making up this amount are as follows:

Balance due Union Bank.....	\$3319 42
Electric Light for Dec. &c.....	160 71
Poor account, Sundries.....	10 57
Streets, Blacksmith account.....	15 20
Watering Streets.....	1 50
Contingent account, Sundries.....	25 00
Police, Repairs to Lockup	43 78
W. L. Bishop, Materials for Photos.....	10 00
Public Property, Stone.....	30 06
Fire Department, Hauling Engine.....	18 00
Lunatics to Dec. 31st 1897.....	664 26
Poor do do	447 20
Evening Mail.....	48 00
Total.....	\$4793 70

Thus showing a reduction for the year of \$3017.14.
(The amount of \$1205.37 repairs to the engine not assessed for being included in the above amount.)

To meet these liabilities there are due the town :

Taxes on real and personal property for		
1896.....	\$ 461	18
School Tax, Halifax 1896.....	49	35
do do 1897.....	337	15
do O. D. 1896.....	49	67
do O. D. 1897.....	156	48
Taxes Real and personal 1897.....	2110	37
Poil Tax, 1897.....	111	00
Taxes Real Estate 1895.....	61	28
Dog Tax.....	24	00
Court Fees.....	55	42
Common Rent.....	179	29
Expense Tax ale.....	35	37
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Less 5% allowed as non-collectable.....		\$3630 56
		181 52
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Cash on hand.....		\$3449 04
		6 32
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		\$3455 36
Shewing a net deficit of.....		\$1338 34

On January 1st 1896 the very large sum of \$5135.93 was due from the Real and Personal assessment of that year being 20% of the whole amount ; \$4399.02 of this was collected during the past year.

Of the assessment for 1897 which amounted to \$22,753.48 the amount of \$19,518.11 was collected, leaving the balance \$3,235.37, less the exemption \$1125, showing the net amount still due to be only \$2110.37, less than 10%. The total amount of taxes thus collected on assessment was \$24,439.87 against \$19,403.94 of the previous year, a collection which has been made without unduly pressing any ratepayer. And I would most strongly urge on the

incoming council, the importance of having the treasurer collect taxes early and expeditiously this year, if this is done there is no reason why the balance in another year or at the utmost two should not be on the right side.

The above balance does not include the \$1000 for the Windsor sufferers, but even with that amount added, there should be a considerable reduction this year, as it is hoped some of the services will not require quite as much as last, and a very gratifying increase in this year's assessment is expected. Of the real assessment of 1895 all has been collected with the exception of \$71.28. \$61.28 of this will be paid in this month, the balance \$10 must be considered bad. This very gratifying result is owing altogether to the operation of the Lien Law.

When the council submits their estimates for the year, the majority of people at once conclude that they are responsible for them all, this is very far from the true state of affairs. Take the past year for instance, the council assessed on Real and Personal property, including the school tax the sum of \$24538.89. As a council they had no control over the

Schools.....	\$10,535 00
The Poor (a fixed charge).....	725 00
Dartmouth Park and Reading Room (fixed by Legislation).....	350 00
Lunatic (fixed charge).....	2,163 00
County Rates (fixed charge).....	976 00
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A total of.....	\$14,749 00

or about 63% of the whole amount, leaving the council only the sum of \$8981 or about 35% for all the service which come under their charge, including interest on the debenture debt.

The Bonded Debt of the Town of Dartmouth on December 31st, 1897, was 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
				\$ 17000
Schools (Hawthorne)	Mar. 8. 1886	20	6%	2000
Schools	July 21. 1890	20	4%	12300
Schools	" 1 1894	20	4½%	7000
				21300
Ferry.....	June 2 1890	25	4½%	110000
".....	July 1. 1890	25	4%	40000
				'50000
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
	Jany 1. 1898	20	4%	800
				141300
Total.....				\$329600

The sinking fund amounted to \$13,715.33.

The \$30,000 of Bonds authorized to be issued on Ferry account have been sold but not yet handed to the purchaser, he having objected to receive them until a slight ambiguity which appears in the Legislation authorizing their issue is removed. This will be done at the coming session of the Legislature. No account of these Bonds therefore appears in the Bonded Debt. They with the Water Bond bear 4% interest, and were sold at 2% premium, thus making the interest 3.92, a most satisfactory rate, and one which shows the credit of the town stands high in the money market.

The Real and Personal property within the town was assessed,

Real.....	\$1370,913
Personal.....	379,455
	\$1,750,368

Against \$1,773,001 for 1896. This difference being accounted for by the Personal property of the Ropewalk being less than formerly, and some other reductions which the assessors had to make.

The assessed rate for the year was \$1.30 per \$100.00. This included the Public School rate of 55c. The general account shows all sums that was collected and paid on town account proper, the various other accounts now appearing under their own heading.

Thanking you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for the honor you did me in placing me in the responsible position of Chief Magistrate for the past year,

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON,

Mayor.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., January 1st, 1898.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.,

January 6th, 1898.

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 31, 1897.

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 31, 1897.

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 (duly certified) statements, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, showing the different services, &c., of the Town. We append herein, memorandums of actual receipts and expenditure, for the year January 1, 1897, to December 31, 1897, taken from statements Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5.

NO. 1,—ORDINARY SERVICE OF THE TOWN.

Receipts for year 1897.....	\$29875 07
Expenditure for year 1897.....	28358 13
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NO. 2, —WATER MAINTENANCE.

Receipts for year 1897	\$7784 47
Expenditure for year 1897.....	8015 14
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NO. 3.—WATER AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Receipts for year 1897.....	\$892 88
Expenditure for year 1897.....	773 25
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NO. 3.—STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS.

Receipts for year 1897.....	\$12646 97
Expenditure for year 1897.....	12615 10
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Annexed is a list of the current liabilities of the Town, and a statement of the consolidated and bonded debts, as shown by the ledger accounts and sundry documents placed in our hands for inspection.

Herewith we hand you a list of vouchers for payments made during the year 1897.

We have added as addenda to statement No. 1 amounts for Ferry Interest and Windsor Relief.

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, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Assessment 1892-4.....	\$ 5 82	
1895.....	516 92	
1896.....	4399 02	
1897.....	19518 11	
	\$24439 87	
Oil Tax 1895.....	14 00	
1896.....	455 55	
1897.....	1321 45	
	1791 00	
School Tax O. D. 1895.....	3 96	
1896.....	108 18	
1897.....	292 01	
	404 15	
School Tax Half Tax 1896.....	362 60	
1897.....	702 97	
	1065 57	
Common Rent.....	6 34	
Court Fees.....	424 83	
Fines.....	171 45	
Log Tax.....	168 00	
Licenses—Auction.....	30 00	
Exhibition.....	12 00	
Junk.....	4 00	

Truck.....	\$ 35 00	
Hackney.....	49 50	
Traders.....	240 50	
		<u>\$ 371 00</u>
Lunatics--For maintenance at Hospital for Insane.....		117 31
Poor--For board at Poor Farm, &c		8 72
Interest Taxes 1895.....		6 63
Police--From Ferry Commission.....		4 50
Poundage.....		13 35
Streets--For Broken Stone.....		443 40
Contingent--Amount refunded by N. S. Government for fees paid for Spider Lake Grant 1896	120 00	
From Ferry Commission property. Cost Town Report		5 10
		<u>125 10</u>
Lighting--For old Lanterns.....		1 00
Liquor License Fund--For Fine.....		21 75
Interest--From School Board.....	207 36	
Sundries	89	
		<u>208 25</u>
Expenses Tax Sale 1895.....		82 85
Balance.....		3313 10
		<u>\$33188 17</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Balance January 1, 1897.....		\$ 4413 79
Balance Ferry Interest Account		416 25
Salaries--Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder	\$ 600 00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer.....	1050 00	
Assistant Clerk.....	131 31	
Messenger.....	97 44	
Assessors	300 00	
Auditors	100 00	
		<u>2278 75</u>
Poor--Expenses Holloway family to England	10 00	
Fuel and Supplies to Poor.....	233 08	
Maintenance of paupers at County Poor Farm, 15 months to March 31, 1897.....	725 35	
Dispensary Grant.....	60 00	
Cab Hire.....	11 65	
Burial expenses	12 00	
Board of H. Landsburg.....	10 40	
Sundries.....	5 42	
		<u>1067 90</u>

Dartmouth Park	\$	\$ 250 00
Contingent—Stationery, Printing and Advertising.....	159 80	
Lloy vs. Town of Dartmouth.....	851 33	
Half cost of Typewriter.....	\$57 00	
Hire of Typewriter.....	3 50	
	<u>60 50</u>	
Telephone	40 00	
Stove Service.....	10 84	
Electric Lighting Town Hall.....	36 48	
Jubilee Festival.....	20 85	
Morning Chronicle 2 years.....	12 00	
P. O. Box	2 00	
Fuel Town Hall.....	20 09	
Revisors—Prov. List	\$40 00	
Mun. Lists.....	45 00	
	<u>85 00</u>	
Rent Reform Club Hall.....	30 00	
Law expenses	10 00	
Election expenses.....	17 00	
Rent box Merchant Bank, 2 years.....	20 00	
Cleaning and sundries.....	103 20	
	<u>1479 09</u>	
Streets—J. Findlay damage to property.....	30 00	
Superintendents Salary	300 00	
Labor	2246 81	
Hardware	8 41	
Blacksmith	42 89	
Repairs to Stonebreaker.....	273 40	
Lumber	111 83	
Granite Crossing, King Street.....	51 68	
Rent Canal property, 1 year.....	200 00	
Engine Oil	9 47	
Logs for Bridge.....	13 92	
Rent of grounds for stone.....	6 00	
Sundries.....	10 30	
	<u>3303 81</u>	
Pumps and Wells—Repairs to Pumps.....	19 00	
Pump for Beech Street.....	13 65	
	<u>32 65</u>	
Fire Department—Engineers' Salary	150 00	
Fuel, Waste, &c.....	50 94	
Electric Lighting.....	31 08	
Stove Service.....	16 21	
Hauling Engine.....	20 00	
Repairs to Fire Engine.....	1205 37	
Kerosene Oil.....	3 34	
Rubber Hose.....	2 83	

Repairs to Ladder Wagon.....	\$ 7 00	\$
Glazing Windows, Engine House.....	11 25	
Two Ladders, &c.....	31 35	
19 Oil Suits.....	30 99	
Shafts for Hose Reels.....	30 00	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	11 00	
	<hr/>	1601 27
Police—Chief of Police Salary.....	549 96	
No. 2 Do.....	450 00	
No. 3 Do.....	281 94	
Clothing Allowance.....	100 00	
Fuel.....	37 22	
Prisoners Meals.....	7 80	
Telephone.....	25 00	
Electric Light.....	15 96	
Stove Service.....	6 80	
Special Police.....	9 00	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	22 84	
	<hr/>	1506 52
Public Property—Soil pipe, &c for Engine House.....	19 45	
Stove and Pipe for Supt's. Office.....	10 05	
Painting Town Clerk's Office.....	16 30	
Repairs to fence and new Gates for Engine House Field.....	36 97	
Repairs to Town Clerk's Office.....	10 13	
Lumber and Hardware.....	7 92	
	<hr/>	100 82
Liquor License Fund—Inspectors Salary.....	60 00	
Legal expenses.....	119 08	
Cab Hire.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	180 08
Lighting—12 months to November 30, 1897.....		1562 36
Interest—On Consolidated Debt 12 months on \$7000 @ 4%.....	280 00	
On Consolidated Debt 12 months on \$10,000 @ 4%.....	400 00	
Overdraft at Bank.....	84 28	
	<hr/>	764 28
Health—Medical Officer's Salary, 2 years.....	40 00	
Watching Infectious cases.....	25 20	
Sundries.....	70	
	<hr/>	65 90
School Board.....		10535 00
Watering Streets.....		162 40

Hegatta Fund		100 00
Reading Room		100 60
Lunatics—Lunacy certificate	5 00	
Maintenance at Hospital for Insane, 18 months to June 30, 1897	2090 27	
Interest on Do	68 52	
		<u>2163 79</u>
County Rates—Balance due 1896	319 66	
To December 31st, 1897	657 00	
		<u>976 66</u>
Poll Taxes Refunded		22 00
Cemetery		6 00
Court Fees		24 99
Taxes Refunded		27 85
Expenses Tax Sale 1895		46 05
		<u>\$33188 17</u>

Examined and found correct.

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

DARTMOUTH, January 6th, 1898.

Ferry Interest Account.

Balance January 1st, 1897	\$ 416 25
Received from Ferry Commission	6425 00
	<u>\$6841 25</u>
Paid Coupons	\$6350 00
Paid Coupons	45 00
Balance	446 25
	<u>\$6841 25</u>

Windsor Relief Fund.

Paid Town of Windsor

Examined and found correct.

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

DARTMOUTH, January 6th, 1898.

No. 2.

Water Maintenance Account. Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$ 820 04
Water Rates.....	6763 87
Interest on Sinking Fund.....	507 92
Sewer Interest.....	512 68
	<u>\$8604 51</u>

EXPENDITURE

- Interest on Bonded Debt.....	\$6345 60 ✓
- Interest on Overdraft at Bank.....	53 92 ✓
- Superintendents Salary.....	474 96 ✓
- Clerk and Treasurers Salary, 1 year and 8 months.....	333 29 ✓
- Assistant Clerk Salary.....	66 64 ✓
- Labor—General Repairs.....	233 22
- Hardware and Sundries.....	112 61 ✓
- Printing and Advertising.....	26 25 ✓
- Cab Hire.....	33 25 ✓
- Farquharson Land at Lamont Lake.....	300 00 ✓
- I. G. Leslie; damages.....	10 00 ✓
- Refunded Water Rates.....	6 00
Balance.....	589 37
	<u>\$8604 51</u>

Examined and found correct.

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

No. 3.

Water and Sewer Construction Account, January 1st to December 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Water and Sewer connections.....	\$ 76 88
Bonds Sold.....	890 00
Premium on do. 2%.....	16 00
	<u>\$892 88</u>

EXPENDITURE.

- Balance.....	\$ 22 75
- Interest on Overdraft at Bank.....	5 17 ✓
- Labor—Pay Lists per Supt. Bishop.....	58 66

Water Pipe, Lead and Iron, and Supplies.....	189 80
Drain Pipe for Pine Street overflow.....	102 08
Water Gates.....	17 25
Advertising 1892 and 1893.....	18 50 ✓
Trenches for Water Extension, Dundas Street.....	113 55
Trenches for House Service—Water.....	152 24
Stone for Drain, Matland Street.....	25 00
Borden, Ritchie & Co., legal expenses, Sutherland case.....	60 00 ✓
Hydrant I. C. R. Station.....	31 00
Balance.....	96 88
	<u>-----</u> \$892 88

Examined and found correct.

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

No. 4.

Sinking Fund, January 1st to December 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Sewer Frontage—Received to December 31st, 1895.....	\$9539 99
Received to December 31st, 1896.....	1891 08
Received to December 31st, 1897.....	1329 26
	<u>-----</u> \$12760 33

EXPENDITURE.

Invested in bonds (4½%) Lunenburg and Pictou.....	\$5000 00
Premium on bonds.....	35 06
Special Deposit Union Bank Agency (3½%).....	4995 00
Exchange.....	10 00
Balance, Union Bank Savings Department.....	2720 33
	<u>-----</u> \$12760 33

Examined and found correct.

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

6604 51
589 37
801514

892 88
96 88
796 00

**LIST OF VOUCHERS of the Town of Dartmouth for the
Year Ended December 31st, 1879.**

1 Ferry Interest.....	\$ 400 00
2 Ferry Interest.....	225 00
3 Ferry Interest.....	45 00
4 Ferry Interest.....	45 00
5 Ferry Interest.....	123 75
6 Ferry Interest.....	120 00
7 Ferry Interest.....	240 00
8 Jos. Findlay, Claim damage to Property.....	30 00
9 Town Officers, Salaries.....	282 33
10 Dr. Milsom, Medical Officer.....	20 00
11 Reform Club Hall, Rent for Public Meeting.....	10 00
13 Pay List, Streets.....	6 44
14 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
15 T. J. Bentley, Poll Tax Refunded.....	12 00
16 N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone.....	12 50
18 Contingent, November and December 96.....	22 37
19 Ferry Interest.....	22 50
20 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
21 Town Officers, Salaries.....	281 33
22 Wm. McKenzie, License Inspector.....	15 00
24 E. Holloway, poor.....	10 00
26 Estate F. L. DeWolf.....	6 00
27 Contingent, January and February.....	17 07
28 E. Warner, Trucking and Coal.....	12 00
29 E. Warner, Coal, &c.....	12 00
30 Town Auditors.....	100 00
31 Atlantic Weekly, Printing.....	47 00
32 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	133 63
33 S. B. Dares, Lumber.....	21 15
40 Atlantic Weekly, Advertising.....	11 75
42 Pay List, Streets.....	17 62
43 W. P. Morrison, Survey.....	10 00
44 Town Officers' Salaries.....	307 83
45 Douglass & Co, Soil Pipe and so forth.....	19 45
46 J. Kline, Granite Crossing.....	51 68

47 Assessors	300 00
48 Merchants' Bank, Rent of Box.....	10 00
49 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
51 J. Simmonds & Co., Hardware.....	12 11
52 E. Warner, Coal.....	29 86
53 J. B. Maclean, Groceries.....	45 48
55 Douglass & Co., Castings.....	5 68
56 Estate G. McQuarrie, Blacksmith.....	24 96
57 School Board.....	2500 00
58 Pay List.....	25 22
59 Town Officers' Salaries.....	308 65
60 N. S. Building Society, Rent Canal Property.....	100 00
61 Estate J. T. Walker, Lumber.....	23 81
62 J. Ritchie & Co., Stove Service.....	11 10
63 Atlantic Weekly, Printing.....	11 85
64 Mrs. M. A. Glendenning, Rent of Room.....	5 00
66 Pay List, Streets.....	44 46
67 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
68 County of Halifax, Poor.....	276 90
69 Pay List, Streets.....	52 13
70 Llov vs Town, verdict and costs.....	731 33
71 B. Russell, Salary.....	70 00
72 Drysdale & McInnes, Legal Advice, &c.....	119 08
73 Pay List, Streets.....	47 90
75 Revisors.....	85 00
76 J. Ritchie & Co., Plumbing.....	26 49
77 Starr Manufacturing Co., Repairs Stonebreaker.....	13 25
78 Brookfield Bros., Lumber.....	5 95
79 S. H. Black, Refund Poll Tax.....	8 00
81 Atlantic Weekly, Printing.....	41 65
83 Dartmouth Park.....	250 00
85 Pay List.....	20 71
86 Ferry Interest.....	1316 25
87 Interest, Consol Debt.....	200 00
88 Pay List, Streets.....	55 51
89 Town Officers' Salaries.....	306 65
90 Wm. McKenzie, License Inspector.....	15 00
91 Ferry Interest.....	202 50
92 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
93 Ferry Interest.....	90 00
94 Pay List, Streets.....	136 21
95 Contingent, March and April.....	8 29
97 R. Tynes, Cleaning.....	17 00
98 Ferry Interest.....	22 50
100 School Board.....	2000 00
101 E. Warner, Coal, &c.....	42 88
102 J. Bowes & Son, Printing.....	19 40
109 Pay List, Streets.....	153 98
110 Ferry Interest.....	315 00
111 Ferry Interest.....	45 00
112 Interest on consolidated debt.....	140 00

113 Austen Bros., Duty on Boiler Fire Engine.....	138 44
114 Pay List, Streets.....	100 12
115 Ferry Interest.....	78 75
116 American Fire Engine Co., Boiler Fire Engine.....	467 82
121 Town Officers' Salaries.....	331 98
122 Pay Lists, Streets.....	187 37
123 Contingent Account, May and June.....	18 82
127 R. Tubyou, Whitewashing Cemetery Fences.....	6 00
128 T. C. Allen & Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ cost typewriter.....	57 00
130 C. Annand, Morning Chronicle.....	12 00
131 Ferry Interest.....	467 50
132 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
133 Ferry Interest.....	225 00
134 Pay List, Streets.....	98 45
135 Ferry interest.....	45 60
136 Ferry Interest.....	240 00
137 Pay List, Streets.....	134 02
138 J. H. Taft, Painting.....	16 30
139 School Board.....	767 00
141 Pay List, Streets.....	220 04
142 Reform Club Hall, Rent.....	20 00
143 Pay List, Streets.....	206 20
144 Union Bank, Interest.....	45 04
146 Town Officers', Salaries.....	306 98
147 Jas. Leahy, Painting and Glazing.....	11 20
148 Burrill, Johnson Co., Repairs to Breaker.....	60 32
149 E. Warner, Truckage, etc.....	20 85
150 Regatta Fund.....	100 00
151 Pay List, Streets.....	128 27
152 Reading Room.....	100 00
154 Special Police.....	9 00
157 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	123 63
158 Pay List, Streets.....	117 29
159 J. B. Maclean, Supplies for Poor.....	60 54
161 Pay List, Streets.....	24 41
162 Ferry Interest.....	22 50
163 Starr M'fg Co., Repairs Stone Breaker.....	148 18
164 Pay List, Streets.....	31 13
165 M. A. B. Smith, Lunacy certificate.....	5 00
166 Town Officers, Salaries.....	306 98
167 Pay List, Streets.....	60 68
168 Pay List, Streets.....	46 22
169 N. S. Telephone Co. Telephone.....	12 50
172 Wm. McKenzie, License Inspector.....	15 00
173 Atlantic Weekly, Printing.....	30 75
174 A. G. Gates, Carpenter.....	47 00
175 Pay List, Streets.....	11 80
176 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	204 71
178 G. M. Richards, Cab Hire.....	6 40
179 Contingent, July and August.....	15 18
180 John Hunt, Watering streets.....	94 15

183 S. B. Dares, Carpenter.....	29 76
184 S. B. Dares, Lumber etc.....	15 27
185 Ed. Warner, Coal.....	42 98
187 Douglass & Co., Castings.....	10 70
188 Douglass & Co., Pattern etc.....	23 18
189 T. O. Stuart, Blacksmith.....	5 16
191 Power & Co., Repairs Ladder Waggou.....	7 00
192 Austin Bros., Engine Oil.....	10 52
195 Hospital for Insane, For Maintenance.....	1450 69
196 County Rates.....	318 66
197 Co. of Halifax, Maintenance Poor Farm.....	312 75
198 Pay List, Streets.....	32 36
201 N. S. Telephone Co. Telephone.....	20 00
202 Town Officers Salaries.....	331 98
204 G. and F. Young, Ladders.....	31 35
205 E. Warner, Hauling Engine, coal etc.....	11 14
206 Alex. Hutt, Painting Fire Engine.....	20 00
208 E. St. Miss Allen, R land Taxes.....	22 22
212 Wm. McKenzie, Prisoners Meals.....	7 80
213 N. Russell & Co., Stove Service.....	7 36
214 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	150 71
215 Wm. Madden, Watching Infectious cases.....	24 10
216 Pay List, Streets.....	33 66
218 Thos. Tynes, Cleaning.....	10 00
219 Starr Mfg Co., Work on Fire Engine.....	564 62
220 Pay List, Streets.....	36 08
221 Pay List, Streets.....	30 58
222 Windsor Relief Fund.....	1000 00
223 Town Officers, Salaries.....	306 98
224 J. Jones, Board Pauper.....	11 90
225 Electric Light Co. Lighting.....	150 71
226 Pay List, Streets.....	39 52
227 School Board, on account Estimate.....	1000 00
228 Pay List, Streets etc.....	61 03
229 Pay List, Streets.....	38 43
230 Dart Coal & Supply Co., Coal.....	52 59
231 Pay List, Streets.....	7 57
232 Chas King, Logs.....	13 02
233 School Board on Account Estimate.....	1500 00
234 Ferry Interest.....	67 50
235 Town Officers, Salaries.....	306 93
236 Wm. McKenzie, License Inspector.....	15 60
237 Pay List, Streets.....	7 85
238 Ferry Interest.....	900 00
239 Ferry Interest.....	472 50
240 Ferry Interest.....	112 50
241 Electric Light Co., Lighting.....	150 71
242 Interest, Consul Debt.....	200 00
243 Ferry Interest.....	225 00
244 Ferry Interest.....	22 50
245 Ferry Interest.....	67 50

246	Pay List, Street.....	9 42
250	Contingent Account, Sept. and Oct.....	20 70
251	Co. of Halifax, Poor.....	133 70
252	R. R. Kenedy, Oil Suits.....	30 90
253	Power & Co., Repairs Hose Reels.....	30 00
254	Alex Frizzle, Pump Berch St.....	13 65
256	T. O. Stuart, Blacksmith.....	9 81
257	S. B. Dares, Lumber.....	17 15
259	J. A. Hunt Watering Streets.....	31 85
260	Alex Lloy, Goods for Poor.....	53 93
261	N. S. Building Society, Rent.....	100 00
264	G. A. Misener, Burial Poor.....	12 00
265	Ferry Interest.....	67 50
266	Merchants Bank, Rent of Box....	10 00
267	N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone.....	20 00
268	Atlantic Weekly, Printing and Advertising.....	39 05
269	Dr. Milsom, Medical Officer.....	20 00
270	Pay List, Streets.....	21 08
271	Ferry Interest.....	123 75
272	Interest, Consol Debt.....	140 00
273	Town Officers Salaries.....	331 98
275	School Board, Balance.....	2768 00
279	Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm, Lloy vs Town.....	60 00
281	Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm, Legal Advice.....	10 00
282	Atlantic Weekly, Advertising.....	46 60
283	Contingent Account, Nov. and Dec.....	6 37
284	Halifax Dispensary, Poor.....	60 00
285	County Rates for 1897.....	657 00
286	Hospital for Insane, Maintenance at Hospital.....	362 75
287	Hospital for Insane, Maintenance at Hospital.....	345 35

List of Licenses Granted 1897.

— AUCTION.

Duggan & Sons, Jas.....	\$19 00
Shand, Jas.....	10 00
Miller, M.....	10 00
	—————\$30 00

— HACKNEY.

Dartmouth Coal and Supply Co.....	\$ 8 00
Hunt, John.....	5 00
Richards Thos.....	2 50
Congod Jabez.....	6 00
Myers, Mrs. L.....	2 50
Greene, W. H.....	5 00
DeYoung, L.....	4 00
Richards, Geo.....	4 00
Wamolt, R L.....	6 00
Lavers, W. G.....	4 00
Foston, Wm.....	2 50
	—————\$49 50

— TRUCK.

Dartmouth Coal & Supply Company.....	\$ 3 50
Jones, John.....	2 50
Behan, Thos.....	2 50
Greene W H.....	3 50
Lee, Daniel.....	3 50
Keddy, Jo.....	2 50
Williams, Stephen.....	2 50
Warner, Edward.....	4 50
Wambolt, S. B.....	2 50
Craig, Jas.....	2 50

Graham, Wm.....	\$ 2 50
Leahy, Jr., John.....	2 50
	<hr/> \$35 00

TRADERS.

Ackerman, F. H.....	\$10 00
Donovan, W. H.....	30 00
Moir, Son & Co.....	30 00
Earl Publishing House, (St. John N. B).....	8 00
Muir Jas.....	12 00
Story M.....	1 50
Davis, A. J.....	20 00
Merchants Portrait Co.	8 00
Preeper, Robt.....	20 00
Bremner, Jas A.....	20 00
Ungar, Max.....	15 00
Clancy, J. J.....	20 00
Black & Flynn.....	10 00
Collier, P. F.....	8 00
Leaman & Co., J A.....	20 00
Burk, Peter.....	8 00
	<hr/> \$240 50

EXHIBITION.

Fleming, Professor.....	\$ 3 00
Wormwood, Professor.....	3 00
Cogswell, A. R.....	3 00
St. Mary's Dramatic Class.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$12 00

JUNK.

Bowden, John.....	\$4 00
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DOG TAXES paid for Year ended December 31st, 1897.

NAME OF OWNER.	TAX.	NAME OF OWNER.	TAX.
1896.			
Creighton, C. E.....	\$1	Barss, W. L.....	1
Crowell, C. M.....	1	Bentley, T. J.....	1
Chitick, Johnston.....	1	Bowser, J. T.....	1
Debay, John.....	1	Burbridge, R.....	1
Daley, Jas.....	1	Bowden, John.....	1
Foston, Geo.....	1	Bishop, W. L.....	1
Greene, W. H.....	1	Bowes, Stanley.....	1
Griffin, John.....	1	Beck, Chas.....	1
Hyde, Ralph.....	1	Campbell, Mrs. John.....	1
Lynch, Chas.....	1	Conrod Nelson.....	1
Lawlor, Mrs. J.....	1	Colbert, James.....	1
Leadley, L. M.....	1	Crathorne, Jr. G. A.....	1
Myers, John.....	1	Cameron, Robt.....	1
McLean, J.....	1	Campbell, Frank.....	1
Oland, G. W. C.....	1	Creighton, C. E.....	1
Oland, J. C.....	1	Coombs, W. G.....	1
Ring, Frank.....	1	Coats, Wm.....	1
Richard, Thos.....	1	Coleman, J. B.....	1
Sterns Geo.....	1	Campbell, Colin.....	1
Weeks, Otto.....	1	Coiter, Lewis.....	1
		Cunningham, Alben.....	1
		Cox, John.....	1
		Douglass, Peter.....	1
	\$20	Drake, H. H.....	1
		Dunbrack, P.....	1
		Dunn, Harry.....	1
		Durney, Hy.....	1
		Day, John.....	1
		Drysdale, Chas.....	1
		Daley, Mrs. D.....	1
		DeYoung, D.....	1
		Douglass, Jas.....	1
		Debay, John.....	1
		Eliot Edwd.....	1
		Evans, Isaac.....	1
		Eagar, M. F.....	1
1897			
Adams, Mrs Geo.....	1		
Aker, Miss E.....	1		
Angwin, Frank.....	1		
Austen, H. E.....	1		
Austen, J. H.....	1		
Atkinson, Geo.....	1		
Allison, J. W.....	2		
Austen, P. G.....	1		
Awalt, A.....	1		
Anderson, J. L.....	1		
Black, S. H.....	1		
Baylis, Hy.....	1		

NAME OF OWNER.	TAX	NAME OF OWNER.	TAX
Elliot, Reuben.....	\$1	McElmon, Robt.....	\$1
Fraser, Donald.....	1	McLennan, Edward.....	1
Findlay, Geo.....	1	McNab, N G.....	1
Forrester, Hy.....	1	Newman, C. L.....	1
Fink, Ge.....	1	Nicholson, Alex.....	1
Frazer, J. C. P.....	1	O'Hanley, Mrs. M.....	1
Fraser, C. A.....	1	Peveril, Chas.....	1
Foston, Jas.....	1	Pickering, W. E.....	1
Gray, Jer'h.....	1	Parker, Wm.....	1
Graham, Walter.....	1	Publicover, Arthur.....	1
Gray, Robt.....	1	Power, Patrick.....	1
Glendinning, Hy.....	1	Parker, Henry.....	1
Gow, Root.....	1	Patterson, Alex.....	1
Hiltz, Jas.....	1	Prescott, Clifford.....	1
Herman, Fred.....	1	Regan, John.....	1
Henlev, Isaac.....	1	Robson Mrs.....	1
Hamm, Jas.....	1	King, Frans.....	1
Heffeman, John.....	1	Roche, Isaac.....	1
Hutchinson, Albert.....	1	Russell, Benj.....	1
Hodgson, Alex.....	1	Stewart, Douglas.....	1
Innes, Geo.....	1	Smith, S.....	1
Jones, John.....	1	Shrum, Jas. E.....	1
Jugo, Fred.....	1	St-rus, G A.....	1
Keddy, Jas.....	1	Sette, Jas T.....	1
Keele, John.....	1	Sawler, O.....	1
Keddy, N.....	1	Staples, Geo.....	1
Kane, Howard.....	1	Shrum, Jas. H.....	1
Lawlor, A. E.....	1	Stevens, W. H.....	1
Leahy, Jas.....	1	Sellers, Harvey.....	1
Landsburg, G H.....	1	Thwaites, Miss E.....	1
Leahy, J., M.....	1	Taylor, Alex.....	1
Levy, Wm.....	1	Thorne, E L.....	1
Landsoug, Angus.....	1	Trider, Jas.....	1
Lesty, Thomas.....	1	Tubyou, R.....	1
Linteman, Wm.....	1	Veck, Geo.....	1
Meredith, Wm.....	1	Wentzell, J. W.....	1
Marks, Parker.....	1	Whidden, W. C.....	1
Mott, Chos.....	1	Watt, Miss B.....	1
May, Miss Bessie.....	1	Woodbury, F.....	1
Munro, Miss Annie.....	1	Weston, B A.....	1
Martin John.....	1	W llace, Wm.....	1
Monaghan, Geo.....	1	Walker, Jas.....	1
Murphy, Daniel.....	1	Walker, W. H.....	1
Myers, Mrs. Louisa.....	1	Wilson, Frank.....	1
Medley, Peter.....	1	Ward, Fred.....	1
Mitchell, J. G.....	1	Walsh, Mrs. E.....	1
McDonald, Wm.....	1	Whitelev, Patrick.....	1
McKenzie, Hugh.....	1	Young, Frank.....	1
McDow, Wm.....	1		
McKee, Mrs. I.....	1		

REPORT
OF
Board of School Commissioners.

TO THE RATEPAPERS OF TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

I have the Honor, for the second time, as Chairman of the Board, to present to you the following report of the work of the past year. I have to report, in opening, that the past year has been a notable one, being the year of the Queen's Jubilee. The occasion was fittingly observed by the Schools of Dartmouth. One thousand Children, with their Teachers, paraded the Streets of the Town to the Park, where patriotic songs were sung, and the waving of flags made a sight not soon to be forgotten. Speeches were made by Principal Grant of Queen's College, Attorney-General Longley and others. It was a fit closing for Jubilee week.

Arbor Day was celebrated May 7th by the planting of Trees at the different School Buildings. I would recommend that the day be kept every year at the same time, or as near as possible to that date.

Parents' hour has been instituted the past year, and I think good results will follow from having an hour set apart for Parents to visit the Schools and see what is being done by the Pupils.

The Commissioners continue to make monthly visits to the Schools, which practice, I hope, will be continued by the new Board. The system of grading, introduced last year, continues to work well.

Some changes have taken place in the Teaching Staff since my last report. Three Teachers have resigned the past year: Miss M. Jackson, Miss M. Murray and Miss M. Downey. Their places have been filled by the appointment of Miss Mary Tuppe., Miss Mary Bell and Miss

Lizzie Laidlaw. Miss Bruce has been transferred to Woodside, and Mrs. Laidlaw has taken her place in the Colored School, and is giving good satisfaction.

The Kindergarten is doing good work.

A Janitor has been appointed for the Greenvale School, and also to have supervision over all other Buildings, and do the necessary work in connection with the different School Buildings. I have reason to believe that this will be an improvement on the old system, and in this connection I would call attention to the mode of heating Greenvale School. There is need of a change to save expense and also to give more comfort to the children.

In connection with this Report will be found one from the Supervisor, giving the details of attendance, work of the High School, and other matters coming directly under his charge. Also the Treasurer's Statement of the finances of the Board, showing a balance on hand, at the close of the year of \$211.53, and the report of the Treasurer of the School Bank.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate the Ratepayers that the expenditure has come within the estimates, and shows a balance on the right side, and I trust that for the coming year the estimates may be so made up that the School rate will be reduced, as the matter of taxation is one in which we are all interested.

In closing this report I am glad to say that all the School Buildings are in a fairly good condition, and that the Town is to be congratulated in having such efficient Schools.

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, 1897, was 1,282, against 1,268 for 1896. An increase of 14.

Of these 670 were boys and 612 girls.

Forty-six pupils were under 5 years; 1,199 were between five and fifteen years, and 37 over fifteen years.

The corresponding numbers for 1896 were 63, 1,173, and 32.

The total days' attendance made by 1,282 pupils was 179,824 days, against 160,930 for 1896. An increase of 18,894 days.

It will be seen that while the registration increased only 14 pupils during the year, the attendance increased nearly 19,000 days.

The increase of attendance over that of registration is due to the unremitting attention of the Truant Officers in looking after delinquents when reported absent from School.

The average daily attendance was 860, against 743.4 for 1896.

The percentage of pupils daily present was 75% against 73% for 1896

The attendance according to Provincial Course of Study for each grade was :—

GRADE—KINDERGARTEN	110
“ I.	261
“ II.....	117
“ III	146
“ IV.....	178
“ V.	139
“ VI.....	116
“ VII.....	99
“ VIII.....	69
“ H. S.....	47
Total	1282

The High School numbered 47, an increase of 7 over the previous year. Of these six are in this year's class. The remainder are, many of them, attending the Academy ; others have gone to work. The present class numbers 53. Miss Helen McLeod and Miss Lulu Austen, respectively, won the Silver Medals given by Chairman Elliot and E. L. Thorne, Esq., for excellence in writing. Several others were very close behind.

I beg again to call attention to the great necessity for “parental schools.”

It is quite impossible to carry out the provisions of the Compulsory School Attendance Law without such Schools. Many of the very boys, to whom an ordinary education would be invaluable, are not reached by the Public Schools, and cannot be reached. They are on the Streets day and night—until late. No one seems to have any control over them. All that we could do, under present conditions, would be to have them sent to jail. That would not help them at all. It is, on the contrary, to keep them from going there that they should be trained and taught, at

ist, the common branches. When so many efforts are being put forth for the improvement of humanity, it is difficult to believe that we shall have to wait much longer for this necessary reform.

KINDERGARTEN.

The Kindergarten had a greater number of Pupils enrolled and a larger average attendance than ever before. It is keeping well abreast of the times and making sure, steady progress.

In the training class, which is a very important feature of the Kindergarten in Dartmouth, Miss Bertha Angwin, having finished her two years' course of Theory and Practice, received her diploma, which was presented by Dr. McKay, Superintendent of Education.

At the same meeting Dr. McKay also presented certificates to the first year Students, Misses Edith Elliot, of Dartmouth, and Rachel Wood of Halifax, the former with honors."

The Students this year are Miss M. Wathen of Harcourt, N. B., graduate of Provincial Normal School, Fredericton; Miss K. Mahoney, from the County Academy, and Miss A. Callahan of the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

PHYSICAL DRILL.

I wish to draw attention to the fact that Physical Drill in the Schools, though introduced some time since, is not methodically practised, except in some Departments.

It should be understood by Teachers that the physical development of the Pupils is quite as important as the mental; and that drill to develop the bodily organs ought to have its place on the time table of each Teacher, just as much as reading or spelling, and not be left, as it is in some cases, to the odds and ends of time, which the Teacher may happen to possess during the day's work, and which are useless for any other purpose. In this connection I must mention Miss Mitchell, of Greenvale School, who is an expert

in teaching calisthenics, and Pupils stand erect and march like soldiers.

I would suggest that Teachers, who have not taken lessons in the subject, should be required to do so, and that Physical Drill be insisted on in every Department of the Schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. J. MILLER,
SUPERVISOR

SCHOOL BANKS.

This branch of our School system has been successfully conducted during the past year, the total amount deposited by the pupils shows a substantial increase over the previous year. The Bank is operated in all the Schools except the Kindergarten, and is availed of by a considerable number of the Pupils in each Department.

The Teachers, under the regulations are expected to spend ten minutes each week in teaching the principles of thrift and economy, and in pointing out the advantages of the School Bank, and it is hoped that the habit of saving at least a portion of one's income, will grow and be helpful in the future to the boys and girls of the rising generation.

Statement of Cash deposited and withdrawn for year ended December 31st, 1897, by Pupils of the Public Schools

Jan. 1, 1897—Balance	\$ 340 86	
Deposited	930 29	
	<hr/>	\$1271 15
Withdrawn	\$ 113 17	
Transferred to P. O. Savings Bank.....	844 00	
Balance — Special Deposit Union Bank,.....	300 00	
Cash in Union Bank	13 98	
	<hr/>	313 98
Total	<hr/>	\$1271 15

ALFRED ELLIOT,
TREASURER.

STAFF OF TEACHERS.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

	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	450
" A. Mitchell,	D	5	280
" M. McKenzie,	C	4	300
" I. G. Moody,	B	3	320
" 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.	380
" B. MacKay,	C	6	380
" B. Thomas,	C	5	300
PARK SCHOOL :—			
Miss M. Downey (V. P.),	C	6	420
Mrs. B. Cray,	C	4	320
Miss A. Pender,	C	2 and 3	320
" E. Hennigar,	C	1	380
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL :—			
Miss M. Harris (V. P.),	C	3 and 4	360
" M. Tupper,	C	1 and 2	200
NORTH SCHOOL :—			
Miss M. Currie (V. P.),	C	3-4-5-6	360
" L. Allen,	C	1-2	360
WOODSIDE SCHOOL :—			
Miss C. Bruce,	C	1 to 5	280
STAIRS STREET SCHOOL.—			
Mrs L. Laidlaw,	C	1 to 5	250

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, DARTMOUTH.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from January 1st to December 31st, 1897.

Estimate.	RECEIPTS.	
\$ 179	Balance, Jan. 1, 1897.....	\$ 179 66
2100	Government Grant—	
	For half-year, ended Feb., 1897.....	\$1039 56
	For half-year ended July, 1897.....	1061 91
		2101 47
10535	Town of Dartmouth—	
	Amount of Estimate for year 1897.....	10535 00
11	Interest on School Bank Fund.....	10 50
		\$12825
		\$12826 63

Estimate.	EX PENDITURE.	
9190	Salaries—Teachers.....	\$9046 10
	Substitutes.....	6 00
716	Janitrices.....	731 00
150	Truant Officers.....	149 88
		\$ 9932 98
250	Stationery, Maps, &c.....	208 50
320	Fuel.....	249 42
1134	Interest on Bonds.....	1134 36
80	Interest on Overdraft at Bank to July 31, 1897....	50 55
25	Printing and Advertising.....	44 79
100	Insurance premiums.....	120 00
20	Water Rates.....	20 00
60	Treasurer Sch ^d Bank.....	60 00

100	Cleaning and Whitewashing (outdoor)	\$ 71 06	
	" " (indoor)	40 30	
		<u>111 36</u>	\$ 111 36
120	Stove Service, 1896	89 26	
	Stove Service, 1897	128 02	
		<u>217 28</u>	217 28
410	Repairs, general, to Buildings & Furniture	138 48	
	Reshingling Roofs, Central and Stairs Street Schools	140 00	
	Well at North School	37 72	
		<u>316 20</u>	316 20
150	Contingent	67 06	
	Typewriter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cost	57 00	
	Trees for Arbor Day	7 50	
	Cab Hire	9 00	
	Brooms, Soap, &c.	9 19	
		<u>149 75</u>	149 75
<u>\$12825</u>	Balance		<u>211 53</u>
			<u>\$12826 63</u>

A. ELLIOT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

W CREIGHTON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
GEO. FOOT,	

REPORT
OF THE
Directors of the Public Reading Room.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

During the past year the reading room has been furnished with the usual supply of Magazines, Periodicals and Newspapers, which have been duly appreciated as shown by the regular attendance.

The accompanying account from the Treasurer shows the balance to the debit, but all the regular subscriptions for 1897 have not yet been collected, and when these are handed in we hope to show a balance on the credit side of the account.

J. WALTER ALLISON,

CHAIRMAN.

DARTMOUTH READING ROOM.

In Account With E L. THORNE, Treasurer.

EXPENDITURE.

Electric Light Co.....	\$ 17 70
Mrs. Lewis, Janitrix.....	13 96
Mrs. Lewis, Janitrix.....	13 68
Painting Notices.....	25
Dartmouth Ferry Rent.....	10 00
E. Warner, Fuel.....	43 80
Magazines.....	91 30
Janitrix.....	14 32
	\$ 205 07

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$ 10 49
Dartmouth Man'g Co.....	25 99
H Moseley.....	2 00
D. McN. Parker.....	10 00
H. S. Creighton.....	1 00
C. P. Blathwayt.....	1 00
J. P. Mott & Co.....	10 00
Town of Dartmouth.....	100 00
For Magazines sold.....	19 55
	\$ 179 04
Balance due Treasurer.....	26 03
	\$ 205 07

REPORT
OF
Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the close of another year the Commissioners are glad to be able to report that your Ferry still shows as favorable a statement as in former years.

MEMBERSHIP.

The only change under this head is the appointment by the Town Council of Councillor Williams *vice* Councillor Oand, whose time had expired.

STEAMER "CHEBUCTO."

As stated in the report of my Predecessor, the Commission signed a contract in 1896 with Messrs. Shearer, of Glasgow, for the building of a Screw Steel Ferry Boat, 140 feet long and 50 wide. The Boat was to have left the Clyde on July 15th, but owing to a most serious strike, which took place all over Great Britain last Spring, her sailing was delayed until August 15th, 1897. This delay proved a most unfortunate one, as the time for fine weather

had passed, and she had to face several serious gales ; the first one damaged her rudder to such an extent, that she had to return to Glasgow for repairs. When these were completed she started again, her Captain having decided to take the southerly course. She was well on her way across the Atlantic, when meeting another furious gale she had to run before it, and brought up at St. Michaels, Azores, where she now lies. In this gale she suffered some damage to her upper works, and Messrs. Shearer have sent men from Glasgow to St. Michael's to make the repairs, and it is expected that she will leave there about May next, and will be thoroughly overhauled on her arrival here, before being placed on the Ferry.

As Messrs. Shearer have, under the contract, to deliver the boat here in first-class order, running on the ferry free of all charges of bringing her out, (with the exception of the engineers' wages, for six months from August 15th,) your Commissioners are not put to any expense in the matter; but of course the delay is serious but one quite beyond the control of the Board.

It is satisfactory to know from all who have seen the "Chebucto" (the name which your Commission chose for the boat) that she is a very fine, comfortable vessel, and one which we believe will be a credit to the Town, and a source of pride to each Ratepayer.

NEW WHARF.

In anticipation of the arrival of the "Chebucto," your Commission constructed a Wharf, 200 feet long, between Warner's Wharf and the present dock, for the purpose of making a berth for the boat. The cost was \$900.

It was found necessary to make this expenditure owing to the fact that the water at the Northern Wharf is not deep enough to dock either of the larger Boats.

The Boats, as well as the Property generally, have been kept in good order, and but few repairs, outside of the

usual wear and tear, should be required during the coming year.

A new Bridge and Scow, for use on the Halifax side, have been nearly completed in the yard by our own men. These will be placed in position early in the coming spring.

While the Boats are in first-class condition, and well-suited to the needs of the Public, the approaches, both on the Dartmouth and Halifax side of the Harbour, are not what they should be, and it is in contemplation by the Commission, at an early day, to erect on both sides such Waiting Rooms as the necessities of the Ferry call for. To enable this to be done the City of Halifax will likely reduce, to a certain extent, the rent of their Dock, and if more Property on the Halifax side is needed, your approval of the acquiring of such will be asked for.

When this is accomplished (if not before) the question of making communication between Dartmouth and Halifax more frequent than it is at present, and the readjustment of the rates now charged, are subjects which will have to receive the most serious consideration of your Commission. Changes in these matters would doubtless tend to increase the traffic of the Ferry.

During the year the Dartmouth has run 29,110 miles, the Halifax 20,810 miles; the MicMac 3,360 miles, a total of 53,280 miles, carrying 695,476 passengers, not including commutation ticket holders, all this being accomplished without an accident to any passenger, a record which cannot be surpassed by any other Ferry, and one which proves that you have in your employ a set of men, who, in all weathers, day and night, are carefully and zealously looking after the interests of the Public, and helping to make the Ferry

what we all desire to see it—second to none.

Herewith you will find the Financial Statement for the year. which, on perusal, will show that the Town of Dartmouth own in their Ferry a valuable asset.

I Remain, Your Obedient Servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON,

CHAIRMAN.

DARTMOUTH, January 1st, 1898.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION :

Gentlemen,—I hereby certify that I have made a complete examination of the Books of Accounts kept by your Commission up to, and including December 31st. 1897, and have now to report as follows.

The Books and Accounts for the past year have been correctly kept.

I have 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 balance monthly for the past year, also the Bank and Cheque Books, all of which are correct.

There is on special deposit in the Union Bank the sum of five thousand dollars, which, with the sum of one thousand and fifty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents on demand, and in the hands of your Secretary, makes the sum of six thousand and fifty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents, immediately available.

Herewith I submit a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, with a Statement of Expenditure and Income.

W. C. BISHOP,

AUDITOR.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Cash on hand.....\$ 1,055 99	Debenture Account.....\$148,000 00
Coal on hand..... 85 10	Loan on Account of De-
Construction Account.	bentures..... 17,600 00
New Boat..... 41,161 78	
Rents Due by Tenants.... 265 05	
Real & Personal Property 140,059 43	
Stores on hand, supplies 613 43	
Union Bank, Special De-	
posit Account..... 5,000 00	Balance 22,640 78
	<u>\$188,240 78</u>
	<u>\$188,240 78</u>
Balance.....\$ 22,640 78	

JOHN W. JAGO
SECRETARY.

DARTMOUTH, December 31st, 1897.

I certify the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission to be true and correct, and as shown by their Books at the close of the Thirty-first Day of December, 1897.

W. C. BISHOP,
AUDITOR.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., January 1st., 1898.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR 1897.

EXPENDITURE

Interest.....	\$ 6,389 46
Coal.....	6,576 61
Wages.....	17,493 43
Repairs and Expense.....	5,861 64
Dartmouth Taxes.....	1,491 85
Dartmouth Rates.....	825 00
Halifax Dock Rent.....	800 00
Insurance.....	378 70
Balance.....	22 640 78
	<u>\$62,457 47</u>

INCOME.

Balance, December 31st, 1896.....	\$16,078 09
Commutation.....	10,428 42
Transient Ferriages.....	34,357 87
Rents Received.....	1,205 08
Premiums and Interest.....	369 15
Parcel Repository ..	16 76
Junk sold.....	11 10
	<u>\$62,457 47</u>

JOHN W. JAGO,

SECRETARY.

I certify the above Statement of Expenditure and Income of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission to be true and correct, and as shown by their Books at the close of the Thirty-first Day of December, 1897.

W. E. BISHOP,

AUDITOR.

DARTMOUTH, January, 1st, 1898.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

DETAILS OF REPAIRS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR 1897.

Machinery and Hulls.....	\$ 588 61
Lubricants, Oils and Waste.....	169 65
Uniform for Crews.....	415 32
Kerosene Oil, Brooms, Brushes, &c.....	203 67
Iron Paint, Hardware, Cordage, &c.....	547 31
Printing Tickets, Books and Tickets..	275 16
Electric Lighting, Repairs to Dynamos & Amatures, &c.....	605 62
Water Rates for Tenement Houses.....	108 71
Government Inspection Fees.....	87 92
Salaries: Solicitor, \$150.00, Auditor \$100.00.....	250 00
Telephone Rent.....	75 00
Hard Coal for Station Houses.....	88 80
Office Stationery, Printing and Advertising.....	163 50
Wharves and Bridges.....	1068 72
Repairing Roofs and Stables, &c.....	92 25
Painting Signs for Cabins.....	21 00
Coal (trial Lot).....	24 00
New Hydrant.....	23 00
New Dynamo.....	219 54
New Bridge.....	290 00
Grant to Regatta Commission.....	100 00
Incidentals.....	444 72
	\$5 861 64

JOHN W. JAGO,
SECRETARY.

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

W. E. BISHOP,
AUDITOR.

DARTMOUTH, December 31st, 1897.

REPORT
OF
The Park Commissioners.

During the past year the work on the Park has been limited to repairing the Walks and Paths, transplanting some of the small Trees, and building another Terrace above the Fountain.

The Commissioners hope that the Town Council will during the present year, enclose the ground between the Cemetery and Stairs Street, thus enabling the Park fence to be extended to the eastern boundary of the Property and enclosing the whole south line with a neat picket fence. This will greatly improve the Town in this locality.

If this can be done, the present Pond might be filled up to a certain extent, and a Fountain erected there. The cost of this would be slight.

You have in your Park one of the most beautiful spots for walking or driving, which can be imagined. The walks and drives are kept, in first-class order, and everything done to make it a credit to the Town. For this you are indebted almost altogether to J. W. Allison and J. V. Tufts, Esqs., who are unremitting in their labours, and spare no pains to have the money voted by you wisely and economically expended.

Honor to be

Your Obedient Servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON.

CHAIRMAN

DARTMOUTH, January 1st, 1898.

DARTMOUTH PARK COMMISSION.

In Account With J. WALTER ALLISON, Treasurer.

1897.

Dec. 31st	To paid Labor, and so forth, during the year, for Vouchers Nos. 225 to 250.....	\$165 47
Dec. 31st	To Balance on hand—Special deposit Halifax Banking Co.....	\$100 00
Dec. 31st	Cash on Deposit, Halifax Banking Co.....	8 18
		\$108 18
		\$273 65

CREDIT.

1897.

Jan. 1st.	By Balance on hand.....	\$ 23 65
“ “	By Grant from Town of Dartmouth.....	250 00
		\$273 65

1897.

Jan. 1st	Balance brought down.....	\$108 18
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