

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1898.

Mayor

A. C. JOHNSTON.

Presiding Councillor.

JOHN FORSYTH.

Councillors.

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| WARD 1.—JOHN RITCHIE, | G. D. WILSON. |
| 2.—JOHN FORSYTH, | F. C. BOWES. |
| 3.—EDWARD F. WILLIAMS, | H. MOSELEY |

Board of School Commissioners

COUNCILLORS H. MOSELEY, (Ch.) BOWES AND FORSYTH, W. H.
STEVENS, J. M. WEEKS.

Commissioners of Dartmouth Park.

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

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

THE MAYOR, (Ch.) COUNCILLORS MOSELEY AND WILLIAMS;
N. F. CUNNINGHAM, GEO. J. FROOP, J. W. ALLISON.

Town Officers.

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| STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE AND RECORDER..... | B. RUSSELL, Q. C |
| DEPUTY " " " | WM R. FOSTER |
| TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER | ALFRED ELLIOT |
| TOWN ASSESSORS..... | T. NOTTING, A. G. GATES, F. SCARFE |
| AUDITORS..... | GEO FOOT, W. CREIGHTON |
| REVISORS ELECTORAL LISTS.. | H.S CONGDON, J. D. McKENNA, J.S. WARNER |
| SUPT. OF WATER WORKS AND STREETS..... | W. L. BISHOP |

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MAYORS
OF THE
TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

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| 1873-4 | Wm. S. Symonds. |
| 1874-5 | Wm. S. 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. |
| 1897 | A. C. Johnston. |
| 1898 | A. C. Johnston. |

Mayor's Report for the Year 1898.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The Financial Year of the Town having ended on December 31st, it is my duty to lay before you a brief synopsis of the services of the Town which come within the scope of the Town Council. Before doing this however, I ask your attention to several matters which are not out of place in a report of this nature, and a discussion of which may be of benefit to the Town generally.

WARD SYSTEM.

Ever since the Town was incorporated, it has been divided into three Wards and two Councillors from each Ward have sat at the Council table. This system has now been tried for 25 years, and it is a fair matter for discussion, if some other way of electing your representatives could not be found, which would be of greater benefit to the Town than the one now in vogue. The present system (which was evidently inaugurated for convenience) elects the Councillors from a well defined section of the Town, and they (erroneously) take their seats at the Council, simply as representatives of that section, and not as being elected by that section to represent the whole Town. This scheme unfortunately leads to jealousies, selfishness, and a narrowness of views of public duty, things which are not conducive to good Government.

A Ward Councillor is being constantly reminded by the electors of the Ward, that he is the representative of

that Ward at the Council Board, and that he is not doing his duty unless he spends so much money in his Ward each year (regardless of the fact that other parts of the Town may need it more.) The Representatives and the Ratepayers thus ignoring the fact that a Councillor is elected by the Ward to represent the whole Town, and not merely a certain division of it. Our system which has been on trial in scores of other towns throughout Canada, is fast being done away with, and in place of it Councillors are elected by the vote of the whole town, in the same way as the Mayor. Under this system there are two ways in which a representative is nominated, first by any two electors of the town. Secondly, by any two electors of a Ward, the first would very probably in time lead to sectional jealousies, which should be avoided if possible. The second would ensure a representative being nominated by every section of the town, but elected by the people at large.

Objections have been raised to this plan, on the ground that it entails a large amount of work on the candidate in the way of canvassing in case of a contested election. True, but it is no more than is asked of the Mayor, and when it is remembered that to the average ratepayer the Town representative is of far more importance than either the Dominion or Provincial representative (as he deals with direct taxation) it would seem that the slight additional trouble should not be considered, if, as is claimed, this system would raise the administration of our municipal affairs to a higher level, and ensure the Town Council being composed of gentlemen who feel they represent the Town and not a Ward. Having had the honor of holding a seat in your Council as Mayor and Councillor for eight years, I am impressed with the fact that a change in the mode of electing your representatives is advisable.

Legislation to enable the change to be made (if found advisable) will be necessary, and I urgently ask that this matter may receive your serious consideration.

STREET LIGHTING.

As intimated in my last report, your Council applied to the Legislature for authority to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of installing an Electric Light Plant. The Legislature saw fit to refuse the request on representation made to them by the Electric Light Company, but your Council has had another bill prepared, ready to submit to the forthcoming meeting of the House, again asking for the right to deal with our own franchise, as we may deem best. This bill refers only to Street lighting, and the lighting of Public Buildings, and leaves the private lighting in the hands of the Company.

The present contract expires on June 1st, 1900, and if as is hoped, the necessary authority is obtained this year, your Council will in due time ask your sanction to a scheme whereby the lighting of the streets will be in your hands.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

It being the general opinion that a Town should own and control all its Franchises, so that when occasion offers they may be so used that a revenue may accrue from them, a bill will be presented to the Legislature this year, asking authority to build, equip and operate a line of Tram Cars in the Town, and to any point, within 10 miles of the Town Boundary.

TOWN HALL.

So far no definite steps have been taken in this matter although it has been more or less discussed. The question of site is most important. On this as on every question, there is a difference of opinion, some think the vicinity of the Ferry the most convenient place, others feel the neighborhood of the present site is the best. The Town now holds at a yearly annual loss, quite a large amount of Real Estate and it does not seem good policy to buy more, if any they now possess can be made available. The present site

it is rather too narrow to erect a building such as this town should have. The East End of the Engine House field facing on Wentworth St. has much to commend it as a site. It is off the main street, and would thus be far away from the noise of travel. There is a fine open space in front, the width is 120 feet, the basement for Water Work Dept., Police Cells, &c., could be built at small expense, and the Town owns it, and by building there would be working in, what is at present unenumerative property. A building suitable to our needs for many years to come, fitted with all the necessary offices &c., could be built of brick for say \$10,000 being an annual charge of \$400. It is to be hoped that the incoming Council will look into this matter, and be able to lay before you at an early day some scheme for your consideration.

CEMETERY.

Nothing has been accomplished in this matter, although year by year the need of some more suitable place for a burying ground is made more and more apparent. Your Council had a very eligible site under consideration, but the price asked being thought excessive nothing was done, it is hoped that this year some solution of the difficulty may be found.

PLAN OF THE TOWN.

A very superficial glance at any of the streets of the Town, will show the absolute need of having prepared and legalized a plan showing the width of the streets, the encroachments thereon, and what improvements could be made from time to time. A plan such as would be of service, would cost about \$1000, and should be obtained at once, as the longer it is left the more difficulties will arise, and the harder it will be to straighten matters out. A proposition was considered by the Council from a gentleman who offered to do the work extending over a period of 18 months, but as some terms of the offer were unsatisfactory

possibly cannot be surpassed for location, but unfortunately nothing definite was done, and it remains for the incoming Council to bring this matter to a successful issue.

NATAL DAY.

Dartmouth's holiday, which has now become an annual affair, was held on August 4th, and proved even more attractive than any of those held previously. The Trades Procession in the morning, in which most of the business firms took part was a very great credit to all concerned, and far surpassed efforts of a similar kind which have been held in places much larger than Dartmouth. Not only was it a surprise to the strangers who were in Town that morning, but it was equally so to our own people, who had no idea of what could be done in Dartmouth until they saw the various trades and businesses as represented in the procession, and it is safe to say that the exhibition of that morning did more to advertise our Town, than anything else that has ever taken place. The Regatta in the afternoon, and the Illumination in the evening were most creditable, and the whole day reflects the greatest credit on the gentlemen who gave so much time to make it the success it was. Those to whom the Town is indebted for the enjoyment afforded on the holiday are :—Messrs. A. C. Pyke, W. B. Rankin, Hope Watt, P. G. Austin, Chas. Waterfield, F. W. Stevens. N. F. Cunningham, Wm. H. Stevens and R. Simmonds.

Your Council voted the Committee \$150 which supplemented by the grant from the Ferry \$300 did not quite suffice to pay all the expenses. A small debit balance of \$11 remains to be carried forward. The following is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Cash on Hand from 1897..... | \$ 5.12 |
| Vote Town Council..... | 150.00 |
| Vote Ferry Commission..... | 300.00 |
| Sale of Envelopes..... | 115.00 |

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|--------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Sale of Programmes | 34.21 | |
| Balance | 11.00 | |
| | | \$615.33. |

EXPENDITURE.

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| B cycle Parade | \$ 12.00 | |
| Trades Procession | 10.50 | |
| Regatta | 230.73 | |
| Illumination | 201.50 | |
| Printing | 145.90 | |
| Engraving | 14.70 | |
| | | \$615.33 |

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

This includes Streets, Street Lighting, Street Watering and Public Buildings, all of these being subject to the control of the same Committee.

STREETS.

Amount voted \$3487, net amount spent \$3283.18 with accounts unsettled of \$56.28 making a total net expenditure of \$3,339.46. During the year 3473 tons of stone were broken and used on the various streets of the Town, in addition 109 loads of slag were obtained from the Rolling Mills and used on Crichton Avenue.

Three large culverts were built one on Old Ferry Road, one on Maple Street, and one on Dahlia St., these were constructed of such a size that if necessary a man can pass through them for the purpose of removing any obstruction that may find a lodgment.

While our Streets (as far as the carriage way is concerned) are in first class condition (especially the main thoroughfares,) the sidewalks are a disgrace to the Town and steps should be taken at once to have them put in good order. Very little work was done in this respect last year, and it would seem that the time has arrived when our Town could well afford to have a proper sidewalk laid down. Some two years ago a short piece was built on

Water Street, which cost but little, and which has worn well, (in the absent of Concrete or Asphalt which are very costly) this style might well be used elsewhere. Nothing gives a stranger such a good idea of a town as to find the streets and sidewalks kept in good condition.

STREET LIGHTING.

Amount assessed \$1,725, amount paid \$1,681.59 this being for the 12 months ending November 30th. The liability on this account \$150.88 is the cost for December 1898, this amount cannot be included in the current year, and really does not belong there, as the account is not rendered until the year closes, and is not assessed for, the above expenditure covers the term from December 1st 1897 to November 30th 1898. The number of Street Lights at date is 70. No increase has been made in this respect for several years.

STREET WATERING.

Amount voted, \$200; expenditure \$208.01. The watering cart was used for 445 hours, from April 13th. to October 27th, the rate per hour for man and two horses being 45c. some slight repairs were made to the cart amounting to \$8.

The street could be kept in a much cleaner condition in summer if a street broom were purchased. The cost would not be excessive, and it would be found of great benefit in collecting all the dust and dirt, which flies about whenever the wind blows, and which at times is so thick on the street that the watering cart does not have the effect it otherwise would. These brushes can now be purchased, so managed that all the driver has to do is to guide the horse, and the broom sweeps up the dirt, throws it into a receptacle prepared for it, which when full can be deposited where ever desired. This style thus saves a man with a horse and cart to follow the broom and collect the refuse.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The amount voted was \$75, and that expended \$59.15.

The Town Hall is in very bad repair, and if it is to be used much longer a large sum of money will have to be spent to make it habitable, this, however, can be saved if, as is hoped, new quarters in which to do the business of the Town are provided before long.

The Engine House should be painted and some repairs done to the roof, it will be false economy to allow it to remain as it is.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Estimate \$70, expenditure \$95. This over expenditure was caused by the outbreak of several cases of Diphtheria which necessitated the placing of a watch on the different houses, fortunately with good effect, as the disease was in every case confined to the house where it first broke out.

The following is the report of your Medical Officer under date of December 1898.

"I beg to report for the information of the Board, that the Town for the last year has been in a good sanitary condition, to a large extent the usual zymotic diseases have been few in number, those of the Diphtheria class were, so far as I could discover, brought into the Town. It must be satisfactory to the Board to learn that the stringent measures enforced, have resulted in keeping this dread disease in bounds."

POOR AND LUNATIC.

On January 1st 1897 there were 9 Paupers at the Poor Farm, 2 discharged during the year, 2 were admitted, still leaving 9 in the institution at present. On January 1st 1898 the sum of \$447.20 was due the County on this account, and \$879.15 paid, this brings the account up to September 30th leaving only one quarter amounting to \$166 now due. This service shows a net amount of \$115 over expended.

At the first of the year there was 9 patients at Mount Hope, 2 were discharged, 1 admitted, leaving 8 still there.

On January 1st 1898 there was due the Local Government \$664.26. During the year the account to June 30th amounting to \$1382.09 was settled, leaving the sum of \$677.56 still due for the 6 months ending December 31st, 1898.

Your Council received a notification that from July 1st 1898 the board of the Female inmates would be increased from \$2 per week to \$2.50. This makes a very considerable addition to the already heavy charge of this Institution on the Town funds, and as there are some of the patients which could be kept at the Poor Farm at a cost of only \$1.30 per week, including clothing. I would strongly recommend that where a change can be safely made, it be done at once.

TREE PLANTING.

At the last meeting of the Legislature the following Law which is to be found in clause No. 2, C 1pt. 68 was enacted.

"The Town Council may include in the estimates of expenditure for each and every year, a sum not exceeding \$200 for the purpose of securing the planting of trees, to be the property of the Town. The party in front of whose premises such trees are planted to bear half the expense of the same, with the concurrence of the owner or occupiers." Under this authority the Council included the sum of \$50 in the estimates for this purpose, and brought the matter to the notice of the Ratepayers by public advertisement, replies were received from 13 who agreed to bear half the costs, some 52 trees were set out, and boxed in. The sum of \$48.17 was expended, and \$23.08 returned by the Ratepayers leaving \$17.33 still to be collected. It is hoped that all concerned will encourage such a laudable object as this, and help in this way to beautify the streets. The attention of the Ratepayers should be

called to this scheme early in the season, so that all necessary arrangements may be made, and the trees if possible should be planted as soon as received, as leaving the roots exposed to the air as was done for days last year, is sure to retard their growth if it does not kill them.

LIQUOR LICENSE FUND.

The amount assessed for this service was \$100. Fines received \$21.75, and amount expended \$70. There is however an unpaid account of \$225 which will have to be provided for this year. This bill is for legal expenses, incurred by your Inspector in prosecuting the Halifax Breweries and also a club at the North End for illegally selling liquor.

The suits were commenced in the Police Court and judgment given in favor of the Inspector, the defendants certiorari them to the Supreme Court where the Town again was successful. There were three suits in all, one against the bartender of the club, in this case the costs and fine were paid. One against the club, the fine in this case has not been paid, and there is no personal property to levy on (the club having gone out of existence) but there is a judgment of \$74 against the real estate which will be collected in due course. One against the Halifax Breweries; this fine has not been paid, and it seems there are some legal difficulties in the way of collecting it. The Supreme Court having vindicated every step taken by the Town, and its Inspector, did not however see fit to give the prosecution their costs in these cases. This however is a matter over which the Town has no control. Through the action of the Inspector the club has been broken up, and the illicit sale of liquor stopped.

Under this head, it may not be out of place to call your attention to the fact, that several hundreds of dollars are due the Town for bonds given by the Messrs Olands some years ago, and which your legal adviser says have been forfeited. The Council so far has not seen fit to

collect them, but they are an honest debt due the Town, and should be paid.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

During the year a 12 inch sewer and 6 inch water main, were laid for 535 feet on Dahlia Street, between Maple and Beech Street, a 9 inch sewer and 4 inch water main were laid for 500 feet on James street. On Albert street a 9 inch sewer was laid for 415 feet and a 4 inch water pipe for 83 feet, this sewer was connected with the main on Portland Street by a branch 261 feet in length passing through private lands, the consent of the owners having been willingly granted.

A 6 inch water main 240 ft long was laid from Tulip street along Oak street, thence along Crichton street, making a total length of 2184 feet of water pipe and 1711 feet of sewer pipe laid during the year. All this was done at a cost of some \$2809, but in every case the revenue to be derived will more than pay the cost on the outlay, and the sewer Frontage will eventually bring in the sum of \$2700. Several more Hydrants are needed in various parts of the town for efficient Fire Protection, and a manhold and one or two Catch Pits should be built during the summer.

This account shows an adverse balance of \$1151.44. \$1000 of which is owing to the fact that the expenditure, which you authorized at the last public meeting has been made, but the Bond not yet issued, the council awaiting the authority of the Legislature to do so.

Early in December last your council received a petition from the residents of Fairbanks streets and the streets in that neighborhood for the extension of the Water and Sewerage to their properties. estimates are now being made of what this extension will cost. For the most part the trenches will be through solid rock, and consequently the sum required for excavation will be large. When the estimates are prepared, the Council will lay them before you for your consideration.

There are accounts amounting to \$167 29 against the

construction account, and of \$53.93 against the Maintenance account. During the year the following service were added :—

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| Private Dwellings..... | 30 |
| Meat Shop..... | 1 |
| Water Motor..... | 1 |
| Stables..... | 2 |
| Mineral Water Works..... | 2 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year there were 9 fire alarms, 3 of these resulted in loss to the extent of \$1800, in the others no damage worth mentioning was done. The amount assessed for this service was \$967, and expended \$1036.68, \$491 88 was spent for new hose, \$34.61 to provide 15 oil suits for the Axe Company, and \$45 for 10 rubber coats for the U. P. Company.

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

One Steam Fire Engine.

Twenty-two hundred and fifty feet Rubber Hose. (One hundred feet condemned,) Four hundred feet of above at Coach House, Pleasant Street.

Three 4 wheeled Hose Carriages, (One of these is stationed at Coach House, Pleasant Street.)

Two 2 wheeled Hose Reels.

Two controlling Nozzles.

Seven Hose Branches.

Nine Nozzles

One Siamese Coupling with Valve.

One Siamese Coupling without Valve.

Three Hydrant Wrenches.

Sixteen Hose Straps.

Six water Buckets, Rubber.

Eight Torches.

Five Lanterns.
 Five Rubber Coats, damaged.
 Fifteen Jackets and Pants
 One Water Cart.

FINANCES.

By referring to the last annual report it will be seen that the year commenced with the Town owing on current account the sum of \$5793.70. this was reduced during the year to the sum of \$5074.60, every current liability having been taken into account. The items which make up this sum are as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance due Union Bank..... | \$3695.05 |
| Poor account..... | 70.00 |
| Streets | 56.28 |
| Pumps and Wells..... | 4.42 |
| Contingent account..... | 13.75 |
| Electric Light for Dec. | 150.88 |
| Hospital for Insane to Dec 31st..... | 677.81 |
| County Poor Farm do | 166.00 |
| Sundry small accounts..... | 15.41 |
| Liquor License Fund..... | 225.00 |

Total Liabilities.....\$5074.60

To meet the above liabilities are the following Assets which are all considered good, due allowance having been made for bad debts.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Taxes Real and Personal 1897..... | \$ 284.38 |
| School Tax Halifax 1897..... | 141.35 |
| do O. D. 1897..... | 100.30 |
| Taxes Real and Personal 1898..... | 1989.37 |
| School Tax Halifax 1898..... | 250.12 |
| do O. D. 1898..... | 159.21 |
| Poll Tax 1897-1898..... | 225.00 |
| Street account, Stone Sold..... | 12.10 |
| Dog Tax..... | 6.00 |
| Tree Planting..... | 17.33 |

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| Court Fees..... | \$ 97.39 |
| Common Rent..... | 177.54 |
| Cash on Hand..... | 26.49 |
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| | \$3,486.58 |

Shewing a net deficit of \$1588.02.

The value of the Real and Personal property for the year was \$1,829,570 divided as follows :

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| Real..... | \$1,413,935 |
| Personal..... | 415,635 |
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| | —\$1,829,570 |

As against \$1,750,368 an increase for the 12 months of \$79,202.

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| The rate levied was 1.30 (including 52c. for schools) per \$100.00 this would yield on above figures..... | \$23,783 |
| Less Exemptions Discount &c..... | 1,120 |
| School Tax paid in Halifax..... | 547½ 1,672 |
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| | \$22,111 |

Of this amount the sum of \$20,307.10 has been paid in leaving \$1,989 or about 9% still outstanding.

The very gratifying manner in which the Taxes have been collected is due altogether to the tact and zeal displayed by your Chief of Police, who in addition to his other duties fills the office of Tax Collector, and I desire to bear witness to the very efficient service he is rendering the Town. Of the Real Assessment of 1896 every cent has been collected, and only one property was sold under the Lien Law.

The Bonded Debt on December 31st 1898 was as follows:—

| DEBENTURE. | WHEN ISSUED | YEARS TO RUN. | INTEREST. | AMOUNT. |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Consolidated Debt | Dec. 2. 1889 | 25 | 4% | |
| Engine House..... | | | | 4,275 |
| Town Hall..... | | | | 1,527 |
| School (Park)..... | | | | 3,054 |
| Water..... | | | | 8,144 |
| | | | | <u>\$17,000</u> |
| Schools (Hawthorne) | Mar. 8. 1886 | 20 | 6% | 2,000 |
| Schools | July 21. 1890 | 20 | 4% | 12,300 |
| Schools | " 1 1894 | 20 | 4½% | 7,000 |
| | | | | <u>21,300</u> |
| Ferry..... | June 2. 1890 | 25 | 4½% | 110,000 |
| "..... | July 1. 1890 | 25 | 4% | 40,000 |
| "..... | June 1. 1897 | | 4% | 30,000 |
| | | | | <u>180,000</u> |
| Water..... | July 21 1891 | 20 | 4½% | 20,000 |
| | July 1. 1892 | 20 | 4½% | 80,000 |
| | July 1. 1893 | 20 | 4½% | 35,000 |
| | June 1. 1895 | 20 | 4½% | 3,000 |
| | Dec. 10 1895 | 20 | 4½% | 500 |
| | May 1. 1896 | 20 | 4½% | 2,000 |
| | Janv. 1. 1898 | 20 | 4% | 800 |
| | | | | <u>1,200</u> |
| | | | | <u>142,500</u> |
| Total..... | | | | <u>\$360,800</u> |

NOTE: -(The \$30,000 of Ferry Bonds issued June 1st, 1897 are redeemable \$5,000 in 1902 and \$2,000 a year thereafter the last being payable in 1915.)

The gross debt of the Town as shown is \$360,800, the Sinking Fund now amounts to \$14,578 making the Net Debt \$346,222. The interest charge on the revenues of the Town amounts to but \$1,607, per annum, being the interest on the Consolidated Debt and the School Debentures, the balance of Interest is borne by the Ferry and Water services which are self supporting. The Town owns (outside of the Ferry) property of an estimated value of \$294,000 making a total of Real and Personal property as security for the Debenture Holders of \$2,123,570 a fraction over \$6 security for every \$1 of Bonded Debt.

The following table shows the amount of assessment of

Real and Personal property in the Town each year since 1888, the increase in that time being \$607,730.

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|-----------|-------------|
| 1888..... | \$1,221,840 |
| 1889..... | 1,260,225 |
| 1890..... | 1,275,270 |
| 1891..... | 1,284,320 |
| 1892..... | 1,402,260 |
| 1893..... | 1,472,125 |
| 1894..... | 1,803,367 |
| 1895..... | 1,770,840 |
| 1896..... | 1,773,101 |
| 1897..... | 1,750,768 |
| 1898..... | 1,829,570 |

READING ROOM.

The grant from the Council was the same as formerly \$100. This Room has been found to be not only a very great convenience, but a very great benefit to the general public, hundreds of people have access to all the best Magazines of the day, as well as to the Daily and Weekly Newspapers, who otherwise would be deprived from this class of reading, and it seems a pity that a more generous support is not accorded those gentlemen who are conducting its affairs in the interests of the Town. A debit balance of \$204.99 (as shown by the accompanying account) does not speak well for its success this year, and it is to be hoped that some means will be found to put it on a more satisfactory basis.

Dartmouth Public Reading Room in Account with
E. L. Thorne, Treasurer Jan. 1st 1898.

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| To Balance Due Treasurer Jan 1st 1898... | \$ 26.03 |
| " Repairs to Chairs &c. &c..... | 5.50 |
| " Janitrix..... | 62.48 |
| " Magazines 1899..... | 81.70 |
| " Gazette..... | 13.00 |
| " Printing Tickets etc..... | 4.00 |

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|------------------------|----------|
| To Electric Light..... | \$ 44.97 |
| " Forrester..... | 50 |
| " Cleaning Yard..... | 4.00 |
| " Ed. M. Bowes..... | 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$242.33 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| By Proceeds Lecture..... | \$ 14.65 |
| " Sale of Periodicals..... | 20.50 |
| " Grant from Town..... | 100.00 |
| " Donations H.S. Congdon..... | 4.00 |
| " " T. Hill..... | 2.00 |
| " " H. Creighton..... | 1.00 |
| " " W. H. Ferguson..... | 2.00 |
| " " Dartmouth M'fg Co..... | 25.00 |
| " " J. W. Allison..... | 10.00 |
| " " Mrs. J. W. Turner..... | 10.00 |
| " Balance Due Treasurer..... | 53.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$242.33 |

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Accounts Outstanding..... | \$151.81 |
| Balance Due Treasurer..... | 53.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$204.99 |

Examined and found correct.

C. N. S. STRICKLAND.

January 21st, 1899.

While the Town cannot boast of any boom in the valuations, still there has been a very creditable increase in the value of the Real and Personal property and I think you may fairly be congratulated on the progress our Town is making.

During the year a large number of dwellings have

been erected, which add materially to our prosperity. These with a few exceptions, it is to be regretted have not been built with a view to the artistic effect, the greater number are the old-fashioned flat roofed houses, placed as near the limit of the street as possible, thus preventing the house and property being made attractive, and enhanced in value by a plot in front. A visitor to any of the other Towns in the Province, is at once struck by the different style of house therein erected, instead of the flat box, every one seems to vie with his neighbour in having artistic designs in architecture, and they place their dwellings back from the street, so as to enable them to grow a few flowers in front. These things do not add \$1 to the cost, but go a long way to make a town attractive, if a little more attention could be given to this in Dartmouth a very great change would soon take place in the look of our streets. Elsewhere mention is made of the need of a plan of the Town and of side walks if we are to progress and keep up in the race with other Towns, these things are indispensable and should be had without delay, they must come sooner or later, and the sooner they are had the sooner we will enjoy the benefits to be derived.

A very great improvement is noticeable in the shops, instead of the small dark stores which we had a few years ago, we now have them large and well lighted, and the goods offered for sale are as good and as cheap as can be found elsewhere. Unfortunately there seems to be a desire among a large number to go outside of the Town for articles which can as well be bought here. There is no surer way than this of retarding the progress of a Town, money made here should if possible be spent here, and if every one would during this year, buy all they can in their own Town, the year 1899 would, I believe, be the most prosperous in our history.

In closing this my second Annual report I thank you Ladies and Gentlemen most heartily for the confidence which you have for a second time shewn, by electing me your Chief Magistrate, and trust that at the end of this present year our Town will be able to show that it has made great advances along all the lines that tend to make a town prosperous.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON,

Mayor.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., January 3rd, 1899.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.,

January 7th, 1899.

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

Gentlemen,—Herewith we beg to hand you our final report for the year ended December 31, 1898.

We 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, 1898.

We find all in order and correct.

The securities belonging to the Town were placed before us for inspection, which we find agrees 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 1898 to December 31, 1898, taken off statements Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5.

NO. 1.—ORDINARY SERVICES OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Receipts for the year 1898..... | \$26935.17 |
| Expenditure for the year 1898..... | 26290.63 |
| | ----- |

NO. 2.—WATER MAINTENANCE.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts for the year 1898..... | \$7473.69 |
| Expenditure for the year 1898..... | 7749.77 |
| | ----- |

NO. 3.—WATER AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts for the year 1898..... | \$1883.08 |
| Expenditure for the year 1898..... | 3131.40 |
| | ----- |

NO. 5.—STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Receipts for the year 1898..... | \$12332.70 |
| Expenditure for the year 1898..... | 12540.23 |
| | ----- |

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 1898.

We have added an addenda to statement No. 1 amounts for Ferry Interest and Tax Sale Fund.

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, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Assessment | 1895..... | \$ 61 20 | |
| | 1896..... | 378 49 | |
| | 1897..... | 1583 04 | |
| | 1898..... | 20307 10 | |
| | | | <u> </u> \$22329 83 |
| | | | |
| Poll Tax | 1896..... | 9 50 | |
| | 1897..... | 102 95 | |
| | 1898..... | 1419 60 | |
| | | | <u> </u> 1532 05 |
| | | | |
| School Tax O. D. | 1896-7..... | 66 99 | |
| | 1898..... | 192 80 | |
| | | | <u> </u> 259 79 |
| | | | |
| School Tax Halifax | 1895-6..... | 55 40 | |
| | 1897..... | 119 72 | |
| | 1898..... | 680 31 | |
| | | | <u> </u> 855 43 |
| | | | |
| Dog Tax..... | | | 148 00 |
| Fines..... | | | 160 00 |
| Court Fees..... | | | 587 42 |

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------|-------------------|
| Common Rent..... | \$ | \$ | 75 20 |
| Licenses—Auction..... | | 30 00 | |
| Exhibition..... | | 5 00 | |
| Junk..... | | 4 00 | |
| Traders..... | | 135 66 | |
| Hackney..... | | 45 50 | |
| Truck..... | | 41 50 | |
| | | ----- | 261 66 |
| Cemetery..... | | | 2 00 |
| Lunatics—For Maintenance at Hospital for Insane..... | | | 124 00 |
| Police—From Ferry Commission..... | | | 7 50 |
| Poundage..... | | | 11 00 |
| Streets—For Broken Stone..... | | | 74 80 |
| Interest—From School Board..... | 207 36 | | |
| On Overdue Taxes..... | 32 59 | | |
| | | ----- | 239 95 |
| Contingent—For Rent of Council Room..... | 13 00 | | |
| From School Board prop. cost Town Report..... | 7 65 | | |
| “ Ferry Commission prop. cost do..... | 6 80 | | |
| “ “ “ for advertising..... | 39 13 | | |
| Sundries..... | 2 00 | | |
| | | ----- | 68 85 |
| Poor—Settlement of Order Affiliation..... | 80 00 | | |
| For Board of Paupers..... | 30 43 | | |
| | | ----- | 110 43 |
| Liquor License Fund—For Fine..... | | | 21 75 |
| Tree Planting..... | | | 23 08 |
| Interest Taxes 1895..... | | | 7 33 |
| Expenses Tax Sale 1895..... | | | 35 37 |
| Balance—Amount Due Union Bank..... | 3695 05 | | |
| Less Cash on hand..... | 26 49 | | |
| | | ----- | 3668 56 |
| | | | <u>\$30603 73</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | | |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Balance January 1, 1898..... | \$ | \$ | 4313 10 |
| Salaries—Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder..... | \$ | 600 00 | |
| Town Clerk and Treasurer..... | 1050 00 | | |
| Assistant Clerk..... | 129 96 | | |
| Messenger..... | 103 92 | | |
| Assessor..... | 300 00 | | |
| Auditors..... | 100 00 | | |
| | | ----- | 2283 88 |

| | | |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Poor—Maintenance at County Poor Farm, 18 months to September 30, 1898..... | \$ 879 15 | |
| Dispensary Grant..... | 60 00 | |
| Fuel and Supplies to Poor..... | 204 26 | |
| Board of H. Landsburg..... | 62 62 | |
| Medical Attendance..... | 10 00 | |
| Board of Mrs. Bouthier..... | 3 57 | |
| Board of Infant..... | 60 25 | |
| Allowance Mrs. Behan..... | 8 00 | |
| Cab Hire..... | 2 50 | |
| Burial Expenses..... | 7 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1296 75 |
| Police—Chief of Police Salary..... | 549 96 | |
| No. 2 Do..... | 450 00 | |
| No. 3 Do..... | 349 92 | |
| Clothing Allowance..... | 190 00 | |
| Fuel..... | 40 85 | |
| Repairs to Lockup..... | 59 41 | |
| Fire Insurance Premiums..... | 4 80 | |
| Electric Lighting..... | 30 76 | |
| Telephone..... | 25 00 | |
| Special Police..... | 15 00 | |
| Prisoner's Meals..... | 6 00 | |
| Stove Service..... | 2 80 | |
| Cleaning and Sundries..... | 15 25 | |
| | <hr/> | 1649 69 |
| Public Health—Watching Infectious Cases..... | 66 25 | |
| Board of J. Bauld..... | 3 75 | |
| Medicine..... | 5 00 | |
| Medical Officer's Salary..... | 20 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 95 00 |
| Fire Department—Engineer's Salary..... | 150 00 | |
| Fuel, Waste, Ac..... | 79 30 | |
| Electric Lighting..... | 61 62 | |
| Stove Service..... | 13 63 | |
| Repairs Hose Reels..... | 10 50 | |
| “ Ladder Waggon..... | 10 60 | |
| Hauling Engine and Reels..... | 54 50 | |
| Grant for Hauling Ladder Waggon..... | 20 00 | |
| Electric Light Wiring..... | 7 21 | |
| Kerosene Oil..... | 3 45 | |
| Fire Insurance Premiums..... | 80 40 | |
| Plank..... | 8 41 | |
| New Hose..... | 491 88 | |
| 15 Oil Suits and Hats..... | 28 76 | |
| Lettering Do..... | 5 85 | |
| Cleaning and Sundries..... | 11 17 | |
| | <hr/> | 1036 68 |

| | | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Interest—On Consolidated Debt 12 months on \$10,000 @ | | |
| 4% | \$ 400 00 | \$ |
| On Consolidated Debt 12 months on \$7,000 @ | | |
| 4% | 280 00 | |
| On Overdraft at Union Bank | 80 65 | |
| | <hr/> | 760 56 |
| Public Property—Re-wiring Town Hall | 10 10 | |
| W. C. Town Hall | 40 10 | |
| Labor | 6 00 | |
| Sundries | 2 95 | |
| | <hr/> | 59 15 |
| Lighting—12 months to November 30, 1898 | | 1681 59 |
| Streets—Superintendents Salary | 300 00 | |
| Labor and Stone | 2555 15 | |
| Blacksmith | 12 97 | |
| Hardware | 14 06 | |
| Lumber | 110 89 | |
| Repairs to Stonebreaker | 43 41 | |
| New Jaws | 40 17 | |
| Rubber Belt | 47 78 | |
| Engine Oil | 17 45 | |
| Memo Books | 6 25 | |
| Rent of Canal Property | 200 00 | |
| Cab Hire | 3 50 | |
| Sundries | 6 35 | |
| | <hr/> | 3357 98 |
| Contingent—Photographs | 10 00 | |
| Plant of Proposed Alterations R. C. Hall | 6 00 | |
| Telephone Town Hall | 40 00 | |
| Rent of Box Merchants Bank | 16 00 | |
| Maintenance of Boy at Deaf and Dumb | | |
| Institution | 75 00 | |
| Printing, Stationery and Advertisi. g. | 214 40 | |
| Electric Light Town Hall | 15 43 | |
| Fuel Do | 22 75 | |
| Board of Boy of St. Patrick's Home | 15 00 | |
| Revisors Prov. Lists | 40 00 | |
| Stove Service | 15 66 | |
| Cab Hire | 6 75 | |
| Morning Chronicle | 6 00 | |
| Rent Reform Club Hall | 30 00 | |
| Post Office Box | 1 50 | |
| Premium Insurance on Public Buildings .. | 33 60 | |
| Cleaning and Sundries | 97 79 | |
| | <hr/> | 639 88 |
| Pumps and Wells—Repairs to Pumps | 12 07 | |
| 2 New Pumps | 24 20 | |
| | <hr/> | 36 27 |

| | | |
|--|----|-------------------|
| Lenatics—Maintenance at Ho-pital for Lusane 12 months to June 30, 1898..... | \$ | \$ 1382 09 |
| Liquor License Fund—Inspector's Salary..... | | 60 09 |
| Legal Expenses..... | | 10 00 |
| | | <u>70 00</u> |
| Dartmouth Park annual grant..... | | 250 00 |
| School Board..... | | 10210 00 |
| Watering Streets..... | | 208 01 |
| County Rates..... | | 655 00 |
| Victoria Park, Labor, Draining, grading &c..... | | 140 87 |
| Reading Room..... | | 100 00 |
| Regatta Fund..... | | 150 00 |
| Tree Planting..... | | 48 17 |
| Cemetery..... | | 8 81 |
| Court Fees; for Serving Writs Outside the Town..... | | 51 66 |
| Taxes Returned..... | | 45 50 |
| Expenses Tax Sale 1895..... | | 73 00 |
| | | <u>\$30603 73</u> |

Ferry Interest Account.

December 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| January 1st 1898 Balance..... | \$ 446 25 |
| Due from Water Maintenance Account..... | 67 50 |
| Received from Dartmouth Ferry Commission..... | 7312 50 |
| | <u>\$ 7826 25</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Paid Coupons..... | 7781 25 |
| Balance..... | 45 00 |
| | <u>7826 25</u> |

Examined and found correct.

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

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 8, 1899.

No. 2.

Water Maintenance Account. Jan 1st to Dec. 31st, 1898

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance..... | \$ 589 37 |
| Water Rates..... | 6041 88 |
| Interest on Sinking Fund..... | 507 34 |
| Sewer Interest..... | 912 95 |
| Interest on Bonds Sold..... | 11 52 |
| | <u>\$8063 06</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Interest on Bonded Debt..... | \$6293 50 | |
| Interest on Overdraft at Bank..... | 79 65 | |
| Superintendent's Salary..... | 474 96 | |
| Clerk and Treasurer Salary..... | 199 92 | 29588 |
| Assistant Clerk Salary..... | 99 96 | 4910 |
| Labor; General Repairs..... | 93 35 | |
| Hardware and Sundries..... | 47 17 | 79484 |
| Printing and Advertising..... | 34 76 | 100.93 |
| Cab Hire..... | 19 00 | |
| Drain Pipe..... | 7 50 | |
| For New Work, Voted by Council..... | 400 00 | |
| Balance..... | 245 79 | |
| | | <u>\$ 8063 06</u> |

Examined and found correct.

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

No. 3.

Water and Sewer Construction Account. January 1st to
 December 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------------|
| January 1, 1898 Balance..... | \$ 96 88 | |
| Bonds Sold..... | 1200 00 | |
| Premium on do..... | 24 90 | |
| From Maintenance Account for New Work..... | 400 00 | |
| Extension to South Dock at Ferry..... | 236 10 | |
| Water and Sewer Connections..... | 22 08 | |
| Balance..... | 1151 44 | |
| | | <u>\$3131 40</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Water Pipe and Gate Valves..... | \$ 948 62 | |
| Water Service Trenches, Labor Laying Pipes..... | 357 59 | |
| Lead Pipe, Hardware, Ac..... | 309 74 | |
| Extensions; Water and Sewer Mains..... | 1120 95 | |
| Drain Pipe and Cement..... | 308 32 | |
| Tapping Machine..... | 64 11 | |
| Advertising..... | 13 76 | ✓ |
| Interest on Overdraft at Bank..... | 8 31 | ✓ |
| | | <u>\$ 3131 40</u> |

Examined and found correct.

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

No. 4.

Sinking Fund, January 1st to December 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Sewer Frontage—Received to December 31st, 1895 | \$9539 99 | |
| Received to December 31st, 1896 | 1891 08 | |
| Received to December 31st, 1897 | 1329 26 | |
| Received to December 31st, 1898 | 1817 71 | |
| | | —\$14578 04 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Invested in Bonds, (4½%) Lunenburg and Pictou | \$5000 00 | |
| Premium on Bonds | 35 00 | |
| Special Deposit Union Bank (3½%) | 4995 00 | |
| Exchange | 10 00 | |
| Balance, Union Bank Savings Department | 4538 04 | |
| | | —\$14578 04 |

Examined and found correct.

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

No. 5.

Tax Sale Fund, December 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| Surplus Proceeds of Properties Sold for Taxes for years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 | \$ | \$ 629 13 |
| Interest on Special Deposit | | 18 04 |
| Less Interest on Overdraft | | 2 89 |
| | | — 15 15 |
| | | \$ 644 28 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Taxes on Properties and Surplus on Sale of Same Sold at Tax Sales | \$ | \$ 430 17 |
| Balance:—On Special Deposit Union Bank | \$ | 214 02 |
| Cash | | 09 |
| | | — 214 11 |
| | | \$ 644 28 |

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

LIST OF VOUCHERS of the Town of Dartmouth for the
year ended December 31st, 1898

| | | | |
|----|--|---|--------|
| 1 | W. L. Bishop, Photographs..... | S | 10 00 |
| 2 | Electric Light Co., Lighting..... | | 150 71 |
| 3 | Russell & Russell, Expenses Tax Sale..... | | 25 00 |
| 4 | J. Jones, Board Pauper..... | | 11 33 |
| 5 | Auditors, Salary..... | | 100 00 |
| 6 | Town Officers, Salaries..... | | 306 98 |
| 8 | Pay List, Streets..... | | 16 47 |
| 9 | N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone Rent..... | | 12 50 |
| 10 | Evening Mail, Advertising Tax Sale..... | | 48 00 |
| 11 | Dr. Smith, Medical Attendance..... | | 10 00 |
| 12 | Rose Dillman, Board &c..... | | 10 25 |
| 13 | Contingent, January..... | | 13 17 |
| 16 | Atlantic Weekly, Printing..... | | 33 00 |
| 17 | J. L. Griffin, Electric Wiring..... | | 18 64 |
| 18 | Edward Warner, Hauling Fire Engine &c..... | | 18 00 |
| 25 | Pay List, Streets..... | | 15 03 |
| 26 | H. E. Gates, Plan Alterations, R. C. Hall..... | | 6 00 |
| 27 | Atlantic Weekly, Printing..... | | 55 25 |
| 28 | Electric Light Co., Lighting..... | | 157 45 |
| 30 | Wm. McKenzie, License Inspector..... | | 15 00 |
| 31 | Town Officers, Salaries..... | | 306 98 |
| 33 | Dartmouth Coal & Supply Co., Coal for Poor..... | | 28 00 |
| 35 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant..... | | 5 00 |
| 36 | Assessors, Salary..... | | 300 00 |
| 41 | Chas. Annand, Morning Chronicle..... | | 6 00 |
| 42 | T. C. Allea & Co., Stationery..... | | 6 60 |
| 43 | Jas. Simmonds & Co., Hardware..... | | 10 46 |
| 44 | Pay List, Streets..... | | 32 02 |
| 45 | City of Halifax, Poor..... | | 7 00 |
| 47 | County of Halifax, Maintenance at Poor Farm..... | | 447 20 |
| 48 | Electric Light Co.,..... | | 145 30 |
| 49 | John Bowes, Printing..... | | 6 00 |
| 50 | Herald Co., Advertising..... | | 21 00 |
| 51 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant..... | | 5 00 |
| 52 | R. v. S. B. Kempton, Refund Taxes..... | | 6 00 |

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 53 | Rev. D. Edwards, Do. | 5 50 |
| 55 | Revisors, Salary | 40 00 |
| 56 | Town Officers, Salaries | 331 98 |
| 57 | Pay List, Streets | 36 50 |
| 58 | School Board, on acct Estimate | 2500 00 |
| 59 | Edw. Warner, Hauling Fire Engine &c | 20 00 |
| 60 | J. Jones, Board of Pauper | 16 71 |
| 61 | J. M. Weeks, Groceries for Poor | 16 50 |
| 62 | Hx. Fire Insurance Co., Premium | 118 80 |
| 63 | Pay List, Streets | 87 64 |
| 64 | Pay List, Streets | 93 60 |
| 65 | St. Patrick's Home, Maintenance | 15 00 |
| 66 | Edward Elliot, Refunded Taxes | 8 00 |
| 67 | A. G. Gates, Carpenter | 31 28 |
| 68 | Contingent, February and March | 13 08 |
| 69 | Pay Lists, Streets | 125 05 |
| 70 | Electric Light Co., Lighting | 135 43 |
| 71 | Pay List, Streets | 72 56 |
| 72 | Town Officers Salaries | 306 98 |
| 73 | Pay List, Streets | 122 78 |
| 74 | Pay List, Streets | 143 32 |
| 77 | Contingent, April | 10 88 |
| 78 | Edward Warner, Hauling Engine &c | 12 00 |
| 79 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant | 5 00 |
| 80 | Dartmouth Coal & Supply Co., Coal for Poor | 22 59 |
| 82 | Pay List, Streets | 127 42 |
| 83 | Pay List, Tree Planting | 6 15 |
| 84 | Pay List, Streets, &c | 114 84 |
| 85 | W. Meaden, Watching Diphtheria Cases | 19 65 |
| 86 | Town Officers Salaries | 306 98 |
| 87 | Electric Lighting Co., Lighting | 150 93 |
| 88 | Pay List, Streets | 121 72 |
| 89 | Interest Consol. Debt | 200 00 |
| 91 | W. McKenzie, License Inspector | 15 00 |
| 92 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant | 5 00 |
| 93 | Regatta Fund | 100 01 |
| 95 | S. B. Dares, Lumber | 12 93 |
| 96 | Pay List, Streets | 137 45 |
| 97 | Burrill Johnson Co., Repairs Stone Breaker | 4 17 |
| 98 | Pay Lists, Streets | 169 69 |
| 99 | Electric Light Co., Lighting | 152 42 |
| 100 | Suckling & Chase, for Trees | 11 35 |
| 101 | Mosher, Short & Conrod, Car, enters | 40 19 |
| 102 | Pay List, Streets | 152 43 |
| 103 | Reform Club Hall, Rent | 10 09 |
| 104 | E. Warner, Watering Streets | 49 46 |
| 105 | Town Officers Salaries | 331 98 |
| 106 | Pay List, Streets | 172 56 |
| 107 | R. W. Duncan, Watching Diphtheria Case | 15 39 |
| 108 | Pay List, Streets | 139 24 |
| 109 | Starr M'g Co., Repairs Stone Breaker, &c | 16 99 |

| | |
|--|--------|
| 110 Austen Bros., Oil | 17 45 |
| 111 Austen Bros., Rubber Belt..... | 47 78 |
| 113 Electric Light Co., Lighting | 147 93 |
| 114 Dartmouth Park..... | 259 00 |
| 115 H. Savage, Watching Diphtheria Case..... | 13 25 |
| 116 Pay List, Streets..... | 109 82 |
| 117 N. Russell & Co., Stove Service..... | 19 62 |
| 118 A. & W. MacKinley, Stationery | 6 25 |
| 119 Pay List, Streets..... | 22 12 |
| 120 Pay Lists, Streets..... | 82 90 |
| 121 Contingent Account, May and June..... | 22 30 |
| 123 Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant..... | 5 00 |
| 124 I. C. Railway, Freight..... | 5 18 |
| 125 John Jones, Board Pauper..... | 16 90 |
| 126 Town Officers Salaries..... | 306 98 |
| 127 Dartmouth Iron Foundry, Repairs Stone Breaker..... | 6 09 |
| 128 Atlantic Weekly, Printing | 39 88 |
| 129 Regatta Committee, Envelopes | 6 75 |
| 130 M. Brennan, Refunded Taxes | 10 00 |
| 131 N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone | 12 50 |
| 132 Mosher, Short & Conrad, Lumber, &c | 30 35 |
| 133 Alex. Hutt, Iron Work | 7 05 |
| 134 Interest, Consol Debt | 140 00 |
| 135 Pay List, Special Police | 15 00 |
| 136 Pay List, Streets | 95 20 |
| 140 Austen Bros., Hose &c..... | 481 52 |
| 141 Electric Light Co., Lighting | 144 17 |
| 142 Pay List, Streets..... | 83 87 |
| 144 Pay List, Streets..... | 68 06 |
| 145 J. B. MacLean, Supplies to Poor..... | 32 25 |
| 146 Reating Room..... | 100 00 |
| 147 Pay List, Streets..... | 33 59 |
| 148 Chebucto A. A. Club..... | 50 00 |
| 149 W. Meadeu, Watching Diphtheria Case..... | 10 95 |
| 150 E. Warner, Coal | 100 85 |
| 151 E. Warner, Watering Streets..... | 70 20 |
| 152 E. Warner, Hauling Engine &c..... | 14 00 |
| 156 W. Y. Kennedy, Oil Suits and Hats..... | 28 76 |
| 157 Pay List, Streets..... | 46 23 |
| 158 Town Officers Salaries..... | 306 98 |
| 159 W. McKenzie, License Inspector..... | 15 00 |
| 160 S. B. Dares, Lumber | 78 35 |
| 161 Power & Co., Repairs Hose Reel..... | 10 50 |
| 162 Black Bros. & Co., Wire Netting..... | 6 71 |
| 163 Misener & Merson, Carpenters | 14 15 |
| 164 Austen Bros., Freight on Hose..... | 5 18 |
| 165 Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant..... | 10 00 |
| 169 A. Hutchinson, Plasterer..... | 9 00 |
| 170 Starr Mfg. Co., Repairs Stone Breaker..... | 6 15 |
| 172 Douglas & Co., Toggles..... | 12 93 |
| 173 Pay List, Streets..... | 38 38 |

| | | |
|-----|---|---------|
| 174 | Electric Light Co. | 149 17 |
| 175 | Pay List, Streets | 49 70 |
| 176 | School Board | 500 00 |
| 180 | Telephone Co., for Telephone | 20 00 |
| 181 | Pay List, Streets | 13 21 |
| 182 | Hospital for Insane | 1582 09 |
| 183 | Pay List, Streets | 4 83 |
| 184 | Town Officers, Salaries | 331 98 |
| 185 | Hy. Young, Lettering Oil Souts and Hats | 5 85 |
| 186 | Contingent Account, July and August | 30 51 |
| 200 | Pay List, Streets and Park | 30 74 |
| 201 | Electric Light Co., Lighting | 155 30 |
| 202 | Pay List, Streets | 33 59 |
| 203 | T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery | 7 65 |
| 204 | Alex. Fizzle, Pumps | 24 20 |
| 205 | School Board | 1000 00 |
| 206 | Pay List, Streets | 19 05 |
| 208 | Town Officers Salaries | 306 98 |
| 209 | Contingent Account, September and October | 24 17 |
| 210 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Infant | 10 00 |
| 213 | School Board | 1105 00 |
| 214 | Atlantic Weekly, advertising | 20 87 |
| 217 | A. Lloy, Supplies to Poor | 52 25 |
| 218 | E. M. Walker, Supplies to Poor | 6 26 |
| 219 | John Jones, Board of Pauper | 17 08 |
| 220 | D. P. Mott, Medicine | 5 25 |
| 221 | R. Tubyou, Whitewashing | 6 00 |
| 222 | Reform Club, Hire of Hall | 20 00 |
| 223 | Edward Warner, Watering Streets | 72 45 |
| 225 | J. Power & Son, Repairs Ladder Wagon | 10 00 |
| 226 | Wm. Meaden, Watching Diphtheria Case | 7 10 |
| 227 | Thomas Noting, Counsel Fee in Liquor Case | 10 00 |
| 228 | Electric Light Co., Lighting | 153 30 |
| 229 | Thomas Whiteley, Refund Taxes | 10 00 |
| 230 | School Board | 1000 00 |
| 231 | Pay List, Streets | 18 45 |
| 232 | Pay List, Streets | 28 18 |
| 233 | Town Officers Salaries | 306 98 |
| 234 | Pay List, Streets | 8 65 |
| 235 | Interest on Consolidated Debt | 200 00 |
| 236 | W. McKenzie, License Inspector | 15 00 |
| 237 | Pay List, Streets | 39 15 |
| 238 | N. S. Building Society, Rent Canal Property | 200 00 |
| 239 | Halifax Dispensary, Annual Grant | 60 00 |
| 240 | School Board, on Account Estimate | 1500 00 |
| 241 | Electric Light Co., Lighting | 135 90 |
| 242 | Pay List, Streets | 6 16 |
| 243 | Town Officers, Salaries | 331 98 |
| 244 | Interest, on Consol. Debt | 140 00 |
| 245 | E. Warner, Watering Streets &c | 36 15 |
| 246 | R. L. Wambolt, Cab Hire | 6 00 |

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|-----|--|---------|
| 247 | Axe and Ladder Co., Amount of Vote..... | 20 00 |
| 248 | N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone Rent..... | 20 00 |
| 249 | J. P. Dunn, Stove Service..... | 14 62 |
| 251 | Atlantic Weekly, Advertising..... | 18 50 |
| 252 | County of Halifax, Maintenance at Poor Farm..... | 431 95 |
| 253 | Acadian Recorder, Advertising..... | 5 50 |
| 255 | Mrs. Walker, Board of Child..... | 5 00 |
| 257 | F. W. Russell, Expenses Tax Sale..... | 15 00 |
| 258 | Contingent Account, for November..... | 11 59 |
| 259 | Herald Publishing Co. Advertising..... | 18 50 |
| 260 | Dr. Mulsom, Medical Officer..... | 20 00 |
| 266 | T. Tynes, Cleaning..... | 10 00 |
| 267 | County of Halifax, County Rates..... | 655 00 |
| 268 | School Board, Balance of Estimate..... | 2605 00 |
| 269 | Pay List, Streets &c..... | 8 17 |
| 270 | Merchans Bank, Rent of Box..... | 10 00 |
| 271 | Drysdale & McInnis, Advice Re Lighting..... | 10 00 |
| 272 | Institution for Deaf and Dumb, for Maintenance Pupil..... | 75 00 |

List of Licenses Granted 1898.

AUCTION.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Duggan & Son., J | \$10 00 |
| Naylor, John | 10 00 |
| Shand, Jas..... | 10 00 |
| | \$30 00 |

HACKNEY.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Dartmouth Coal & Supply Co..... | \$ 6 00 |
| Hunt, John..... | 2 50 |
| Richards, Thos | 2 50 |
| Conrod, Jabez | 2 50 |
| Myers, Mrs. L | 2 50 |
| Greene, W. H | 3 00 |
| DeYoung, L..... | 4 00 |
| Richards, G. M | 2 50 |
| Wambolt R. L..... | 6 00 |
| Lavers, W. G..... | 2 50 |
| Foston, Jr., Wm..... | 2 50 |
| Newcombe, W. R..... | 4 00 |
| Baker, Wm | 2 50 |
| Thornton, Edward..... | 2 50 |
| | \$45 50 |

TRUCK.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Dartmouth Coal & Supply Co..... | 3 50 |
| Jones, John..... | 2 50 |
| Behan, Thos | 2 50 |
| Greene, W. H | 2 50 |
| Lee, Daniel | 3 50 |
| Keddy, Jos | 2 50 |
| Bowden, John | 2 50 |
| Tynes, Jacob..... | 2 50 |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Williams, Stephen | 2 50 |
| Keelor, Edward..... | 2 50 |
| Warner, Edward..... | 4 50 |
| Oland, Geo. D..... | 2 50 |
| De-Bay, John..... | 2 50 |
| Craig, James..... | 2 50 |
| Thornton, Edward..... | 2 50 |
| | <hr/> \$41 50 |

TRADERS.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Preeper, Robt..... | \$20 00 |
| Libber, Mrs..... | 8 00 |
| Willett, G. R..... | 8 66 |
| Wallace, H. L..... | 2 00 |
| Collins, Robt..... | 8 00 |
| Gibbons & Oldham..... | 8 00 |
| Harrison, Jean..... | 1 00 |
| Hancock, J. A..... | 20 00 |
| Donovan, W. H..... | 30 00 |
| Moir, Son & Co..... | 30 00 |
| | <hr/> \$135 66 |

EXHIBITION.

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Maple Leaf Co..... | \$ 2 00 |
| Crawford, W..... | 1 00 |
| Gagliardi..... | 2 00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 5 00 |

JUNK.

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|------------------|---------|
| Bowden John..... | \$ 4 00 |
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DOG TAX paid for Year ended December 31st, 1898.

| NAME OF OWNER. | TAX | NAME OF OWNER. | TAX. |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|------|
| 1897. | | | |
| Lynch, Mrs. Alex | \$1 | Cox, John..... | \$1 |
| Riley, Miss G..... | 1 | Creighton, Mess M..... | 1 |
| Tubyou, R..... | 1 | Crook, John..... | 1 |
| Torrans, A. P..... | 1 | Chutick, Johnston..... | 1 |
| | — | Chapman, Geo..... | 2 |
| | \$4 | Douglas, Peter..... | 1 |
| 1898. | | | |
| A Jims, Mrs. Geo..... | \$1 | Dunbrack, P..... | 1 |
| Austen, H. E..... | 1 | Dunn, Harry..... | 1 |
| Austec, J. H..... | 1 | Durney Henry..... | 1 |
| Atkinson, Geo..... | 1 | Day, John..... | 1 |
| Atison, J. W..... | 2 | Drysdale, Chas..... | 1 |
| Austen, P. G..... | 1 | Diley, Mrs. D..... | 1 |
| Awalt, Archibald..... | 1 | Dayoung, Ralph..... | 1 |
| Black, S. H..... | 1 | Debay, John..... | 1 |
| Baylis, Henry..... | 1 | Douglas, John..... | 1 |
| Birss, W. L..... | 1 | Elliot, Edward..... | 1 |
| Bentley, T. J..... | 1 | Eagar, R. F..... | 2 |
| Bowser, J. T..... | 1 | Elliot, Ruben..... | 1 |
| Burbridge, R..... | 1 | Eisnor, Mrs. Cath..... | 1 |
| Bowden, John..... | 1 | Elliot, Alfred..... | 1 |
| Bishop, W. L..... | 1 | Fraser, Donald..... | 1 |
| Bjwes, Stanley..... | 1 | Findlay, Geo..... | 1 |
| Beck, Chas..... | 1 | Frazer, J. C. P..... | 1 |
| Campbell, Mrs. John..... | 1 | Fraser, C. A..... | 1 |
| Conrod, Neison..... | 1 | Foston, Jas..... | 1 |
| Crathorne, G. A..... | 1 | Findlay, John..... | 1 |
| Cameron Robt..... | 1 | Foston, Tnos..... | 1 |
| Campbell, Frank..... | 1 | Foston, Geo..... | 1 |
| Coombs, W. G..... | 1 | Gray, Jerh..... | 1 |
| Cats, Wm..... | 1 | Gow, Root..... | 1 |
| Coleman, J. B..... | 1 | Goudge, Henry..... | 1 |
| Colter, Lewis..... | 1 | Gray, Edward..... | 1 |
| Cunningham, Allan..... | 1 | Greene, John..... | 1 |
| | | Hentley, Isaac..... | 1 |

| NAME OF OWNER. | TAX | NAME OF OWNER. | TAX. |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|------|
| Hamm, Jas..... | \$1 | Parker, Wm..... | \$1 |
| Heffernan, John..... | 1 | Patterson, Alex..... | 1 |
| Hutchinson, Albert..... | 1 | Purcell, Geo..... | 1 |
| Hodgson, Alex..... | 1 | Regan, John..... | 1 |
| Hutchinson, Alex..... | 1 | Robson, Mrs..... | 1 |
| Hyde, Frank..... | 1 | Ring, Frank..... | 1 |
| Innes, Geo..... | 1 | Roche, Isaac..... | 1 |
| Johnson, Chas..... | 1 | Riley, Miss G..... | 1 |
| Keddy, Jas..... | 1 | Richards, Thos..... | 1 |
| Keefe, John..... | 1 | Rankin, W. B..... | 1 |
| Kane, Howard..... | 1 | Stewart, Douglas..... | 1 |
| Lawlor, A. E..... | 1 | Smith, Sidney..... | 1 |
| Leahy, Jas..... | 1 | Sterns, G. A..... | 1 |
| Landsburg, G. H..... | 1 | Settle, Jas. T..... | 1 |
| Levy, Wm..... | 1 | Staples, Geo..... | 1 |
| Landsburg, Angus..... | 1 | Shrum, Jos. H..... | 1 |
| Leahy, Thos..... | 1 | Stevens, W. H..... | 1 |
| Linterman, W. H..... | 1 | Simmonds, Percy..... | 1 |
| Meredith, Wm. J..... | 1 | Shrum, Jas..... | 1 |
| Marks, Parker..... | 1 | Shute, Warwick..... | 1 |
| Munro, Miss A..... | 1 | Taylor, Alex..... | 1 |
| Martin, John..... | 1 | Trider, Jas..... | 1 |
| Monaghan, Geo..... | 1 | Torrens, A. P..... | 1 |
| Murphy, Daniel..... | 1 | Veck, Geo..... | 1 |
| Myers, Mrs. Louisa..... | 1 | Vossnack, Mrs..... | 1 |
| Medley, Peter..... | 1 | Whidden, W. C..... | 1 |
| Mitchell, John G..... | 1 | Watt, Miss B..... | 1 |
| Morton, Robt..... | 1 | Woodbury, F..... | 1 |
| Mosher, Geo..... | 1 | Wallace, Wm..... | 1 |
| McKenzie, Hugh..... | 1 | Walker, Jas..... | 1 |
| McDow, Wm..... | 1 | Walker, W. H..... | 1 |
| McKay, Mrs. J..... | 1 | Wilson, Frank..... | 1 |
| McElmon, Robt..... | 1 | Ward, Fred J..... | 1 |
| McLennan, Edward..... | 1 | Whiteley, Pat'k..... | 1 |
| McNab, W. G..... | 1 | Whebbly, W. E..... | 1 |
| McDonald, G. E..... | 1 | Walsh, Miss M..... | 1 |
| McDow, Chas..... | 1 | Wilson, John L..... | 1 |
| Newman, C. L..... | 1 | Wirrell, Robt..... | 1 |
| O'Hanley, Mrs. M..... | 1 | Wambolt, Richard..... | 1 |
| Oland, J. C..... | 1 | | |
| Peveril, Chas. E..... | 1 | | |

DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT.

Business for year ended December 31st, 1898.

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

| | | |
|-----------|---|-----|
| Summonses | } | |
| Capias | } | 284 |

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| Summonses and capias served by City (36) and by County (79), Constables on Defendants residing in City and County of Halifax. By Constables in other Counties (5)..... | 120 |
| No. of writs issued (not served) | 9 |

Total number issued..... 413

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| No. of executions served by the Town Police Constables in Dartmouth and Dartmouth School Section..... | 281 |
| Served by City (2) and County (14) Constables on defendants residing in City and County of Halifax. By Constables in other Counties (2)..... | 18 |

Total No. issued..... 299

REPORT
OF
Board of School Commissioners.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The financial year of the School Board having terminated, it is my duty to present to you the following report as to the expenditure for the year, and also a general statement of the condition and requirements of this important part of our public service.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's Statement, the cost of Schools for the year was \$12540.33, leaving a small balance on the right side. The school-buildings have received the most serious attention of your commission, but no very extensive repairs have been made.

The most important has been in the case of the south school. The land had never been drained, or the foundation wall placed deep enough to clear the frost. The property has been drained, also a contract made for the taking down and reconstruction of the wall. A part of the contract has been carried out; next summer it will be completed.

A considerable number of repairs and changes have been made at Greenvale. The halls had been very uncomfortable during the winter months. This winter a coke burner has been placed there by Mr. John White, with the understanding that if satisfactory, it will be purchased by the Board. It is rather soon to pronounce upon it, but we have every reason to believe it will prove all that could be desired.

The main building of the Central School is not in a very satisfactory condition. The rooms are dingy, and poorly ventilated. Next year some endeavour should be made toward improving the ventilation, and making the rooms lighter. I also hope that something may be done which will improve the condition of the out-buildings and yard at the Park, as they sadly require to be modernized.

It is pleasing to be able to bring to your notice that the assessed rate which was 59 cents per \$100.00 a few years ago, has been gradually decreasing until this year it is only 52 cents. At the same time the efficiency of the Schools has been increasing, as is seen by the Supervisor's Report, which is worthy of your most careful attention.

Very little change has taken place in the teaching staff. Miss Mary Tupper is taking a course at Normal School, and her place is filled by Miss Allen. Miss Mary Bell has been transferred from the Central School to take Miss Allen's place. Miss Alice Thomas, a former substitute has been appointed as a permanent teacher.

The commissioners still make monthly visits to the schools, which I believe has a good effect on both teachers and pupils. It makes them feel as if some interest was taken in this progress and welfare, and thus encourage them in their work.

I would suggest that more parents visit the schools in which their children spent such a large part of their time. It would be the means of making parents and teachers better acquainted, and thus the management of pupils would become, in some cases, a much easier task.

The Kindergarten is steadily improving, no praise can be too great for Miss Hamilton, who has made it such a success, and who seems to have a wonderful knowledge of child nature. In fact, I believe the schools as a whole will compare favorably with any in the province.

The report of the School Bank appears on another page. Comment thereon is unnecessary.

Much discussion has taken place on the subject of Compulsory Attendance, and the matter is still receiving the serious consideration of your board. The act has been of great benefit to our schools, but it is far from perfect. I have hopes that the Council of Public Instruction may be induced to make certain changes which will render the act more workable and effective.

Arbor Day was utilized this year not only to serve the usual purpose, but also to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the town. The occasion was most interesting. Prominent speakers gave addresses, among whom was Dr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education. A number of trees were put out, one of which was planted in honor of the occasion which marked a quarter of a century of Municipal life.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MOSELEY,

Chairman Board of School Commissioners.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1898.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS :

SIR,—I beg to report as follows :

The number of Pupils registered during the School Year ended July, 1898, was 1,317, against 1,282, the registration for 1897:—An increase of 35.

Of this number 689 were boys and 628 girls.

Sixty-seven were under 5 years of age, 1,200 between 5 and 15 years, and 50 over 15 years.

The corresponding numbers for 1897 were: 46, 1,199, and 37.

The total number of day's attendance was 179,029 against 179,824, the attendance for 1897. A decrease of 795 days.

This apparent falling off in the number of days attended as compared with the year previous is accounted for by the fact, that the Schools were in session 3 days less this year than in 1897.

These 3 days computed at the average daily attendance would have added 2,669 to the 179,029 given above, making 181,698 which would have been the total day's attendance, had the number of days been the same as in 1897.

The number of Pupils daily present on an average was 889.6 against 860 for 1897.

The percentage of pupils daily present was 77 against 75 for 1897.

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

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|-------------------------|------|
| GRADE—KINDERGARTEN..... | 88 |
| “ I..... | 253 |
| “ II..... | 155 |
| “ III..... | 144 |
| “ IV..... | 168 |
| “ V..... | 161 |
| “ VI..... | 108 |
| “ VII..... | 103 |
| “ VIII..... | 81 |
| “ IX..... | 56 |
| Total..... | 1317 |

The High School numbered 56 against 47 for 1897. The average daily attendance was 38.8, and the percentage of attendance was 88.2, the highest percentage made by any department for the year.

Seven other departments reached a percentage of 80 or over. Miss Pender's of Park School making 85.5.

At the Provincial Examination for High School Certificates in July, 64 per cent were successful.

Only 5 of last years class are in the present one.

Last year I called attention to the fact that Physical Drill did not receive the attention which its importance as an educational factor merited. This year I am able to say that much improvement exists in this respect.

I do not know of any department in which exercises in Calisthenics are not given daily.

KINDERGARTEN.

The work of the children of the Dartmouth Kindergarten, especially the drawing, took a high place at the Dominion Teacher's Association which meet last August in Halifax.

At the Provincial Exhibition their work took first prize and two medals.

The Training Class is becoming a special feature of the work.

Miss Walthen of N. B. graduated in July with honors. Misses Mahoney and Callanan were awarded Certificates, the former with honors.

The Students this year are Miss Callanan, Miss V. McLeod, Brooklyn, and the Misses M. G. Russell, A. McLennan, Lulu Austen, E. Hiltz and Edith Elliot of Dartmouth.

At the sale held in May, \$48 was realized toward the Library Fund for the students of the training class. The books in the library now number 78, varying in price from a few cents to \$2.50.

It is interesting to watch the rise and progress of a wave in this restless human sea of pupils. It rises and passes along with well defined limits and considerable regularity.

As an example of this; Four years ago it appeared in Grade V, and an extra room had to be provided for that grade. Next year it reached VI, next year VII, next year it reached VIII, and rendered necessary the twists and turns described above.

It will now, in the natural course, pass on and out and leave the way open for another. It is probably 10 years since there were more 8 grade pupils than could be accommodated in one department, and at that time, the 8th grade was the highest department in the school system.

It is evident that the conviction is gradually forcing itself upon the people, that a better education is necessary if their children are to compete upon anything like equal terms with their companions in the struggle for existence.

Fossilized tradition and the rule of thumb, are both at a discount when they came into competition with scientific principles and results.

The methods pursued by our grandfathers will not suffice for us and still less for our children.

The changed conditions due to the rapidity with which science and knowledge have advanced and spread in all directions, renders a more thorough preparation for any business or career, an element absolutely necessary to success.

The tendency of the age is away from the merely ornamental, and towards the practical and useful.

It does not require a prophet to be able to predict that the near future will see a demand for several innovations in our educational system. Among those most needed are, Truant Schools under the control of the Provincial Government, and technical education, that is, an education having respect to the trade or occupation to be followed by the pupil in after life.

There was a law in force among the Ancients 3000 years ago, that if a father neglected to give his child a trade in addition to the usual education, the father could not claim support from the child in his old age.

Less than 7 per cent of the pupils at school in N. S. are attending the High Schools and Academies, And for the benefit of this small fraction of the school population, government has established an Academy in each county, and School Boards have established many High Schools in addition.

It is difficult to understand why so much money and care should be expended upon Academies and High Schools and so infinitely little upon technical or practical education.

The mass of the population of any country must always remain "hewers of wood and carriers of water," in other words, hand workers—artisans.

It seems a great pity that the few—the 7 per cent, who are going in for the professions, should have such careful preparation made for their advancement, and that the great mass, upon whose productive labor depends the prosperity of the country, should get little or no aid upon their difficult way.

This is a condition of thing so unfair, so anomalous that it cannot long continue.

It is an educational axiom that "the government owes an education to its children," and in pursuance of that axiom the government has done everything possible for the education of 7 per cent of the children and practically nothing for the other 93 per cent.

I am not finding fault with the extent of literary education, furnished by the High Schools and Academies—as much of that as you please—but lamenting the utter neglect of practical education for the very much larger and more important portion of the population, so far as the future of the country is concerned.

How would this do? I offer it merely as a suggestion.

The government is spending about one-half of the Provincial revenue on education.

It is evident that it cannot be expected to do much more.

Suppose that, instead of an Academy for each county, the majority poorly equipped for thorough work—each drawing a grant from the Provincial Government, and in addition, a large number of High Schools, each also drawing a grant from the government. Suppose that four great Academies be organized—thoroughly fitted up for doing High School work—with the most efficient teaching staff possible—and situated so as to facilitate attendance from all parts of the province.

No one could possibly charge the government with neglecting the literary side of public education under the plan stated.

Then with the remainder of the grant now used by the Academies and High Schools, open as many schools of drawing, manual training, technique, &c., as possible, and give the 93 per cent. of the pupils a chance for their lives.

I offer this merely as a suggestion, pointing to a more equitable adjustment of the educational advantages, as en-

joyed by the few versus the many, and I offer it with great humility, yet with strong hopes of seeing in the near future, some steps taken in this direction.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRUANT SCHOOLS.

Compulsory Education is not, as many people seem to think, a new thing.

It has existed in Europe and the United States for over fifty years.

Among the ancients many nations—notably Persia, Sparta, Athens, enforced very stringent compulsory education laws, going so far as to take the boys away from their parents at the age of 7 years, and to bring them up from that time in state institutions, ignoring altogether the natural claims of parental authority.

Compulsory education has been deemed necessary because the governments have found the franchise, in ignorant hands, to be a menace to public safety.

It is in operation at present in 31 of the states of the Union, in some parts of South America, in every country of Europe, and in Japan.

Like all attempts in the line of progress, it has many opponents.

The chief arguments used against it are that "the family is the true national unit," that "the control of the child is a right inherent in the parent," and that "it is an invasion of the liberty of the subject."

But there is another side to this question.

The advocates of Compulsory Education, claim that the "government owes every child an education," and so long as ignorant or selfish parents neglect to give their children this education, just so long will compulsory measures be necessary to see that the child is not defrauded of his birth-right.

They argue that the parent has no inherent right to cripple his child mentally more than physically.

That a child allowed to grow up in ignorance is as seriously crippled as if his limbs had been broken. That such a child would be as badly handicapped in the race of life as if he went upon crutches,

That if a parent wilfully cripples or even ill-treats his child, physically, the law quickly steps in and punishes him,

That, in like manner, if a parent wilfully cripples or even illuses his child, mentally, by allowing him to grow up ignorant, the law should step in with equal alacrity and should punish with equal severity, since the crime is the same in both cases.

In answer to the second charge that a compulsory attendance law is an "invasion of the liberty of the subject," it need only be said that there is not a single law upon the penal statute book which is not an invasion of the liberty of the subject.

As a matter of fact, in a civilized community, there is no such thing as the "liberty of the subject."

As soon as mankind congregates into groups, societies, villages, towns and cities, individual liberty ceases.

It must give way to the good, safety and prosperity of the community.

In this respect we are intensely socialistic.

Our motto is the "greatest good of the greatest number."

The interests of the individual count for nothing against the interests of the community.

Moreover it is claimed that truants become vagrants and criminals.

A Chicago school report states that of 12,000 children not attending school, more than three-fourths were notorious loafers and idlers, who furnished recruits for reformatories and penitentiaries.

Massachusetts passed a compulsory act in 1842, which however, remained a dead letter until 1875.

In that year truant schools were established, with first, a term of one year which was afterwards changed to two years.

The next step was to appoint officers to carry out the law.

In 1878, Massachusetts provided that the towns not complying with the compulsory act should forfeit their share of the school grant.

The following year 214 towns in that state reported the "law" in force.

Boston opened her truant school in 1895. It is said to be doing splendid work.

Brooklyn followed suit.

From a careful examination of other countries, it is evident that the success of the compulsory law depends upon the co-operation of the "truant school."

It can never be a success alone; it is incomplete.

The great drawback to the opening of truant schools is the expense.

That is the sole argument against their immediate establishment.

And yet when these same truants have been allowed to become vagrants and criminals—when it is, perhaps, too late to reclaim them—we do not then hesitate at the expense, but promptly shut them up in a reformatory or a prison, as dangerous to the peace of her Majesty's lieges.

This is false economy.

It would be much better and much more economical to expend a portion of the amount required to feed, cloth and keep these dangerous products of neglect and truancy, in preventing the spread of the contagion by attending to the disease in its earlier and less virulent stage.

That this is quite feasible is easily proven.

In England the truant school cures 80% of the cases treated.

In Brooklyn, out of 118 truants committed during the year 1896, only 18 had to be re-committed for the following year, and of 30 habitual truants only 1 had to be sent to a reformatory.

The time has surely arrived when the school commissioners of Dartmouth and those of Halifax must bring their minds to bear upon these much needed advances.

It need not be a very expensive operation if undertaken carefully and judiciously.

A single provincial school or two at the start would be quite sufficient for some time, perhaps for all time.

If the expense were divided amongst the various counties sending truants to the Institution, pro rata for the number sent, and the government assisted to some extent, the remaining charge would not be great.

Halifax would naturally pay the heaviest amount towards its maintenance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. MILLER,

Supervisor.

SCHOOL BANK.

Statement of Cash deposited and withdrawn for year ended December 31st, 1898 by Pupils of the Public Schools.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Jan. 1, 1898—Balance..... | \$ 313 98 | |
| Deposited..... | 799 95 | |
| Balance..... | 8 46 | |
| | | \$1122 39 |
| Withdrawn..... | \$ 89 39 | |
| Transferred to Post Office Savings | | |
| Bank..... | 733 00 | |
| On Special Deposit..... | 300 00 | |
| | | —\$1122 39 |

ALFRED ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

STAFF OF TEACHERS.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1898

| | CLASS. | GRADE. | SALARY. |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| GREENVALE SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Geo. J. Miller (Prin & Supv.), | A | } H. S. | \$1200 |
| Miss S. Finlay (Deputy Prin.), | C | | 450 |
| " E. Ellis, | B | 8 | 450 |
| " A. Mitchell, | D | 5 | 300 |
| " M. McKenzie, | C | 4 | 320 |
| " G. Moody, | B | 3 | 320 |
| " B. Hume, | C | 2 | 400 |
| " E. Hume, | C | 1 | 420 |
| " M. Hamilton, | C | K. G. | 450 |
| CENTRAL SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Miss A. Downey (V. P.), | C | 7 A. | 420 |
| " J. Shute, | C | 7 B. | 400 |
| " B. Thomas, | C | 6 | 320 |
| " A. Thomas, | B | 5 | 300 |
| PARK SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Miss B. MacKay, (V. P.), | C | 6 | 420 |
| Mrs. B. Cray, | C | 4 | 340 |
| Miss A. Pender, | C | 2 and 3 | 340 |
| " E. Hennigar, | C | 1 | 380 |
| HAWTHORNE SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Miss M. Harris (V. P.), | C | 3 and 4 | 360 |
| " L. Allen, | C | 1 and 2 | 380 |
| NORTH SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Miss M. Currie (V. P.), | C | 3-4-5-6 | 380 |
| " M. Bell, | B | 1 and 2 | 300 |
| WOODSIDE SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Miss C. Bruce, | C | 1 to 5 | 300 |
| STAIRS STREET SCHOOL :— | | | |
| Mrs. L. Laidlaw, | C | 1 to 5 | 250 |

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, DARTMOUTH, N. S.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from Jan. 1st to Dec 31st, 1898.

| Estimate | RECEIPTS. | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ 211 | Balance, Jan 1, 1898..... | \$ 211 53 |
| 2100 | Government Grant:— | |
| | Half year ended February, 1898..... | \$1057 66 |
| | Half-year ended July, 1898..... | 1053 79 |
| | | 2111 45 |
| 10210 | Town of Dartmouth:— | |
| | Amount of Estimate for year 1898..... | 10210 00 |
| 10 | Interest on School Bank Fund..... | 10 50 |
| | Sundries | 75 |
| | | 12544 23 |
| | <u>\$12531</u> | <u>\$12544 23</u> |

| Estimate. | EXPENDITURE. | |
|-----------|--|------------|
| \$ 9080 | Salaries—Teachers..... | \$9017 11 |
| 10 | Substitutes..... | 42 00 |
| 828 | Janitrices..... | 830 00 |
| 150 | Truant Officers..... | 149 88 |
| | | \$10038 99 |
| 225 | Stationery, Maps, etc..... | 199 08 |
| 250 | Fuel..... | 258 53 |
| 1134 | Interest on Bonds..... | 1134 36 |
| 50 | Interest on Overdraft at Bank..... | 64 41 |
| 45 | Printing and Advertising..... | 74 75 |
| 168 | Insurance Premiums..... | 168 00 |
| 20 | Water Rates..... | 20 00 |
| 60 | Treasurer School Bank..... | 60 00 |
| 80 | Cleaning and Whitewashing (outdoor)..... | 51 84 |
| 130 | Stove Service..... | 135 42 |
| 150 | Repairs—General to buildings..... | \$ 91 06 |
| | New foundation wall, Woodside School. | 39 99 |

| | | |
|---|-------|-------------------|
| Addition to outhouse, Greenvale School. | 40 96 | |
| Hardware, nails, etc..... | 14 18 | |
| | | 186 10 |
| 151 Contingent— | 55 90 | |
| Tree planting..... | 15 51 | |
| Cab Hire..... | 2 00 | |
| Brooms, Soap, etc..... | 18 39 | |
| Chairs for school rooms, etc..... | 37 00 | |
| Repairs and supplies to Telephones... | 19 95 | |
| | | 148 75 |
| Balance..... | | 4 00 |
| | | <u>148 75</u> |
| <u>\$12531</u> | | <u>\$12544 23</u> |

ALFRED ELLIOT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

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

REPORT.
OF
Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the close of another year I have to lay before you a statement of the operations of your Ferry for the last 12 months.

BOATS.

In June last the Steamer "Chebucto" arrived, and after she had been put in order by the Builder under the supervision of Lloyd's surveyor, she was taken over by your Commission. As is always the case with new works, some difficulties had to be encountered with this boat, the men had to become accustomed to her not only as regards the machinery, but also as to the steering, and some expense had to be met to make her in every way suitable to the Ferry. All trouble has now it is hoped been overcome and that in the future nothing more will be required from her than from either of the other boats.

The S. S. "Dartmouth" is in good order and has been running continuously since the annual over-hauling in the spring.

The S. S. "Halifax" was taken off the Ferry in September last, and extensive repairs have been made to

her principally in the super structure, the Cabins have been enlarged and new windows placed in them, by the end of the present month she should be on the route again as good as she ever was. This boat has done good service.

The S. S. MicMac has been used more or less during the year as a relief boat, her certificate having been renewed for another 12 months, she is in fairly good order and will only be used when absolutely necessary.

The following is the distance run by the several boats during the year.

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| "Dartmouth" | 26,790 miles |
| "Halifax" | 16,320 " |
| "Chebucto" | 7,690 " |
| "MicMac" | 3,070 " |

When the "Halifax is again in Commission you will own and operate a Ferry which taking every thing into consideration is not inferior to any on this side of the Atlantic.

WAITING ROOM.

The project of building modern waiting rooms on each side of the harbor has not yet been satisfactorily settled, some progress in this respect was however made during the year, and the Commission will seriously consider this season what is best to be done in the matter.

All the property of the Commission has been kept in good repair. Nothing but the ordinary wear and tear will have to be provided for this year.

Herewith you will find the Financial Statement for the year.

I Remain, Your Obedient Servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON.

Chairman.

DARTMOUTH, January 3, 1898.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION:

Gentlemen,—I hereby certify that I have made a careful and complete examination of the Books of Accounts kept by your Secretary up to and including December 31st, 1898, and have now to report as follows:

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

I have compared the Vouchers and Time Books in connection with the expenditure. 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 taken a trial balance monthly and found the books correct at the end of each month.

Herewith I submit a Statement of Expenditure and Income, a detailed Statement of Repairs and Expense Account, and a Balance Sheet showing the Assets and Liabilities on December 31st, 1898.

I am gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

W. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 1st, 1899.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Real and Personal Property..... | \$140059 43 | |
| Construction Account, S. S. "Chebucto"..... | 61844 30 | |
| | \$201993 73 | |
| Building Society Shares. (Insurance Fund).. | 907 50 | |
| Rents due by Tenants..... | 271 97 | |
| Coal on hand..... | 256 60 | |
| Stock of Iron and general supplies..... | 516 30 | |
| Stock of Tickets on hand..... | 163 00 | |
| | 679 30 | |
| | | \$204019 10 |

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Union Bank overdraft..... | \$ 1164 33 | |
| Debenture Account..... | 180000 00 | |
| Balance..... | 22854 77 | |
| | | \$204019 10 |

JOHN W. JAGO,
Secretary.

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, 1898.

W. C. BISHOP,
Auditor.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 1st, 1899.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR 1898.

INCOME.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance December 31st, 1897..... | \$22640 78 |
| Transient Ferriages | 33591 54 |
| Commutation..... | 10214 08 |
| Rents..... | 1329 19 |
| Excursions..... | 475 00 |
| Parcel Repository..... | 18 26 |
| Junk | 47 00 |
| Premium and Discount..... | 720 28 |
| | \$69036 13 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Regatta Committee Donation..... | \$ 300 00 |
| Interest | 7281 11 |
| Coal..... | 5715 05 |
| Wages..... | 20582 30 |
| Repairs and Expense | 8923 68 |
| Dartmouth Taxes | 1500 72 |
| Dartmouth Water Rates..... | 550 00 |
| Docks Rent, Halifax..... | 800 00 |
| Insurance | 478 50 |
| William Greene, Rent written off | 50 00 |
| Balance..... | 22854 77 |
| | \$69036 13 |

JOHN W. JAGO,
Secretary.

I hereby certify the above Statement of Expenditure and Income to be true and correct and as shown by their Books at the close of the past year.

W. C. BISHOP,
Auditor.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 1st, 1899.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION.

DETAILS OF REPAIRS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT 1898.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Machinery and Hulls | \$2357 C2 |
| Lubricants, Oils and Waste | 504 14 |
| Uniforms for Crews | 198 62 |
| Kerosene Oil, Brooms, Brushes &c..... | 245 70 |
| Iron, Paint, Hardware, Corrage &c..... | 675 16 |
| Printing Tickets, Books and Tickets..... | 268 28 |
| Office Stationery, Printing and Advertising..... | 150 55 |
| Electric Lighting, Repairs to Dynamos &c..... | 816 45 |
| Town of Dartmouth Water Rates for Tenements..... | 121 51 |
| New Hydrant on South Wharf | 236 10 |
| Sundry Charges..... | 116 98 |
| | 468 59 |
| Government Inspection Fees..... | 107 12 |
| Salaries, Solicitor \$150.00, Auditor \$100.00..... | 250 00 |
| Legal Service, Extra..... | 43 00 |
| Telephone Rents..... | 65 00 |
| Repairs to houses and Stables..... | 114 63 |
| Repairs to Wharves, Bridges and Docks..... | 663 90 |
| Docking and Towing Charges | 477 30 |
| Diving Charges..... | 130 00 |
| Hard Coal for Station Houses | 68 54 |
| Grant to Regatta Committee..... | 300 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 1021 68 |
| | \$8923 68 |

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. C. BISHOP,

Auditor.

DARTMOUTH, December 31st. 1898.

REPORT.
OF
The Park Commissioners.

THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH :

Ladies and Gentlemen,—In reporting the action of the Park Commission for the past year, little can be said outside of what is contained in the Financial Statement submitted herewith.

During the year a new Terrace was built above the Fountain, the Walks and Drives kept in good condition and a number of Spruce Trees set out.

It is hoped that during the present year the Commission with the co-operation of the Town Council may be able to extend the fence along Stairs Street, and improve that part of the Park.

I Have the Honor to be
Your Obedient Servant,

A. C. JOHNSTON.

Chairman.

DARTMOUTH, January 3, 1899.

DARTMOUTH PARK COMMISSION.

In Account With J WALTER ALLISON, Treasurer.

1898

| | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Dec. 31st | To Paid Labor &c, during the year..... | \$168 09 |
| " " " | " Fencing (Stairs St)..... | 8 03 |
| " " " | " Repairs Summer House..... | 21 23 |
| " " " | " Painting " "..... | 12 00 |
| " " " | " Special Deposit Halifax Banking Co..... | 150 00 |
| " " " | " Balance on hand..... | 1 43 |
| | | <u>\$369 78</u> |

CREDIT

1898,

| | | |
|-----------|--|-----------------|
| Jan. 1st | By Balance on hand..... | \$ 8 18 |
| June 2nd | " Special Deposit withdrawn from Halifax Banking Co..... | 100 00 |
| " " | " Accrued Interest thereon..... | 2 60 |
| July 14th | " Grant from Town of Dartmouth..... | 250 00 |
| | | <u>\$369 78</u> |

1899

| | | |
|----------|--|----------|
| Jan. 1st | By Balance on hand and on Special Deposit..... | \$151 43 |
|----------|--|----------|

E. & O. E.

J. WALTER ALLISON,

Treasurer.

