

GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

(INCORPORATED, 1873.)

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1903.

Mayor.

FRED'K. SCARFE.

Presiding Councillor.

T. G. STEVENS.

Councillors.

WARD 1.—	W. L. TUTTLE,	A. WISDOM,
" 2.—	P. McKENNA,	T. G. STEVENS,
" 3.—	JOHN MOIR,	E. F. WILLIAMS.

Board of School Commissioners.

WM. L. BARSS, (Ch.); COUNCILLORS JOHN MOIR, W. L. TUTTLE AND P. McKENNA, I. G. LESLIE.

Commissioners of Dartmouth Park.

THE MAYOR, (Ch.), COUNCILLORS STEVENS AND McKENNA, J. W. ALLISON, J. W. TUFTS.

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

THE MAYOR, (Ch.), COUNCILLORS STEVENS AND WILLIAMS, GEO. J. TROOP, E. M. WALKER, AND JOHN WHITE.

Town Officers.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.....	F. W. RUSSELL
TOWN SOLICITOR.....	B. RUSSELL, K. C.
TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.....	ALFRED ELLIOT
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS AND STREETS.....	W. L. BISHOP
TOWN ASSESSORS.....	A. G. GATES, J. RITCHIE, G. A. STERNS
AUDITORS.....	GEO. FOOT, W. CREIGHTON
REVISORS ELECTORAL LISTS ...	O. R. REGAN, J. S. WARNER, F. W. HETHERINGTON.

MAYORS

OF THE

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

WM. S. SYMONDS.....	1873—74
WM. S. SYMONDS.....	1874—75
GEO. J. TROOP.....	1875—76
GEO. J. TROOP.....	1876—77
WM. H. WEEKS.....	1877—78
WM. H. WEEKS.....	1878—79
WM. H. WEEKS.....	1879—80
JAS. W. TURNER.....	1880—81
JOHN. Y. PAYZANT.....	1881—82
JOHN. Y. PAYZANT.....	1882—83
JOHN. F. STAIRS.....	1883—84
JOHN. F. STAIRS.....	1884—85
JOHN. C. P. FRAZEE.....	1885—86
BYRON. A. WESTON.....	1886
BYRON. A. WESTON.....	1887
JAMES. SIMMONDS.....	1888
FRED'K. SCARFE.....	1889
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FRED'K. SCARFE.....	1891
JOHN C. OLAND.....	1892
JOHN C. OLAND.....	1893
WM. H. STERNS.....	1894
WM. H. STERNS.....	1895
WM. H. STERNS.....	1896
A. C. JOHNSTON.....	1897
A. C. JOHNSTON.....	1898
A. C. JOHNSTON.....	1899
A. C. JOHNSTON.....	1900
A. C. JOHNSTON.....	1901
FRED'K. SCARFE.....	1902
FRED'K. SCARFE.....	1903

Report of the Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth for the Municipal Year Ended Dec. 31st, 1903.

REQUIRED BY PROV. GOVERNMENT

1.	Assessed value on Real Estate	1,519,215	
2.	Assessed value on Personal	424,050	
	Total		\$1,943,265
3.	Assessed value on Income	Exempt.	
4.	Gross amount of expenditure for Town purposes (including schools but not water)		35,870
5.	Incidental Revenue		5,572
6.	Amount assessed on Real and Personal Property		30,298
7.	Rate per \$100 on value of Real and Personal property in the Town (excluding schools)	88	
8.	Rate per \$100 for school purposes in school section	52	
	Total		\$1 40
	Consolidated Debt	17,000	4 per cent.
	Schools, \$ 2,000		6 " "
	12,300		4 " "
	7,000		4½ " "
9.	Amount Bonded Debt.	21,300	
	Ferry, 110,000		4½ " "
10.	For what purposes issued	63,000	4 " "
	Water, 140,500	173,000	
11.	Rate of interest paid	20,500	4½ " "
	Total	161,000	4 " "
	Total	\$372,300	
12.	Amount of Sinking Fund (Sewerage)	23,133	
13.	How Sinking Fund is invested.—N. S. Municipal Bonds	22,500	
	Union Bank—Deposit in Savings Bank	633	
14.	Amount of Floating Debt—\$6985. with assets of unpaid taxes to cover this amount.		
15.	Estimated value of Real and Personal estate owned by the corporation	\$478,100	

FRED K. SCARFE.

Mayor.

Mayor's Report for the Year 1903.

Dartmouth N. S. 23rd. January 1904.

To the Ratepayers of the Town :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The closing of the second year of my duties as Mayor, calls for a report of the progress that has taken place during that period, and an outline of the prospects that are in view for the near future. The more prominent and extensive industries that were foreshadowed by my report for 1902 have failed in being realized on time, still we can find good reason for congratulation as regards the minor industries which have during the year been started and successfully operated; and the year 1903 will still take its place in the annals of the Town with those that mark real and substantial progress.

The Iron Rolling Mills which at the commencement of the year, was carrying on initial operations under adverse surroundings in Austenville, have procured the extensive grounds of the late Canal Company at Mott's Cove, erecting thereon a complete and efficient Plant with all modern improvements; these have been in successful operation for several months, giving employment to a large staff of hands. Opposite to the Presbyterian Church the Dartmouth Machine and Forge Company have erected large modern buildings, fitted with up-to-date appliances for carrying on Forge Works on an extensive scale; On the west side of the Canal the Messrs. Webber Bros. have purchased a site whereon they are erecting buildings to manufacture, Steam Boilers and other structures of Plate Iron. In the same locality the Dominion Molasses Company have for some months been erecting an extensive Wharf and Warehouses for Refining and Warehousing Molasses which when completed will likewise

give employment to a considerable number of hands. On Upper Water Street the Messrs. Harrison have fitted up a large factory with improved and powerful machinery for preparing and grinding Barytes this is the first establishment of the kind in the Maritime Provinces devoted exclusively to this industry.

The Rope Works have made several additions to their plant by introducing more powerful and improved machines in several departments of their works; which requiring more power have necessitated the installation of an enlarged boiler.

Alderman Williams has set up a large Water Motor to drive the several labor saving machines he has introduced in his Ship-building Works. These with several minor industries will prove that the Town is very far from a state of stagnation.

RE STEEL SHIP-BUILDING.

Fully realizing the many great advantages that would accrue to the Town by the establishment and successful operation of an industry of this nature in the Port of Halifax your Council in April last delegated the Mayor to accompany the Halifax delegation to interview the leading Steel Shipbuilding Firms of the Province of Ontario, and endeavour to ascertain their views regarding a Dominion bonus for the promotion of the industry, and to arrange a joint action in any application to the Legislature. with that object, interviews were had with F. Nicholls Esq., Capt. T. B. Miller and others; when it was found that our movements had been forestalled and that the Ontario Ship builders had already been in communication with the Government at Ottawa, and had represented to them that a bonus of \$3.00 per ton, would enable them to successfully carry on the industry, on the shores of the great lakes; and compete with Foreign establishments; that being committed to this declaration, they were not prepared at this present time to reconsider their action with a view of discussing the necessity of a \$5.00 bonus as required by the promoters of the Halifax

undertaking, at the same time all parties were fully impressed with the unadvisability of the introduction of a conflicting and adverse proposition being made to the Government. Under these circumstances the whole joint Halifax delegation were constrained to give way and agreed to seek a partial aid on the lines that were already laid down viz: a bonus of \$3.00 per ton, trusting that the merits of their case would be sufficient to procure the additional assistance to \$5.00 in the near future. The delegates returned and reported to several joint meetings of the various bodies interested, subsequently the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council, and Mr. H. E. Hill representing the Dartmouth Board of Trade jointly with the Mayor of Halifax and the Chairman and representatives of the Halifax Board of Trade departed on the 9th, of May to Ottawa to press upon the Government the absolute necessity of assistance being given to any bona-fide Firm that would undertake the installation of a Steel Ship-building Plant and ensure the operation of the same on a scale commensurate with success on the Atlantic Sea Coast of the Dominion. The delegation was well and favorably received by the Government and several Members of the House, and their representations fully considered and discussed, and were encouraged to anticipate that their prayer would not only receive due consideration, but also that Government action would likely be taken in that direction. While in Ottawa advantage was taken to interview the Honorable the Minister of Railways and others to advocate the granting to the C. P. R. running powers over the lines of the I. C. R. from Montreal to Halifax to facilitate their transportation of Western Freight through, to a Dominion Port on the Atlantic Coast. I much regret that notwithstanding the very favorable reception the delegates were accorded, that no satisfactory action has up to the present time, been taken by any party looking to the fulfilment of our earnest aspirations. Before leaving this subject entirely I would refer to efforts that have been made

towards securing the establishment of other industries within our Town ; early in the spring negotiations were entered into with the Messrs. Moir & Sons and preliminary arrangements were made by your council granting concessions in rebate of Taxes and a free supply of Water conditionally, and with the promoters of the Dominion Linen Mills Company offering similar concessions and in furtherance of these efforts an application was made to the Provincial Legislature at their last session and an act promulgated to obtain authority for the citizens to grant the said concessions, but in both cases the negotiations failed to reach a successful issue.

One of the notable events of the year has been the visit paid us by the Members attending the 5th. Congress of the Imperial Chamber of Commerce of the Empire held in Montreal in August who were jointly entertained by the Government, the City of Halifax and ourselves, and I have no doubt that the several members of the party will after their ramble through the West and East of the broad Dominion return home with a more exalted idea of the extent and capabilities of Canada than would have been possible under any other circumstances.

We were likewise visited by a party of the Western Railway Agents to whom along with the Mayor and Corporation of Halifax and members of their Board of Trade we had the pleasure of pointing out the capacity and extent of the Harbor with its free and unencumbered entrance, the facilities of the port for handling any quantity of freight, that could be forwarded, and the accommodation for landing and transit of passengers or immigrants.

FINANCE.

The Auditors Report and Appended Statements are hereto annexed from which it will appear that they have carefully scrutinized the several entries and vouchers, and found them all correct and satisfactory. A list of vouchers for

all payments made by the Clerk as required by law will be found annexed. By the committee's report it will be seen that this department is in a reasonably satisfactory condition the expenditure for the various services of the Town having been kept within or close to the estimates ; except for the Schools, the Commissioners of which having exceeded their estimates \$716. Their large adverse balance at the Bank of \$716. is owing in part to the establishing and fitting up of the Manual Training Department where \$527. was expended in excess of the estimate, and the remainder was more than offset by an increased cost of fuel and interest ; for details I would refer you to the Chairman's report. While on this subject I would call your attention to the tabulated statements of the Auditors Nos. 1, 2 and 3 which, while being an absolute statement of facts, yet do not state the whole truth, through omitting all reference to the Bank Accounts ; for instance these three statements taken together as they appear show an aggregate of unexpended balances of \$3952. in hand ; whereas these services were at the close of the year overdrawn to the extent of \$6923. as shown by the Auditors statement. This is entirely owing to the system of accounting, easily understood by an expert, but very confusing to the ordinary comprehension. In view of showing the General Financial position of the Town at this date, I would here append a tabulated, comparative statement of some of the principal items with 1902 and 1901, the same comparison would remain about the same if extended still farther back.

	1901	1902	1903
Balance due Bank at close of year General Acct.....	\$3,624.	\$4,861.	\$2,938.
" " " " " Water Construc. }			
less amount of Bonds held for sale }	53.	10.	266.
Balance due Bank at close of year Water Mtnce....		936.	419.
" " " " " Board of Health...		1,854.	1,545.
Sundry Acct. Audited	276.	405.	205.
" " Unaudited less Water Acct... ..	1,778.	1,263.	894.
Ordinary Assets (including balance of Assessments)...	5,329.	6,834.	5,276.

While the amounts of uncollected assessed taxes at the end of the year is much larger than it should be and very considerably in excess of many other communities it still compares favorably with our own past. The per centage uncollected on the 31st. Dec., 1903 was 13.30, in 1902 it was $13\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, in 1901 16 per cent, in 1900 $15\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, in 1899, 12 per cent.

STREETS.

The Street Committee have not carried out any extensive works during the year, the new work being a couple of culverts, spreading some 500 tons of broken stone and laying 1,610. feet run of curbing and grading of sidewalks along with the ordinary repairs, such as cleaning gutters, rain water courses &c., at an expenditure of \$3481.

The watering of the streets was well attended to during the dry season and owing to the wet fall a saving of \$60. was effected. The lighting service has been satisfactorily performed by the Electric Light Company under their contract with the Town, your council increased the service by seven additional lamps placed in positions where they were much needed, raising the total to 83 lamps.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Town Hall has been much improved by painting and decorating the Clerk's Office, and the installation of much required modern fittings and conveniences for the transaction of the business. I have much pleasure in endorsing the recommendation of the committee in their report that provision be made in the estimates of the ensuing year to complete the painting and decorating of the eastern section of the hall. While the committee in this section have overdrawn the amount at their disposal, the service as a whole has been kept well within the estimates showing on the whole an unexpended

balance of \$343. In view of the importance of these service in conjunction with the services of Water Maintenance and Sewer and Water Construction the time has arrived when there should be established a department of works to control all the machanical works of the Town including the present Street and Public Property department as also the Water and Sewerage departments, under one controlling head, especially as the same labor is more or less intermittently employed from time to time in the various services ; and as it is declared on the highest authority that a man cannot serve two masters, the result is that very often he serves none ; to the great detriment of the interests of the citizens. It would certainly create a very onerous and responsible department the members of which might be compensated by being relieved from other committee service. This consolidation would largely tend to improve these services which at present frequently suffer from two independent controlling authorities, resulting in our street service having been during the past year very unsatisfactorily performed. For details of these services see committee's report and items of expenditure.

CEMETERY.

Little has been done, beyond cleaning the paths and white-washing the fences.

NEW CEMETERY.

If upwards of twenty years ago this was considered a burning question requiring the immediate action of your council (the legislature having passed an act in the spring of 1884 empowering the town to borrow \$3,000. for the service,) surely the time has fully arrived when this matter should be finally settled. In 1900 power was obtained from the legislature to authorize the borrowing of the amount of \$4,000. but even this amount has since been found insufficient for the purpose, and an application should be at once made to authorize the town

to increase that amount to \$5,000.

The most suitable site offered ; taking into consideration its contiguity to the centre of population, the facility of approach from all parts of the town, and as far as known the nature of the soil, its entire isolation from all dwelling houses, is the plot of land to the east of the late Henry Elliot's homestead on School Street, and should the soil on the northern portion prove satisfactory, I would strongly recommend, to the incoming council and the citizens the purchase of this property.

TOWN PLAN.

This essential piece of work is no nearer completion than at the commencement of the year owing to the inertness of the committee and a disagreement with the surveyor (who does not reside in the province) as to its perfectness and the meaning and intention of the contract ; and unfortunately the longer it continues in its present condition the more imperfect it becomes owing to the continual changes that are taking place in the ownership of real estate within the town.

POOR AND LUNATICS.

This department has had its normal claims on the public purse, the number of patients at the County Poor Farm and the Nova Scotia Hospital being 14 both at the commencement and at the close of the year, one patient having been discharged and one new patient admitted to each institution during this period. There are 5 infirm aged patients cared for within the town itself, and one boy at the Industrial School and one at the Deaf and Dumb Institution chargeable to the town, besides a number of individuals to whom fuel and food are more or less distributed during the winter months, their claims having been within the general average.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

In conformity with the requirements of chapter 17 of the Acts of 1900, your Council, in February, re-appointed Dr.

Thos. Milsom, Health Officer of the town, who has during the year with his usual promptness, attended to the various calls that from time to time occurred, these have mostly consisted of diphtheria, and where treated in their early stage, the results have been successful, and in general the disease has been confined to the premises in which the outbreak occurred, and all tendency to an epidemic controlled. The general health of the town has been and still continues in a very satisfactory condition.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

The ordinary work of maintenance of this department has been carefully attended to, and all parts of the service kept up to its usual efficient standard, few defects in the mains have developed during the year, the most serious being a length of the 12 inch conduit, destroyed by lightening, which was duly replaced, the quality of the supply and the cleaning of the screens of the intake house, have been carefully watched and attended ; resulting in a satisfactory supply. I must protest against the continuation of the practice of supplying water for manufactures, power, and other purposes, without any safeguards as to the quantity used, either by meter or otherwise, which will inevitably result, sooner or later, in our supply falling short of the demands, and entail considerable additional expense on the citizen.

It is with much regret that I have to refer to the failure of the citizens to authorize the Council to borrow funds for the extension of the water and sewerage to the north section of the town, when the scheme was submitted for their approval in Aug. last. I feel confident that the result must have been owing to some mis-conception, possibly arising from one or two causes, either the lack of a due appreciation of the requirements of the district to be supplied, or an undue fear of its result on the cost of water to the present consumers ; for I cannot suppose there is any desire on the part of any citizen to deprive his neighbour

of what he considers an essential adjunct to his own health and well being ; and without which he does not desire to live in any place. With regard to the first reason, I need only refer to the several reports of our health officer, where this subject has been treated, supported by the experience of all residents of the district. Regarding the second, undoubtedly for a considerable distance the public domain borders one side of the road, and therefore to that extent the town as a whole, are entitled to contribute, that is so far perfectly just ; then the present consumers have their rates reduced below actual cost, by supplies furnished the Nova Scotia Hospital, the Refinery and others, this advantage they would have to share with the increased number of users, and consequently this would also cause a slight raise in the rates, still the present users would not be called upon to contribute more than their just share of the expenditure ; most undoubtedly in a few cases the scheme will press unduly hard for a time on some of the owners of unimproved land ; certainly this scheme is not an exception to the rule, " that no project for the good of any community can be devised that will not entail an undue hardship on some individual members," but making every allowance the defeat of the scheme presses with much greater force on a much greater number of the residents, and prevents the development and improvement of a large section of the town. I sincerely trust that when the scheme is again submitted to the citizens, they will see their way clear to authorize the issue of bonds for a sufficient amount to carry out and complete the work.

Referring to the large adverse balance in the construction account, shown in the Committees' report, I would draw attention to the bonds held by the town, awaiting a satisfactory offer for sale, to the amount of \$3,300, these when sold will be applied in reduction of this account. The adverse balance of \$419. in the maintenance account is less than half of 1902, and

will be amply offset by water rates over due, for further details and particulars, see Committee's Report.

POLICE AND LICENSES.

The number of cases brought before the court this year has been under the general average and I have pleasure in stating that they were mostly of a petty nature, no serious charge having been preferred, the citizens have every reason to congratulate themselves on the general law abiding character of the town and the efficiency of the police force.

FIRE APPARATUS, ETC.

Referring to the report of the committee elsewhere, it will be seen that the greatest danger to the town was from fires raging in the woods outside the northern limits of the town, which for some days threatened to become very destructive, fortunately they were, with much exertion by the members of the department, kept under control. During the season nearly \$1000. has been spent for new hose, apparatus and supplies to ensure the undoubted efficiency of this essential department, see committee's report.

SCHOOLS.

The register of pupils has again suffered a decrease of 9 making a total decrease of 113 since 1899 and the percentage of attendance has likewise fallen off from 65 to 64 notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts of the board to secure a more regular attendance, there must be something surprisingly wrong in the community to cause this continual falling off in our schools. The only new feature introduced this year has been the inauguration of a Manual Training Department, the beneficial results to be derived from which, are as yet awaiting future development, for details see chairman's and supervisor's reports on another page.

DARTMOUTH PARK.

There has been the usual routine work of cleaning up and grading the paths, and roads, repairing and limewhiting the fences, repairing fountain, planting trees, painting band stand, benches, etc., in which they expended \$219.30, chiefly for labor. A number of citizens having the interests of the rising generation at heart, organized during the summer for the purpose of holding a bazaar to raise additional funds for the purpose of grading and preparing a portion of the park for athletic games and sports, resulting in the successful Casazo held in July, placing in the hands of the commission the net sum of \$371.10, of which they have this year spent \$159.81 in prosecuting the desired work. For details of expenditure see Treasurer's report.

THE FERRY.

This service has been efficiently run without any break in the regular schedule time, throughout the year, by the Commission, and free from any serious accident, the boats having been kept up to the full requirements of the Government Inspectors, and notwithstanding the large increase in the cost of coal and all other supplies, they are still running on the same tariff of rates as during the last year. For particulars see chairman's report and financial statements.

PUBLIC READING ROOM.

This admirable institution has been well attended to and looked after by its directing committee in the interest and for the benefit of the citizens in general ; filling as it does a much felt want in the town it deserves a more generous support from the community at large, than has hitherto fallen to its lot.

In closing my report on the various services of the town during the past year, and the requirements that claim the careful attention of the incoming council, permit me to express

the obligation I have been under to the several members of my council, His Honor the Recorder the Town Clerk and the other officials for their co-operation and assistance, not only in the faithful and prompt performance of their several duties, the industry and ability with which they have served the town, but also for the personal help they have invariably rendered me from time to time as opportunity occurred.

Thanking you for the honor and confidence you bestowed upon me in re-electing me for a second term as your Chief Magistrate. With sincere wishes for your continued welfare and prosperity and the advancement and well being of the town in general,

I have the honor to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient Servant,

FREDERICK SCARFE,

Mayer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The current liabilities of the Town on December 31st, 1903, were as follows :

Balance due Union Bank	\$2937 70
Accrued interest on bonds (consolidated debt)	54 02
County of Halifax, Poor Farm Account (audited).....	151 46
Sundry Accounts, unaudited (water accounts excluded)..	894 58
Board of Health (Smallpox 1902) bal. due Union Bank..	1545 43
	<u>\$ 5583 19</u>

Current Assets to meet the above are :

Cash on hand	\$ 170 30
Taxes, real and personal, 1902,.....	\$ 456 84
School Tax, O. D. 1902,.....	56 08
School Tax, Halifax, 1902,.....	11 50
Taxes, real and personal, 1903,.....	3358 00
Poll Tax (on real and personal) 1903,.....	175 00
Poll Tax (alone) 1903.....	94 00
School Tax, O. D. 1903.....	212 31
School Tax, Halifax, 1903.....	40 04
Dog Tax.....	20 00
	<u>\$4423 77</u>
Allow for bad and doubtful debts,	433 41
	<u>\$3990 36</u>
Add.	
Nova Scotia Hospital Account.....	\$ 65 00
Common Rent due to September 1st, 1903,.....	140 00
County of Hx., per agreement, (Smallpox Acct)	1000 00 1205 00 5365 66
Excess of liabilities over assets.....	<u>\$ 217 53</u>
This year's valuation \$1943265. at \$1.40.....	\$27205 71
Less Firemen's exemption (exclusive of poll tax).....	\$ 211 02
Widow's exemption.....	858 72
Discount (2 1-2%).....	252 00
School Tax paid in City and County.....	611 33 1973 07
Leaving to collect.....	<u>\$25232 64</u>

The sum of \$22166. was received from the assessment of real and personal property, per financial statement. From this sum should be deducted the taxes on the two bank agencies which both pay a fixed rate of \$150. each, which less discount amounts to \$292.; leaving \$21874. which deducted from the net amount to collect as above, \$25232., leaves a balance uncollected of \$3358. or 13.30 per cent.

There were four properties sold this year under the Lien Law for real estate taxes due for the year 1901, two of which were allowed to be sold by the parties interested to get good titles.

During the year the Bonded Debt of the Town has been increased by the issue of \$3300 Water Debentures, authorized by the ratepayers at an election held on June 25, 1903, and which are now on hand held for a better premium than is offered. The Bonded Debt has been decreased by the Ferry Commission paying off \$2000. of Ferry Debentures. The Sinking Fund, established by law to meet the water and sewer debentures, amounts to \$23,133.20.

Balance due Union Bank,	Dec. 31, 1902.	Dec. 31, 1903.
1. Town.....	\$4861 59	\$2937 70
2. Water Maintenance Acct.....	936 41	419 33
3. Water Construction Acct.....	5010 05	3566 64
4. School Board.....	3 36	716 24
5. Board of Health.....	1854 04	1545 43
	<u>\$12665 45</u>	<u>\$9185 34</u>
Deduct Water Bonds issued for expenditure included in No. 3	5000 00	3300 00
	<u>\$7665 45</u>	<u>\$5885 34</u>
Nett decrease of total in 1903.....		\$1700 11

The value of Real and Personal property in the Town for 1903, was as follows :

Real	\$1519215.
Personal	424050.
Total.....	\$1943265.
As against 1902	1931250.
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An increase over the past year of	\$ 12015.
The rate levied was 1.40 including 52 cents for schools.	

The Bonded debt of the town on Dec. 31st, 1903, 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
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				\$ 17,000
Schools (Hawthorne).....	May 8, 1886	20	6 %	2,000
"	July 21, 1890	20	4 %	12,300
"	July 1, 1894	20	4½%	7,000
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				\$ 21,300
Ferry	June 2, 1890	25	4½%	110,000
"	July 1, 1890	25	4 %	40,000
"	July 1, 1897	18	4 %	23,000
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				\$173,000
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	29	4½%	2,000
"	July 1, 1898	20	4 %	1,200
"	July 1, 1899	20	4 %	6,000
"	July 2, 1900	20	4 %	5,000
"	Dec. 31, 1092	20	4 %	5,000
"	Dec. 31, 1903	20	4 %	3,300
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				\$161,000
Total.....				\$372,300

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The following is a comparative statement of the assessed valuation of real and personal property from 1888 to 1903, the increase in that time being \$721,425.

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.....	1,829,579
1899.....	1,880,475
1900.....	1,905,560
1901.....	1,910,915
1902.....	1,931,250
1903.....	1,943,265

THOS. G. STEVENS,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND
PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The estimates for this service was \$3815. including \$280. estimated to complete the Maple St. under drain, which work has been done. There is now a good and sufficient drain two feet square inside, leading from the north side of Tulip Street to a point on Myrtle Street about midway between Pine and Maple Streets, a distance of 680 feet.

Some of the most important pieces of work undertaken during the season was building a large culvert on the Old Ferry

Road. A great quantity of water, of late years, having been diverted to this point making it necessary to deepen and enlarge the culvert, and also to deepen the outlet a distance of 175 feet.

Portland Street from Mrs. Roche's to the town line was thoroughly ditched and drained. 490 tons of stone were used along the flat at the end of the lake and extending about half way up the hill. Some grading was done on the Gaston Road.

Crichton Avenue was put in good repair with slag and ashes from the Rolling Mill. The drains were all cleaned and a good culvert built in the hollow just north of Lloy's farm. This road is now in a much better condition than it ever has been.

Dawson Street was well drained and repaired and also the objectionable wet crossing at the foot of the street disposed of. A large amount of work was also done on Jameison Street,

New curbing was laid as follows ;—

Quarrel Street, between King and Wentworth,.....	229 feet.
Dundas Street, between Ochterloney and Quarrell, ...	242 "
Dundas Street, between Quarrell and Portland,.....	358 "
King Street, between Ochterloney and Quarrell,.....	194 "
Portland Street, between King and Water,.....	520 "
Dahlia Street, between Pine and Maple,.....	67 "

Total.....1610 feet.

The total amount expended was \$3526.24, less received for broken stone \$45.10, making the net expenditure \$3481.14, leaving a balance of \$333.86.

We have now on hand 2112 lineal feet of curbing and also a roller for sidewalk purposes which cost \$52. 70.

STREET WATERING.

The appropriation for this service was \$300. The sum expended \$240.25, leaving a balance unexpended of \$59.75.

STREET LIGHTING.

\$1900. was estimated for this service and \$1840.94 expended, leaving an unexpended balance of \$59.06. There has been added during the year seven lights, making the total now in use eighty-three.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The amount estimated was \$710. Paid on Engine House \$197.40 which was carried over from last year being the balance of the contractor's bill for new additions built in 1902, and \$8.25 electric wiring. \$599.72 was paid for new counter, painting, furnishing, alterations, etc., at the Town Hall, making the total amount expended \$805.37, exceeding the estimate by \$95.37. Your Committee would recommend that the remainder of the interior of the Town Hall be renovated, painted and furnished during the coming year.

CEMETERY.

The sum estimated for this service was \$25. expended for cleaning paths and whitewashing fences, \$28.82, making the amount over-expended \$3.82.

The total amount estimated for the above several services was \$6770. of this \$6425.34 was expended, leaving an unexpended balance of \$344.66.

Material and tools on hand December 31, 1903—Streets.

One crusher.....	\$600.
Curbing.....	21.
Street Roller.....	53.
Plank.....	27.
Dynamite.....	40.
Iron.....	21.
Iron rods.....	7.

Total.....\$769.

E. F. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIRE
APPARATUS.

The estimate for this service was \$996. and the net expenditure \$992.29, including the cost of 250 feet of new hose, \$275., leaving a balance unexpended of \$3.71.

There were thirteen fires and alarms during the year, as follows :

ALARMS AND FIRES 1903.

Feb. 23.—Alarm rung at 12.15 a. m. for small fire at Abe Brown's house, Canal St. Damage slight.

Feb. 28.—Alarm rung at 7.45 p. m. for assistance at Moir's fire in Halifax. Engine, two reels and ladder waggon went over and returned on last boat.

Feb. 28.—Alarm rung after apparatus had gone to Halifax for chimney on fire at D. Barry's Water St. No damage.

March 15.—Alarm rung at 5.30 a. m. for fire at Marine Railway on board Steam Tug A. C. Whitney. Badly gutted.

April 15.—Alarm rung at 10.40 a. m. for fire at James Stewart's house, Cole Harbor Road. Roof of house badly burned.

April 18.—Alarm rung at 12 noon for fire in small unused house on Mrs. Lawlor's farm. Badly gutted. Engine pumped water through 900 ft. of hose from hydrant.

May 25.—Alarm rung at 2.45 p. m. for forest fire at Tufts Cove. Apparatus could do no good on account of distance from water.

May 26.—Alarm rung at 4.45 p. m. for same forest fire which had extended to Albro's Lake, men and apparatus worked until 8.30.

May 27.—Alarm rung at 2 p. m. for the same forest fire

which had worked back again. Men and apparatus worked until six o'clock.

June 1.—Alarm rung at 2.10 p. m. for same forest fire which had worked down to Rope Works. Men and apparatus worked until 8.30 o'clock.

At each of above three fires nearly 2000 ft. of hose was used from engine.

Oct. 31.—Alarm rung at 5.25 p. m. for fire supposed to be at H. Watt's house, Ochterloney St. No fire.

Dec. 13.—Alarm rung at 8.30 p. m. for fire at A. Wisdom's house, Water St. Slight damage. Apparatus not needed.

Your committee would report that the runners now in use on the steam fire engine are not quite what is required and would recommend that they be improved or new ones obtained, also that suitable runners be obtained for the hose reels. Your committee consider these improvements are necessary to enable the fire department to get the apparatus to fires with more dispatch when the streets are encumbered with snow.

The council is seeking legislation at the present session of the Legislature to enable them to assess \$250. annually for a period of ten years in order to establish a special fund to be called "The Firemen's Insurance Fund" to provide for the payment out of said fund of such sums as the council shall deem proper to firemen or to wives and families of firemen in event of death or accident in discharge of their duties.

Your committee are pleased to report that all the apparatus of the fire department is in its usual state of efficiency and amply able to cope with any fires likely to arise in the town. Four new fire hydrants were placed in position by the Water Committee, making the total now seventy-three, and your committee consider the town well protected in this respect.

ENGINE COMPANY'S APPARATUS.

- One Steam Fire Engine.
- Three 4 wheeled Reels, one of which is at Mr. Allison's Coach House, Pleasant Street.
- Two 2 wheeled Reels.
- One Watering Cart.
- Thirty-two Suits Oil Clothing.
- Eight Brass Torches.
- Eight Lanterns.
- 2550 feet Rubber Hose, (400 feet of which is attached to the reel at Pleasant Street.)
- Four hundred and fifty feet of Rubber Hose, damaged.
- Five Branches.
- Two Controlling Nozzles.
- Two Siamese Couplings.
- Four Fire Buckets.
- Fourteen Ladder Straps.

The following apparatus is in charge of the Axe and Ladder Company :

- One Ladder Waggon.
- One Grappling Hook.
- One Pike Pole.
- Four Lanterns.
- One 23 foot Roof Ladder.
- One 20 foot Roof Ladder.
- One 50 foot Extension Ladder.
- One 33 foot Ladder.
- One 27 foot Ladder.
- One 25 foot Ladder.
- Fifteen Suits Oil Clothes.
- Fifteen Hats.
- Fifteen Axes.
- Fifteen Belts and pouches.

The following is a list of the U. P. Co's. apparatus :

One Waggon.
 One Large White Covering, Rubber.
 One small White Covering, Rubber.
 Four Black Coverings, Rubber.
 Sixteen Rubber Coats.
 Twelve Rubber Hats.
 Two Extinguishers.
 One Saw, One Auger.
 Three Baskets (large.)
 Three Ropes for roping off fires.
 Twenty Cotton Bags.
 Ten Screw Drivers.
 Five Axes.
 Six Bed Keys.
 Two Lanterns.
 Four Powerful Lights.
 Four Fibre Buckets.
 One Leather Bucket.

ALBERT WISDOM,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

Your committee beg to report as follows :

The amount placed in the estimates for this service was \$1325. and the net amount expended was \$1169.19, including the County Poor Farm Account to June 30th, 1903, as per details show in the financial statement.

On January 1st, 1903 there were eight patients, four male and four female at the Poor Farm. During the year one was admitted and one discharged leaving eight patients at the end

of the year, besides one patient classed as 'harmless insane.'

Your committee visited this institution on several occasions during the past year and found the place clean and kept in excellent order and the patients as comfortable as could be expected. We are assured that they are supplied with a sufficiency of plain and substantial food of good quality. Supt. Henneberry and the matron, Mrs. Henneberry, appear to take great interest in looking after the welfare of the inmates.

The patient referred to as discharged last year was a two year old child who, with the consent of its mother, was adopted by a respectable family in another part of the province and its future well-being is assured.

Besides the above patients at the Poor Farm there are five old and infirm persons resident of the Town whose keep is an annual tax on the poor funds, and more or less relief in given in the shape of fuel and food to a number of other dependent persons in winter.

The amount estimated for patients at the Nova Scotia Hospital was \$1040. The amount expended for fifteen months to June 30th, 1903, \$1121.86, less \$189.30 amount received for maintenance of patients, leaving the net expenditure \$932.56, as per financial statement. There is a debt due this account of \$65. which is a good asset and will no doubt be paid this year. On January 1st, 1903, there were at this institution six patients, five male and one female, one died, and one was admitted, leaving at the close of the year six patients, four male and two female, the smallest number on record chargeable to the Town.

JOHN MOIR,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND
LICENSES.

Your committee beg to report that the amount placed in the estimates for the Police Department was \$1630. expended \$1729.51, making an over-expenditure of \$99.51, which was caused principally by the cost of additional police protection at the north end of the Town last summer, (\$45.14) owing to the re-occurrence of a series of petty burglaries, also to fuel, light and other items exceeding the estimate.

Your committee have under consideration a change in the hours of No. 2 and No. 3 Policemen with a view to placing them each on day and night duty alternately, month and month about, and believe this will result in improvement in the service.

The amount estimated for fines in the Police Court was \$100. and the amount received \$137. The amount estimated for Licenses was \$280. and the amount received \$297.50.

Appended to this report are lists of the various licenses issued and a return showing that the number of cases dealt with by the Stipendiary Magistrate in the Police Court during the past year was 109.

W. L. TUTTLE,
Chairman.

**Cases Before the Dartmouth Police Court for the Year
Ended December 31st, 1903.**

Nature of Charge.	Acquittals.	Convictions.
Drunk		4
Drunk and disorderly.....	1	16
Drunk and disorderly (Ferry Cases).....	1	6
Disturbing the peace.....	8	5
Assault	6	6
Assault (Ferry Cases).....		2
Assault on a peace officer.....		3
Stealing.....	7	6
Receiving stolen goods.....	1	
Keeping dangerous dogs.....		2
Playing ball on streets.....		4
Throwing stones on streets.....		3
Breach of Public Health Act.....		1
Allowing animals to go at large.....	4	5
Malicious injury to property.....	3	
Reckless driving on streets.....	1	1
Cruelty to animals.....	1	1
Fighting on streets.....	2	
Breach of Ferry Regulations.....	1	2
Selling liquor without license.....		3
Keeping liquor without license.....		1
Neglecting to exhibit sign on licensed premises		2
Perjury (one case)		Committed for trial.
Total.....	37	73

List of Licenses Granted 1903.

Auction.

Rogers, W. S.....	\$ 10 00
Duggan & Son, Jas.....	10 00
Naylor, John.....	10 00
	—————\$ 30 00

Hackney.

Hunt, John.....	\$ 2 50
Richards, Thos.....	4 00
Richards, Mrs. Annie M.....	2 50
Conrod, Jabez.....	2 50
Myers, Mrs. L.....	4 00
Greene, Mrs. W. H.....	2 50
Deyoung, Lewis.....	2 50
Eisener, Benj.....	2 50
Wambolt, R. L.....	2 50
Lavers, W. G.....	6 00
Foston Jr. Wm.....	4 00
	—————\$ 35 50

Truck.

Bauld & Co., R.....	\$ 17 50
Behan, Thos.....	2 50
Greene, Mrs. W. H.....	2 50
Kaizer, Silas.....	2 50
Barry, Andrew.....	2 50
Hunt, John.....	3 50
Williams, S.....	2 50
Eisener, Benj.....	2 50
Barry, Richd.....	2 50
Bauld F. C.....	2 50
Debay, John.....	2 50
Richards, John.....	2 50
Dares, S. B.....	2 50
Craig, Jas.....	2 50
Warner, Edw. (1902).....	5 50
Warner, Edw. (1903).....	5 50
	—————\$ 62 00

Traders.

Hicks, E. A.....	\$ 2 00
Sargent, John.....	15 00
Collins, J. P.....	5 00
Crocker, E. L.....	2 00
Zive, L.....	15 00
Lavers, J. W.....	1 00
Fitzsimmonds, J.....	3 00
Conway, H.....	3 00
Pliskow, C.....	15 00
Moirs, (Ltd.).....	30 00
Donovan, W. H.....	30 00
Earle Co., (Ltd.).....	15 00
	—————\$136 00

Exhibition.

Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.,.....	\$ 4 00
Prof. Lynn.....	4 00
Leary Comedy Co.,.....	3 00
Success Concert Co.,.....	5 00
	—————\$ 16 00

Junk.

Simon, S.....	\$ 10 00
Greene, R. W.....	4 00
Heather F.....	4 00
	—————\$ 18 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SEWERAGE.

During the past year the following extensions of the Water and Sewer system were made in response to petitions laid before the council asking for them, following out the policy heretofore in force, viz, to make these extensions when it can be shown that the revenue to be received therefrom will meet the maintenance charges thereon :

On Beresford Avenue (Tony Street) from Prince Albert Road (Canal Street) the water and sewer mains were extended 250 feet, nine inch sewer pipe and eight inch water pipe were laid. Water pipe of this size was put on this street with the expectation that in the future the main would be extended across the canal to connect with the six inch main on Crichton Avenue, when this street is opened up ; the small size of the main on Crichton Avenue not being able to give an efficient supply. This main is laid now as far as W. C. Boak's property and also supplies the Austenville district, so it was considered advisable to lay an eight inch main to give an additional supply to that section of the Town independently of the pipe line which goes around by way of the Upper Canal Bridge.

On Bolton Terrace (Paul Street) the water and sewer mains were laid from Prince Albert Road 259 feet, nine inch sewer pipe and four inch water pipe were used.

On Church Street a six inch water pipe was laid from Water Street westwardly 289 feet.

On Upper Water Street, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Health, to afford sewerage to a number of houses on this street where the water pipe had been laid for some years, a nine inch sewer pipe was laid from Geary Street northwardly 177 feet, thence across the railway track

and along the public dock to the end of the outlet 110 feet.

On Maple Street a nine inch sewer was laid from Ochterlony Street northwardly 481 feet. The water pipe was put in on this street last year. This sewer was continued from the corner of Maple Street along Ochterlony Street westwardly 442 feet and connects with the sewer opposite the east end of the Greenvale School grounds.

Contracts were entered into for the supply of water and drain pipe, casting and other material required, and the lowest tenders were accepted, as follows:

C. I. Water Pipe. Standard Drain Pipe Co., Londonderry at \$37.50 per ton.

of the length
Drain Pipe. Standard Drain Pipe Co., St. John's P. Q. 52c. per foot for nine inch pipe.

Castings. Douglass & Co., and Dartmouth Iron Foundry.
Gate Valves. Canada Foundry Co.

All the work performed in laying these sewer and water mains was done in a manner wholly satisfactory to your committee and without an accident of any kind.

The following services were made:—House connections 17; Motors for one boat shop and one butcher shop. Rolling Mills 1; Scarfe's Mill 1. One catchpit was built.

The screens at the pipe house were carefully looked after this year and cleaned sixteen times, the pipe house was cleaned out twice and the intake and other mains throughout the Town flushed out. Leaks were discovered in the main pipes in nine different places and the necessary repairs made. On June 25th, the twelve inch main pipe on the old Preston Road near Kuhn's farm was broken by lightening and had to be replaced by a new length of pipe, this was the first time an accident of this kind has happened; it is a very unusual occurrence. Catchpits throughout the Town were all cleaned out whenever found necessary during the year. The valve in the pipe on Douglass' Wharf which supplies the water boats was found

defective, it was removed and a new valve put in. House service pipes in seven different places were found defective and had to be renewed or repaired.

As has been customary before winter sets in all the fire hydrants (73) were examined and only five found to be defective, these were put in order; all the fire hydrants are now in excellent working condition. Five new fire hydrants were purchased from the Windsor Foundry Co., and four of these (Nos. 70 to 73) were put in position in locations as shown per table annexed to this report.

Eels continued to be troublesome in the pipes this year causing stoppages in house service pipes. These creatures were taken from the pipes in twenty-five cases, four less than last year. As it is quite an expense cutting the pipes to remove the eels, house owners are again urged not to permit leaky caps to exist on their premises as the eels, seeking an outlet in the fall of the year, are carried by the current of water to the taps, causing these stoppages and creating expense to the Town and inconvenience to house holders.

Tables annexed to this report will show the total length and size of sewer and water pipes laid to date, also number and location of fire hydrants.

The amount expended for construction work during the past year was \$3878. as shown in the detailed statement on another page. The receipts \$5540.30 of which \$400. was received from the Maintenance Account, being assessed annually on the water district and paid over to this account. \$4900 was received from the sale of \$5000. of water bonds authorized by the ratepayers in 1902 and sold during this year. This account shows an over-expenditure of \$3566.64 but this will be nearly all covered by the issue of \$3300. in bonds issued under the authority of the ratepayers at a meeting held in 1903. These bonds have not been sold but are now deposited in the town

box at the Royal Bank awaiting a suitable offer from investors. The value of water and sewer pipe and other material on hand is as per list annexed.

The revenue for Maintenance Account was \$9995.86 of which \$8075.31 was from water rates, and the expenditure \$10415.19 per details shown on another page of this report. The deficit of \$419.33 which appears on this account will be easily met by the overdue water rates and interest on Sewer Rates.

Looking to the future requirements of the Town your Committee would recommend to the favorable consideration of the Council and ratepayers the purchase in the near future of additional sources of supply.

Your committee would also report that they think it would be highly advisable to provide for the laying of an additional 12 inch main in the near future from York's Hill to the Upper Canal Bridge. It must be borne in mind that the water supply of the town is dependent on one main pipe and should an accident occur to the present main our water supply would be shut off, perhaps for days. The additional main would also keep up the pressure at the higher levels of the Town. The supply of water is very weak at the highest localities and at times the supply is entirely cut off, when there is a heavy draught on the main in the lower portions of the Town.

THOS. G. STEVENS,
Chairman.

WATER MAINS IN USE December 31st. 1903.

Streets	20in.	12in.	10in.	8in.	6in.	4in.	2in.	1½in.	lin.
From Gate House	2,340								
To Canal Bridge		10,260							
Ochterloney			2,422	519		200			
Water				735	1,085				
Quarrel					1,476	280			
Portland				212	4,772	235			
Pleasant				3,932					
Albert					381	132			
James						500			
Maitland						600			
Pr. Albert Rd				1,480	411	320			
Pine				1,166		280			
Tulip					880	649			
Dahlia					1,067	197			
Oak					252				
Crichton Avenue					800				
Myrtle						444			
Victoria Road					30	340			
Dundas						580			
Wentworth						480			
King				580	1,040	240			
Edward						280			
Prince					520				
Edward						580			
Boggs						292			
Green						300			
South Ferry dock					172				
North						350			
Stairs					418				
Upper Water					2,240				
Wentworth running east							220		
Dundas								229	
Prince									240
Brenton						249			
Maple					987				
Paul						259			
Beresford Ave				250					
Church					889				
Total,	2,340	10,260	2,422	8,874	18,460	6,967	230	229	240

MAIN SEWERS IN USE December 31st, 1903.

Streets	Concrete.					
	No. ft. 6in.	No. ft. 9in.	No. ft. 12in.	No. ft. 15in.	No. ft. 24in.	No. ft. 20x30.
Maple.....		985				
Prince.....		430				
Edward.....	147	222	292			
Stairs.....		228	870			
North.....		200				300
King.....		1,291				
Water.....			1,529			295
Wentworth.....		826				
Dundas.....		432	255			
Victoria Road.....	500	105	274	285		
Boggs.....		293		160		
Green.....		300				
Portland.....		3,217	1,414	700		
Quarrell.....		1,258		300		
Ochterloney.....		442	1,181	590		
Pr. Albert Rd.....		2,302		737		
Pleasant.....		983	445			
Myrtle.....		532				
Pine.....		585	875			
Dahlia.....		200	1,067			
Tulip.....		857				
Maple.....		945				
James.....		500				
Pine to Och. on school lot.....		426				
Albert.....		419				
Across corner to Port- land street.....		261				
Maitland.....					850	
Brenton.....		249				
Paul.....		259				
Beresford Ave.....		250				
Up. Water.....		287				
Total	647	18,299	8,203	2,772	850	595

LOCATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS IN THE TOWN OF
DARTMOUTH.

Where		Location.
No.	made. Street.	
1	Y Water.	West side at south end of street.
2	L	On railway at South ferry wharf.
3	Y Water.	West side of Post Office:
4	L "	On Ferry property near machine shop.
5	Y "	West side, corner of Quarrell street.
6	Y "	West side, corner Ochterloney street.
7	Y "	West side, corner North street
8	Y "	West side, corner Stairs etreet.
9	L Up. Water	East side, at I. C. R. Station.
10	W "	West side; at end of Geary street.
11	W "	East side, corner Mott street.
12	W "	West side, at end of Best street.
13	W "	East side, opposite Muir's Corn mill.
14	Y Prince	West side, at corner Boggs street.
15	Y Edward	West side, corner of North street,
16	Y King.	West side, opposite Marine Railway.
17	Y "	West side, between Boggs and Portland street.
18	Y Wentworth	West side, corner Green street
19	Y "	East side, between North and Church streets.
20	Y Portland	North side, opposite end of Prince streets.
21	Y "	North side, corner of King street.
22	Y "	North side, corner Wentworth street
23	Y "	North side, corner of Dundas street
24	Y "	North side, corner Victoria Road
25	Y "	North side, corner of Pr. Albert Rd.
26	Y "	South side, corner Maitland street
27	Y "	North side, corner of Hawthorne street
28	Y "	North side, corner of Mackay street
29	Y "	North side, 300 feet north of old Ferry Road
30	Y "	North side, at head of old Ferry Road.
31	W Quarrell	North side, corner of Edward street
32	Y "	North side, corner of King street
33	Y "	North side, corner Dundas street
34	Y Ochterloney	South side, on Douglas's Wharf
35	Y "	North side, corner of Edward street
36	Y "	North side, corner of King street
37	Y "	North side, corner of Wentworth street
38	Y "	North side, corner Dundas street
39	Y "	North side, corner Pine street
40	Y "	North side, corner of Maple street
41	Y Church	North side, corner of King street

42	Y	Dahlia	North side, corner of Maple street
43	W	"	North side, corner of Beech street
44	Y	Tulip	North side, corner of Maple street
45	Y	"	North side, corner Beech street
46	Y	"	North side, corner of Oak street
47	Y	Pine	East side, corner of Myrtle street
48	Y	"	East side, corner of Dahlia street
49	Y	"	East side, corner of Tulip street
50	W	Crichton Ave	North side, corner of Oak street
51	W	"	South side, at H Roman's n. e. line
52	Y	Pr. Albt. Rd	East side, near Matheson's Mill
53	Y	"	East side, east end Starr Mfg Co's works.
54	Y	"	East side, corner Pleasant street
55	Y	"	East side, corner Eaton Avenue
56	Y	"	South side, nearly opposite Nowlan street
57	Y	Pleasant	East side, corner of Erskine street
58	Y	"	East side, corner of Portland street
59	Y	"	East side, 300 ft. south of Portland street
60	Y	"	East side, near J. W. Allison's coach house
61	Y	"	East side, opposite entrance to Soap and Spice works
62	Y	"	South side, near entrance to Dr. Parker's residence
63	Y	Pleasant	East side, near entrance to B. Russell's
64	Y	"	East side, near entrance to C. H. Harvey's residence
65	Y	"	East side, near C. H. Harvey's Lodge
66	Y	"	South side, at junction of Old Ferry Road
67	W	Albert	West side, 380 ft. from Pleasant street.
68	Y	Maitland	West side, near E. L. Thorne's residence
69	W	Quarrell	Corner Victoria road, near Gates' carpenter shop
70	W	Victoria Rd.	corner Ochterloney street
71	W	Quarrell street,	corner Wentworth street
72	W	King street,	corner Boggs
73	W	Prince Albert road,	West side 200 ft. from R. R. track on property of Dartmouth Rolling Mills Co. marked on fence 'hydrant.'

THE ABOVE HYDRANTS WERE MANUFACTURED BY

Burrill Johnson Iron Co.,	Yarmouth,	marked Y.
Londonderry Iron Co.,	"	L.
Windsor Foundry Co.,	"	W.

MATERIAL AND TOOLS ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1903.

WATER PIPES—22 lengths 6 inch pipe, 2 lengths 20 inch pipe	
5 " 12 " " 2 " 10 " "	
2 " 8 " " 7 " 4 " "	\$ 367 08
56 square feet of Brass Screen Cloth.....	16 80
38 feet Tinned Screen Cloth.....	15 20
Valves—Four 8 inch, and two 6 inch.....	100 00
SEWER PIPES—609 feet of 9 inch, 105 feet of 6 inch	
15 feet of 4 inch, 10 feet of 18 inch.....	145 89
JUNCTIONS Two 9x9, Two 9x9 square, Three 6x9, One 6x6	8 80
C. I. SPECIALS—Five 6 off 8, Two 6 off 12, One 4 off 10	
Two 6 off 10, One 4 off 12, One 6 off 6.....	93 60
SPLIT SLEEVES—Two 8 inch, One 6 inch, Two 4 inch, One 12 inch..	17 55
SOLID SLEEVES—Two 20 inch, One 12 inch, One 10 inch	
Seven 8 inch, Two 6 inch, Two 4 inch.....	49 50
Hydrants, two, from Windsor Foundry Co.,	80 00
One pipe for tanks	5 00
Brass castings	50 00
Iron castings	12 00
Two one inch meters.....	43 00
Pipe fitting tools	45 00
Drilling machine and drills.....	32 00
Pipe tapping machine.....	95 00
Ten stand pipes	10 00
Twenty-seven feet half inch hose.....	3 00
Four lanterns	2 50
Two grindstones.....	5 00
Steel tape.....	5 00
Die and wrench.....	9 00
One vice (bench)	6 00
One vice (complete).....	1 00
Three bales oakum	7 00
One wheel barrow.....	4 50
One hose reel.....	15 00
Hose (cost).....	150 00
Diaphon pump.....	12 00
Dynamite thawing tank.....	5 00
One electric battery	12 00
Taps and dies $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ in.....	14 00
Blasting tools	15 00
Shovels, scoops and picks.....	31 00
Chain lift and fitting.....	35 00
Two pressure gauges.....	16 00
One engineer's level.....	80 00
One engineer's transit	150 00
Tools (other)	30 00

Total.....\$1794 42

List of Water Consumers

Houses including Engine House and Town Hall.....	664
W. C	269
Shops.....	33
Horses and cows.....	137
Hose for washing windows.....	55
Hose for washing waggons.....	14
Hose for Livery Stables.....	7
Barber shops.....	2
Laundries	2
Fish market.....	1
Motors	5
Gardens and additional taps.....	10
Mills and factories.....	7
Dartmouth Ferry Commission.....	
I. C. Railway.....	
Judge's water boats.....	
Halifax Graving Dock Co.,.....	
Acadia Sugar Refining Co.,.....	
Nova Scotia Hospital.....	

DARTMOUTH,

Jan. 18th, 1904.

To Chairman Board of Health.

SIR :—I beg to report that the Town is at present in a healthy condition. During the past year Diphtheria has occurred in the following Sts., Wentworth, Rose, Tulip, Hester, Boggs and Beech. The erection of a hospital for infectious diseases is greatly to be desired. In one house where five cases were under treatment one succumbed, owing to crowded surroundings. There are still a number of houses, not connected with the water system, this should receive immediate attention, irrespective of sewerage connections. These remarks will apply to the North end of the Town. In the centre of the Town many complaints have been made against house holders, whose properties are not connected with the sewerage system.

During the summer the water has at times, been very noticeable in a fishy sense.

The Health Inspectors should still be appreciated by the Board owing to their unassuming manner in bearing the vituperations of irate neighbours.

I have the honor to remain,

T. MILSOM, M. D., M. O.

Auditor's Report.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.

January 8, 1904.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Councillors of the Town
of Dartmouth.*

GENTLEMEN :—We beg to hand you our final report for the year ended December, 31st, 1903.

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, 1903.

We find all in order and correct.

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

We hand you the accompanying certified statements, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, showing the different services of the Town, together with statements (certified) for Ferry Interest and Expenses Tax Sale Fund.

We give below memorandum in regard to statements No. 1, 2, 3, and 6, showing the actual receipts and expenditure for the year, January 1st, 1903, to December 31st, 1903, taken off these statements.

No. 1—ORDINARY SERVICES OF THE TOWN.

Receipts for year 1903.....	\$30258 85.
Expenditure for year 1903.....	28266 93.

No. 2—WATER MAINTENANCE.

Receipts for year 1903.....	\$ 9995 86.
Expenditure for year 1903.....	9475 78.

No. 3—WATER AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Receipts for year 1903.....	\$ 5540 30.
Expenditure for year 1903.....	4096 89.

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

Receipts for year 1903.....	\$ 8737 25.
Expenditure for year.....	9449 58.

Herewith we hand you a list of the vouchers for payments made during the year 1903.

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 Dec. 31st, 1903.**

RECEIPTS.

Assessment	1900.....	\$	2 82	
	1901.....		429 87	
4200	1902.....		2919 73	
	1903.....		22165 72	
				\$ 25518 14
Poll Tax	1900.....	\$	2 00	
	1901.....		6 50	
1350	1902.....		192 90	
	1903.....		1501 38	
				\$ 1702 78
School Tax, (Halifax)	1901.....	\$	14 30	
	1902.....		173 00	
	1903.....		782 16	
				\$ 979 46
School Tax O. D.	1899.....	\$	1 35	
	1900.....		2 38	
	1901.....		3 00	
	1902.....		85 44	
	1903.....		226 03	
				\$ 318 20
230 Licenses	Auction	\$	30 00	
	Exhibition		16 00	
	Junk.....		18 00	
	Traders.....		136 00	
	Truck.....		62 00	
	Hackney		35 50	
				\$ 297 50
200 Dog Tax	.....			214 00
Poundage	.....			5 75
100 Fines	.....			137 00
300 Court Fees	.....			282 44
30 Common Rent	.....			20 81
Expenses Tax Sale	.....			70 15
Poor For Maintenance Pauper	.....			46 40
Lunatics—Maintenance at Hospital for Insane...	.....			189 30
Liquor License Fund—Halifax Brewetics, Ltd..	.....			150 00

Contingent—Lists of Electors.....	\$	5 50	
Tax Deeds		2 00	
Return from Delegation to Toronto..		24 00	
School Board prop. printing, Town			
Report		9 10	
Ferry Com. for prop. printing, Town			
Report		5 60	
School Board rent of Council Room.		8 50	
Sundries		6 70	
			\$ 61 40
Interest—On overdue taxes.....	\$	13 06	
From School Board.....		207 36	
			\$ 220 42
Streets For broken stone.....	\$	41 35	
For carting earth.....		3 75	
			\$ 45 10
Balance			2767 40
			<u>\$ 33026 25</u>

EXPENDITURE.

4759 Balance ..			\$ 4759 32
2364 Salaries—Stipendiary Magistrate.....	\$	300 00	
Recorder.....		300 00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer.....		1050 00	
Assistant do		60 00	
Messenger.....		90 42	
Assessors.....		300 00	
Auditors.....		100 00	
			\$ 2350 42
1630 Police—Chief of Police Salary.....	\$	550 00	
No. 2		450 00	
No. 3		350 00	
Clothing allowance		150 00	
Lighting		42 42	
Prisoners meals.....		12 15	
Stove Service.....		10 25	
Telephone		25 00	
Fuel		65 40	
Bookcase for Police Office.....		9 25	
B dding		3 60	
Handcuffs		5 60	
Extra Police		45 14	
Cleaning and Sundries		10 80	
			\$ 1729 51
25 Cemetery Whitewashing fence	\$	6 82	
Cleaning roads		22 00	
			\$ 28 82

Pumps and Wells—Repairs to Well &c		9 00
1040 Lunatics—Maintenance at Hospital for Insane 15 months to June 30th, 1903..\$	1116 86	
Lunacy certificate.....	5 00	
	—	\$ 1121 86
700 Contingent—Electric Light, Town Hall	\$ 22 64	
Fuel " "	196 55	
Telephone " "	65 53	
Cab Hire	17 55	
Advertising, printing and stat.....	191 03	
Four Death certificates and recover- ing body.....	20 60	
Delegates travelling expenses, re shipbuilding	240 00	
Legal expenses re Williams and Halifax Breweries	35 50	
Revisors Electoral Lists	45 00	
" Jury "	30 00	
A. Hutchinson for Interest land sold at Tax Sale.....	25 00	
Plumbing Town Hall.....	22 55	
P. O. Box.....	1 50	
Morning Chronicle	5 00	
Patriot	1 00	
Rent of Reform Club Hall.....	6 00	
Rent of Box Royal Bank	10 00	
Election Expenses	35 00	
Cleaning and Sundries.....	123 95	
	—	\$ 1094 40
80 Liquor License Fund—Legal expenses.....\$	10 00	
Inspector's Salary 3 mos.	15 00	
Advertising	2 50	
	—	\$ 27 50
100 Reading Room		100 00
10654 Schools		10654 00
834 County Rates		822 63
250 Dartmouth Park		250 00
300 Watering Streets		240 25
996 Fire Department—Engineer's Salary	\$ 150 00	
Fuel, Oil &c	147 98	
Electric Lighting	63 11	
Hauling Engine and Reels...	82 50	
Wire Rope and Washers	11 40	
Telephone	46 50	
Hardware	6 07	
Sundry Repairs.....	5 92	
Stove Service.....	35 33	
Cab hire.....	5 00	
New Oil Suits and repairs.....	62 65	
Repairs Hose Reels..	25 00	

	Repairs Ladder Waggon.....	48 50	
	Fire Hose.....	275 00	
	Grant Axe and Ladder Co.....	20 00	
	Cleaning and Sundries.....	7 33	
			\$ 992 29
710 Public Property—	Balance contract alterations		
	Engine House \$131.00		
	Extras \$66.40.....	\$ 197 40	
	Painting Vestibule Town Hall	20 00	
	Painting Town Hall.....	82 44	
	Repairing Vault door Supt's.		
	Office.....	18 49	
	Furnishing Town Hall.....	95 85	
	Electric wiring Engine house.	8 25	
	Alterations Town Hall.....	365 11	
	Sundry repairs.....	17 83	
			\$ 805 37
573 Interest—	On Consol. Debt. 12 moths on		
	\$10,000. at 4%.....	\$ 400 00	
	On Consol. Debt. 12 mos. on		
	\$7,000. at 4%.....	280 00	
	On Overdraft.....	109 46	
			\$ 789 46
3815 Streets—	Superintendent's Salary.....	\$ 300 00	
	Labor.....	2591 70	
	Lumber.....	161 01	
	Hardware and Castings.....	55 82	
	Repairs Stonebreaker.....	12 67	
	Rent of Canal Property.....	250 00	
	Oil.....	12 87	
	Dynamite.....	31 85	
	Street Roller.....	52 70	
	Street Rods.....	27 00	
	Blacksmith.....	18 00	
	Sundries.....	12 62	
			\$ 3526 24
1325 Poor—	Maintenance at County Poor Farm, 12		
	months to June 30th, 1903.....	\$ 650 81	
	Board of paupers.....	91 33	
	Fuel and Supplies to Poor.....	262 45	
	Dispensary Grant.....	60 00	
	Burial expenses.....	3 25	
	Cab hire.....	12 25	
	Board, A. Tynes at Industrial School.....	60 00	
	Board, E. Morris at D. and Dumb Instn.	75 00	
	Sundries.....	50	
			\$ 1215 59

200 Public Health - Medical Officer's Salary.....	\$ 100 00	
Watching	1 00	
Anti-Toxine &c.....	34 70	
Rent of house for Temporary Hospital.....	28 00	
Sundries.....	3 60	
		\$ 167 30
Taxes refunded.....		6 00
400 Board of Health (Smallpox 1902)		400 00
Expenses Tax Sale.....		83 50
1900 Street Lighting.....		1840 94
Court Fees		11 85
200 Regatta Fund		
300 Victoria Road		
200 Town Plan.....		
		<u>\$ 33026 25</u>

Examined and found correct

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

Dartmouth January 7th, 1904.

No. 2.

**Water Maintenance Account for the Year Ended
Dec. 31st, 1903.**

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates	\$ 8075 31
Sewer Interest.....	800 00
Interest on Sinking Fund	1069 60
Accrued interest on bonds sold.....	50 95
Balance	419 33
	<u>\$ 10415 19</u>

EXPENDITURE.

January 1st, 1903, Balance.....	\$ 936 41
Salaries:—Clerk and Treasurer.....	\$200 00
Assistant	173 32
Supt. Water Works.....	700 00
Chief of Police.....	75 00
Policeman No. 2	50 00
	<u>\$ 1198 32</u>

- Interest on Bonds	\$ 7035 50
- Interest on Overdraft, Union Bank	169 55
- Labor	260 08
- Work on road near Lamont Lake	75 39
- Plumbing repairs	13 39
- Printing and paper	65 21
- N. E. W. W. Association dues	6 00
- Municipal Engineering Magazine	7 95
- Material and sundries	86 83
- P. Douglass, rent of water main	15 00
- Legal expenses	15 00
- Plates for water report	19 13
- Cab hire	39 00
- Drawing instruments	5 00
- Sinking Fund, refunded accrued interest on bonds purchased	51 71
- Paid W. & S. Construction Acct. for new work	400 00
- Interest accrued on Glace Bay bonds purchased for Sinking Fund	1 72
- Repairs to Hose Reel	14 00
	<u>\$ 10415 19</u>

No. 3.

Water and Sewer Construction Account, for Year Ended December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Drain Pipe sold	\$ 70 83
From property owners for W. & S. connections	169 47
For bonds sold, \$5000. at 98 (20 years, 4%)	4900 00
Water Maintenance Account, for new work	400 00
Balance, Dec. 31st, 1903	3566 64
	<u>-\$ 9106 94</u>

EXPENDITURE.

- January 1st, 1903, Balance	\$5010 05
- Trenching, labor, repairs, etc	2142 33
- Water pipe and other material	1430 02
- I. C. R. freight on drain pipe	105 00
- Five hydrants and freight on do	201 30
- Interest on overdraft at Union Bank	218 24 ✓
	<u>-\$ 9106 94</u>

No. 4.

Sinking Fund Account, December 31st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Sewer Frontage—Received to Dec. 31, 1898	\$ 14578 04
Received to Dec. 31, 1899	1297 28
Received to Dec. 31, 1900	1282 63
Received to Dec. 31, 1901	2148 97
Received to Dec. 31, 1902	2488 40
Received to Dec. 31, 1903	2544 09
	\$ 24339 41
Discount on bonds invested June 1, 1903	130 00
Interest on amount in Union Bank	88 13
	\$ 24557 54

INVESTMENTS.

Municipal Bonds—County of Lunenburg	\$3000 00
Municipality of Lunenburg	500 00
Town of Lunenburg	1000 00
Sch. Dis. of Moncton	3000 00
Town of Parrsboro	3000 00
Town of Windsor	3000 00
	\$13500 00
Premium on bonds	474 50
Exchange	10 00
Municipal Bonds—Town of Springhill	\$3000 00
Town of Bridgewater	2000 00
Town of Liverpool	2000 00
Town of Glace Bay	2000 00
	\$ 9000 00
Accrued interest on above bonds	51 71
Water Bonds, redeemed and destroyed	800 00
Interest on amount in Savings Bank, paid over to Water Maintenance Account	88 13
Balance, Union Bank Savings Department	633 20
	\$24557 54

Board of Health Account. (Smallpox 1902.)

For year ended December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

From Town of Dartmouth, per assessment of 1903...	\$ 400 00	
Balance	1545 43	
	\$ 1945 43	

EXPENDITURE.

Balance...	\$ 1854 04	
J. R. Graham for meat.....	6 94	
Alex. Hutchinson for ice.....	1 40	
Union Bank, interest on overdraft to July 31st, 1903...	83 05	
	\$ 1945 43	

Tax Sale Fund.

December 31st, 1903.

Balance	\$ 164 02	
Received:—		
Mrs. Bigelow—Surplus proceeds sale this property for Taxes of 1901 at Tax Sale held Dec. 17th, 1903. Property sold for.....	\$ 17 00	
Less taxes and expense.....	16 06	
	94	
Union Bank, interest on deposit to July 31st, 1903.....	10 06	
	\$ 175 02	
Paid:—		
James A. Shaw, amount surplus proceeds sale B. M. Davidson lot at Tax Sale held Dec. 30th, 1902, said James A. Shaw being the owner.....	\$ 9 12	
Balance, Union Bank Savings Dept.....	165 90	
	\$ 175 02	

Ferry Interest Account.

Year ended December 31st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

January 1st, 1903 Balance	\$ 360 00
Received from Dartmouth Ferry Commission.....	7510 00
	\$ 7870 00

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Coupons	\$7172 50
Balance.....	697 50
	\$ 7870 00

Liquor License Fund.

William McKenzie, License Inspector, in account with Dartmouth
Liquor License Fund.

1903.

April 6. To fine and costs paid by T. Farrell.....	\$100 00
" 18. To license fee paid by George Oland	140 00
June 10. To fine and costs paid by V. Murphy.....	51 25
July 21. To fine and costs paid by V. Marphy	21 00
	\$ 312 25

1903.

June 2. By quarter's salary, License Inspector	\$ 15 00
By witness fees	50
June 20. By paid T. Notting, legal expenses.....	30 00
Sept. 8. By quarter's salary, License Inspector.....	15 00
Oct. 3. By license fee returned to George Oland.....	140 00
Dec. 1. By quarter's salary, License Inspector	15 00
Dec. 31. By Balance	96 75
	\$ 312 25

58	J. Ritchie & Co., Stove Service.....	9 30
61	Town Officers, Salaries.....	359 41
62	Pay List.....	31 25
63	F. Scarfe, Mayor, Delegate to Toronto	80 00
64	Pay List.....	23 06
65	Electric Light Co.....	164 52
66	J. A. Hunt, Hauling Coke.....	8 00
67	James Simmonds and Co., Hardware	7 21
68	Connolly and Davidson, Stationery.....	13 33
69	Pay List.....	46 01
76	Jas. Simmonds & Co., Hardware.....	7 40
77	Chronicle Pub. Co., Subscription.....	5 00
79	Dartmouth Rolling Mills, Ltd., Rent of Water Power.....	50 00
83	Pay List.....	60 50
84	Jas. P. Dunn, Stove Service.....	15 95
86	Revisors, Jury Lists	30 00
87	Assessors, Salary.....	300 00
88	P. Innis, Rent of house.....	28 00
89	J. G. Mitchell, Groceries.....	9 50
90	Town Officers, Salaries.....	321 99
95	Halifax Coal Co., Coal.....	26 25
96	Forsyth Jr., Supples.....	7 00
99	School Board, on acct.....	3000 00
100	Pay List.....	83 35
101	John Bowes, Printing.....	13 50
102	Sutherland Bros., Groceries.....	5 97
103	Electric Light Co.....	161 17
104	Pay List.....	115 50
105	I. C. Railway, Freight	9 00
106	Pay List	96 79
107	Pay List	112 82
108	Town Officers, Salaries	321 99
109	Interest, Consol Debt	200 00
111	Halifax Protestant Industrial School, Keep &c. A. Tynes.....	60 00
112	Lighting	160 30
113	Pay List	140 01
114	Dartmouth Pub. & Printing Co., Printing	27 80
117	Thos. Tynes, Cleaning.....	5 00
119	Contingent, March and April.....	17 62
121	D. Archibald, Sheriff	10 50
123	Douglass & Co., Pattern for Wheel.....	8 40
124	Edw. Warner, Watering Streets	72 00
126	Pay List.....	118 00
127	Halifax Coal Co., Coal.....	84 00
128	Edw. Warner, Hauling Engine and Reels.....	61 50
129	H. A. Benjamin & Sons, Plank	143 59
132	Pay List.....	107 34
133	Jas. Burbridge, Wages.....	6 57
134	Interest, Consol Debt.....	140 00
135	Pay List.....	116 81
136	Canada Foundry Co, Electro Plated Gates.....	18 00

137	Pay List.....	68 60
138	Town Officers, Salaries.....	358 89
139	School Board, Account Estimate.....	2327 00
143	Edw. Warner, Fuel.....	16 50
145	Mosher & Conrod, Repairs to Town Hall.....	56 04
146	A. Hutchinson, Interest in Lands.....	25 00
147	Pay List.....	112 03
148	Lighting.....	159 30
149	Pay List.....	131 85
150	Pay List.....	124 66
152	Pay List.....	134 97
153	Town Officers, Salaries.....	319 82
157	Geo. Chapman, Watchman.....	23 14
158	Pay List.....	59 40
159	W. G. Nichols.....	5 00
160	Board of paupers.....	8 00
162	Board of paupers.....	12 00
163	Halifax County Board of paupers Poor Farm.....	350 86
164	Dartmouth Rolling Mills, Rent water Power.....	50 00
165	Edw. Warner, Watering Streets.....	55 50
166	Forsyth Jr., Supplies to the Poor.....	6 00
167	J. E. Walker " " ".....	17 00
168	Austen Bros., " for Streets.....	21 40
169	James Simmonds & Co., Hardware &c.....	64 37
171	Dartmouth Machine & Forge Co., Ltd., Shafting &c.....	19 20
172	Dr. M. A. B. Smith, Lunacy Certificate.....	5 00
173	A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery.....	15 50
174	Dartmouth Electric Light Co.....	158 30
175	Pay List.....	69 32
177	T. C. Allen, Stationery.....	6 14
178	Geo. Chapman, Night Watchman.....	22 00
182	Contingent Account, May and June.....	10 17
183	Tower & Lyon, Handcuffs and Expressage.....	10 95
184	Pay List.....	145 52
187	Halifax Dispensary, Grant for 1903.....	60 00
188	Pay List.....	47 43
189	Town Officers, Salaries.....	319 82
190	Pay List.....	29 54
191	W. H. Stevens, Drugs.....	34 70
192	G. A. Ormon, Supplies to Poor.....	38 00
196	Contingent Account for July and August.....	13 96
197	T. Gentles & Sons, Supplies to Poor.....	5 05
198	Pay List.....	21 70
199	Dart. Pub. & Printing Co., Advertising and Printing.....	15 50
200	J. Ritchie & Co., Stove Service.....	22 55
201	Dartmouth Electric Co., Lighting.....	159 67
202	Pay List.....	15 54
203	Pay List.....	5 70
204	Harrington & Fullerton, Legal expenses.....	25 00
205	N. S. Hospital, Maintenance Patients.....	1806 93
206	Pay List.....	19 72

286	E. Aker, Board of woman	8 00
287	Institution for Deaf and Dumb, 1 pupil, 1 year	75 00
288	Town Officers, Salaries	319 82
290	Interest, Consolidated debt	200 00
291	Edw. Warner, Hauling Engine, Reel, &c.	15 00
292	School Board, on acct. Estimate	1664 00
293	Dartmouth Electric Light Co., Lighting	175 62
294	Pay List	13 37
295	County of Halifax. Proportion of county assessment, 1903..	822 63
296	Pay List	12 34
297	Town Officers, Salaries	357 48
299	Blackadar Bros., Advertising	31 75
300	Mrs. W. H. Green, Cab Hire	6 05
301	Jas. P. Dunn, Stove Service	19 73
304	S. B. Dares, Supplies to Poor	14 61
305	G. C. DeWolfe & Son., Supplies to Poor &c.,	5 50
307	Halifax Coal Co., Fuel	7 56
308	The Royal Bank of Canada, Rent of Safe Deposit Box	10 00
309	W. McKenzie, Prisoners Meals	9 60
310	School Board, Balance of Estimate for School	2663 00
312	Wm. Levy, Carpenter Work	5 25
313	Contingent Account, December	19 04
319	Black Bros. & Co., Ltd., Dynamite &c.,	21 85

Dog Tax Paid for Year Ended December 31st, 1903.

NAME OF OWNER	TAX.	NAME OF OWNER	TAX.
1902		Day, John.....	1 00
Braudis, Mrs. T	\$ 1 00	Devan, V.....	1 00
Whebbly, Jos. P.....	1 00	DeYoung, D.....	1 00
1903.		Dunbrack, Peter.....	1 00
Allison, J. W.....	1 00	Day, Walter.....	1 00
Austen, P. G.....	1 00	Dewar, Miss M	1 00
Austen, H. E.....	2 00	Drury, John.....	1 00
Allen, Jr. John	1 00	Eagar, R.F.....	1 00
Acker, Miss E.....	1 00	Elliot, Alfd.....	1 00
Angwin, Frank.....	1 00	Elliot, John S.....	1 00
Black, S. H.....	1 00	Edwards, Mrs. E.....	1 00
Baylis, Henry.....	1 00	Ferguson, W. H.....	1 00
Behan, Martin.....	1 00	Flinn, J. C.....	1 00
Barss, W. L.....	1 00	Forbes, W. N.....	1 00
Brennan, Dan'l.....	1 00	Findlay, John.....	1 00
Bishop, W. L.....	1 00	Findlay, Saml.....	1 00
Bowser, J. T.....	1 00	Findlay, Geo.....	1 00
Barry, Wm. A.....	1 00	Foston, Sr. Geo.....	1 00
Boston Fred'k	1 00	Fillis, Geo.....	1 00
Brown, Wm.....	1 00	Foston, Jr. Jas.....	1 00
Belfontain, Geo.....	1 00	Fraser, C. A.....	1 00
Barry Andrew.....	1 00	Flint, Sha'k.....	1 00
Bonang, Chas.....	1 00	Foston, Thos.....	1 00
Behan, Thos.....	1 00	Fraser, Alex.....	1 00
Brown, Jos.....	1 00	Frazer, J. C. P.....	1 00
Borden, Chas.....	1 00	Graham, Timothy.....	1 00
Coleman, J. B.....	1 00	Green, John	1 00
Cameron, Jas.....	1 00	Gray, Edwin.....	1 00
Chittick, Mrs. J.....	1 00	Gammon, Wm. A.....	1 00
Chapman, Geo.....	2 00	Glendinning, Henry.....	2 00
Carter, Mrs. Job.....	1 00	Gandier, Mrs. Geo. G.....	1 00
Conrod, S. M.....	1 00	Graham, Wm.....	1 00
Conrod, John E.....	1 00	Graham, Mrs. Capt.....	1 00
Coats, Wm.....	1 00	Gates, Lamont.....	1 00
Cole, Mrs.....	1 00	Heffernan, Mrs. John.....	1 00
Creighton H. S.....	1 00	Huxtable, A. W.....	1 00
Chapman, Mary.....	1 00	Hutchinson, Albert.....	1 00
Debay, John.....	1 00	Hill, Lewis F.....	1 00
Durney, Henry.....	1 00	Hall, Geo.....	1 00
Devan, Mich'l.....	1 00	Hall, Harry.....	1 00
Dunn, Arthur	1 00	Hill, Thos.....	1 00
Drysdale, Mrs. Chas.....	1 00	Hunt, John	1 00
Dumaresq, W.....	1 00	Hill, Arthur.....	1 00
Douglass, Jas.....	1 00	Herman, John.....	1 00
		Hutchinson, Geo.....	1 00
		Hilton, Geo.....	1 00

NAME OF OWNER	TAX.	NAME OF OWNER	Trx
Harvey, C. H	1 00	Newman, C. L	1 00
Innes, Ralph	1 00	Newberry, W. H	1 00
Johnston, Prescott	1 00	Nicholson, Alex	1 00
Johnston, Jas	1 00	Noonan, A. E	1 00
Jackson, Clarence	1 00	Naus, W. J	1 00
Keddy, Jas	1 00	O'Hanley, Frank	1 00
Keefe, John	1 00	Otto, Geo	1 00
Kane, Howard	1 00	Owens, Rich'd	1 00
Keddy, Henry	1 00	Preeper, Thos	1 00
Keddy, David	1 00	Pearce, Sr. Wm	1 00
Kingswood, Fred	1 00	Prescott, John	1 00
Landsburg, G. H	1 00	Pauley E. J. H	1 00
Logan, Mrs. Henry	1 00	Patterson, Alex	1 00
Lavers, W. G	1 00	Romans, Henry	1 00
Levy Sr. Wm	1 00	Regan, John	1 00
Landsburg, Angus	1 00	Richards, Thos	1 00
Leahy, Mrs. Cath	1 00	Robinson, Mrs	2 00
Leahy, Jas, F	1 00	Richards, John	1 00
Lynch, Mrs. I	1 00	Roche, Isaac	1 00
Leahy, Michl	1 00	Staples, Geo	1 00
Lloy, Alex	1 00	Shrum, Jas	1 00
Leadley, L. M	1 00	Stewart, Mrs. Esther	1 00
Linterman, Wm	1 00	Shorten, Wm	1 00
Meredith, Wm. J	1 00	Smith, Alonzo	1 00
Morton, Robt	1 00	Shrum, Jos. H	1 00
Monaghan Geo	1 00	Stewart, D	1 00
Murray, Dennis	1 00	Sterns, Geo. A	1 00
Mosher, Geo	1 00	Sawler, Percy	1 00
Miller, Gordon	1 00	Sawler, Owen	1 00
Mutch, John	1 00	Smith, Chas	1 00
Miller, Miss Caroline	1 00	Stanford, Robt	1 00
Mumford, F. T	1 00	Smith, Harry B	1 00
Myers, John	1 00	Swaffer, Alf'd	1 00
Murphy, Victoria	1 00	Sievert, W. E	1 00
McLeod Robt	1 00	Shrum, Edw	1 00
McKenzie, Miss M	1 00	Simmonds Roland	1 00
McDonald, Allan	1 00	Symonds, Mrs	1 00
McDow, Robt	1 00	Stewart, T. O	1 00
McDow, Chas	1 00	Trueb, Jacob	1 00
McElman, Robt	1 00	Trider Jas	1 00
McLennan, Edwd	1 00	Trethewey, Chas	1 00
McDow, Wm	1 00	Tuttle, W. L	1 00
McKenna, Peter	1 00	Tobin, Jas	1 00
McMann, R. C	1 00	Underwood, Rev. Chas	1 00
McAdam John	1 00	Veck, Geo	1 00
McElman, E. H	1 00	Vossnack, Oscar	1 00
McDonald, W	1 00	VanBuskirk G. E	1 00
McLearn, Jas	1 00	Vidito, J. W	1 00
Neilson, Peter	1 00	Walker Edw	1 00

NAME OF OWNER	TAX.	NAME OF OWNER	TAX.
Whidden W. C	1 00	Wirrell, Sr. Robt	1 00
Walsh, Miss M	1 00	Waddell, M	1 00
Walker, N	1 00	Wright, Albert R	1 00
Whiteley, Mrs. P	1 00	Wilson, John	1 00
Walker, W. H	1 00	White, Thos	2 00
Whebby, Edw	2 00	Walker, Frank W	1 00
Whebby, Jos. P	1 00	Wilkes, David	1 00
Walker, Jas.	1 00	Wilson, D	1 00
Walker, Alfred	1 00	Young, Geo. H	1 00
Webber, Clarence	1 00	Young, Jr. G. W	1 00
Walker, H. R	1 00		
Warner, Jas. S	1 00		
			<u>\$214 00</u>

Dartmouth Municipal Court.

Business for year ended December 31st, 1903.

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

Summonses and Capias.....123

Summonses and Capias served by City (6) and
County (5) on defendants in City and County
of Halifax..... 11

Total number issued.....134

No. of executions issued and served by Town Police
Constables in Dartmouth and Dartmouth
School Section..... 58

Served by City (5) and County (1) Constables on
defendants residing in City and County of Hx. 6

On defendants residing outside the County of Hx... 1

Total number issued..... 65

Report of Committee re County Rates, Adopted by the Council, December 26th, 1902.

The Committee to whom the letter received from County Clerk, dated Nov. 29th, 1902, stating that the City Council of Halifax has signified their desire for a re-arrangement of the County Assessment, was referred, reported that several conferences were held at the County Court House, at which representatives from the City, County and Dartmouth Councils were present, and after considerable discussion of the question at issue it was finally decided that the valuation upon which the proportion of the County estimates of which the City, County and Dartmouth would bear a part would be based on the following valuations :

Halifax \$21,000,000. Halifax would pay 21/26ths, of the County Estimate for Joint account each year.

Dartmouth \$1,650,000. Dartmouth would pay 1.65/26ths, of the County Estimate for joint account each year.

County \$3,350,000. County would pay 3.35/26ths, of the County Estimate for joint account each year.

A committee was appointed to prepare an agreement embodying the above arrangement, viz, F. W. Russell, representing Dartmouth, Alderman McIllreith, representing the City of Halifax, and Stipendiary McDougall representing the County. It was decided that the agreement would be for ten years commencing with 1903, subject, of course, to the approval of all the Councils of the various corporations.

For the purpose of comparison and reference we append a statement showing the valuations agreed upon by arbitration of 1886 :

	Valuations agreed upon 1886.	Actual Assessment of 1886.
Halifax	\$18,000,000.	\$21,092,040.
Dartmouth	1,158,000.	1,195,125.
County	2,842,000.	2,053,721.
	Valuations agreed upon 1902.	Actual Assessment 1902.
Halifax	\$21,000,000.	\$23,391,402.
Dartmouth	1,650,000.	1,929,950.
County	3,350,000.	2,330,849.

The Committee recommended that the Council ratify the agreement made by them on behalf of Dartmouth.

Report of the Board of School Commissioners.

To the Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—The report of Supervisor G. J. Miller, submitted herewith, deals very fully with the management and condition of the schools for the past year. A small decrease will be noticed in the attendance of the pupils registered, but the average is fairly good considering the fluctuating population of the Town. The members of the Board have made monthly visits to the schools, pretty regularly throughout the year, and have become convinced that the character of the work done and the discipline maintained in the different departments are equal to the best known in any of the Public Schools in the Province. The staff consists at present of the Supervisor and 22 Teachers, including the teachers of the Kindergarten and Manual Training departments. Three teachers resigned during the year, namely : Misses E. G. Allen, Grace Moody and M. Currie, and temporary leave of absence was granted to three others, namely : Misses S. Wisdom, M. McKenzie and B. McKay. To provide for these vacancies, the following appointments were made, namely : Misses K. McKay, Isabel Eaton, L. Crimp, Roy Saunders and A. E. Fultz. While changes on the teaching staff are not generally sought for or desired by the Board, yet it is worthy of note that thus far such have not to any great extent proved embarrassing or tended to interfere with the work of the schools, as the supply of duly qualified teachers more than equals the demand and vacancies are easily filled. To the present Board belongs the honor of having launched and set agoing the long talked of Manual Training Department and made it a large feature in our school system. The expenditure connected with the fitting up of a room and providing benches, tools and other equipment necessary to carry on the work in this line of study has increased the expenditure this year

considerably beyond the amount placed in the estimates and yet we believe the cost thus incurred to be fully warranted by the increased benefit accruing to so many youth of our Town, by the establishment of this practical branch of education. The Board were very fortunate in the engagement of Mr. H. W. Hewitt as teacher of this department. His high testimonials and qualifications for the position as well as the present indications shown by the large attendance of pupils and the excellent work being done afford proof, that the organization of this department was timely and in line with present educational demands. The number of pupils enrolled on December 31st, 1903, was 132, Boys, 94 : Girls, 38. The attendance if continued as at present will entitle the Board to receive from the Provincial Government the full allowance provided for payment of teacher's salary. The Kindergarten with its usefulness in developing and training the embryonic senses of the very young children, has beyond doubt permanently established itself in our town and we predict that the Manual Training Department is destined likewise to become a fixed fact in our School System.

From the returns made by our truant officers at the close of the school year, it was apparent that there are many children of school age living in the town who do not attend school the requisite number of days provided by the so-called Truancy Act and others not at all. The Board have taken steps during the year by notifying parents and in other ways to have all the children at school. The result of such efforts have already shown an increased attendance of pupils and a greater interest manifested on the part of parents. The difficulties to effectually carry out the spirit of the Truancy Act are fully pointed out in the Supervisor's Report herewith and that of 1902. The Board are seeking to have the Act amended, and it is hoped that then those classes may be reached and dealt with who at present are neglecting educational privileges upon to them and are likely to become a blot and menace to good citizenship. Early in the year a request was made by the Protestant Ministers of the Town to have a daily reading of the bible and some religious services introduced and made a part of the regular school exercises. As a large number of the pupils

belonged to Catholic families, whose parents conscientiously were opposed to such exercises, and as there was a general feeling among the residents of the town against making any change that would tend to interrupt the harmony and good understanding that had existed for so long in regard to school regulations, the Board declined to accede to the request, granting leave however to the teachers at their option, to hold religious service in their departments after the regular school hours.

Attention is called to that portion of the Supervisor's report, touching upon the need of a more practical course of study in our High School Department, suggesting branches that would largely benefit those intending to enter commercial life. The Halifax School Board have recently established a commercial course in the County Academy. Their example in this respect is well worth considering.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM L. BARSS,

Jan. 1904.

Ch. Bd. School Comuissioners.

Supervisor's Report.

To the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners :

SIR.—I beg to report as follows :—

ATTENDANCE.

The number of pupils registered during the year ended July 1903 was 1163. The number registered during the preceding year 1172—a decrease of 9.

Of this number 583 were boys and 580 girls.

For the previous year the boys numbered 584 and girls 588.

Of the total number enrolled 74 were under 5 years, 1052 between 5 and 15 years, and 37 over 15 years.

For 1902 the corresponding number were 79, 1051, and 42.

The Compulsory School Act places 120 days attendance as the minimum during the school year, which consists of over 200 teaching days.

During 1903 out of the total registration, 64 pupils attended less than 20 days, 138 attended less than 50 days, 115 less than 100 days, 258 less than 150 days, 570 less than 200 days and 20 attended over 200 days.

For 1902 the corresponding figures were 31, 102, 169, 307, 520 and 33.

The number of teaching days in the year was 203.

During the year the total day's attendance made by all the pupils was 151,662.

The total attendance for 1902 was 55,297—a decrease of 3,635 days.

Attendance by Provincial Grades.

K. G.	108
I	277
II	119
III	127
IV	159
V	149
VI	102
VII	55
VIII	35
IX	32
Total.....	<u>1163</u>

The average daily attendance was 744.7. The percentage of pupils daily present was slightly over 64.

For 1902 the average attendance was 761.4 and the percentage 65 nearly.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

At the risk of being guilty of repetition I must again refer to the incompleteness of the Act to enforce attendance.

For some years I have been advocating the necessity of a Provincial Truant School, as the natural and logical sequence of the attendance Act.

I will not inflict upon you a repetition of the arguments in favor of such an institution—These will be found in my last report.

But there are indications which show plainly that there is to be a move in this direction in the near future.

Halifax, the center of Education for the Province is beginning to stir.

The law which sends a truant to a penal institution to associate with criminals, is being criticized in the press; and a proper institution for truants, who are not, as yet, criminals, is being demanded. It is bound to come and the sooner the better.

Permit me therefore, to urge upon the authorities the advisability of consulting with the Halifax School Board, in order that, when the time comes, there may be an intelligent understanding of the subject and of the steps necessary to secure its accomplishment.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Another change which, I think, the times demand and which is being recognized in almost every educational centre, is the adaptation of the school course in the advanced grades, to the needs of business life.

It is claimed that the Academic Course discriminates in favor of professional life and is of little advantage to those adopting a business career.

Already the claims of the mechanic, the miner—the farmer have made themselves heard and Mining, Mechanical and Agricultural Schools established for their benefit.

The rapid increase of business relations—the advances of traffic—the inventions of Science applied to commercial needs—the rapidity with which orders are dispatched—all these demand an increased staff of workers and an increase in skill and intelligence in those who are applicants for admission into the busy “mart” of commerce. With this demand of the time in which we live, we have to reckon.

Academies and High Schools everywhere are recognizing this and adopting “commercial courses” for those of their pupils who require them.

Business men claim that they pay the great bulk of the

money to support the schools. It is not strange, then, that they should desire to see some attention given to those subjects which have a direct bearing on business and its requirements.

The "binomial theorem" or the "pons asinorum" will not be much assistance to a boy when he hangs up his hat in the office, but a thorough drill in Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Letter-writing and Commercial Geography will, at least, give him that feeling of confidence which comes to every one who is familiar with his tools.

This confidence it is the duty of the school to give him.

I would earnestly urge upon the School Board the advisability of revising our course of study in the advanced grades along these lines.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. J. MILLER,

Supervisor.

Staff of Teachers.

December 31st, 1903.

GREENVALE SCHOOL.		APPTD. CLASS. GRADE. SALARY.	
X	G. J. Miller, (Prin. & Supvr.) July 1892 A }		\$1200
X	Miss S. Findlay, (Dpy. Prin.) July 1883 C }	H. S.	450
X	" E. Kennedy..... Jan. 1900 A	8	360
X	" A. Mitchell..... Nov. 1894 D	5	400
X	" M. McKenzie..... July 1895 C	4	400
X	" K. McKay..... July 1903 A	3	300
	" B. Hume..... July 1878 C	2	400
	" B. Hume (V. P.)..... July 1881 C	1	420
X	" M. Hamilton..... April 1890 C	K. G.	450
CENTRAL SCHOOL.			
	Miss B. MacKay (V. P.).... April 1893 C	7	420
X	" B. Thomas..... Nov. 1893 C	6	400
X	" A. Thomas..... July 1898 B	5	380
PARK SCHOOL.			
X	Miss M. Currie (V. P.)..... July 1894 C	6	420
X	" J. Shute..... May 1889 C	4	400
X	" A. Pender..... July 1893 C	2-3	400
X	" E. Moseley..... July 1899 B	1	360
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL.			
X	Miss F. Miller..... July 1901 B	3-4	320
X	" I. Eaton..... July 1903 B	1-2	300
NORTH SCHOOL.			
X	Miss M. Bell..... Jan. 1898 B	4-5	400
X	" L. Crimp..... July 1903 B	1-2-3	300
WOODSIDE SCHOOL.			
X	Miss C. Allen..... Oct. 1902 B	1 to 5	300
STAIRS STREET SCHOOL.			
	Mrs. L. Laidlaw..... July 1897 C	1 to 5	360
MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.			
X	H. W. Hewitt..... July 1903 B		650

Those marked X have Normal School Diplomas.

No. 5

Board of School Commissioners.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from Jan. 1st to
December 31st, 1903.

Estimate.	RECEIPTS.	
2100.	Government Grant to Teachers:—	
	Half year ended Feb. 1903.....	\$1045 00
	Half year ended July, 1903.....	1061 24
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		\$ 2106 24
10654.	Town of Dartmouth, amount of estimate.....	10654.00
	Miss Hamilton, book, etc., for Kindergarten	
	Assistants	12 26
8.40	Interest on School Bank Fund	8 75
	Balance	716 24
		<hr/>
		<u>\$13497 49</u>

Estimate.	EXPENDITURE.	
3.36	Balance, January 1st, 1903.....	\$ 3 36
9160.	Salaries—Teachers.....	\$9116 31
25.	Substitutes	6 00
834.	Janitors.....	840 00
150.	Truant Officers.....	150 00
	Manual Training Teacher.....	270 80
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		10383 11
60.	Treasurer School Bank, salary.....	60 00
50.	Interest on overdraft at Bank.....	71 33
1034.	Interest on Bonds.....	1134 36
160.	Stationery	154 25
140.	Stove service	119 91
75.	Repairs:—Park School	
25.	Fencing at Greenvale.....	61 50
104.	General repairs	62 39
	Plaster & Mason work.....	52 04
	Carpenter work.....	58 45
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		172 88
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		234 38

102.	Insurance premiums.....		95 27
310.	Fuel.....		467 81
50.	Telephone system, renewal and repairs.....		32 13
50.	Cleaning:—Indoor	8 00	
50.	Outaoor	41 25	
		<hr/>	49 25
20.	Water Rates, two years to May 1, 1904.....		40 00
20.	Printing		43 60
200.	Manual Training:—Printing	13 50	
	Cleaning and painting room.....	37 09	
	Work Benches	177 15	
	Tools and hardware supplies.....	227 02	
	Sundries.....	1 71	
		<hr/>	456 47
140.	Contingent:—Framing pictures	6 69	
	Hauling desks.....	6 80	
	Substitute Janitor, Greenvale.....	12 00	
	Blackboard slating.....	3 25	
	Cretonne, Linoleum, Towels, etc..	34 28	
	Elm trees	2 00	
	Felt for blackboard brushes.....	2 06	
	Rent of Council Room.....	6 50	
	Rent of Reform Club Hall.....	6 00	
	Cab hire	10 00	
	Blank Keys	2 30	
	Window irons for Park and North	5 65	
	Brooms, Soap, etc	11 84	
	Electric light Supervisor's office.	8 71	
	Contingent	32 18	
		<hr/>	152 23
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			<u>\$13497 49</u>

Examined and found correct.

A. ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

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

School Bank.

Statement of cash deposited and withdrawn for year ended
December 31st, 1903, by pupils of the Public Schools.

Jan. 1st, 1903. Balance	\$ 282 83	
Dec. 31st, 1903. Deposited during year.....	996 53	
	\$1279 36	
Withdrawn	\$ 96 58	
Transferred to Post Office Savings Bank.....	886 00	
Balance, Special Deposit.....	\$250 00	
Cash in Bank.....	46 78	296 78
	\$1279 36	

A. ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

Report of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

To the Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—The close of the financial year devolves upon me the duty to report on the affairs of the Ferry for the past year, and lay before you a statement of the finances, together with its present condition and future prospects.

The boats have been regularly running throughout the year on the regular schedule time, all the necessary repairs and fittings having been performed from time to time, as circumstances permitted, when relieved from the service—they are in ordinary good repair, any defects having been immediately attended to, as soon as they became apparent. An opportunity was taken during the summer to paint the Chebucto, and fit a new hoisting winch on board. The Dartmouth likewise underwent some extensive reconstruction to the overhanging deck fore and aft. These operations, combined with other causes to make necessary the docking of both boats, largely augmenting the expense for general repairs. The floats, bridges and wharves, both in Halifax and Dartmouth, have been extensively repaired, and some much needed improvements made, —one account for repairs to the Halifax dock alone amounted to \$366. I much regret that the City of Halifax should permit its public wharf adjoining the south side of the ferry dock, to continue in its present state of dilapidation, an eye-sore to all parties entering the city from the eastern part of the Province.

Although the gross income from running the boats during the year amounted to \$55,696, being \$3,101 in excess of 1902, and \$8,089 in excess of 1900, still the expenses amounted to a total of \$54,426, being \$3,002 in excess of 1902, and \$6,819 in excess of 1900, and leaving a bare excess of income of \$1,270. towards meeting debentures of \$2000 due in November last, thus necessitating an increase of \$1,059, to the balance due the bank at the close of the year. This small excess of income, it must be remembered, has only been obtained by making no allowance for the

inevitable depreciation of the capital invested, or any contribution towards a fund for the reconstruction of either hulls, machinery or boilers ; which must sooner or later in time, give way.

As there is no prospect of the ferry being able for some time to do more than pay the maturing bonds for \$2000 each year, so long as the cost of coal continues at the present high rate, I would strongly advise the Commission to request the Town Council to apply for authority to issue Debentures for the \$7000 of bonds paid off during the past two years.

Your Commissioners have a very difficult task to accomplish, as notwithstanding the large increase in income of late years, the running expenses have kept fully up to the advance, the cost of coal alone has been this year \$2,600 more than in 1902, and no less than \$4,789 more than in 1900. Wages and all other items have advanced to a very appreciable extent, if not quite as much as fuel ; It can therefore be easily seen how impossible it is to propound any scheme that will be sufficiently elastic to meet such unforeseen demands, even the present showing has only been attained by the practice of the most rigid economy consistent with perfect security and efficiency, and the non-introduction of several much desired improvements.

Mileage of Ferry Steamers form Jan. 1st, 1903 up to and including Dec. 31st, 1903.

Steamer Dartmouth.....	22,170 miles.
Steamer Chebucto.....	18,520 “
Steamer Halifax.....	15,035 “
Total.....	55,725 miles.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

FREDERICK SCARFE,
Chairman.

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

Balance Sheet December 31st, 1903.

LIABILITIES.

Overdraft Union Bank.....	\$8063 33	
Less Cash on hand.....	43 52	
	-----	\$ 8019 81
Debentures		173000 00
Wages due.....		662 81
Due Nova Scotia Steel Coal Co.....	\$ 269 15	
City of Halifax $\frac{1}{2}$ years rental dock.....	400 00	
Hx. Elec. Tram Co., Electric Lighting.....	25 72	
	-----	694 87
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.....		25554 38

		\$207931 87

ASSETS.

Real and Personal Property	\$201288 73	
Coal on Hand.....		1636 05
Insurance Fund Building Society	\$3172 21	
Accrued Interest	207 39	
	-----	3379 60
Rents due		77 48
Imperial Forces $\frac{1}{2}$ year's carriage.....		48 66
Due by employees for Clothing and Coal.....		282 60
Stock, general supplies on hand.....		1218 75

		\$207931 87

PRESCOTT JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

Audited and verified,

WALTER CREIGHTON, }
G. G. DUSTAN, C. A. } *Auditors*

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE S. S. "CHEBUCTO," 1903

Coal.....	\$ 4704 50	
Oil	217 46	
Insurance.....	40 30	
Inspection Fees	54 24	
Repairs to Machinery and Material.....	1028 75	
Hardware, Iron, &c, New Hoisting Winch.....	472 97	
Water Rates	200 00	
Docking, Drydock Fees	250 97	
Painting and Paints.....	416 42	
	\$ 7385 61	
By Cash for broken windows, &c.....		11 06
		\$ 7374 55

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE S. S. "HALIFAX," 1903.

Coal	\$ 2672 87	
Oil	10891	
Insurance.....	33 33	
Water Rates	200 00	
Electric Goods	10 00	
Repairs to Machinery, material	330 90	
Hardware, Iron, &c.....	412 48	
Painting and Paints	266 46	
	\$ 3834 95	
By Cash for broken windows		1 50
		\$ 3833 45

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE S. S. "DARTMOUTH," 1903.

Coal	\$ 4893 29	
Oil	134 46	
Insurance	50 00	
Water Rates.....	200 00	
Electric Goods and Repairs	42 56	
Inspection Fees.....	32 88	
Docking, Slip Fees	118 07	
Repairs to Machinery, Material	766 86	
Hardware, Iron, &c	86 41	
	\$ 6324 53	

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR HALIFAX DOCKS AND STATION HOUSES, 1903.

Coal for Station Houses.....	\$ 79 70
Halifax Tramway Co., Electric Light	249 06
Dock Rent City Halifax	800 00
Repairs to Dock and Material	382 29
Cost of petition, re Dock.....	77 43
Advertising &c.....	191 60
Insurance.....	2 00
Rent of Telephone.....	18 75
	\$1800 83

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR DARTMOUTH DOCKS AND WHARVES, 1903.

Coal for Station Houses &c.....	\$ 79 70
Oil	25 37
Insurance.....	10 08
Lumber, &c.....	81 05
Repairs to Docks and Wharves	1031 89
Electric Light and Materials..	138 00
Water Rates	45 14
	\$1411 23

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

DETAILS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT, 1903.

Stock on hand Jan. 1st.....	\$ 850 29	
Town of Dartmouth Taxes	1928 75	
Printing, Advertising, Books, Stationery, Tickets	269 62	
Oil, Waste, Brooms, Packing, &c.	580 58	
Paint.....	17 75	
Electric Light goods.....	13 63	
Telephone Rent	57 50	
Lumber and Shingles	675 80	
Clothing for crews	499 12	
Auditors and Solicitors fees.....	300 00	
Contingent account	253 30	
Coal used in Machine Shop	179 34	
Sundries. Iron, Hardware, &c	1359 35	
	<u>6985 03</u>	\$ 6985 03
By Sundries,—Oil, Clothing, Lumber, &c.....	\$ 1450 92	
Stock on hand Dec. 31st.....	1218 75	
	<u>2669 67</u>	2669 67
		<u>\$ 4315 36</u>

Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

STATEMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1903. EXPENDITURE.

Interest	\$ 7590 19
Wages.....	21525 20
Expense General.....	4315 36
"Chebucto" S. S.....	7374 55
"Dartmouth" S. S.....	6324 53
"Halifax" S. S.....	3833 45
Dartmouth Station House and Office	282 74
Dartmouth Docks and Wharves.....	1379 52
Halifax Dock and Station Houses	1800 83
Balance	1270 20
	\$ 55696 57

INCOME.

Ferriages	\$ 38120 82
Commutations.....	14653 29
Rents Tenements.....	1399 66
Excursions.....	1454 50
Junk	68 30
	\$ 55696 57

PRESCOTT JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

Audited and verified,

W. CREIGHTON.	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
G. G. DUSTAN, C. A.		

Auditors Report.

Dartmouth, 5th January, 1904.

To the Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

GENTLEMEN:---We beg to report having completed our regular annual audit of the books and accounts of the Ferry Commission as kept by your Secretary.

We have counted all cash and stock of tickets on hand with the Secretary and at the ticket offices, and verified the balance as per bank account and find all correct and in order for the year.

We have audited and verified the annual statements of the Secretary which we herewith beg to submit

We have pleasure in stating that these figures are correct and in accordance with the figures in the books.

All most respectfully submitted.

W. CREIGHTON
GEO. G. DUSTAN, C. A. } *Auditors.*

Report of Dartmouth Park Treasurer.

Dartmouth Park Commission in account with Thos. G. Stevens,
Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1903.	
Jan. 1.	To balance\$ 8 06
June 5.	Special deposit withdrawn 200 00
	Accrued interest on do 3 03
Aug. 5.	Amount from Casazo Committee 371 10
26.	Grant from Town of Dartmouth 250 00
Dec. 31.	Accrued interest on amount in Savings Bank Bank of Nova Scotia 3 11
	\$ 835 30

EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 31.	Labor, etc, during the year .....\$159 81	
	ditto, on behalf of Casazo Committee. 261 69	
	421 50	
	Repairs to Fountain 5 00	
	Trees 5 00	
	Repairs to fences 6 57	
	Painting Benches 4 61	
	Painting band stand 17 00	
	Whitewashing 8 00	
	Manure 6 60	
	Lime and seeds 2 82	
	Hardware and paint 3 89	
	Special deposit, Union Bank 230 00	
	Deposit Bank of Nova Scotia, Savings Bank. 112 52	
	Balance on hand 11 79	
	\$ 835 30	
1904.		
Jan. 1.	To balance on hand in Bank 11 79	
	Special Deposit Union Bank 230 00	
	Bank of N. S., Savings Bank Department... 112 52	
	\$ 354 31	

Dartmouth, N. S., January 1, 1904.

THOS. G. STEVENS,
Treasurer.

Dartmouth Public Reading Room.

To the Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dartmouth Reading Room, I beg to report :

That the Reading Room continues to do good work in the town. It is frequented by all classes, and particularly by young men and youths.

The Board each year carefully reviews the list of papers and magazines, and aims to have the very best that can be procured, on the tables. By having this good, wholesome and helpful reading matter accessible to every citizen of the town, we believe we are helping to develop a taste for good literature, that must produce beneficial results.

Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Oland, who so faithfully served as Janitrix over four years, we have had to make a new appointment in the person of Mrs. Trider, wife of Policeman No. 3. Affairs have gone on very smoothly since she took charge.

We have to thank the kind friends who have contributed the means to enable the Board to pay expenses.

For the benefit of those who may not know, we estimate the yearly expenses, a little over \$300. The town contributes \$100. leaving \$200 to be obtained by private subscription.

The Treasurer's report, published below will, show where the money comes from, and where it goes.

The Building containing the reading room, belongs to the Ferry Commission. They charge \$10. yearly rent, and keep it in repair.

We commend the Dartmouth Reading Room to your kind consideration and ask for it, your financial support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. CREIGHTON, CHAIRMAN.

Board of Directors of the Dartmouth Reading Room :

C. E. Creighton, Chairman.

Alfred Elliot, Secretary.

J. P. L. Stewart, Treasurer.

J. W. Allison.

E. L. Thorne.

A. C. Pyke.

A. Wisdom.

Dartmouth Public Reading Room.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

EXPENDITURE.

Balance Due E. L. Thorne, Treasurer.....	\$ 71 83
Magazines	71 80
Dartmouth Electric Light Co.....	76 90
Halifax Coal Co	33 50
Creighton, C. E.....	80
Young, A. C. (stove pipe).....	1 85
Walker, E. M. (electric lamps)	3 00
McLean, C. A	30
Tynes, Thomas (cleaning).....	3 00
Chronicle Publishing Co. (papers).....	20 00
Janitor's Salary.....	\$52 00
Newspapers and Sundries.....	6 65
	58 65
Balance on hand.....	12 48
	\$ 354 11

RECEIPTS.

Total of Subscriptions.....	\$ 285 50
Sale of Magazines.....	25 11
Proceeds of Concert.....	41 41
Proceeds from Slot Machine.....	1 69
Sale of Newspapers.....	40
	\$ 354 11

RECEIPTS.

By Subscription—Town of Dartmouth.....	\$ 100 00
Consumers Cordage Co.....	25 00
Miss C. A. Mott.....	10 00
Mrs. S. E. Howe	10 00
Mrs. Eliza Turner (1902).....	10 00
Starr Mfg. Co.....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co	10 00
Mrs. Eliza Turnar (1903)	10 00
W. L. Barss	5 00
H. E. Hill	10 00
A. N. McKay.....	5 00
John White.....	5 00
"Friend".....	10 00
"Citizen".....	5 00

L. S. Payzant.....	3 00
G. A. Ormon.....	2 00
G. C. DeWolfe and Son.....	2 00
S. H. Black.....	2 00
R. B. Thomas.....	2 00
John Coleman.....	2 00
C. A. Creighton.....	2 00
Robert Moseley.....	2 00
E. M. Walker.....	5 00
J. E. Sterns.....	2 00
Dr. F. W. Stevens.....	2 00
Rev. T. Stewart.....	2 00
Douglas Stewart.....	2 00
A. S. Hunt.....	2 00
Thos. Mott.....	2 00
H. W. McKenzie.....	2 00
A. C. Pyke.....	2 00
G. E. VanBuskirk.....	2 00
Austen Bros.....	2 00
T. M. Cutler.....	5 00
C. E. Pevenil.....	1 00
Andrew Forsyth.....	1 00
R. Leo. Graham.....	1 00
B. O. Bishop.....	1 00
John Greene.....	1 00
G. J. Miller.....	1 00
Thos. Hill.....	1 00
J. H. McKenzie.....	1 00
Dr. A. P. Reid.....	1 00
R. F. Eagar.....	1 00
W. H. Ferguson.....	1 00
H. S. Creighton.....	1 00
L. K. Payzant.....	1 00
John Allen.....	50

\$ 285 50

J. P. L. STEWART,
Treasurer.

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