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**Town of Dartmouth**

**Council Minutes**

**April 17, 1894**

**to**

**Dec. 31, 1904**

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Railway

On motion the report was adopted.  
Letters were read from J. Stairs M.P. & E. Kenny M.P. acknowledging receipt of the resolutions recently adopted by the Council relative to the delay in construction of the Railroad from Windsor Junction to Dartmouth. Ordered to be filed.

R. Hambolt Cemetery

Letter read from R. Hambolt asking for a deed of the Cemetery Lot held by him. Referred to Recorder to report on.

Petition property owners Water St.

Petition read from several property owners on Water St. between North & State St. complaining of the storm water flowing onto their properties caused by insufficient drainage across Water St. Referred to Water Com. to report on.

Division Ward Three of Ward 3 (Austinville)

Petition read from a number of Ratepayers of Ward 3 (Austinville) praying that the present Ward 3 be divided into two Wards as contemplated by a resolution submitted by Comr. Hyde. Received & consideration thereof deferred.

A number of accounts were passed & the Council adjourned.

Approved M. H. B. Smith - President of Council

Wm. E. Elliot Town Clerk

### Dartmouth

Thursday, Jan. 16. 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm. Present, Councillors Smith, Allen Hyde, W. Smith, Glendinning & Oland. also Recorder Russell.

Estate of Robertson Drainage

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed. The Water Com. reported as follows: - We beg to recommend in the matter of the request from the Estate of Robertson on Ochterlong St. that the Town open up the site of the old drain from their cellar between the extreme points on Ochterlong St. at which the Town destroyed the original drain and lay a cork or plank drain between the points, as the owners may prefer, also that the Town make connection with the old drain on Wilson Lane at the point at which the sewer in that street displaces Miss Robertson's original drain.

In the matter of the petition from owners of several houses

Pet. Property  
owners Water St.

on the east side of Water St. near foot of Synnott's Hill, your Committee find that the overflow into the basements of these houses is due to the incapacity of the culvert at top of Synnott's Hill, and also to a large quantity of water shedding from the Park, crossing Stairs St. to the low ground back of basements overflowed, and would recommend, that the upper end of the culvert at top of Synnott's Hill be made larger, so as to intercept all water passing that point and prevent it overflowing down the gutters on the east side of Synnott's Hill, and that a 15 in. crock pipe be laid across Water St. at foot of Synnott's Hill over the site of the old culvert, which will carry away all water accumulating at that point and deposit it in the regular water course leading to the harbor.

Halifax  
Grav. Dock Co.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution - Resolved that the Recorder is hereby instructed to draft an act to be submitted to the Legislature, now in session, such as will relieve the Halifax Graving Dock Co. from the pipe rate, as called, on so much of the property of the Company as is covered with water, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council embodied in the resolution passed 11 April 1895. This to be retrospective as far back as the water year commencing May 1/94. Further resolved that the Water Rates on the Halifax Graving Dock Co. be levied in the same manner as any other properties in the town, with the exception that the rates will not apply to the value of their property under water.

Water Act  
amendments

The Com. also recommended several clauses as additions to the Water & Sewerage Act; relative to vacant houses & plumbers regulations, <sup>all of which were approved</sup>. On motion the report was adopted.

Glendinning's  
Lane

The Street Com. reported <sup>letter from</sup> W. H. Wisdom that they had held a Court of inquiry & that it was the opinion of the Recorder that the Town had no claim to the Donaldson Lane (so called) & recommended that the Town release any claim that may have been asserted on its behalf. Re D. Fraser's account for stone the Com.

D. Fraser  
Stone acct.

reported that Mr. F. had no claim the Town having paid him for all that was taken, but the Com. wished to be a little more enlightened & asked that Mr. F. bring his witnesses & contracts if any before the Com.

G.A. Hunt  
encroachment

The Com. called attention to the Supt. of Streets report  
re. encroachment of G.A. Hunt on Pleasant St.  
The report was adopted.

R. Wambolt  
Cemetery lot

Recorder Russell reported re R. Wambolt's request  
to be granted a deed of the Cemetery Lot held by him  
recommending that a certificate of sale under the  
Seal of the Town be issued to him under the provisions  
of the Statutes relative to the Cemetery. <sup>Act. No. 42. 25</sup>  
<sup>Act of Incorp. sec 35</sup>  
Adopted.

Auditors  
Annual Report

The Auditors report & financial statement  
for the year ended Dec 31. 1895 was read, also

Town Treasurer's  
accounts  
passed.

The reports of the various standing  
committees for the year were read and  
adopted as a whole, and the following  
resolution was unanimously passed:  
That the account of the town clerk and  
treasurer be finally passed and approved,  
of, the same having been found correct  
to the satisfaction of the council upon  
the report of the auditors, and that the  
town clerk be authorized to publish the  
auditors' abstract and detailed state-  
ment in form as heretofore, and that the  
same be printed with the mayor's report.  
The finance committee recommended  
that the sum of \$18 be refunded to Joseph  
Williams as overpaid taxes on his father's  
estate. <sup>adopted</sup>  
George Jones wrote claiming exemp-  
tion from sewer rates on the ground that  
the sewer was not deep enough to drain  
his cellar. Referred to the water com-  
mittee.

on motion of Comers Hyderland

Est. J. Williams  
taxes.

\$12.22  
Est. John Williams  
(on Portland St)

G. Jones, Sewer Rates.

J.M. Gabriel

Letter read from J.M. Gabriel requesting to  
be refunded the surplus proceeds of sale of M. Kay  
lot on Prince St. lot m by him as mortgage at  
tax sale Dec. 9/95

Railway

Letter read from Minister of Railways acknow-  
ledging receipt of resolutions adopted by the Town  
Council urging early completion of the Dart-  
mouth branch RR. Stating that the manager owing  
to unfavorable weather had suspended operations  
until the spring when the work would be vigorously  
pushed forward to completion.

Tony St.

Letter read from Starr Mfg Co asking for an  
accurate plan & description of the property which  
they were requested to dedicate to the Town for  
the continuation of Tony St. Referred to the Street  
Com.

Tax Sale  
Surplus proceeds

On motion of Comers Hyderland, the following  
resolution was adopted: Resolved That the Town  
Clerk be authorized to pay out of the funds received for  
sale of lands for taxes, the following amounts, being the  
surplus after paying the taxes & expenses of sale in each case

Aug. Geo. Escoe	43.76	} Tax Sale of Dec 3/94
John Gillard	80.69	
Joseph Self	7.07	
Adam McKay	6.72	Tax Sale of Dec 9/95
(M. Gabriel Mgr)		

The said amounts having been applied for, and it appearing that the above named are the parties entitled thereto } U.S. Acts 1892 Cap. 64  
Adopted } " " 1895 " 50 Sec 15

Water Extension

Councilors Hyde & Allen moved the following Resolved that a proposal be submitted to the Ratepayers at the Meeting to be held on Jan 21 1896 to apply to the Legislature for authority to borrow the sum of \$2000 for Water extension

Division of Ward Three

Councilors Hyde & Cland moved the resolution which they tabled at meeting held Dec 10/95 relative to division of Ward 3 (see page 78 ante) after a lengthy discussion & vigorous speeches in its favor by the mover & seconder, the motion was put & lost. Bro. Hyde & Cland voting for & Bro. Glendinning, Smith & Allen voting against.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports of the following standing viz. Board of Finance, Water, & Fire Dept. committees, were read & referred to the Acting Mayor to be incorporated in the Mayor's Annual Report

Accounts

A number of accounts were passed & the Council then adjourned.

Approved  
M. A. B. Smith  
Acting Mayor

Capt. Elliot  
Town Clerk

### Dartmouth,

Friday Jan 24 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm Present, Councilors Allen, Glendinning, Smith (Dr), Smith (Wm), Hyde & Cland, also Recorder Russell Presiding Councilor Smith in the chair.

Com on Fire Appar. Annual Report

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed. Read annual report of Com on Fire Apparatus Pumps & Wells. The Com recommended that in order that the efficiency of the Fire Dept, may be kept up, that provision be made in the Estimate for 1896, for 300 feet new rubber hose. Adopted.

D. Fraser Stone at

Read letter from Wallace & McKay solicitors for D. Fraser, threatening legal proceedings unless his claim for stone was settled. Referred to Street Com & Recorder

Water Pipe  
1 1/2 inch.  
Sold L. S. Co.

Read order from London Iron Co. to deliver 50. 12 in water pipe then property stored in Town yard. to the Peoples Light & Heat Co of Halifax. Referred to Water Com to deliver same.

Mrs. Adams  
Claim

Read letter from Mrs. Geo Adams renewing her claim for a strip of land adjoining the Town Hall

On motion of Councillors Oland and Hyde the following resolution was finally adopted:  
"That the title of Mrs. Adams be admitted up to a line running parallel with the west side of the town hall, distant two feet and six inches therefrom, provided that she asserts no right to obstruct or impair in any way the lights of the present town hall building."  
Messrs. Thomas Nottling, H. S. Gongdon and W. A. Dymond were appointed revisors of the local electoral lists.  
In view of the approaching town elections the same polling places as heretofore were selected, but the appointment of presiding officers and and poll clerks was deferred until after nomination day.  
Councillor M. A. B. Smith tendered his resignation as a director of the reading room, which was accepted. The appointment of his successor was deferred.  
Upon motion of Councillors Oland and Hyde the following resolution was unanimously adopted:  
Resolved, that the following by-law be and the same is hereby adopted with regard to the number of councillors for the town of Dartmouth:  
The number of councillors shall be nine, to wit, three councillors for each ward, in such manner that one councillor shall be elected for each ward at the next annual election in addition to the councillor or councillors required to be elected under the present by-law.  
Acting Mayor Smith, Recorder Russell, Councillors Hyde and Oland were appointed as a deputation to apply to the governor-in-council to have this amendment to the town by-laws approved.

Council Glendinning dissented

Revisors  
appointed

Mun. election. polls.

Reading Room  
or Smith's resignation.

Bylaw re No.  
of Councillors

Assessors Returns

Ordered, That the Assessors be notified to file the Assessment Rolls not later than Jan. 31/96

School Rates  
(Halifax)

The Chairman called attention to the bill introduced by the City of Halifax, now before the Legislature, to enable the city to collect School Taxes of non-residents. On motion of Cr. Hyde a com consisting of the Acting Mayor, Crs Oland & Hyde with the Recorder were appointed a com to watch said bill.

Draft Acts:-

The following draft acts submitted by Recorder Russell were read & approved & ordered to be sent to the Legislature viz:-  
To enable the Town to borrow money (\$2000) for

Water Extension

Water extension in the Town  
Respecting Water Rates payable by the HX.

Graving Dock

To amend Cap 64 of the Acts of 1892 relating to the Town of Dartmouth (Tax Lien law re advertising notice)

Tax Sale Law.

To amend Cap. 38 of the Acts of 1894 relating to

Water Sewerage.

Water & Sewerage in the Town of Dartmouth  
To provide for the preparation of a voters list for the Town of Dartmouth for the year 1896

Down list of  
voters.

The following bills were approved W. H. Wisdom \$25.  
legal & other expenses re Donaldson's Lane & Elliot \$100  
Services as Clerk & Treas. Water Dept 6 mos to Nov. 1/95

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Town of Dartmouth, S.S.

We the undersigned:

Henry H. Harrison

Councillor elected for Ward One

J. Edwin Sterns

Councillor elected for Ward Two

Henry Moseley

Councillor elected for Ward Three

for the Town of Dartmouth, do severally swear that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. So help me God.

Sworn at Dartmouth  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February  
A.D. 1896 before me

Henry H. Harrison

J. E. Sterns

Henry Moseley

M. H. Sterns Mayor

We the undersigned,

Henry H. Harrison

Councillor elected for Ward One

J. Edwin Sterns

Councillor elected for Ward Two

Henry Moseley

Councillor elected for Ward Three

for the Town of Dartmouth, do severally solemnly swear that we are duly qualified as required by law for the office of Councillor for the Town of Dartmouth, and that we will faithfully perform the duties of Councillor while we hold office to the best of our ability.

So help me God

Sworn to at Dartmouth  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
February A.D. 1896  
before me

Henry H. Harrison

J. E. Sterns

Henry Moseley

M. H. Sterns  
Mayor

Dartmouth,

Thursday, Feb 6 1896

The Council met this evening at 8<sup>pm</sup>  
Present Mayor Sterns, Councils, Glendinning  
Smith & Oland, Harrison, Sterns & Moseley  
also Recorder Russell,

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed  
Council, Smith was elected Presiding  
Councillor

Standing  
Committees  
appointed

On motion of Councils Harrison & Sterns,  
Councils Glendinning, Smith & Moseley were appoint  
ed a Com. to nominate Standing Committees.  
The Com. reported, <sup>recommending</sup> that the Standing Committees  
be as follows:-

Finance - Councillors Harrison, Smith  
and Glendinning.  
Streets - Councillors Glendinning,  
and Moseley.  
Police and License - Councillors Oland,  
Sterns and Moseley.  
Fire pumps and wells - Couns. Harri-  
son, Glendinning and Moseley.  
Poor and Lunatics - Couns. Oland, Sterns  
and Harrison.  
Water and sewerage - Couns. Sterns,  
Glendinning and Harrison.  
School commissioners - Couns. Smith,  
Sterns and Moseley.  
Ferry commissioners - Mayor Sterns,  
Councillors Oland and Moseley.  
Park commissioners - Mayor Sterns,  
Councillors Oland and Sterns.

The report was

adopted

Town Officers  
appointed.

Town Officers were appointed as follows:-

- Copy S. M. & Recorder Wm R. Foster
- C. of Police Pound Keeper & Heath W. McKenzie
- Pol. No. 2 " " Warden D. Brennan
- Auditors Geo. Foot & W. Brighton
- Trewards Cornutt Harrison R. Edwards S. Dares
- Fire constables W. Tenney J. Little J. Cook
- Public Measures S. Sulbertand H. Siloe
- " Weighers S. Thomson R. Simmonds
- Sur. of Lumber S. B. Dares W. H. Bram
- Fence Viewers H. Siloe W. J. Meredith
- Keeper S. End Pound Geo. Vick

On motion of Councils Oland & Sterns, Resolved, That  
Wm McKenzie & D. Brennan be and are hereby ap-  
pointed Sanitary Inspectors to act & have jurisdic-  
tion within and throughout the limits of the  
Town of Dartmouth for the year ending Feb. 1897.

On motion of the same, resolved that the Town  
Officers be notified to attend at the Town  
Hall on Tuesday next at 7:30 pm to be sworn in.

Swearing in  
Town Officers

Dart. Iron Foundry  
re. water Pipe.

E. Cross  
re fence Topail Lake

A letter was read from the manager of  
the Dartmouth Iron Foundry company,  
asking to be allowed to furnish water  
pipe for the proposed extension. A letter  
from Edward Cross was submitted, in  
which the writer complained that the  
wire fence recently erected around Top-  
sail lake prevented him from procuring  
fuel from his woodland on the northern  
side of the lake. Both letters were re-  
ferred to the water committee.

Town Messenger  
Gates.

Town messenger

Halifax Graving Dock Co.

Sutherland  
The Town

Miss Bickton  
re ferry.

Board of Trade

Gates asked to have his salary increased and his request was referred to the finance committee.

On motion of Councillors Harrison and Sterns the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that in the opinion of this council the compromise entered into by the former council with respect to the water rate of the Halifax Graving Dock company and acted upon in good faith by the said company is binding upon the succeeding council, and any legislation based upon said compromise cannot properly be opposed by this council.

In regard to the long pending case of Sutherland vs. the town of Dartmouth, it was resolved, upon motion of Councillors Harrison and Smith, that the town clerk be instructed to pay into court the sum awarded to Mr. Sutherland by the report of Mr. A. O. Johnston, together with \$15 for the costs of suit as agreed upon with counsel of the plaintiff.

The following letter was received from Miss M. Bickton, and speaks for itself:

TO THE COUNCIL OF DARTMOUTH:

Gentlemen, May I ask the reason why the commission of the Dartmouth ferry makes rules so arbitrary in the matter about the time limit of the sale of tickets. Are the ferry boats not the property of the people, and are not the commissioners their faithful servants, or have they elected to be arbitrary masters in Dartmouth? On Saturday, the 1st, I was ill, and on Sunday one cannot transact business. On Monday, the 3rd, on crossing the ferry I was told that I must pay eight cents each time I cross. This I consider a most unjust rule and if Dartmouth wishes the good wishes of strangers that might be induced to settle here she must alter her ferry rules. Many poor women tell me that they are not paid till late in the month.

In that case much wrong must have resulted in the buying of tickets and as the larger class of the people who cross are hard working people, some consideration should be made to them.

For more than thirty years I have been an honest ticket payer and I therefore feel deeply annoyed at the treatment and injustice I have received, and trust that the matter will be brought to the ears of the people and that wisdom may be given to them. It would be a simple matter to stop anyone who would be negligent in payment, but honest people should not be made to suffer for those that have no sense or honesty.

Yours truly,

As the town council had no authority to deal with the matter, it was referred to the ferry commission.

A letter was read from the secretary of the board of trade asking permission to use the council chamber for meeting purposes. Upon motion of Councillors Harrison and Smith it was unanimously resolved to comply with the request.

Miss M. Bickton  
complaining of the recent order of the Ferry Commission re Commutation Tickets.

Approved  
W. H. Sterns  
Mayor

Adjourned  
Capt. Elliot  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,  
Feb 13. 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm (special meeting) Present Mayor Sterns, Councillors Gledhill, Smith, Oland, Harrison Sterns & Mosley.

Board of Trade

Letter read from the Dartmouth Board of Trade, requesting the Council to oppose the Act now before the Legislature affecting the right of the Town to assess certain portions of the Town for Municipal purposes & also rates & fixing a value on said property for assessment purposes. After some discussion on motion of Council Sterns seconded by Council the following resolution was adopted:

Halifax Graving Dock Co.

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the Council that the Halifax Graving Dock Co have had a clause



Water Pipe  
&  
Sewer pipe  
Contracts

The following report of the water committee was read clause by clause and adopted as a whole. Tenders for water pipes were asked for from the two foundries in the town, but only one replied. The Dartmouth Iron Foundry company offered it at \$41 per ton of 2,240 pounds, which the committee recommended be accepted, the pipe to be made subject to the inspection and approval of the superintendent and to be delivered as required along the line of extension, and that the sewer pipe be ordered from the ~~City~~ Drain Pipe company. They had advertised for tenders for trenching, and since doing so had been threatened by Mr. Awalt, the present contractor, with legal action, he contending that he had the sole right to do such work; but after having consulted with his honor the recorder, who endorsed the action of the committee and said they were perfectly justified in asking for tenders for the new work, no further notice was taken of this. It was also recommended that the new plumbing regulations be published for the benefit of all concerned; that the water be turned off on April 1st from all houses on which the rates are unpaid, and that the council take steps to come to an immediate settlement in regard to all sewerage accounts still in dispute.

Plumbing regulations

The Com. also recommended

Call of  
Water Rates

re Water Rates that the same be advertised in the Atlantic Weekly, & that a printed circular be sent to each party in arrears for Water Rates one week previous to the following effect: "That if the Water Rates over due be not paid previous to the 1st day of April the Water will be turned off the premises of said party on that day without further notice, the cost for turning on the Water again to be one dollar as provided in the by-law"

Nightwatchman

A petition was received, signed by a large number of ratepayers, asking that a night watchman be employed, as under the present system the town has to take care of itself from midnight until 8 a. m. The question was referred to the police committee.  
Engineer Jackson's resignation was read and accepted. An application from Hiram Zwicker, asking to be appointed to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$200 per year, was referred to the fire committee.  
A petition from Mrs. E. A. Elliot and others, asking for water and sewer extension on the north end of Dundas street, was referred to the water committee.

Eng. Jackson  
resignation accepted.

Pet. for Water  
extension Dundas St.

H. Watt re  
sewerage Wilson St.

Letter read from Mr. H. Watt asking that no charge be made him for the sewer on Wilson St. (Reeves Lane) claiming that it was of no use to his property. Referred to Water Com.

J. M. Brennan  
re fence posts.

Letter read from J. M. Brennan offering fence posts for sale at Lionont Lake. Referred to Water Com.

G. Brownell  
license

Letter read from Geo. Brownell, stating that he had taken out a tradeis license last year for wh. he had paid \$10, but had not used it, he requested the Council to grant him a pink license in lieu of the one he paid for. Referred to License Com.

Pol. Brennan  
Salary.

Letter read from Policeman Brennan asking for an increase in his Salary. Referred to Police Com.

J. W. Decroff  
re Stone  
Mt. Amelia.

Letter read from J. W. Decroff requesting payment for use of grounds at Mt. Amelia two years ago for storage of Stone. Referred to Street Com. to enquire into report.

Mr. Oland  
Appointed Reading Room Director.

Com. Oland was appointed Reading Room

W. E. Whetby  
appointed  
Fireward

director for the current year  
W. E. Whetby was appointed Fireward  
in place of R. Edgcomb who declined to serve  
longer.

Court of Appeal  
Appointed

Councillors Oland, Sterns & Glendinning were  
appointed as members of the Court of appeal for  
the current year. Time of meeting to be Thurs-  
day, March 26 at 7.30 pm.

Accts. passed

Account passed Mrs Lennox \$5.00.  
A number of unpaid accounts having been  
handed in, they were referred to the several com-  
mittees.

Approved  
M. S. St. John  
Mayor

Adjourned  
Cup Secist.  
Town Clerk

### Dartmouth

Wednesday Mar 26 1896

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm  
Present, Mayor Sterns, Councillors Glendinning  
Smith Oland Harrison Sterns & Mosley  
also Recorder Russell

Annual  
Reports of  
Committees

Minutes of last meeting were read & con-  
firmed.  
Reports of Comrs on Finance Streets & Pub Property  
Fire apparatus, Pumps & Wells, Poor & Lunatics on  
Estimates for current year were read & referred  
to Finance Com to report on.

J. D. Murphy  
re  
Stream W.M.Rd

A letter was read from J. D. Murphy  
complaining of a stream of water pass-  
ing his house on Windmill road, which  
occasionally calls in to pay him a friendly  
visit. Recently his cellar was flooded to  
a depth of over forty-two inches. The  
letter was referred to the street commit-  
tee.

J. Webber  
apptd as W. watch

An application was read from John  
Webber, asking to be appointed night  
watchman. It was referred to the police  
committee.

G. Jones. Sewer Rates

A letter from George Innis, asking ex-  
emption from sewerage rates, was re-  
ferred to the water committee.

Com apptd  
re cold storage

Councillors Harrison, Smith and Mos-  
ley were appointed a committee to con-  
fer with a committee from the board of  
trade to consider what concessions or  
inducements could be offered the pro-  
motors of the 'cold storage system' to  
locate their works in Dartmouth.

A. A. Wall's tender  
for trenching

The water committee recommended  
that the tender of Archie Awalt, for  
trenching, be accepted, at the following  
prices: Solid rock, \$2.25 per yard; loose  
rock, 40 cents per yard; loose ground, 25  
cents per yard. The committee recom-  
mended that a catch pit be constructed at  
the corner of Water and Church streets.  
The report was adopted.

his tender being the lowest

Catch Pit

# The Fire Apparatus Com.

Hose House  
Dahlia St.

reported that they had obtained consent to erect a suitable building on the property of George A. Sterns, Dahlia street, free of charge, and as the placing of a hose in this locality would assist in making the service more efficient it was urged that the council consent to the same being erected. With regard to appointing a successor to Engineer Jackson, it was resolved that the position be kept open until the 4th prox. and that applicants be advertised for. The committee estimated that about \$50 would be required for the pump and well service. The report was referred to the finance committee.

in Atlantic Weekly for two weeks.

S. E. Engineership  
applns adv. for

Pumps & Wells

The finance committee recommended that provision be made in the year's assessment for part payment of last year's county rates, amounting to \$700 as no payment was made on this account during 1895. The committee advised that the poor committee submit their estimate in a similar manner, providing for part payment of the overdue accounts for the hospital for insane and county poor farm, amounting to about \$1,500, in order that this deficit be wiped out.

County Rates  
Insane & Poor acct

The committee stated that there had been an appreciable increase in the receipts at the town treasurer's office since Policeman Beaman had been detailed to make collections. The sum received for water and sewerage instalments from January 1 till March 23 amounted to \$1,923 57.

Collins Water  
Sewerage

The Com on Poor & Invalids in submitting their Estimates stated that the amount was \$662 more than last year, but the Com considering it a bad principle to be paying interest year after year on overdue accounts have placed in the Estimates a sum which will reduce them this year one half, & if the same plan is taken next year, the accounts will be paid up to date & thus avoid interest.

Water Cart

The Com on Pub Property made the following recommendations: That a new and improved two horse watering cart be purchased this year as the old one has seen its best days & under new poor service.

Portable engine  
to be sold

That the portable engine & boiler be advertised for sale, as the town has no use for it, it is depreciating in value all the time. The proceeds of sale could be used towards the purchase of the proposed new water cart.

Public Cemetery  
extension

That the fence of the public cemetery be extended south as far as Staws St as all the lots in the present enclosure are taken up. The cost would be about \$200 - the money received for sale of lots would be used to meet the expenditure.

Approved  
Mayor  
Dispensary

Councillor Sterns, as chairman of the poor committee, stated that there had been many complaints made to him concerning the manner in which the dispensary doctor (Smith) is performing his duties. He cited a case where he actually refused to attend and the services of another physician had to be obtained. He said he had spoken to Dr. Smith, but could not obtain any satisfaction and complaints were coming in every day.

The mayor said the council had no authority to do anything in the matter, but if it was reported to the directors of the dispensary there is no doubt it would be attended to.

Approved  
Eccles  
Town Clerk

# Dartmouth,

Friday, Apr. 10. 1896

The Council met this day at 7.30 p.m.  
Present Mayor Sterns, Councillors, Glendinning,  
Smith, Oland, Harrison, Sterns & Moseley  
also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Read report of

Estimates  
1896

Finance committee, submitting the estimates for the current year as follows:

EXPENDITURE.	
County Rates	1000
Schools	\$10,823
Streets	8,250
Watering streets	200
New water cart	350
Cemetery	200
Public property	100
Lighting	1,420
Poor	1,192
Lunatics	1,870
Fire department	680
Pumps and wells	50
Police	1,500
License Inspector's salary	80
Salaries	2,283
Grants to public park and reading room	350
Public health	100
Interest	648
Contingent	478
Ferry interest, coupons not presented up to Dec 31, '95	112
Balance due Union Bank	\$4,038
Less cash on hand	157
	\$3,871
Less one-third of special grant for streets in 1894	500
	3,371
Exemptions: Fire, school and widows	740
Discounts	175
Non-collection	110
	\$30,532
REVENUE.	
Taxes overdue	\$3,796
Poll tax	1,350
Fines	120
Court fees	450
Licenses	150
Common rent	100
Dog tax	160
Union Bank tax	15
	6,286
Net amount to be assessed on real and personal property	\$24,256

From the assessment returns it appears that the value of property within the town is as follows:

Real	\$1,399,501
Personal	407,060
Total	\$1,806,561

Value of property liable for school rates Halifax city \$ 202,000  
Outside districts 47,845  
\$ 249,845

Less - Value of properties whose owners reside in other school sections \$ 94,100  
Total for school rates \$ 155,745

The rate for school purposes and the above valuations will be fifty-five cents per \$100, and will amount to \$ 1,579 80  
The rate for the "town" will be \$1.30 per \$100 on \$1,806,560 \$ 23,485 15  
\$24,564 45

The committee recommended that the above rates be levied the current year. This was vigorously opposed by Councillor Oland who severely condemned the raising of the rates from \$1.20 to \$1.30 on the \$100. He said that the increased taxation would never tend to induce manufacturers or settlers to locate in the town. He moved an amendment to the adoption of the report that it be referred back to the committee.

The amendment was lost, four to two, and the report adopted by the same vote, Councillors Oland and Moseley voting nay.

The fire committee recommended that Hiram Zwicker be appointed engineer at a salary of \$150 per annum. Both reports were adopted without discussion.  
A letter from W. B. Wallace, on behalf of Donald Fraser, and also one from Drysdals & McInnes in behalf of Alex. Lloy, threatening the town with legal action unless justice was done their clients, was referred to the street committee and Recorder Russell.  
Mrs. Isabella Roche, who resides outside the water district, asked that the service be extended to her house, for which she would be willing to pay \$12 per year. This was referred to the water committee.  
A request from the Axe and Ladder company for new ladders was referred to the fire committee.

On the table for further consideration

On motion of Councillors Harrison & Smith the following resolutions were adopted:

That the Assessment Roll as finally passed by the Court of Appeal & completed & now laid before the Council be & the same is hereby confirmed & that the Council authorize the levying and collection of rates for the current year of one dollar & thirty cents per \$100 on the assessed value as per Assessment Roll which Assessment Roll & rate are hereby confirmed.

H. Zwicker  
apptd engineer  
D. Fraser. claim.  
A. Lloy. claim.  
Mrs. J. Roche  
re water extension.  
Axe & Ladder Co.  
re new ladders.



School Rate

That the rate to be levied and collected for the current year on property in the City of Halifax and other School Sections of the County of persons resident in Dartmouth School Section be 55 cents per \$100.

Poll Tax

That the Poll Tax of two dollars as provided by law be ordered to be levied and collected and the Poll Tax Book now produced be approved & confirmed.

Geo. Brownsell  
license

The Police Com. reported, recommending that the request of Geo. Brownsell re transfer of a trader's license taken out by him last year be not entertained.

Nightwatch

Re Nightwatchman. Two of the Com. were willing for the town to pay \$4 per week towards his salary, & \$4 be collected from the citizens in the thickly settled parts of the town, one of the Com. dissenting.

Pol. Brennan  
Salary.

Re. Policeman Brennan. The Com. did not see their way clear to recommend any increase at present. They found that the Halifax Police receive less pay & have all night duty to perform, & if the nightwatchman is appointed it will increase the Police expenses, & ought to relieve Pol. Brennan a good deal in his night duty. The first clause was adopted, the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> clauses were referred back to Com. for further consideration.

Water Extensions

The Water Com. reported that the contract for the new Water Sewer extensions having been signed & the work commenced, & recommended that tenders be asked for the money required, the bonds to be issued as the work progressed. In regard to the letter of Geo. James the Com. found that the time fixed by law for filing appeals from Sewer Rates had elapsed & so nothing could be done for him, report adopted.

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Electric lights  
petitions for

Two petitions from ratepayers read praying that Electric lights be placed at the corner of Pine & Tulip Sts, and at the corner of Pine & Quairrell Sts. Referred to Street Com. to report on.

The following accounts passed: & S. Feb 6 \$20  
Gentles for 140 Atlantic Weekly \$10.50 18.50 39 65

*Approved*  
*M. B. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

Adjourned  
*[Signature]*  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Thursday, May 21 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm  
Present, Mayor Stearns, Councillors Glendinning,  
Smith, Harrison Stearns & Mosley  
also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Portable  
Engine.

The Street Com. reported that they had accepted  
the offer of \$300 from A. H. McQuarrie for the portable  
engine, also that they had purchased a No. 21 Henians

Water Cart

Street Sprinkler 600 galls. capacity delivered at Halifax  
for \$265. In regard to Mr. J. D. Murphy's letter the Com.

J. D. Murphy  
Stream.

recommended that his request to divert the stream  
flowing through his property be not complied with as the  
stream now flowed in the natural channel. As there  
was no appropriation for a light at the corner of

Electric light

Pine & Duane Sts. the Com. recommended that the  
petition therefor be not granted & that one be placed  
at the corner of Pine & Tulip Sts. which was provided  
for. The Com. also recommended that the tender

Engine House  
roof.

of Mosher Short Board for reshingling the north side  
of Engine house roof at \$51.<sup>00</sup> be accepted. The  
report was adopted.

J. W. Allison  
Water & Sewerage

The Com. on Water & Sewerage recommended that  
Mr. J. W. Allison be allowed to extend his private water  
sewer pipes on Mackay St. so as to connect "Mackay  
House" on that Street with the town's water & sewer  
system, but could not recognize his right to supply  
other people on said Street. The Com. further recom-  
mended that the pipes be laid subject to the  
approval of the Supt. & that if at any future time  
the town decides to put in a regular system of  
Water & Sewer pipes on that Street, it will not be held  
responsible for any damage done to his private pipes  
in laying said system. Objection being made  
by Com. Mosley to the permission being granted  
for the free right to connect with the main sewers, it  
was agreed after some discussion that the follow-  
ing proviso should be made, That Mr. Allison pay  
the regular water rates charged all properties  
connected with or fronting on pipe lines, or for water  
supplied, also he to pay under the bylaw the sum

Water Supply  
Railway Sta.

of \$25 charged properties which do not front on a sewer line, for the privilege of draining into the main sewer. The report was accepted & the Com. were authorized to extend the water main to the I.C.R. Station provided satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Railway Dept.

Assessment  
Dart. Mfg Co

The Finance Com. recommended that the sum of \$2100 be struck off the Assessment Roll, for the current year, this amt. was assessed in error to the Dart. Mfg. Co \$1600 of this sum being for a property owned by and assessed to Geo. Stairs & taxes thereon being paid by him, \$500 assessed them in error for a certain cottage on John St. three dwellings being assessed to them when they owned but two.

Hx. Graving  
Dock Co.

The Com. called attention to the fact that the Halifax Graving Dock Co. tendered a cheque for \$702 in full payment for the current year's taxes, & that the Town Clerk declined to receive the same owing to the decision of the Recorder that the Company was still liable for rates to the full amount assessed, notwithstanding the recent legislation respecting their assessment. The Com. recommended that the Council take immediate steps leading to a settlement of this case & that the Recorder's opinion in writing be obtained regarding the recovery of these rates through the courts.

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The Com. recommended that Arch. Zwickler be appointed messenger, vice F. Gates resigned.

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The Com. also recommended that in future all printed matter required by the Town Clerk for town business in general be submitted to the Finance Com. before being ordered, & if deemed necessary by them, tenders for the work be asked for.

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The Com. further reported the ordering of 250 ft of hose Maltese Cross brand, as this grade of hose has given the town entire satisfaction, also having found it necessary to make additional repairs to boiler of

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Watering Streets.

On motion of Corners, Glendinning Smith the tender of Edward Warner for the services of a pair of horses & driver for watering the streets at 40 cents per hour was accepted.

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G. Kaizer license.

George Kaizer wrote saying that he had paid \$20 for a license under a misapprehension, he now believed he was not liable to pay license at all as he only sold farm produce. Referred to license committee.

Engine Co. re oil suits.

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Letter from County Clerk stating amount for which the town is liable for current year for county purposes is by agreement \$666.66, the amount due for 1893 is long overdue and payment is requested. Referred to finance committee.

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Drain  
Robertson Propy.

Letter from W. H. Foster asking that the private drain leading from Mrs. Robinson's property on O. H. L. Street, which was obstructed by the town when the water was introduced, be made good as the town had agreed some time ago. Referred to the water committee to act upon.  
E. M. Walker asked for refund of amount paid by him on X property which he purchased under the lien law and redeemed by owner. It appears that he had paid a year's taxes on the property while in his possession, that amount was not refunded to him by the owner when the payment was made.

the  
Gen. Esom Water Lots

E. M. Walker  
re taxes on Esom  
property

Referred to Finance Com.

Auditors report

The Auditors reported that they had audited the books of the Town Treasurer up to Apr. 30. & found same in order & correct.

Crown Lands  
Dept. re.  
Spider Lake

Letter read from the Crown Lands Dept. desiring to know whether the town <sup>still</sup> desired to secure grants of such portions of Crown Lands as may be located in the vicinity of Spider Lake, applied for by the Town a few years ago. Referred to Finance Com.

Mrs. J. Roche  
re.  
water supply.

Letter read from Mrs. J. Roche (who resides near Maynards Lake) requesting that the Water Service be extended as far as her house. The Clerk was directed to inform her that the Council could not see its way clear to make the extension.

Accts passed.

A number of accounts were passed & the Council then adjourned.

Capt. Elliott.  
Town Clerk

Approved  
M. H. Stone  
Mayor

### Dartmouth (Tuesday) June 30. 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm. Present, Mayor Steins, Councilors, Glendinning, Smith, Oland, Harrison, Steins & Moseley also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Night watchman

The Com. on Police & Licenses reported that they do not see their way clear to grant the request of the petitioners for a night watchman, but recommended that the sum of \$150 per week be paid the present watchman. The matter by the Town, to date from May 1st/96 & that he be under the control of the Police Com.

Geo. Kaiser

In regard to the letter from Mr. Geo. Kaiser, the Com. do not see their way

clear to give him any redress under the present law. The report was adopted.

The Com. on Water and Sewerage reported as follows:

Water Supply  
Railway Station

Your committee have been able to complete arrangements with the Railway authorities in regard to the water supply, and the pipe will be laid to the station in a few days, and will bring in a revenue of at least \$135<sup>00</sup> a year.

Catch pit.

Your Com. would recommend that a catch pit be placed on Cole Harbour Road near the property of J. Simmonds.

Water Supply  
Park

Your Com. having received a letter from the Park Commission asking for a supply of water at the corner of Water and Stairs Sts. would recommend that a 1 1/2 inch galvanized pipe be extended from Water St to the Park fence, and that they be supplied with water free of charge.

James Farquharson  
Claim.

In regard to the letter of James Farquharson referred to your committee, they have had a conference with Mr. Farquharson and expect to be able to come to a satisfactory arrangement in a few weeks.

Water rates  
for 1896 fixed

Your Com. also beg leave to submit the annexed statement of the Estimates, Revenue and amount to be assessed on property for Water Service for the present year, and by which it will be seen that the domestic rate will have to be raised this year to 45<sup>c</sup> on the hundred dollars, on account of a deficiency of last year amounting to \$320.<sup>26</sup> and extra repairs to leaks at the Pipe house, and in the main line from the Lake. The other rates have been left the same as last year.

The water committee submitted estimates for 1896 as follows:

EXPENDITURE.	
Balance May 1st, 1896	\$ 320
Interest on bonds \$138,500, 1 year, 4 1/2 per cent and \$1,000, one-half year at 4 1/2 per cent	6 255
Interest on overdraft at bank	80
General repairs	150
Repairs leak in dam at Lamont Lake	100
Printing and advertising	20
Cab hire	15
Hardware and sundries	35
Superintendent's salary	475
Clerk and treasurer's salary	200
Total maintenance	7,650

RECEIPTS.	
Overdue rates previous years, less non-collection	\$ 650 00
Ferry	550 00
Hospital for insane	200 00
Sugar Refinery	200 00
do interest on meter	31 50
Judge & Mars	140 00
Electric Light Co.	18 50
R. Moseley	40 00
Douglas & Co.	25 00
R. Matheson	30 00
N. Evans & Son	25 00
Christ Church	25 00
A. Eisner	12 00
Laundries (2)	12 00
Others, say	14 50
Schools	20 00
Lavatories	456 00
Horses and cows	150 00
Hose: \$1, \$3, \$6	110 00
Shop, bank and lodge taps	79 00
Barber shops	12 00
Sale of grass, Lamont Lake	30 00
Int. on sewer frontage	700 00
do sinking fund	422 00
I. C. R., 9 months	102 00
Hydrant rate, val. \$176,845 at 15c	265 26
Total revenue	\$4,317 76

Maintenance	\$7,650 25
Revenue	4,317 76
Balance to be assessed for	\$3,332 50
Total valuation of property on pipe lines other than dwellings	257,775
Buildings containing a dwelling or dwellings	646,550
	\$904,325
Levying half the amount to be assessed on each class of property will give for the pipe rate 20c. per \$100.	
And for domestic rate 45c. per \$100.	
\$646,550 at 45c.	\$2,909 25
\$257,775 at 20c.	515 55
	\$3,424 80
Being \$92.30 more than the estimate.	

The report was adopted.



Pond  
Dawson St

Letter from John Behan, calling the attention of the town to the condition of the pond at head of Dawson Street. He stated he had purchased the property from Messrs Stairs, and that he was willing that it should be still used for fire purposes, but the dam needed repairs. These he offered to make for a few dollars. The committee has the matter in hand to arrange.

Land Mt Thom  
offer  
for cemetery

Letter from Edward Foster offering the property on Mount Thom for a cemetery for the sum of \$2000. The property referred to is part of the Ritchie estate now controlled by A. K. McKinlay. Ordered to file. The Mayor remarked that the property had been considered several times and condemned as unsuitable. He thought the cemetery question was pretty well settled.

Johnston Ave  
Repairs to

Letter from Edward Foster representing J. Y. Payzant, who now holds the property formerly occupied by J. C. P. Frazee asking for repair to the street running past property. The street was stated to be in very bad condition. Referred to street committee.

B. A. Weston  
Thomas lot  
Mrs. J. Cahill  
assessmt.

Letter from B. A. Weston asking for refund of purchase money, taxes and interest on amount paid in by him for lot which the town ~~unsuccessfully~~ sold. Referred to Recorder to report on.

Letter from J. C. Cahill, Pasadena, Cal., asking for refund of excess taxation and reduction of assessment on property on corner Dundas and Ochterloney streets, from \$1200 to \$800, claiming that the property will not sell for more than that sum.

A Lloyds claim

Ald Oland moved that the clerk be instructed to write Mr. Cahill saying that the appeal court had met and heard all appeals and nothing further could be done this year. Passed.

Letter from Drysdale & McInnis threatening suit for damages in the interest of Alex. Lloy unless a settlement is not made within one month from June 5th. The amount of damages claimed is \$800. Ald. Harrison moved, seconded by Ald. Glendenning, that the letter be referred to the Recorder for the purpose of defending the suit. The Mayor casually remarked that the property destroyed was now under cultivation. He gave the council the impression there was little in the claim.

D. Frasers  
claim

A modest little bill was received from Donald Fraser, accompanied by a letter from Wallace McKay threatening suit if the town removed the crusher from said D. Frasers property. Referred to Recorder. The bill amounted to \$58 for stone, rent of ground, etc. The whole thing was threshed over again.

July 1st  
Holiday

Ald. Oland shewed that he had proof that the bill for stones was not correct, all stone having been paid for long ago, and Ald. Glendenning shewed that the item for rent could not be maintained at law. Referred.

The Mayor remarked that last year the 1st July was made a public civic holiday. Ald. Oland moved, Ald. Smith seconded, that July 1st be a civic holiday in the town of Dartmouth.

Prov. Bldg Socy  
lot

Ald. Sterns brought the state of the property corner Pine and Ochterloney streets to the attention of the council. He said it was in a dangerous condition. He thought it should be fenced. Clerk directed to notify owners to have the properties fenced.

Auditors report

Auditor's report stated that the auditors had examined the books and accounts and found everything correct.

Well up Water St.

Petition from residents of Black Rock asking that the well in their vicinity be put in good order. Referred to committee on pumps and well.

Engineers  
report

Report from Dist. Engineers read, showing apparatus on hand June 1896. File. A number of accounts were passed & ordered to be paid.

Approved  
M. H. [Signature]  
Mayor

Adjourned  
Dep. Secy  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,  
(Wednesday) Aug. 19, 1896

The Council met this evening Present  
Mayor Stern, Councilors Glendinning, Oland,  
Stern, Mosley & Harrison (Recorder absent)  
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Special Water  
rates:-

A. Hutchinson  
J. M. Leutler

Toney St.  
Sewer rates.

B. A. Weston  
W. Thomas lot

J. G. Leslie  
Sewerage

The water committee in its report recom-  
mended that a special rate of \$15 per  
annum, dating from May 1st, 1896, be  
made for Alex. Hutchinson, in lieu of the  
old rate of \$5; the said rate to include  
water used by him at his shop as well as  
that used by him for work at the new  
buildings, provided the owner thereof  
make application and have the water  
put into the building. The committee  
also recommended that a special rate of  
\$4 per year be charged Thomas Ousier  
for use of garden hose.

The recorder having advised the com-  
mittee that they might be liable to an  
action if they opened up Toney street the  
committee recommended that the work  
be not done until the property owners on  
that street procure a deed and transfer  
said street to the town. They also  
recommended that all parties in arrears  
for sewerage rates up to January  
1st, 1896, be notified to pay up before  
October 1st, and all amounts unpaid by  
that time be sued for. The report was  
adopted.

Recorder Russell reported in re the  
claim of B. A. Weston, that it arose out  
of a mistake on the part of the assessors,  
and that the easiest way out is to refund  
him the amount paid (\$46), with interest,  
if demanded.

T. G. Leslie wrote complaining that  
when the sewer was made in front of his  
property he contended that it was not  
low enough to be of any use, but upon  
advice of the engineer he made connec-  
tion with the sewer, putting his sink four  
feet higher than advised. Instead of the  
sewer draining his premises it proves  
just the reverse. Mr. Leslie stated that  
he has not the desire to seek damages  
unless a grievance really exists, but if  
the thing should occur again he would  
vacate the house and seek indemnifica-  
tion from the town. The letter was re-  
ferred to the water committee.

adopted & money ordered to be  
refunded

Toney St.

On motion of Councilors Oland & Harrison, the Clerk  
was directed to notify the residents of Toney St.  
that when a deed of dedication of that street is  
handed in, the water main will be extended  
along that street.

The Graving  
Dock Co.

The agreement arrived at between  
Recorder Russell and D. McPherson in  
the graving dock matter was in effect  
that the water rates due to Nov. 1, 1895,  
including the water rates due Nov. 1,  
1895, for six months in advance, be ad-  
justed at \$134.90.

With regard to taxes, the company  
claim that the taxes are to be adjusted on  
a basis of the act of 1896, cap 37, sec 10.  
The town claim that the act does not  
refer to the taxes of 1896, as the assess-  
ment was made before passage of the act.

The agreement re Water Rates was confirmed, & it  
was decided to accept the taxes for 1896 on the  
valuation of \$57,000 pending a decision by  
a judge at Chambers as to the company's liability  
to pay the tax on a valuation of \$89,550.

Stove Service  
Tenders

J. Ritchie & Co's tender for Stove service at  
Town Hall, Lockup Engine House at \$7.50 6 in paper, 20  
7 in 25 & per joint, Castings 4 1/4 & per lb. was  
accepted.

G. Cunningham  
assessmt.

Read letter from Geo. Cunningham, He appealing  
from the assessed value of his lots, <sup>1350</sup> corner Thistle & Mary  
flower Sts. He being present was given a hearing.

being sworn, stated that he only received the notice of assessment on 17<sup>th</sup> July & that he had 5 lots he would sell them for \$ . per lot.

On motion of Councillors Glendinning & Harrison, it was resolved that the assessment thereon be reduced to \$200.

Prof. Pemberton re band Letter read from Prof. Pemberton submitting a code of rules for establishing & maintaining a town band. The matter was referred to the Finance Com. to consider & report upon.

Roll of Taxes. On motion of Councillors Harrison & Glendinning resolved that the Police be instructed to collect outstanding taxes of 1896 & that a list be furnished them by the Town Clerk.

A number of accounts were passed for payment, and the Council then

Approved  
W. H. Shaw  
Mayor

adjourned  
A. P. Eccles  
Town Clerk

### Dartmouth

Tuesday Sep 29 1896

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm  
Present, Mayor Sterns, Councillors Oland Smith  
Harrison Mosley & Sterns. (Recorder Russell absent. Other)  
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Band -  
North Dundas St -  
J. T. Bowser -  
G. A. Misener -

The finance committee reported, re a citizens' band, that the proposition as outlined might be practicable, but they were of opinion that such a scheme should originate from the ratepayers before being dealt with by the council.  
A petition from the residents of North and Dunas streets, asking that that thoroughfare have some much needed repairs attended to, was referred to the street committee, as was also a letter from J. T. Bowser, complaining of an overflow into his property. A letter from G. A. Misener, complaining of the inadequacy of the sewer in front of his property on Portland street, was referred to the water committee.  
Councillor Sterns, as chairman of the poor committee, reported that a communication from R. T. Murray had been received after long waiting, to the effect that the province was willing to become responsible for the maintenance of Mrs. Eli Emlao at the county poor farm, but that her children's maintenance there was chargeable to the town. The report was adopted.  
A letter was received from J. C. Cahill of Pasadena, Cal., protesting against the rate of assessment upon his property in Dartmouth. The amount fixed is \$1,250, while Mr. Cahill says that he cannot find a purchaser at \$1,000. The letter was ordered to be placed on file.  
On motion of Councillors Harrison and Sterns the following resolution was unanimously adopted.  
"Resolved, that permission be had from the ferry commission to extend the sewer from the foot of Quarrel street along the north line of their property, carrying the same into deep water, in order to relieve the congestion of the sewerage system at present existing on Water street."

adopted  
a Street Light placed at this corner

Mrs. Emlao  
pauper -  
J. C. Cahill  
assessment -  
Sewerage through  
Ferry Com property

re: Public Charities

Auditors report

The Town Auditors reported that they had audited the Town Treasurers accounts up to 31st Aug last & had found them in order & correct.

New Ferry Boat  
public meeting

Read letter from the Ferry Comm requesting at the Council call a meeting of the Rate payers in accordance with the provisions of the Act in relation to borrowing money for the purchase of a new ferry boat; on motion of Councilors Clain & Smith the following resolution was then adopted:

Whereas by Chap. 51. of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1895. It is enacted that upon the requisition of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission the Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth shall issue debentures under the seal of the Town for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars in such manner as in the said Act mentioned and expressed, the proceeds of which debentures shall be used for the purpose of purchasing a new boat.

And whereas a requisition from the Dartmouth Ferry Commission to that end has been received by the Town Council under date of September 21st inst. which requisition is appended hereto.

And whereas by the terms of said Chap. 51. Acts 1895 no such debentures shall be issued until the issuing thereof has been approved by a vote of rate payers as provided by the Town's Incorporation Act.

Therefore resolved that a meeting of the rate payers of the Town of Dartmouth be held at the Reform Club Hall, Dartmouth on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, at 8 o'clock P.M. and that the Council do recommend at such meeting the adoption of the following resolution:-

Resolved that the Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth be authorized and instructed to issue debentures under the seal of the Town for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars redeemable at such periods and bearing such rate of interest as the Dartmouth Ferry Commission shall by resolution determine in which debentures it shall be provided that the same may be redeemed at any time after the expiration of five years from the issuing thereof, the proceeds of which debentures shall be used for the purchasing of a new boat.

Cold Storage

The Mayor referred to the Cold Storage project & what was being done to attract that enterprise to Halifax, & what was proposed to be done by the Dart-

Board of Trade who were to consider the matter at a meeting to be held next Thursday evening, whereupon it was resolved, on motion that the Council be a committee to meet with the Board of Trade on that evening.

A number of accounts were passed & the Council then adjourned.

Approved  
Wm. Stearns  
Mayor

Cap Secy  
John Clark

### Dartmouth

Thursday, Oct 22 1896

The Council met this day at 8 pm  
Present, Mayor Stearns, Councillors Glendinning, Smith, Oland, Harrison, Stearns & Mosley  
also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Pipe house

The water committee reported that the leak at the pipe house had been stopped at a cost of \$72.80. The chairman and superintendent visited the lakes recently and found everything in good condition, although the lakes had been raised eighteen inches above the overflow since the storm of the 19th. The committee recommended that the engine house be provided with water and sewerage. Both of these clauses were unanimously adopted. The committee also reported that the late heavy rains have proved that the Pine street sewer is not large enough to carry off the storm water; it was recommended that a sewer be laid from the manhole at the corner of Pine and Ockeroney streets, thence via Quarl and Wilson streets to the lower canal bridge, for the purpose of carrying off the surface water and thus relieve the main sewer. As there was no estimate of the cost of the proposed extension this clause was referred back to the committee.

Engine house  
Water supply

Pine St. Sewer

James Farquharson  
claim.

In regard to the claim of James Farquharson, for damage to his property at the upper end of Lamont's lake, the committee, having examined the premises, concluded that the wisest course to pursue would be the purchase of a strip of land starting from D. Donovan's line, on the west side of the lake, extending north to a point beyond the head of the lake, thence east across the head of the lake, thence south along the east side of the lake to the present line fence of the town. This will avoid any further dispute and be very beneficial in the interest of the town, and as the property described can be bought for the sum of \$275 the committee recommended that the purchase be made. The reading of this clause occasioned much discussion. The mayor was agreeable to the passing of the same, if he only knew where the \$275 was to come from. Councillor Oland suggested that a bond be issued. It was finally resolved that the following be added to the clause: "That the mayor be requested to call a meeting of the ratepayers to vote the sum of \$275 for the purpose of purchasing the property of Mr. James Farquharson, as soon as the committee is prepared to inform the council as to the total amount required, and that in the meantime an agreement be entered into with Mr. Farquharson to secure the property."

Street repairs

The street committee reported that all necessary work within the estimates would be completed by the end of the week, but the heavy rains of Sunday night and Monday morning having caused several bad washouts in different parts of the town, it will be necessary that an amount, not to exceed \$500, be overdrawn to repair damage done. The committee had examined Bowser's house on Dahlia street, and some temporary repairs had been done. The changing of the course of the brook cannot be made this year owing to the expense, as the work would necessitate the construction of two culverts. Repairs have been made to the streets, corner of North and Dundas, but the committee could not advise the placing of an electric light there, as no funds were provided for this purpose. The report was discussed and passed as a whole.

Electric light  
cor. North &  
Dundas St.

J. D. Murphy

Sinking fund

A letter from J. D. Murphy complaining of his cellar being overflowed by a brook running out of its course was referred to the street committee.

On recommendation of the finance committee it was resolved that the sum of \$5,000, now on deposit drawing interest at three and a half per cent. (the said sum being part of sewer sinking fund) be invested in P. E. Island government deposit receipts, which are offered at four per cent. and can be redeemed at any period agreed upon.

Sewer outlet  
Quarl St.

A letter was received from Secretary Jago of the ferry commission, informing the council that permission had been granted to the town to make a sewer outlet at the foot of Quarl street.

Sidewalks.

Councillor Harrison brought up the matter of the present unsatisfactory manner in which the condition of the streets and sidewalks of the town are being kept owing to the inadequate amount of money obtainable for that purpose. He fully believes that if sufficient funds were provided, say \$10,000, the streets could then be put in such a condition that the amount required every year would be a great deal less than is now being expended, and more than the cost of interest would be saved. In accordance with his ideas he moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Oland: "Resolved, that the street committee be requested to prepare a plan of street and sidewalk improvements and submit the same at the next meeting of the council, or at the earliest possible date, giving in their opinion the best and most economical curbing and gutter stone, and such other information as will lead to accommodation of pedestrians. This motion was strongly opposed by Councillor Glendenning, who did not think it fair to put the work on the street committee, and he as chairman did not like doing the work. Councillor Smith was of the same opinion, and moved an amendment, that the work be done by a special committee consisting of Councillors Harrison, Sterns and Mosely. On a vote being taken the council divided equally, and the amendment was declared carried by the casting vote of the mayor.

G.A. Hunt

Letter read from Eaton & Beckwith Solis for G.A. Hunt complaining of the overflow of water on his property owing to the stoppage of the sewer on Portland St. Referred to the Water Com<sup>r</sup> & Recorder.

Auditors report

The Auditors reported the Town Treasurer's accounts in order and correct up to 30th Sep last & submitted Statements of the several services of the Town to that date duly certified.

Assessors appointed.

On motion of Councilors Oland & Mosely, Resolved that Jas R Cannon, John J Walcott & Frank Hyde be and are hereby appointed Assessors for the Town of Dartmouth, at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum collectively in full of all duties under the law.

A number of accounts were passed for payment & the Council then adjourned

Approved  
M.A. [Signature]  
Mayor

Clerk  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,  
Wednesday, Dec. 9. 1896

The Town Council met this evening. Present Mayor Sterns, Councilors Glendenning, Smith, Sterns, Oland & Mosely also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

G.A. Hunt  
drain

The Water Com. reported in regard to the letter referred to them from Eaton & Beckwith. (Sols. for G.A. Hunt) asking to have the drain from the Hunt's property on Portland St. repaired so that storm water would not damage his property, that they have had the old culvert across the Street opened up and cleaned out & have constructed a large stone drain on Wainland St. to carry off the Water from R. Ham-bolt's property which work the com. considered would keep both properties clear in the heaviest freshets. The cost was about \$65. The Com. have also con-

Halifax Graving Dock  
Water Supply

ected the property of the Halifax Graving Dock Co. with the Water System & having placed a meter there recom-mended that the company be charged at the rate of 15 per 1000 galls. minimum rate to be \$40 per year, the Company also to pay a rental of 10% on the cost of the meter. Report was adopted.

D. Farrell, re  
fences S. St.

The Police Com. reported in reference to a letter received from Mr. D. Farrell. That the Police have investigated & reported that the fences of his property Fairbanks & Water St. are very old & that there were two places at least where cattle could get in with ease. The Com. did not believe that any person wilfully destroyed same. Adopted

Pedlers  
License

Letter read from Prov. Secy enclosing a copy of "An act relating to Pedlers" introduced in the House of Assembly Jan. 28/96, deferred, & ordered to be printed for the information of Municipal & Town Councils, & asking for such remarks or sug-gestions as the Council may have to make in relation thereto. Referred to License Com. to report on

Board of Trade  
Sidewalks

Read letter from the Dartmouth Board of Trade stating that that body noted with pleasure that the Town Council propose taking some steps to improve the sidewalks of the Town.

Auditors report

The auditors reported that they had examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer up to Oct 31/96 & found every thing in order & correct.

Miss Crichton  
re Street Cops.

Lot cor Pine &  
Farrell St. fence

A letter from Miss Crichton complain-  
ing of the continued bad state of Orléans  
Avenue, was read and referred to the  
street committee.

The town clerk was instructed to write  
the owners of the property, corner of Pine  
and Ouellet streets, that the property  
must at once be fenced or otherwise the  
town will have the fencing done and levy  
the cost upon the owners.

J. Nilson  
apptd.  
Med. Officer

Health report.

Pump.  
Cor. Beech + Tulip Sts.

M. F. Egar.

J. D. Murphy.

Lloy vs. Town  
appeal.

Town electors  
qualification.

Town electoral  
List.

Town's Incorporation  
act. 1895.

Dr. E. Nilson, town medical officer,  
filed his annual report, which was read.  
The doctor was re-appointed for the ensu-  
ing year. His report was as follows:

During the last year the town has been  
exceptionally healthy. A few cases of scarlet  
fever and diphtheria developed, but owing to  
more care on the part of parents the cases  
soon ceased to spread. In my last year's re-  
port I brought to your notice the need of some  
sanitary regulations as to the reporting of  
dangerous diseases, so far as the reporting of  
concerned, and the requiring of a certificate  
of death from a physician and parents, for  
burial. These matters should receive im-  
mediate attention. In order to expedite  
matters I have obtained through Mr. Editor,  
a copy of regulations for the sanitary govern-  
ment of Halifax and after reading them over  
I am of opinion that the board might adopt  
them.

A letter from Wm. Shertlen was read  
complaining of the want of a good well in  
the neighborhood of Tulip street. Re-  
ferred to the committee on fire pumps and  
wells.

A letter from M. F. Egar complaining  
of the retaining wall of the street pass-  
ing his place being out of repair, was  
read and referred to the street com-  
mittee.

The street committee reported that all  
washouts had been made good and the  
surface water which had spread over J. D.  
Murphy's property on Syneth's hill had  
been confined to a proper course.

His honor the recorder asked for in-  
structions in the Lloy case. He said he  
had an appeal ready, if he was required to  
go ahead, and if so he also wished for  
authority to consult other counsel, as he  
did not think it would be wise for himself  
in a case of the kind to take the entire re-  
sponsibility of advising an appeal from the  
decision of the jury giving Lloy \$240  
damages.

The council gave <sup>Recorder</sup> Russell the neces-  
sary instructions to proceed. *Consuet. R. Borden 24*

The following motion was moved by  
Aid. Oland and seconded by Aid. Moseley  
and passed unanimously:

Whereas the Hen law has been in force in  
Dartmouth for several years; and  
Whereas rate payers of the town are still  
disqualified from voting at town elections  
who have not their taxes paid before a certain  
date.

Therefore resolved that this council hereby  
instruct his honor the recorder to prepare an  
act to remove this qualification, for intro-  
duction at the next session of the legis-  
lature.

As the town electoral list has not been  
revised for two years a written opinion  
was obtained from the recorder, which is  
as follows:

The temporary act passed to cure the  
omission of the revisors to prepare a list in  
the year 1893, provides that until a duly  
revised and legal list has been prepared, any  
elections of mayor and councillors shall be  
run on the lists in use in 1893 with such  
additions as shall be made by the town coun-  
cil of persons entitled and qualified to vote.  
The lists in use in 1893 were those upon which  
the elections in February, 1893, would have  
been run had there been any contests, that is  
to say, the list as revised in August and  
September, 1894; and it will be the duty of  
the council to add the names of all persons  
qualified to vote. Had it been supposed that  
the statute would be required after August  
or September of the present year doubtless a  
more detailed provision would have been  
made for the preparation of the list. No  
provision is made expressly for striking any  
names off the list, but persons not possessing  
the requisite qualifications of having been  
rated in the assessment for 1895 will not be  
entitled to vote, and such persons offering to  
vote can be challenged and sworn as to  
qualification. Under these provisions it is  
probable that no practical difficulty will be  
found in preparing a satisfactory list for hold-  
ing the annual election.

Councillors Oland & Moseley moved the following:

Whereas, in 1833, the legislature of the pro-  
vince passed a general act of incorporation  
for all the towns of the province, which act,  
with its amendments has since been con-  
solidated, and is now known as the Towns'  
Incorporation Act of 1893; and

Whereas, certain grievances have grown  
up in Dartmouth under the working of this  
general act; and

Whereas, it is contended by citizens that  
the town of Dartmouth could be better gov-  
erned under a separate act of incorporation;

Therefore resolved, that a committee of  
three members of this council be appointed to  
investigate the working of the said act, so far  
as the town of Dartmouth is concerned, this  
committee to report at a future meeting of  
the council.

This was adopted and

on motion of Councillors Smith & Glendinning, Councillors  
Oland Moseley & Harrison were appointed as the  
committee.

Councillor Moseley called attention to the statements  
published in the newspapers to the effect that the Lloy case

Lloy vs. Town.



Lloy vs Town could have been settled before trial for a few dollars. This Cr. Mosley & Co. was untrue as the only communication written or otherwise received from Mr. Lloy, he understood was the letter sent in by Mr. Lloy's lawyer claiming \$200 damages. He appealed to the Chair and the Mayor confirmed his statement.

A number of accounts were passed to the Council then adjourned.

Approved  
M. A. Stearns  
Mayor

C. P. Elliott  
Town Clerk

## Dartmouth

(Wednesday) Dec 30 1896.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this evening. Present Mayor Stearns & all the Councillors also Recorder Russell.

Town electoral lists.

On calling the meeting to order his worship the mayor stated that the council had been called together to consider the electoral lists, which were at present in a much mixed-up condition. He had held a conference with his honor the recorder, who advised the appointment of three revisors, who would prepare the lists, if the same could be made valid, in time for the ensuing civic election. He had also consulted with Mr. W. B. Wallace, M. P. P., who had informed him that the legislature would be called together about the middle of January, and if a bill were presented it could be dealt with in ample time for the occasion.

Revisors

appointed.

On motion of Councilmen Harrison & Stearns, it was then resolved that the revisors for the year 1897 be Thos. Notting, Percy Hammond & James Warner.

Councilmen Harrison, Stearns & Mosley were appointed as a Com. to oversee the revisors of the lists and preparation of legislation required in regard thereto.

Town electoral lists.

On motion of Councilmen Harrison & Stearns resolved that the lists be revised by placing thereon the names of all persons qualified to vote for members of the House of Assembly and females entitled to vote under the Act of 1887 indicating on the list the nature of the qualification, taking as a basis the Assessment Rolls of 1896.

Roll of Taxes

has amended

On motion it was resolved, that the law

for collection of taxes be amended by having clauses added similar to the Act relating to Municipal Assessment (Act 1896 Cap 11 Sec 3. 11. 2. 5)

Adjourned,

Capt. Deane

Town Clerk

Approved  
W. H. Stearns  
Mayor

Dartmouth

Thursday Jan. 14. 1897

The Town Council met this evening.  
Present. Mayor Stearns, Councillors Harrison, Glendinning, Stearns, Smith, Oland & Moseley also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

James Farquharson's land

The water committee submitted a report in which it was stated: Having made a survey of James Farquharson's land, taking in a larger piece than was first agreed upon, and having had a conference with Mr. Farquharson, it had been agreed to give him \$25 in addition to \$275 formerly offered, and that he be paid the extra amount when the money is voted. It was also recommended that interest on sewer frontage on the new extension made last year - date from the completion of said work, July 1, 1896.

The committee also submitted an estimate of the proposed work of alteration and improvement in the present sewer system, so as to relieve it during heavy spring or fall rains, and recommended that the building society be asked to allow the town to empty a sewer for storm water only at the canal bridge, and that a meeting of the ratepayers be held for the purpose of voting money for the proposed work, and also \$300 for the purchase of the Farquharson land and \$200 for the extension of the water system to Tony street.

The report was read by clauses, and thoroughly discussed and passed as a whole. The total sum required for the different purposes will, according to the superintendent's estimate, amount to \$1,423.

The special committee on sidewalk improvements reported that, having enquired into the various methods now in use and the cost thereof, they recommended that the sum of \$5,000 be borrowed for such improvements and that the same be liquidated by taking from the annual street appropriation the sum of \$500 in each year, together with interest thereon, for a period of ten years.

From estimates made the committee found that the above sum is sufficient to improve the sidewalks of the thickly settled parts of the town; that is to say, from Water street to the upper and lower bridges, east and west, and from North to Boggs streets, north and south. The material the committee decided upon is similar to that now laid on Water street. There is to be an asphalt gutter 18 inches in width, with a concrete curbing turning the corner of each block. It was estimated that work of this character could be done for about \$325 per square or block. The committee were of the opinion that the work proposed would meet the requirements for a number of years to come.

Where a number of real estate owners whose properties front on any quarter section of a street block (not less) by petition to the council express their willingness to pay half the actual cost, the council may order a sidewalk to be so constructed of this material, providing that not less than two-thirds of the number of property owners sign such petition. Under this plan the council may find it necessary to pass an act enabling it to legally compel the remaining third to pay their share of the cost.

This report occasioned much discussion. After considerable talk had been indulged in a motion was made by Councillors Moseley and Stearns that it be received and referred to the incoming council with a recommendation that the project be carried out.

Councillors Harrison and Smith moved an amendment that the report be adopted as a whole.

On the vote being taken there appeared for the amendment Councillors Harrison, Smith and Glendinning. Against it: Councillors Stearns, Moseley and Oland. The amendment was carried by the casting vote of the mayor, who remarked that it was an unprecedented thing to see two councillors who had signed the report voting against its adoption.

Officers for the ensuing election were appointed as follows:

PRESIDING OFFICER.

Ward 1 - J. E. Glendinning  
Ward 2 - John Greene  
Ward 3 - Frank Hyde

POLL CLERK.

Ward 1 - John P. Donovan  
Ward 2 - W. D. Logan  
Ward 3 - O. F. Munro

Sewer extensions for storm water

Tony St.

Sidewalk improvement.

Municipal election.

Polling places to be as follows:  
Ward 1 - At or near Mrs. Glendinning's House Prince St.  
Ward 2 - At the Town Hall  
Ward 3 - " " Engine House

Annual Reports. Annual reports of the Town Auditors & the several standing committees were handed in.