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OF THE
Council of the Municipality
OF
THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX, N. S.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1884.

B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., WARDEN.

W. H. WISWELL, CLERK.

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County Clerk and Treasurer—W. H. WISWELL, Esq.
County Stipendiary and Clerk of Licenses—J. L. GRIFFIN, Esq.
County Auditors—JOHN E. ALBRO, D. HENRY STARR, Esqrs.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1883.

* * The first-named on each Committee is Chairman, and the Warden is, *ex-officio*, a member of all Committees.

Public Accounts and Finance.—Councillors Shatford, Wilson, Leslie, Guild and N. Hays.

Public Property.—Councillors Lawson, Ryan, Bissett, Burgess, Himmelman and Longard.

Licenses.—Councillors Burgess, McPhee, Cruickshank, Poole, Munroe and Conrad.

Roads and Bridges.—Councillors Shatford, Leslie, Tupper, Wilson and Guild.

Assessments.—Councillors O'Leary, Dean, Hubley, McPhee, Fitzgerald and Bissett.

Lunatic Asylum.—Councillors Lawson, Himmelman, N. Hays, Bissett and Ryan.

Law Amendments.—Councillors Wilson, Leslie, Tupper, Shatford, O'Leary and H. Cruickshank.

Poor.—Councillors Dean, McLaren, A. Cruickshank, Munroe and Poole.

Jury Lists.—Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Burgess and Guild.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Subsidy for Court House and Dartmouth Debt.—The Warden, Councillors Shatford, Ryan, N. Hays and Wilson.

On City Overdue Assessment.—The Warden, Councillors N. Hays, Lawson and Ryan.

On Bedford Rifle Range.—The Councillors for Districts 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Municipality of the County of Halifax.

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE.

The Warden, Councillors Lawson and Ryan, Hon. Judge Thompson,
Hon. Judge Weatherbe.

COUNTY OFFICERS, &c.

County Constables.—Patrick Monaghan (Chief), M. Byrnes, Jno. Sullivan, Thomas A. James, R. J. Lehan (Dartmouth), Jno. McLellan, and John McBain (Dartmouth), G. Dennafor.

Keeper of County Jail—Thos. A. Chambers.

Keeper of Court House—J. B. Sentell.

Crier Supreme Court - Jno. Murphy.

Constable County Court—Michael Byrnes.

Stipendiary's Constable—Patrick Monaghan.

COUNTY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

High Sheriff—Donald Archibald, Esq.

Prothonotary—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

Registrar of Deeds—W. H. Keating, Esq.

Judge of Probate—Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Registrar of Probate—Wm. Howe, Esq.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Clerk, &c.—S. H. Holmes, Esq.

Librarian, &c., Law Library—Geo. A. Allison, Esq.

The Court Rooms and Offices of the above are in the Court House, and the hours of business of most of the foregoing officials are from 10 to 4 o'clock (Sundays and Holidays excepted).

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

THIRD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

Pursuant to the Statute, and special notice sent by the County Clerk to each Councillor, the Municipal Council met at the Court House, in the County Court Room, on Tuesday, January 8th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Warden took the chair and called the meeting to order. The Clerk read the roll, and the following Councillors were found to be present :—

- District 7—Herring Cove—John Hays, J.P.
- “ 8—Portuguese Cove—Jas. Fitzgerald.
- “ 9—Sambro—Chas. E. Smith.
- “ 10—Upper Prospect—George J. Longard, J.P.
- “ 11—Hackett's Cove—Wm. Munro.
- “ 12—French Village—Alvin Hubley, J.P.
- “ 13—Spryfield—W. H. Dart.
- “ 14—N. W. Arm—B. W. Chipman.
- “ 15—Bedford—E. E. Burgess, J.P.
- “ 16—Hammond Plains—Norman Hays, J.P.
- “ 17—Sackville—Professor Lawson.
- “ 18—Waverley—B. C. Wilson, J.P.
- “ 19—Gay's River—Arch. McPhee, J.P.
- “ 20—Meagher's Grant—E. R. Poole, J.P.
- “ 21—Middle Musquidoboit—J. D. Tupper, J.P.
- “ 22—Upper “ —Adam Dean, J.P.
- “ 23—Lower Prospect—Edmund Ryan, J.P.
- “ 24—Moser's River—Alex. W. Smith.
- “ 25—Sheet Harbor—Angus Cruikshanks.
- “ 26—Tangier—George A. Leslie, J.P.
- “ 27—Jeddore—Wm. Guild.
- “ 28—Chezzetcook—John McLaren.
- “ 29—Lawrencetown—Charles Conrod.
- “ 30—Preston—Richard Croud.
- “ 31—Cole Harbor—John G. Bissett, J.P.

District 32—Hubbard's Cove—John E. Shatford, J.P.

" 33—Eastern Passage—Jos. Himmelman.

" 34—Salmon River—Thomas O'Leary, J.P.

" 35—Little River—H. Cruikshanks, J.P.

" 36—Musquidoboit Harbor—Dennis Smith.

The Clerk mentioned that he had a note from Coun. O'Leary, dated from France, who might possibly arrive here in time to sit in the Council; meanwhile begs to be excused.

Also reported, as the result of Councillor's election in District 24, vacated by resignation of John U. Smith, that A. W. Smith had been returned and would attend the Council.

The Warden mentioned that certain County Officers required by law to be elected annually, and the election would now proceed.

The Clerk and Treasurer being first on the list had presented an application for re-election.

On motion, W. H. Wiswell was unanimously re-elected Clerk and Treasurer. He expressed his thanks to the Council for the favor done him, and said the accounts and other business were up to time, and the Auditors' statement would be submitted thereon to-day.

The Warden then read his address upon the past and present business of the Municipality; also, its future operations and duties, as follows, viz. :—

Gentlemen of the Municipality :

In meeting you at this time, the first session of the last term of the present Council, and coming so near the holiday season, I take this opportunity of extending to you all the season's congratulations.

NEW MEMBERS.

Since our meeting in April last, three vacancies have occurred. 1st. In district 13, by the death of the late Councillor Umlah. 2nd. In district 20, Councillor Sibley being unseated by the decision of the courts; and the 3rd by the resignation of Councillor John W. Smith in 24. In each case I have caused new elections to be held, resulting in the return of Councillor Dart, for district 13; Councillors Poole, for district 20, and Alex. W. Smith, for district 24. To the new Councillors elect I extend a cordial welcome on behalf of this Council.

BRIDGES.

The most important business during the recess has been the road and bridge service. The new mode of laying out the road money by Commissioners instead of Supervisors, has given the Councillors an opportunity to judge which is the better mode. Of the list of bridges, submitted to the Government, the following have been built:

Sedgwick's bridge in district 21, Lower Sackville or Bedford bridge, Upper Sackville bridge, Porter's Lake bridge, Canterbury bridge, East River bridge. Sheet Harbor bridge, over which at one time considerable trouble was anticipated, I am glad to say has been repaired, and the County guaranteed from liability for damages, and I would take this opportunity to recommend that whenever a new bridge is required to be built there that a suitable location be selected so as to avoid, if possible, any future trouble. Jeddore bridge has also been repaired and will be rebuilt next season.

ROADS.

The bill before the House of Assembly last session, and favored by this Council in reference to opening a new road following the shore through districts 13 and 14 to Herring Cove, was defeated or thrown out in committee, the reasons for which I have not been able to understand. The road from Rocky Run to Three Fathom Harbor, district 29, has been laid out, and the report will be laid before you.

Also, the road in Gay's River district, asked for by Councillor McPhee; the report will also be laid before you.

Also, the road in district 36, running through the gold mines between Musquodoboit Harbor and Petpiswick; the report will also be laid before you.

The road grant has been all expended, except in three or four districts, which have a small amount in reserve. A few districts not having enough, required small loans under the provisions of the Act of last session, to be paid out of the next year's grant. In consequence of the expenditure for bridges by the Government we cannot expect the road grant for this season to be as large as heretofore; consequently, I would recommend that no more bridges than are absolutely necessary be placed on the list for this year.

THE POOR.

A blank form has been prepared and sent to each district on which Overseers of the Poor are required to make up notices and accounts and forward to the clerk to be placed on file.

THE JAIL.

The fire escape for the jail as recommended by the Council last session has been completed, and as the expenditure for the jail fell below the estimate, the treasurer was enabled to pay the amount, although not provided for in the estimate.

JURY LISTS.

It will be necessary for you at this session to nominate a committee competent to revise the jury lists, or consider the advisability of appointing qualified persons outside the Council.

FINANCE.

The last and by far the most important subject to which I shall call your attention at this time is the matter of finance. I regret to say on this point that we have from the first incorporation of the municipality been growing gradually worse, and the whole cause can be told you in two words, and the most of it in one—Dartmouth and Halifax. The whole expenditure for the year has been considerably in excess of last year, as the Treasurer's accounts will show. The receipts from most districts have been better than last year, and warrants have been issued for the balances, the most of which will probably be collected at an early day. The city, while paying the weekly amounts collected for this year under the new law, has paid little or nothing on the previous amounts due. Dartmouth has paid nothing since April. The case submitted by Dartmouth in the summer term of the Supreme Court resulted as hitherto in our favor; but it appears we are still unable to collect the amount due the municipality. The failure to obtain this now very large amount, yearly increasing by upwards of five thousand dollars per annum, has placed us in a most disastrous financial position, the amount being annually placed in the estimates and not received, while the special current services of the county have been paid only by allowing our indebtedness to the Government to increase in the same proportion. Now in order to check this increasing loan, I would recommend that a sufficient amount be placed in the estimate to be assessed for to meet our current expenses; and while not relinquishing our claim on Dartmouth, hold the amount as an asset for future wants. While regretting to be compelled to recommend a higher rate of taxation, I can see no other remedy. I have made enquiries from several municipalities outside of Halifax, and find that while a few are lower taxed many counties are much higher.

COURT HOUSE.

The improvements to the Court House have been completed, and a statement of expenditure will be laid before you, and here I would recommend that a committee be appointed at an early day to wait upon the Government and urge the justice of placing a sum annually in their estimates equal to say one-third the current running expenses of this Court House, on the ground that it is as much a Provincial as a County institution. Unlike other counties in the Province where their Court Houses are open but twice in the year for local causes only, this Court House is occupied nearly the whole year, and the greater part of the time with appeal causes from all parts of the Province. It is thus consuming a large quantity of coal, with all the necessary attendance during the term.

CONCLUSION.

As the minutes of the previous sessions have been printed complete, and in the hands of each Councillor, I do not think it necessary to

detain you at this time with any further details. I am convinced that you are all anxious to complete the work of the session in the shortest possible time. I would therefore urge the Chairmen of the several committees to prepare their reports as early as possible.

Councillor Shatford referred to the appointment of Standing Committees, as the Clerk had mentioned that they were appointed each year. He commended the Warden's address, and in reference to the Dartmouth matter he intended, in the course of this session, to move that a Committee be appointed to wait on the Government for legislation on the subject, as he was informed that there was no other course by which the debt due could be collected from that town.

The Warden mentioned that the Minutes being all printed, it was only requisite that those of last day of last session be read.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the last day of the April session, 1883, which were, on motion, confirmed.

Councillor Shatford suggested that the former Standing Committees be continued. It was suggested by other Councillors that the vacancies in any of them be now filled.

The Clerk read the names of the several Committees, some of which were amended as follows, on motion, and all passed:—

Public Accounts.—Unchanged.

Public Property.—Unchanged.

Licenses.—Councillor Poole in place of Sibley.

Roads and Bridges.—Unchanged.

Assessments.—Councillor Dean to be Chairman. Councillor Dean objecting to be Chairman of two Committees, the Warden said the Committee could appoint their own Chairman. Councillor Bissett was added to the Committee.

Lunatic Asylum.—To continue as at present.

Law Amendments.—Councillor H. Cruikshank added.

Poor.—Councillor Poole in place of Sibley.

Jury Lists.—Added to present Committee the names of Councillors Burgess and Guild; Councillor Shatford retires.

The Warden referred to the necessity of the Committee on Jury Lists undertaking their revision at an early day and the difficulty of the task. He handed a letter to the Clerk from Judge Thompson, enclosing resolution of the Grand Jury on the subject, which was read.

High Sheriff Archibald being present stated the trouble there was in completing the list of the several Juries when the drawing took place each term. He had carried out the order of the Court in collecting the fines of Grand and Petit Jurors, the greater portion of which had to be returned after being so collected.

On motion, the letter and resolution were referred to the Committee on Jury Lists.

The Warden said the election of the remaining County Officers would now be made.

Read application of J. L. Griffin, Esq., for Stipendiary and County Clerk of License.

Councillor Shatford said that under the Dominion Act in relation to Liquor Licenses the appointment of the latter would be unnecessary. Councillor Wilson said a Local Clerk of License might still be required.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McPhee—

That J. L. Griffin, Esq., be appointed County Stipendiary and Clerk of License for the present year. Passed unanimously.

Read applications for County Constables.

Moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Wilson—

That Patrick Monaghan be Chief County Constable at same salary as before. Passed.

On motion, Michael Byrnes was appointed Constable for the County Court at same salary.

By consent of the Council, all the other County Constables of last year were reappointed.

In the matter of a Janitor for the Court House, J. B. Sentell applied for reappointment.

Discussion followed as to the authorities who should make such appointment. Councillor Ryan mentioned that the Commissioners of the Court House claimed they should appoint, as the property was vested in them and they were responsible. Councillor Shatford objected that the whole control of the Court House should be taken out of the hands of the County Council, and said if this were so it was as well to know it. Councillor Burgess said the Council might as well not appoint County Constables. Councillor Lawson said that the Commissioners had no funds to pay for such purposes, at the same time the Commissioners were responsible for the building and its management, and therefore should have the appointment of those under them as they had to attend to the affairs. After further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Lawson—

That the appointment of a Janitor be deferred until the Commissioners Report referred to by the Warden is submitted. Passed.

Read application of Dr. Trenaman for reappointment as Jail Surgeon.

On motion of Councillors Himmelman and Ryan—

Dr. Trenaman was reappointed Surgeon of the Jail for the year 1884.

The Clerk read a letter from Dr. Trenaman asking that as the labor of the Surgeon had greatly increased, and medicine was supplied free, the salary be increased to \$150 per annum.

On motion of Councillors Himmelman and Wilson it was referred to Committee on Public Property.

On application of the former Auditors for reappointment,

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Ryan—

That D. Henry Starr and John E. Albro be County Auditors for the current year.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Himmelman—

That the Commissioners of the Court House from the Council be, in conjunction with the Warden, Councillors Ryan and Lawson. Passed unanimously.

Councillor Ryan moved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the disputed account of Maurice Downey in connection with Dartmouth small-pox expenditure, 1882. Considerable discussion followed. Councillor Shatford said it should first be submitted to the Auditors, as the law required, before any Committee was appointed. The Warden said that the Auditors were merely to examine and report upon accounts laid before them, and were a check upon over-expenditure only. Councillor Wilson said this account should be left with the Finance Committee to deal with, and did not see why it should be taken out of their hands.

Councillor Lawson read the section of Finance Committee's last Report bearing on the point.

Councillor Shatford said that as Chairman of that Committee he would send for Mr. Downey and take steps to have the account investigated.

Councillor Ryan thereupon withdrew his motion, and it was decided that the Finance Committee take charge of the matter.

Council then adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present—The Warden and 27 Councillors. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Submitted an application from Geo. Dennaforde for County Constable. On motion of Councillors Ryan and J. Hays he was so appointed.

The Warden submitted the Auditors Report, which was read by the Clerk, and on motion received and adopted.

AUDITORS REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 6, 1878.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Halifax:

GENTLEMEN,—

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the County Treasurer for the past year, and have great pleasure in stating that we have found them perfectly correct, and in every way satisfactory, and at the same time we feel bound to refer to the competent and careful manner in which the books are kept.

We beg to call your attention to the fact that nothing has been received for the past year on the assessment of Dartmouth, amounting now to upwards of \$35,000. We would therefore suggest that ways and means be taken to collect this amount by enforcing the law relating thereto.

There are some other accounts which the Clerk informs us are in dispute, and which we think ought to be placed in our hands for elucidation, as per Section 42 of the County Incorporation Act.

Yours respectfully,

D. HENRY STARR, }
JOHN E. ALBRO, } Auditors.

Councillor Lawson suggested the advisability of an early adjournment this afternoon, so that the several Committees could arrange for their reports; also requested as many of the Councillors as could do so to visit the County Jail this afternoon after the session closed.

The Warden submitted the Treasurer's Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure for 1883.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Municipality of Halifax County, in Account with the Treasurer for the Year Ended 31st Dec., 1883.

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Commissioners of Public Charities on account of		
Insane Patients, 1882.....	\$5000 00	
Insane Patients, Cash Returned as overpaid.....	40 60	
" Public Schools, balances for 1882, and Grants for		
May and October Terms, 1883.....	8355 24	
" Loan from Supdt. of Education, May, 1882.....	4772 00	
" Roads and Bridges, General Grant, 1883.....	\$9597 42	
" " out of Fines and Licenses, Fees, etc., 1883....	291 57	
	9888 99	
" County Jail Balances due for 1881, and Expendi-		
tures this Year.....	2136 40	
" Supreme Court, Constables, Criers, etc., etc.....	578 54	
" " Petit Jurors.....	396 40	
" " Grand Jurors.....	332 55	
" " Crown Witnesses (in part).....	92 20	
" Sheriffs' Accounts, Balance 1883, and for 1883....	168 48	
	1568 17	
" County Court Constables and Expenses.....	92 00	
" Coronors' Juries and Expenses, 1882-3.....	564 00	
" Medical Evidence do. and Lunacy Certificates....	295 00	
	859 00	
" Warden and Councillors pay and mileage.....	963 22	
" Poor Rates Repaid District Treasurers.....	367 35	
" General Expenses, Balance due for 1882, and		
Salaries Stipendiary, Treasurer, Clerk, etc., 1883, }	3439 88	
" Miscellaneous Accounts, Balances, 1882, Printing,		
etc., 1883.....	237 65	
" Bounties on Wild Animals to date.....	239 00	
" Collectors Commissions, 1882 and 1883.....	596 50	
" Revisors and Assessors (30 Districts).....	474 00	
" Interest on Court House Debentures and Loan....	766 50	
		\$41779 71
Balance Carried Down.....		6734 65
		<u>\$48514 37</u>

RECEIPTS.

By Balance in Full from Last Account		\$223 73
City of Halifax, on Account of 1882.....	\$2000 00	
Weekly Payments of Assessment, 1883, since July, \$16450.07		\$18450 07
Deficits of District Assessment, 1882.....		630 36
Government of Nova Scotia Road and Bridge Grant.....		9647 00
District Assessments, 1883.....		9096 77
Received to December 31st (30 Districts).....		304 12
Poor Rates for 1883, deposited with Treasurer.....		4772 00
Superintendent of Education.....		214 91
Amount of Loan to Pay School Grants, May Term....		108 00
Liquor Licenses, 1883.....		5 00
Peddlers' and Auctioneers' Licenses, 1883.....		104 50
Use of County Seal.....		36 00
Magistrates' Fines, January to December, 1883.....		1 00
County Jail.....		578 16
Received from T. A. Chambers, Rent of Debtors' Rooms }		
County Court House, for Grass on Vacant Lot.....		127 25
Paying Patients, Hospital for Insane.....		334 90
On Account of Recent Inmates, \$294.48.....		
Collected for Old Balances, 1877 to 1883, \$283.68.... }		
Jury Fines and Fees received from Prothonotary.....		1500 00
Stipendiary Magistrate's Returns.....		400 00
Fees Collected in his Office, Sept. to Dec., 1882, \$78.70 }		
" " " " Jan. to Dec. 31, 1883, \$256.20 }		
Town of Dartmouth, on Account of Assessment.....		
Commissioners of Court House.....		
Balance of Interest in lieu of Rent, 1883.....		
		46310 64
		\$48514 37
By Balance carried down.....	\$6734 65.	

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WM. H. WISWELL,
Municipal Treasurer.

Examined and certified to be correct—

D. HENRY STARR, }
JNO. E. ALBRO, } County Auditors.

The Expenditure was read item by item. On the subject of Road and Bridge Grant from the Government, Councillor Shatford thought this account should be distinct from the general account of the Municipality, as the Act of last session required that the funds be kept distinct from other funds. The Warden concurred in this view.

The Treasurer explained that in the books of the Corporation the accounts were all kept distinct, and that the funds had been deposited to a separate account; but in the general statement of the finances of the County it seemed needful to account for all receipts and expenditures. A separate statement had to be made under the Act to the Government on the 10th January. If necessary, all the details of the general account could be made up in abstracts. Some of these were already made and would be submitted during the session. It was thought advisable to have the Government Grant and other accounts kept separate.

The Credits or Receipt side of the account was then read and explained, shewing in what sums and services there had been a decrease or increase compared with the previous year and the estimate.

The Treasurer mentioned that there were a number of accounts due by the County, but the principal one was the very large amount due to the Government for insane paupers, which was increasing, and the large amounts due from the City for 1882, of which only \$2000 had so far been paid. Under the new law the City Treasurer paid weekly the amount collected of County Rates, and this would go on in this way. At present the balance of 1883 assessment was over \$4000, and of 1882 over \$16,000. The City would not be able to pay this without legislation for a loan. They did not refuse, but were unable to pay now.

The Treasurer said he had paid the Government \$4000 on Monday on account of Insane, which was as much as could now be spared from current pressing services. The Secretary to the Grand Jury had not been paid, as he considered the sum allowed by the County too small. A resolution of the Grand Jury had recommended that he receive \$40 and his pay as Juror.

After remarks by various Councillors on matters in the accounts, on motion of Councillors Ryan and Wilson—

Resolved, That the Accounts of the Treasurer, as presented, be received and adopted. Passed unanimously.

Councillors J. Hays and Ryan moved—

That the salary of the County Stipendiary for this year be \$800.

On the motion being put, there were 13 for and 5 against the motion, which then passed. Names being called for, there were—

For the motion—Councillors J. Hays, Ryan, Bissett, McPhee, N. Hays, D. Smith, Poole, McLaren, Lawson, Fitzgerald, A. Cruickshank, Croud and C. E. Smith—13.

Against it—Councillors Tupper, H. Cruickshank, Dean, Longard and Conrad—5.

Not voting either way—10.

The Council then adjourned to visit the Jail.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9th, 1884.

Council met at 10 30. Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors. The minutes of the previous session were read and accepted.

Councillor Shatford mentioned that the newspapers reported him as having moved his resolution concerning Dartmouth matters, which was not the case.

Councillor Ryan said Councillor Conrad's name was mentioned as voting for Stipendiary's salary; should have been Croud.

Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as follows :—

Resolved, That a Committee of this Council be appointed to wait upon the Government and urge the necessity of passing some legislation in reference to the Dartmouth case now in law, and that said Committee consist of the Warden, J. E. Shatford, E. Ryan and B. C. Wilson; and also, that the Government be notified of the time of meeting. *Passed*.

It was suggested that meantime the Warden see J. N. Ritchie (Counsel) and the Provincial Secretary as to details and time.

Councillor Shatford adverted to the decrease in valuations in many Districts and the necessity of some measure by which Assessors should be required in such cases to give reasons for such reductions.

A long discussion followed, in which Councillors Ryan, Himmelman, Hubley, Shatford, Lawson, Bissett, Poole, Tupper, Wilson, the Warden and others took part.

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Shatford, moved as follows :—

Resolved, That the Committee on Assessments receive and examine the assessment rolls, said Committee to meet on a certain day for such purpose; that the Committee shall be empowered, whenever the assessment roll shall appear to be unsatisfactory, from imperfect information or otherwise, to refer such rolls back to the Assessors for correction or explanation, and to be thereafter, when completed, submitted to the Committee.

The motion was put and lost, 7 being for and 15 against it. Names being called, there were—

For—Councillors Lawson, Shatford, Wilson, Burgess, Munro, Hubley and Leslie.

Against—Councillors Himmelman, John Hays, D. Smith, McLaren, Poole, McPhee, Longard, Fitzgerald, A. Cruickshank, Croud, Conrad, N. Hays, H. Cruickshank, Guild, Tupper and Charles Smith.

Councillor Shatford presented the following resolution, seconded by Councilor Wilson,

Resolved, That the assessment rolls that are unsatisfactory to the Councillor be sent back by the clerk to the assessors for the district for explanations as to why the changes were made; the same to be returned within ten days.

Considerable discussion followed in reference to the position and pay of Assessors under the Local Act. On the subject of valuations and changes of names on the Assessment Rolls the Clerk quoted from the Local Act and Chap. 10 of the Acts of 1883, which meets some difficulty formerly occurring in making up and collecting rates. The necessity of a change in the time of making up the assessment rolls was stated more especially as the City had now under a new law made their assessment to take place in October instead of May, which clashed with and almost set aside the mode of assessment named in the County Act, after further discussion the motion was put and carried, 15 to 9.

Read, a letter from Dr. Jas. A. Lanigan offering to perform the duties of surgeon to the jail for the same remuneration the present Surgeon

was now getting instead of giving him the increase he asked for. As the appointment had been made but the salary not yet altered, the letter was referred to the committee on public property.

Read, a petition for a bridge across a brook separating Isnor's Head, East Chezzetcook, from the main land and a valuable beach. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Read, a petition from residents of district 22, Musquidoboit, for aid in maintaining a piece of new road. Referred to Councillor Dean who said he had it in his mileage report.

Read, a petition from James Slaunwhite to remit amount of taxes on his schooner which had been lost with all on board, including several of his family and Warrem Smith, in the last August gale, thereby reducing him to very straightened circumstances. Passed unanimously.

Read, a petition for a new road in district 35, in place of a very hilly and unsatisfactory road now in use. Councillor H. Cruikshank supported the petition, and it was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Clerk read a copy of a petition addressed to the Municipality of East Hants, from 110 residents of the vicinity of Milford, against a proposed change of location of the bridge there across the Shubenacadie River, giving among other reasons for not changing it, that of great additional expense, of inconvenience from three railway tracks crossing the road of the proposed new location in dangerous places to travel, of dividing a school section which lay on both sides and which would be a serious detriment and of general inconvenience to traffic and travel.

Read also, a letter Councillor Shatford had some time ago received while Acting Warden, from the Warden of East Hants, citing the same and other reasons against the proposed change, and saying the Council over which he presided would never agree to it.

Councillor McPhee said he did not see why Halifax County should act expressly to please Hants in the matter. He could show to the Council that the representations to the petitions were erroneous, but would not now occupy the time, as the petition would have to go to committee. It was referred to the Committee on Road and Bridges.

On motion the Council adjourned until 10.30, a. m., to-morrow, in order to give time for Committee work in the afternoon.

The Committees on Public Property, Roads and Bridges and Lunatic Asylum, met and occupied the afternoon preparing reports.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, January 10th, 1884.

The Council met at 10 a.m. The Warden and 25 members present. Yesterday's minutes were read and approved.

The Warden submitted and read a letter received from T. O. Arthur, complaining that Councillor Croud was not placed on any Committee, and requesting some action be taken in regard to his rights, &c.

Councillor Croud said he did not wish to force himself upon the Council. He had been properly elected and tried to do his duty to the best of his ability. If his people complained he thought the Council ought to place him on an equal footing with others.

The Warden explained that he could not nominate a committee, that all the committees had been filled up and several Councillors were not on any committee.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the name of Councillor Croud be added to the Law Amendment Committee.

The Treasurer's statement of district assessments, payments and deficits for 1883 was read in detail and the reasons explained by several Councillors why amounts were still uncollected.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FOR 1882 AND 1883.

District No.	Recd. on Acct. '82.	Poor Rates recd. '83.	1883 Assessments.	Total Collected.	Deficits Dec. 31, '83
7.....	\$ 3 34		\$176 12	\$160 00	\$ 16 12
" 8.....	65 11		165 68	101 39	64 29
" 9.....	1 17		109 40	101 00	8 40
" 10.....	169 00	\$34 01	343 97	116 31	227 66
" 11.....			343 44	342 06	1 38
" 12.....			200 60	198 04	2 56
" 13.....	6 00		160 16	145 37	14 79
" 14.....	159 98	104 70	873 12	543 20	329 92
" 15.....	102 05		488 09	372 07	116 02
" 16.....			221 75	212 60	9 15
" 17.....	28 50	164 14	480 19	464 88	15 31
" 18.....	3 60		330 94	309 66	21 28
" 19.....	6 00		438 55	426 97	11 58
" 20.....			253 76	243 86	9 90
" 21.....			578 42	576 87	1 55
" 22.....	30 01		474 77	440 24	34 53
" 23.....	9 41	1 27	130 60	95 72	34 88
" 24.....	10 96		191 91	183 38	8 53
" 25.....			355 00	324 82	30 18
" 26.....	12 32		376 07	348 97	27 10
" 27.....			458 83	450 56	8 17
" 28.....	3 91		338 76	338 76	
" 29.....			276 31	276 31	
" 30.....			157 76	155 89	1 87
" 31.....			729 49	713 15	16 34
" 32.....			326 32	326 02	30
" 33.....			342 85	338 67	4 18
" 34.....	10 00		266 86	264 09	2 77
" 35.....	9 00		183 89	183 53	36
" 36.....			347 59	342 28	5 31
	\$630 36	\$304 13	\$10121 20	\$9096 77	\$1024 43

Fines and Licenses received 1883, \$315.50.

On motion, the statement was referred to Finance Committee.

Read, a request by Councillor John Hayes to place Herring Cove Bridge on the list to be submitted to the Government for rebuilding or repair.

A long discussion followed, which was opened by Councillor Lawson, who said that there were a large number of bridges in District 17 which he wished to have put on, but as the Government had been having all bridges inspected, it was necessary to know what would be done with them before placing them on the list, as every District would submit a number.

Councillor Shatford and others were of opinion that as the Government would only attend to such as the Provincial Engineer reported upon favorably after the list was handed in, there was no need of waiting for copy of his report.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Longard and passed :

Resolved, That His Worship the Warden be desired to request that the Provincial Government will be pleased to furnish this Council with a copy of the Report of the Bridge Inspector for Halifax County, for the information of the Council.

On motion of Councillors Dean and Hubley, it was

Resolved, That Road Section, District 22, of 8 miles, be divided at Grassy Brook, making 2 sections of 4 miles each. Passed.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to define the boundary line between Districts 15 and 17 for the information of assessors, said Committee to consist of the mover and seconder, with Councillors Wilson and Norman Hays. Passed.

A discussion was held on the subject of pay of Assessors, which was considered to be, in most of the Districts, entirely too small for the time and work required.

Sections of the General County Assessment Act and the Halifax County Local Act of 1862 were read, and a resolution on the subject was, on motion of Councillors Himmelman and Shatford, referred to Committee on Law Amendments.

It was arranged with J. Norman Ritchie, Esq., that the Committee on the Dartmouth debt meet him at the Clerk's Office at 12½ o'clock to-day.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess the Road and Bridge Committee were requested to consider the propriety of placing two adjoining Road Sections in District 17 and 18 under one Overseer, to be appointed by each Councillor alternately, beginning with District 17 for this year.

Councillor Lawson introduced a motion that any Councillor be authorized to have Cattle Pounds established in the several districts at a cost not exceeding \$10 to be paid out of fines and fees. After discussion the motion was deferred till the law on the subject be ascertained. (The Bye-Laws merely prescribe regulations for such enclosures.)

Read, a memorial from Danl. Webber (formerly County Constable), asking that certain jury fees paid to the County in an action brought

against him for illegally arresting and detaining J. VanBuskirk, on a telegram upon which late Stipendary Evans had acted without a proper warrant to the constable or the jailor, and the suit was brought against all three. The claim was for \$25 paid by Webber to settle the affair with the lawyer employed.

Councillor Ryan advocated the payment to Webber as he had acted under the orders of the Stipendary, and it was a hard case.

Councillor Shatford was opposed to the payment, on the ground that it was a matter outside of the Council, and the County should not be made liable for illegal acts of Magistrates.

The Clerk said that he knew the whole case, and that it was creating a dangerous precedent, involving a very serious point, viz.: whether the County were to pay claims or damages where the acts of their paid officer, the Stipendary, who gave no bonds, were concerned. There were many similar claims presented since the sudden death of the late Stipendary; if one was paid, why not all of the same kind?

Councillor Ryan said that the Clerk had no right to dictate to this Council. His place was to answer questions when appealed to, and not to interfere with the debates.

The Clerk explained that it was not his wish or practice to dictate to the Council, but, when necessary, to give such information as he possessed on matters before them. He studied the interests of the County, and if the acquired information was not desired, and he was not expected to be of service in that way, he should, of course, refrain from doing so.

Some further remarks were made, and the claim was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

A number of papers connected with the accounts of the Lunatic Asylum were submitted by the Warden.

The time for meeting Mr. Ritchie having arrived, the Council adjourned to 10.30 to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Jan. 11th, 1884.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 24 Councillors.

Minutes read and adopted.

Read, a note from Councillor Cruickshank (District 25) asking to be excused, having to return home immediately.

Read, a petition from inhabitants of Cherry Hill Settlement for an additional short cut of about a mile of new road to the Dartmouth road. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Read, a petition from General Laurie, George Mason, and others of District 18, to build a mile and a half of new road to the Truro road.

It was explained by Councillor Wilson that all they needed was a precept of the Council to let them build it, as the road had been already surveyed and laid out, and the ground had been paid for.

Moved by Councillor B. C. Wilson, seconded by Councillor E. E. Burgess—

That a precept be granted for laying out a new road from the Truro road to Hall Settlement, in District 18, the said road being the same referred to in the petition of J. Wimburne Laurie, H. Williston and others; the same to be done in accordance with the Statute made and provided; and that Henry Williston and Robert Hall be appointed to lay out and locate the said road. Passed.

The Warden reported verbally the result of the conference with Mr. Ritchie on the Dartmouth debt, who thought it was not desirable nor necessary for the Council to have legislation. Mr. Ritchie advises that, instead of a committee meeting with the Dartmouth Council, he should interview the Counsel for the Town of Dartmouth and ascertain their views as to a settlement. He would thereafter report to a committee of the County Council the grounds upon which a settlement would be made which would suit both parties.

Councillor Shatford added some further information, and said that failing an amicable or legislative adjustment, no other course could be taken but to get judgment and act upon it. The Committee should have full powers to deal with the subject, and the proposals will come before next meeting of Council.

Councillor Himmelman thought that the County should have legislation if possible, and bring the matter to a close without delay.

Councillor Ryan said we had law enough on our side. Dartmouth must get legislation to enable them to proceed, and not the County.

Councillor Bissett said that the Recorder of Dartmouth had stated that they would have a Bill before the Legislature to amend their Act of Incorporation, and the matter would then be provided for.

After further remarks by Councillors Tupper and Wilson, it was moved by Councillor Shatford, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Council, with full powers to deal with the Dartmouth debt matter in concert with our attorney, Mr. Ritchie; and that the committee be composed of Councillors Shatford, Wilson, Lawson, Ryan, N. Hays, with the Warden. Passed.

The Clerk submitted an account of Dr. Farrel's for \$26 for surgical attendance on P. Monaghan, County Constable, who was wounded while in discharge of his duty arresting a criminal at St. Margaret's Bay; also, a bill for John McBain attending in Monaghan's place while disabled. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Warden submitted a petition from Robert Allen, of District 15, Lower Bedford, supported by several leading residents, asking to be appointed Sealer of Leather. On motion it was granted, provided that it did not contravene the Dominion Statute for Inspection of Hides.

On the subject of bridges requiring to be placed under the provisions of the Act respecting Bridges, moved by Councillor H. Cruickshank, seconded by Councillor Tupper, and

Resolved, That Red Bridge (so called), in District 35 (Little River), be brought under the Bridge Act, and request the building of a new bridge this session. *Passed*.

Moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor Hubley—

That the bridge known as Wooden's Bridge, between Districts 11 and 12, come under the Bridge Act, as recommended by the Government Engineer. *Passed*.

The discussion on Pounds was re-opened, and the By-Laws and Statutes reterring to the same were read.

Councillor Himmelman read By-Law stating that Pounds could be erected wherever wanted.

The Clerk said that was the original By-Law, but the Government had struck off that section of it as being *ultra vires*.

Councillor Lawson's resolution of Thursday passed.

Read, Report of the Committee appointed by precept last session to examine and lay out new road from Petpeswick Harbor through the Oxford Gold Mines to Musquodoboit Harbor. The cost would be \$1400.

Read, Report of Committee appointed under precept to lay out and report upon extension of road from Rocky Run Road, District 28, to Three Fathom Harbor. They had first run the line through the Grahame property, as per plan, but subsequently, being informed that the beach beyond Messrs. Gaetz property was public and not private property, the Committee recommended the road to be run through that section. - In reply to Councillor Dean, Councillor McLaren said the intervening space was the property of the Messrs. Gaetz, and would have to be appraised.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the same Committee be notified to perfect their work and report.

J. N. Ritchie, Esq., called to inform the Warden that a special meeting of the Dartmouth Council would be called at once to consider the settlement of their debt, and would doubtless come to a decision, but would probably ask to be relieved of school assessment thereafter.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Warden of East Hants, being present, was invited to a seat on the platform.

Submitted, the Report of the Committee appointed under precept last session to examine, lay out, appraise and forward plan of road proposed to be run through property of G. H. Madill, Esq., toward Milford Station, in District No. 19. After brief comments thereon, on motion of Councillors Himmelman and Wilson, it was referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Councillor Shatford (Chairman) submitted the

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct, and must, at the outset, congratulate the Treasurer on having his accounts prepared and printed for distribution among the Councillors at so early a

date. These accounts shew a balance to the credit of the County at the end of the year of \$6,494, exclusive of road monies.

Following is a statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year 1883:—

Amount on hand, as per Treasurer's Account.....	\$ 6494 65
Due by the City, previous to 1883.....	16000 00
Due on Assessment of 1883 by the City.....	4910 00
Deficits due by Rural Districts.....	1024 43
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	\$28429 08

In addition to this, the Town of Dartmouth is now indebted to the County in the sum of \$30,180, which is still in the courts and cannot at present be counted on as an immediate asset of the County.

The present liabilities of the County—

Due for Poor.....	\$ 304 12
" " Water Rates.....	175 00
" E. E. Burgess.....	530 00
" Medical and Coroners' Accounts.....	221 00
" Sheriffs Archibald and Bell.....	179 75
" J. N. & T. Ritchie, unpaid.....	175 00
" The Town of Dartmouth (Small-pox acct.).....	1570 59
" On Interest on Court House.....	87 50
" Hospital for Insane.....	28677 72
" Public Schools.....	92 90
" Printing and Stationery.....	25 00
" Revisors and Assessors.....	48 00
" Collectors of County Rates.....	130 00
" Auditors.....	40 00
" Insurance on Court House.....	37 50
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	\$32294 08

It will thus be seen that our immediate liabilities exceed our assets by \$3765. In addition to this, we owe the Provincial Government between seven and eight thousand dollars (\$7000 and \$8000) for money advanced by them on account of the Dartmouth debt and which they have agreed to wait for until the Dartmouth account is settled.

It will also be seen that our liabilities have increased the past year from \$24,773.71 to \$32,119.08, while our assets are only \$5,543.28 over that of last year. When it is considered that these assets are very largely made up of debts of long standing, it will be readily seen that they cannot properly be counted as good or sound assets. To put it in another form, we had last year a deficit of \$1887.91, while this year it amounts to \$3765. We are therefore drifting into a state of bankruptcy, and unless some energetic measures are taken to collect the money due the County, the Council will soon be unable to carry on the business of the Municipality without doubling the taxation, which would not be very desirable.

Your Committee very much regret having largely to increase the estimates for the present year, in order to meet the increasing and various services of the County.

Respecting certain claims against the County submitted to your Committee, they beg to report that they investigated the claim of Morris Downey, which claim amounted to \$173, for clothing and furniture destroyed in 1882 to prevent the spread of small-pox. After having Mr. Downey before them, they concluded, in view of the bill being an extravagant one, to pay Mr. Downey \$135 in full of his claim, and recommend the Treasurer to pay the same.

In reference to a claim of \$20 on behalf of David Webber, for costs incurred in a suit (Vanbuskirk vs. Webber and others) for illegal arrest, your Committee recommend that, if it can be shown that the \$20 claimed actually went into the Municipal Treasury, that it be refunded to Mr. Webber; but if it did not go in said Treasury, the Treasurer be not authorized to pay it.

Respecting the bills from the Hospital for Insane, your Committee recommend that the same be paid as funds come in to enable the Treasurer to do so. Your Committee regret very much that owing to the tardiness with which the City authorities

pay in the money due by them to the County, the Treasurer is unable to meet the just demands of the Municipality. They also very much regret that the Town of Dartmouth has paid nothing on account the past year. They hold a claim against the County of \$1407.00, incurred by the Board of Health in the small-pox case of 1882, which will be paid. Your Committee do not consider it right, just, or a business way of doing it for the Municipal authorities of Dartmouth to withhold their County Rates on account of these bills.

Following is the Estimates for the coming year (1884), all of which is respectfully submitted.

ESTIMATE FOR 1884.

Hospital for Insane.....	\$14000 00
County Jail.....	2250 00
County Court House.....	2000 00
Clerk's Salary.....	1100 00
Treasurer's Salary.....	500 00
Crier of Supreme Court.....	200 00
Chief Constable.....	200 00
Constables Supreme Court.....	150 00
Constable of the County Court.....	80 00
Grand Jury, Secretary, etc.....	300 00
Petit Jurors.....	750 00
Crown Witnesses.....	250 00
Sheriff's Account.....	200 00
Revisors of Jury Lists.....	150 00
Coroners' Juries and expenses.....	400 00
Printing and Stationery.....	400 00
Auditors.....	40 00
Postage and Expressage.....	50 00
County Councillors and Mileage.....	900 00
Revisors.....	250 00
Contingent Fund.....	200 00
Sundry Accounts unpaid.....	200 00
Interest on Court House.....	1025 00
For Bounties.....	300 00
Stipendiary Magistrate and expenses.....	800 00
For E. E. Burgess, Loan and Interest.....	530 00
	<u>\$29025 00</u>
To which is to be added School Assessment, as required by law.....	9345 00
	<u>\$38570 00</u>

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,
G. A. LESLIE,
NORMAN HAYS,
B. C. WILSON.

The Estimate was taken up item by item and passed down to "Interest on Court House, \$1025.00."

Councillor Shatford said this item was inserted, as suggested last year, though then only \$625 was paid; but he wished information as to the expenditure for the Court House improvements, which seemed to have altogether exceeded the Statute and general expectation. So far, though promised, the Council had never seen a single account, and do not know how, why or where so much money has been laid out. The Auditors had said that they had asked for the accounts, but they were not forthcoming.

Councillor Ryan did not consider that the Auditors had anything to do with these accounts, but only those of the Treasurer and County. The Commissioners could appoint their own Auditors and report on them.

Councillor Lawson said that a large amount was claimed on disputed accounts,—one in particular, for extra work, \$600,—and that a number were yet unsettled.

The Warden said the Commissioners had no disposition to keep matters secret or misappropriate funds. The monies received from the Government and debentures were all placed in the bank and drawn by cheques signed by two of the Commissioners. Judge Thompson is Secretary, and is not willing that accounts should go out of his possession, but agreed to let the Warden have them, and Mr. Starr was now at his office examining them, but not yet ready to report. The first interest was paid by the Commissioners, the Council not having provided for it. They expected to have arranged with the Sheriff, Prothonotary and other officials to pay \$400.00 per year for their office accommodation, heating and lighting. Not receiving that sum, the Commissioners had advanced \$400 towards last interest. As it was, the County paid only \$1025 per annum for all these offices, which was not one-fourth the rental that similar offices cost in the city.

The Warden made further explanations respecting the disputed claims and the safe and secure mode of heating.

Councillor Longard said there was always the same story of delay in these accounts. The County had a right to know what they were paying for, as they had to pay the taxes.

On motion, the Report and Estimates were passed as a whole, and the Council adjourned to 10 a.m. Saturday.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Jan. 12th, 10 A.M.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Councillor Shatford, wishing to resign as member of the Jury List Committee, moved that Councillor N. Hays be appointed. The latter declining, Councillor Guild was appointed instead.

On motion of Councillors H. Cruickshank and Burgess—

Resolved, That auctioneers' licenses be reduced to eight instead of twelve dollars per annum. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Charles E. Smith and Wilson—

That the bridge between Pennant and Long Cove Point, now two-thirds completed, be put on the Road and Bridge list. Passed.

Councillor Wilson referred to the collection of the dog tax of 50 cents on all dogs, and proposed that it be collected with the County taxes.

A discussion ensued, some Councillors being opposed to it. Councillor Chas. E. Smith said the subject had been omitted in the reports, and thought it should be better regulated and defined. At present it was not defined, and it was impossible to collect it.

Read, a petition from James Kiddy and George Drysdale, District 14, for leave to do their Statute labor on the road near their own property, which was far from the main road. Granted.

Councillor Wilson (Chairman) presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS.

To the Worshipful Warden and Council of the County of Halifax:

The Committee on Law Amendments beg to recommend:—

That the Legislature be asked to change the time for levying the assessments in the County so as to correspond with time of making up the valuations in the City of Halifax, as such an arrangement will materially facilitate business between the two Corporations.

As regards the method of assessing, with a view to obtaining more equitable and uniform valuation, your Committee, while recognizing the need of improvement, feel that it is much easier to define the evils of the present system than suggest a practical remedy, and therefore shrink from offering suggestions on a subject which demands more time and careful consideration—and, perhaps, greater ability—than your Committee can at present bring to bear upon it. They, however, believe that our assessors are inadequately paid for the services rendered by or expected of them, and would recommend as follows:—

That there be two duly authorized assessors for each Electoral District, to be appointed as already provided for, who shall be paid one dollar and fifty cents for each day of ten hours' actual service in making up such assessments, the number of days to be certified by the Councillor of the District as correct, but in no case to exceed five days of each assessor for any one District.

That such assessors may be eligible for re-appointment indefinitely, but no one assessor shall be liable to serve more than three years consecutively if he does not wish to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. C. WILSON,
JOHN D. TUPPER,
RICHARD CROUD,
G. A. LESLIE,
JOHN E. SHATFORD,
HENRY CRUIKSHANK.

Councillor Himmelman thought the Committee should have referred to some changes in connection with Roads and Bridges.

On motion, the Report passed.

Councillor Dean (Chairman) submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

Your Committee beg to submit the returns of the Overseers of the Poor for 1883, as far as received at present :—

District.	Balance on hand 1882.	Collected of Assessment 1883.	Total.	Expended.	Balance on hand 1883.	Amt. to be Assessed for 1884.
		\$	\$	\$		\$
7		30 00	30 00	1 50	28 50	30 00
8						
9	\$ 11 40	12 97	24 37	0 56	23 81	
10	1 75	32 26	34 01	1 70	32 31	50 00
11	25 12	100 00	125 12	122 89	2 23	125 00
12	54 05	27 81	81 86	51 39	30 47	30 00
13	22 35		22 35	19 50	2 85	20 00
14	26 83	104 70	131 53	37 48	93 05	
15						
16						
17	226 53	164 14	390 67	342 55	48 12	
18		301 00	301 00	293 23	7 75	300 00
19	25		25	30 78		134 53
20	19 62	40 82	60 44	56 04	4 34	
21	135 07	90 49	225 56	123 60	101 96	
22	50 23	61 10	111 33	111 27	0 06	100 00
23	24 52		24 52		24 52	
24						50 00
25	17 45	81 66	99 11	69 66	20 45	150 00
26	248 66		248 66	38 00	210 66	100 00
27						150 00
28						
29	30 43	52 76	83 19	51 20	31 94	
30						40 00
31	117 58	182 26	299 84	173 31	126 53	200 00
32	0 90	41 12	42 02	23 25	18 77	
33	0 56	208 96	209 42	109 05	100 37	100 00
34						
35						
36		80 49	80 49	59 27	21 22	50 00

Your Committee regret that the Overseers of several of the Districts have not made returns and financial reports for 1883, and would recommend that the Clerk be authorized to put in force the penalty stated in the Statute.

They further wish to say that they consider that the Councillors of those Districts are much to blame for not seeing that the Overseers of their Districts do not fulfil their duties according to the By-Laws.

They would also recommend that in future the Overseers be more punctual in forwarding their returns, through their Councillors, to the County Clerk, so that the business of the Council be not retarded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ADAM DEAN, *Chairman*,
ED R. POOLE,
WILLIAM MUNRO,
JOHN McLAREN.

The Report was briefly discussed, the amounts recommended to be assessed for 1884 approved and the Report, on motion, adopted as a whole.

Councillor Shatford submitted the following

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have examined and given their careful attention to the bills referred to them yesterday.

First, in respect to Dr. Farrell's bill, they feel that Dr. Farrell has no claim against the County for any medical services rendered a County officer: but they recommend that the County Treasurer pay Constable Monaghan \$20. and that he settle any claim Dr. Farrell himself may have against him.

Respecting the bill of John McBain, for doing Constable's duty during the illness of Constable Monaghan, your Committee do not consider the County at all responsible.

Your Committee do not recognize their right to pay the bills of John Walsh and Parker Smith, Constables of Hants County.

All of which is respectively submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,
B. C. WILSON,
G. A. LESLIE,
NORMAN HAYS,
WM. GUILD.

Halifax, January 11th, 1884.

On motion of Councillors Hubley and Wilson, the Report was adopted.

Councillor Lawson (Chairman) submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

COUNTY COURT ROOM, January, 1884.

The Committee on Public Property have carefully considered the several documents referred to them by the Council, as well as the several matters that seemed to come under their cognizance.

The Report on the County Jail by Mr. Thomas A. Chambers, Jailor, shows that since last Report (on 1st April, 1883) to 31st December, 1883, there were during the nine months the following commitments:—

Criminals.....	190
Debtors.....	139
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	329

At the close of the period, on 31st December, 1883, there were 12 criminals and no debtors in the Jail. The largest number of prisoners at one time during the year was 25. During the whole of the year 1883 there were 411 persons committed to Jail, including both criminals and debtors, showing an increase of 50 criminals, a decrease of 11 debtors and a total increase of 39 prisoners over the number of the previous year. The sources of the commitments were as follows:—

By the City Court.....	275
“ Supreme and County Courts.....	74
“ Magistrates' Courts.....	41
“ Dartmouth Municipality.....	19
“ Coroners.....	2
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	411

The several offences for which the criminals were committed, and the number for each offence, are shown in the return appended to this Report.

The sanitary condition of the Jail is reported as good, most of the sickness being in cases of prisoners committed temporarily from the City Court for drunkenness and insanity, the number of which was 38.

The amount received for room rent and boarding merchant sailors during the year is \$36.60.

The Committee visited the Jail and found it in a satisfactory condition, so far as regards its management and the performance of the duties of Jailor by Mr. Chambers. The Committee have simply to repeat their expression of satisfaction given in a previous Report, that Mr. Chambers is an efficient and conscientious officer, regular and diligent in the discharge of his duties.

The fitting up of one of the window grating as a fire escape has been completed in a satisfactory manner, and the Committee believe that it will be efficient for the purpose intended if, by misfortune, it should at any time be brought into requisition.

The Committee desire to call the special and serious attention of the Council to the practice of sending to the Jail persons for whose exceptional condition of physical or mental health there is adequate provision. From the Physician's Report appended hereto, it appears that during the past year there have been more than the usual number requiring medical treatment, a larger number than usual being persons suffering under delirium tremens and insanity. One prisoner was suffering from a gunshot wound, and the symptoms were so severe and the convenience for treatment so inadequate, that the prisoner had to be removed to the hospital. During the same month, (July), a woman from Dartmouth at the full term of pregnancy was committed to Jail under sentence of two months hard labour, and gave birth to a child before she had been 48 hours in her cell. During the year the number of cases of delirium tremens, or other severe cases of alcoholism, has been about 30, and 8 cases of insane persons. In some cases the persons committed as prisoners were very violent. There being no proper accommodation in the Jail for insane or delirium tremens patients, and no proper provision either for their care or treatment. The Committee recommend that the attention of the several public bodies and officials interested be called to these circumstances in order that means may be taken to make provision at the Asylum, Hospital or some other suitable institution for the temporary care of such persons as it may be necessary to commit for safe keeping, pending their permanent admission to the Hospital or Asylum.

The Committee have considered the Report of the Physician, and find from that and other sources of information that he has faithfully performed his important and responsible duties. They have likewise considered his application for increase of salary; also, a communication from Dr. Lanigan, offering to perform the duties without increase. The Committee, under present circumstances, do not consider it prudent to make any change.

It appears that in cases of prisoners remanded at the City Court in the morning, it has been the practice not to send the prisoners to the Jail until long after dark. The Committee recommend that the City Marshal be requested to make arrangements whereby such prisoners may be daily sent, soon after the City Court is closed, and at least before sunset. There appears to be no reason for delaying the transfer of prisoners to a later hour than four o'clock.

The Rules and Regulations for the management of the Jail being out of print, the Committee recommend that they be revised and any necessary corrections or alterations made, and that they be hereafter printed for the use of Councillors and officials.

In regard to the Jailor's suggestion of introducing the telephone into the Jail, the Committee, whilst unwilling to recommend any increase in expense of management in the present state of the County's finances, yet feel that, as a measure of safety in cases of accident or insubordination, it is desirable to make arrangements for fitting up a telephone, and they accordingly recommend that this be done.

The erection of a shed for tools and materials has also been suggested, but as the required building would necessarily have to be of brick, and involve considerable expense, the Committee do not recommend its erection at present.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Chairman*,
EDMUND RYAN,
NORMAN HAYS,
JOHN G. BISSETT,
JOSEPH HIMMELMAN,
GEO. D. LONGARD.

In connection with the above was read the

JAIL SURGEON'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, Dec. 31st, 1883.

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report for your information the following statement of the sanitary condition of the County Jail and its inmates for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1883.

There have been more than the accustomed number of those requiring medical treatment during the year, of whom a larger number than usual were cases of *delirium tremens* and insane persons.

Among the more severe cases calling for treatment was that of Jim Nowlan, an Indian, under arrest for abduction, who came to the Jail July 3rd, suffering from the effects of a gun shot wound in the arm. The injury was a most formidable one, the bones of the forearm being broken and the flesh torn in a very bad way. So severe were the symptoms accompanying the injury, and so inadequate the means of treating such cases in the Jail, that, on my certificate, permission was granted by the proper authorities for his removal to Hospital, whither he was sent July 5th.

On the 20th day of the same month Isabella Lee, of Dartmouth, at the full term of pregnancy, was committed to Jail under sentence of two months at hard labor, and on the morning of the 22nd, at 5.30 o'clock, she was delivered of a male child. Although not supplied with the outfit necessary to a lying-in hospital, the best possible under the trying circumstances was done for her at the Jail and the patient made as comfortable as possible. This case is memorable as being the only instance in which the sentence of *hard labor* was fully carried out. She made a good recovery.

On Oct. 1st, Andrew Doyle, a prisoner under sentence of incarceration for twelve months, was publicly whipped in the Jail yard at 5.30 p.m., receiving twenty lashes, under my supervision. He bore his punishment well, and soon recovered from the effects.

During the year there have been about thirty cases of *delirium tremens*, or other severe forms of alcoholism under treatment, and eleven insane persons have been temporarily cared for. Of these cases some were very violent, and brought with them grave responsibility, while all were the subjects of much care and anxiety on the part of the Jail officials. Five of the insane were sent to Mount Hope Asylum, and the remaining six were sent to the Poors' Asylum or handed over to the care of their friends. The inebriates all did well and left the Jail cured.

The lighter cases requiring treatment were chiefly for rheumatism, diarrhoea and the effects of cold and exposure, which prisoners incurred previous to their imprisonment, and which readily yielded to the means employed.

I have examined and tasted the food supplied to the prisoners at various times, and have always found it of good quality and well cooked.

The corridors and cells have been cleaned and whitewashed at regular intervals, and everything has been done that could conduce to the health and well-being of the prisoners. I have also given certificates of good health and freedom from contagion to the prisoners sent to Dorchester Penitentiary.

To the Jailor, Mr Chambers, and his wife, I am indebted for many comforts, not on bill of fare, supplied to sick prisoners, which have made them the recipients of many a blessing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. TRENAMAN, M.D.,
Physician to the County Jail.

The Report was read clause by clause, and, on motion of Councillors Hubley and Ryan, passed, together with the Jail Surgeon's Report.

THE COUNTY JAIL.

Besides the information concerning this institution* supplied in the Report of the Committee on Public Property to the County Council, the Jailor's Report gave the list of criminals below for the term, and

concluded with the following recommendations, the first of which, as stated, was approved and the latter deferred on account of the necessity for its being of brick, and consequently too great an expense in erection :

I beg to call the attention of your honorable body to one very important point in connection with the safety of the Jail. There is no means of communication with the authorities outside in case of fire, insubordination or other unforeseen occurrences. I would suggest that a telephone should be provided, so that instant communication could be had with fire department in case of fire, with police and military authorities in cases of trouble arising among prisoners, and with the doctor of the institution should there be any sudden illness. As it is now, should anything of the kind arise, the Turnkey or the Jailor would have to leave the building to give the alarm, thus leaving it in charge of one only.

I beg also to call your attention to the necessity there is for an out-building or barn in which to lock up tools, straw for beds, etc. ; also for the Jailor's own convenience.

CRIMINALS AND OFFENCES, FOR TERM ENDING Dec. 31st, 1883.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.....	36	5	41
Embezzlement.....	5	0	5
Breaking Windows.....	6	0	6
Lewd Conduct and Drunkenness.....	0	1	1
Assaults and Threats.....	34	5	39
Refusing Duty on Board Ship.....	6	0	6
Unsound Mind.....	8	3	11
Deserting Ships.....	7	0	7
Larceny.....	23	6	29
Manslaughter.....	4	0	4
Violation of River Fishery Act.....	1	0	1
Keeping Houses of Ill-fame.....	1	7	8
Burglary and Larceny.....	7	0	7
Abduction.....	1	0	1
Common Prostitute.....	0	1	1
Vagrancy.....	1	0	1
Destroying Government Property.....	3	0	3
Shooting and Doing Bodily Harm.....	1	0	1
Stabbing.....	1	0	1
Falsifying Books.....	1	0	1
Rape.....	2	0	2
Having in Possession Explosives.....	2	0	2
Smuggling.....	2	0	2
Attempting to Stab.....	1	2	3
Concealing Child-birth.....	0	1	1
Deserting H. M. Service.....	1	0	1
Attempting to Shoot.....	1	0	1
Defrauding the Government.....	1	0	1
Attempting Burglary.....	1	0	1
Burglary.....	1	0	1
	159	31	190

The subject of a tax on dogs, introduced by Councillor Chas. E. Smith, and which had been in abeyance, was taken up and the resolution discussed by Councillors Wilson, Dean, Shatford, Longard, Tupper, Poole and others, some in favor of it and others opposed.

It was moved in amendment by Councillors Poole and Tupper—

Resolved, That the law as it now stands in the Statutes with regard to dogs be approved. *Passed*.

The Clerk reported that the lists of Districts Officers had all been handed in by the Councillors of each District respectively.

The Warden submitted them and asked whether each should be read and passed upon separately, or the whole of them passed *en bloc*. The latter course was approved, but before acceptance, Councillor Longard referred to the necessity of caution in so doing, and asked if malversation in office and irregularities by certain officers were to be endorsed by the Council. He mentioned Presiding Officers more particularly as requiring to be persons who should not be re-appointed if guilty of such conduct as the one in District 23, where the ballot box had been stuffed to secure Councillor Ryan's return. He trusted no such officers would be re-appointed, or recognized by the Council.

Councillor Ryan replied and called the speaker to order, saying that one Councillor had no right to interfere with the appointments of another. He would defer his appointments till April meeting.

Councillors Longard and Poole asked that the names of all Presiding Officers be read.

Councillors Hubley and Munro moved that all the lists be passed except District 23.

The list was read in detail, leaving out Presiding Officer. The whole of the lists were then, on motion, passed as they were prepared.

The Chairman (Councillor Lawson) submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LUNATICS.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURT HOUSE,
Halifax, 12th January, 1884.

The Committee find, from lists furnished by the Hospital authorities, that the number of patients chargeable to the County, who were discharged or died during the year 1883, were as follows:—

Males.....	27
Females.....	16
Total.....	43

Six of these were sent to the Poors' House. The list of admissions during the same year shows the names of—

Males.....	16
Females.....	8
Total.....	24

The total number of Halifax County patients in the Hospital at 31st December was 104, of whom 52 were males and 52 females. The total number at 31st December, 1882, was 108; at 31st December, 1883, 104; decrease in year 1883, 4. The list of patients is appended hereto.

The Committee have been informed that a number of the patients sustained in the Hospital at the expense of the County of Halifax are employed by the authorities in skilful and useful work. As the Hospital derives the benefit of the labor of such patients, the Committee think that the County should be credited with a reasonable allowance for such labor.

It appears that in some cases the expenses charged for clothing and articles of furniture destroyed is considerable.

The Committee have had before them a memorandum or report, prepared by the Clerk or Treasurer, containing a very full statement of the balances due from the

friends or bondsmen of insane patients liable for their support. This statement is appended hereto, and the Committee recommend that it should be printed in the Annual Report of the Council's Meetings.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Chairman*,
EDMUND RYAN,
NORMAN HAYS,
JOHN G. BISSETT,
JOSEPH HIMMELMAN.

Halifax County Patients Admitted for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1883.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Date.	No.	Date.	No.
Feb'y 17. James Mansfield.....	1711	March 15. Charlotte Green.....	1715
27. Thos. Shea.....	1713	April 28. Isabel Davidson.....	1728
March 27. Wm. W. Gaston.....	1717	June 15. Mary A. Fraser.....	1741
April 21. John Connell.....	1726	July 3. Theresa Martin.....	1745
June 22. Edward Fenton.....	1743	7. Ellen Higgins.....	1749
July 12. Thos. B. Rogers.....	1751	14. Elizabeth Glawson.....	1754
21. Michael Burns.....	1756	Sept. 11. Sarah Ann Wyde.....	1768
Aug. 11. James Steel (readmiss'n).....	1761	Dec. 13. Helen Boutilier.....	1794
13. John Gough.....	1762		
26. Wm. Doring.....	1766		
Oct. 7. Douglas Crane (readmiss'n).....	1779		
Nov. 3. John Cody.....	1785		
24. E. C. Brine.....	1788		
Dec. 4. Patrick Hayden.....	1790		
11. Ephraim Dauphney (readmission).....	1793		
Sept. 25. Jeremiah Ritcey.....	1777		

Halifax County Patients Discharged and Died for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1883.

MALES.				
No.	Returned.	On Trial.	Discharged.	Died.
..... Henry Lappin.....		28-3-83	30-7-83	
129..... James Pearson.....		15-1-83	30-7-83	
300..... Luke Warren.....		28-3-83	30-7-83	
609..... James Todd.....		28-3-83	30-7-83	
967..... James A. Allan.....	22-12-83	7-7-83		
1608..... James McCormack.....		31-1-83	30-7-83	
1613..... William Pettipaw.....	1-11-83	19-10-83		30-12-83
1632..... Chas. W. Thompson.....				
1635..... Michael Meagher.....		12-7-83	31-8-83	
1613..... Berkley Bond.....				6-7-83
1674..... Peter Finlay.....		22-12-83		
1689..... John Tobin.....		23-2-83	18-6-83	
1696..... Arthur Lloyd.....		18-4-83	30-8-83	
1698..... James Findly.....		24-8-83	2-12-83	
1701..... Wm. O'Leary.....		29-7-83	2-12-83	
1711..... James Mansfield.....				12-4-83
1713..... Thos. Shea.....	15-6-83	30-4-83		
1776..... John Connell.....				22-5-83
1743..... Edward Fenton.....		23-10-83		21-12-83
1756..... Michael Burns.....		16-9-83		
1761..... James Steel.....	21-9-83	17-9-83		
1766..... Wm. Doring.....		30-11-83	21-12-83	
1779..... Douglas Crane.....	6-12-83	22-12-83	24-11-83	
1779..... Jeremiah Ritcey.....		7-12-83		
1717..... Wm. Wallace Gaston.....		9-6-83	30-8-83	
1649..... John Barry.....		9-12-82	19-3-83	
1679..... Timothy Sullivan.....		30-8-83		

FEMALES.

No.	Returned.	On Trial.	Discharged.	Died.
258.....	Mary Hennessey.....			1-3-83
484.....	Cassie Houseman.....	24-11-83		
1332.....	Eliza Boutilier.....	21-11-82	29-7-83	
1526.....	Margaret Fauheof.....	5-8-83		
1538.....	Elizabeth Allan.....	1-1-83	30-7-83	
1616.....	Emma Royffee.....	6-10-83	28-8-83	
1630.....	Mary Kennedy.....	27-1-83	1-1-83	
1629.....	Eva Whidden.....	4-4-83	13-3-83	28-8-83
1637.....	Elizabeth Gott.....	10-10-83	31-12-83	
1655.....	Maria McGlone.....	3-1-83	30-8-83	
1659.....	Flora Hartnett.....	26-2-83	30-7-83	
1663.....	Bridget Nixon.....	19-10-82	30-7-83	
1697.....	Caroline Moore.....			2-11-83
1699.....	Ellen McLean.....	22-12-83		
1728.....	Isabel Davidson.....	7-8-83	30-8-83	
1754.....	Elizabeth Glawson.....	26-12-83		

Sent to Poors' House.

January 15.	James Pearson.	July 12.	Michael Meagher.
March 28.	Luke Warren.	Dec. 22.	Peter Finlay.
28.	James Todd.	22.	Ellen McLean.

*Names of Halifax County Patients in Hospital for the Insane
Dec. 31st, 1883.*

MALES.

William Graham.	William Caldwell.	James C. Woodworth.
Patrick Harmony.	Samuel Foster.	Dougald McKay.
Samuel Fowler.	Charles Brodie.	Charles Thompson.
John McCarthy.	Thomas Lynch.	Newton Strong.
John Kennedy.	Thomas Roland.	Patrick J. Ead.
William Williams.	Christopher Norwood.	Peter Finlay.
William McAllice.	Michael O'Hearn.	Timothy Sullivan.
Richard Barry.	Nicholas Power.	Thos. Shea.
Michael Brennan.	Daniel Callaghan.	Thos. B. Rogers.
Dennis Moriarty.	James Purcell.	Michael Burns.
Charles Dugbrack.	Chas. M. Nolan.	James Steel.
Joseph Groggett.	William A. Williams.	John Gough.
John J. Dunn.	Benjamin Umlah.	Douglas Crane.
John H. Stewart.	Chas. E. Evans.	John Cody.
Lawrence Hickey.	Henry Ascott.	E. C. Brine.
Thos. F. Knight.	William Stowell.	Patrick Hayden.
James A. Allan.	Michael Lauchlin.	Ephraim Dauphney.

FEMALES.

Mary A. Ring.	E. A. Thomas.	Margaret Sawler.
Margaret Grant.	Mary Delaney.	Mary Swindles.
Margaret Ferguson.	Mary A. Flowers.	Isabella Graham.
Mary A. Kennedy.	Margaret Norris.	Margaret Fanhert.
Catherine Coolan.	Ellen Hubley.	Janet Cole.
Catherine Houseman.	Jane Green.	Emma Royffee.
Mary Boutilier.	Ealnor Gilfoy.	Mary Kennedy.
Isabella Gillis.	Jane Caldwell.	Eva Whidden.
Susan McKenzie.	Mary Doyle.	Ellen McLean.
Johanna McKenna.	Maria Norris.	Charlotte Green.
Mary E. Morgan.	Bridget Dunlay.	Mary Ann Fraser.
Elizabeth Foster.	Elizabeth Savage.	Theresa Martin.

FEMALES.

Charlotte Knowles.
Catherine Hayes.
Elizabeth Pye.
Catherine Reddy.
Ellen J. Wall.
Caroline Watson.

Joanna Durward.
Fanny Forbes.
Catherine Colford.
Esther S. Godfrey.
Emily Mosher.
Annie McLeod.

Ellen Higgins.
Elizabeth Glawson.
Sarah Ann Wylde.
Helen Boutilier.

The Report was read clause by clause, and the statistical lists and Treasurer's report of collections on account of paying patients received.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The Clerk read the Report of S. & W. A. Purcell, the Point Pleasant and Purcell's Cove ferrymen, up to September 15th last. During the twelve months preceding that date 1,465 paying and 177 dead-head passengers had been carried, the former at 7 cents each, making the total receipts \$102.55. The Report was received and filed.

The Warden submitted the guarantee of Mr. Chisholm anent the repairing of the East River Bridge, Sheet Harbor, and the maintenance of it free from damage, which was read and received.

Councillor Shatford explained at length the history of the bridge and his action, as Deputy Warden, in regard to repairing it. The bridge was defective, and Mr. Chisholm, on whose mill boom or piers it rested and helped to protect, had demanded that in case of its being swept away he would claim damages against the County to extent of \$60,000. The Deputy Warden, after much unsatisfactory correspondence and delay, consulted Mr. J. N. Ritchie for a legal opinion, and finally decided to have it taken down, and so avoid blame or damages. The Government had asked for tenders and accepted that of Mr. Chisholm for \$600, a larger sum than was necessary, but required a guarantee from Mr. Chisholm against future claims if the bridge was swept away.

The Warden also made some explanations as to the location of the bridge. Residents were opposed to removal or change.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and passed :—

Resolved, That whenever Mr. Chisholm gives notice that he will be no longer responsible for damages done his mill by the said bridge, that this Council take immediate steps to take down said bridge and remove it to some more convenient place, as well as with a view to having it built more cheaply than it can be done on the present site.

In reference to the precept for opening the road to Three Fathom Harbor, it was moved by Councillors Shatford and Himmelman :—

Resolved, That the same be sent back, with the indefinite report thereon, to the Committee to perfect their work in this matter. *Passed*.

Moved by Councillor Conrad, seconded by Councillor McLaren—

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to lay out the road at Three Fathom Harbor be notified to have their survey made and their final report in the Clerk's hands in time for reception at next meeting of Council. *Passed*.

Councillor Smith, District 9, was given leave of absence. A note from Councillor Cruickshank explaining his absence was accepted.

The Council adjourned to 2 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council met at 2 p.m. Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors.

The reading of minutes of morning session was waived.

Moved by Councillors Dean and Guild—

Resolved, That the penalty for all swine going at large shall in future be one dollar per head, instead of fifty cents as at present. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and Burgess—

Resolved, That the bridge near Bedford, known as Buskirk's Bridge, over the Sackville River, and apparently connecting Districts 17 and 15, be placed in the list of bridges embraced under the Bridge Act of last session, and recommended to be built, provided the public roads connected with said bridge on each side of the river be found available for public traffic. Passed.

The following motions respecting Bridges were severally submitted, read and passed:

Moved by Councillor Guild, seconded by Councillor B. C. Wilson—

That the bridge at Oyster Pond Run (now down), near the mouth of Musquodoboit Harbor, be placed under the Provincial Bridge Act of 1883.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess—

That the Milford Bridge over the Shubenacadie River be placed under the Act respecting Bridges by this Council.

Moved by Councillor John Hays, seconded by Councillor Ryan—

Resolved, That Herring Cove Bridge, reported upon by the Government Inspector be placed on the List of Bridges under the Act of 1883.

Moved by Councillor McLaren, seconded by Councillor Conrod—

That the Government be requested to place under the operation of the Act respecting Bridges, Rocky Run Bridge, between Districts 28 and 29, Lower Lake Porter.

Moved by Councillor A. W. Smith, seconded by Councillor Dean—

That Ecum-Secum Bridge, in District 24, be placed on the list to be submitted to the Government.

Moved by Councillor Dart, seconded by Councillor Ryan—

Resolved, That Grand Lake Bridge, in District No. 13, be placed on the list of Government Bridges.

Moved by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor McPhee—

That Dilman Bridge, in District 20, measuring 150 feet over all, now in a very shaky condition, be placed under the Bridge Act.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor N. Hayes—

That the following bridges in District 17 be placed on the List of Bridges embraced under the Bridge Act: Beaver Bank Bridge, on Beaver Bank River, at Beaver Bank Farm; bridge known as Lank Bridge, on Beaver Bank Road, being No. 4 Bridge on 12 Mile River; Bridge No. 5, on Twelve Mile River, on road to Beaver Bank Railway Station.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Jno. E. Shatford—

Resolved, That the bridge known as Sambro Basin Bridge be placed under the Act Respecting Bridges.

Moved by Councillor C. E. Smith, seconded by Councillor Henry Cruikshank—

Resolved, That the bridge known as Pennant Bridge be placed under the Act Respecting Bridges.

Moved by Councillor Longard, seconded by Councillor Dart—

That the bridges between Nos. 10 and 13 be placed under the Act Respecting Bridges.

Moved by Councillors Lawson and N. Hays—

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 be added to the assessment in District 17 for present year to defray the expense of erecting a pound. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That District No. 18 be authorized to assess themselves the sum of ten dollars for the establishment of a pound in said District. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Himmelman and Shatford—

Resolved, That Mr. J. B. Sentell be appointed Janitor of the County Court House at his former salary, and that he be under the control of the Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor N. Hays—

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of this Council that the residents in the neighborhood of Twelve Mile House on the Windsor Road, are deeply concerned and alarmed at certain changes recently made in the targets at the Bedford Rifle Range, and the cutting away of the woods in rear thereof, whereby the safety of life and property are, in their opinion, endangered during the firing at said targets. The Council

Resolve and do hereby appoint the Councillors of Districts 17, 18, 16 and 15 (Lawson, Wilson, N. Hays and Burgess) as a committee to make enquiry and examination, and to communicate with the military authorities with a view to secure such arrangements as shall prevent accidents to life and property; said committee, when such arrangements are made, to acquaint the residents with them and the securities provided so that they may be assured of the safety of their lives and property, and that summer residents may not be deterred from residing in the district. Passed.

The Clerk submitted and read bills of \$5 each from Wm. Burris, C. N. Sprott and W. B. Temple, three appraisers of land for the District new road in Gay's River in all \$15. The bills were passed, to be assessed on District 19, (Gay's River), for payment.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Shatford :—

Resolved, That the same committee as have the Dartmouth debt in hand be appointed to confer with the Provincial Government, to represent the greatly increased expense of management of the Court House and the large amount of Provincial business conducted in it, the expense of which should not devolve upon the County, and to request the Government to defray an equal proportion of the running expenses of the Court House on the basis of the arrangement made between the Government and the County Council for defraying the construction expenses of extending and improving the building. Passed.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Tupper.—

Resolved, That Councillors N. Hays, Lawson and Ryan be appointed a committee specially to look after and urge the early settlement by the City of the balance due the County previous to July, 1883. Passed.

Councillor Lawson, (Chairman), submitted the

Boundary 15-17

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN DISTRICTS 15 AND 17.

The Committee find that the boundary in question is defined as follows:—

"No. 15.—To include all the freeholders resident from Letson's dwelling house, on the Windsor Road, to Sackville Bridge, extending up the Hammond's Plains Road as far as the Roman Catholic Chapel, or to the Western boundary of the Windsor Road lots.

"No. 17.—To include all the freeholders resident between Sackville Bridge and the County line on the North," &c.

Having carefully considered the matter referred to them, the Committee are of opinion that the line runs along the Western end of the Windsor Road lots, from lot No. 1. North-Westwardly, as far as the Roman Catholic Chapel, and that consequently the owners of the Windsor Road farms, whose residences are situated along the Windsor Road, should be assessed to the full value of their properties in District 17, and that they should not be assessed in District 15 unless they possess properties in that District.

As regards property between Sackville Bridge and the first Windsor Road lot on the West side of the Sackville River, the Committee are of opinion that it properly belongs to District 15, except the property of actual residents on the Windsor Road, and they accordingly recommend that it should be assessed in that District. The Committee recommend that the Assessors of Districts 15 and 17 should be strictly enjoined to observe the boundary line as defined between the two Districts.

GEO. LAWSON, *Chairman*,
B. C. WILSON,
E. E. BURGESS,
NORMAN HAYS.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Councillor Shatford (Chairman) presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Committee, having examined the various petitions and road claims laid before them, beg to submit the following Report:

1. We cannot recommend the petition of George Rowlands and others from East Chezzetcook, asking for a special grant to build a bridge, as it is not the province of this body to grant money by special grant or otherwise.

2. We recommend that the prayer of the petition of James Redmond and others be granted.

3. That the petition of John Higgins and others be granted, and that a precept be issued in accordance with the Statute, provided the District bear all the expense connected therewith.

4. In the case of the Milford Bridge, your Committee have decided to defer the action thereon until such time as they can obtain the Provincial Engineer's report on said bridge, and other information, and have it brought up at our next meeting.

5. Recommend the adoption of a resolution for merging two road districts into one, on the line of road between Districts 17 and 18.

6. Recommend that a precept be granted to lay out the road desired by Geo. Conrad and other petitioners of East Chezzetcook and Petpiswick, with the understanding that the District bear all expenses.

7. Recommend that a precept be granted for a road in accordance with the petition of James Ernst and others, under the same rule as the last.

The Report was thereafter read clause by clause, and all passed, except clause 4, to which Connecillor McPhee, seconded by Councillor Poole, moved in amendment—

That the Report of the Committee who laid out the new road on the South-east side of the Shubenacadie River, through the lands of Geo. H. Madill, be received and adopted.

The amendment provoked considerable discussion. The Provincial Engineer's report on the matter having been received, was read. It described the position and condition of the present road and bridge in detail, and stated the cost, etc., of the proposed change, but gave no recommendations except repairs to the present bridge, if it was impossible, from lack of funds, to build a new one.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burgess, offered the following resolution:—

Whereas, This Council, being desirous of meting out the greatest justice to all concerned in the matter of the Milford Bridge, and feeling that sufficient data is not before them to warrant intelligent action,

Therefore Resolved, That this Council deem it best to defer action in the matter until the April meeting, and while expressing their willingness to the new bridge project, provided Hants County reciprocate in the matter, they desire it to be definitely understood that the County will in no way hold itself liable for any expenses incurred in laying out such new road or purchase of right-of-way; and further, will not sanction or permit of any road grant or Municipal or District funds or statute labor being expended on such new route until the whole matter is definitely settled between the Counties of Hants and Halifax as to such opening of new route or retention of the old one.

And further be it resolved, That this Council place such bridge under the Bridge Act of 1883, but request the Government to defer taking a contract for its erection until the most desirable position of such bridge be agreed upon by the Municipalities of Halifax and Hants.

Councillor McPhee spoke at some length, tracing the history of the present road and bridge, the reasons of the movement for a change and the arguments in favor of his amendment. His interest in the road was purely on behalf of the public. When the present bridge was built in 1862 he had used the greatest exertions in favor of it. It is now very defective, and he was convinced that it was for the good of the Counties to forward this movement for a new bridge in the proposed location. The people had anticipated that the station would have been put near the crossing, the banks cut away and then everything would have been satisfactory. Now, the crossing was the most dangerous on the line of railway, and he could not support any movement which would longer delay a remedy for the danger. It was hardly fair to treat with any importance the petition in opposition to the change. It was addressed to the East Hants Council, and the large proportion of the signers were residents of Hants County, at a long distance from the locality. If petitions would influence this Council, he could have brought them, not only from his own District in this County, but in Colchester and Hants as well. He mentioned some accidents that had occurred at the present crossing, and explained the advantages of the proposed change.

Councillor Lawson disliked the reception of the petition from East Hants for various reasons. He could not speak of the matter other than theoretically, but read a letter from Dr. Adlington, a gentleman of high repute and esteem, who resided in the locality, and who strongly expressed himself in favor of the change.

Councillor Dean had spoken to lots of people from Hants about this affair, and none of them had expressed opinions adverse to the change except the Warden of that County.

Councillors Ryan and N. Hays also expressed themselves in favor of Councillor McPhee's amendment.

After further speeches by Councillor Wilson and others, the vote was taken, and Councillor McPhee's resolution, instead of section 4 of the Committee's Report, was adopted by a large majority.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Moved by Councillors Cruickshank and Tupper—

Resolved, That Wm. Burris, Alex. McMullin and Wm. Rhind be appointed to lay out the new contemplated road in District 35, leading to John Higgins' grist mill.

Moved by Councillors Burgess and Wilson—

Resolved, That the remuneration of the Councillors be fixed at two dollars per day while in session, with five cents per mile each way travelling expenses.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Guild—

Resolved, That Councillor O'Leary, being detained in England, and consequently unable to be present at this meeting, be exonerated from any fines for absence, etc.

Councillor Lawson, referring to the printing of the Minutes, urged that a larger number of copies be printed, so that the people in the several Districts might see and know what the Council said and did.

It was moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Annual Report, with the doings of this session of Council, list of officers, etc., be printed, as heretofore, and distributed through the County

It was moved and seconded that the Deputy Warden take the chair. A vote of thanks to the Warden for his courtesy and efficient services as Chairman, by which the business of the Session has been made pleasant and satisfactory, was then unanimously passed. Thanks were thereafter passed to the Deputy Warden for his services during the absence of the Warden; also, to the Clerk and Treasurer for the prompt and careful preparation of the accounts and general business of the Municipality, and information afforded at all times to Councillors and others.

The Treasurer then produced the pay list, settled the pay and mileages of the Councillors, and the Council adjourned to meet third Tuesday in April.

List of District Officers

FOR THE

COUNTY OF HALIFAX FOR THE YEAR 1884.

DISTRICT No. 7.

HERRING COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—John Brown, Jr. *Constable*—George Brown. *Assessors*—William Bracket, Francis Henrion. *Revisor*—Edward Hays, (son of William.) *Collector of County and Poor Rates*—Edward S. Hayes.

FERGUSON'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Wm. McLenan, Sr. *Constable*—John Brooks, Jr.

PURCELL'S COVE. *Overseer Statute Labor*—Benj. Purcell. *Constable*—Charles Purcell.

SPRYFIELD. *Overseer Statute Labor*—James Oakley. *Constable*—James Johnson. *Ocerseers of Poor*—Hugh Munroe, Jr., Andrew Sullivan, Patrick Brown.

DISTRICT No. 8.

PORTUGUESE COVE. *Revisor*—Frances Munro. *Presiding Officer*—Frances Munro. *Collector*—Chas. Holland. *Assessors*—Peter Connors, Daniel Johnson. *Overseers Poor*—Moses Brooks, Thomas Holland, John Sullivan. *Overseers of Roads*—Peter White, Richard Martin. *Constables*—Geo. W. Bowers, Joseph Quan. *Overseers of Public Landing*—Patrick Power, Charles O'Neil. *Fence Viewer*—Wm. Sadler.

KETCH HARBOR *Overseers Roads*—Wm. Flemming, 2nd, Wm. Connors. *Constables*—Henry Whalen, John Gallaher. *Fence Viewer*—Frances Martin 1st. *Overseer of Ketch Harbor Bridge*—Henry Flaherty.

DUNCAN'S COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Geo. Johnson. *Constable*—Edward Johnson. *Fence Viewer*—Jas. Petipas.

BEAR COVE. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Geo. Johnson. *Constable*—Edwd. Johnson. *Fence Viewer*—Jas. Petipas.

HALIBUT BAY. *Overseer of Statute Labor*—Wm. Johnson 2nd.

DISTRICT No. 9.

SAMBRO. *Overseers of Roads*—Joseph Gray, Sambro South; Robert Greenwood, Sambro North; Richard Nickerson, Creek; George Findley, Sr., Coot Cove; Joseph Gray, Pennant; Ephraim Marriott, Long Cove; George Snair, East Pennant; James Rodgers, Ball Rock. *Constables*—Lewis Nickerson, Sambro South; Stephen Smith, Sambro North; James M. Henneberry, Pennant. *Fence Viewers*—James Trueman, Sambro; Simon Vaughan, Pennant. *Appraisers of Damages*—John J. Gray, Sambro; Caleb Nickerson, Pennant; Henry Findley, Coot Cove. *Overseers of Poor*—George H. Marryatt, Pennant; Benjamin Smith, Sambro; Richard Nickerson, Coot Cove. *Assessors*—Andrew Twohig, Isaac Gray. *Collector*—Jas. W. Henneberry. *Revisor*—John Tough. *Presiding Officer*—Andrew Gray, Jr.

DISTRICT No. 10.

UPPER PROSPECT. *Assessors*—John T. Duggan, James Thos. Redmond, Robt. Connors. *Collector*—Jas. H. Power. *Road Overseers*—Kelly's Point, Jno. Hearn; Shad Bay, Chas. Coolen; Black Point, David Lynk; East Dover, Thos. Coolen; McGra'h's Cove, John McGrath. *Constables*—Geo. Merlin and James McGrath, for Prospect; John Hornish and David McGrath, for East Dover. *Revisors*—James A. Coolen and Lawrence Saul. *Overseers of Poor*—Samuel Christian, Jos. Merlin, Jr., and Joseph Tanner. *Presiding Officer*—Nicholas P. Christian. *Health Officer*—Wm. B. Christian. *Clerk of License*—James A. Coolen.

DISTRICT No. 11.

HACKETT'S COVE. *Assessors*—James E. Grono, Michael Mahar. *Collector*—James Cornelius. *Overseers of Roads*—James Fraser, George R. Boutilier, Robert Munro, Christopher Allan, John Garrison, John W. Richardson, Wesley Crooks, James Zinc. *Constables*—Wm. Hornish, Wm. Cornelius, George Allan, James S. Richardson, Rupert Daubin, Abraham Cleveland, Ezrom Richardson. *Overseers of Poor*—Wm. Redmond, Peter Isnor, Edward Crooks. *Clerk of License*—Wm. Baker. *Revisor*—Robert Munro. *Hog Reeves*—Jas. Johnson, John Boutilier, Cyrus Covey, Jas. L. Richardson. *Fence Viewers*—John A. Fraser, Wm. Grono, Henry Johnson. *Health Officer*—Thos. E. Chase, M. D. *Pound Keeper*—John Grono. *Constables*—John Umlah, Edmund Deal, Eli Hubley, Alfred Snare, Abraham Burchell, Wm. Dauphney, Geo. Longard, Saml. J. Boutilier, Thos. Awalt, Jas. Slaunwhite, Isaac Hershman, Freeman Boutilier, John Johnston. *Fence Viewers*—Edwd. Redman, John Collishaw, Amos Murphy, John Snare, Henry Garrison, Geo. Gale, Elias Dauphney, Elisha Smith, Stephen Smith, Jacob Slaunwhite, William Wilson, George Fraser. *Lumber Surveyor*—Wm. Hubley.

DISTRICT No. 12.

FRENCH VILLAGE. *Presiding Officer*—Alfred Worger. *Revisor and District Clerk*—James Croucher, J. P. *Clerk of License*—Isaac Hubley. *Assessors*—E. S. Hubley, Judson Hubley, George Smith. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Peter James Boutilier. *Overseers of Poor*—Edmund Deal, Jno. M. Boutilier, Isaac Dauphney. *Overseers of Roads*—Wm. J. Boutilier, Nathan Hubley, Judson Hubley, Isaac Croucher, John Awalt, Joseph J. Boutilier, Isaac Dauphney, Ambrose Hubley, Adolphus Dauphney, Chas. Brunswick, Norman Boutilier, Edwin Hubley, Albert Boutilier.

DISTRICT No. 13.

SPRYFIELD. *Overseers of Poor*—James Drysdale, Jno. G. Yeadon, J. P., John G. Drysdale. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Wm. Umlah, Brookside; Jno. G. Yeadon, J. P., Terrance Bay Road; Joshua Umlah, Goodwood; Jno. G. Drysdale, Greenhead; Richard Bishop, Beech Hill; Geo. W. Sutherland, Spryfield; John Merlin and Benj. Brunt, Harrietsfield. *Constables*—Geo. W. Marriott, George Tough. *Assessors*—Alex. Fraser, Jr., Robt. A. Yeadon. *Collector County Rates*—John Umlah, Jr. *Presiding Officer*—Geo. W. Marriott.

DISTRICT No. 14.

N. W. ARM. *Assessors*—E. L. Eanerty, Peter J. Gebhard. *Collector*—Charles E. Piercey. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—John E. Deal, Three Mile House to North West Arm Bridge; Andrew Yeadon, North West Arm Bridge to McIntosh's Bridge; Patrick Kehoe, North West Arm to Canal Bridge; John Jollymore, Lower Arm and Lawson's Mills; John Rose, Margaret's Bay Road to Harrietsfield Road, south side Chocolate Lake. *Fence Viewer*—George Deal. *Constables*—William Frye, Daniel Keating. *Health Officers*—D. Keating, O. Warner. *Hog Reeve*—Jas. McLeave. *Revisor*—Peter J. Gebhard. *Overseers of Poor*—Peter J. Gebhard, John E. Deal, G. P. Henry. *Presiding Officer*—John E. Hosterman.

DISTRICT No. 15.

BEDFORD. *Assessors*—Joseph Archibald, Wm. Gray. *Collector*—Edward Boutilier. *Revisor*—Thos. Payne. *Presiding Officer*—Robert Allan. *Surveyor of Lumber*—James Archibald. *Overseers of Poor*—Andrew Heffler, Thos. S. Donaldson, Isaac Mason. *Health Officer*—Thomas Mitchell. *Constables*—Alfred Byers, Wm. Purcell. *Fence Viewer*—Richard Richardson. *Pound Keeper*—Henry Wright. *Overseers of Roads*—John Ingram, from Three-Mile House to Seven-Mile House; Andrew Heffler, from Seven-Mile House to Sackville Bridge; Patrick Grenan, from Pier's Mill to Kearney Road; Walter Oaks, on Oaks' Road.

DISTRICT No. 16.

HAMMOND'S PLAINS.—*Presiding Officer*—Henry Schmidt. *Revisor*—Henry Schmidt. *Assessors*—James Schmidt, James Haverstock, Sr. *Collector*—Samuel Isenor. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Henry Locus, James Haverstock, Sr., Thos. Gillan, Jas. MacGowen, Alex. Emmerson, David Wright, Onesimus Hays. *Constables*—Samuel Isenor, Wm. Haverstock, Martin Byrnes, Samuel Whyly, Samuel Langille, Peter Smith. *Overseers of Poor*—Amos Bezanson, George Mason, Jr., Vernon Melvin. *Fence Viewers*—William Schmidt, William Shay.

DISTRICT No. 17.

SACKVILLE.—*Presiding Officer*—Elias Calkins. *Revisor*—Francis Webber. *Collector*—Charles Fenerty. *Assessors*—Wm. Yeomans, Nathan Ellis, Charles Miller. *Overseers of Highways*—Section 1, John Lewis; 2, Winckworth Fenerty Jr.; 3, John Davis; 4, Alex. Fleming; 5, Edmund D. Meagher; 6, Chas. Peverill; 7, Judson Pulsiver; 8, Thos. Patton; 9, Benjamin Dean; 10, Edward Barratt; 11, Chas. Miller; 12, John A. Robertson; 13, Michael Kehoo; 14, William McGraw. *Constables*—Robt. Patton, Thos. Geddes, Joseph Robinson, Wm. Yeomans, Jr., Walter Bambrick, David Pulsiver, Albert Tolson. *Fence Viewers*—Samuel Weston, George Fultz. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Nathan Ellis. *Health Officers*—A. F. Church, John G. Corbin. *Clerk of License*—Bennett Fultz. *Overseers of Poor*—Wesley Preeper, DeBlois Fultz.

DISTRICT No. 18.

WAVERLEY. *Presiding Officer*—John Lingley. *Assessors*—John E. McDonald, Patrick Doyle, Wm. King. *Overseers of Poor*—J. E. McDonald, Wm. A. Conrod, John Stephens. *Collector of Rates*—John Stephens. *Weigher of Hay and Keeper of Scales*—John Lingley. *Revisors*—J. Lingley, Wm. Goff. *Constables*—John E. McDonald, Albert Stuart, Jas. Skerry, Jr., Chas. Bailey. *Fence Viewers*—Wm. Goff, Wm. King, Jas. Skerry, Sr. *Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*—James Rutherford, Wm. Goff, Dennis Ryan, Albert Stuart. *Pound Keeper*—Albert Stuart. *Health Officers*—Wm. A. Conrod, Albert Stuart. *Surveyors of Highways*—Section 1, James Skerry, Jr.; 2, Albert Stuart; 3, Wm. King; 4, Geo. Nichols; 5, Patrick Doyle; 6, James Rutherford; 7, Henry Meagher; 8, John E. McDonald; 9, James Otto; 10, Wm. Wrin; 11, John L. Spriggs.

DISTRICT No. 19.

GAY'S RIVER. *Overseers of Highways*—Section 1, James Geddes; 2, Daniel Isenor; 3, Josiah Gilbert; 4, Peter McDonald; 5, James Mc-

Hefley; 6, Robinson Woodworth; 7, Wm. J. Tays; 8, Wm. McKenzie; 9, Robinson Nelson; 10, Michael Cleary; 11, John McKenzie; 12, Samuel Moore; 13, Wm. Wilson; 14, Silvanus Corbett. *Constables*—Thomas J. Isenor, Robert H. Killough, Samuel Rankin. *Fence Viewers*—John Benjamin, Peter McDonald, William McGeorge. *Appraisers of Damages*—Isaac Logan, Wm. Annand, James Gilbert. *Assessors*—John K. Andrews, William J. Tays, William Killough. *Overseers of Poor*—Robert Killough, John Merson, Terrence Carroll. *Revisors*—Isaac Logan, William Killough. *Collector of Rates*—John K. Andrews.

DISTRICT No. 20.

MEAGHER'S GRANT. *Overseers of Roads*—From James Bayer's to mouth of Harbor Road, John Dunbrack (son of Charles); from John Kerr's south line to Wm. McBain's north line, John Milne; from Wm. McBain's north line to Ogilvie's bridge and thence to Sibley's upper line, Joseph H. Roberts; from Grant's bridge to Back Road, Thos. Cole; from Ogilvie's bridge to Stretch's bridge, James Stretch; from Bambrick's Road to Cox's upper line, John Gilbert; from Alex. Dillman's house to main road, Thos. Dillman; from Sibley's upper line to Nuttall's brook, Jas. Murphy; from the mouth of Nuttall's road to district line, and from church to Matthew Bruce's, George Tully and John Murphy; from Guysborough Road to Narrows Bridge and to district line, James Milne; from James Murphy's south line to Thos. Cox's west line, James G. Kerr; from Thos. Cox's west line to district line, Kenneth Dillman; from Guysborough Road, including John T. Kerr's to district line, James Hirtle. *Constables*—George Miller and Joseph Seeton. *Overseers of Poor*—Thos. Cox, Alonzo Grant, John Milne. *Assessors of County and Poor Rates*—Miles Logan and Jas. G. Kerr. *Collector of County and Poor Rates*—Arnold McBean. *Fence Viewers*—John Dunbrack and Thos. Cole. *Revisors*—Thos. Wilkes and John McMullen (son of Joseph). *Presiding Officer*—Thos. Wilkes. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Geo. Tully and Miles Logan. *Health Officer*—D. C. Stewart, M. D. *Scalers of Logs*—Thos. McLeod and Jas. Dunbrack (John's son). *Treasurer and Clerk to the Overseers*—James Murphy.

DISTRICT No. 21.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.—*Overseers of Roads*—Section 1, William Guild; 2, Frances Guild; 3, C. B. Archibald; 4, Alex. Murthy; 5, John McFatridge; 6, Alfred McCabe; 7, Henry Lindsay; 8, William Brown; 9, Wm. H. Gladwin; 10, Henry J. Lock; 11, Henry Higgins; 12, Wm. Dickey; 13, Adam Fleck; 14, Wm. McLean; 15, Ephraim Scott; 16, Wm. J. McMullin; 17, ————; 18, Wm. Taylor; 19, J. H. Taylor; 20, Robert Irvin; 21, Alex. Bell. *Constables*—Robert Ervin, A. J. McCurdy, William J. McMullen, Robert McGunnigell. *Overseers of Poor*—Wm. Sedgewick, D. W. B. Reid, Robt. A.

Logan. *Fence Viewers*—George Dickey, William McCurdy, George Bell, George McLeod, Samuel Dickey. *Surveyors of Lumber*—James Murphy, James Murchy, Robert Reid. *Assessors*—John H. Taylor, William Dickey, Robert McFatrige. *Revisor*—George McLeod. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—P. R. Clarke. *Presiding Officer*—John H. Taylor, J.P

DISTRICT No. 22.

UPPER MUSQUIDOBOT.—*Overseers of Highways*—Section 1, James Gaston; 2, William Lemmons; 3, Alex. Redman; 4, Jas. Dean; 5, Edward Stewart; 6, William Henry, Jr.; 7, Charles Stewart; 8, Jas. McFatrige; 9, John Butcher, Sr.; 10, Philip Butcher; 11, Geo. H. Parker; 12, Samuel McKenzie; 13, Isaac Farrel; 14, David Fisher; 15, Wm. Farnell; 16, James Fraser; 17, William Archibald, 4th; 18, James Benvie; 19, John Redman; 20, Wm. McKenzie; 21, William Bryson; 22, William Cooper; 23, ————; 24, Fulton Fisher; 25, John Flemming; 26, Archibald G. Henry; 27, John Hamilton; 28, Alexander Kent. *Overseers of Poor*—William F. Redman, Charles McGunnigal, George Fisher, George Hamilton. *Constables*—James D. D. Henry, Alexander Fraser, Sr, Geo. Kent, Arlo Geddes, James Redman. *Collector of County and Poor Rates*—Frederick W. Henry. *Assessors of Rates*—William Horton, Edmund Henry, Timothy P. Dean. *Scalers of Leather*—Robert A. Henry, George Hamilton. *Clerks of Market*—James Muir, James Holman. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Edward Hamilton, Neil Archibald, John Barron. *Surveyors of Logs*—William F. Redman, T. A. Parker, David Kent. *Health Officer*—William Pearson, M.D. *Fence Viewers*—Moses Henry, Francis Henry, George Fisher, Arlo Geddes, George Kent. *District Clerk*—James Henry, Sr. *Presiding Officer*—David Archibald, J.P. *Revisor*—George H. Parker, Jr. *To Swear in District Officers*—T. A. Parker, J.P. *Cattle Reeves*—James Pace, Chas. Henry. *Pound Keeper*—F. W. Henry.

DISTRICT No. 23.

LOWER PROSPECT. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Dan. Slaunwhite, Josiah Slaunwhite, Michael Rice. *Constables*—Lorenzo O'Brien, John P. Slaunwhite, Mark Brophy. *Revisor*—Wm. H. Ryan. *Assessors*—Michael Ryan, John P. Slaunwhite. *Overseers of Poor*—Dennis Ryan, Wm. H. Ryan, Jas. W. Slaunwhite. *Collector County and Poor Rates*—Wm. H. Ryan. *Fence Viewer*—John F. Slaunwhite.

DISTRICT No. 24.

MOSER'S RIVER. *Assessors*—Edward Moser, James McG. Smith. *Collector*—Isaac Walters. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Section 1, John Fraser, Sr.; 2, Ephraim Moser; 3, William Pye; 4, James McG.

Smith; 5, David Smith, Sr.; 6, John Pace; 7, Geo. Hartling, Jr.; 8, Aaron Hebb. *Constables*—James Kerr, Jasper Moser, Wm. Pye (Ecum Secum), John Romkey. *Overseers of Poor*—Ephraim Moser, James Kerr, Danl. Cameron. *Presiding Officer*—Matthias Moser. *Revisor*—Solomon Fancy. *Lumber and Log Surveyors*—Daniel Cameron, Solomon Fancy. *Fence Overseers*—William Pye, Jas. M. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 25.

SHEET HARBOR. *Assessors*—Thomas A. Baker, William Perry. *Collector*—Orestes P. Fraser. *Overseers of Poor*—William Sutherland, Edward Hall. *Revisor*—Edward Quillinan. *Presiding Officer*—John F. McKenzie, J. P. Pound Keeper—David W. Archibald. *Overseers of Road*—West River, Sheet Harbor, E. H. Belmore; East River, Sheet Harbor, O. P. Fraser; Pace's District, Nicholas Redman; Mushaboon, George F. Boutillier; Sober Island, John Verge; Watt's Section, John McPhail; Sheet Harbor Passage, Henry Hurd; Lochaber District, Parker P. McCarty. *Constables*—John McPhail, Daniel Farnell, O. P. Fraser, Henry Hall, Patrick Coady, James Coady. *Surveyors of Lumber*—T. A. Baker, Angus McDonald, Andrew McDonald, Edward Quillinan. J. F. McKenzie, Duncan McKenzie, Archibald Hall, Albion Ryan, William Tupper, A. T. Scott. *Fence Viewers*—H. Dunn, William Rutledge. *Hog Reeves*—George Connor and O. P. Fraser.

DISTRICT No. 26.

TANGIER.—*Assessors*—P. J. Leslie, Henry Shelnutt. *Collector or County and Poor Rates*—Leonard Conrad. *Presiding Officer*—Wm. Hay. *Overseers of Poor*—Wm. Hay, James E. Conard, Henry Shelnutt. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Section 1, Neil McCarthy; 2, Chas. Leslie; 3, Wm. Henley; 4, Thomas Hawse; 5, Edw. Cameron; 6, Andrew Gaston; 7, Wm. McKenzie; 8, Jas. P. Miller; 9, Anthony Cooper; 10, John Mayers; 11, Stephen Snyder; 12, Wm. Murphy; 13, Jonathan Irving; 14, Isaac Hilshay; 15, George Prest. *Constables*—Isaac Henley, Isaac Leslie, George H. Jusey, George Leslie, Jr., Daniel R. Jusey, Abram Gerrard, Wm. Mayers, Matthew Gaston, Patrick Coffee, John Hawes, Sr., Sohn W. Corbin, Hector Jackson, Josiah Clattenburg, Martin Prest, Andrew Glawson, Wm. Murphy. *Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood*—Thomas Hilchey, James P. Miller. *Fence Viewers*—Daniel R. Jusey, Abram Gerrard, George Mason, Thomas Borgal, James Hilshey. *Hog Reeves*—Isaac Henley, George Mason, James Hilshey, James Tracey.

DISTRICT No. 27.

JEDDORE. *Overseers of Roads*—Musquodoboit Harbor, from iron bridge to Smith's East line, John Faulkner; main post road to Valen's

place, Henry Stephens, Jr.; Valen's place, inclusive to Oyster Pond run, Thos. Williams; Oyster Pond run to Hawkins' landing, Wm. T. Kent; Hawkins' landing to west end Duck Pond, Frederick Mosher. Jeddore Head and West—From Salmon River bridge to mouth Jeddore road, Alfred A. Day; main road to main road Myers' point, Danl. Blakeley; mouth West Jeddore road to Shelbird brook bridge and road to blacksmith's shop, Nathaniel Dooks, Senr.; Shelbird Brook bridge to Hall, —————; Hall to Harpell's south line, David Blakeney. Jeddore Head and East—Salmon River bridge to Mitchell's mills, James Myers; Wm. Newcomb's, including Wm. Mitchell's to Smelt Brook, East Jeddore, Geo. Hill; main road around shore, including all inhabitants from Wm. Jennox to D. Webber, John Jennox; Smelt Brook to Isaac Hopkins, Jr's line, John Weston; Isaac Hopkins, Jr's line to late J. Hopkins', Isaac Hopkins, Senr. Lakeville—main road to end of settlement road, Wm. Faulkner; main road, including bye-roads, Jacob Webber; John G. Webber's to John R. Webber's, Isaac Webber. Clam Harbor—Masy's River down west side harbor, Walter Stoddard; Mary's River to Russell's, including east side, Jacob Robinson. Owl's Head—Palmer's settlement, David Palmer; DeBay settlement, Angus DeBay. Ship Harbor—Little River bridge to mouth Jeddore Road, Albert Shelnutt; mouth Jeddore road, so called, to Chapman's, inclusive, Dr. Geo. A. Jamieson; mouth Jeddore Road and west to Lake Bridge, James Eisson. *Constables*—John Williams, David Cowan, Capt John Siteman, Allan Gibson, John W. Webber, Elisha Blakeney, Gideon Blakeney, James Myers, Jr., Andrew Day, John Baker, Ebenezer Homans, James Myers, Jas. J. Williams, Thos. Bevins. *Fence Viewers*—Adam Bowser, John Siteman, John Laybolt, Colin Mitchell (union), Joseph Dooks Jr., Chas. Slade, John Smith, David Blakeney, Harris Corkum. *Overseers of Poor*—Chas. M. Dean, John G. Mitchell, Peter Myers, John Faulkner. *Assessors*—Robt. J. Stevens, Daniel Blakeney, Conrod Marks. *Collector of Rates*—John D. Mitchell. *Presiding Officer*—Geo. A. Jamison, M. D. *Revisor*—Peter W. Maskell. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Andrew Mitchell, Wm. Robinson. *Health Officer*—Dr. Geo. A. Jamison.

DISTRICT No. 28.

CHEZZETCOOK. *Road Overseers* - From William Graham's to main road, John Gaetz; from David Graham's to main road, Alex. Paterson; from Rocky Run bridge to Wm. Nyforth's, Andrew Leslie; from James Gaetz's, Sr., to William Nyforth's, Chas. Nyforth; from Wm. Nyforth's to Prosper Lapierre's, Edwd. Nyforth; from Prosper Lapierre's to John Conrod's bridge, Martin Fillis; from Dyke to Martin Lapierre's, Joseph Lapierre; from John Conrod's bridge to Church gate, Wm. Crawford; from Porter's Lake to harbor, Chas. Bellefontaine; from Church gate to Clergy's bridge, and from John Murphy's to end of new road, Geo. Murphy; from Clergy's Bridge to Harvey Road, Joseph

Roma; Shore Road, Joseph Mayette; from Luke Mannette's to main road, Oliver Mayette; Grand Desert Lake road, Frederic Bonin. *Overseers of the Poor*—Simon Lapiere, Simon Fellis, Wm. Murphy. *Assessors*—Geo. Nyforth, John Julien, Lewis Bellefontaine. *Collector of Poor and County Rates*—Geo. Conrad. *Constables*—Lewis Roma, Daniel Lapiere, James Conrad. *Fence Viewers*—Gabriel Murphy, Andrew Conrad, Gasper Conrad. *Appraisers of Damages*—Joseph Julien, Joseph Conrad, George Fellis. *Presiding Officer*—Donald McLaren, J. P. *Revisor*—Donald McLaren, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 29.

LAWRENCETOWN. *Assessors*—Joseph Lloy, John Brimmer. *Overseers*—Ephraim Corkum, John McDonald, Michael Hiltz, Daniel Murphy, George Hawkins, Elisha Crowell, Reuben Crowell, Joseph Conrad, James Clark. *Constables*—George Lloy, Daniel Dares, Geo. Lapiere. *Overseers of Poor*—Jasper McDonald, John Lloy, Adam Leslie. *Presiding Officer*—John Hiltz. *Tax Collector*—James T. Sellers. *Fence Viewers*—Isaac Sellers, Alex. Crook. *Revisor*—Jos. Lloy.

DISTRICT No. 30.

PRESTON. *Overseers of Roads*—From Salmon River to Partridge River, Samuel Clayton; Partridge River to Salmon River, Wm. Thompson; Dry Bridge to Porter Lake, Jas. Bishop, Jr.; Main Post Road to Brown's Bridge, Jesse Parks; Main Post Road to near Thompson's, on the old Preston Road, Dennis Delhouchry; foot of Phillip's Hill to Salmon River, old Preston Road, John Wiseman; Griffin's corner to near Hall's, John Colly; Ernst's mill to Hall's, Joseph Smith; Halls' to Widow Kane's, Adam Kane; Frog Lake Road, Simon Downey; Lake Eagle Road, Richard Carvery. *Appraisers of Damages*—John Williams, Danl. Johnson, Asa Davidson, Stuart Innes. *Fence Viewers*—George Dear, Robert B. Innes, Saml. Turner, Horatio Davidson. *Constables*—Joseph Evans, John Nelson, Danl. Johnson, Danl. Downey, Robt. B. Innes. *Hog Reeves*—William Stewart, Cyrus Slaughter. *Pound Keeper*—George Thomas. *Assessors*—John Colly, John Davidson. *Revisor*—Arthur L. Griffin. *Collector of County and Poor Rates*—Joseph Evans. *Presiding Officer*—Wm. Trimble.

DISTRICT No. 31.

COLE HARBOR. *Assessors*—James Farquharson, Daniel Brennan, Alex. Morash. *Collector*—John McDonald, J. P. *Overseers of Poor*—Daniel Donovan, Wm. Skerry, John Morash. *Overseers of Roads*—1, David Eisnor; 2, Charles Shuffleburg; 3, Thos. Farrell; 4, Thomas Fisher, Jr.; 5, Daniel Donovan; 6, William McDonald; 7, William Skerry; 8, Jas. Johnston; 9, James Reddy; 10, Gare Montague; 11,

Jenkin Price; 12, Daniel Brennan; 13, Hugh Morash; 14, Aubrey Hunt; 15, James McNab; 16, John Watson; 17, Henry Baker; 18, Robert Settle; 19, Alexander Morash; 20, Enos Conrad; 21, Levi Lloy; 22, Edmund Cross; 23, Alexander Innes. *Constables*—Isaiah Doyle, Wm. McDonald, Lewis Morash, John Thornham. *Fence Viewers*—James Turner, Gordon Kuhn. *Health Officers*—John G. Bissett, J. P., John McDonald, J. P., Chas. Bissett. *Presiding Officer*—James Farquharson, J. P.

DISTRICT NO. 32.

HUBBARD'S COVE. *Revisor*—John Mason, Head St. Margaret's Bay. *Assessors of County Rates*—John Webber, Martin J. Boutilier, Wm. Dauphinee. *Collector of County and Poor Rates*—Peter F Boutilier. *Overseers of Poor*—Peter F. Boutilier, Jas. Hubley, Peter Dauphinee. *Overseers of Roads*—Amos Hubley, Simon Colp, Thos. Kennedy, Edmund Colp, Martin J. Boutilier, Thomas Mason; Boutilier's Point, William J. Boutilier; Mason's Point, Francis Mason; Conrad's Settlement, William Conrad; Schwartz Settlement, Alex. Schwartz; East Side Hubbard's Cove, William Dauphinee; Cleveland Road, John Cleveland; Slaughenwhite Point Road, John H. Fader, Jr.; E. Conrad's and Hornish's Settlements, Jas. Conrad. *Constables*—Hector Dorey, Jeremiah Hornish, Simon Colp, Alex. Conrad, Edward Kennedy, Jas. Conrad, John Nicholas Boutilier, Chas. Graves. *Fence Viewers*—Hezekiah Brigley, Jas. Garrison, Alfrey Jodrey. *Presiding Officer*—Peter D. Dauphinee. *Health Officer*—A. W. Shatford.

DISTRICT NO. 33.

EASTERN PASSAGE. *Assessors*—John Bowes, A. J. Newcombe. *Collector*—John Himmelman. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—McNab's Island, Jas. Finlay; Devil's Island, Wm. Henneberry; from York's corner to Hartlin's, John Himmelman; from Hare's North line to York's corner, Geo. Hoin (son of Alex.); York's corner to River Bridge, Jas. Himmelman; River Bridge to Meeting House corner, John Bowes; John Osborn's to Mint Brook, Geo. Bowes; Passage Road to Lewis DeYoung's, Francis McDonald; Lewis DeYoung's to Passage Church, John Smith. *Constables*—George Morash, John DeYoung, John Bowes, Jr., James Bowes, Wm. Naugle, Jr., Thos. Nagus, Geo. DeYoung. *Fence Viewers*—Peter Moser, Jas. Hawkins. *Overseers of Poor*—John A. Shiers, Daniel Moser, Peter Himmelman. *Health Officers*—Wm. Wells, Geo. Morash, Alvin Hymean.

DISTRICT No. 34.

SALMON RIVER. *Assessors*—Abraham Harvey, West Quoddy; Henry Hartling, Salmon River; Edward McLeod, Beaver Harbor. *Collector*—John O'Leary, Sr. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—Charles Whitman, Beaver Harbor; Leonard Whitman, West Salmon River; Michael Mackasey, East Salmon River; Edward Archibald, Post Road to Gold Mines; Abraham Harvey, West Quoddy; John Warren, Jr., East Quoddy; Geo. Snow, Snow's Island; Andrew Sheirs, Harrigan Cove. *Constables*—William St. Clair, James Stewart, Niel Kirker, Abraham Harvey, Alexander Gammon. *Overseers of Poor*—Jas. H. Whitman, Capt. Francis Glawson, John Kirker, J. P. *Presiding Officer*—William Romans. *Revisor*—John Kirker, J. P.

DISTRICT No. 35.

LITTLE RIVER. *Overseers of Roads*—Section 1, Andrew Rourk; 2, W. R. Ogilvie; 3, Samuel Green; 4, Geo. Cruickshank; 5, Alex. McMullin; 6, William Bruce; 7, John Grant; 8, John Taylor. *Appraisers of Damages*—Joseph Ogilvie, Lemon Grant, Wm. G. Cole. *Constables*—George Cruickshanks, Arthur Killen, Allan Ogilvie. *Surveyors of Lumber*—Alexander Taylor, Wm. R. Ogilvie, John McWilliams. *Fence Viewers*—John Taylor, Alexander Taylor, Hugh A. Hurley. *Assessors*—George Cole, William R. Ogilvie. *Collector*—John Grant. *Overseers of Poor*—Alexander Taylor, George Cole. *Hog Reeve*—Wm. Rhind.

DISTRICT No. 36.

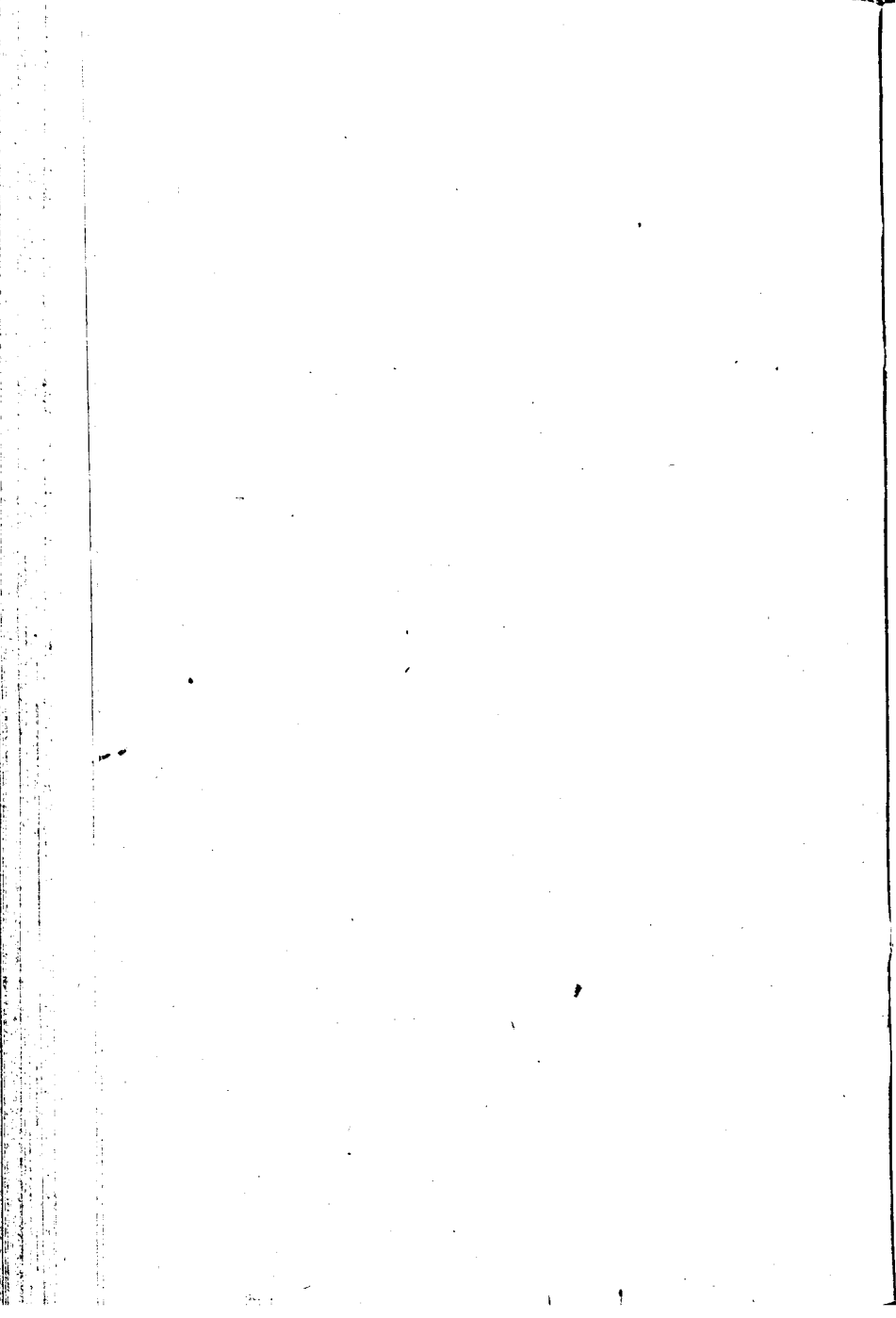
MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOR. *Revisor*—George Rowlings. *Assessors*—David B. Power, George G. Gaetz, George Kaizer. *Collector*—William Roast. *Overseers of Statute Labor*—No. 1, from L. Bayers' barn to Kidd's Bridge, and from Head of Musquodoboit Harbor to Rowling's Corner, Isaac Gaetz, Jr.; 2, from Manse to James Bayers', Petpiswick, Michael Power, Jr.; 3, from School House to Smelt Brook, Alexander Gaetz; 4, from Smelt Brook to Gilbert's Hill, including Gilbert's, James Bayers; 5, from Gilbert's Hill to Chas. Clergy, John Anderson; 6, from Chas. Clergy to Seashore, Wm. Bayers, (son of William). 7, West Petpiswick—from John Young's to Deep Cove, Philip Young; 8, from Deep Cove to Little River, James A. Anderson; 9, from Colford's store to Long Bridge, William Warnwell, Jr.; 10, from Colford's store to DeLukrey's Bridge, Owen Redman; 11, from DeLukrey's Bridge to Lake Porter, John Kaizer (son of John); 12, Conrad's Settlement, including all roads, Peter Conrad (son of Peter); 13, from Main Post Road to Larry Pettipas', Andrew Crawford; 14, from Larry

Pettipas' to Deep Cove, Joseph Meisnor (son of Henry); 15, from Deep Cove to Graff Beach, Joseph Ferguson; 16, from Chezzetcook Road to Petpiswick, George Conrod (son of Andrew); 17, from Crawford's Bridge to Gaetz's Camp, Archibald Crawford. *Constables*—Jeremiah Gaetz, James Greenough, Samuel Gaetz, David Power, Jr., James Richards, James Owens, Samuel Braden, Justice Colford. *Overseers of Poor*—Alexander Gaetz, Joseph Ferguson, Martin Gaetz. *Fence Viewers*—Samuel Gaetz, John Anderson, Sr., Isaac Gaetz, Jr., William Wournell, Jr., Edward Conrod, James Conrod (son of Peter). *Appraisers*—John Kidd, John H. Anderson, George Guild, Capt. William Wournell, Justice Colford, Charles Conrad. *Lumber Surveyor*—John Kidd. *Presiding Officer*—Isaac Gaetz, Jr.

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Council Minutes

April 1884



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
—OF THE—
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX,
April, 1884.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, April 15th, 1884.

As required by law, and pursuant to notice, the County Council met at the Court House, in the County Court Room, at 12 o'clock a.m. this day.

The Roll was called. Present—The Warden, Councillors John Hays, C. E. Smith, Dart, Fitzgerald, Longard, Munro, Lawson, Wilson, Poole, Conrad, Croud, A. Cruickshank, Guild, Hubley, Burgess, Tupper, Dean, Ryan, Leslie, McPhee, McLaren, D. Smith, H. Cruickshank, Bissett, John E. Shatford and Himmelman—28.

The Warden took the Chair, and the Clerk read the minutes of last meeting, which, on motion of Councillors Himmelman and Lawson, were approved.

The Warden then addressed the meeting as follows:—

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax:

“Since our last meeting in January the time intervening is so short that I have but little of importance to bring before you. Unlike large corporations and governments, we cannot boast of financial prosperity and a surplus, nor do I think it necessary to repeat again the old story of deficits. But I can say that while our indebtedness is growing larger every month, our assets are increasing in like proportion; and if we had the amounts due from the City (and shall I say the Bank of Dartmouth?) we would have sufficient to pay all our liabilities and leave a surplus in the Treasurer's hands; but how or when these amounts are to be obtained is a problem for future consideration.

During the present session of Parliament, Dartmouth and two other incorporated towns applied for a bill to pass the legislature exempting incorporated towns from county school assessments, and all other county

taxation except for criminal prosecutions and cost of maintaining prisoners in jail. The sections referring to these matters will be submitted. The result was owing to opposition from others as well as ourselves, that any action was deferred until next session.

The Committee appointed by this Council to confer with the Town Council of Dartmouth, in reference to a settlement of the amount now due the County, were unable to accomplish anything, as the Council of Dartmouth did not appoint a Committee to confer with us, but, on the contrary, appointed one to watch and oppose any legislation that we might be seeking to enable us to recover the amount due. Our legal Counsel advised us that the County required no legislation, pending the decision of the court, which has not yet been given. He has taken the necessary steps to have the case continued.

A Committee was also appointed to interview the Government regarding the annual expenses of the Court House. Their report will be laid before you.

The Committee on Public Property arranged as usual for the yearly supplies for the jail, by tender, and have had under consideration some necessary repairs to the jail and fences, on which they will report.

An amendment to the Incorporation Act will in future allow the Council to name their own time for the second meeting in the year.

The various Committees will report as early as possible during the session.

The Treasurer will submit a statement of valuations, assessments and deficits, as at present. The most important matters for our consideration at this session will be the road grant and licenses for liquors. Since last session the Dominion License Law has been put in operation. The Commissioners have granted licenses to a number of applicants in the out-districts, and the charge has been fixed by the Government at \$100, half of which is to be paid to the County Treasurer, consequently the Council has no power left under the Act.

Precepts were issued to the several sections requiring extension and alterations of roads. The returns relating to them will be laid before you.

Advances to be paid out of the present year's road grant have been made in cases of emergency in connection with the Bridges.

The mode of distributing the Road grant will need to be determined, as last year the Council was nearly equally divided as to Commissioners or Supervisors, the former being carried.

We have the report of the Provincial Engineer on the construction of the Bridges of last year, but cannot yet ascertain what will be done with the list submitted at our January meeting, which was sent to the Government.

The readjustment of the mileage will be a matter for your consideration before the appropriation of the Road grant.

In districts where the appointments have not been made it will be necessary to complete them this session.

And lastly, I will ask your assistance in bringing the work of the session to a close as early as is consistent with the interest of the Municipality; and to you who wish to again occupy these seats to set your houses in order, and so arrange your affairs that your election may be sure."

Councillor Shatford referred to the Report of the Committee on Court House, and asked when it would be forthcoming. The Warden replied that at various times through the winter he had interviewed the Government but did not succeed in arranging for a meeting until very recently, and as the Council's session was so near and the whole Committee would be present, the meeting could now take place. Those of the Executive he had met were favorable to granting a yearly subsidy of \$250 to \$500 towards the current expenses of the Court House, but as the matter was indefinite, it might not be advisable to say more at present.

Councillor Ryan suggested that the subject of payment by the Government officials of the County located in the Court House, for heating, light and attendance, should be taken up and passed by this Council, to strengthen the hands of the Commissioners.

Councillor Shatford thought these officials, having already refused to pay, would not and could not legally be made to do so under the Act, and while he would gladly assist the Commissioners in that object, he was opposed to the Council assuming any position which did not properly belong to them, and passing resolutions which could not be carried out.

Councillors Lawson and Wilson expressed their views that the County had claims for heating and lighting at least, and if those officials did not pay it would be advisable to discontinue these privileges.

Moved by Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

Whereas, The County Council find that several offices in the Court House, notably, those of the Sheriff, Prothonotary, Registrar of Deeds and Court of Probate, are being heated and lighted at the expense of this County, and should be borne by these several officials; therefore

Resolved, That this Council instruct the Commissioners to collect from the said offices an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of heating and lighting the same, and in default to have the heat and gas turned off, and no other method of heating or lighting be allowed which would endanger the safety of the building beyond the present method. Passed.

The Council adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, April 15th, 1884.

The Council resumed at 2.30 p.m. The Warden and 26 Councillors present.

Councillor Shatford's amendment to the minutes was made, and they were then approved.

On motion of Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Wilson—

Resolved, That the regulation made by the Quarter Sessions, 1861, for District 22, that a fine of \$1.00 for the first offence and any sum not exceeding \$4.00 for the second offence be exacted for horses going astray, be revived and confirmed by this Council. Passed.

A letter was read from the County Clerk to the Provincial Secretary asking for an official statement of the Road Grant for 1884, also for a copy of legislation in regard to statute labor passed this session. The Secretary's reply stated that the Road Grant, as shewn in the Province's estimates, was \$10,180.03, deducting the interest on bridges built in 1883.

A petition was read from Mr. Enos Conrod for the laying out of a road to his house at Cole Harbor.

On motion of Councillors Himmelman and Hubley, the precept was granted, and Messrs. George Bowes, John Morash and Wm. Weir appointed as the Committee to lay out the road.

On motion of Councillors Hubley and Munro, it was

Resolved That Robert Hubley be appointed Overseer of Roads in District 12, in place of Nathan Hubley.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Himmelman, Valentine Brigley was appointed Constable in District 32.

Moved by Councillors Munro and Hubley, and

Resolved, That John Umlah be appointed Overseer of Highways for District 11, in place of James Fraser, removed from District, and Robert Munro Presiding Officer.

It was moved by Councillors Lawson and Hays—

That Richard Peverill be appointed Pound Keeper for District 17.

Moved by Councillors Fitzgerald and Cruickshank—

That John Wilkie be appointed Constable for Ketch Harbor, in place of Henry Whalen, left the District.

Moved by Councillors John Hayes and D. Smith—

That James Hanrahan be Overseer of Roads in District No. 7, in place of Wm. McLean, over age.

Moved by Councillors Leslie and Poole—

That Thomas Monk, Sr., be appointed a Constable in District 26 for the present year.

Moved by Councillors Longard and Poole—

That Patrick Dugan, Jr., be appointed a substitute for George Merlin as Constable for District 10, the latter having sailed for the Grand Bank for the season.

Moved by Councillors McPhee and Poole—

That Daniel Isnor be appointed Constable for District 19 instead of Thomas Isnor, who is unable to perform his duties owing to sickness.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and J. Hayes—

That Gideon Smith be appointed Overseer of Roads for Sambro Creek, District 19, instead of Richard Nickerson, exempt.

On motion of Councillors Lawson and Longard it was

Resolved, That the Windsor Road, commencing at Ward's Corner and running by Lily Lake and Rocky Lake to the limit of the District, be added to Highway Section No. 5, District 17.

On being put, all the above passed.

On motion of Councillors Dean and Tupper, it was

Resolved, That \$10 be assessed for building a Pound in District 22; also that \$30 be assessed for the Poor of that District.

Councillor Lawson enquired when Assessors were to receive their pay. Those in his District had not been paid for 1883.

The Clerk said they would be paid at once if they called for it, but referred to the loose way in which District Officers kept accounts and had been paid heretofore. They made out no bills or vouchers, brought no orders, and merely came and asked for what was due, and were often unknown to the Treasurer. As Assessors, Revisors' pay had to be provided for in the Estimate, they were always paid in the Fall.

A motion of Councillor Poole, to pay them when their work was done and approved, was lost. Sub-Section XI. of Section 66, County Incorporation Act, 1879, on "Pay of Assessors," &c., was read.

A resolution, moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess, was passed—

That the Assessors and Revisers be paid at any time after the first of November in each year, and that the money be paid on an order from the Councillor of each District.

Read, the return of the Precept and Report of Committee to lay out new road in District 35, ordered in January Session.

Read, return of Precept and Report of Committee on new line of road in District No. 18, near Enfield, as ordered in January. Councillor Wilson explained why the amount of \$173, as stated, was probably named. He had distinctly informed the parties that the County would bear no expense.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess it was

Resolved, That the Report of the parties appointed to lay out the new roads in District 18, near Enfield, be received, but that this Council does not commit itself to any expenses involved, and that whatever assistance is granted for the building of the road must come from the apportionment of District Road Grant by the Council.

The Report of the Committee on Jury Lists was submitted by Councillor Wilson (Chairman) and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURY LISTS.

To the Worshipful Warden and Council of the County of Halifax:

The Committee appointed to revise the Petit, Grand and Special Jury Lists for the County of Halifax beg to report:

That they met for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the fifth day of February, and completed the lists and handed them over to the Prothonotary on the 15th March, as required by law, and on the 15th April met to hear and consider any exceptions that might be taken thereto, but none being offered the lists were duly signed and confirmed and handed over to the Prothonotary, in accordance with the Statute.

Your Committee further beg to report that they found the duties involved in the revision more extensive and exacting than they were aware of when they accepted office, and, though persistently and faithfully at work every day while in session, yet one hundred and twelve days in the aggregate were consumed, but your Committee feel confident that the work has been efficiently performed.

B. C. WILSON, *Chairman*,
EDMUND RYAN,
E. E. BURGESS,
WILLIAM GUILD.

The Report was received and adopted.

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Wilson, it was

Resolved, That the subject of County Finances be discussed on Wednesday morning. *Passed*.

The Council then adjourned to Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Moved by Councillor H. Cruickshank, seconded by Councillor J. D. Tupper, and

Resolved, That three Appraisers be appointed to appraise the damages of the new road leading to John Higgins' grist mill, in District 35, (as laid out by the Committee) at some future time if required. *Passed*.

On motion of Councillor Jos. Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Lawson—

That a Committee, consisting of the Warden, Councillors Ryan, Shatford and Lawson, be appointed to confer with the Council's Attorney, Mr. Ritchie, in the suit pending between the Council and Dartmouth, and obtain such information from him as will enable the Council to know what action to take in the matter, and report as early as possible.

The Warden read a letter from J. A. Coolen, stating that in revising the electoral lists two parties in District 23 had applied to be put on, but they could not decide, so referred the matter to the Council for information.

Councillor Longard made some remarks on the impropriety of Councillors assuming the inspection and correction of the assessment roll, and referred to the neglect of the Revisor for 23 in not attending when he should do so ; also to a ballot box being stuffed at the election of Councillor in District 23, and that the assessment roll had been altered so as to disfranchise parties there.

Councillors Ryan, Shatford, Tupper, Lawson and others discussed the subject at length.

The Warden read the Sections relating to Revisors and their duties and penalties, &c., from the Election Act (1863) and County Incorporation Act.

Councillor Lawson quoted the resolution in January, respecting the assessment rolls being referred to Councillors to amend before returning to the County Clerk, as a difficult thing to carry out.

Councillor Ryan said that the person referred to was not in possession of enough property to entitle him to be put on the Revisor's list, and that at the request of the Assessors he had altered Mr. Bartlett's valuation from \$160 to \$60 for that reason. The Revisor for District 23 could not and did not, therefore, attend the meeting of Revisors on April 2nd, as the law requires, but this would not make a material difference, as the Legislature passed annually an Act which made the lists valid.

It was, on motion of Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Burgess—

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to Councillors Shatford, Himmelman, and Bissett as a Committee to report to the Council.

The Warden asked leave of absence on pressing business, at 11.40.

The Deputy-Warden took the chair and opened the discussion on the financial state of the County. He referred to the Dartmouth debt, which, placed in suit 1878, was then \$15,976 00, and subsequent assessments had augmented it to \$41,034 in 1883. Deducting all monies received to date, and crediting the School Grants, they now owed \$26,650, which would be further increased shortly by this year's assessment. The City owed now for 1882 a balance of \$17,109, and on 1883 assessment \$3,200. The present City Assessment Law, which required the weekly collection of County Rates to be paid to the County, had worked well, and the latter balance would doubtless come in. There was due from the several rural districts over \$500 yet on last year. These different sums were the assets. But the County owed the Government \$7000, advanced on account of education as a loan in 1874, in consequence of Dartmouth's dereliction. The amount due the Government for Lunatics, &c., had now reached the immense sum of \$27,698.00. There was due Mr. Burgess on loan \$530, and a number of small accounts of about as much more. The whole of the available funds to meet demands till next fall was \$2,384.85, and the County was totally unable to do anything unless stringent measures were taken with the City and other debtors to the County.

Councillor Burgess remarked that the County was now bankrupt, and would be obliged to hand the Court House and Jail over to the Government shortly as security for their claims.

Councillor Shatford submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Bissett :—

Whereas, The City of Halifax stands indebted to the County for monies due previous to the introduction of the new system, and they have been asked for the amount, or sums on account of the amount, several times, and they evince no desire to pay the same :

Therefore resolved, That this Council authorize the Warden to retain an attorney and place the account in his hands for collection, with a view to obtain payment of the amount due or some tangible obligation from the City for payment of the same within a reasonable time.

Councillor Ryan made some remarks to the effect that the out Districts were not much better than Halifax in paying assessments. Every year a large amount of deficits appeared as unpaid. While desirous of collecting the debts due by the several parties, harsh measures were unwise and not always successful, as experience had shewn.

Councillor Lawson approved the resolution. He had heard no sound reasons given against it, and thought it should pass. The Deputy Warden's statement was commended as a clear and valuable exposition of the County's financial condition.

The resolution was then put and passed *nem. con.*

Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Dartmouth, requesting that the amount paid by Dartmouth for small-pox expenses, 1881, be allowed and credited by the County on account of County Rates. Laid over.

The Clerk read the following statement of Deficits in the several Districts up to date (April 15th), and mentioned that distrains had been issued against all defaulters.

STATEMENT OF DEFICITS TO APRIL 18TH, 1884.

District No. 8, \$43.22 ; No. 9, \$8.40 ; No. 10, \$154.79 ; No. 11, \$1.38 ; No. 12, \$2.56 ; No. 13, \$4.42 ; No. 14, \$101.51 ; No. 15, \$113.02 ; No. 16, \$0.86 ; No. 17, \$1.22 ; No. 18, \$21.28 ; No. 19, \$5.23 ; No. 20, \$8.87 ; No. 21, \$1.55 ; No. 22, \$4.60 ; No. 23, \$15.03 ; No. 24, \$8.53 ; No. 25, \$22.38 ; No. 27, \$8.17 ; No. 30, \$1.87 ; No. 31, \$10.10 ; No. 32, \$0.30 ; No. 33, \$4.18 ; No. 35, \$9.36 ; No. 36, \$3.31. Total, \$543.31.

The Clerk also submitted the clauses in the Act for the Incorporation of Towns, introduced during the present session of the Legislature by Dr. Haley, M.P.P., and intended to relieve Dartmouth and other towns of their share of County Rates for nearly all purposes. The Clerk said he had conferred with a number of the members, and had also attended, with the Warden and Councillor Ryan, a meeting of the Committees on Law Amendments and Revised Statutes, when this Bill was discussed and finally deferred till next year ; meantime to be printed and submitted to every Municipality.

The Committees on Roads and Bridges, Rifle Range at Bedford, and on Assessment were asked to meet to prepare Reports in the afternoon, and the Council adjourned to 10.30 Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, April 17th.

The Council met at 10.30. Present—the Warden and 28 Councillors. The Warden vacated the Chair to meet Mr. Ritchie on the Dartmouth matter. Chair taken by Councillor O'Leary.

The last minutes were read and passed.

The Report of Committee on Public Property was read and deferred until Chairman's return.

Read, a petition from Levi Longard and 11 others, of St. Margaret's Bay, for leave to do half their statute labor on their own road.

On motion of Councillors Hubley and Munro the prayer of the petition was granted.

Read, a petition from Wm. Conrod for similar privileges. Laid over until Councillor is present.

Hon. W. S. Fielding was present to explain the tenor of a Bill for the renovation of bridges in Halifax County not coming within the scope of the Bridge Act of 1883. The object was to provide for a number of the smaller bridges, as those already asked for will absorb all this County's share of the special loan for bridges (\$500,000 for the Province). West Halifax, so far, had received no benefit, and yet there were many important bridges therein requiring repairs or rebuilding. The Government had built those mentioned in requisition of 1883, so far as circumstances permitted up to the end of the season in 1883. One in Jeddore, and others, were tendered for to be built this year. The Bill provided that \$5,000 or \$6,000 should be obtained by loan on behalf of the County, to be expended as the Council might make requisition, by the Government under the advice and supervision of the Provincial Engineer. The amounts to be repaid out of the annual road grant with interest, say \$1,000 yearly till all is repaid. The Bill is not for the larger, but for the smaller bridges; but to complete a bridge under way, or help out repairs, this fund might be used partially.

Councillor Lawson said that several bridges in his District must be constructed or repaired, one in particular, very important, requiring immediate attention.

Councillor Shatford said that the Bill was very necessary. He had had to take much of his Road Grant to expend on the kind of bridges referred to, and there were others still to repair or build.

Councillor Smith said the bridge at Sambro, 129 feet long, was going down, and Post Office authorities had ordered the mail carriers not to drive over it.

Councillor Longard said there was now no bridge at Shad Bay, but a gap of 35 feet between abutments. By advice of the Provincial Engineer \$20 was spent on it last year out of Road Grant. He hoped West Halifax will assent to this bridge being built, as there was no way of crossing there.

Councillor McPhee said he had to repair or rebuild his Bridges out of his Road Grant, and did not think he should be overlooked and have to give all the special Fund to other Districts.

Councillor Hubley thought the scheme valuable for public interest, and a wise one. Some Councillors in two or three years hence might need extra funds for special occasions.

Councillor Fitzgerald said he had put all the Bridges in his District in good shape last year.

Councillor Wilson said the same, and approved of the proposed Bill, and thought the Council need not take anything out of this year's grant.

Councillor Ryan thought the same. Sambro Bridge would cost \$2000 alone, it would never do to take that sum out of this fund.

In reply to Clerk, Mr. Fielding said that there was no specified size, or limit of cost of Bridges, and the money will not be expended or appropriated by the Municipal Council. They will proceed as under the General Bridge Act. Tenders will be invited, and the Government will decide upon the Bridges to be built after receiving the list from the Council.

Moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Shatford.—

The Hon. Mr. Fielding having appeared before the Council and explained the provisions of a Bill introduced into the House of Assembly, to provide for the building of Bridges not embraced under the Bridge Act, this Council having considered the same, do hereby heartily approve of the system proposed, and request that Mr. Fielding will exert himself to secure the passage of the Bill as amended. Passed.

Councillor Lawson (Chairman) submitted the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

COURT HOUSE, 12th April, 1884.

The Committee, while inspecting the County Jail in January last, found that it was in need of extensive repairs, the roof being leaky, the stonework and foundations suffering from the infiltration of water, and the fences around the Jail yard partially decayed. The Committee requested Messrs. Malcom & Johnston to make an examination of the premises and give an estimate of the probable expense of such repairs as were necessary. They accordingly did so, and reported that the slatework, as well as the gutters, conductors and flashings, required renewal, and that by using all suitable slates and lead fit for use that portion of the work could be done for \$800, more or less.

Messrs. Malcom & Johnston also reported that the fences were very much decayed and liable to be blown down, the posts and shoes being rotten, the west portion requiring renewal at once. The stone foundation wall on the south is much out of plumb causing the wooden fence to hang over. The Cemetery foundation wall is in the same condition.

The Committee again visited the Jail building and yard to-day (12th April), and made a careful examination of the property. They found that, apparently from defects in the gutters, the drainage water from the roof percolated into the stone and brick work of the building, and threatened serious damage to the masonry if not speedily rectified. They found also that the water conveyed from the roof by the conductor, as well as drainage from the yard, had found its way into the foundation work.

The fences appear to the Committee not to require complete renewal, as there is in them a very large proportion of perfectly sound lumber, but the posts and shoes are badly rotted and require renewal. If this were done and the stone foundation

walls upon which they rest were partially adjusted the Committee think the fences could be made to last in a perfectly satisfactory condition for a number of years at comparatively little expense.

It is evident, however, to the Committee that the repairs upon the building and fences together however economically managed, will entail an expenditure of probably not less than two thousand dollars (\$2000.00). This being so, the Committee felt hesitation in proceeding to incur the necessary expense before bringing the facts under notice of the Council. They therefore now submit the above statement for the Council's consideration, and would respectfully recommend the Council to authorize the repairs to be made.

In the Committee's Report to the Council presented last January, it was recommended to have a telephone placed in the Jail. As the telephone was intended merely for use in cases of emergency, and not for ordinary business purposes, it was thought that the company might make a reduction from the ordinary charge of \$40.00 per annum. The Committee find, however, that they cannot make a more favorable arrangement, and have accordingly agreed to order the telephone to be placed in the Jail.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Chairman*,
GEO. J. LONGARD,
JOSEPH HIMMELMAN,
EDMUND RYAN,
JOHN G. BISSETT,
E. E. BURGESS.

A lengthy discussion took place in respect to the large amount estimated for the repairs of Jail and Fences, &c. Councillors Hubley, and Shatford thought the Out Districts were already overburdened for objects which were mostly for the benefit of the City and Dartmouth, and this expenditure might be deferred or only unavoidable repairs made.

Councillor Ryan said that the City paid the greater part of the assessment and gave some instances of the low valuations in Out Districts, as shown in the qualifications of Grand and Petit Jurors, (\$2000 and \$800 respectively). Scarcely any could be found outside the City and Dartmouth who could be placed on the List from that cause.

Councillors Burgess, Wilson, Lawson and Himmelman, showed that the work is an immediate necessity, and that frequent patching as in the past was false economy and would prove disastrous to the building and a greater outlay in the end.

It was moved by Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Himmelman—

That the Report of the Committee on Public Property be approved of, and that the Committee be authorized to carry out the repairs recommended as essential to the safety of the property, as economically as possible.

Moved in amendment by Councillors Shatford and Munro.

Resolved, that the portion of the Report of Committee on Public Property referring to the expenditure of money on the Jail, be deferred for future consideration or until we receive amounts due from Halifax and Dartmouth, or are otherwise in funds.

The amendment was put and names being called there appeared :

For, Councillors Guild, N. Hayes, Tupper, H. Cruikshank, Hubley, Poole, D. Smith, J. Hays, McLaren, Fitzgerald, Croud, Shatford. 13.

Against, Wilson, Burgess, Ryan, Himmelman, McPhee, Lawson, Longard, O'Leary, A. Cruickshanks, A. W. Smith, Leslie. 11.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Hubley.—

That the Report of the Committee, as amended, be received and adopted. Passed.

A bill for fees, \$13.50, for three assessors, District 18, was handed in and laid over.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Ryan.—

That Jas Burns be appointed Surveyor of Lumber in District 32. Passed.

Council adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY Afternoon. April 17.

The Council met at 2.30 p. m. Present,—the Warden and 24 Councillors.

Minutes read and approved.

Councillor Wilson explained that a Pauper in his District had relatives in the City who refused to contribute toward his support, and he desired an order of the Council as the law provides, for compelling them so to do. Read Section 11 of Chap. 33, Rev. Stat., 4th series, referring to such cases, thereupon, on motion of Councillors Wilson and Shatford, the following was passed.—

Whereas, It appears by the explanation of the Councillor of District 18, that a certain pauper named McKenzie is a public charge upon that District, and that said pauper has sons and daughters of mature years who refuse to aid in his support, while they are reported to have ability to do so.

Therefore Resolved, That this Council hereby authorize the Overseer of Poor of District 18 to take such proceedings against the children of said pauper as will realize one dollar per week for his support, as provided in the Revised Statutes, Chap. 33, Sec. 11.

Councillor Wilson reported verbally for the Committee on the Rifle Range at Bedford, now being constructed, that they had had a meeting and the Imperial and Dominion authorities would look into the matter, but it was not sufficiently advanced to report upon definitely.

The Clerk read a letter from J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., requesting him to arrange for expenses of two constables, Homans and Russell, bringing a lunatic from Jeddore to Halifax. The Clerk said that as this was the first time such a claim had been presented to the Municipality, he had declined payment as the Statute was not quite clear. The men had not followed it, and he thought such charges should be borne by the District, through the Overseers of Poor. Hitherto no insane pauper had become a charge upon the County until he had been admitted at Mount Hope, except for medical certificates, and it was a question whether these should not be paid by Overseers of Poor also, as the District was thereafter

freed from all expenses. The account as attested was \$15.00. (Read Sec. 1, 9, 11, Chap. 36, Revised Statutes.)

On motion of Councillors Shatford and Guild, the account from E. L. Homans and Alfred Russell for \$15 for bringing a lunatic from Jeddoie, was passed and ordered to be assessed on District 27, the amount to be paid by the County Treasurer on production of certificate from two Justices of Peace in the District.

On motion of Councillors Leslie and Poole, Thos. Borgal of Shoal Bay, was appointed Constable for District 26.

Read, a letter from John McBain asking payment of his account for services as County Constable for Stipendiary's office during illness of Constable Monaghan last fall, and explaining the same.

Moved by Councillors Guild and Norman Hays—

That whereas, A resolution has been passed by this Council instructing the Commissioners of the Court House to collect from the several County officers the expense of heating and lighting said offices, and in default of payment to have the same turned off and allow no other mode of heating, which is in direct opposition to the Statute; Therefore resolved, That said resolution be rescinded. Passed.

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Leslie, Chas. Diggins was appointed Overseer of Statute Labor in District 34, vice Michael Mackasey, left the section, and Thomas Hartling was appointed to relieve Leonard Whitman, who will be absent from the District.

Moved by Councillors A. W. Smith and Poole—

That the sum of \$10 be added to the \$50 voted for poor in District 24, and Edward Lowe and Edward Jewers be appointed Constables for the same District.

The account of John McBain for services as Constable to the Stipendiary, as above, was laid on the table as having been previously dealt with at the January session.

A claim of Mr. Sedgewick, for legal expenses in a suit of J. Van-Buskirk against Thos. A. Chambers, the Jailor, for false imprisonment, was referred to the Finance Committee

Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McPhee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That William Mullins be appointed Constable for District 23 in place of Lorenzo O'Brien left the District, and that Dennis Ryan be the Presiding Officer for said District.

He said that Councillor Longard had frequently reflected on him in connection with this and other matters in his District, and there seemed to be a ring whose object was to vilify and injure his character and interfere with his course as Councillor and otherwise, and he should deal with each in turn. He referred to Mr. Harrington, M. P. P., as bringing up in the House the irregularities in the Councillors election in District 23, while there was a blot on his own escutcheon in the mis-appropriation of monies voted by the House for special Road expenditure in District 36, and elsewhere. He also stated that the so called guilt of his Presiding Officer was easily explained. He had left the Ballot Box when going to dinner in the hands of a friend of the opposing Candidate, and if

anything wrong occurred it was not through the Presiding Officers acts. Mr. Jollimore had since come to him and stated the affair, and asked forgiveness for his part in the matter. No petitions or objections had ever reached this Council from the people of the District on the subject, and if the officer was wrong there was a proper course in the Statute to punish him ; the Council was not the place to settle election disputes.

Councillor Longard said that the explanation shewed that the officer did not either do or know his duty or both, and should not be allowed to act in that capacity again. A properly constructed Ballot Box could not be stuffed. If the officer was careless, ignorant, or indolent, he was not fit to be there and certainly not fit for re-appointment.

Councillor Shatford said that while Councillors might nominate, yet the Council as a body made the appointments valid, and had a right to reject in cases where their dignity and duty were effected. He would recommend that under the circumstances, Councillor Ryan name another officer.

Councillor Ryan's resolution, being put, was carried without amendment.

The Warden made a verbal report of the conference with Mr. Ritchie on the Dartmouth debt, that progress therein could only be made as fast as the Courts usually move. The Judges had not yet given decision, but the argument had been heard and likely it would be before very long. If favorable to the County the Writ could be issued without further delay.

Councillor Shatford (Chairman,) submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Worshipful Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax County :

Your Committee herewith beg to submit a Road Scale shewing the apportionment of the Government Road Allowance for the present year for this County, which is made subject to the assent of the Governor-in-Council to the amount of the Road Grant.

At the request of Councillor Dean, we recommend the statute labor which David Perrin and John Dechman are liable for be performed by each on his private road in District No. 22.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,
G. A. LESLIE,
B. C. WILSON,
WM. GUILD,
JOHN D. TUPPER.

Annexed to the Report was the

ROAD AND BRIDGE SCALE FOR 1884.

No. Dist.	No. Miles.	Rate per Mile.	Amt. Mileage.	Extra.	Total.
7	14	\$5 00	\$ 70 00	\$ 30 00	\$100 00
8	20	5 00	100 00	35 00	135 00
9	14	5 00	70 00	25 00	95 00
10	23	5 00	115 00	65 00	180 00
11	40	5 00	200 00	110 00	310 00
12	42	5 00	210 00	95 00	305 00
13	48	5 00	240 00	65 00	305 00
14	15	5 00	75 00	75 00	150 00
15	16	5 00	80 00	30 00	110 00
16	35	5 00	175 00	130 00	305 00
17	53	5 00	265 00	80 00	345 00
18	50	5 00	250 00	250 00	500 00
19	51	5 00	255 00	190 00	445 00
20	61	5 00	305 00	185 50	490 50
21	93	5 00	465 50	265 50	700 50
22	112	5 00	560 00	165 00	725 00
23	7	5 00	35 00	10 00	45 00
24	31	5 00	155 00	105 00	260 00
25	55	5 00	275 00	245 00	520 00
26	67	5 00	335 00	300 00	635 00
27	87	5 00	435 00	265 00	700 00
28	23	5 00	115 00	90 00	205 00
29	43	5 00	215 00	100 00	315 00
30	53	5 00	265 00	90 00	355 00
31	63	5 00	315 00	125 00	440 00
32	22	5 00	110 00	210 00	320 00
33	37	5 00	185 00	65 00	250 00
34	27	5 00	135 00	100 00	235 00
35	33	5 00	165 00	150 00	315 00
36	50	5 00	250 00	86 00	330 00
Icelandic Settlement					54 00

1285

Amount Government Allowance.....\$10180 00

The Chairman said the mileage had been rectified in some few Districts upon explanations of their Councillors, also, that from the above allotments, the Clerk would require to deduct the special advances made for emergencies in several Districts last year.

On motion of Councillors Hubley and Wilson the Report and Road Scale were accepted and passed.

On motion of Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Hubley, it was,

Resolved, That the moneys granted this session by the Legislature for Roads and Bridges in this Municipality be expended by Commissioners in conformity with an Act of Legislature relating thereto, passed in 1883, (chap. 1, clause 2) Passed.

In reply to the Clerk as to rates for wages, terms, &c.

On motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess it was

Resolved, That the remuneration for laborers and others in laying out the public Road grant be the same as last year. Passed.

Councillor Shatford submitted

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Worshipful Warden and Municipal Council of the County of Halifax:

Your Committee beg to report that no change worthy of note has taken place in our financial condition since our last meeting.

The Dartmouth law suit still remains unsettled. It appears from recent information that that Municipality is not disposed to offer any compromise in settlement of their indebtedness to the County. They seem to depend on delay only.

Your Committee regret that the City of Halifax has made no effort nor shown any desire to pay any portion of the \$17,109 due by them to this Municipality previous to the introduction of the new system.

Your Committee have refrained from going into any elaborate statement of figures or accounts since the January meeting. They herewith annex a statement handed them by the Treasurer, which will shew pretty clearly how our finances stand.

Your Committee take this opportunity of saying that, unless some very stringent measures are adopted to collect the money due the County, it will be impossible to carry on the affairs of the Municipality very long.

Your Committee regret to learn, by information received from the Treasurer, that the frequent calls for money by the Board of Public Charities cannot be responded to in consequence of a depleted Treasury caused by the City Council and the Municipality of Dartmouth not paying the money due by them to the County.

At the present time we owe the Hospital for Insane about	\$28 078	
The Provincial Government on account of Dartmouth indebtedness	7,137	
E. E. Burgess for money borrowed.....	530	
Sundry Accounts of last year due.....	510	
		\$36,255
While on the other side Dartmouth owes us clear of all claims.....	\$26,650	
The City previous to the introduction of the new system.....	17,109	
The City since the new system.....	3,200	
		\$46,959

It will therefore be readily seen that this Municipality cannot settle the claims against it until other Municipalities pay up. It will also be seen by the Treasurer's statement that \$2,384 is all the available funds now in the Treasurer's hands to meet the above claims.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, *Chairman*,
B. C. WILSON,
WM. GUILD,
NORMAN HAYS,
G. A. LESLIE.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

SKETCH ACCOUNT.

Rec'd from City of Halifax on account of assessment, 1883	\$1624.76
From Dartmouth	1500.00
From Districts deficits 1883 viz.,	
No. 7	\$ 5.00
8	6.07
10	58.83
13	10.37
14	238.12
15	3 00
16	6 00
17	24.22
19	6 35
22	29.91
23	14.85

25.....	7.80
26.....	20 47
31.....	6.24
34.....	2 77
36.....	2 00
	<hr/> 442.00
	\$3,566.76
Balance 1883.....	\$6,494.95
	<hr/> 10,061.71
Deduct amount expended.....	7,676.86
	<hr/> \$2,384.85

HALIFAX COUNTY.

EXPENDITURES.—LIABILITIES OF LAST YEAR.

Commission due Collectors.....	\$ 30.14
Assessors.....	15 36
Revisors.....	18.00
Printing and Stationery.....	21.15
County Jail, Salaries, Supplies, &c., 1884.....	3 6 44
Court House, Janitor, Gas, &c.....	166.70
Crown Witnesses.....	6.01
Petit Jury.....	304.50
Grand Jury.....	21 5.30
Jury List Committee, for Revising.....	168.00
J. N. & T. Ritchie.....	175.00
Medical Doctors.....	180.00
Coroners Inquests and Expenses.....	153.00
Pay and Mileage of Councillors, January Session.....	369 80
Criers and Constables Supreme Court.....	191.00
Constable County Court.....	20.00
Commissioners Public Charity, account of Insaue Paupers.....	4000 00
Balances due Public Schools paid.....	192 23
Bounties on Wild Animals.....	25 00
Roads and Bridges.....	169 23
Interest on Court House Balance.....	187.50
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	54 70
Salary, Stipendary.....	200.00
Clerk and Treasurer.....	400.00
Auditors Pay.....	40.00
District Fines expended on Roads.....	67.51
	<hr/> \$7676.86

Halifax, April 17th, 1884.

W. H. WISWELL,
County Treasurer.

The Treasurer said the pay of Juries, Coroners, Councillors would largely reduce the Balance in hand, and there would be no receipts to come in for some months.

The Liquor License Act was referred to. The Clerk reported the present state of the Law as indeterminate and that the Local Legislature had fixed the fee for an ordinary License at \$100, one-half to go to the County. The Warden, (who is one of the Commissioners,) said that

the Dominion Government had suspended the operation of the Act for the present, as to penalties against the parties applying until a test case was had.

The License Commissioners for the County of Halifax, outside the City, met in the County Court Room to publicly announce the decision as to licenses granted. There being no petitions the Board simply read the names of successful applicants and stated that upon application to the Chief Inspector now, they could obtain the licenses on properly qualifying themselves as by law required.

The list is as follows :—

Allen, Robert, Polling District 15, Saloon.
 Brady, John, Waverly road, District 31, Hotel.
 Ward, Thos., Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, Hotel.
 Findlay, Jas., McNab's Island, Polling District 33, Hotel.
 Beech, Thos., Bedford, Hotel.
 Haley, Bernard H., Windsor Junction, Hotel.
 Power, Jas. H., Prospect, Hotel.
 Duggan, John D., Prospect, Saloon.
 Coolen, Edward, Prospect, Saloon.
 Power, Mrs. Mary, Prospect, Hotel.
 Ward, James, Bedford, Hotel.

The only applicants not granted were Geo. Murray, Dartmouth, and Joseph Martin, Sambro.

Councillors Longard and others thought that the old charge of \$30 was enough for the Rural Sections and that no one outside the City and Dartmouth would be willing to pay \$100.

Councillor Shatford said it would not do to contravene the Law.

No motion was made on the subject, and the Council adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 18th.

The Council met at 11 o'clock. Present—the Warden and 28 Councillors.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Read, application of Wm. McKenzie, the new Chief of Police, Dartmouth, asking appointment as County Constable. On motion he was so appointed for this year.

Councillor Longard said he had not so much need as some other Districts for all his Road Grant, and would be willing to relinquish \$25 of it for the benefit of one not so well provided for.

Moved by Councillor Shatford and Munro—

That the sum of \$25 be taken from District 10 and expended in Districts No. 11 and 12.

The motion was lost only 8 voting for it.

As quite a number of Councillors wanted the amount, it was moved by Councillor Longard, seconded by Councillor Cruikshanks—

That \$25 be taken from District 10 and added to District 20, Councillor Longard having learned since the division of the Road Grant that the large Bridges at Shad Bay would be built out of New Bridge Loan. Passed.

Councillor Poole expressed thanks for the favor.

The Warden read a letter from Edwin Clay, Esquire, the Government Immigration Agent, asking information for intending immigrants who contemplate sheep or cattle raising extensively, as to price or lease of good pasture lands, price of hay or feed and possibility of assistance by remission of taxation.

Councillor N. Hays suggested that each Councillor should furnish the Agent with the required report. It was finally moved by Councillors Shatford and Wilson, and

Resolved, That the information asked for be supplied by the Warden and Clerk, and that the County rates to parties investing in cattle and sheep to the extent of \$5,000 be remitted for five years. Passed.

Read, a note from W. D. Harrington, Esq., M. P. P., asking to be present to make some explanations in reference to remarks made in the Council yesterday. On motion the request was granted.

Mr. Harrington stated that Councillor Ryan had accused him of "misappropriating public money placed in his hands for certain Roads in the eastern part of the County, and that he subsequently had to disgorge the amount when the matter was enquired into." This was not true. By vote of the Government, in 1882, \$800 and \$400 for roads to the Chezzetcook and 15 Mile Stream Gold Mines were placed to the credit of himself and the Provincial Engineer at the Merchants' Bank, to be expended under the latter's direction. The money could not be drawn without the signature of both, and it never had been drawn, but was returned to the Provincial Secretary in 1883, as the service was not performed. In proof of which the letter of Hon. Mr. Church, now produced, states that the money had been repaid to him, had never been withdrawn from the Bank by Mr. Harrington, not being required for the purpose for which it was voted, and that this letter might be used to refute any misstatements to the contrary.

Councillor Ryan explained what he had said as not meaning a misappropriation by Mr. Harrington, but as not accounting for what had been done with the money previous to his election, and that it was a blot on his escutcheon, &c.

Mr. H. thanked the Council for hearing his statement of the facts of the case, and withdrew.

Councillor O'Leary alluded to sheep running at large in his District, more particularly rams of a new kind imported lately, and seconded by Councillor A. Cruickshank, moved—

That no rams of the present breed now owned in District 34 be allowed to run at large in said district. Passed.

On motion of Councillors McPhee and Ryan—

The amount to be assessed for support of poor in District 19 was placed at \$80 instead of \$134.53, as per committee's report. Passed.

Read, a letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding, announcing that the Bill respecting borrowing of money for Bridges had passed the House and he trusted it would go through the Council; also explaining how it would work, and volunteering his assistance therein in the future. After long discussion on Bridges all over the County, their condition and requirements, the following resolution, on motion of Councillors Shatford and Wilson, was finally passed:—

Resolved, That if the Bill now before the Legislature to authorize the borrowing of six thousand dollars for expenditure in the construction or repair of Bridges in the County of Halifax become law, the Warden be authorized and empowered to enter into any agreement that may be necessary on behalf of the Municipality to borrow such money and to apply it to the purposes of the Act. Passed.

Read, a letter from James Crook with return of the Precept issued to him and Jasper McDonald to lay out the road to Three Fathom Harbor Beach, asking that a Surveyor be sent, and the Arbitrators appointed to appraise damages.

Read, County Clerk's reply, shewing that it was not in the Statute that a Surveyor be sent from Halifax. Also stating that the expense of the new road must be borne by the petitioners or the District, and not by the County.

The Clerk then submitted a copy of Grant with Plan obtained from the Crown Land Office, shewing the locality of the Messrs. Gaetz and Graham's water lot and the Beach, with a reserved road to the same, and from which it would seem that said beach was public and not private property, as claimed by those parties. The matter was deferred at present, and in reference to the Committee's expenses, it was, on motion of Councillors Wilson and Burgess—

Resolved, That the parties who laid out such road be paid for their services when the Clerk is in funds, and the amount be assessed on the District in which the Road is. Passed.

Councillor Dart asked that Councillor Ryan explain why the valuations of certain rate-payers in District 13 had been questioned. He had been Assessor for 2 years and was certain that the property had been correctly valued.

A petition of Wm. Conrod and five others, that they be allowed to devote one-half their Statute labor on a road where they live, leading from the main road to Fox Island, was granted on motion of Councillors Crook and McLaren.

On the petition of David Bambrick, and others, of Meagher's Grant, it was on motion of Councillors Poole and McPhee—

Resolved, That Messrs. John Gilbert, Miles, McInnes, Logan, and John Milne be a Committee to lay out a desired road to lands owned by Joseph Ogilvie and others in District 20, about a mile from the main road. Passed.

The following Bridges were, on motions made as under, placed under the Special Bridge Act, 1884, for the County of Halifax, viz :—

1. By Councillors Hubley and Munro, Wooden's Bridge between Districts 11 and 12.
2. By Councillors Burgess and N. Hays, the Bridge known as Paper Mill Bridge, on Kearney Road, District 16.
3. By Councillors Ryan and McPhee, the Bridge in District 23, known as Turns Bay Bridge.
4. By Councillors Wilson and Burgess, the Bridge in District 15, near the old Paper Mill, Bedford.
5. By Councillors Dean and Burgess, the Bridge by Archibald's Mill, Moose Road, Higgins' Settlement, Jennings' Bridge, Cariboo Road, and Bridge by James Dean's 4th.
6. By Councillors Conrod and McLaren, the Bridge over the East River, Lawrencetown, the Bridge at Minesville called Crook Bridge, two Bridges in Government Street so called ; two Bridges in Bell Street, and four Bridges on the road leading to Porter's Lake, all in District 29.
7. By Councillors Shatford and Burgess, Indian River Bridge in District No. 32.
8. By Councillors D. Smith and Guild, the Bridge known as Long Bridge in District 36.

The above were passed and the Council adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 28th, 1884.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m. Present—the Warden and 27 Councillors.

Councillor O'Leary, (Chairman,) submitted

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT.

To the Honorable Warden and Members of the Municipality of Halifax County.

GENTLEMEN :

Your Committee on Assessment beg leave to report as follows :

In comparing the assessment rolls of 1884 with those of the previous year, we found that while several Districts have increased their valuations, many have decreased, some almost alarmingly.

The accompanying sheets will show the decrease and increase in the Districts. Your Committee recommend that the statement be read, and that the Councillor of each District be asked to explain why such decrease took place, and in the event of the Councillor failing to show cause for such decrease, the assessment roll to be returned to the Assessors for re-consideration.

In looking over the rolls your Committee found some of the books in good order, while others have met with rough handling. Figures are blurred and very difficult to understand. This Honorable body are aware that if our Assessors are allowed to send our books to the Clerk in this state, we will soon find persons objecting to their taxes on the ground of the books being tampered with.

Your Committee strongly recommend that the Assessors be not paid unless they complete their rolls clean and legibly. Your Committee are also of opinion that non-residents should be informed of the valuations of their properties at the time the assessments are made.

All of which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS O'LEARY.
ALVAN HUBLY.
JAMES FITZGERALD.
ADAM DEAN.
ARCD. MCPHEE.

The List of Valuations of the Real and Personal Property of Rate Payers in the County, was read as follows:—

TABLE SHEWING THE VALUATIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN HALIFAX COUNTY, 1884, AND INCREASE OR DECREASE BEYOND 1883.

District.	Real Estate.	Personal.	Total Valuation.	Increase.	Decrease.
7.....	\$ 25270	\$10350	\$ 56650	\$ 460	\$
8.....	20490	8830	29320	.....	835
9.....	15948	6305	22253	405	.....
10.....	38565	17260	55865	.....	2120
11.....	478 0	24695	72495	3895	.....
12.....	34535	5855	40390	340	.....
13.....	26916	4352	31268	500	.....
14.....	130100	7975	138075	.....	14825
15.....	74625	7265	81890	.....	3410
16.....	33392	6504	44896	.....	358
17.....	95085	12579	1 7664	.....	1351
18.....	28126	21313	59459	.....	1871
19.....	64945	23524	88469	7290	.....
20.....	37005	11782	48787	.....	1932
21.....	75475	40636	116111	254	.....
22.....	68958	25061	94019	.....	714
23.....	13765	10475	24240	.....	2178
24.....	32101	7240	39341	960	.....
25.....	43375	21260	64635	.....	3635
26.....	58635	17480	76115	2663	.....
27.....	65010	25005	90015	110	.....
28.....	51329	17535	68865	1170	.....
29.....	49695	55795	55490	290	.....
30.....	28145	3490	31635	.....	30
31.....	123890	18065	141955	2505	.....
32.....	55550	10075	66625	1375	.....
33.....	50580	7535	66115	435	.....
34.....	37977	12809	50706	.....	1398
35.....	29865	10495	40330	3580	.....
36.....	48279	18540	66819	.....	1039
				\$26231	\$35736
Deduct Increase.....					26231
Net Deficit in 1884.....					\$9505

The Report and Statements were discussed. The greater number of Districts showed an increase, but the decrease in the rest amounted

to \$9505 more than the increase, the falling off being chiefly in Personal Property. The Councillors attribute this to transfer of Vessel Property, falling off in mining and lumbering, reduction of live stock, and parties leaving the County. On motion of Councillors Shatford and Burgess, the Report was adopted.

Read, a letter from Dr. Adlington, Gay's River, stating charges against A. Tolson, Constable in District 17, and asking his dismissal for acting without authority, collecting money, &c. Referred to the Councillor of the District. On motion of Councillors Himmelman and McPhee, Bills for Assessors' larger pay were submitted from Districts 18, 19, 20, 22, 25 and others. The Clerk said that no change had been effected in the law as yet for increased pay, the Council might if they saw fit grant an extra sum to Assessors of the larger Districts, but it was not quite clear as to whether this course was allowable except to Collectors, under the Local Assessment Law. On motion the matter was laid over to next session, and the Bills to lie on the table.

Moved by Councillors Ryan and McPhee, and

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Council be printed as usual. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hubley and Munro—

Resolved, That the remuneration for the Councillors for this Session be two dollars per day, and travelling expenses 5 cents per mile each way. Passed.

Some remarks were made as to the necessity of limiting the time for the reception of Petitions and Memorials at each Session of Council, so that that the Standing Committees may close their reports more promptly. It was moved by Councillors Shatford and Burgess—

Resolved, That in the usual notice in the newspapers calling the Council together, there be added, that "Petitions be received no later than the second day of Session." Passed.

The Warden submitted Report and Statement of the Commissioners of the Court House, received from their Secretary, showing the expenditure on the Building for improvements to present date as follows :

HALIFAX, 4th January, 1884.

Dear Sir,—From the accounts and records of the Commissioners of the Court House in Halifax, I have compiled an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the Board to the present date for the information of the County Council, and I beg to enclose it to you herewith on behalf of the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JNO. S. D. THOMPSON.

Secretary, &c.

B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq.,
Warden, &c., County Halifax.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE IN HALIFAX TO 4TH JANUARY, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Government contribution.....	\$10000 00
Borrowed on Debentures.....	20000 00
Premium on do.	8 75
	<hr/> \$30008 75

EXPENDITURES.

Alterations &c., in old building.....	\$14643 38
New building.....	8102 55
Expenditure common to both, as for heating, supervision, &c.....	6636 19
Payment to County Clerk.....	400 00
	<hr/> 29782 12
Balance in hand to meet sundry expenses.....	\$226 63

Also submitted a Report and detailed Account of the Commissioners Expenditure on the Court House, received from D. H. Starr, County Auditor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To His Worship the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, N.S.:

GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested to audit the accounts of the Commissioners of the Court House, I called on Mr. Chipman and received from him a bundle of papers containing accounts and receipts, but no books or statement of any kind. I examined the accounts and found the calculations and additions all correct, and herewith submit a statement showing the amounts that have been paid to the several parties. With regard to the items charged in the accounts I consider it not my prerogative to say whether the charges are high or not. In some cases the work was done by contract, in others by day's works, and I can find nothing to show that there has been a correct time kept of the days' works. The whole amount expended on the building for the addition and repairs is \$27,520 22, as far as the accounts placed in my hands show.

Yours respectfully,

D. HENRY STARR,
Auditor.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE.

THOMAS G. ELLIOTT.

June—Amount for labor and material, per account	\$ 853 47
July— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1442 12
Aug.— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1290 69
Sept.— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1120 82
Oct.— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1288 08
Nov.— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	594 28
Dec.— “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	90 30
	<hr/> \$6679 16
Less allowed	148 58
	<hr/> \$6530 58

MUIRHEAD & Co.

July—Amount for labor and material, per account	..	...	\$674 49
Aug.— " " " " " "	...	...	236 11
Sept.— " " " " " "	...	...	613 48
Nov.— " " " " " "	...	...	41 14

Less allowed	...	...	...	...	\$1565 22
					50 00

1515 22

SAMUEL A. MARSHALL.

March—Amount for cutting out doors and windows, laying drains, and plastering, &c., per contract	\$ 285 00
May—Amount for labor and materials for alterations, per acct.	258 90
June—" " erecting addition to rear of Court House, per contract	7590 00
July—Amount for labor and materials for alterations, per acct.	292 95
Sept.—" " "	209 32
Nov.—" " laying concrete floors, rebuilding granite gate posts, &c., per acct.	198 07
Dec.—Amount for cutting down old chimney, &c., per acct.	132 37

8966 61

THOS. WALSH & Co.

Sept.—Amount for painting Court House, per contract	...	...	\$589 00
“ “ extras “ “ per account	...	..	153 20
			<hr/> \$742 20

700 85

CHIPMAN BROS.

Aug.—	Amount for locks, hinges, glass, &c., per account	...	...	\$ 71 38
Sept.—	“ sash chain, grates, &c., “	...	...	251 00
Nov.—	“ locks, hinges, coat of arms, &c., per acct.	...	...	323 24
Decr—	“ sale, per acct.	357 00

1002 62

WATSON & MYERS.

Amount for gas fixings, &c., per account	261 91
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D. L. JOHNS

Amount for alterations and repairs Court House, per contract ...	\$783 75
“ extras, per acct.	44 50

928 25

JAMES HARRISON & Co.

Amount for painting inside and outside Court House, per agreement	221 00
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HENRY H. HARRISON.

Amount for labor and material, painting at Court House, per	
account	\$559 32
Less allowed	9 32

550 00

JAMES DEMPSTER & Co.

Amount for panel work and Judges' bench and canopy for two Court Rooms, per account	...	...	...	...
MACKINTOSH & McINNES.				
Amount for repairing roof of Court House, per contract	...	...	...	\$870 00
" fitting up library with shelves, etc., per contract	...	...	...	351 00

1221 00

A. STEPHEN & SON.

Amount for carpet and chairs, per account...	\$348 58
" chairs, per account	...	...	...	110 55

459 13

W. & C. SILVER.	
Amount for carpet, etc., per account...	566 78
HALIFAX FURNITURE CO	
Amount for work done at Court House, per contract...	134 40
JOS. McCAUSLAND & SON (Toronto).	
Amount for stained window glass, etc., per account ...	150 00
J. HOLLAND.	
Amount for window shades, per account ...	21 00
MARITIME STEAM LITHOGRAPHIC CO.	
Amount for engraving and printing debentures, per account ...	55 00
HALIFAX CARPET CO.	
Amount for Tapestry covering, per contract ...	58 60
McEWEN & Co.	
Amount per account (no items) ..	335 00
EDWARD ALERO.	
Amount for coal vases, etc., per account ...	15 00
J. CORNELIUS.	
Amount for clocks, per account ...	64 00
SEDGEWICK, STEWART & O'BRIEN.	
Amount for making agreements, specifications, writing letters, etc., per account ...	100 76
F. C. STEVENS.	
Amount for coal, per account ..	20 25
JAMES O'BRIEN.	
Amount for labor putting in coals ..	5 00
EDWIN GILPIN, JR.	
Amount for inspection of furnace for heating Court House, etc., per account ..	10 00
JOHN SULLIVAN.	
Amount for watching twelve nights, per account ..	12 00
CHARLES ANNAND.	
Amount for advertising, per account ..	13 13
HERALD PRINTING COMPANY.	
Amount for advertising, per account ..	4 50
BLACKADAR BROS.	
Amount for advertising, per account ..	15 00
ELIJAH FLINT.	
Amount for whitewashing fence, &c., per account ..	15 00
EDWARD ELLIOTT (Architect).	
Amount for making plans and specifications, with superinten- dence for new addition and alteration of old building, per agreement ..	735 00
J. HARRIS & Co.	
Amount per receipt—no account ..	175 00

MACDONALD & Co.

Amount on account for heating apparatus, per receipts ..	1700 00
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JUDGE RIGBY.

Amount for articles for Judges' rooms	\$13 56
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32 36

5 27

JUDGE WEATHERBE.

Amount for returning from Yarmouth in vacation to act on Building Committee	20 00
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\$27520 22

WM. H. WISWELL, County Treasurer.

Paid on account interest on Court House loan	400 00
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" Court House Debentures	487 50
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\$28407 72

D. HENRY STARR,
Auditor.

The Warden read the following Report, as Chairman of the Commissioners:

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE

The Warden herewith submits a statement of the expenditure of the Commissioners of the Court House handed to him by Mr. Justice Thompson who acted as Secretary to the Commissioners. The Warden would observe in relation to the report signed by D. H. Starr, Auditor, that it came to hand after the meeting of the Council had commenced, and that he had not therefore had an opportunity of calling Mr. Starr's attention to several mis-statements which this report contains. As regards the auditor not being furnished with books or statement of any kind, the Warden has to observe that Mr. Starr was furnished with everything which he expressed a wish to have, and was told any further information he might wish would be given, although the examination of the books of the Commissioners probably did not come within his duty.

Mr. Starr expressed no wish to have books or statement of any kind, and did not even inform the Warden or any of the Commissioners that he had completed his work on the papers which he had asked for and received.

A similar observation would apply to the unwarranted statement made by Mr. Starr that he can find nothing to shew that there has been a correct time kept of the days' work done. He could have had all the information required by letting it be known that such was not among the papers handed to him, or that he desired any further information. The statement given by Mr. Starr of the expenditure on the building is incorrect and misleading, and not in accordance with the vouchers and receipts given him. That which is contained in the abstract handed in by the Secretary of the Commissioners is correct and agrees in every particular with the vouchers which were handed to Mr. Starr at that time. The Warden has not examined the vouchers since Mr. Starr left them, but does not hesitate to say that if they do not now agree with the statement handed in by Mr. Justice Thompson, the Secretary to the Commissioners, the responsibility rests with Mr. Starr and his adviser.

(Sgd.) B. W. CHIPMAN, *Warden,*
Chairman of Commissioners.

The Warden said that personally he had had no objection to submitting the Accounts or having them audited, though the Judges were of opinion that the Auditors had not authority to examine these Accounts, but their Secretary, Judge Thompson, agreed to give the accounts into the

Warden's keeping so that Mr. Starr could go over them at the former's office. They had no secrets to conceal in regard to the outlay. He himself had gone over Secretary Thompson's vouchers and figures, had found them all correct, and balance in bank as stated \$225.64. Mr. Starr was handed all the vouchers, but from motives which he could not understand had not put some of them into his account. One in particular for \$1100 paid McDonald & Co., he was positive was among the vouchers given to Mr. Starr, but it was not put into his statement, Mr. Starr's own report and statement did not agree. His report shows only \$27,520.22 expended on building and improvements, while the account shews \$28,407.72 so that there is a mis-statement there as well as the omission of the \$1100. This would make a difference of \$1900 against the Commissioners, and look as if they had mis-appropriated public money. Since January Mr. Starr had been examining these vouchers, and the total should have been the same as the Commissioners' statement. He had never asked to examine any books, or for any vouchers additional, and only returned the papers and handed in his report the first day of this Session, leaving the Warden no chance to compare them. If the two Reports disagreed, the responsibility rested with Mr. Starr and his advisors. He did not wish to say that the vouchers had been wilfully made way with, but it is certain they were all handed to him to audit, and the bundle returned to the Warden had not yet been revised for want of time. The Report appeared as if made to damage the Commissioners.

Councillor Himmelman said the explanations of the Warden placed the Auditor in a very serious position which the Council should ask to have investigated, and stop a day longer to have it rectified or explained.

Councillor Shatford said that he was of the opinion that as the County Act requires and provides, all accounts of whatever nature, in which the County was concerned and had to pay, should be audited in the regular way and submitted to the Council for approval and action thereon. The Judges were no doubt honest and honorable men, whose duty it was to carry out the law, but not to make regulations to suit themselves. He did not impugn the honesty of the Commissioners, considering them above suspicion; at the same time they had exceeded the powers given them by the Legislature. The Act relating to the Court House only authorized the expenditure of \$20,000, including the one-third agreed to be paid by the Government, and they had expended \$30,000, and their Report showed both over-expenditure and extravagance.

A resolution was proposed nominating a Committee to enquire into the conflicting statements of outlay, but the Councillors named objecting to remain, it was withdrawn.

The Warden said that possibly there might have been greater outlay for some items, but considerable reductions were made in some of the bills before settlement.

Councillor O'Leary said that the account of the Auditor showed for itself that he was not competent to perform the duty.

After some remarks by Councillors, it was moved by Councillors O'Leary and N. Hayes,

That D. H. Starr be asked to explain his statements. Passed.

Mr Starr being present said that as stated in his Report the account was made up from the papers handed to him, after going carefully over them. He had not received any vouchers but those which showed the items in his Report, nor had any account been handed to him by the Commissioners to compare with. The difference of \$887.50 between the expenditure on the Court House and the total amount paid out, was shewn in two items at the end of the account. He could not have any motive for making mis-representations as the Warden had stated.

On motion of Councillors N. Hayes and Burgess it was

Resolved, That the services of Mr. Starr as Auditor of the accounts of this Municipality be discontinued. Passed.

The Warden, Deputy Warden, and Financial Committee were authorized to appoint an Auditor in place of Mr. Starr, if necessary before next Annual Meeting.

On motion of Councillors Burgess and N. Hayes,

Resolved, That the Report of Warden in re the Court House be received and adopted. Passed.

An unanimous vote of thanks was then given to the Warden and Deputy Warden for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their official duties, and a wish expressed that they should both be returned again. A vote of thanks was also given to the Clerk and Treasurer.

The Treasurer then paid the Councillors their fees and mileage, and the Council on motion adjourned, *sine die*.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

—ON—

Outstanding Amounts Due for Insane Patients.

The Committee on Insane Patients having requested that a special effort be made to ascertain and collect, as far as possible, all amounts due the County by the relatives or other parties responsible, in part or in full for insane patients at Mount Hope, I devoted a whole month last summer to that duty, with the following results :—

1st. It appeared that no regular accounts had heretofore been kept for these patients (further than the bonds or examination papers indiscriminately put away, and the sums from time to time paid and credited in the Treasurer's books); the indebtedness being also unobtainable except by going through all the accounts as rendered by the Government quarterly.

2nd. Consequently, when from any cause a cessation of payments occurred, in many instances the account was dropped or forgotten, and no record made of the reason for non payment thereof, thereby vitiating the claim.

3rd It is almost certain that in several cases this County is not liable for some items in the general accounts for patients (paying or non-paying) of the kind, or to the extent named; and that a number of pauper insane sent from the Jail, the Poor House and the streets of the city should not be chargeable for maintenance or otherwise to Halifax, but to some other County, or to the Province.

4th. Through the inadequate information contained in the examinations, I have no doubt that for several so-called pauper patients some portion at least of the cost of their maintenance has been lost through inability to trace the addresses of their relatives, some of whom were probably responsible as per Sections 1, 11, 35, Chapter 36, Revised Statutes, 4th series.

5th. In 1880 I undertook an investigation, together with Mr. J. B. Crowe, and obtained a considerable amount of useful information, which led to a partial rectification and reduction of the claims made on the County. This course was afterwards pursued by William Taylor, Esq., whom the County Council appointed for that object, but for want of time he was obliged to abandon it before getting matters in shape for a final adjustment of accounts with the Commissioners of Public Charities.

6th. Some of the applicants for the admission of patients, while attesting to inability to pay money, did offer and agree to furnish clothing in part, but failed in most cases to do so, from either oversight, disinclination or want of a reminder. So far I have met with no response to claims for these obligations, though, being stated in the examinations, would bind the signer or those for whom he or she acted

to pay something instead. The rules of the institution for a first supply of clothing are for the most part ignored.

7th. The cost of medical certificates of lunacy has seldom been collected. I would suggest that these and other preliminary expenses be positively collected or guaranteed before the patient's admittance.

Amounts Due from Paying Patients from the Year 1877 to 1883, and Collected.—J. S. Ogilvie, amount paid in full, \$29.08; C. W. Thomson, per surety, do., \$40.60; M. Routledge, for wife, sued and paid, \$13.02; E. Lloyd, for son, \$61.25; J. H. Belcher, for Miss Belcher, balance, \$8.21; S. Boreham, for his wife, balance, \$14.00; J. T. Wylde, for sister, will pay as called upon, \$26.00; Capt. Clawson, for wife, now discharged on trial, \$52 00. Total, \$244.16.

Collected from Patients Paying for Part Maintenance.—C. Brodie, on account of son, whole claim, \$203.50; paid on account, \$35. T. Bushell, for his brother, whole claim, \$244.40; paid on account, \$45. W. Compton, for Miss Power, whole claim, \$156.60; paid on account, \$100. F. S. Allen, for his wife, whole claim, \$40.44; paid on account, \$20. John Mahoney, two daughters, claim, \$49 54; paid on account, \$25. B. Umlah, for his son, whole claim, \$90.00; paid on account, \$25. John Ead, for his son, whole claim \$62.00; paid on account, \$52. Total collected, \$334.

The following amounts appeared in the accounts as due, and demands were made upon the debtors or bondsmen wherever they could be reached. Most of these claims are uncollectible, some out of date; some were placed in suit, others obsolete under the Statute, as follows:

Thomas Birmingham, for his wife, balance, \$26.29. Removed to United States.

George Grant, discharged 1882, balance \$10. Family no means of paying.

Michael Langhlan, still at Hospital. Has interest in small property.

W. L. Evans, for son Charles, for clothes, \$76.20. Insolvent: cannot pay.

Samuel Corrigan, for wife, 1875, \$10.65. Out of date; refused.

John McCarthy. Should be allowed for regular work since admission.

Jas. C. Woodworth, clothing to be paid. Cannot obtain reply.

Henry Merson, for wife, deceased, \$34.72. Precluded by settlement of estate in 1882, as ascertained from the Probate Court.

Frances J. Brehm. Has undivided interest in Crown land, Guysboro County.

Ellen J. Wall, still in Hospital. Estate proved insolvent.

John Inglefield, deceased, \$10.49. Widow may pay something.

A. V. Allen, for son, now discharged, \$917.30. Insolvent 1878; pleads Statute, Chap. 36 and Dominion Insolvency Act, 1875.

Sophia C. Thompson, for husband, \$60. Cannot be found.

John Thompson, \$152. Deceased; no effects.

Dennis Carroll, balance, \$70.16. Surety refuses; says was never

notified that anything was due, or could have secured it. Debtor in United States.

Robert Brunt, for wife, balance 1876, \$19.77 Out of date; also says all paid to time of decease.

Geo. S. Thompson. H. Carson was to pay on settlement of estate.

W. A. Williams, clothes to be paid for, \$80. Cannot get anything.

Henry Boyle, for son Joseph, balance 1880, \$180.53. Relieved under Statute.

Mrs. Wm. Trider, for husband, deceased, \$96, 1881. Unable to pay anything.

Nicholas Power, rectified balance, \$8.12. Promises payment.

Geo. Tanner, for wife, balance, 1881, \$17.67. Uncollectible.

Fredk. Young, for wife, balance, \$2.50. May be got.

Lawrence Hickey. Bondsmen never notified; now in Poor House.

Dugald McKay (or McRae), \$300. Not chargeable to Halifax.

Miss Norris. Said to have funds in Savings' Bank: doubtful.

James McCormack. Said to have funds in Savings' Bank; unascertained.

Wm. Pettipas, from District 8. To be enquired into further.

Mary McQuarrie. Account transferred to Cape Breton County.

Douglas Crane. Supposed to be Colchester County; investigation wanted.

Annie McLeod. Stated to have friends able to pay part in Cape Breton.

Elizabeth Thomas. Sureties no good, and one left the Province.

Newton Strong. Clothes to be supplied. Not carried out.

E. Hamilton Bruce. Friends could pay part if so disposed.

In addition to the foregoing I found that quite a number of the patients charged to this County had been sent to the Asylum from the Poor House and the Jail by the Commissioners or the Sheriff without the knowledge or concurrence of the County authorities, and whose settlements were doubtful or affixed without due enquiry, Halifax being conveniently made chargeable, when possibly the Province or some other County should support them. I mention some of them:

From Poor House.—Samuel Foster, Daniel O'Callaghan, James Purcell, Charles M. Nolan, Michael Brennan, Henry Lappin, William Williams, J. W. Stewart, Patrick Cody, Harriet McPherson, Mary A. Ring, Isabel Gillis, Margaret Grant, Madeline Blythe, Louisa Street, Mary Hennesey, Margaret Ferguson, Eliz. Foster, Ellen Gilfoxy.

From County Jail (by Sheriff).—James O'Connell, James J. Dunn, Caroline Watson, Eliz. Thomas, Douglas Crane, J. McLean.

No examination papers, or very questionable ones, exist for these parties, many of whom have been maintained for years. Some are deceased, others discharged, and for a few the Government appeared to have proof of legitimate settlement, but careful enquiry is necessary in order to determine the facts.

W. H. WISWELL,
County Clerk and Treasurer.

