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BY-LAWS AND ORDINANCES
OF THE
Town of Dartmouth.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At all meetings of the Town Council, except adjourned meetings, as soon as the chair is taken and the meeting opened, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read by the Clerk when any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Council, after which, or in the event of no mistakes being found, they shall be marked approved and signed by the Mayor.

2. Every resolution must be presented in writing, moved and seconded before it can be debated.

3. A motion or resolution moved and seconded can only be withdrawn by leave of the Council.

4. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The Mayor or presiding Councillor shall have a casting vote but shall not otherwise vote.

5. The Mayor or presiding Councillor shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Council, and when such appeal is demanded by any member the Mayor or Councillor presiding shall forthwith put the matter to the Council on the question, "shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"

6. Every member who speaks in council shall address the chair standing.

7. The member who introduces a resolution or any debatable motion shall have the privilege of closing the debate thereon.

8. No resolution shall be discussed or voted on at the meeting at which the same is introduced if any member of the Council shall object to such discussion before the same is entered upon, unless notice of such resolution has been given at a previous meeting; but this rule shall not apply to motions in amendment or subsidiary motions.

9. When a question is regularly under debate, no other question or motion shall be entertained until it is decided, unless it be:—

- 1st—A motion in amendment of the original resolution.
- 2nd—A motion to refer the question to a committee.
- 3rd—A motion to postpone the question to some future day or time to be named.
- 4th—A motion to postpone the question indefinitely.
- 5th—A motion that the question be now put.
- 6th—A motion to adjourn.

10. After the division has been taken upon any question or resolution, any member may call for the names on the division, and have the same recorded.

11. No debate shall be allowed on any motion of adjournment or upon a motion that the question be now put.

12. Every member shall confine himself to the question under discussion, and shall abstain from all personal reflections and irritating language.

13. Every member present when a vote is taken shall vote unless excused by the Council upon some good ground stated.

14. No member shall leave the room during the transaction of business without the permission of the Mayor or presiding Councillor.

15. Any member called to order by the chair shall sit down at once, but may, by leave of the chair, afterwards rise to explain, and any member so called to order by the chair may appeal against the ruling of the chair, whereupon the proceedings shall be as in the fifth by-law directed.

16. The following shall be the order of business, as nearly as may be, subject however to alteration by the Council at any meeting, as the exigencies of business may require.

- 1st—Reading minutes of previous meeting.
- 2nd—Motion to amend the minutes.
- 3rd—Motion to re-consider or rescind any resolution.
- 4th—Receiving and reading the report of any select or general committee.
- 5th—Receiving any petitions.
- 6th—Ordering the payment of accounts.
- 7th—Discussing any resolution of which notice had been given or which had been introduced at a previous meeting.

8th—Discussing the reports of select or general committees.

9th—Discussing any petition.

10th—Miscellaneous business.

17. Notices for rescinding or re-considering any resolution must be given on the day of the resolution being passed, before adjournment; no resolution passed shall be rescinded or re-considered when such notice has not been given, and no such notice shall have the effect of delaying or impeding the action necessary to give effect to any resolution unless the Council shall otherwise order.

T O W N C O U N C I L . 1 9 0 0 .

Mayor A. C. Johnston

Councillors

Ward One John Ritchie G. D. Wilson

Ward Two. Thos. G. Stevens Henry Romans

Ward Three. Edwd. F. Williams John Moir

Presiding Councillor John Ritchie

S T A N D I N G C O M M I T T E E S . *

Councillors

Committee on Finance:- Stevens (Ch) Wilson, Romans

Committee on Streets:- Williams (Ch) Ritchie, Stevens

Committee on Police and Licenses:- Ritchie (Ch) Moir, Wilson

Committee on Fire, Pumps and Wells:- Williams (Ch) Moir, Romans

Committee on Poor and Lunatics:- Wilson (Ch) Moir, Romans

Committee on Water and Sewerage:- Ritchie (Ch) Williams, Stevens

Court of Appeal:- Wilson, Romans, Moir

Reading Room Director:-

School Commissioners:- Stevens, Wilson, Moir, Jos. H. Weeks and Wm. H. Stevens.

Park Commissioners:- The Mayor, Councilors. Romans and Wilson, J.W. Tufts and J.W. Allison.

Ferry Commissioners:- The Mayor, Councilors. Stevens and Williams J.W. Allison, G.J. Troop, and Dr. H. F. Cunningham.

S P E C I A L C O M M I T T E E S .

Cemetery Committee:- Councilors. Williams, Ritchie, Stevens, A. Lloy, J. Watson, J. Greene, T. Merson, B. H. Eaton, F. Mansford and Jos. Chittick.

Committee on Municipal Franchise:- Stevens, Williams, Wilson.

Committee on Health Regulations:- Wilson, Moir, Romans

Committee on Jury Lists:- Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Dartmouth

April 17, 1894

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm
Present, Mayor Stearns Councillors Young,
Cunningham, Johnston, Allan, Smith & Hyde
also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Supt. Bishops
Salary

Councilor Cunningham moved seconded by
Councilor Johnston That the decision of the Council
at last meeting re increase to Supt Bishops
Salary be reconsidered, the motion was lost on
the following vote "for" Councilors Cunningham, John-
ston & Young "against" Hyde Allan & Smith,
the Mayor giving casting vote against the motion.

Mrs. J. Roche

The Water Com. reported that they had considered
the letter from Mrs Isabel Roche asking that the Water
Service be extended to her dwelling on the Cole Har
Rd & could not recommend any such extension of
the Water Service at present. The Com. had rec'd

Robt Humphrey
Land

a communication from Mr. Wallace Solr for Robt Hum-
phrey with reference to the portion of land lying between
Lakes Lamont & Topsail lately expropriated by the
Town. The Com. after visiting the property offered
Mr. Humphrey \$1500 for the land subject to the approval
of the Council, this offer has been refused in a letter
addressed to Recorder Russell from Mr. Humphreys
Solicitor it would therefore be necessary for the Council

Sewer Bonds
Interest

to appoint an appraiser. The Com. recommended
that \$750. be placed in this years estimates towards
paying interest on Sewer Bonds. ^{The report was received.} ^{The clause}
was referred to the Finance Com. On motion

R. Humphrey
Land

of Councilors Cunningham & Hyde. Resolved. That
the Water Committee be requested to interview
Mr. Humphrey with reference to piece of land lately
expropriated by the town with the view to obtaining
his consent to withdraw from all proceedings
taken in the matter. ^{Councilor Johnston dissented.} Councilors Johnston & Cun-

Mrs. J. Roche

ningham moved in amendment to a motion
that the clause re Mrs Roches letter that the above
be referred back to the Committee for further
information & report, the amendment was put &
carried. Councilors Johnston Cunningham & Young voting

for Councils Boyd Smith & Allan against, the Mayor giving casting vote in favor of the amendment.

The Public Property Committee ^{reported} with reference to the letter of Mr. Albert Hutchinson that they have no knowledge of any such contract or agreement as stated in his letter, nor could they discover any record of any such contract. As to the matter complained of by Mess. Bauld & Musener, the Com. stated that the side boat referred to was being repaired at the time of receipt of letter. The Com. had purchased a Leffel turbine wheel with gear from Mr. Thomas of Montague for \$100. The Com. called attention to the great necessity there was for a plan of the streets of the town, & suggested that the sum of \$400 be placed in the estimates this year for that purpose & that the Com. be authorized to proceed with the work at the least possible cost. In reference to the letter of the Electric Light Co. the Com. were of opinion that placing the lights upon ^{the} poles would not be so satisfactory as they are at present. The Com. recommended that a light be placed at the corner of Prince & North Sts. The clause in the report relative to a plan of the town was referred to the Finance Com., the rest of the report was adopted.

A. Hutchinson
Sidewalk

Bauld and
Musener
Sidewalk

Turbine wheel

Plan of Town

Electric Lights

Auditors:
Instructions

The Finance Com. recommended that the following instructions be given the auditors to take effect at once:— The auditors must file in the Town Clerk's office not later than the 10th of each month a statement showing the cash received on account of each service from 1st of Jan. to the end of the preceding month, also the amount paid on account of each service for the same time, also the balance at the end of the month, with a certificate that they have examined the securities &c, and the nature of them. Adopted.

School Board
Estimate

* Reports from the School Board & the several committees on the estimates for the year were read and ordered to be handed to the Finance Com. to report on.

J. B. Butler

Letter read from J. B. Butler stating that he had no property in Westmouth since Oct.

last, therefore the assessment on him was a mistake.
 On motion of Council's Johnston Cunningham
 Resolved that Mr. Butler be informed that his
 letter re the assessment of parcel property Ward 3
 should have been laid before the Court of Appeal.

John Naylor

Read letter from John Naylor requesting
 that he be provided with sewer connection for a
 house he proposed to build on King St. ---

Mrs G.A. Leitch
Assessment

Referred to Water Com. to report at next meeting.
 Read letter from Mrs G.A. Leitch objecting
 to the valuation placed upon her property. Ward 2.
 On motion resolved that Mrs. L. be informed that
 the matter should have been submitted to the
 Court of Appeal.

H. Watt
Sewerage

Read letter from H. Watt objecting to
 the Sewer Rates on his property fronting on
 Wilson St. on the ground that it was not a
 Main Street & that the sewer was put there for
 the benefit of the Miller property only. Mr.
 Watt to be informed that his appeal should
 have been filed by March 1st.

J.M. Weeks

Read letter from J.M. Weeks objecting to
 various provisions in the law respecting the collection
 of water rates. Referred to Water Com. to report on.

H. Fraser

Letter from D. Fraser read charging the
 Assessors with neglect of duty. Mr. F. to be
 informed that the Council has no power to deal
 with the Assessors valuations after the roll has been
 passed upon by the Court of Appeal.

Fairbanks St.
Petition

Petition read from a number of rate payers
 of Fairbanks St. vicinity, praying that this
 Street & other Streets adjoining be repaired &
 sidewalks & surface drains made. Referred
 to Street Com.

H. O. Toole

Letter read from H. O. Toole in reference
 to his water rates. Referred to Water Com.

G.A. Hunt
Arbitration

Letter read from Mr. J. Pearson Solicitor
 G.A. Hunt, requesting the Council to appoint an
 arbitrator re Mr. Hunt's claim for damages to
 his property from an overflow of water from a sewer.
 On motion of Council's Johnston & Hyde, Resolved

that the letter of Mr. Dawson; re Mr. Hunt's claim for damages be referred to the Water Com & The Recorder to make the best settlement possible.

Office Assistant

* The Finance Com recommended the sum of \$100 be placed in the Estimates to provide for office assistance. Passed on the following vote "For" Councils Allen Johnston Cunningham and Young. "Against" Councils Smith & Hyde.

Manufactories Assessment.

Councils Cunningham & Johnston, gave notice of motion as follows: - That this Council obtain legislation at the next session of the legislature for the purpose of granting a rebate of per cent on the assessment of all manufactories in the town.

Bills passed

A number of bills were passed for payment & the Council adjourned until Thursday next at 7.30 p.m.

Approved
W. H. Stem
Mayor

Wm. E. Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Thursday, April 19, 1894

The Council met this evening at 7.30. Present, Mayor Stem, Councilors Young Cunningham Johnston, Allen Smith & Hyde, also Recorder Russell.

Estimates

The Finance Com. reported as follows recommending that the Estimates for the year be as follows:

Schools		10,317.
Public Property:		
Streets	3000.	
Repairs ¹⁸⁹³ Bell Tower Eng. Ho.		74.
Watering Streets	150.	
Repairs Bldgs.	100.	
Lighting	1400.	
Street Signs & Ho.	375.	5099.
Poor		1000.
Lunatics		1096.

Estimates 1894 Continued

Finance Salaries	1856.
Reading Room	100
County Rates	600
Park Improvement	250
Liquor License Fund	75
Public Health	75
Assessor	300
Auditors	100
Contingent	<u>719</u>
	4025
Fire Dept	898
Pumps & Wells	125
Police	1210
Interest	891
Shortage 1893	450
Exemptions	740
Discounts	175
Non Collection	85
	<u>\$ 26.111</u>

Incidental Revenue	
Taxes over due Jan 1/94	1200
Poll Tax 1894	1400
Weg Tax	180
Fines	250
Court Fees	450
Licenses	140
	<u>3620</u>
Net amt to be assessed on property	<u>\$ 22.491</u>

New Canal Bridge

The Com. called attention to the fact that a large expenditure of a permanent nature was incurred last year, owing to the fact that a roadway was placed across the Canal in place of the bridge, & it has always been the idea that the whole of this expenditure should not be a charge on one year, the Com recommended that \$400 be carried forward to 1895 on account of this work.

The Value of real & personal property within the limits of the town is \$1,803,367

Halifax School Valuation	208.100
Outside District	48.850
Less Valuation of properties whose owners reside outside of Dist.	<u>256.950</u>
	54.900
	<u>202.050</u>

The rate for School purposes on the above valuation will be 53 per 100 & will amount to 1111.27

The rate for the town would be 1.20 per \$100 which on \$1,803,367 is equal to 21,640.40
\$ 22,751.67

The Com. recommended that the above rates be levied for the current year

Tax rate fixed

The report was adopted & the following resolutions passed: - Moved by Councilor Johnston & Cunningham ^{Resolved} That the Assessment Roll as finally passed by the Council of appeal & completed & now laid before the Council be and the same where by confirmed, & that the Council authorize the levying & collection of rates for the current year of one dollar and twenty cents per \$100 on the assessed value, as per Assessment Roll, which assessment roll & rate are hereby confirmed. Further resolved that the rate to be levied & collected for the current year on property in the City of Halifax & other School Sections of the County of persons resident in Dartmouth & also in the outside district of Dartmouth School Section be fifty five cents per \$100.

Poll Tax

It was also resolved that the Poll Tax of two dollars as provided by law be ordered to be levied & collected & the Poll Tax book now produced be approved & confirmed.

N. McAulay

Letter read from N. McAulay Messenger requesting that the decision of the Council declining to raise his salary be reconsidered. It was decided not to comply with his request.

Bills passed

The following bills passed, J. Allen & Co. 523
Symonds-Ray Syndicate (turbine) \$100.

The Council then adjourned
Attest
Town Clerk

Approved
J. H. Stone
Mayor

Dartmouth

Thursday, May 10. 1894.

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock.
Present, Mayor Stearns, Councillors Young, Cunningham, Johnston, Allan Smith & Hyde, also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of meetings held Apr 17 & 19th read & confirmed.

Manufactories
Assessment.

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Council Johnston & Cunningham moved the following, Resolved that this Council obtain legislation at the next session of the Legislature for the purpose of granting a rebate of per cent on the Assessment of all manufactories in the town. After some discussion the resolution was referred to a Committee consisting of Councils Allan, Hyde and Johnston to report upon at a future meeting in time for legislation should any be required.

Police Regulations
amended.

The Police Com. reported that they had adopted the following amendments to the Police Regulations & submitted the same for the approval of the Council. Resolved that Police Regulation No. 21 be amended by inserting the words "City of Halifax" after the word "the" in the 5th line of the said Section, also amend Sec. 23 by adding the following words, "excepting that during hours when not engaged on Police duty the Policemen shall be at liberty to collect private accounts for persons being citizens of the town." On motion the report was adopted, Council Johnston dissented.

Robt Humphrey
Land

The Water Committee reported that they had sent a communication to H. B. Wallace Solr for Robt Humphrey in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of Council with drawing any offer made for the Humphrey property, recently expropriated, and also offering to relinquish the land expropriated, & to make good any damage suffered by Mr Humphrey in consequence of such expropriation should he decide to take back the land.

Mrs Roche

In reference to the application from Mrs. J. Roche of Cole Harbor Road for Water supply, the Committee could not recommend the extension required on this road.

owing to the cost (\$900) & the fact that the domestic rate could not be collected, there being no sewer.

Edmund Mc-Graham
Water rates

Edmund Mc-Graham having complained that \$10. the rate charged him for his Steamboiler & Shop was excessive, the Com. had come to an agreement with him, subject to approval of Council, to reduce this special rate to \$6 per ann. & asked authority to make this arrangement.

John Naylor

Relative to John Naylor's letter asking for sewer extension south on King St. The frontage on the extension is 341 ft. The ^{cost of} laying the sewer would be \$640. The Com. thought that the extension of this sewer would mean a loss & therefor could not recommend it.

H. O. Toole

Re H. O. Toole's letter, the Com. have asked him to place his receipts before the Council.

Christ Church
Manse

The Committee had received a letter from Christ Church Corporation asking that a 4 in. main ^{on Westworth St} be laid to connect the parsonage with the Water main & also requesting permission to put in a sewer on said street to connect with the public one on Ockelony St. The Committee recommended that the Water pipe asked for be put in & that Christ Church be granted permission to lay a sewer on Westworth St. to connect with Ockelony St. provided that should the town afterwards desire to connect other properties with the proposed sewer, it be their right to do so.

Wm G. Walker
property

A letter had been received from Wm G. Walker complaining that the laying of the water main had cut off the connection between the pond adjoining his property & Sullivan's pond. The Com. find that the water flows out of the pond referred to into Sullivan's pond as freely as before the water main was laid. The difficulty is probably due to a rise in the water level of Sullivan's pond. The Com. were of opinion that no claim for damages can be established by Mr. Walker on above account for the reason given.

A. A. A. A. A.
Contract for
Trenches

The Committee submitted tenders received for opening water & sewer trenches & reported that they had awarded the contract to Arch. A. A. A. subject to approval of the Council.

H. O. Toole

The clause of the report re. John Naylor's letter was deferred, in the meantime the clerk was to ask him for information as to cost of proposed house. The clause re. H. O. Toole's water rates was referred back to Com.

A. Awall
Contract

The rest of the report was adopted.
On motion of Councils ^{Johnston &} Cunningham Resolved
That the Awall be required to enter into a written
agreement to complete all work given him
promptly and to keep the trenches lighted &
protected. Carried on the following vote Councils
Allan Johnston & Cunningham for Smith & Hyde against

County Rates

Letter read from the County Clerk enclosing
detailed statement of County Rates for 1894.
^{showing that the towns proportion of 1894 was \$697.87}
On motion of Councils Cunningham & Hyde the letter
was referred to the Finance Com. to make enquiry
as to several items of the account.

School Board
Estimate

Letter read from the School Board requesting
that the necessary steps be taken to provide the board
with the sum of \$7000 authorized to be borrowed for
new School Buildings, & also asking for permission
to use the Electric Light poles for the proposed telephone
system connecting the several school buildings.

School Telephone

On motion the latter request was granted.
On motion of Councils Johnston & Cunningham
the following was adopted: Resolved That the
Finance Committee be authorized for the sum of

School Loan
\$7000.

\$7000 required by the School Board, & that they have
power to accept the tender most advantageous
to the town. And further that His Worship the Mayor
be authorized to sign and seal debentures sufficient
to realize \$7000 and hand over the proceeds to the
Board of School Commissioners for the purposes mention-
ed in Cap. 36 of the Acts of 1894. Such debentures to be
for the sum desired by the purchaser, and to be
counter signed by the Clerk and to be sold by tender.

W. McAnlay

Letter read from W. McAnlay messenger tendering
his resignation & asking that it take effect 12th inst &
that he be paid full salary for the month. On motion
Councils Smith & Cunningham, resolved that the request of
the Town Messenger be granted, viz. that he receive his
full salary to the end of May & that his resignation
be accepted.

W. Murphy
messenger

Application from W. Murphy read for the position
of messenger. Referred to Finance Com.

W. Pearce

Read letter from W. Pearce Sr. complaining that the
sidewalk on North side of North St. was made a

dumping ground for all sorts of filthy rubbish
Referred to Street Com.

Auditors
report

The Town Auditors reported that they had compared the Ward Assessors books with the Rate Book had examined the alterations as confirmed by the Com. of Appeal, they had checked the vouchers & cash book of the Town Clerk & Treasurer & found everything in order correct to April 30/94. they had examined the bank deposit receipt in the hands of the Treasurer (\$1000) which amount is embodied in the Cash balance of the Water construction acct. They submitted statements of the accounts of the different services to the end of April. The report was received.

Water Rates
over due

On motion of Council Johnston, The clerk was directed to furnish the Chief of Police with a list of Water Rates due to Nov 1/93, he to make all endeavor to collect the amounts & to inform delinquents, that if not paid at once legal proceedings would be taken.

Bills passed

A number of accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

Police
regulations

A petition signed by a number of business men in favor of the proposed change in the police regulations was read & received.

Approved
W. H. Sterns
Mayor

Adjourned
A. P. Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

(Thursday) June 7 1894

The Council met this day at 8 pm. Present Mayor Sterns, Councilors Young Smith Johnston & Allan also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

County Rates

The Finance Com. reported that they had examined the account of the County Treasurer & submitted a letter explaining some of the items recommended that the account be paid. The Com. had endeavored to make arrangements whereby the messenger work could be done by Police No. 2 as formerly but failing in this they had engaged as

Messenger

Messenger Harry Murphy at 150 per week & as he has given satisfactory service recommended that he be permanently engaged at above rate.

School Loan
\$7000.

The Com. had advertised for tenders for \$7000 required for School purposes & received but one reply, that being from J. C. MacKintosh who offered \$250 per m. for the lot, the Com. recommended that his offer be accepted. On motion the report was adopted.

Saintbanks St.
repairs

The Street Com. reported with reference to the petition of Mr. Scafe & other rate payers of Ward 3 referred to them that they had examined the Streets complained of & would as far as possible this year endeavor to meet the wishes of the petitioners. In regard to the letter of Mr. W. Pease the Com. reported that steps had been taken to abate the nuisance complained of. The sidewalk on North St. would receive attention in due course. The report was adopted.

Humphrey
Land, expropriated

The Water Com. reported on correspondence had with the solicitor of Mr. Humphrey, which indicated that Mr. Humphrey had no intention of taking back the land expropriated & had appointed Mr. Judson Baker as his arbitrator, & recommended that the town proceed to appoint its appraiser.

W. Donovan's
Land

The Com. had received a letter from Dan Donavan complaining that a portion of his land on the W. shore of Lamont Lake has been flooded by the raising of the level of the Lake, & that if the lake is not lowered he would be obliged to take action. As the land referred to does not include half an acre, the Com. considered his contention frivolous, & recommended that the matter be left in abeyance for two months. The Com. had

Lamont Property
Sale of

received an informal application from Edmund Cross to purchase the Lamont property on the S. side of the Preston Rd, about 1 1/4 acres. While a valuable piece of farming land it is of little use to the town & the Com. recommended that Mr. Cross be asked to make a suitable offer for it. Re arrears due by Harry

H. O'Toole

O'Toole, the Com. recommended that the law take its course, & that the arrear of the judge recorded against him for water rates be collected under the collection act.

J. M. Weeks

The Com. had considered the letter of J. M. Weeks proposing that Water Rates be chargeable to tenants rather than owners of properties & were unable to recommend the change in the legislation which it proposed.

On Saturday 26th May a blow off in the Water Main on Preston Rd was opened & an immense quantity of water flowed away before the loss was discovered. Hydrants had also been tampered with.

Rewards
re Water Works

The Com. recommended that a standing offer of \$20. reward be posted in conspicuous places in the town for information leading to the conviction of persons tampering with or opening any of the valves or hydrants.

Use of Water

The Com. recommended advertising in the Atlantic Weekly that after an early date to be fixed by the Com., all persons violating Sec. 4 & 13 of the Regulations respecting the "Use of Water" will be prosecuted as provided in Sec. 17 of said regulations.

A. McKay
and others
apply for
extension
beahlia St

The Com. had received an application signed by Alex. McKay & E. Williams asking for the extension of the Water & Sewerage for a distance of 200 ft. on Beahlia St. West of Pine St. The cost would be \$440. About \$400. would be recoverable for sewer frontage & an annual income of about \$24. for water rates would be received. The Com. therefore recommended the extension.

Judge & Mara
Watermen

The Com. had received an application from Judge & Mara to supply their Water boats, the Com. replied agreeing to supply the Water at 15¢ per 100 gals & to put a pipe to the end of Douglas Wh provided Mr. Douglas would permit to be subject to the approval of the Council and to be for one year. The offer of the Com. has been accepted & Mr. Douglas has granted permission for the pipe to be extended down his wharf.

G. A. Hunt
claim.

The Com. had received a bill for damages from G. A. Hunt amounting to \$400. The damage is not probably above \$25 but to avoid trouble the Com. recommended the offer of \$50. also the appointment of an assessor to act if necessary. The report was read clause by clause & adopted.

Humphrey
land
appraiser appld.

On motion of Councils Johnston & Smith,
Resolved, That Mr B. A. Weston be the appraiser
on behalf of the Town in the matter of the
Humphrey property. On motion of the same
Resolved, That the Clerk write Messrs. Judge &
Mara that this Council approve of the offer of
the Water Com to supply their water boat with
water for one year at the rate of 15¢ per 1000 gals
& that this Council ratifies and adopts the contract
made by the said committee with them on
behalf of the town.

Windsor St.
extension

Letter read from Alex. Lloy requesting the
Council to grade & complete the extension of Wind-
sor St. as he intended to build a double house
on his back lots. Referred to Street Com.

H. C. Walker
Sewer Rates

Letter read from H. C. Walker in regard to the
decision of the Appeal Court as to his sewer rates
on Wilson St. Ordered to be filed.

P. Dunbrack

Letter read from P. Dunbrack asking to be
paid for a retaining wall built by him on the
street line of his property. Referred to Street Com.

Mrs. Turner

Read letter from Mrs. J. W. Turner requesting
that a street lamp be placed on Synnott's hill.
Referred to Street Com.

Judson Baker
line fence

Letter read from Judson Baker requesting
the town to put up its half of the line fence
where his property joins that of the town.
Referred to Water Com. to report on.

G. A. Hunt
claim

Mr. F. Scarfe was on motion appointed
appraiser re. the claim of Geo. & Hunt.

J. Elliot
desk

On motion of Councils Smith & Johnston
resolved that Mr. J. Elliot be paid \$10 for a
desk now in use in the ^{office of} Dept. of Water Works.

German
Glass Man^r

Council Johnston called attention to an
article in a late number of the Atlantic
Weekly referring to the iniquity of a German
glass manufacturer as to a suitable place
to locate his glass works. The Clerk was
directed to write him & call his attention to
the facilities offered by Dartmouth for manufacturing.

Sanitary
Inspectors
apptd.

On motion of Councils Johnston & Young
Resolved, that Mr. McKenzie and Daniel Brennan

be and are hereby appointed Sanitary Inspectors, each of such inspectors to act and have jurisdiction within and throughout the limits of the town of Dartmouth for the year ending Feb. 1895.

Bills passed

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

Approved
W. M. Sterns
Mayor

W. P. Elliott
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,
Tuesday July 3 1894

The Council met this day at 8 p.m.
Present, Mayor Sterns, Councillors, Young, Cunningham, Johnston, Allan, Smith & Hyde also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Dundas St.

The street committee reported that they would be glad to finish Dundas street, petitioned for by Alex. Lloy, as soon as funds are available for the purpose. The committee could not recommend that an electric light be placed on Synott hill as petitioned for, as they thought that Water street was sufficiently lighted and they did not wish to exceed the estimate.

Electric Light
Synotts hill

As to Mr. Dunbrack's letter the Com. did not contemplate any such expenditure for the present year.

P. Dunbrack

Taxes Unpaid

The finance committee recommended that the town clerk prepare a list as soon as possible of all rate-payers owing taxes for the current year, and that the same be handed to the police, with instructions that they call on all delinquents and endeavor to collect said rates.	
The water committee reported:	
The total valuation for domestic purposes	\$95,858
Pipe rate	27,240
Fire "	128,325
Interest on capital account	\$5,850
Deduct 1 year's interest on \$30,000 chargeable to capital account	1,350
Deficiency in maintenance account for year ended May 1	2,194
Maintenance, superintendent's salary, labor, etc.	850
Gross annual charge	\$ 7,544
Special rates:	
Ferry	550
Sugar refinery	200
Hospital for insane	200
Water boat, say	200
Other special rates	622
Fire protection rate at 20c. per \$100	1,772
Interest on sewer fund	394
Water rates unpaid	150
	528
Leaving amount to be assessed for	\$ 8,148
	4,398
This will give a domestic rate of 60 cents per \$100, a pipe rate on property fronting on a pipe line 30 cents and a fire rate of 20 cents.	

Water Rate fixed

The Com. recommended that the above rates be adopted also that a fire rate of 20¢ per \$100 be adopted as placed in the estimate.

Valuations for Water purposes.

The Com. called attention to the fact that the Town Assessors have heretofore made no separate valuation of land properties as distinguished from dwellings, the effect of this is to confine all properties containing a dwelling however

extensive the properties may be to a maximum valuation of \$2000. The Com. suggested the advisability of requiring the assessors to value all properties connected with dwellings, beyond a certain limit in a separate valuation.

Dox Graving
Lock Co.
Water Rates

The Com. reported that the large sum of \$267. due by the Halifax Graving Dock Co. is still unsettled, the Com. recommended that the Recorder be requested to have the suit now pending carried forward & that a decision be obtained as soon as possible.

Sewerage
Interest

The Com. recommended that interest on Sewerage debt in 1893 be charged from Jan. 1. 1894.

Sewer Interest
\$1350

Councilor Johnston objected to the item of \$1350 proposed to be drawn from capital acct. to meet interest on bonds, and moved, seconded by Councilor Cunningham that the first clause of the Water Com. report be referred back to include therein the interest due and to become due on Sewer Frontage; the motion was put and negatived, Councilors Johnston and Cunningham for, the other members of the Council against. The report then having been read clause by clause was adopted. ^{Councilors Johnston & Cunningham dissented}

Pol. Brennan
leave of absence

The Police Com. reported that Policeman Brennan having applied for two weeks leave of absence from July 1., after having received the consent of the School Board granted the same.

Night Watchman

Sewer Frontage
Mrs. Paw & Others.

John H. Walker
Lamont Propy.

Mrs G. Adams

Flag Town Hall

A petition that a night watchman be appointed, signed by a large number of ratepayers, was read. Councilors Allan and Johnston were in favor of the petition, the other councillors were opposed. Letters were read from Mrs. G. A. V. Paw, Henry Watt, M. F. Eagar and Jeremiah Gray, appealing from sewer frontage, on the ground that they could not connect with the sewers owing to the situation of their properties. John H. Walker was given a hearing on some objections he had to paying water and sewer rates. A letter was read from Edmund Cross, offering \$400 for 11 1/4 acres of the Lamont property on the south side of the Preston road. A letter was read from Mrs. Geo. Adams, asking to have the line of street defined at the corner of Wentworth and Ochterlony streets, as she had sold the property. On motion of Couns. Smith and Hyde resolved that in future the Dominion sign be hoisted on the town hall on July 1st.

moved that the prayer of the petition be granted the motion did not pass as on motion the letters were ordered to be numbered and filed

Referred to Water Com.

Referred to Street Com.

Auditors report

The Auditors Report & statements of Town Finances for the period ^{from Jan} ending May 31/94 were read & ordered to be filed.

Assessment
on
Manufactures

On motion of Councilors Johnston & Hyde Resolved that the committee appointed to consider the assessment of manufactures be and are hereby empowered to report to the Council.

any amendments to the Assessment Act which in their opinion it would be advisable to make.

Engr. Rodwell's acct.

Engr. Rodwell's Acfor \$5. was passed as well as a large number of other accounts & the Council adjourned at 10:30 pm

Wm. E. Clark
Town Clerk

Approved
M. H. Stearns
Mayor

Dartmouth
July 11. 1894

The Council met this evening at 8 o'clock. Present Mayor Stearns, Councillors Young, Johnston and Smith, also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Lamont Property Sale.

The committee on water supply recommended that Edmund Cross' offer of \$400 for about 11 acres of the Lamont property, situate on the south side of the Preston road, be accepted. The report was adopted.

Sutherland vs The Town.

A petition was read from Mr. Jas. A. Gass, of Halifax, who stated that he is interested in certain contracts made by Mr. D. Sutherland, Sr., with the town (as one of the sureties for Mr. Sutherland). A suit had been entered by Mr. Sutherland against the town; the suit had been delayed from time to time, and no date for the trial had yet been fixed. He asked that the council consent to have the matter settled by arbitration. The amount claimed is about \$7,000. On motion of Councillors Johnston and Hyde it was resolved that Mr. Gass be informed that the town will agree to submit all matters in difference to the suit of Donald Sutherland against the town to the arbitration of three arbitrators, one to be chosen by each of the parties and the third by the chief justice, provided that the suit be discontinued without costs, that the third arbitrator be a member of the inner bar and that each party pay his own arbitrator and half the charges of the third, and that the arbitrators have no discretion as to imposing costs on either of the parties.

discretion

Water St. Cleaning Truck Stand.

A petition was read from L. Stearns & Son, J. Allen, J. E. Lendley, A. M. Beck and others asking that the street commissioners have Water street cleaned upon Saturdays and that a stand be provided for the truckmen some other place than on Water street opposite the post office, where a number of them are in the habit of standing. Referred to the license committee.

Office Asst.

The finance committee reported that they had engaged a young lady in the town clerk's office, at a salary of \$2.50 per week, her hours being from 1 to 6 p. m. The committee hope in this way to get the work up very shortly and at a small cost to the town. The sum of \$2,000 is at present on deposit belonging to the sewer sinking fund. The committee recommended that \$1,500 be invested in county of Lunenburg bonds, and \$500 in town of Pictou bonds at 100% per cent; this would give a rate of interest at a fraction over 4.46 per cent. Adopted.

Sinking Fund

Bylaw re Washing Wagons

On motion of Councillors Cunningham and Hyde it was resolved that the following by-law be adopted: "No person shall hereafter wash any carriage, waggon, cab, truck, cart, sled or other vehicle upon any public street in the town of Dartmouth."

Comer. Smith

Auditor's report

dissented. The Auditor reported that they had examined the Town Treasurer's accounts up to the 30th June and found the same in order and

Correct. The submitted statements of receipts and expenditure of the various services of the Town up to that date.

Approved
W. H. Sterns
Mayor.

Adjourned
Capt. Elliott
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

(Tuesday) July 31, 1894

The Town Council met this evening.
Present, Mayor Sterns, Councillors Young, Allen, Cunningham, Smith, Johnston and Hyde also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Street expenditure

The Street Com. reported that they had now about reached the limit of their appropriation for doing permanent work upon the Streets. They had established

Stone breaker

a stone breaking plant capable of crushing from 80 to 90 tons Stone per day at a cost of \$1000. They had broken & spread on the Streets 2000 tons of Stone. The Com. were of opinion that the work of macadamizing the streets should be proceeded with notwithstanding the fact that funds for this year are exhausted, as in the event of the Building Society selling the property on which the stone breaker is placed, it would be difficult to procure at short notice, another site with the necessary power for running the machinery. The Com. pointed out that if the streets within the Town plot are thoroughly macadamized, the cost of maintaining them in that condition will for some years amount to very little thus the appropriations for streets for that time can be devoted to placing in repair the streets of the outlying districts, the Com. therefore recommended that the sum of \$1500 be borrowed by the Town under the provisions of Sec. 273. Chap. 1. Acts of 1888.

\$1500 extra
granted for
Streets.

Councils Cunningham & Young moved that the report be adopted. Councils Smith & Allen moved in amendment, that the appropriation to the Street Com. unexpended to date, together with five hundred dollars be devoted for the repair of Portland St. to the bridge, & then of Oakley St. & that no further money be spent on special repairs this year.

The amendment was put and lost the motion that the report be adopted was then put and carried on the casting vote of the Mayor, Councilmen Birmingham Johnston & Young voting for, Councilmen Smith Allant & Hyde against.

Unpaid
Taxes 1893

The Finance Com. reported that a considerable amount of ~~taxes~~ taxes for the year 1893 still remain unpaid & as under Cap. 64 of the Act of 1892 these taxes are a lien on the property, ~~and~~ the Com. strongly recommend that the said Act be complied with & that the recorder carry out at once the duties imposed on him by clause No. 8 of said Act so that the sums due may be collected with as little delay as possible. Adopted.

Judget Mara

The Water Com. reported that they had ordered an English meter, 3 in, Ricinus patent to measure the water supplied Judget Mara's Water boats, that Judget Mara had finally agreed to pay one third the cost of meter & attachments up to \$40. These to be the property of the town provided they be allowed the privilege of taking the water more than one year, the Com. asked that the Council determine the length of time ^{beyond} one year over which the contract with Judget Mara shall extend.

Douglas Hydrant.

The Com. recommended that the hydrant at Douglas Wharf be kept locked, the key to be hung in a glass faced box fixed to the adjoining building, so that in case of fire the glass may be broken & the key obtained at any time. The Com. had already warned parties against taking water without application. The Com. had advertised the grass on the Larnmont for tender & recommended that the highest tender viz \$31.50 be accepted.

Humphrey
~~Property~~
Grass sold.

The report was adopted, on a motion of Councilmen Smith & Johnston, it was further resolved that the contract for water between Judget Mara & the town extend over a period of five years, provided that they pay the minimum sum of \$40. for the second & subsequent years, at the same time as provided for the first year.

Water St.
Truck stand

A petition from G. May & other residents of Water St. objecting to the Truckmen's Stand lately made at the corner of Water & Portland Sts. Referred.

Portland St.
repairs

to License Com. to deal with.

A petition from a number of rate payers of Portland St. was read requesting that immediate steps be taken to put that Street in thorough repair. The petition was received.

John & George St.
pumps

A petition from a number of rate payers of John and George St. was read praying that the two pumps and wells in that locality be put in repair. Referred to Com. on Pumps & Wells.

Cemeteries
Water supply

A petition from a number of lot owners of the Public & R.C. cemeteries was read praying that the town extend a water pipe, from the Main on Dahl St. to a point on the division line of these cemeteries. Referred to the Water Com. to carry out the wishes of the petitioners if the work could be done at a reasonable cost.

St
New Land Imp. Co.

Read letter from the New Land Imp. Co. requesting that the amount of sewer rates due by them be settled in their account against the Town of \$200. for privilege of allowing Water Pipe to cross Sullivan's Pond. Referred to Finance Com.

St
G. H. Craig
Sewerage

Read letter from G. H. Craig requesting to be allowed the ^{same} rebate on Sewer Frontage on his property Water St as other property owners received here. He is informed that the Council had no power to grant the reduction but would take steps to obtain legislation to deal with such cases.

J. Jenkins
W. & S. connection

Read letter from J. Jenkins, stating that he had been overcharged for the work of connecting his property on Water St. with the main sewer. Referred to Water Com.

Mrs. Paw
Sewerage

Read letter from Mrs. G. S. Paw, threatening legal proceedings if the town's claim for Sewer frontage on her property King St. was not withdrawn. Referred to Recorder.

Streets
\$1500.

On motion of Councilors Johnston & Cunningham Resolved, that a credit account be opened with the Union Bank of Halifax, to the amount of \$1500. & that the same be expended in macadamizing the Streets of the Town.

Bylaw
Throwing dirt
on streets

On motion of Councilors Johnston & Cunningham Resolved, that the following bylaw be adopted:

"No person shall hereafter throw upon any street, road lane or highway in the Town of Dartmouth any dirt filth or rubbish".

Mrs. Geo. Adams.

Letter read from Mrs. Geo. Adams requesting a settlement of her claim for a strip of land adjoining the town hall. Referred to the Recorder the Clerk to notify parties able to give evidence on behalf of the Town to appear before the Recorder on a date to be named by him.

Approved
W. H. Stearns
Mayor

Adjourned
Capt Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

(Friday) Aug. 17. 1894

A Special meeting of the Council was held this evening. Present, Mayor Stearns Councilors, Allan, Johnston & Smith.

Railway

The Mayor stated he had called the meeting to consider the matter of the railway, as the Govt was making slow progress in completing the surveys.

Com. appointed

On motion of Councilors Johnston & Smith it was resolved that a Com. of three members of the Council with power to add to their number from the citizens of the town wait upon the County members and press upon their attention the great importance to the town, that the Govt should proceed with the railway construction as soon as possible.

The Mayor, Councilors Johnston & Smith were appointed as the Com.

Revisors appointed

On motion of Cms. Johnston & Allen George H. Craig, Thomas Mott & Fred K. Scarfe were appointed Revisors for the current year of the Provincial & Municipal Electoral Lists & that they be notified to attend on Monday next at 10 am to be sworn in.

Approved
W. H. Stearns
Mayor

Adjourned
Capt Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Friday Aug. 24. 1894.

The Town Council met this evening. Present Mayor Stearns, Councillors Young, Cunningham, Johnston, Allan, Smith & Hyde, also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of previous two meetings read & confirmed.

Re Land Imp
lev.

The Finance Com. reported that they had considered the letter of the Halifax Land Imp. Co. asking that their Sewer frontage tax be settled in the same manner as their Municipal Tax under the agreement between them, the Town & the Water Commission, dated Apr. 21/92. To do this seemed to the Com. wise as departing not only from the said agreement, but also from the Sewer Sinking Fund Act. They could not recommend that the request be granted, but that the agreement be strictly adhered to.

Sewer Interest
\$1350

As under the Water Committee's report of July 3/94 it was recommended that \$1350. of the Capital of the construction account (of Water and Sewerage) be used towards paying the interest on the bonds, the Committee recommended that bonds to the amount of \$1500. be at once sold, and that \$1350. be placed to the credit of the Water Maintenance ac., the balance to the credit of the Construction ac.

Unpaid Taxes
1893. lien.

The Com. called attention to the fact that as far as they are aware no effort has yet been made to carry out the instructions of the Council relative to the collection of the taxes of 1893 under the lien law. As this act should have been put in force on July 1st ^{the} Com. felt that the delay is unnecessary and detrimental to the interests of the Town.

Auditors
report

The Committee submitted the Auditor's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the 7 months ended July 31. & stated that taking every thing into consideration the Finances of the Town are in a very healthy condition. The report was adopted.

Cemeteries
Water Supply

The Water Com. reported against the petition from certain rate payers asking that the Public R.C. Cemeteries ^{the water pipes be extended to} but recommended that if the petitioners or others saw fit to correct the cemeteries

John Jenkins
account

with the Water system, that water be granted free. With reference to the letter of John Jenkins referred to the Com. they reported that the indirect sewer connection complained of by Mr. Jenkins appeared to have been due to a mistake in the location of the junction in the sewer by the former engineer. This caused the sewer trench 8 ft. further than a direct line, the Com. recommended that the cost of the unnecessary excavation viz. about 8 ft. be refunded Mr. Jenkins.

Demetrius
Water Supply

The first clause was taken up, & on a motion to adopt the clause Councils Johnston & Cunningham moved, ^{in an amendment} that in the opinion of the Council the water should be placed in the public cemetery by connecting with Mr. McKays pipes, and that the clerk write to Mr. McKay tendering him the thanks of the Council for his offer. The amendment was put and received upon the casting vote of the Mayor vs. Johnston Cunningham & Allan for vs. Smith Hyde & Young against. The clause then passed. After some discussion on the 2nd clause re. Jenkins sewer ap. it was agreed that the clause stand over until next meeting.

John Jenkins
account

catch pits

The Public Property Com. called attention to the necessity of building several more catch pits in various parts of the town & recommended that the Supt. proceed at once to construct one at or near Butchers Corner, two at the corner of Ockerlong & King Sts. & two at the corner of Parvic & Bogg Sts, the Com. felt that a little expenditure now in this direction will save a large amount later on, when the heavy rains come.

Man of the
Town

The Com. asked permission to engage the services of a competent man to make a plan of the Town so that the work may be commenced this season as the work would take some two years. No appropriation for the payment of the work need be made until 1895 & 1896. The report was adopted the first clause unanimously the last clause 4 to 2.

L. Sterns for
Sewer

Letter read from L. Sterns for stating that the depth of the sewer on Water St. was not sufficient to drain

then new building on that street, the building had been planned in accordance with depth of sewer given them upon application at the Town Hall. Referred to Water Com.

Sewer Frontage

S. B. Wares & others

Letter from S. B. Wares, H. Gates, John Forsyth & J. Forsyth Adm. Est. Late A. Forsyth were read, asking that they be allowed to appeal from the amounts charged them for Sewer Frontage. To be replied to as former letters on this subject.

Fire Protection

North end.

Petition from J. N. Hall, P. Douglas & other residents of Ward 3 urging that steps be taken at once to give the northern part of the Town better fire protection. Referred to the Fire Com. with instructions to report at next meeting.

Iron Cross
damages

Read letter from W. G. Corneal & James Solby for Iron Cross claiming \$200 damages on his behalf ~~as a result~~ for injuries sustained by him by falling into a drain on Portland St.

The recorder was instructed to defend the suit should one be brought.

H. Moseley
Sidewalk

Read letter from H. Moseley calling attention to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk in front of his building on Water St. The Chairman of the Street Com. reported that the sidewalk had been repaired.

Sutherland
vs.

The Town

On motion of Councilors Johnston & Cunningham Resolved that the action of His Worship the Mayor in engaging R. L. Borden J. C. Frassin Recorder Russell in the suit of Sutherland vs. the Town has the approval of this Council.

Railway

Councilor Johnston reported verbally as to progress made by Com. on Railway matter. A number of accounts were passed for payment and the Council adjourned.

Capt. Egeist

Town Clerk

Approved
W. H. Quinn
Mayor

Dartmouth,

Tuesday, Sep 4, 1894.

A meeting of Council was held this day at 7:30 p.m. Present Mayor Sterns, Councillors Allan Young, Cunningham, Smith, Johnston & Hyde, also Recorder Russell.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting upon receiving a requisition from Councillors Smith, Allan and Hyde in accordance with Sec 62 of the Towns Incorporation Act, the object being to consider the financial condition of the Town in view of increased expenditure proposed at last meeting.

Street Expenditure

Town Finances

Town Plan

Councillors Smith and Allan moved the following resolution:

Whereas, the taxation of the town is already burdensome, to its citizens; and whereas, the street committee have already been granted an over-draft of \$1,500; and whereas there is the danger of an over expenditure of \$750 on the water and sewerage account; and whereas, a new plan of the town to cost an addition of \$1,000 making \$3,500 to increase the burden of taxation in the next year or two.

Therefore resolved, that the street committee be asked to see whether the agreement entered into with the engineer to prepare the plan cannot be deferred in a way that would be honorable to the town till after the other expenditures of next year have been estimated for at the regular time of making the estimates in April next.

The mayor ruled the motion out of order. Councillor Smith appealed from the decision of the chair. On a vote being taken the decision of the chairman was sustained by the chair giving the casting vote in favor of his decision, Councillors Johnston, Cunningham and Young voting for and Councillors Smith, Hyde and Allan against. A motion to adjourn was then carried.

Wm Sterns
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Sep 13 1894.

The Town Council met this day at 7:30 p.m. Present Mayor Sterns, Councillors, Young, Cunningham, Johnston, Allan, Smith & Hyde, also Recorder Russell.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The Water Com reported as follows:

They fear that a deficiency may be created this year in the Water & Sewerage account of a considerable sum after the whole capital is exhausted. In addition to this sum the construction of the sewer catch pits decided upon recently by the Council will probably cost \$220. Your Com feel bound to present the necessity of drawing on the

Water

Capital of

Catch pits

Catch pits

general taxation next year as far as possible. The construction of catchpits being chargeable to the Water & Sewerage Capital, has always been under the supervision of the Water & Sewerage Committee. You can therefore recommend that the catchpits now being constructed or to be constructed be constructed by the Water & Sewerage Com. according to their funds, and under the supervision of that Com.

John Jenkins account

2. Your committee have received further information with regard to the indirect Sewerage connection complained of by Mr. John Jenkins on Water St. Mr. Scarfe the Supt. at the time Mr. Jenkins sewer junction was laid states that Mr. J. requested to have the junction laid some three feet to the south of the line of the south gable of Mr. J. house. The point located on the plan at which Mr. J. had to connect was 15 ft. south of the gable. The further distance at this point increased the length of Mr. J. sewer three ft. more than was asked for or was necessary. In view of this further information you can recommend that Mr. J. be reimbursed by the Town for the cost of construction of three ft. of his sewer.

L. Stems on sewer

3. In regard to the letter from L. Stems & son referred to your Com. you can find that the sewer on Water St. in front of their new building is seven ft. deep. It appears that on Mr. Stems enquiring last year at the Town Hall as to the depth of the sewer he was informed by Supt. Bishop, who consulted the sewer plan that the sewer was 7 ft. 6 in deep. Owing to elevation in some portion of the street it is possible that at some point the depth might be 7 ft. 6 in. Mr. Stems however appears to have inferred that the depth at the manhole was what the Supt. furnished him. Your committee think it fair to let Stems that he could reasonably suppose this rather than that the depth should be taken where earth had been heaped up upon the street. This difference of 6 in prevents Mr. Stems from draining into the sewer at a level of the cellar floor in his new building. It therefore appears that the information given to Mr. Stems by the Supt. may have been misleading. If now drainage is not furnished to Mr. Stems

at the level he expected, his house being built on the information given him he must be put to loss & inconvenience to obtain it. Mr. Sterns agrees to extend his sewer pipe as far as the main. You can recommend that from this point Mr. Sterns be connected with a proper drain by the Town. To do this acting on the advice of Supt Bishop you can recommend that Mr. Sterns be asked to carry his drain as far as our main sewer in front of his building, his sewer at this point to be at a depth that would come it with our sewer if ours should prove to be 7 ft. 6 in deep. If then our sewer is found too high you can recommend that a satisfactory drain be furnished Mr. Sterns by the Town as above stated at a cost of about \$15.

John Jenkins account

On motion the report was adopted, as to the clause re. John Jenkins sewer Councils John Howard Cunningham dissented

Mrs. Newlands Sewerage

Letter read from Mrs Lucy Newlands objecting to pay the sewer rates on her property North St. on the ground that her sewer was carried through private property and not direct to a sewer on the street. The clerk was directed to inform Geo. R. that the charge for sewer frontage was made in conformity with the law.

Pumps & Wells North End Fire protection North end.

The committee on pumps and wells reported that they have repaired the pumps and deepened the wells on Albert, George, John and Fairbanks streets and the Windmill road.
The fire committee have examined the public dock near Searle's mill and find that it is the only available place at the north end to build a wharf to place the fire engine on, and the estimated cost would be about \$200. The committee recommended that a wharf be built to place the engine on in case of fire, and that the committee be empowered to ask for tenders for the work.
A letter from G. A. Sterns was read, offering the Rex Fire Extinguisher, a chemical portable apparatus, for sale. It was referred to the fire committee.
Recorder Russell reported as follows: Re Mrs Adams claim for a strip of land adjoining the town hall. The following witnesses say in substance that the line fence between the town hall and her property some 30 years ago was distant about two feet to the west of the town hall: L. M. Leadley, L. P. Fairbanks, John A. Young, Edward Foster, W. E. Whebbey, James McNab, J. R. Ormon, Arch. Warner.
On the other hand Mr. Geo. Shiels says that the line was always where it is at present and Mr. Thos. Synott, who built the foundation of the town hall, says that the passage on the east side of the town hall was five feet wide. The evidence of these witnesses is irreconcilable, the preponderance being greatly in favor of the contention of Mrs. Adams, so far as relates to the condition of things over twenty years ago.

The town has had possession of the land long enough to prevent Mrs. Adams from asserting any right to it, but I understand the reference to me to be for the purpose of ascertaining where the true line is. It is impossible to ascertain that without a lawsuit, but from the evidence before me, apart from the late Mr. Adams' recognition of the present fence as the line fence, I would be disposed to conclude that the line was at most two feet distant from the building. Mr. Adams in 1885 distinctly recognized the present fence as the line and billed the town for \$3.26 as "one-half the expense of part of fence at the town hall." I do not think that the recollection of any number of witnesses could outweigh this recognition of the owner of the line between him and the town.
A letter was read from Leonard Mosher, Pine street extension, asking permission to open the street for the purpose of constructing a drain. Referred to the street committee.
A letter was read from P. Bowser, objecting to paying sewer frontage on Dahlen street, on the grounds that his property is four feet below the sewer. Referred to the sewer committee.
A letter was read from Messenger Murphy applying for an increase of salary. Referred to the finance committee.
A letter was read from A. F. Nicholson, requesting the town to furnish a supply of water to the residents of Albert street, as the well there was out of order and the water main had not been extended to that street. Referred to the water committee.

ago the letter on same subject

G. A. Sterns Fire Extinguisher Mrs. G. Adams claim L. Mosher Drain P. Bowser Sewer rates Messenger Murphy Albert St. Water extension

M. J. Egan Sewer Rates

Letter read from M. J. Egan enclosing cheque for \$59 in payment of sewer frontage charged him protesting that he paid it under protest. On motion of Councilors John Howard Cunningham resolved that Mr.

Eagar be informed that the Council accedes the amount of his Sewer frontage under protest as he desires, & that if the Legislature at its next session grant relief to cases such as his, that the difference in dispute will be refunded by the Town.

Water Bonds
issued \$2000

Councilman Johnston move seconded by Councilman Cunningham, that His Worship the Mayor be and he is hereby empowered to issue Water and Sewerage bonds to the amount of \$2000, instead of \$1500. as authorized at the meeting of 24th August 1894. Councils Smith & Hyde moved in amendment that the original motion re bonds be carried out, the amendment was put and lost, the motion passed, Councils Johnston Young, Cunningham & Allan for Councils Smith & Hyde against.

Lamont Propy
Sale to E. Cross.

The Water Com. submitted a deed of a portion of the Lamont Property to Edmund Cross. The Mayor was authorized to sign the same and affix the seal of the Town there to.

Railway.

The Mayor, with Councils Johnston, Smith & Cunningham were appointed as a Com. to watch railway matters.

A number of accounts were passed & the Council adjourned.

Approved
W. H. Johnston
Mayor

Act Secy
K. J. Oubler

Dartmouth

Thursday Oct 11 1894

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm
Present Mayor, Sterns, Councilors, Allan
Cunningham, Smith Johnston & Hyde
also Recorder Russell

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Assessment
Com.
Report.

The report of the Com. on Assessment was taken up & read as follows:

His Worship the Mayor and Councilors:

GENTLEMEN.—Your assessment committee beg to report that they have given the matter committed to them very careful consideration and would recommend that the following alterations and additions be made to the present assessment law:

1. All Taxes on Personal Property of every description to be abolished.
2. All Poll Tax on Rate Payers assessed on \$200 of Real Estate and upwards to be abolished.
3. The Real Estate exemption (at present existing) of \$400 on the property of a Minor, Widow, Femme sole or wife, deserted by her husband shall not apply to those whose property is assessed over \$1000.
4. That a tax of \$5.00 shall be paid annually by the keeper of every horse, whether owning the same or otherwise.
5. That a House Tax be paid by the owner of every house according to the scale herewith in Schedule C.
6. That a Shop Tax be paid by the owner of every shop (which is detached) according to Schedule D.
7. That a House and Shop Tax be paid by the owner of every building containing a House and Shop according to Schedule E.
8. That a License Fee be paid annually by Bank, Telephone and Electric Telegraph Agencies, Lodges, Incorporated Societies and Clubs, Breweries, Soap and Chocolate Works, Nail and Skate Factories, Rope Works and Steam Ferries as provided for in Schedule B. numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
9. That a Poll Tax of \$2.00 per annum be levied on all men over 18 years of age who are not tenants of any property within the town limits.
10. That a Poll Tax of \$3.00 per annum be levied on all men over 21 years of age, who are tenants of any property situated within the Town limits. The payment of this tax to entitle the payer to a vote at all municipal elections.
11. That the Town Bye-Law No. 31 be amended to make the Dog Tax \$2.00 per annum instead of \$1.00.
12. That the Council have power to fix a License on any new factory which may be established in the town, levied on the value of their Real Estate, but said License not to exceed a maximum of \$200.
13. That in the case of factories employing 10 hands or more for the twelve months of the year, the rate of taxation on the Real Estate of the Factory (which is ac-

tually used in the manufacture of their goods) shall not exceed \$1.20 per \$100 in any year.

14. That no Real Estate exemptions shall remain in force, (nor shall hereafter be enacted) except against lands belonging to Her Majesty the Queen; churches and the land which the building actually covers, and every burial ground when owned by one of the legally recognized religious denominations. This not to apply to the exemption mentioned in Clause No. 3.

15. Herewith in Schedule A. will be found a statement of the mode of taxation, and the revenue to be derived therefrom for the current year.

16. Herewith in Schedule B., will be found an Estimate of what the proposed system of taxation will yield, calculating the Real Estate Tax @ \$1.20 per \$100.

All of which &c., &c.
 A. C. JOHNSON
 FRANK HYDE
 J. W. ALLEN.

The present system is as follows:—

SCHEDULE A.	
Expenditures of the various services	\$25.111
Exemptions	740
Discounts	175
Non Collections	85
	1,000
Total Gross Expenditure	\$26.111
INCIDENTAL REVENUE.	
Taxes due for 1893	\$1,200
Poll Tax	1,400
Dog Tax	180
Fines	250
Court Fees	450
Licenses	140
School Tax O.D.	1,111
	4,731
Real Estate \$1,433,130 @ \$1.20	\$17,197
Personal 370,237 @ 1.20	4,442
	\$21,639

The proposed system is as follows:—

SCHEDULE B.	
Expenditure on the various services	\$25.111
Exemption	740
Discounts	175
Non Collections	85
	\$26.111
INCIDENTAL REVENUE.	
Taxes due for 1893	\$1,200
Poll Tax \$332 @ \$2.	664
do 221 @ 3.	675
Dog Tax	180
Fines	250
Court Fees	450
Licenses (Hack &c)	140
School Tax O.D.	1,111
House Tax	2,220
House & Shop Tax	434
Shop Tax	188
House Tax	1,100
1. Bank Agencies	60
2. Telephone Agencies	40
3. Telegraph do	25
4. Lodges, Incorporated Societies & Clubs @ \$3.	14
5. Brewery 1 @ 35	35
6. Soap Works 1 @ 100	100
7. Skate Works 1 @ 100	100
8. Rope Works 1 @ 200	200
9. Ferries 1 @ 100	100
	\$9,479
Real Estate as at present	\$1,433,130
Add (gained by removing exemptions)	10,000
	\$1,443,130
Tax on \$1,443,130 @ 1.20	\$17,317
Incidental Revenue	6,479
Total Revenue	\$23,796
SCHEDULE C.	
HOUSE	
184 assessed value \$ 500 & under @ \$1.25	\$230.00
152 " between 500 & \$ 750 @ 1.50	228.00
242 " " 750 & 1250 @ 2.00	484.00
105 " " 1250 & 2250 @ 4.00	690.00
52 " " 2250 & 4000 @ 6.00	812.00
85 " " over 4000 @ 9.00	816.00
	\$2,220.00
SCHEDULE D.	
SHOPS	
7 assessed value \$ 500 & under @ \$ 1.50	\$10.50
4 " between 500 & \$1000 @ 5.00	40.00
3 " " 1000 & 1500 @ 7.00	28.00
2 " " 1500 & 2000 @ 10.00	20.00
2 " " 2000 & 2500 @ 15.00	30.00
2 " " 2500 & 3500 @ 25.00	60.00
	\$188.50
SCHEDULE E.	
HOUSE AND SHOPS	
10 valued up to \$1000 @ \$ 4.	\$ 40.00
14 " " 1500 @ 6.	84.00
13 " " 2000 @ 8.	104.00
6 " " 2500 @ 10.	60.00
7 " " 3000 @ 12.	84.00
2 " " 3500 @ 14.	28.00
1 " " 4000 @ 16.	16.00
1 " " 4000 @ 18.	18.00
	\$434.00

Resolution of Councilors Johnson and Hyde

Resolved that the report of the assessment committee do now lay on the table, and that on Tuesday October 30th., a special meeting of the council be called to discuss the same, at which meeting the council will be glad to hear the views of any ratepayers on the subject.

The Finance Com. reported that they had considered the application of H.B. Murphy Messenger for an increase in his salary & recommended that he be paid \$2.00 per week from 1st Oct. inst. The Com. called attention to the very slow progress ^{being} made in the enforcement of the Lien Law for taxes due for 1893, & felt that the matter should have been settled weeks ago. The Com. submitted the Auditor's statement to Sep 30/94. The amount of unpaid taxes to that date was \$8279. ^{The Com.} recommended that some steps be taken at once to collect the amount. The report was adopted.

The Water Com. reported with reference to the petition from Mr. Nicholson & others on Albert St. asking for the extension of the Water System on that street, recommending such extension as far as

Messenger
 Murphy's
 Salary.
 Taxes 1893
 Lien.
 Auditors
 report.
 Taxes unpaid
 1894.
 Albert St.
 extension

Albert St.
extension

J. W. Wentzells East line. The cost would be about \$256 to this point. The Com. on Wells had deepened the well on this street some 4 ft. but it appeared the supply to that well is permanently cut off.

Canal St.
Gutters

The Com. recommend that the offensive gutter on Canal St. between the residence of J. Chittick & J. Whiteley be cleared out as far as the bridge near Whiteleys line which should form its outlet, & that the gutter under the bridge be cleared out. The residents on that street to be notified that the draining of their houses into this gutter is likely to endanger the public health and therefore contrary to law.

Judges Mara

The Com. further reported that the Water Meter on Douglas Wharf is now in working order. Jas Cameron has since May 25 last kept an accurate register of all water used by Judge Mara from the gaug on their Water Tanks. The Com. recommend that he be paid ten dollars for his services.

J. C. Railway
Water rates

The Com. have received a communication from the Railway Dept. in which they decline to pay Water Rates claimed by the Town.

Water
Turned off

The Recorder reports that he cannot suggest any feasible method by which the amount can be recovered. The Com. with the approval of the Mayor published a notice that the water will be turned off all properties on which water rates due May 1st last have not been paid, after 15th Oct. inst.

Sewer
Arrears

The Com. recommended that all accounts for sewer frontage rates of persons who have refused to elect how they shall pay the same, whether by instalment or otherwise be placed in the hands of His Hon. the Recorder for collection. The report was adopted.

Est. H. Hartshorne

J. J. Payzant as Agent Estate late H. Hartshorne appealed by letter from the assessment of property charged to that estate in Ward 3. \$750. The said estate did not own the property. Laid on table.

Mrs. G. Adams
Claim

Read letter from Mr. Payzant as Solr for Mrs. Adams in reference to Mrs. Adams claim for a piece of land adjoining the Town hall.

referred to His Hon the Recorder to confer with Mr. Payzant in the matter.

Mr. Land Imp Co.

Read letter from the Secy Mr. Land Imp Co in reference to the balance of their account of \$200 against the Water Dept. for permission to carry the pipe line across Sullivan's Pond & asking that the Town's Sewer frontage acct of \$62.50 be allowed as a contra acct to settle the bill. Referred to Finance Com.

Humphrey Land

Recorder Russell notified the Council that the arbitrators in the Humphrey case had awarded the owners of the land expropriated \$2600. a letter was read from Mr Wallace Soli for Mr. Humphrey claiming \$75. interest on the amount of award from date of expropriation; after some discussion it was resolved that His Hon the Recorder be and he is hereby authorized to prosecute an appeal in the matter of the award of the Humphrey property. Council Smith dissented.

Fairbanks St. Well.

A petition from residents of Fairbanks St. was read praying that a new well be dug on that street as the water in the well now there was unfit for use. Referred to Com on Pumps & Wells.

Auditors report.

The Auditors report and statements of town accounts up to Sep 30 1914 were read & ordered to be filed.

E. L. Coleman Sewer rates

Read letter from E. L. Coleman objecting to the sewer frontage charged him on the ground that the sewer on Water St. was too high to drain his house. To be filed & dealt with in same manner as other appeals of a similar nature.

Mrs. Mrs. Newlands Sewer rates

Read letter from Mrs. Mrs. Newlands in reference to the sewerage of her house on North St. Referred to Water Com.

Taxes 1894

On motion the clerk was directed to proceed with the collection of taxes due for 1894.

Humphrey Case Jas. Farquharson

It was decided to pay the arbitration in the Humphrey case the usual amount of \$25, for their services.	
J. N. McElhon	\$6.00
J. Sunmonds & Co	1.31
John Bowden	46.50
Alex. Lloy	16
N. S. Telephone, Co	20.00
James Cameron	49.35
Richard Wambell	2.50
Starr Mfg. Co	1.60
James Bowes	5.01
The following accounts passed:	

Adjourned
C. J. Elliott
T. J. Fowler

Dartmouth
 Tuesday Oct. 30. 1894

The Council met this day at 7:30 p.m.
 Present Mayor, News, Council Young, Smith
 Allan, Johnston and Cunningham, also
 Recorder Russell

Ross vs. The
 Town.

On motion of Council Johnston & Allen
 Resolved. That His Honor the Recorder be and he do
 hereby authorized to prosecute an appeal in
 the case of Ross vs. The Town, if it is found
 that the Town has the right of appeal. ^{Council Smith} ^{dissenting.}

Assessment
 Committee's
 report.

The Assessment Committee recommended
 the following changes in their report of Oct 9/94
 Clause No 2 to read, All poll Taxes on Ratepayers
 who occupy real estate to the value of \$200 and
 upwards, (provided said real is assessed for general
 town purposes). to be abolished.

Clause No. 4 to read \$300 instead of \$5. (Horses)
 Clauses No. 5 & 7 the word owners to read occupiers
 Clause No. 9 to read, That a poll Tax of \$2 per
 annum be levied on all men between the ages
 of 18 and 21 years of age, and a poll Tax of \$3.
 per annum be levied on all men over 21 years
 of age, who do not occupy real estate to
 the value of \$200 and upwards.

Clause No. 10 to be expunged and the following
 substituted therefor, That a Poll Tax of \$4 per
 annum be levied on all parties who occupy
 houses which are exempt from Municipal
 Taxation. The Com. also suggested
 that Schedule C be amended as follows:—

Schedule C. is amended as follows.			
Houses assessed value			
194	\$ 500 & less	@ \$2.00	\$398
152	" between 500 & \$ 750	@ 2.50	380
242	" " 750 & 1250	@ 3.50	847
185	" " 1250 & 2250	@ 5.00	925
63	" " 2250 & 4000	@ 8.50	838
25	" " over 4000	@ 9.00	815
			\$3,073

A large number of ratepayers were present,
 among whom were Judge Johnston Geo. Shilds H.
 C. Crighton John Lawlor, J. Wallis W. Angwin
 E. Warner of Reel A. M. Beck E. Leadley
 G. W. Johnson A. Hunt J. Mott J. M. Mack
 & others
 J. Turnbull, H. B. Gentry

Assessment
Committee
report.

A motion was passed granting a
 hearing to any ratepayer who wished to speak,
 After a number of the Ratepayers present
 had expressed their views on the proposed change
 in the assessment law. Council. Johnston after
 a brief address explanatory of the measure
 moved the adoption of the first clause of the
 original report, to wit: "That all taxes on
 personal property of every description be
 abolished," this was seconded by Council.
 Council Smith & Young then moved an amend-
 ment: That the adoption of the report of the Com-
 on tax reform by the Council be deferred until
 the ratepayers have had an opportunity to
 express their views at a public meeting, if
 they desire that such should be called.
 The amendment was put and lost, the
 motion then passed, Council Johnston
 Allen and Cunningham "for" Council
 Smith and Young "against".

A motion to adjourn was then carried.
 C. C. C. C. C.
 Town Clerk.

Approved
 W. H. Thomas
 Mayor.

Dartmouth,

Tuesday, Nov. 6. 1894

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm.
 Present, Mayor, Stevens, Councils Young, Allan,
 Smith, Cunningham & Johnston (Recorder absent)

Minutes of last two meetings read and
 after a slight amendment to the minutes of last
 meeting, they were confirmed.

The Com. Fire Apparatus reported that they had
 purchased two hose reels from the city of Halifax
 for the sum of \$90. and that they have had enquiries
 from parties for a hand fire engine, the Com. recom-
 mended that the old fire engine stored in the Old
 Engine House be offered for the sum of \$150.

Halifax,
 Hose Reels
 bought from

Hand Engine
 Sale of

Adopted, & the matter of sale of engine left in
 hands of Com.

The Water Com. reported re Mrs. M. Newlands
 letter, that in view of clause No. 7 of the "Water & Sewerage
 Act, giving the town power to open & excavate private

Mrs. M.
 Newlands

+ public lands, and that the sewer with which Mrs. Newlands house is, connected, was laid in accordance with this clause. The committee recommended that the above clause be brought to Mrs. Newlands notice. Adopted.

Mrs. G. Adams
Sewer rates.

Read letter from Mrs. Geo. Adams stating that she had paid \$116.17 the amount of the Sewer Frontage demanded of her & in doing so had paid the amount under protest as the correct amount due by her was \$120. Letter to be filed.

Town
Assessors
appointed.

On motion of Councilman Smith & Cunningham. Resolved, That the town assessors of last year, viz: J. H. Weston, W. Tufts & Alex. Hloy be re-appointed for the ensuing year, at the same salary as before.

Assessment
com.
enlarged.

Councilman Johnston & ~~Smith~~ moved the following: Whereas, In the opinion of this Council it is advisable to add to the number of the Assessment Committee. Therefore resolved, that Councilman Smith be a member of said committee, and further resolved that the following named citizens be asked to be come members of the committee: J. E. News, E. M. Walker, Alex. Hunt, J. Wallison, J. Woodbury, Jas. Warner & Geo. Turnbull. & further resolved that the Com. as reorganized have power to add to their numbers. On motion of Councilman Smith, the names of B. A. Weston & J. M. Cutler were added to the committee.

Bills
passed.

The following accounts were passed, viz:
J. Scott 50 W Phillips 4.50
A. Hoalt 873 Mrs. Cururo 10.60

Approved
W. H. Stone
Mayor

Adjourned
Clerk
J. Ironbleck

Dartmouth

Tuesday Dec 4 1894

The Council met this evening Present, Mayor Stern, Councillors Young, Allan, Smith, Johnston Hyde & Cunningham also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Com on Fire Apparatus reported that they had advertised for tenders for the construction of a wharf on the public dock So. of Scarfes Mill & had received two tenders one from D. Sutherland \$310 & one from Wm. Ellis for \$283. The Com would not advise the acceptance of either tender, as they thought the amount excessive for the work required. On motion of Councillor Johnston resolved

Wharf Public Dock Mr Scarfes

Windmill Road Water extension

Auditors Report

Unpaid Taxes

J. Ross award

C. of Poor

R. Carter

Engine Co. report

J. E. Leadley G. A. Misener R. Walker

G. G. Dunstan's claim

sewer appeals

that the matter remain on file for one month, and Superintendent Bishop be instructed to ascertain the cost of extending the water service up into this locality, which would do away with the necessity of building the wharf and be of greater benefit to the residents there. Passed.

The town auditors reported that they had examined the vouchers and audited the books of the town clerk up to October 31st, and found everything in order and correct; also, that there was \$700 to the credit of the sewerage construction account. Report accepted.

The town treasurer reported that the total amount of unpaid taxes reached the sum of \$4,500, being much in excess of the same date last year. Councillors Johnston and Hyde moved that the town clerk be instructed to take legal steps to collect the same. Passed.

A letter was read from Macdonald & Jones, barristers, asking payment of the amount due by the town in the Ross award case. Another letter accompanied this from Rev. Dean Giffin, who holds a mortgage on Ross' farm, stating that he was willing that the award be paid over to Macdonald & Jones. Coun. Johnson said that as there was no alternative he would move "that his worship the mayor be authorized to sign a draft for \$1,000 and the above claim be paid". Coun. Smith second the motion and it passed unanimously.

issue a bond

Another letter was read from McDonald & Jones requesting payment of their taxed costs, in the case of the Overseers of Poor vs. R. Carter, claiming that as the Town had received \$80 from the defendant it was only fair that their services in the case should be paid for. Referred to Com on Poor to report on

A letter was read from the Dartmouth Engine company giving a memorandum of property belonging to the town in their possession, and requesting that the bridge in front of the engine house be renewed. Referred to the fire committee.

Letters were read from J. E. Leadley and G. A. Misener claiming sewer exemptions for their properties on Portland street, as the said properties were lower than the sewer. Referred to the sewer committee. A similar letter from Richard Walker, who resides on Tulip street, was also referred to the sewer committee.

A letter was read from G. G. Dunstan claiming the sum of \$17.80 damage done his fence by some parties unknown, and requesting the council to offer a reward of \$20 for the discovery of the perpetrator. It was resolved that the town clerk write Mr. Dunstan expressing the council's regret that they could not entertain his claim.

Ordered to be filed & to be dealt with as former letters on the same subject.

Wm. Phillips
letter.

Supt. Bishop
leave of absence.

Report Dr. Milson
med. Officer.

A letter from Wm. Phillips was read, asking payment for some planks and stone, which he claimed were taken from him by order of Superintendent Bishop. The matter was referred to the public property committee.
Supt. Bishop applied for a few days leave of absence which was granted.
The C. M. O., Dr. Milson, sent in his report stating that there were no cases of diphtheria and only two of scarlet fever during the year, and that the sanitary condition of the town was good; he also urged that every precaution be taken to preserve the purity of the town water. The report was adopted.

and on motion of

Dr. Milson, re-
appointed
med. Officer.

Councils Johnston and Smith. Dr. Milson was re-appointed medical officer of the Town at the same salary as before viz: \$2000

Dispensary
Grant.

On motion of Councils Johnston & Young Resolved that the Town Treasurer pay the Halifax Dispensary the usual grant of \$60.

Reviews
Electoral Lists
Account.

Letter read from J. H. Craig & J. Mott request- ing payment of their account for \$25. for revising Municipal Electoral Lists for 1894. as the lists had only been signed by two of the revisors the account was deferred for further enquiry.

New York
pig sty.

On motion of Councils Smith and Hyde Resolved that the Recorder be instructed to take proceedings to secure the removal of the pig sty on the margin of Topsail Lake the property of New York.

Humphrey
land appropriation.

On motion of Councils Hyde & Young Resolved that a Com. consisting of Councils Johnston Allen & Smith, be a committee to confer with the Recorder re the Humphrey matter, and report at next meeting, also to have the property surveyed if necessary.

Railway
Delegation
W.A. RR Co.

On motion of Councils Cunningham & Young Resolved, that His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Johnston be a committee to wait upon Messrs Campbell and Sutherland of the Dominion Atlantic R. Co. in reference to making their terminus upon this side of the harbor.

Accts. passed.

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

Approved
W. H. Stone
Mayor

Capt. Elliot
Clerk

Dartmouth,

Dec 27. 1894

The Council met this day at 7.30 o'clock
Present Mayor Stans, Councillors Johnston
Smith ^{Cunningham} and Allan also Recorder Russell

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Auditors
Report

The Town Auditors report on the accounts
of the Town Treasurer up to 100.30/94 was
read and received.

J. New
Assessment

Letter read from Mr. John New stating that
the house he was taxed for ^{for the year 1894} was assessed to the
Dartmouth Mfg Co. who owned the property
& paid the taxes thereon. Referred to Finance
Com. to enquire into.

Est. John
Williams
Assessment

Letter read from Jos. Williams complaining
of the valuation place upon the property of
the late John Williams 74 Duke St. from 1891 to
1894. Referred also to Finance Com.

E. Cross case
Arbitrators
fees

The award of the arbitrators re. Edmund
Cross case for damages with respect to his
lands near Lambert Lake stream was read.
On motion of Council Johnston & Allan the
Town Treasurer was instructed to pay the art-
bitrators in the Edmund Cross case the
sum of \$25. each. B. Weston W.F.M. Coy B.W. Chipman

Windmill Rd
Water Extension

Hemo. of cost of extending the water main
along the Windmill Road as far as Lyle St. was
submitted by Supt. Bishop was read, and
on motion of Cms. Johnston & Cunningham was
referred to the Water Com. to obtain a detailed
statement of the probable revenue to be
derived should it be decided to make the
extension.

Funeral late
Sir J.S.W.
Thompson

On motion of Council Smith seconded by Com.
Johnston. Resolved that the Mayor and Council
attend the funeral of the late Sir John Thompson
Premier of Canada in a body.

Mr. Smith
Appointed
Reading Room
Director

Councilman Cunningham tendered his resignation as
a member of the Reading Room directorate, the
same was accepted & Council Smith was appoint-
ed to the vacancy.

The bill from G.H. Craig & Co. for revising the

Revisors Elect.
List. Acct.

Municipal Electoral lists was ordered to be paid provided a joint receipt was given by the three revisors.

A number of other accounts were passed for payment, after which

the Council adjourned

Capt Elliot

Town Clerk

Approved
W. A. Stone
Mayor

Dartmouth,
(Thursday) 17th Jan. 1895

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm. Present Mayor Stone, Councillors Young, Allen, Cunningham, Smith, Johnston & Hyde also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Tax Reform

read received

nual expenditure in Dartmouth, that the expenditure will increase is most probable.

The estimated expenditure for the year

1890 was.....	\$18,850
1891 "	22,135
1892 "	21,274
1893 "	23,529
1894 "	26,111

The committee in their report have based their calculation of revenue to be raised on a proposed expenditure for the year 1895 of the sum of \$26,111, including exemptions and an income of \$26,497, but in reaching this conclusion no allowance has been made for discount and non-collection of taxes the latter a matter of more serious consideration than formerly in view of the fact that a considerable portion of the \$10,200 incidental revenue forms no kind of a lien, and I do not consider that sufficient allowance has made for the money advanced on streets and accounts over due Dec. 31st, 1894.

To my mind the objections to the proposed scheme are, that nearly one-fourth of the assessable property will be removed from the operation of the direct rate the sources of incidental revenue of necessity will not increase proportionately with the increased expenditure; all lands in the town have been valued and included in the scheme and the increased value of the lands by reason of erections thereon will not with the increase of incidental revenue produce a sum equivalent to the increased expenditure, and consequently the rate of assessment on real estate will rapidly increase and the owners thereof have to bear an undue proportion of the burden of civic taxation.

In the year 1890 the value of real estate was \$1,059,720 and in 1893 it was \$1,192,375 I leave out 1894 for the reason that in that year a change was made in the system of valuation, and the increase from 1890

to 1893 was \$132,655, occasioned presumably by the erection of buildings therein, and some natural increase in value. This increase at \$1.20 would have produced \$1,591. The increase in expenditure in that period was \$1,679 and if the proposed scheme had been in operation the major portion of this increase would have had to be borne by the real estate for the sources of incidental revenue do not show any item that would have produced during that time a proportionate material increase or an increase that together with the above sum would have met the increased expenditure. The difficulty of getting at the value of personal property, one of the main reasons given for the proposed change, does not seem to me to sufficiently justify this increased burden on real estate, for it should not be difficult to so amend the assessment acts that owners would have to declare the value of their personal property. Should the committee's report be approved I would respectfully suggest that the rate of taxation of factories provided for by section 13 of the report be limited to say five years, then to be readjusted, for it might be urged by those hereafter interested in factories that this was to be a fixed rate and should not be increased no matter how high the rate might hereafter become.

For the reasons above I have come to the conclusion that the proposed changes are not in the best interests of the town. I quite concur with the other members of the committee in their recommendation that the matter be submitted to the ratepayers at a special poll.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
B. A. Weston.

Dartmouth, Jan. 15th. 1895.