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**Council Minutes**

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

Adjourned,  
Clerk  
Town Clerk

Approved  
W. H. Stearns  
Mayor

# Dartmouth

Thursday Jan. 14. 1897.

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

James Farquharson's land

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Officers for the ensuing election were appointed as follows:

- PRESIDING OFFICER.**  
 Ward 1 - J E Glendinning  
 Ward 2 - John Greene  
 Ward 3 - Frank Hyde
- POLL CLERK.**  
 Ward 1 - John P Donovan  
 Ward 2 - W D Logan  
 Ward 3 - O F Munro

Sewer extensions for storm water

Tony St.

Sidewalk improvement.

Municipal election.

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

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

received and referred to the Mayor to be incorporated in his annual report, on motion resolved that 500 copies of the report with the financial statements be printed in same form as previous years.

Chemical Engine

Letter read from Austin Bro. offering a chemical engine for sale at \$1700. Delivered in Halifax. Referred to Fire Com.

Lloyd vs. Town

On motion of Council Glendinning Moseley Resolved "That the Recorder take such proceedings re the Lloyd's suit against the Town as he and the Board shall agree to be expedient in the interests of the Town."

A number of acts were passed.

St. Peter's Hall

Assessment.

The following opinion of Recorder Russell re St. Peter's Hall assessment was read received & a copy ordered to be sent to the assessors for their guidance. "The difficulty of determining what property of this corporation is exempt from taxation is caused by the fact that the purposes of this corporation are not defined. Those purposes must, however, be limited in some way, and in the absence of a clause distinctly aimed at that object, I read the first clause as implying organizing the corporation for the purposes of a total abstinence and benevolent society. There must have been some meaning attached by the legislature to the terms 'exclusively used for the purposes of the corporation' and the best meaning I can give the sentence is to admit that so much of the property as is used for the meetings of the association and exclusively by members of the association or their friends or guests, is exempt, but that the portion of the hall that they open up to the general public without discrimination is liable to taxation. The house occupied exclusively by the janitor and from which no rent is derived otherwise I should consider was being used exclusively for the purposes of the association in the same way as if he had quarters in the larger building."

M. J. Bayar's letter.

The Street Com. reported a letter from Mr. Bayar recommending that the matter be deferred until the Spring when the complaint could be attended to.

Enlargement of Council.

*Adopted*  
*W. J. Bayar*

Councillor Sterns brought up the necessity of adding to the number of the council. He said that at present, with the additional work required to be done in connection with the water works, together with the school board and ferry commission there was a great reluctance on the part of citizens to enter the council. He favored a project to enlarge ward 4 by adding to it a piece of ward three and to have each ward represented by three councillors.

All the members were of opinion that the council should be enlarged, but a point of difference was as to how it should be done, some thinking the establishment of a fourth ward by splitting ward three to be the best plan. It was decided to refer the question to a special committee, consisting of Councillors Harrison, Sterns and Moseley.

*Adjourned*  
*W. J. Bayar*  
*John Blank*

I Arthur C Johnston do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. So help me God

Sworn before me at Dartmouth this 2nd day of February A.D. 1897 before me Benjamin Kinn Ship. Magistrate for the Town of Dartmouth

*Arthur C Johnston*

I Arthur C Johnston do swear that I am duly qualified as required by law for the Office of Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of Mayor while I hold the office to the best of my ability. So help me God

Sworn before me at Dartmouth this 2nd day of February A.D. 1897 before me

Benjamin Kinn Ship. Magistrate for the Town of Dartmouth

*Arthur C Johnston*



Dartmouth,  
Wednesday Feb 2 1897

The Council met this day at 5 p.m.  
Present, Mayor Sterns, Councillors Glendinning,  
Harrison, Sterns, Smith, Moseley & Cland  
also Recorder Russell

The Annual Election for a Mayor &  
three Councillors one for each Ward having  
been held this day and the electoral returns  
having been read by the Town Clerk it  
appeared that the undermentioned had  
been duly elected, all by unanimous vote.

For Mayor:

Arthur C. Johnston

For Councillor Ward One:

John Ritchie

For Councillor Ward Two:

John Forsyth

For Councillor Ward Three:

Edward F. Williams

Adjourned  
A. Johnston  
Mayor

Adjourned,  
Capt. Secist  
Town Clerk

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, S.S.

We the undersigned,

John Ritchie,

Councillor elected for Ward One,

John Forsyth,

Councillor elected for Ward Two,

Edward F. Williams,

Councillor elected for Ward Three,

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

So help me God.

Sworn at Dartmouth,  
this 3rd. day of February  
A.D. 1897. before me.

  
Mayor.

*J. Ritchie*  
*John Forsyth*  
*E. F. Williams*

We the undersigned,

John Ritchie,

Councillor elected for Ward One,

John Forsyth,

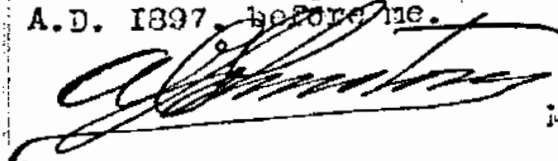
Councillor elected for Ward Two,

Edward F. Williams,

Councillor elected for Ward Three,

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

Sworn to at Dartmouth,  
this 3rd. day of February  
A.D. 1897. before me.

  
Mayor

*J. Ritchie*  
*John Forsyth*  
*E. F. Williams*

# Dartmouth

(Wednesday) Feb. 3. 1897

The Town Council met this evening at 7-30 o'clock. Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Harrison Sterns Moseley Ritchie Forsyth & Williams, also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last <sup>two</sup> meetings read and confirmed. Councillor Harrison was appointed Presiding Councillor.

Standing Committees

Councillors Sterns Harrison Moseley were appointed to nominate standing committees, they retired & soon afterwards reported recommending the following Standing Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL.	
Streets—Harrison, (Ch) Forsyth, Williams,	
Water and Sewerage—Sterns (Ch) Harrison,	
Ritchie,	
Finance—Moseley, (Ch) Harrison, Forsyth,	
Fire—Harrison, (Ch) Williams, Forsyth,	
Police and License—Moseley (Ch) Sterns,	
Ritchie,	
Pool and Lunatic—Sterns (Ch) Ritchie,	
Williams,	

School Comrs. - The first named on list to be Chairmen Sterns, Forsyth, Moseley.  
 Ferry " - Moseley, Williams.  
 Park " - Williams, Moseley.

Auditors applications

Applications for the position of Auditor were read from Geo. Foot & W. Creighton

Town Officers appointed

The following Town Officers were appointed

Chief of Police, Pound-keeper, Health Warden and Sanitary Inspector—Wm. McKenzie.
Policeman, Pound-keeper, Health Warden and Sanitary Inspector—D. Brennan.
Chief Inspector of Licenses—Wm. Sterns.
Dept. of Street and Water Works—Wm. Bishop.
Auditors—Geo. Foot, Walter Creighton.
Firewards—Councillor Harrison, (Ch) W. E. Wheby, S. E. Dares.
Fire Constables—Jas. T. Settle, H. B. Gentles.
Public Weighers—R. Simmonds, W. H. Crane.
Surveyors of Lumber—S. B. Dares.
Fence Viewer—Wm. J. Meredith.
Keeper South End Pound—Geo. Veck.

Sanitary Inspectors

On motion of Councillors Ritchie & Forsyth, Wm. McKenzie & D. Brennan were appointed Sanitary Inspectors to act and have jurisdiction within and throughout the limits of the Town of Dartmouth for the year ended Feb. 1898.

Town Officers to be sworn

Ordered that the Town Officers be notified to attend at the Town Hall on Monday next at 10 am to be sworn into office.

Notice to Assessors

The Clerk was directed to notify the Assessors to complete their returns for the Revisors under the provisions of Cap. 1 Act of 1884.

Increased representation in Council

The Com. appointed to consider the advisability of increased representation in the Council reported recommending that each ward be represented by three Councillors one to retire each year.

Ward Two  
enlargement

That Ward 2 be enlarged by extending the North boundary to Stain St. running East on that Street from the harbor to Dakhia St. and along that Street to Crichton Avenue, then Ward 3 continue from that boundary to the North boundary of the town. The report was received and on motion of Council, Forsyth & Ritchie consideration deferred until next meeting.

Collection of  
Taxes.

On motion of Council Harrison & Mosley the Clerk was instructed to proceed with the collection of all overdue taxes as the law directs.

Special Act  
of Incorporation

On motion of Council Harrison & Williams resolved that a committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of obtaining a special act of incorporation for the Town. Councils Harrison, Steens and Mosley were appointed as the Com.

Legislation to  
borrow \$7000  
for Streets &  
Water Extension

Councils Harrison & Steens moved that His Hon. the Recorder be instructed to prepare a bill for borrowing the sum of \$7000 for extension of the Water & Sewer System and for the extraordinary Street expenditure as adopted by the late Council subject to the approval of the Ratepayers.

Adjourned

Capt. Elliot

Town Clerk

*Approved by  
the Mayor*

Dartmouth

Feb 10 1897

The Council met this evening at 7.30 the Present Mayor Johnston, Councils Harrison, Steens, Mosley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams. <sup>also Recorder Russell.</sup> Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed after being amended by leaving out Council Mosley's name as being appointed to the Ferry Com. he being already a member.

Increased  
representation  
in Council

The report of the Com. on increased representation in the Council deferred at last meeting was taken up, and on being read Council Forsyth moved seconded by Council Ritchie, that the report be deferred for six months. Councils Harrison & Williams moved in



amendment, that the report be adopted the amendment passed 11 to 2.

Draft Act to  
amend Town  
Incorp Act.

Draft of a bill prepared by His Hon the Recorder to amend the Towns Incorporation Act was read clause by clause. The 8th clause providing for the appointment of the License Inspector annually by the Council was adopted. Crs. Ritchie & Forsyth dissenting. On motion of Crs. Forsyth & Williams, it was decided to insert a clause providing that the exemption to firemen's widows be in addition to the usual widows exemptions. The other clauses were agreed to.

Chebucto A. Club  
granted \$200

A petition was read from the Chebucto A. Club asking for a grant of \$200 towards the expenses of a regatta on the First Lake proposed to be held next summer, the petition was endorsed by a large number of leading citizens. A Com. of the Club being present were granted a hearing afterwards on motion of Cr. resolved that legislation be obtained to enable the Council to assess the amount, if they see fit & in the meantime the matter be referred to the Finance Com.

St. Light  
Cor. Pine & Quarr

A petition was read from a number of ratepayers asking for a Street light at the corner of Pine & Quarr. It was read & referred to the Street Com.

Repairs to St.  
Pine & Quarr

Another petition praying that the extensions of Quarrill & Pine Sts. be graded and improved in accordance with an agreement between the former owners of the property and the town was referred to the same committee.

Sale of Bread

Letter read from the Dartmouth Board of Trade calling attention to the alleged <sup>in Dartmouth</sup> sale of bread light in weight. Referred to the Police Com.

Street Lighting

Letter read from Pres. Cogswell of the Dart. Electric Light Co. asking for a conference in regard to the Street lighting of the town. On motion the Mayor and Street Com. were appointed a com. to confer with the E. L. Co. & report.

India  
Famine Relief

A circular from the Lieut. Governor re India Famine Relief was read, on motion resolved that a subscription list be opened at the Town Hall & that the Town Clerk be authorized to receive subscriptions, & that notice thereof be published in the newspapers.

Taxes on  
"The Grove"  
property.

Letter read from L. Gordon Ritchie to Solis for Col Gascoigne offering to pay \$99.15 in full for taxes & rates on the Grove property (assessed to L.P. Fairbanks. Upon advice of the Recorder it was agreed that the offer be accepted in full obligation of the property as to taxes for rates for the years 1895 & 1896.

Assessment Roll

On motion the assessors were instructed to insert in the roll individual names of firms and heirs of deceased persons.

Accts passed.

The following accounts were passed:  
Hoxley Poor Fam \$312.75 J. Baker \$2.20 Conty \$2237  
N.S. Tel. Co. \$12.50  
Adjourned  
Capt. Blish  
Town Clerk

Approved  
W. H. May Jr.  
Mayor

Dartmouth,

(Thursday) February 11, 1897

The Town Council met this day at 4 pm an emergency meeting. Present Mayor Johnston, councillors Harrison, Stearns, Mosely, Ritchie, Fosyth & Williams.

Town Officials  
Tenure of office

The meeting was called upon the request of Councillors Harrison, Stearns & Williams for the purpose of considering the advisability of abolishing the present existing statute re appointment of Town Officials.

On motion of Councillors Harrison & Fosyth Resolved, That an amendment to the present statute re appointment of Town officials and their tenure of office be made at the present session of parliament, so far as the same applies to the Town of Dartmouth by inserting a provision which will empower the Town Council to make all appointments annually.

Draft Act to  
amend the Towns  
Incorporation Act

On motion resolved That clause b of sec 1 of the draft act adopted at last meeting be struck out.

Approved  
W. H. May Jr.  
Mayor

Adjourned  
Capt. Blish  
Town Clerk

# Dartmouth

(Tuesday) March, 9, 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Johnston, Councilors Harrison, Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams.

Minutes of last two meetings read & confirmed.

Stone Breaker

The Street Com. reported that the Starr Mfg. Co. offered to furnish a cast-steel pitman for the Stone breaker at 7¢ a lb. & \$3.00 per day for time of machinist with tools for same, the town to furnish pattern & pay freight on same to & from Pittsburg. The Com. were authorized to accept the offer.

Electric Lighting

Read

the report of the special committee appointed to confer with the directors of the electric light company.

Mayor Johnston, as chairman, stated that a most satisfactory conference had been held with the said directors and that, at the request of the committee, a written statement of the grievance was obtained, as follows:

On the first of June, 1892, the Dartmouth Gas, Electric Light and Power company, limited, entered into an agreement for five years with the town of Dartmouth to supply the town with street lights of 32 candle power, all night lights except moonlight lights, for the sum of \$20 per light per annum. In said agreement a clause was inserted that lights should be furnished the citizens of Dartmouth at the following schedule rate:

"First four lights, \$5 each per annum.  
"Each additional light up to five, \$3 per annum, and \$2.50 for each additional light beyond such addition.

"This company, as well as others in various parts of the province, had no data as regards actual expenditure and net cost of lights at the time of entering into said contract and we have gone on year after year according to agreement, though we knew that we were furnishing lights at less than cost. With the exception of the first year we paid no dividends to the shareholders and we have had to borrow large sums of money, by the issue of debentures and notes of hand, to keep up the plant and provide new machinery. The following statement shows actual income and expenditure for the past four years:

	Income.	Expenditure.
1892-3.....	\$ 8,997	\$ 8,589 98
1893-4.....	4,297 74	3,861 55
1894-5.....	3,975 00	4,015 83
1895-6.....	4,517 00	4,633 53
Total.....	\$16,322 76	\$16,099 91

"Our object in approaching your honorable council is that a new agreement be entered into at the expiring of the present one on the first of June next, for such increase in rates of lighting the streets as will give the company an adequate remuneration for work performed, leaving us to make our own agreement with private citizens, as in all other places, as that we may be able to improve and increase our plant, pay our directors for their services and shareholders for the use of capital.

We invite the town to correspond with other towns in the province so as to obtain proper data to enable them to deal with the subject fairly, as we are only desirous of obtaining a fair price for lighting."

The reading of this document occasioned a great deal of discussion, in which every member took part. The mayor explained that previous to the closing of the legislature he, with the approval of all the councillors, had a bill presented enabling the town to purchase the stock and plant of the company, subject, of course, to a vote of the rate-payers.

The matter was finally referred back to the committee for further consideration.

A petition from a number of the residents of Austenville asked the council to have the nuisance of the smoke from the rolling mill abated. It was referred to the street committee.

His honor the recorder, Councilors Ritchie, Forsyth and Moseley, were appointed to hear appeals against assessments. The time for hearing appeals was fixed for Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p. m.

The mayor brought to the notice of the different committees that it would be incumbent upon them to have their estimates ready to be submitted at the next meeting of the council and urged the necessity for strict economy in every service, as the finances of the town were now in a very critical state, owing to the amount of unpaid taxes due. The amount overdrawn at the banks exceeds that allowed by law.

Rolling Mill Smoke

Assessment Appeal Court

Finances

W. Fraser claim

Letter read from Wallace & McKay requesting a settlement of W. Frasers claim for stone supplied the town. Referred to the Street Com. to report on.

Cabmen's Regulations

Letter read from the Boat Ferry Com. requesting the Council to prepare and issue regulations relative to the cabs, Cabmen & Cabstands defining the stands for each cabman. Referred to License Com.

Ferry Dock re: Land & Rock

Another letter was read from the Ferry Com. requesting the Council to have an act prepared authorizing the issue of Debentures to the extent of \$13,000 the amt. to be used to purchase property in the City of Halifax, adjoining the present ferry dock to provide better ferry accommodation. The said Debentures



to be issued only when approved by the ratepayers in the usual manner.

Water notice  
turn off

On motion of Councillors Harrison & Moseley Resolved: That the usual notices be given that the water would be turned off all premises where the water rates have not been paid by the 1st April next.

Legislation re.  
Ferry & Elec. Light

On motion the action of the Mayor in obtaining legislation in reference to the proposed issue of bonds for ferry and electric lighting purposes was confirmed by the Council.

Town Officers  
Swear in

The Clerk was directed to notify several Town officers who had not been sworn in to state whether they accept the office & if so to attend & be sworn in. (R. Simmonds, W. E. Whelby, Wm. Meredith, Geo. Teck)

A number of accounts were passed.

Adjourned

Capt. E. C. W.

Town Clerk

Approved  
A. Johnston  
Mayor

Dartmouth

March 25 1897

25/3/97

The Council met this day at 7 30 pm Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Harrison, Sterns, Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams also the Deputy Recorder Foster. Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Electric Lighting

D. Fraser's claim

Rolling Mills

C. Short appointed  
Fence Viewer

Can. High Comr  
Photo. Views of  
the town

Estimates

S. J. Engine repairs

Night watchman

With regard to the electric light question Councillor Harrison stated that no definite understanding had been arrived at between the directors of the company and the council's committee.

The street committee reported that in regard to the Donald Fraser's claim according to vouchers shown at the town clerk's office Mr. Fraser had been paid for all stone sold by him to the town and that there was nothing due him.

It was also reported that the smoke nuisance complained of by residents of Auctinville was being obviated by the Rolling Mill company. Both reports were adopted.

Charles Shortt was appointed fence viewer vice W. J. Meredith who declines to serve.

The town clerk read a letter from Sir Donald A. Smith, Canadian high commissioner at London, asking for two or three photographic views of the town of Dartmouth giving the best possible idea of its principal streets, buildings, industries, etc., for a collection of Canadian photographs in his office. The letter was referred to the street committee with a recommendation that the request be complied with.

The reports of the committees on estimates for the ensuing year was read and referred to the finance committee as follows:

POLICE COMMITTEE	
Chief of police's salary	\$ 550
Officer Breonan's salary	450
Watchman's salary	350
Clothing	100
Fuel	41
Telephone	26
Cleaning and sundries	32
Total	\$1,547

STREET COMMITTEE	
For streets, including overdraft of \$891 for 1894-5	\$3,832
Electric light	1,400
Watering cart	200
Repairs to public property	50
Total	\$5,522
POOR COMMITTEE	
Maintenance of paupers at poor farm and dispensary grant	780
Outside relief and incident expenses	270
Maintenance of insane	1,850
Total	\$2,700
Grand total	10,220
COMMITTEE ON FIRE PUMPS	
Usual expenditure, including new pump and repairs	\$451
Councillor Harrison as chairman stated that it would be necessary to have some extensive repairs made to the steam fire engine as recommended last year, and the committee suggested that an extra sum of money be allowed for that purpose. In reply to a question from the Mayor as to the amount required, the chairman stated that it would be about \$1,500.	
Considerable discussion took place over the report of the salary of the night watchman. Councillor Sterns said that Whelby had been receiving \$1.50 per week from the town in addition to all he could get by private subscription. Lately however, the most of his subscribers were giving him up, claiming that others besides themselves were getting the benefit of his services. It was pointed out by the police committee that his appointment at a larger salary would relieve the other officers of considerable work and enable them to devote more time to the collection of taxes.	

Tender for  
Lead pipe

The Water Com. recommended that Stairs Son & Merriam's tender for lead pipe, 1000 ft. at \$24 per 100 lbs. be accepted & adopted.



Town bonds.

Letter read from J. B. Mackintosh requesting to be informed when the Town repair was to issue more bonds as he would make an offer for them. *File*

Johnston Avenue Repairs -

Letter read from Ed Foster for J. W. Payzant requesting that the road in Pine Arthur Park upon which the Frazer property was situated be repaired, alleging that owing to the bad condition of the road he could neither sell or let the property. Referred to Street Com.

C. E. Hamilton Taxes.

Letter from C. E. Hamilton reading stating that he had been threatened <sup>by the town clerk</sup> with a suit for his taxes of last year, which were paid in May last as shown by receipt he had. Referred to Finance Com.

Smallpox

A letter from Medical Officer Neilson stated that smallpox might be brought into the Town & recommended that a supply of material be obtained by which poor children might be protected from the disease. The Mayor was authorized to comply with the Doctor's suggestion.

Supt. Streets Water Works Bond.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that the Supt. of Streets & Water Works had not filed a bond for the due performance of his duty as the law required. Referred to Water Com.

D. Frasier Claim

The papers re: Donald Frasier's claim were referred to the Dep. Recorder for his opinion thereon.

Town Messenger Salary.

L. P. Fairbanks re. Toney St.

Stairs St. (near R.R. Station) repairs.

A request from the town messenger for an increase of salary was referred to the finance committee.

Councillor Harracu said that in a conversation with Mr. Fairbanks recently that gentleman expressed his willingness to deed to the town all claims upon Toney and other streets in that locality. Accordingly, on motion of Councillors Harrison and Berra, the following motion was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the verbal offer of L. P. Fairbanks to deed to the town Toney, Paul, Nowlan and the unnamed street running east and west adjoining the lower lock be referred to the street committee to report upon and investigate if the streets are of the required width and report upon at the next council meeting.

The mayor called the attention of the street committee to the scandalous condition of the street leading to the railway station, and urged upon them the desirability of having it put in some sort of decent repair that strangers coming into the town would receive a better impression.

*Approved*  
*[Signature]*  
8/11/97

Adjourned  
Dep. Elliot  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

(Thursday) April 8 1897

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Harrison Steens Mosely, Ritchie Forsyth & Williams, also Dep. Recorder Foster.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Estimates

The Finance Com. submitted the Estimates for the current year, their report was read & read

Police Com report

Report of Police Com read & read

Messengers Salary

Report of Finance Com. re Messengers Salary read & read

John Baker

Letter read from J. Baker complaining that Supt. Bishop had discharged him from the town employ he asked for an investigation re reinstatement.

Referred to Com on Streets & Water to deal with.

H.B. Duxtan

Note read from H. G. Duxtan stating that his son H.B. Duxtan was not a resident of Dartmouth & therefore not liable for assessment on personal property. On motion of Cms. Mosely & Forsyth the name was struck off the list.

G.L. Newman

Letter read from G.L. Newman complaining of the condition of Upper Water St. requesting that the same be put in repair. Referred to Street Com.

Oland

License bond

Recorder Russell's opinion re bonds given by the Messrs Oland in lieu of fees for Brewers License was read to the effect that the condition of the bond had been broken and that the amount could be collected. The matter was one for the Provincial Govt to deal with at the instance of the Town Council. On motion of Councillors Harrison & Steens the following was adopted, Resolved that the attention of the Provincial Govt be called to the fact that the bond given by Oland under the provisions of Cap. 40 of the Acts of 1888 has been forfeited, and that the Govt be requested to collect the amount thereof for the benefit of the Town of Dartmouth.

Halifax Breweries

Assessment

Letter read from Harrington & Chisholm & Co for the Halifax Breweries (Ltd.) objecting to the increase in the assessment on their property made by the Assessment Court of Appeal. Referred.

On motion order of business was suspended, Mr S. Siderman being present was given a hearing & stated that he did not own \$50 worth of personal property. A motion then passed that his name be struck off the list.

E.S. Siderman

Douglas Co.

Mr P. Douglas being present was also given a hearing in regard to the increase in the assessment of Douglas Co. made by the Court of appeal. The following resolution was then passed on the casting vote of the Mayor

Resolved that the assessment as fixed by the Town Assessors on the property of Douglas Co. remain at the sum of \$8000 and not \$9000 as amended by the Appeal Court.

The Council then adjourned until Friday next at 7.30 p.m.

Friday Apr. 9. 1897

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at 7.30 p.m. this day. The Mayor and all councillors present, also Dep Rec. Foster. Re. Halifax Breweries Assessment. On motion of Councillors Williams & Ritchie. The matter was laid over until next meeting the Mayor having stated that he had authorized Dep Rec Foster to prepare a statement of the case & forward the same to Recorder Russell at Ottawa asking him to write his opinion thereon.

Halifax Breweries Assessment

Councillor Harrison moved 'That the names proposed to be added to the Assessors list by the Appeal Court and now referred to this Council to be dealt with be struck off said list. This was seconded by Councillor Sterns and on being put to vote was negatived on the casting vote of the Mayor, Councillors Harrison Sterns & Williams voting 'aye' Forsyth Ritchie & Mosley 'nay'

Assessors List Names to be added.

Acts passed.

The following accounts were passed, The Assessors \$300. Atlantic Weekly \$11.85

Mr Mosley appointed R Room Director.

Mr Mosley was appointed a Director of the Reading Room for the current year.

Prine & Quarrrell extensions.

Letter read from D. Brennan to the residents of Quarrrell & Prine St. extensions, calling attention



to the rubbish dumps in that neighborhood & asking that the owners of the lands there be required to fence in their lots & the piles of rubbish removed. Referred to the Street Com.

Fence

R. S. Hart's lot

On motion of Comtee Harrison & Stead Resolved that Mr R. S. Hart having been previously notified regarding fence corner of Pine & Oakley Sts & having refused to attend to the matter & requested that the same be done by the Town & the cost thereof be charged to Mr Hart.

So End Pound

A note from Geo. Veck Keeper of South End Pound read asking for material to repair fence surrounding the pound read & referred to Pub. Works Com.

The Police Com report was taken up read & adopted as follows:—

Cabstand at Ferry

1- Having considered the letter from the Ferry Com referring to cabs, cabmen etc we report that we know of no better arrangement possible than those now in vogue, which we believe gives general satisfaction.

Light weight bread

2. In the matter of Light Weight Bread referred to your Com we recommend that the question be referred to His Hon the Recorder that the law may be defined.

Coll. of Private Debts. Police

3. We would recommend that a resolution which passed the Council in 1894 allowing the policeman to collect private debts be rescinded.

Police Reg.

4. Your Com. have given the matter of Police Regulations considerable attention but have not as yet been able to complete the work, we will endeavor to do so at an early date.

H. W. Toole Messenger.

The Finance Com reported recommending that Messenger O. Toole's salary be increased to \$2. per week from April 1/97. Adopted.

School Estimate

At the request of the School Board the item of \$1500 <sup>for prop. of exempt from deposit</sup> added to School Board's estimate for School expenses for the current year was struck out.



The Estimates were then adopted as follows -

Schools			10535
County Rates	bal 1896.	319.66	
	on. ac 1897	680.34	1000
Streets		3532.	
	Less overdrafts	500 390	890
Watering Streets			2942
Regatta Fund			200
Public Property			100
Lighting			50
Poor (including 420 Poor Farm at full 896		590.	1440
	on ac 1897	130	
	1896	1450	1050
Lunatics	part 1897	790	2240
Fire Department			401.
Pumps and Wells			51.
Police			1547
License Inspector	Salary	60	
	Legal expenses	120	180
Salaries:-	Stipendiary Magistrate	600.	
	Town Clerk	1050	
	Assistant Clerk	130	
	Messenger	100	
	Assessors	300	
	Auditor	100	2280.
Grants to Reading Room and Park			350
Public Health			100.
Interest	less on bonds 680.		
	less paid by schools 207	473.	
	on overdraft	127	600.
Contingent			937
Ferry Interest, coupons not presented on Dec 31/96			416
Balance due Union Bank		4632.	
Cash on hand		218.	4414
Exemptions: Fire School & Widows		800.	
Discounts		175	
Allow for non-collection		150	1125
Forward:			\$31957

Bro't forward \$31957

Revenue	
Taxes overdue 1895 & 1896.	5800.
Poll Taxes	1200.
Fines	90.
Court Fees	500.
Licenses	300.
Commony Rent	50.
Dog Tax	150.
Union Bank Tax	150.
Net amt. to be assessed on Real & Personal property	8240
	\$23718.

From the Assessment Returns it appears that the value of property within the Town is as follows: -

Real	1370913.
Personal	379455.
Total	\$1750368
Value of property liable for School Rates	
Walden City	191400.
Outside District	571500.
	\$248550
Less	
Value of properties whose owners reside in other School Sections	\$89325
	159225
Total for School Rate	\$1909593.

The Rate for School Purposes on the above valuations will be 55 cents per 100. and will amount to on \$159225 and Poll \$100.

The Rate for the Town will be \$1.30 per 100 on \$1750368

975.74  
22754.78  
\$23730.52

Lloy vs.  
Town of  
Dartmouth

The following motion moved by Council  
Forsyth & Ritchie was put to vote & lost on division  
4 to 2. Whereas a suit is likely to be brought  
against the Town by A. Lloy for certain damages  
to his property. Therefore resolved that a  
Com. be appointed to interview Mr Lloy with-  
out prejudice to the claim of the Town & find out  
the most favorable settlement he is willing  
to make & report to the Council.

W. Webber  
apptd night  
watchman

Resolved  
On motion of Council Stearns & Mosely  
that W. Webber be appointed Night Watchman  
for the Town at a salary of \$350 per year to date  
from April 1/97 & that he be under the control  
of the Chief Police & Police Com.

Meeting of  
Ratepayers

On motion of Council Harrison & Stearns  
Resolved that a public meeting of the citizens  
be called on Thursday 29th inst at Reform Club  
Hall at 8 pm. to consider the money vote necessary  
to make the proposed extensions of Water & Sewerage  
the improvement of sidewalks the repairs to  
Steam fire engine & the purchase of the Electric light  
Plant.

Vaccination

Ordered that a notice be inserted in the  
Atlantic Weekly that Dr Wilson Medical Officer  
for the Town would vaccinate free all children  
brought to his office at certain hours whose parents  
were unable to pay.

Bylaw re  
rubbish on  
streets

On motion of Council Harrison Resolved  
that type written copies of the Bylaw relating  
to depositing rubbish on the streets be served on  
all the Merchants of the Town, & that the Police be  
instructed to enforce the bylaw after the copies  
are served.

Tax Rate  
revised.

On motion of Council Harrison & Stearns  
The following resolutions were adopted:  
Resolved that the Assessment Roll as finally passed  
by the Court of appeal & completed now laid before the  
Council be and the same is hereby confirmed & that  
the Council authorize the levying & collection of  
rates for the current year of One dollar &  
thirty cents per \$100 on the assessed value upon  
Assessment Roll, which Assessment Roll & Rate  
are hereby confirmed.

School Rate

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

Poll Tax

Further resolved that the Poll Tax of Two Dollars as provided by law be ordered to be levied & collected and the Poll Tax book now produced be approved & confirmed.

Adjourned

Approved 22/4/97  
W. J. Johnston  
Mayor

Capt. Beest  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Thursday Apr 22 1897

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm. Present Mayor Johnston, Councilors Harrison, Sterns, Mosley, Ritchie & Forsyth, also Dep. Recorder Foster, Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

The Breweries

Re Halifax Breweries Assessment. The Mayor reported that he had received Recorder Russell's opinion on this matter, it was to the effect that the Appeal Court was fully empowered to raise the assessment of this Company. On motion of Councilor Harrison the following draft of a letter to Harrington & Chisholm their solicitors was adopted:— I am to acknowledge receipt of your favor re. Assessment of the Halifax Breweries & in reply to say that the case has been fully considered by the Town Council & the opinion of the Recorder obtained by which it would appear that the position of the Appeal Court in the question is strictly within its power as defined by Sec. 124 Cap. 4 Acts 1895. I am therefore instructed to inform you that the Council declines to interfere in the matter.

Lloy vs The Town

The Mayor reported that with a view to arriving at a settlement of the Lloy suit, he had seen Mr. L. who stated that he would take \$140 the Town to pay all expenses of both suits up to date. It was resolved that the proposition be not accepted.



Revisors bill

Letter read from J. Kottung on behalf of the Revisors stating that they did not consider that they had made an excessive charge for the last revision of the Municipal Electoral list. The bill sent in was \$45 & objected to by the Finance Com. The letter was referred to the Finance Com.

Ferry Deb. \$30,000

Letter from the Ferry Com. read enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that body on 21st inst. authorizing the issue of \$30,000 loan or debenture for the purchase of a new ferry boat under the provisions of Cap. 51. Act of 1895. To be filed.

Mrs. J. Bowes Water Rates

Letter read from Wallace & McKay Solis for Mrs. J. Bowes threatening legal proceedings on account of the water being turned off of Mrs. Bowes house Canal St. Referred to Water Com.

Auditors Report

Auditors report and statements of Town Accounts for the 3 months ended Mar 31/97 read. The Town Treasurers books were reported to be in order & correct.

Ratepayers Meeting Resolutions

Council Harrison thep. Rec. Foster were appointed as a com. to draw up resolutions to be submitted to the meeting of Ratepayers to be held on 29th inst.

Mrs. M. G. Wright propy W.M. Road

Letter read from H.P. Burton Trustee for Mrs. M.G. Wright complaining that water from the Windmill Road overflowed & injured the property owned by Mrs. Wright, which was situated on that road. Referred to Street Com.

Watering Sts.

It was decided to call for tenders for furnishing a driver and a pair of horses for Watering Streets for the season.

Approved  
[Signature]

Adjourned  
Cep. Secist  
[Signature]

20/21/97

Dartmouth, Friday, Apr. 30 1897.

The Council met this day at 7.30 oc. pm Present, Mayor Johnston, Councils Harrison, Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Victorian Order of Nurses

Letter read from Comtesse Aberdeen asking that

a public meeting be called for the dissemination of information re. the Canadian Fund for the conservation of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by founding the Victorian order of Nurses in Canada. Referred until further information received state in letter as sent

School Board

Letter read from Ch of School Board asking for payment of \$2500 on acct of current year estimate. Mayor was authorized to pay the amt.

Council Sterns resignation

Letter read from Council Sterns tendering his resignation as a member of the Council, stating that the adverse vote given by the citizens at the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> inst. in regard to Water Sewerage has placed him in the position of not being able to redeem pledges made for the best interest of the Town, which had the unanimous approval of the last and present Councils. On motion his resignation was accepted and resolved that an election be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday May 18/97 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sterns, & that the poll be held at the Town Hall before John Greene Presiding Officer & J. Donovan Poll Clerk

Electric Lighting

Letter read from T. Scarfe convenor of Citizens Com. re. Electric Lighting requesting the Council to appoint a Com. to meet with their Com. On motion The Mayor Councilors Harrison, Forsyth & Williams were appointed as the Com.

Letter read from Pres of Dist. & Light Co. dated Apr 24. Rec'd & the writer to be informed that the matter had been referred to a special Com. of the Ratepayers and Council, and was now under consideration.

Watering Sts.

Ch Harrison of St. Com. reported verbally that J. Hunt's tender for Street Watering at 35¢ per hour for a driver and pair of horses had been accepted being the lowest. Approved.

Steam Fire Engine

Repairs

On motion Councilors Harrison & Moseley Resolved that the Fire Com. take the necessary steps to repair the Steam Fire Engine and report at the next meeting on the actual cost thereof.

Adjourned

Alfred Elias  
Town Clerk

*[Handwritten signatures and notes]*  
20/5/97

Dartmouth  
Wednesday, May 5. 1897

The Town Council met this day, Present  
Mayor Johnston, Councilors Harrison, Moseley,  
Ritchie and Forsyth, also Dep. Recorder Foster.

The Mayor reported that the judgment in the  
last trial of the Lloy case was adverse to the  
Town (verdict \$300) and that May 6th was the  
last day for filing an appeal, if it was thought  
advisable to do so. After a brief discussion  
on motion of Councilors Ritchie & Forsyth it was  
resolved that the Mayor be authorized to  
draw a cheque for the settlement of the Lloy case.

Adjourned.

Capt. Elliot

Town Clerk

Lloy vs.  
Town of  
Dartmouth

Approved  
29/5/97

Town of Dartmouth, S.S.

I the undersigned,  
Frederick C. Bowes, Councillor elected  
for Ward Two for the Town of Dartmouth do  
swear that I will be faithful and bear true  
allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria  
So help me God.

Sworn at Dartmouth  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1897  
before me

*[Signature]*  
Mayor

Fredk C. Bowes

I the undersigned  
Frederick C. Bowes, Councillor elected  
for Ward Two for the Town of Dartmouth  
do swear that I am duly qualified for the  
office of Councillor for the Town of Dartmouth  
as required by law, and that I will faithfully  
perform the duties of Councillor while I hold office  
to the best of my ability. So help me God.



I was at Dartmouth this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1897. before me  
*W. Johnston*  
 Mayor } Frank C. Bowers

Dartmouth

Thursday, May 20, 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm  
 Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors Ritchie Forsyth Bowers, Moseley and Williams also Dep Rec Foster  
 Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Mr Bowers appld to vacancies on committees

On motion of Councillor Forsyth Ritchie, Councillor Bowers was appointed to fill the vacancies on the School Board & committees, caused by the resignation of Councillor Sterns.

Coll. of Private Debts.

Petition read from a number of business men & others praying that the police be allowed to collect private debts for citizens of the town, when not on duty. Referred to Police Com. to report on.

Fence R.D. Hart lot

The Public Property Com. recommended that unless a fence be placed around the R.D. Hart property corner of Oct. & Pine Sts by the owner on or before the 30th inst. that the same be erected by the town & the cost thereof be charged to the owner. The Com. reported that they had ordered that the necessary repairs be made at once to the fence around the Town property North East of Engine House. *adopted.*

S.F. Engine Repairs

The Fire Com. reported that they had obtained figures for the necessary repairs to Steam Fire Engine as the particulars were fully set forth by the parties tendering for the cost of boiler & machine work the Com. recommended that the work be ordered at once & that the expense incurred be defrayed by assessing the sum of \$250 each year until paid. *adopted.*

Police Regulations

The Police Com. submitted a new set of regulations for the government of the police, wh being read clause by clause were adopted save the last two <sup>clauses</sup> the report was then deferred until next meeting.

The Finance Com. reported recommending that

Essex Propy  
Taxes

the taxes of 1895 paid by Mr. E. M. Walker on the Essex property (Waterlots) be refunded to him said property having since been redeemed. (Expd. May 2/95)  
Adopted.

Auditors  
Report

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

Sale of Bread

Dep. Rec. Foster reported as follows: - re Sale of Bread. Cap. 73 R.S. 5th Series Secs. 1 to 11 fully covered the question. Sec. 5 provides that the constable must act under a justices warrant. This is the only law under which proceedings can be taken at present. The Town's Incorporation Act 1895 Sec. 296 empowers the Council (sub. Sec. 17) to make bylaws "to regulate the assize of bread, and to provide for the seizure of bread baked contrary thereto. This bylaw appears not to have been made.

D. Frasers  
Claim

Re. D. Frasers Claim. He reported that he had interviewed Mr. Wallace, Frasers Solr. Is not strong on his clients claim, writes a letter whenever he is stirred up, thinks perhaps the Council would offer \$25 or \$30 to settle. Will not agree to abandon claim, but agrees not to proceed without ample notice. Received.

Sale of Bread

On motion of Councils. Mosely & Forsyth, the Dep. Rec. was instructed to draw up a bylaw relative to the Sale of bread under the provisions of the Town's Incorporation Act.

Electric Light Co.

In reference to ~~the~~ Letter received from the Dartmouth Electric Light Co. making three different proposals to light the Streets of the Town, the following resolution was adopted on motion of Councils, Forsyth and Williams. Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to reply to the Company's letter to the effect that the terms offered are not satisfactory and will not be entertained.

County Rates

Letter read from the County Clerk. Stating that the amount of the County Assessment was \$92,480. 1/9th of which was the Town's quota, this sum he requested be paid within the year, also that the balance due for the years 1895 & 96 be paid at an early date.  
To be filed.

Land Bonds

Letter read from Atty. General Longley in



reply to letter from the Town Clerk re bonds given by Mr. Oland, assuring the Council, that at a very early date he would be prepared to take whatever action he could see the law justified & the public interest required.

Miss Hunt  
asst. clerk

Read letter from Miss Hunt, assistant clerk requesting an increase in her salary. Referred to Water Com.

Lloy vs.  
The Town

The Mayor reported that he had paid to Rye-dale & M. Jones Solrs for M. A. Lloy \$731.33 amt of judgt & costs in the suit after deducting \$127.72 the town's cost in the suit appealed. Letter <sup>with the matter</sup> and receipts for above sum were submitted and read. The Mayor stated he had written Mr. Lloy asking him whether the new culvert put in was satisfactory the following was his reply thereto, "The culvert now seems large enough to take care of all the water. Should the water shed above the road ever be cleared I believe the culvert would not take off all the water. The ditch above the road ought to be cleared out so that the water will not back up and run down the gate."

W. L. Bishop  
bond

Read bond handed in by W. L. Bishop Supt. St. & Water Works. <sup>amt</sup> \$600. bondsmen, J. W. Allison & E. M. Walker accepted and ordered to be filed.

Cemetery

The question of enlarging the present public cemetery or purchasing land for a new one was discussed & referred to Com. on Public Property to investigate & report upon.

Queen's Jubilee

The Mayor suggested that some ~~effort~~ <sup>effort</sup> be ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> to take part in the Queen's Jubilee Celebration by the setting of bouquies in prominent places in the town or otherwise as might be deemed advisable. After some discussion action thereon was deferred.

W. Webber  
apptd  
Policeman  
No. 3

On motion of Councilors Forsyth & Ritchie Resolved That the motion passed April 9/97 appointing Wm Webber night watchman be rescinded, and on motion of Councilors Bosely & Bowes Resolved, That Wm Webber be appointed Policeman No 3 appointment to date from Apr. 1/97 & that he be under the control of the Chief of Police.

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

C. G. Elliot  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,  
(Friday) June, 11 1897

The Town Council met this evg at 7.30 o'clock  
Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors  
Harrison, Bowes, Mosley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams  
also Dep Rec, Foster. Minutes of last meeting  
were read and confirmed.

bill of  
Private Debt

The Police Com. reported having considered the  
petition of business men and others asking that  
the Police be permitted to collect private accounts  
~~having been~~ unable to recommend that the  
wishes of the petitioners be granted. Adopted.

Police

Regulations

The Police Regulations submitted and read at  
last meeting were again taken up and the rest of the  
clauses passed including two additional ones  
which were in the old regulations. The regulations  
as a whole were adopted & a number of type written  
copies ordered to be made.

Water Com.  
Report

The Com. on Water and Sewerage submitted their  
Estimate for the Water Service for the year commencing  
May 1 1897, the Com. found that no increase need be  
made in the rates owing to increases in the revenues  
recommended that the rates be the same as last year.

Sewer Rates

The Com. reported that there is a large sum overdue for  
Sewer Rates & interest thereon, besides there are a number  
of property owners who had been contending for some years  
that they should not be compelled to pay Sewer Rates  
where the Sewers are not constructed in front of their  
properties, as this class of property is liable under  
the Act for Sewer Rates. The Com. recommended  
that legal proceedings be taken at once to collect  
the amounts due.

Miss Hull's  
Salary

With reference to the applica-  
tion from Miss Hull for an increase in salary  
the Com. recommended that her salary be increased  
by the sum of \$1.00 per annum from May 1 1897  
payable by the Water Dept. & that she be notified  
that in future her office hours will be from 10 am to  
4 pm & at such other hours as her services may be  
required.

The Estimate was then read as follows:—

(over.)

## Maintenance

May 1	Balance	120.33
	Interest:- on coupons due last year	45.50
	" bonded debt 140,500 @ 4 1/2%	6322.50
Water Estimate 1897-8	Interest on overdraft at bank	80.
	Hardware, cement etc.	40.
	General repairs	450.
	Printing and advertising	40.
	cab hire and sundries	50.
	clerk and Treasurer's salary	200.
	Assistant clerk. salary	100.
	Superintendent's salary	475.
	Revenue	<u>57922.83</u>
	Overdue Rates previous years.	400.
	Special Rates:- Ferry	550.
	Hospital for Insane	200.
	Sugar Refinery	200.
	Int on meters	31.50
	Calicut Graving Dock Co.	40.
	Do. Int on meters	135.00
	Judges' Mails S. B. Railway	235.
	Electric Light Co.	16.50
	Robt. Moseley Douglas Co.	65.
	R. J. Matheson W. Evanson	55.
	Christ Church	25.
	A. Eisenov A. Hutchinson	27.
	Schools	20.
	Others	20.
	M. Co.	500.
	Horses and cows	145.
	Shop, Lodge and Bank taps	70.
	Barber shops	12.
	Horse - Hindon Wagon, Livery Stable	110. 2329.
	Interest:- on Sinking fund	500.
	Sewer Mortgage	900. 1400.
	Sale of Grass.	33.
	Mortgage Rate val \$177,200 @ 15¢ per 100.	\$ 265.
		<u>4427.</u>
	Estimated Maintenance	7922.
	Revenue	<u>4427.</u>
	Bal. to be assessed on Domestic and Pipe valuations	\$ 3495.

The total valuations of property on pipe lines other than dwellings is \$336,650.  
 Total valuations of dwellings is \$667,200.  
 \$1,003,850.

Your committee would recommend that the rates to be levied on the above valuations be as follows:-

Domestic or Dwelling Rate 45¢ per \$100.  
 Pipe Rate 28¢ " "  
 Hydrant Rate 15¢ " "

Water Rates fixed.

The Report was read clause by clause & adopted and on motion of Councilman Harrison & Bowes Resolved That the Water Rates for the years 1897-8 as named in the Water Committee's report, viz: Domestic Rate 45¢ Pipe Rate 28¢, & Hydrant Rate 15¢ per \$100 be adopted and assessed for.

Oland Bonds

Letter read from Atty General Longley stating that he was prepared to hand over the bond given by the Messrs Oland to the Recorder of the Town of Dartmouth and instruct him to proceed in his name with proceedings upon the bond, but at the expense of the Town of Dartmouth. He pointed out that whatever sums were recovered upon the bond would come exclusively to the Town, & he deemed it then for proper that the responsibility of litigation in respect to them, should fall upon the bodies who reap the advantages.

Est. J.P. Mott School Rate

This letter was referred to Dep. Rec. Foster for his opinion, as well as a letter recd. from Executors Estate J.P. Mott claiming that School rates paid on certain property in the City of Halifax should have been paid to the City, & asking for a refund of the amount paid.

Electric Light Co.

Letter read from the Dart Electric Light Co. offering to supply 70 or more street lights 32 C.P. at \$25 each per annum, commencing from termination of last contract with the understanding that the company may continue for a further period of three years should it be found possible to do so at same rates. For House & Shop lights the rate would be 12¢ by meter for one Killo watt hour & one half cent additional per Killo watt hour if the Co. provides the meter.

Starr Mfg Co.

Letter read from the Starr Mfg Co. dated June 9th offering to light the Streets of the Town for a term of 5 or 10 years as may be agreed upon, with 72 32 C.P. incandescence lamps for \$1584 annually, the Town to have the power to increase the number of lamps up to 100 or more at \$22 per lamp additional. The Town to give the Co. permission to string the wires on the existing poles. After some discussion, action was deferred.

re. Elec. Lighting



- Auditors report The Auditors reported that they had audited the books & accounts of the Town Clerk & Treasurer up to 31st May last, & found them correct. Statements of the various services were submitted by them duly certified.
- Dr. Bowes app'd to Regatta Com. Council Bowes was appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Regatta Committee of the Chebucto A. S. Club vice Mr. Stearns resigned.
- J. Farquhason land On motion of Council Harrison & Forsyth, it was resolved that the action of the Mayor in purchasing a property at the head of Lamont Lake from Mr. J. B. Farquhason for the sum of \$300 is hereby approved by this Council.
- Queen's Jubilee On motion of Council Harrison & Bowes, Resolved that the Pub. Property Com. be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$25 in obtaining material to build bonfires on the Common & Elsewhere Jubilee week, & further that the Church Fire & School bells be rung on the morning of June 22nd at 8 am. for 10 minutes.
- School Board Application read from the School Board for payment of \$2000 on account of Estimate for 1897. On motion the amount was voted.
- Accts passed A number of accounts were passed & the Council then adjourned.

Approved by  
 W. J. Harrison  
 Mayor  
 21/7/97

Dep. Secy.  
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Friday July 2 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 p.m.  
 Present, Mayor Johnston & Councillors  
 Bowes, Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth &  
 Williams also Dep. Recy. Foster.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

J. G. Leslie's  
 claim

The Water Com. reported as follows:  
 Your Committee have received a communication from Mr. J. G. Leslie of Portland St. complaining that during a recent heavy rain, water from the main sewer on that street overflowed into his basement kitchen causing him damage and loss. He is willing to take a small amount as compensation for damage suffered by him. Your Committee would recommend that he be paid \$10.00 therefor.

It would appear from information given your Com. that when Mr. Leslie made the connection with the sewer from his house he did so with the approval of the engineer in charge of the work. Therefore he expected an efficient connection with the main sewer. To prevent damage occurring in future your Com. would recommend that an overflow pipe be laid from the manhole at the corner of Wilson and Portland Streets to the Canal Bridge, to carry off the storm water, as it seems that the sewer on this street is insufficient to carry off the water in heavy rains.

Sewer  
Overflow  
pipes

Your Com. would also recommend that an overflow pipe to relieve the sewer on Pine St. be laid from the manhole on corner of Pine and Ochterlony Sts down Pine St. extension to the brook which flows into the Canal. The Kalifat Land Imp. Co. the owners of the property through which the brook flows have stated that they would give the Town the right to run the water into the brook on payment of the sum of \$100.00 and your Com. would advise that their offer be accepted.

Sewers

Your Com. would also recommend that curved sewer pipe be laid to connect the main sewers on Portland St. with the main on Water St. and the main sewer on Ochterlony St. with the sewer on Water St.; this improvement will carry off the water quicker as now the water falls into the manhole and backs up causing overflows in heavy rains into several houses on the lower side of Water St.

Fire Hydrant  
I. B. R. Sta.

In accordance with the agreement made by your Com. last year and the I. B. R. authorities, a fire hydrant was to be put in near the Railway Station this has not yet been done, and your Com. would advise that the hydrant be put in as soon as possible.

Your Com. would advise that all the above work be carried out at once, and that steps be taken to obtain the funds required.

Estimate for  
Sewer extensions  
&c

Appended is an approximate estimate of the work:-

Making curves in main sewers corners Water & Portland and Water and Ochterlony Sts per clause 4. (struck out)	160.00 x
Pine Street extension	308.
Portland Street overflow	160.
Hydrant at Railway Station	50.
Contingencies	22.
Add for improvements at Lamont Lake	50.
House connections	250.
	\$1000.00

Action on the 1st. Clause was deferred. The 4th clause was struck out, the other clauses of the report were adopted.

Starr Mfg. Co.  
Elec. Lighting

Read letter from Starr Mfg. Co. dated 28th June '97 stating that the Co. did not care to make an

offer for the private lighting of the citizens, & withdrawing their tender dated 9th June for the Street Lighting of the Town. Ordered to be filed.

Fire Engine Co

Read report of Dartmouth Engine Co showing list of fire apparatus in charge of that Co. To be filed.

Pol. Brennan

Read letter from Pol Brennan complaining of the house of duty imposed on him by the new Police regulations. Referred to Police Com to report on.

Dep. Rec Foster reported as follows: -

Re. encroachment on Pine Street.

Pine St. encroachment

I have carefully searched the records for some evidence of a dedication to the Town of that part of Pine St. bounding on the Hart property (formerly Richards) and can find nothing. It appears that the Town has only a prescriptive title to the street at this point. There seems to be no plan of the Town on file in the crownland office extending eastward farther than Halsons lane and all the street lines beyond that point are liable to be called in question. In view of these encroachments which are constantly being brought to the notice of the Street Com. it is most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that a plan of the Town should be made and the boundaries of all the streets defined.

Re Oland Bond.

Olands Bond

I have not considered this matter in view of the fact that proceedings must be taken irrespective of the question as to who pays costs, and as it is not a matter where speed is necessary. I have thought it better to defer it pending the immediate return of the Recorder in order that such proceedings may be instituted by him.

Re Estate John P. Mott.

Est. J. P. Mott School Rate

I have investigated this matter and advised that the <sup>school</sup> tax was rightfully paid in Dartmouth.

Re Bread By-law

Bread - Sale of

The City of Halifax are preparing a by-law to govern the sale of bread in Halifax, and I should like to have the opportunity of presenting this before reporting on a by-law for Dartmouth as it is desirable that the by-laws of the respective cities should be uniform. The report was received & ordered to be filed.

Plan of the Town

The matter of obtaining a plan of the Town was referred to the Street Com to report on at next meeting. On motion of Councillors Bowes & Ritchie.

Pub. Meeting  
re bonds  
Elect. Lighting  
and  
Water Sewer  
Construction

On motion of Councilors Moseley & Bowes  
Resolved, that a meeting of the Ratepayers be called  
for, to take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July instant at the hour  
of 8 pm. at the Reform Club Hall for the purpose of  
receiving the report of the Com on Electric Lighting  
and obtaining the approval of the ratepayers for  
borrowing the sum of \$1500 for improving the Water  
Service of the town.

A number of accounts were passed, & the Council  
then adjourned, A. G. E. Secy.  
Town Clerk

Approved  
Mayor

16/7/97

Day Smooth,  
(<sup>Friday</sup> day) July 16/97

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm  
Present Mayor Johnston, Councilors Bowes,  
Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams also  
Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting  
were read & confirmed.

Taxes  
coll. of

The Finance Com. reported, recommending  
that the following notice be inserted in next Saturday  
issue of the "Atlantic Weekly". "The attention of the Rate  
payers (including Poll Tax payers) is called to the fact that a large sum of money  
is due the Town of Dartmouth for taxes levied for the current year. As the amount  
levied was made as small as possible consistent with a due regard to the  
proper maintenance of the various services of the town, it is necessary that  
all amounts due should be paid promptly so that the obligations of the  
Town can be met. The Police will call on and after Monday  
next upon all who have not yet paid, and it is expected that all such will  
be prepared to then pay." Report adopted.

Pol. Brennan

The Police Com. submitted a lengthy report in  
reference to Pol. Brennan's complaint as to his hours  
of duty, and stated <sup>that</sup> they were unable to recom-  
mend any change in the existing <sup>regulations</sup> ~~regulations~~.  
Adopted.

Plan of  
Town.

The Street Com. reported that they had care-  
fully considered the matter of a plan of the Town  
& find there are no defined lines of the Streets, &  
in view of the many encroachments of late and  
the inability of the Com. to deal with them recom-  
mended that steps be taken at once to furnish  
a plan of the Town after some discussion.



the report was referred back to the Com. for further information

Auditors

Report.

The Auditors reported the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer correct and submitted a Statement of Receipts & Expenditure for the various services of the Town up to June 30 1907. To be filed.

School Board

Letter read from Dist. School Board requesting payment of balance due on Estimate for 97 for 1/2 year ended June 30/97. = \$767. motion passed that the amount be paid.

Morque

Letter read from Dr. Finn Medical Examiner calling attention to the need of a morque in Dartmouth. Referred to Com. on Public Property.

Engine Co.

re. hose reels

Letter read from Dartmouth Engine Co. asking to have shafts put on the reel reel and a pole on the four wheeled reel "princess". The Co. offered to pay for the horses used. Referred to Fire Com.

L. P. Fairbanks

claim.

Letter read from L. P. Fairbanks asking the Council to appoint a com. to conclude a settlement with him of various matters of importance to the Town and himself. Mr. Fairbanks being present was given a hearing. He stated he had in his possession <sup>certain</sup> old plans and documents containing valuable information which would be of use in settling the boundaries and ownership of certain streets. He also claimed to be the owner of the land known as Jones St. and other streets running through property formerly owned by the Shubenacadie Canal Co. He was willing to hand over the plans etc. in his possession & deed the streets to the Town for a fair consideration. His letter was referred to the Street Com. & Ch. of Finance Com.

Catchpits

cleaning of

The cost of cleaning out the catchpits having been charged (since Sep 95) to the Water Service & the present Water Com. objecting to it, Councillor Ritchie moved seconded by Councillor Bowes, "That the cleaning of the catchpits shall be a charge against the Street funds. The motion was put & lost, the mover & seconder voting for Councillors Williams Forsyth & Moseley against.

Taxes

St. Peter's Hall

The matter of Taxes due by St. Peter's L.A.B. Socy. (3 years) <sup>who claim an exemption</sup> was referred to the Finance Com. to report on.

Electric Light Co.

On motion the matter of the proposed new contract with the Electric Light Co was referred to <sup>the Mayor with</sup> the Public Property Com & Recorder to arrange with the company & report.

J. G. Leslie's claim for damages

As per recommendation in Water Com's report submitted at last meeting, it was resolved on motion of Councils Ritchie & Bower, that the sum of ten dollars be paid Mr. J. G. Leslie in full of all claim for damage by overflow of water into his dwelling from the town sewer, on receiving an acquittance in full from him.

Several acts were passed & the Council adjourned.

Approved  
A. W. Mayor

Accepted  
Iron Clerk

20/7/97

Dartmouth

Friday, July 30/97

The Council met this evening at 7:30 pm Present, Mayor Johnston, Councilors Harrison Ritchie, Bower, Forsyth, Moseley & Williams also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Morgue

Report of Com. on Public Property read, as follows:  
1. In the matter of providing a morgue your Committee recommend that a wood partition be placed in the old Engine House on King Street adjoining the Police Station, making two compartments of this building, and that the old hand fire engine be sold and the proceeds of sale used towards defraying expenses of the proposed alterations, especially as the fire department have no further use for the engine.

L. P. Fairbanks Claim

2. Re. Mr. L. P. Fairbanks your Committee report having had a conference with that gentleman and the viewing of plans offered for sale by him and the advisability of purchasing certain streets, your committee feel that the consideration named by Mr. Fairbanks, viz \$500.00 is excessive, that they cannot recommend the Council entertaining the same.

Electric Light Co.

3. In the matter of Electric Light your Committee find, from a conference with the Directors of the Company that they are unwilling to enter into a contract for three years without inserting in the agreement an option to renew the contract for an additional three years at the same rates now asked. Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the citizens having voted at their

adjourned meeting that the contract be made for three years, and from the further fact that no other conditions are named other than the rates to be paid, that this Council are not justified in entering into a contract with said Company unless the terms are in strict Accord with the views of the citizens as set out in their recommendation to the Council.

Engine Co.  
re. Hose Reels

The petition of the Engine Company for chaps to hose reels your committee find would cost \$25.00 as it is essential that the apparatus be forwarded as speedily as possible to the scene of a fire, and considering the fact that the members of the Company are willing to provide for the expense of hiring horses for this purpose from their own funds your committee recommend that the alterations be made. The report in motion was adopted.

St. Peter's Hall  
Taxes

The Finance Com. reported that they were advised by His Hon. the Recorder that the same principles that apply to the taxation of St. Peter's A. B. Society for the year 1896, must on equitable principles be applied to former years; and the committee therefor report that taking the same proportion of property to be exempt and liable, as on the year 1896, the account for taxes stands as follows:-

1895.	Real \$ 15.43	Personal	—
1896.	" 19.50	"	\$ 1.30
1897.	" 19.50	"	1.30
	\$ 54.43		\$ 2.60

This report was adopted.

Est. Miss Allen  
Taxes

Letter read from Edw. Foster Est. Est. Late Miss Allen, asking that the usual exemption allowed on property of unmarried women be granted in this case the full amt. of taxes having been paid for the four years past. Referred to Finance Com.

Mrs. M. G. Wright  
prop. W. M. Road

Letter read from H. P. Burton trustee for Mrs. Wright, threatening an action for damages should the contemplated culvert on W. M. Road cause further overflow of water on their property. Referred to Street Com.

Debtors  
offer for

Letter read from J. C. MacKintosh offering to furnish the money required by the Town on Debtors for Water & Sewer purposes. To be filed.

Chabucto  
A. A. Club

Letter from Secy. West of the Chabucto A. A. Club asking to be paid the \$100 voted by the Council for regatta purposes. On motion of C. B. Jones & Harrison



Stove Service

resolved that the amount be paid to the City Club  
of Russell Ross tender for Stove Service at  
Town Hall Engine House & Lockup was read & it  
being the only one rec'd the Com. Pub. Property  
recommended its acceptance. <sup>Pipes were for</sup> Cleaning Service  
\$9.00 6 in pipe 20¢ per joint Castings 4 1/2" a pair  
7 " " 25 " " , & adopted

L.P. Fairbanks  
Claim.

L.P. Fairbanks who was present was  
given a hearing & stated he would be willing to  
repeal and make any reasonable concession  
he has offer to dispose of certain plans owned by him  
as well as his rights in Town & other streets As  
the clause in the Pub. Property Com's report had  
been adopted & thus disposed of the matter, Councilman Harrison gave  
notice of reconsideration, as to this clause of the report

Electric Light  
Co. Contract.

Draft of contract submitted by the Electric  
Light Com was read, and after some discussion  
the following motion was unanimously agreed to  
moved by Councilman Forsyth & sec. by Councilman Ritchie;

Resolved that the agreement submitted by the Dartmouth  
Gas Electric Light and Heat and Power Company (limited) be approved  
of subject to the decision of the provision giving the company an option  
to extend the agreement for three additional years.

Also that a provision be added for reducing the number of street  
lights to not less than 60, as may be required by the Council or committee

Also that the provision as to painting the poles be amended by adding  
in stipulation that the poles be kept painted during the continuance of  
the agreement.

Also that the option of two weeks in clause eleven be extended to 3 weeks

Also that the poles be the property of the town.

Also that the deduction for lights out be 50 cents for each occasion  
on which a light is out when it should be burning, without notice  
to the Company, being required therefor.

Also that the town have the option of having not more than 15  
per cent of the lights furnish 16 candle power at \$12.50 per light.

And that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract  
with such alterations.

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

Adjourned

Wm. Elliott

Town Clerk R

Approved  
Wm. Elliott  
Mayor  
9/19/97



Warrington, Aug 6. 1897  
Friday.

The Council met this evening. Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Harrison, Ritchie, Bowers, Forsyth, Mosely & Williams also Recorder Russell. On motion resolved that the reading of the minutes of last meeting be dispensed with.

Overflow Sewers

The Com. on Water Sewerage reported that they were desirous of constructing the proposed overflow sewer on Pine St. & asked that cross pipe be ordered & also that a sum of money not to exceed \$300 be placed to their credit to carry out the same. Adopted.

Electric Light Co

The following letter was read from Pres Cogwell of the Electric Light Co. — The company will agree to the proposed amendment in the provision for painting the poles, and to amend clause eleven by extending the option from two weeks to three weeks.

As to the provision for reducing the number of street lights the company based its calculations upon 70 lights, but for the purpose of endeavoring to come to an understanding it will agree that the minimum number of lights shall be fixed by the contract at 65. This meets halfway the Town's proposal in respect to that provision.

The company cannot however agree to furnish 16 candle power lights at \$12.50 per light. To furnish a sixteen candle power light costs more than half of what is required to furnish a thirty-two candle power light. The power is only one element in the cost of the production. The cost of poles, wire, labor and wages of employees has to be taken into consideration. These items are the same for 16 candle power lights as for thirty-two candle power lights. But in order further to meet the views of the Council the Company will furnish all the street lights of thirty-two candle power required over the sixty-five provided above at a cost of \$20.00 per annum which is actually under the cost of production.

The Company regrets that it cannot agree to confine the contract to a period of three years only. Its arrangements for carrying on the service are based upon a contract for a term of not less than five years, and involve considerable expenditure. We are willing to make the period for a contract to run concurrently with our contract for power, viz. five years.

The company cannot agree that the poles shall be the property of the Town, and can see no good reason why such a

clause should be demanded or insisted upon by the Town. The poles are indispensable to the Company as part of its plant and undertaking and without them the remainder of the plant is useless. And without the remainder of the plant the poles would be useless to the Town. To ask that they should become the property of the Town without compensation and without any proposal to purchase the remainder of the plant seems quite unreasonable.

The proposed deduction of fifty cents for each occasion when a light is out seems also unreasonable. The Company under the proposed agreement will receive less than eight cents per night for each light furnished to the Town. It is difficult to understand why six times the cost of furnishing the light for a whole night should be demanded from the Company for each occasion when the light is out even for a few minutes. The proposed amendment makes the Company subject to this penalty whether it has a notice or not. The rates filed for the proposed service do not permit the Company to incur the very great expense of a continuous all night inspection all over the Town, which would be necessary in view of a provision of this character.

The circumstances of the Company are such that it is very important to have the negotiations concluded without unnecessary delay. The Company is anxious to enter into a fair agreement with the Town and for that purpose it is willing to make all possible concessions which are reasonable. At the present time it is supplying light to the Town without any express agreement whatever and has done so for the past two months.

After some discussion it was resolved, on motion of Councilors Harrison & Ritchie, that the letter from the Electric Light Co. be acknowledged & that this Council now ask for tenders for lighting the Town on the basis of the contract passed by this Council at their last meeting, & that the Electric Light Co. be notified by the Town Clerk the disposition made of their letter of Aug. 2/97. It was decided to advertise in the Atlantic Weekly, Chronicle & Herald <sup>receive</sup> ~~to give~~ tenders up to Aug. 31 inst.

On motion of Councilors Harrison & Bowes it was resolved that the thanks of the citizens be tendered through this Council to Genl. Montgomery

Lighting  
tenders for

The General  
and Admiral  
Vote of Thanks  
to

Moved to Vice Admiral James E. Ewbank  
for permitting the Military & Navy Contingent  
to take part in the display of Aug 5th.

Approved by  
[Signature] 9/9/97

Adjourned  
Capt. [Signature]  
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Monday, Aug 9/97

The Council met this evening. Present  
Mayor Johnston, Councilors Harrison, Ritchie,  
Bowes, Forsyth, Moseley & Williams.

Electric Light Co

Read letter from the Dartmouth Electric Light Co.  
dated Aug 9. Asking that the Co. would agree to  
amend the offer contained in their letter of Aug.  
2nd by substituting the period of 3 years for the  
period of 5 years as the time of the duration of  
the contract. After some discussion Councilor  
Harrison moved, seconded by Councilor Bowes, "That  
the offer of the Electric Light Co. as set out in their letter  
of this date be accepted, & that the clause in the draft  
contract regarding fines for cuts be placed at 25  
in place of 50c also that the question of 16 cp.  
lights be waived, & the reduced rates for lights over  
65 in No. be accepted as offered by the company, &  
that the contract make no reference to the ownership  
of poles." Councilors Moseley & Ritchie moved "that  
the offer of the Electric Light Co. be accepted, as set out  
in their letter of this date, & that the contract be so drafted  
as to protect any rights held by the Town in the previous  
contract." The amendment was put and lost, Councilors  
Moseley, Ritchie & Williams voting for & Councilors  
Harrison, Bowes & Forsyth against. The Mayor  
giving casting vote against the amendment, the  
motion was then carried on the same vote revised.

Approved by  
[Signature] 9/9/97

Adjourned  
Capt. [Signature]  
Town Clerk

\* On motion of Councilor Harrison &  
Bowes His Worship the Mayor was authorized  
to sign the contract with the Electric Light Co. in  
accordance with the resolution just passed

## Dartmouth

Thursday, Sep 9, 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm.  
Present: Mayor, Shuston, Councillors Ritchie,  
Joseph, Bowe & Mosley. (Rec absent.)

Minutes of last three meetings were read & confirmed.

Dundas St.  
extension of  
Water Mains

The Com. on Water Sewerage reported as follows:— Your Com. beg to recommend that an extension of the water mains be made on Dundas St. from Ochterlony St. running north 260 feet. The size pipe to be laid will be 1 1/2 inch and will supply 3 houses on that street. The estimated cost is \$200.00. The revenue therefrom will be \$13.50, equal to nearly 7% on the cost.

H. Land Imp. Co.

Your Com. beg to submit a draft of agreement with the Halifax Land Improvement Company for the privilege of running an overflow pipe from the sewer manhole corner of Pine and Ochterlony Streets to the waters of the brook flowing through the property of that company adjoining the Greenvale School lands, and recommend that the same be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign the same on behalf of the Town.

Water Rates

Your Com. would recommend that the usual form of "turn off" notice be inserted in the Atlantic Weekly for two weeks, extending the time for payment of water rates up to Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, after which proceedings will be taken to collect same and water will be turned off the premises of delinquent householders.

Hydrant  
for I. C. R. Sta.

Your Com. would recommend that a Fire Hydrant be purchased from the Londonderry Iron Co. through Messrs. Austin Bros. Agents, to be placed on the street near the I. C. R. Station. Report adopted.

Hawkers  
License

The Com. on Licenses recommended that the Ordinance respecting Hawkers, Petty Shopmen & Pedlars be amended by inserting the following words in the 8<sup>th</sup> clause, after the word "Hawker" in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line "or person carrying on any petty trade or doing business in the Town and not assessed." After some discussion the matter was referred back to the License Com. for further consideration.

H. Health  
Board re  
Vaccination

A letter was read from the City Health Board enclosing a copy of regulations adopted by that Board.



providing for the compulsory vaccination of infants, and desiring the cooperation of the Health Board of Danbury in the measure Action deferred.

Hosp for Insane acct.

Letter read from the Secy of the Charities Dept. requesting payment of the amt. due by the Town to the Hosp for Insane. It was resolved on motion of Cms Forsyth & Bowco, that the sum due up to Jan 1/97 be paid.

L. Deyoung Cabman

Letter read from Chief of Police reporting that on Sat Aug 28 Lewis Deyoung a cabman was on the Cabstand apparently under the influence of liquor. The same thing happened previously on different occasions. Referred to the License Com. to report on

Crichton St. repair of

Letters were read from Mrs. S. Crichton, A. Lloyd H. Taylor & G. W. Keeler complaining of the bad condition of Crichton St. requesting that the road be repaired as soon as possible. Referred to Street Com.

Oland License bond

The following memo from Recorder Russell to the Mayor was read: "I have received the bond in the case of J. B. Oland & Co. and have sent formal notice demanding payment of the amount. Mr. Oland desired to have an opportunity to make a statement to the Council on the matter and I told him I would not issue a writ until such opportunity was afforded. Perhaps you had better have him notified that the Council will be willing to hear him on Thursday evening. I will proceed then as instructed. I felt free to delay the issue of the writ pending his application, as it was during vacation and no time could be lost." The Mayor stated that he had caused Mr. Oland to be notified of this meeting, & that the Council would grant him a hearing. Mr. Oland was not present, the matter was deferred.

Coll of Taxes

On motion of Councillors Forsyth & Ritchie, Resolved that notice be printed in the Atlantic Weekly, subject to the approval of the Recorder that all taxes not paid by Oct. 1/97 be collected by Warrant."

Public Weighers appointed

Percy Brunsford & J. S. Elliot were appointed Public Weighers

Sale of Bread

Draft of a bylaw relative to the Sale of Bread handed in by the Recorder was read, objection was taken to some of the provisions, so it was referred to License Com.

BH Eaton re  
lot Pleasant St.

The order of the day was suspended & Mr B. Eaton who was present was given a hearing, he offered to convey part of his lot fronting on Canal & Pleasant, Its No 1. viz. 35 ft on Canal St & 19 1/2 ft on rear at rate of \$200. for the whole lot which is 35 x 75 ft. & remittance of Sewerage on Pleasant St within one week from this date the council to be credited him on Sewerage ac. Referred to Street Com. & Ch. of Water Com. to report on.

L.P. Fairbanks  
claim

L.P. Fairbanks was present & given a hearing in reference to a bill from him for \$120 for information furnished Mr Scafe a member of the citizens com. re. Electric Lighting. He read a letter he had received from Mr Scafe asking for the information. ~~The bill was read and the~~ The Council voted that the bill lie on the table.

Expenditure  
re. Poor.

A number of accounts were passed for payment. The Poor Com were instructed to take into consideration the poor fund expenditure re the granting of fuel & supplies to Poor families, and to warn that orders granted had not been judiciously expended by the recipients of relief.

*Approved  
Wm. May 20/1897*

Adjourned  
Capt. Eccles  
Town Clerk

### Dartmouth,

Monday, Sep. 20. 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors Ritchie, Bowe, Hesseley & Williams.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Hawkers  
License  
amended

The License Com. reported that they had reconsidered their report submitted at last meeting respecting the ordinance relative to Hawkery, Petty Chapman and Pedlars, and having had a conference with the Recorder recommended that the 8th clause be amended by inserting after the word "Hawker" in the 3rd line the words following: "Or person carrying on any petty trade or doing business in the Town unless such person has been assessed or

The result of the day was unfavorable to the Board.

He offered to convey part of his lot fronting on Canal St.

19 1/2 ft or near a rate of \$200 for the whole lot with

as 35 x 75 ft. terms of \$1000 per acre.

It was proposed to give a hearing on the 19th

to be called from the date of the hearing on the 19th

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reference to a bill from him for \$125 for information

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Parliament, Monday, Sep 20 1894

The Council met this day at 4.30 pm

present, Mayor, Mayor, Mayor, Mayor

Members of last meeting were at the meeting

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paying taxes in the Town for the year next preceding or has been a resident in the Town for the six months next preceding the carrying on of such business. The report was adopted and the Clerk was directed to send a copy of the amendment to the Governor in Council for approval.

B. H. Eaton's  
lot

The Street Com. reported recommending that Mr. Eaton's offer of a strip of land to widen Pleasant St. at corner of Canal St. be accepted, save that no allowance for sewerage rates be made on Pleasant St. The report was opposed by Councils William & Moseley, and a motion that the report be adopted was rejected on the following vote "for" Cus. Ritchie and Forsyth "against" Cus. Moseley, Bowes & Williams.

School Board

Application read from the Ch. of School Board for payment of \$2000 on acct of estimate for the current year. It was agreed to comply with the request as soon as the Town was in funds.

L. P. Fairbanks  
Claim

Letter read from J. B. Scott, Solicitor for L. P. Fairbanks threatening to issue a writ against the Town if Mr. Fairbanks bill was not settled by 21st inst. & making a claim for damages for trespass to land adjoining Wilson's Lane. Referred to Recorder to deal with.

Med. Officer  
report

The following letter was read from Dr. Nelson Town Medical Officer: - I have received a notification from the City Medical Officer of Halifax in reference to vaccination. If such rules were to take effect, the children attending the High School in Halifax may be asked for a certificate of vaccination. I therefore think that the general public should be informed of such regulation. I have also to bring to your notice two or three cases of Typhoid Fever on Oct. St. I asked Mr. Bishop about a week ago to flush out the Oct. St. sewer and also the Water St. one. I presume he had it done.

Vaccination

The condition of property known as the Barracks is deplorable and can only be considered as deadly nuisance. I regret that my suggestions in reference to it were not carried out. As Typhoid fever may become very prevalent this time of year, suggestions from the Board in regard to emptying catchpits frequently may benefit the community. Resolved, resolved that Dr. Nelson be requested to state what the suggestions were he referred to in his report respecting the property known as the "Barracks".

The Barracks

A number of acts were passed & the Council

Adjourned, Cus. Elliot  
Clerk



Dartmouth

(Thursday) Oct 7, 1897

The Council met this evening 7 30 o'clock  
Present, Mayor Johnston, Councilors  
Ritchie Forsyth, Bowes, Mosley, Williams  
also Recorder Russell

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Overflow Sewer  
Pine St.

The Water Com. reported that they were of the  
opinion that there is no necessity to lay the overflow  
sewer on Pine St. and they would advise that the  
proposed agreement with the Land Improvement  
Co. lay over for the present. Adopted

L. Weyoung  
Cabman

The Com. on Police & Licenses reported that they  
had investigated the charge against L. Weyoung cab  
man, & found on his own admission that the charge  
was correct. He promised that the same thing would  
not happen again, he was reprimanded & given a  
chance.

Sale of Bread

The Com. were not able to report finally on  
the proposed Bylaw governing the Sale of Bread.  
The Com. had given the matter considerable atten-  
tion reported progress. Adopted

Est. Miss Allen  
Taxes

The Finance Com. reported in reference to the  
claim of H. E. Foster as Executor of the late Miss  
M. Foster for the exemption allowed by law on the  
property of unmarried women, that they are advised  
by His Hon. the Recorder that the exemption claimed  
should be allowed. The Com. therefore recommended  
that this opinion be accepted and the Town  
Treasurer authorized to refund the amount of  
the exemptions paid on above property. Adopted

Lunatics

The Com. on Poor reported that they had visited  
the insane Asylum to day with a view to economize  
by reducing the number of patients who are now  
there at the expense of the Town. After discussing  
this subject with the Supt. Dr. Sinclair the Com.  
visited several of the Wards & as far as the Com. could  
learn the patients received the attentive care of  
the Supt. & his assistants. The Com. reported progress  
in the matter. The report was adopted.

Tree planting  
on Streets.

Letter read from the Dist. Board of Trade, submitted  
by a resolution adopted by that body on 5th inst. as  
follows:~ That this Council is of the opinion that the planting of

shade trees along the streets would do much to beautify and make the Town attractive, and would recommend that steps be taken by the Council of the Town to obtain the necessary legislation to enable them to appropriate a sum of money for such purpose.

Referred to Street Com. to report on.

Mrs. M. G. Wright  
prop. W. M. Road

Letter read from H. P. Burton, trustee for Mrs. M. G. Wright, making the following offer in reference to the drain on W. M. Road:— If the Town will repair and put in good condition the drain down to the harbor making it large enough to carry off the water, & keep it in repair, & also allow the house & outhouses to enter it at nearest point, as well as leave an opening with a grate to carry off the surface water, we will allow the Town to drain the street that way, on the payment of one dollar rent per annum, as long as said drain does not become a nuisance or interfere, the work to be complete this fall, this offer without prejudice, and open for acceptance until Nov. 1/97. Referred to Street Com. to report on.

A. Lloy  
Water Rates

Letter read from Alex. Lloy, claiming a refund of Water Rates alleged to have been over charged on his property Pine St. Referred to Water Com.

John St.  
repairs to

Letter read from John Moir, stating that he had built several houses on John St and requesting that that street and a part of Pelzant St adjoining be graded up and improved. Referred to Street Com. to report on.

Brighton Ave.

A letter from Miss Anne Brighton complaining of the bad condition of a part of Brighton Ave. was referred to same com.

J. Hiles  
app'd. Weigher  
and Measurer

On motion of Councilors Forsyth & Doves Resolved, That Thos Hiles be appointed a public weigher & measurer.

Sewer Rates

The question of charging Sewer Rates on properties situate within 60 ft. beyond the termination of main sewers was discussed & referred to Water Com. to report on at next meeting.

Sup't of Streets  
duties

The Street Com. were authorized to prepare a bylaw to define the duties of the Sup't of Sts & report on same to council.

Assessors  
appointed.

Councilors Forsyth & Doves moved that Messrs Thos. Northing, Fredk. Scarfe & Alf Gates be appointed assessors for the coming year.

Council. Williams & Moseley moved an amendment that the matter be deferred until next meeting the amendment was put to vote & lost. Council Williams & Moseley voting "for" Councils Ritchie Bowes & Forsyth voting "against". The motion then passed on the same vote reversed. Council Williams gave notice of reconsideration.

Spider Lake

Council. Williams moved that a com. be appointed to <sup>make</sup> enquiry as to the Towns application for a grant of certain Crown Lands near Spider Lake made some years ago & to find out what claim if any, the Town has to the Waters of Spider Lake. Councils Moseley, Bowes & Ritchie were appointed as the Com.

A number of accounts were passed & the Council then adjourned & met afterwards as the

Board of Health

Board of Health

see proceedings in separate Minute Book

Cup Secy.

Town Clerk

Approved  
*[Signature]*  
Mayor

Dartmouth

Friday Oct. 15/97

15/10/97

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm Present, Mayor Johnston, Councilors Ritchie Forsyth, Bowes, Moseley & Williams, also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Assessors

Council Williams was allowed to withdraw the notice of reconsideration re. appointment of assessors given by him at last meeting.

Street expenditure

The Committee on Streets reported as follows - Statement  
Bal. to credit per Clerks statement Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 212.14  
Amt. due by Water Com. 25  
" " " Beazley Bros. since Oct. 7 45.25  
" " " Less stone and labor 25.78 19.47  
" contra account G. M. Richards 6.40  
" damages Jos. Findlay 30  
Should not be charged to streets  
Portion of Jas. Simmonds & Co's bill 6.75  
L. P. Fairbanks 2.25  
Granite crossing King St. not estimated for 51.68  
Bal. to credit \$353.55



- Mr. M. G. Knight  
propy
- 2 - Your Committee have in company with the Recorder visited the Fairfield property, Windmill Road. The Recorder will give his opinion in writing.
- Dupt. of Streets  
duties of
- 3 - Your Committee would recommend that the Supt. of Streets view the streets of the Town, and report their condition to the Committee at least once a month, and that he shall be under the control and subject to the Street Committee, and shall not have power to spend money without the consent of the members of the Committee representing the ward in which the work is done, except something dangerous comes to his notice, which would require a small outlay. The 1st and 3rd clauses of the report were adopted, the 2nd clause was deferred.
- A. Lloy's  
Water Rates
- The Water Com. reported in reference to Alex. Lloy's claim for a refund of Water Rates <sup>over</sup> paid by him on his property Pine St. that the claim was just & recommended that the amount paid for the past two years be refunded. This was adopted.
- Sewer Rates
- The Com. reported in regard to Sewer Frontage Rates charged on properties situate within 60 ft. of the termination of Sewers disputed by several property owners, that they could not recommend any change in the law respecting this class of property, but that in future in cases of property so situate that the branch sewers from houses have to be run in an oblique direction to connect with the mains, instead of a direct line that the town pay the difference in the cost. After considerable discussion this clause was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- Auditors Report
- The Auditors reported that they had examined the books of the Town Clerk & Treasurer up to Sep. 30/97 & found everything in order & correct.
- H. Land Imp. Co.
- Letter read from the Halifax Land Imp. Co. stating that the Company were prepared to enter into the agreement proposed by the Town to allow an overflow sewer to drain onto their property in consideration of \$100. & requested that the amount be paid over to the Co. After some consideration the letter was referred to the Recorder for his opinion as to whether the Town was bound by the agreement, which had not been signed.
- H. C. Milson's  
Barracks
- Letter read from Dr. Milson, M.D. proposing <sup>in order</sup> to remedy the sanitary condition of the Barracks that a sewer



connection be made, with a water supply to clean out when required which sewer could be placed in the road going into the several houses, and to be used by the householders in common, this would prevent the throwing of stops & on the surface. Referred to the Water Com. to report upon

Spider Lake

The Com. appointed to enquire into the ownership of "Spider Lake" reported that the Lake is principally owned by the heirs of the late Joseph Smith, and a portion is still ungranted. Mr. Austin of the Crown Lands Dept. said that the Town could obtain the money paid towards the purchase of said lake, at once upon application. Adopted

Electric Lighting  
Pub. Buildings

The matter of Electric Lighting of the Public Buildings under the new agreement with the Electric Co. was referred to the Com. on Public Property to report upon

J. M. Weeks  
Sewer Rates

Letter read from J. M. Weeks objecting to paying the sewer frontage rates on property situate beyond the termination of a sewer. Read

\* A number of accounts were passed & the Council adjourned,

Approved by  
Mayor

Capt Scott  
Town Clerk

11/11/97  
Assessors  
Salary

\* On motion of Corners Forsyth & Bowes. Resolved that the Salary of the Assessors be fixed at three hundred dollars collectively, for the ensuing year, to cover all work entrusted to them under the law.

Kaitiaki  
Tuesday  
Oct. 19/97

A Special meeting of the Council was held this evening <sup>at 5.30 p.m.</sup> Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Moseley, Ritchie, Williams, Forsyth, Bowes, also Reverend Russell

Windsor  
Relief

Copy of resolution adopted at a meeting of a Finance held at the Town Hall on Oct. 18 inst. Read

Windsor Relief  
\$1000 Voted

recommending that the Town Council make a grant of \$500 ~~year~~ to the Windsor Relief Fund  
On motion of Council Forsyth & Ritchie  
Resolved That His Worship the Mayor be authorized & instructed to remit the sum of one thousand dollars from the revenue of the Town to the Relief Com. of the Town of Windsor, and that the same be assessed for in the next years assessment.

*Approved by  
[Signature]  
Mayor*

Adjourned  
Clerk [Signature]  
Town Clerk

11/11/97

Dartmouth,  
Wed. Oct. 20/97

A Special meeting was held this day, Present Mayor Johnston, Councillors Hoxley, Forsyth, <sup>Bowes</sup> Ritchie & Williams, also Recorder Russell.

Hq. Industrial  
School and  
St. Patrick's Home

Council Forsyth moved, seconded by Council Ritchie, Resolved, "That the Treasurer of the Town be authorized and empowered to pay to the Halifax Industrial School and St. Patrick's Home, Halifax on the proper officers thereof respectively at the rate of sixty dollars per annum for every boy sentenced to either of said institutions by the Stipendiary Magistrate of the Town for such time as such boy shall remain in either of said institutions" Adopted Councilors Forsyth, Ritchie & Bowes voting "for" & Councilors Williams & Hoxley "against."

*Approved by  
[Signature]  
Mayor*

Adjourned  
Clerk [Signature]  
Town Clerk

11/11/98

Dartmouth  
Monday, Nov. 1 1897.

The Council met this day at 7:30 p.m. Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors Ritchie, Forsyth, Bowes, Hoxley & Williams, also Recorder Russell. Minutes of the last three meetings were read & confirmed.

The Com. on Water & Sewerage reported as follows:

Sewer Rates

1. - They have further considered the second clause in their report of Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> referred to them and would recommend that the following be adopted in place of the said clause in the report referred to: - In reference to the question of the liability of property owners to pay \$1.25 per foot frontage for 60 feet beyond the termination of sewers, which the Water Act (Act 1894, cap. 38, sec. 15) provides, your Com. would recommend that except as hereinafter stated, no change be made in the Act in this respect, but that when owners whose properties are so situated that they are unable to connect their houses with the main sewer at a lead angle than 70° owing to the main sewer not being in front of their property, then the Town to construct the increased length of the sewer, and that legislation be applied for to make this principle applicable to past cases.

The Barracks  
Sewerage of

2. - In reference to Dr. Milson's suggestion that the Town put in a sewer on North Street for the use of the tenants occupying the dwellings known as the Barracks, your Com. have considered the matter, and owing to the cost estimated at \$350., your Com. would not recommend that the work be done, particularly as the extension of the main sewer on this street would be of no benefit to other owners.

Judge & Mara  
Water Rates

3. - An agreement was entered into with Messrs. Judge and Mara watermen, of Halifax, under date of July 28, 1894, to supply them with water at the rate of 15¢ per 1000 gals. with a minimum rate of \$40.00 per annum, since which time they have been taking water under said agreement until last spring, when the meter gave out. Your Com. endeavored to have it repaired but found that it could not be done here at all, and would have to be sent to the makers, Messrs. Siemens in England, at considerable expense and delay. Since the break down of the meter, Judge and Mara have been using the water. Your Com. have offered it to them for the present year at \$100. for what water they required, subject to the approval of the Council, and Judge and Mara offered first \$80. then \$90. and finally they, on Saturday last, agreed to pay the \$100. Your Com. would recommend that the Council confirm the agreement.

Wilson St.  
Sewer

4. - In reference to the sewer on Wilson St. draining the houses of Messrs. R. Miller and others, your Com. would recommend that said sewer, as far as it extends to Luavell St. be not considered as part of the sewer system until it is used as a public sewer.

The report was adopted

Treeplanting  
Streets

The Street Com. reported recommending that His Honor the Recorder prepare legislation to enable the Town to assess a sum not more than \$200.00 per annum for the purpose of purchasing, planting



and protecting trees on the streets, provided the owner in front of whose property the trees are so planted, pay into the Town one-half the cost of the said trees, and the protecting of the same, no trees to be so planted except the owner of the property so benefitted make application for the same trees to be the property of the Town.

Electric Lighting  
Town Buildings

In reference to lighting the Town buildings, the Com. find the Electric Light Co. will not give flat rates, as per their schedule of rates, but offer to light the Town Hall and Engine House by meters, U. P. b. Hall, one light \$10.<sup>00</sup> Lockup, four lights \$24.<sup>50</sup>. In view of the fact that these buildings could be lighted at a much less cost by oil, the Com. recommended the purchase of lamps and oil in place of the Electric Light. Report adopted.

See Land Imple  
over flow sewer

The following opinion from His Hon. the Recorder was read:- From the Statement of facts given me by the Town Clerk and Ch of Water Com. (Cr. Ritchie) I have to give it as my opinion that the negotiations in regard to the right to send over flow upon the property of the H. Land Improvement Co. have not yet resulted in an agreement legally binding upon the Town. After some discussion it was then resolved upon motion of Councilors Forsyth & Bowes, That the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Fraser of the Land Imple Co. that the Town does not wish to carry out the proposed sewer extension at present.

Electric Light Co

The following letter from Pres. Cogswell of the Dartmouth E. L. Co. Dated Oct. 28/97 was read:- In accordance with clause 11 of the agreement now in force between the Town of Dartmouth & the Dartmouth G. E. L. H. & P. Co. (Ltd.) made June 1897 I beg to submit the following:- The Dartmouth G. E. L. H. & P. Co. (Ltd.) are in receipt of an offer from parties who through their representatives agree to pay to said Company \$30,000 for all the plant franchise fixtures for light and power of the said Company, and further agree that all new meters & wires and other new material which may be added to the said plant & fixtures by said Company from and after date of said offer shall be paid for at the cost price of the same in addition to the said sum of \$30,000. In accordance with said agreement we hereby tender to you the plant franchise fixtures of the Dartmouth E. L. Co. (Ltd.) on the same terms of agreement of sale as quoted above.



Although clause 11 of the agreement quoted above provides that the Town shall have three weeks in which to decide, still it will be deemed a great favor if a decision can be arrived at short of that period. The question was discussed at some length after which upon motion of Councils Forsyth and Ritchie it was <sup>unanimously</sup> Resolved, That the Town do not accept the offer of the Dart G. E. L. H. & P. Co (Ltd.) of their plant franchise, fixtures on the terms stated in the letter from the Pres. of said company dated Oct. 28/97.

Electric Lighting by Town

The Mayor suggested that the Town would be in a better position to establish an Electric Lighting plant or to buy out the company in three years time if legislation was obtained empowering it to do so on motion it was resolved that the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act to submit to the Legislature at its next session to enable the Town to borrow money to establish an Electric Lighting plant. Councilors Moseley & Williams dissented.

Several accounts were passed for payment & the Council then adjourned.

Capt. Elliot  
Town Clerk

*Approved*  
*[Signature]*  
Mayor

9/12/97

Dartmouth  
(Thursday) Dec 9. 1897

The Council met this day at 7:30 pm Present, Mayor Johnston Councilors Harrison Ritchie Williams & Forsyth.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Water Bonds for extensions

The Water Com recommended that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to issue debentures to the amount of \$700 and that the proceeds be used to meet the expenditure incurred for Water & Sewer Extensions made this year. Referred.

Electric Lighting Town Buildings

The Street Com reported that upon further consultation with the Dart Electric Light Co they would recommend that their previous report on the Electric Light service for the Town building do not go into effect, but that the following be substituted:

That meters be placed in the Town Hall, Engine House & Lock Up, and that switches to control the lights be also placed in the above named buildings. The light in the W.P. Co's building remain unchanged. The ~~same~~ Committee saw no reason for adding a meter there at present.

Streets  
condition of

The Com. found it necessary to call the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory condition the Streets are left in by the Water Com. when making house connections, as the Supt. of Streets is repeatedly called upon to make good portions of the Street & Sidewalks that are improperly filled by the contractor employed by this Committee. The report was adopted.

Auditors report

The Auditors reported that they had audited the Town Treasurer's accounts up to Oct. 31 & found same in order & correct.

Annual Reports  
of Committees

The Mayor requested that the Chairmen of all Standing Committees be prepared to hand in their Annual reports to the Council on the 1st. week in January next.

Horses. Pair of

The matter of a pair of horses to be owned by the Town was referred to the Street Com. to report upon.

Musquodobit  
R.R.

The Mayor reported that Committees ~~were~~ had been appointed by the Halifax & Dartmouth Boards of Trade re the proposed Musquodobit R.R. & suggested that the Council appoint a Com. to act in conjunction with the Committee appd by the Boards of Trade. Councillors Joseph Williams & Bowes were appointed as the Com.

\$25. charged  
Water Com. for  
Stone.

A number of bills were passed for payment. Councillor Ritchie took exception to a bill ~~from~~ charged the Water Com. \$25 for stone supplied for a drain on Mainland St. last year. A discussion took place, the Mayor then ruled that the objection was not in order, as the matter had been settled by the Council at the meeting of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> last.

School Board

Letter read from Ch. of School Board requesting payment of the balance due the School Board on the Estimate for 1897 viz. \$2768. Ordered to be paid when the Town was in funds.

- Engine Co. Letter read from Dart Engine Co. asking for their share of the am. of \$50. said to have been voted by the Council to the several fire companies some 7 or 7 years ago. Referred to Fire Committee to report upon.
- N. L. Barss  
re  
Water turned off  
Mains. Letter from N. L. Barss read complaining that the water was frequently turned off the mains with out notice to house holders, to their great inconvenience and annoyance. Referred to Water Com.
- N. Evans  
re  
Marine Slip. Letter read from N. Evans stating that it was proposed to construct a Marine Slip in Dartmouth capable of hauling out vessels up to 3000 tons to cost from \$75 to \$80,000 and requesting that the enterprise be granted an exemption from taxation for 25 years. Referred to a special com. consisting of Councillors Harrison, Forsyth & Williams to report on.
- N. Linterman  
re  
Dog Tax. Letter read from N. Linterman asking that the Dog Tax paid by him for 1896 be applied to this year's tax, as his dog died last year shortly after the tax was paid. Decided that his request could not be agreed to.
- Dr. Milson  
J. M. O.  
report. Report read from Dr. Milson Medical Officer read, stated that the health of the Town for the past year had been exceptionally good. During the past summer the need of pure water had been felt by residents of certain localities such as Stairs Lane & Cole Har Road who had to use unwholesome water from wells. He trusted the Board would see some way of improving this state of things. Referred to Water Com. to report upon.
- Dr. Milson  
apptd. J. M. O. Application from Dr. Milson for the position of Medical Officer <sup>for ensuing year</sup> read, on motion he was re-appointed at same salary as here to four viz: \$25.
- J. L. Wilson  
re  
Sewer. Letter read from J. L. Wilson, complaining that the sewer from his house to the main on Portland St. had not been supervised or inspected before being covered up, as the Water Act provides. Referred to Water Com.
- House Service  
Trenches  
Inspection. On motion of Councillors Harrison & Forsyth, it was Resolved, that in future no contractor of the Town having come to open up the Streets of the Town for Water & Sewerage connections or otherwise, be paid his account until the Supt

and Chairman of Streets are satisfied that such openings or trenches have been properly filled & that no sewerage connection be covered deep until examined & passed by the Supt, as the Law directs.

A. J. Jenkins  
Poll Tax.

Letter read from A. J. Jenkins stating that altho away from the Town in 1896, he had paid his poll tax, for that year, & did not think it fair to have to pay the tax for this year. Referred to Finance Com.

Chebucto Club  
re: Regatta

The Chebucto Club submitted a financial statement in connection with the Regatta held by that Club last summer, & to which the Town's grant of \$100. was made. Ordered to be read & filed. On motion then adjourned until Wednesday next at 7.30 p.m.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met on Wednesday 15th Dec. at 7.30 p.m. Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors, Harrison Ritchie, Bowes, Williams & Moseley also Recorder Russell.

Halifax Gun Club

Letter read from the Halifax Gun Club, praying that the Council exempt them from the payment of the license fee as provided in the Town Bylaws. They had secured grounds in the town <sup>would</sup> erect buildings, & would expend considerable money every year in carting, fuel, etc. It was resolved on motion of Councillors Williams & Ritchie that the bylaw No. 49 of the Discharging of Firearms & page 15 of the bylaws & ordinances of the Town of Dartmouth be repealed.

D. Fraser's

claim

Letter read from Wallace & McRay Solicitors D. Fraser, demanding a settlement of his account against the Town, within one week, otherwise proceedings would be taken to recover the amount. Referred to Finance Com. to report on.

Victoria Square

Letter read from Geo. Stairs offering on behalf of himself & the property owners in the locality a plot of land bounded by Dawson, Bligh, Pelgand & Walker Streets upon condition that the same is kept as a public square, & also that the sum of \$150. is expended annually for four years in improving the property. Upon motion of Councillors Bowes & Ritchie, resolved that



the thanks of the Town Council be tendered to Mr. Harris & his associates for the generous gift to the Town of the plot of ground mentioned in his letter of Dec. 15th for the purpose of a public square.

The Auditors reported that they had audited the books & accounts of the Town Treasurer up to Nov. 30th & found everything in order and correct.

The Special Com. to whom was referred the communication from W. Evans son re tax exemption reported as follows:— Your Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of Messrs W. Evans Son re tax exemption beg to report as follows:— Owing to the fact that a Marine Railway is already in operation in the Town, your committee are of the opinion that it would not be wise for this Council to exempt a competitor under the terms and conditions as applied for by Messrs Evans Son (viz. tax exempt for a period of 25 years). Your Com. feel however that concessions should be made by the Town to any enterprise destined to bring about an increase of business and employment, and therefore recommend the Council offering the petitioners a rate of taxation that will place them on a par with the present Graving Dock Company as far as taxation is concerned fixing the rate to be levied at  $\frac{25}{100}$ ths of the cost, which is the rate now paid by the present company.

Messrs Evans Son informed your committee that an expenditure of \$50,000 will be necessary to construct the proposed railway and plant in connection therewith, assuming that the works are constructed at the above cost your Com. recommend that the assessed valuation be placed at \$22,000 and that his honor the Recorder be asked to prepare a draft Act for the next session of the Local Legislature legalizing this action of the Council. After some discussion this report was adopted.

The Committee on Water and Sewerage reported as follows:— 1. Re letter of Dr. Thos. Wilson concerning water extensions your committee find from inquiry that the residents situated at or near Lake Maynard are opposed to using the town water service, consequently your committee cannot recommend any extension in that direction at present, and that while the Doctor's contention in regard to Stairs Lane may be quite correct, yet the Com. do not consider it their duty to force the citizens to connect with the water system, but should a petition with this end in view be laid before the Council the Com. think it should receive their favorable consideration.

2. Re letter of W. L. Bares esq. your Com. recommend that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Bares stating that they have under consideration a plan that will avoid a re-occurrence in future of complaints of this nature

Auditors  
report

W. Evans  
re.

Marine Slip

Dr. Wilson  
re.  
Water extensions

W. L. Bares  
re.  
Cunning Water  
off mains

- J. L. Wilson's  
complaint re  
Sewer
3. Your committee have considered the letter received from Mr. L. Wilson and find upon consultation with Supt. Bishop that he saw and examined the grade of the sewer trench from Mr. Wilson's house, and saw the connection made with the main sewer, but did not inspect the entire work before being covered in, from the best of his judgment he believes the sewer properly laid, but if Mr. Wilson insists on the personal inspection of the entire work, he will have to open it up at his own expense and then notify Supt. Bishop when it is ready for inspection. Your Com. would recommend that Mr. Wilson's letter be answered to the above effect.
- W. S. Construction  
com a/c
4. Your committee submit a detailed statement of the Water and Sewerage Construction Account for the present year, showing a net expenditure up to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1897 of \$509.93. Unpaid Accounts \$187.75. Unfinished work and bills not filed, estimated at \$100.00. Total. \$797.68.
- Water Bond  
\$800. authorized
- This report was adopted and on motion of Councilors Moseley and Bowers it was resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorized and instructed to issue Town Debentures to the amount of \$800.00 under the authority of cap. 50 of the Acts of 1897, for the purpose of paying for water and sewerage extensions made this year as per statement submitted by the Water Committee to this meeting. The said Debentures to be dated Jan. 1. 1898, to be redeemable in twenty years, and bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, and to be sold for the best rate obtainable therefor.
- Draft Act.
- Draft of an Act to be presented to the Legislature was submitted by Recorder Russell:-
- Kindred Relief
- The 1<sup>st</sup> clause authorized the assessment of One Thousand Dollars voted by the Council to the Kindred Fire Relief Fund.
- House connections
- 2<sup>nd</sup> clause provided that the Council may include a sum, not exceeding \$350.00, in the town estimates each year, to meet the cost of house connections.
- J. Farquharson  
Land
- 3<sup>rd</sup> clause authorized the Council to include in the estimate for the water service, the sum of \$300. to pay Jas. Farquharson for land at Layport Lake.
- Tree planting
- 4<sup>th</sup> clause authorized the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$200.00 each year, for the purpose of planting shade trees on the streets of the Town.
- Electric Light  
Plant
- 5<sup>th</sup> clause authorized the issue of Debentures for a sum not exceeding \$50,000. for the establishment of an Electric Light service, to be owned by the Town, subject to the approval of the rate payers.
- Evans  
Marine Slip
- 6<sup>th</sup> clause provided that should W. Evans, Son, or any company, construct a Marine Railway on the property now occupied by Messrs. Evans, the same shall be assessed at 1/20<sup>th</sup> of its cash value.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> clause was objected to by Councilors Ritchie, Moseley & Williams

and on a vote being taken was struck out, the other clauses were agreed to.

Poll Tax

Councilor Williams suggested that the law be amended so that persons who are assessed for real or personal property be not liable to the poll tax, on motion the matter was referred to the Finance Com to report on.

Council Room charge for use of

On motion of Councilor Williams, the matter of making some charge, <sup>to meet cost of lighting the</sup> to Societies & others who use the Council room for meetings was referred to Public Property Com to report on.

A number of accounts were passed for payment.

The Council adjourned  
Clerk Elliot  
Town Clerk

29/12/97  
Approved  
Mayor

### Dartmouth (Wednesday) Dec 29 1897

The Council met this day at 7.30 pm Present, Mayor Johnston, Councilors, Harrison Bowes, Moseley, Ritchie Forsyth & Williams also Recorder Russell.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Pair of Horses - Report on

The Public Property Com <sup>who were asked to report on</sup> ~~was referred to~~ the advisability of purchasing a pair of horses reported as follows:

A pair of horses could earn:		Cost to maintain team	
Hauling engine to fires	30.00	Feed feeding & shelling 500 per wk.	260.00
Watering streets 10 wks @ \$20.	200.00	Man at \$7.00 per week	365.00
Work on streets 16 wks @ \$20.	320.00	Annual depreciation	50.00
Hauling 1000 tons street & a ton savings of 15¢ per ton.	150.00	5% Interest on cost \$355.00	17.70
Hauling ashes from Ferry Com property	75.00	Sundries	17.00
	775.00	Profit	71.00
Estimated cost of team			\$ 775.00

One pair of horses 200.00  
 4 wheeled tip cart 90.00  
 Sleigh 25.00  
 Harness 40.00  
 \$ 355.00

The Com. considered in view of these figures which they believe have shown a liberal allowance for expenses and a modest allowance for earnings that it would be in the interests of the Town to own their own team.

On motion resolved that the report be recommended to the governing Council to carry out.



- Annual Report of Committees The Annual reports of the several standing committees were read and referred to His Worship the Mayor, who would include the substance of these reports in his annual report. 500 copies of which it was decided to have printed in same form as heretofore.
- Assessors returns Letter read from the Assessors requesting that the time for filing their returns be extended a week or ten days. It was agreed that the date be extended to the 10th Jan. next.
- Engine Co. re. Vote to Fire Companies The Fire Com. reported that they had searched the minutes of the Town Council from Nov. 1891 up to June 30 1892 & could find no record of a vote of money to the Fire Companies as stated in the Engine Co's letter referred to them to report on & have concluded that the petitioners must have been misinformed. The report was adopted.
- Water bond \$900 Sale of The Mayor reported that he had sold the \$800 bond authorized at last meeting to Mr. J. B. Mackintosh banker at 2 o'clock p.m.
- J. L. Wilson's Complaint re. Sewer. A letter was read from John L. Wilson dated Dec. 28/97 in reply to the resolution adopted last meeting relative to his sewer. He claimed that he was entitled to an inspection of his sewer by the Town or an assurance that in the event of any stoppage or other fault occurring within a reasonable time, which can be traced to imperfection in the original construction, the Town should indemnify him for any loss so incurred. The matter was referred to Recorder Russell who reported thereon as follows: I am not able to find any provision under which a ratepayer can demand a certificate as to the condition of his sewer. The provisions as to inspection are for the benefit of the public & not of the individual ratepayer except as one of the public. It is the duty of the ratepayer, when he is making the connection himself to notify the Town officer to enable him to make the requisite inspection and not to cover up the pipe until it has been inspected. This report was accepted & the clerk was directed to reply to Mr. Wilson's letter in accordance therewith.



Siemens Meter

The matter of repairing the Siemens meter on hand or obtaining a new one, was referred to the Water Com to report on.

A number of accounts were passed.

Draft Act re Water & Sewerage

Drafts of amendments to the Water Act were submitted by Recorder Russell in accordance with instructions given by the Council; as follows:-

Sewer rates

A clause providing that, <sup>in the case of owners</sup> whose properties are so situated that they are not able to connect their houses with the main sewer at a less angle than 70° owing to the main sewer not being in front of their property, then the Town construct the increased length of sewer, the principle to be applicable to past cases.

Sinking Fund

A clause providing that the sum of \$250 be assessed for each year as a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Water Bonds.

Fund for extra ordinary expenditure

A clause providing that a sum be included in the estimates each year to establish a fund for any extra ordinary expense that may arise in connection with the Water Works.

After a lengthy discussion on motion of Councillor Williams & Moseley, it was resolved that a Special Com be appointed to consider the proposed changes in the Water Act & other amendments & report to the Council. Councillors Moseley, Forsyth & Ritchie were appointed as the Com.

Adjourned

C. F. Elliot  
Town Clerk

Approved  
A. J. Jenkins  
Mayor

1/1/98

### Dartmouth

Friday, Jan. 7th. 1898

The Council met this evening. Present, Mayor Johnston, Councillors Harrison, Bowes, Moseley, Ritchie, Forsyth & Williams also Recorder Russell. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

In answer to the letter of Mr. A. J. Jenkins, we find he was out of the country in 1896 and therefore should be exempt from poll tax during that year. We recommend that the money paid for 1896 be credited to him for the year 1897.

A. J. Jenkins  
Poll Tax