

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

THE FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TENTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1899.

The Councillors having been summoned by special notice, attended at the County Court House, pursuant to adjournment last Session on this day at noon. The Warden (B. C. Wilson, Esq.) and all Councillors present, except Councillor McCallum.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the last day of the January Session, which were approved.

The Warden addressed the meeting as follows:—

WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Municipal Council,—

I welcome you to this, our second meeting, for the year 1899.

At our last meeting we were interested in providing ways and means to keep the County machinery in running order. At this Session you will have the pleasure of apportioning to the several Districts the means provided by the Government to assist in keeping our roads in running order, but I

regret to inform you that the amount is a gradually dissolving view, being this year only \$8,859.68. For some two or three years past the principle of mileage appropriation has been gradually departed from, and I consider a further departure from this system would be in the line of improvement. Heretofore, we have had little to do but to attend to these road matters, but on this occasion there will be a considerable addition to your duties.

You will be called upon at this Session to consider the appointment of a new County Clerk or Treasurer, and the separation of these offices. Also, the appointment of an Inspector of Liquor Licenses, and I am pleased to advise you that you have a large list to choose from. I have to report to you that the amendment sought to be made in regard to his salary was not favorably considered by the Legislature, and thus remains at \$300.

Another appointment you will be called upon to consider is that of Keeper and Matron of the Poor Farm.

It is my pleasure to advise you that the Committee on Public Property has solved the problem of finding employment for the convicted inmates of the County Jail, from which I anticipate not only repressive, but moral results as well, and I would commend you all to visit the Institution and inspect the methods employed.

I may report that the Act of 1881, relating to the Court House Commissioners, has been amended by making the number of Commissioners seven, instead of five, as heretofore, viz., two appointed by the Government, two by the City, and two by the County, with the Warden as Chairman.

I do not think the County has anything to fear from this addition to the Commission.

I may also state that the proposal from this Council to amend our County Road Act was not favorably considered.

I have also to inform you that the Bill authorizing the Borrowing of \$7,000, to meet the expenditure on the Court House last year, was approved by the Legislature, but with the condition that \$350 be paid annually till the whole debt is extinguished, which is a definite reminder that from henceforth we must pay as we go.

The Clerk reported that Councillor D. Vaughan had been sworn into office.

The Printed Minutes of the January Session were delivered to each Councillor.

The Council adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

MARCH 29TH.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 29 Councillors present.

The Clerk submitted Applications for the position of Inspector of Licenses from the following persons:—

Albert Stuart, Fall River.
 Irving W. Fader, East Dover.
 Wm. Conrod, Lawrencetown.
 Harry Wright, Halifax.
 Thomas O'Leary, Salmon River.
 W. R. Ogilvie, Little River.
 Michael Walsh, Upper Prospect.
 J. W. Webber, Ship Harbour.
 J. S. Brennan, Dartmouth.
 W. J. Duggan, Halifax.
 Simeon Hiltz, West Lawrencetown.
 J. H. Whitman, Salmon River.
 W. M. Sedgewick, M. Musquodoboit.
 L. C. McDonald, Halifax.
 John LaPierre, Dartmouth.
 Henry Archibald, Dartmouth.

On motion of Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith, it was Resolved—

That the appointment of Liquor License Inspector for the County of Halifax be deferred till Saturday next, April 1st, to afford opportunity to judge of the merits of the applicants.

In amendment by Councillors Shatford and Thompson, moved

That the appointment be made at once.

The amendment was put and lost. The original resolution was then carried.

As required by the Statute, the Revisors of Electoral Lists were appointed for 1899 on nomination of the Councillors of each District, seconded and passed, viz.:

District 7—Jeffrey Gorman.
 8—Dennis Purcell.
 9—John E. Tough.
 10—George Longard.
 11—Wesley Crooks.
 12—Alfred Worger.

- 13—Archibald Kidston
- 14—Patrick Kehoe.
- 15—H. V. Wier.
- 16—Albert Haverstock.
- 17—Thomas Hamilton.
- 18—John E. McDonald.
- 19—Isaac Logan.
- 20—J. D. Bayer, C. A. Dickie.
- 21—J. Watson McCurdy.
- 22—James McFatridge.
- 23—Dennis Brophy.
- 24—Solomon Fancy.
- 25—Edward Quillman.
- 26—Robert Mason.
- 27—Henry S. Guild.
- 28—John McLaren.
- 29—John McDonald.
- 30—Joseph Evans.
- 31—Henry Watson, R. Settle.
- 32—John P. Webber.
- 33—George F. Bowes.
- 34—Edward Balcam.
- 35—Prescott Dean.
- 36—James Chisholm.
- 38—Noah Morash.

Submitted and read return of Precept from District 17 for the road from Long Lake siding to the Cobequid Road in said District. The Report of the Committee was indefinite, and it was moved by Councillors Flemming and Lydiard—

That the Precept be returned, in order to have a clearer statement of the damages of the land through which the road runs. Passed.

The Clerk submitted and read an Act now being passed in the Legislature, creating a new Electoral District out of parts of District 21 and 22, to be called District 21A, and to elect a Councillor (time not named). No intimation of this measure had been given to the Council or the Warden or Clerk, and several Councillors expressed disapproval of and objections to it.

It was moved by Councillors C. F. Smith and Madill—

That a Committee, consisting of Councillors Henley, Stewart and Burns, wait on the Local Government to ascertain as far as possible what changes may have been made, and why a new Polling District was created in this Municipality without consulting this Council? Passed.

On motion of Councillors Isaac and Oswald Dauphinee, Seventy Dollars was assessed for Poor in District 12, and on motion of Councillors Hays and O'Leary, Forty Dollars was assessed on District No. 7. Both passed.

The following District Officers were appointed, on motion of their District Councillors, seconded and passed, viz.:—

In District 21, Joseph Bruce to be Overseer of Roads, instead of Nathan Sargeant.

Burton Hays to be Overseer of Roads, instead of Wm. Mills.

District 35, Clifford Rhind to be Overseer for Road Section No. 4.

District 16, Albert David to be Constable.

District 17, John Tolson to be Overseer of Roads in Section No. 1 in place of Wm. Mills, removed.

James Adams to be Overseer of Roads for Section No. 13, in place of George Allan.

Read, a letter from J. H. Davies, Salmon River, to the Warden, March 2nd, asking for a refund of Pedlar's License Fee, and claiming for his expenses coming and going to Halifax about the License, to the extent of \$47.00.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the communication from J. H. Davies for his expenses of travel from Moose River to Halifax, etc., lie on the table. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Isaac and Oswald Dauphinee—

That Seventy Dollars be assessed for Support of Poor in District 12 for 1899. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Hayes and O'Leary—

That \$40 be assessed on District 7 for Support of Poor for the ensuing year.

The Council adjourned to Thursday, at 10.30 o'clock, A.M.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1899.

The Council met at 10.30 A.M. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. The Minutes of previous day were confirmed.

The Clerk submitted copies of the Statutes affecting Municipal interests which had been passed at the present Session of the Legislature, and reported that none of these had been

communicated to the Warden or Clerk officially. The Government had introduced a Road measure which repealed all preceding Road Acts, but was amended by exempting Halifax County from its operation.

The Warden stated the present position to be that the Road Act for Halifax County, Chapt. 67 of last year, was now in force, and would be carried out as therein provided.

At this time, His Honor Judge Johnston, as previously intimated, entered the Court Room to pronounce sentence upon two prisoners (Dean and Moore) convicted of larceny at Musquodoboit.

The Judge thereafter addressed the Council on the subject of better remuneration for the Crier of his Court, Mr. Naylor. The business and dignity of the Court required the services and nearly the whole time of a competent and respectable man, which he had found Mr. Naylor to be, but the salary of \$300 was entirely inadequate. It should be equal to that of the Criers of the Supreme Court, as his work was equally as important and much greater. The Court being the County's tribunal, was entitled to due consideration on that account, and he hoped the Council would kindly accede to the request he had recently made on behalf of the Crier.

His Honor having retired, the Council resumed business.

Read, Report of Board of Health from District 20 for 1898. It stated that no contagious diseases had been prevalent during the year, and deaths only among aged people. The health of the District was generally good. Passed.

On motions duly made and passed, the following District Officers were appointed for 1899:—

In District 20, J. Howe Roberts to be Health Officer and Fence Viewer in place of A. K. Sibley, who is leaving the District.

District 15, Lewis Parker to be Health Officer.

District 16, Gustave Emerson to be Constable.

District 12, Albert Massey to be Constable in place of James Manuel, who is unable to serve.

District 23, Alex. Slaunwhite to be overseer of Poor in place of Joseph Umlah.

ROAD MASTERS.

District 15, W. J. Fisher for Section 2, vice Hefler.

District 15, Walter Oakes for Section 3, vice Landsburg, retired.

District 31, John Cooper in place of F. W. Cooper, who has been appointed Supervisor for Section 9.

District 26, John K. Bearver, Road Master for Section 10, and Archibald Prest, Road Master for Mooseland, vice the former leaving the District, and the latter too ill to serve.

District 27, Joseph Parker, Road Master Owl's Head, Sect. 2, and Daniel Blakeny, Sr., for West Jeddore, Sect. 5, in place of David Palmer and John Myers, unable to serve.

Moved by Councillors Scott and Negus, that the Road Sections in District 38 be numbered as follows:—No. 1, Bay-side; 2, McGrath's Cove; 3, Larry's Cove; 4, East Dover; 5, West Dover; 6, New Road.

Submitted and read, the return of Precept for new Road in District No. 21, with the report of the Committee thereon and plan of the location from a point near the Mountain Road to a point on the Gay's River Road, a little west of the west line of Morris Annand's. The distance estimated at one or one and a quarter miles.

Moved by Councillors Burris and Madill—

That the Report of Committee laying out a new piece of Road in District No. 21 be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Raine and Lydiard—

That the Road Sections in District No. 13 be as follows:—

- No. 1, Section from Canal Bridge to Governor's Lake Bridge.
- No. 2, Governor's Lake Bridge to Nine Mile River.
- No. 3, St. Margaret's Bay Road to Jas. Drysdale's, Green Head.
- No. 4, St. Margaret's Bay Road to Joshua Umlah's, Prospect Bay Road.
- No. 5, Joshua Umlah's to Thos. Drysdale's place.
- No. 6, Thomas Drysdale's to Head of Prospect Bay Bridge.
- No. 7, Prospect Road to Alexander Marriott's.
- No. 8, Mackintosh's Bridge to George Umlah's gate.
- No. 9, From the Hand on Sambro Road to Marriott's Road.
- No. 10, Marriott's Road to Sambro Bridge.
- No. 11, Prospect Road to Terence Bay Bridge. Passed.

It was suggested that it would be well if the road sections in each Municipal District were defined and numbered so as to save confusion and disputes under the Road Act.

Councillor Henley and others referred to the Government Road Act as being unsuitable to the requirements of the roads and the present day. The gradual reduction of the Government Grant (this year being only \$8,859.68) would make the apportionment of little use to the 31 Districts of the County.

Dr. Sinclair, Inspector of Provincial Charities, was present, and was invited to take a seat beside the Warden. He addressed the Council, dwelling on changes that should be made in the County establishment for the care of the poor and insane. His principal point was that on the staff of the Cele Harbour Asylum there should be somebody whose

special charge would be the insane, where there are 40 of such unfortunates among the inmates. It is not realized as it should be that special care for the insane is necessary. An appointment should be made of a man and a woman with some special training. The system followed in Nova Scotia for taking care of the insane had never been creditable, no matter where tried; but his effort would be, if we are to have the method, to keep it as little objectionable as possible. There are, all told, at the Cole Harbour Institution, 70 souls. In addition to the trained supervision, there should be a night watchman to provide against danger from fire, etc. There should be a better water service, and as a partial protection from fire, there should be buckets filled with water and kept ready for use about the place. At the instance of the Government he had drawn up a handbook of regulations for the care of the insane. These should be kept posted up, and those in charge kept informed of the requirements in attending to routine work, or in meeting emergencies. A diet scale should be prepared. He had seen old inmates with only half-a-dozen teeth, fed on salt pork or beef, excellent food for a lumberman, but hardly suited to the needs of patients. (The Doctor did not say this diet had been met at Cole Harbor particularly.)

The furniture should be the best possible in the interests of cleanliness and health. At Cole Harbour better bathing facilities should be provided. There should be a proper system of keeping the records, classification of inmates, admissions, discharges, etc.

The Doctor's address was received with attention, and the Council thereafter adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1899.

The Council resumed at 2.30. The Warden and 29 Councillors present. Morning Minutes were read and confirmed. The following Resolutions were passed:—

That Wm. R. Hartling be Road Master for West Salmon River, District 34, in place of Leonard Whitman. Passed.

That Hector Smiley be Supervisor of Roads for District 34, in place of Edward Balcam, who has left the District. Passed.

Ex-Warden Shatford alluded to the valuable services of

the present Stipendiary, and also stated the desirability of the County having a legal adviser, as was the case with most Municipalities. While Warden, he had often to consult a legal gentleman on special matters, and the Stipendiary being a Lawyer, could be of much service in that way.

Councillor Henley said that in all cases not coming before him as a Judge, the Stipendiary could of course give legal counsel, prepare documents, etc. He moved, seconded by Councillor Flemming, the following Resolution:—

Whereas, the Stipendiary Magistrate has, in addition to his duties, been acting as a legal adviser to this County during the past year,

And Whereas, it is desirable that a legal officer should be appointed to whom questions affecting the interests of this Municipality can be submitted, and to promote such legislation as may be found necessary by this Council;

Therefore Resolved, That the Stipendiary be appointed Recorder of this Municipality, and that in consideration of such services he be allowed in addition to his present salary the fees of his office as Stipendiary Magistrate.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and it was moved by Councillors Butler and Lydiard—

That the matter of legal adviser be deferred till Monday next. Passed.

The next day being Good Friday, the Council adjourned to Saturday morning, at 10.30. The rest of this afternoon to be devoted to Committee work.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1899.

Being Good Friday and a Statutory holiday, the Council, as previously decided, were not in Session.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1899.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10.30 A.M. The Minutes of Thursday P.M. were confirmed.

Councillor McCallum arrived and took his seat.

The order of the day being the appointment of a County License Inspector.

The Clerk submitted the applications for the office as fol-

lows:—Irvine W. Fader, H. N. Wright, Wm. Conrod, Thos. O'Leary, Albert Stewart, H. L. McDonald, J. H. Whitman, Simeon Hiltz, Henry Archibald, John Lapierre, etc., as on page 75.

The Warden stated that Messrs. I. W. Fader and Connors had both withdrawn their names.

The ballot was then taken, and on being counted by the Warden and Clerk, shewed the result to be—For Wright, 2; Conrod, 1; Archibald, 1; Stewart, 1; O'Leary, 7; Hiltz, 19. Total vote, 31.

Mr. Simeon Hiltz, of Lawrencetown, was declared elected.

The Clerk said the appointment was subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council, and that the Bond of the Inspector was \$2000. The law requiring the official to be a member of a Temperance organization had been repealed.

Submitted and read, a Memorial from a number of inhabitants of Lower Sackville (District 17) anticipating a Petition for a Pound to be placed in that Section. The present petitioners are strongly opposed to a Pound, as it would prevent a large number of poor getting free pasture for their cows, and lead to litigation, and there was no practical use for it.

The Clerk said the Petition referred to had not been received. Ordered to lie on the table.

Moved by Councillors Vaughan and Henley—

That Frank Colbright be Road Master in Section No. 8, District 36, vice George Gaetz. Passed.

By Councillors Vaughan and C. Smith—

That David Power be appointed Health Officer in District 36, instead of Robert Stoddard. Passed.

The Committee on Clerk and Treasurer's office (Messrs. Butler, McCallum, Lydiard, Shatford, C. E. Smith, Madill, and Henley), asked leave to retire. Granted.

Moved by Councillors Raine and Flemming—

That James Raine be Road Master for Section No. 1, and Alexander Marriott Road Master for Section 7, both in District 13. Passed.

The Clerk submitted a note from J. C. Mackintosh, asking that the Loan Debentures be printed as soon as possible, one to be \$5000 and two of \$1000 each, interest 4 per cent. Time to run, 20 years.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Sellars, and

Resolved, That this Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign

the Debentures for the Loan for repairs of Court House in 1898, as passed and approved by the Legislature, for \$7000.00. Passed.

The Warden submitted and read an offer of the Herald Printing Co. to send a reporter at this Session of the Council to take the Minutes and proceedings and publish them in their newspaper. Also, sending a number of copies to each Councillor, and the whole to be done at much less cost than as at present printed.

A discussion took place as to whether this would be an improvement on present mode of having them in book form.

Ex-Warden Shatford remarked that half the Minutes were not published, and mentioned a motion of his that did not appear in January Minutes.

The Clerk said that quite a number of motions in January were not written, but he had sent the full proceedings to the Printer, including Councillor Shatford's, which was submitted, but not marked as passed. It would appear as an Errata in next Report. The statement that half the Minutes were not published was altogether untrue.

In reply to enquiries, the Clerk said the present tender was \$11 for a form of 16 pages, and the cost for 350 Copies of both Sessions had varied from \$70 to \$90, according to number of pages. The proposal of the Herald was worth entertaining, as by it greater publicity would be given to the Council's business. Hitherto, the newspaper reports were meagre and often inaccurate. The new mode would not, however, be official, as the Clerk's record of proceedings, founded on the written motions and Reports at Council Sessions, were alone recognized by the Government and the Courts. (See Chapt. 3, 1895, etc., Sections 6, 10, 30, 39, 53, 97, 8, 9, 101, etc.)

The Warden said he would see the Herald people and get further information and the cost for the service.

The Warden called attention to the lack of furniture for the Council Room, especially seating accommodation, etc.

The Council adjourned to 2 30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1899.

The Council met at 2.30. The Warden and 30 Councillors present. The Minutes of the Morning Session were approved.

Moved by Councillor's O'Leary and Webber—

That Dick Conroy be Road Master for Dufferin Mines Road in place of Mr. Dick, who has left the District. Passed.

Read, a Memorial from Ex-Councillor J. Johnson, concerning the bad condition of the road three quarters of a mile or so in length in District No. 7, directly west of Herring Cove, and between the north and south branch leading there, being part of the main thoroughfare between Halifax and Sambro. From neglect and use it was almost impassable and dangerous.

On motion, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.
Submitted and read,

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICES OF CLERK AND TREASURER.

Warden and Councillors of Halifax Co.—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee met this morning, and after hearing Mr. Wiswell as to which of the offices he will retain, and he agreeing to remain County Clerk, we decided to receive applications for Treasurer. There were five applicants—

Irving W. Fader
Parker Archibald
J. W. DeWolf
W. H. Studd
H. J. Esson

After applications had been read, and references being examined, your Committee decided to recommend Parker Archibald as the nominee of this Committee.

Your Committee also recommend that the salary of Clerk be \$1,200, and that of Treasurer be \$600.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. LYDIARD
M. E. BUTLER
H. M. MCCALLUM
JOHN E. SHATFORD
C. E. SMITH
W. CHAS. HENLEY
GEO. H. MADILL

It was moved by Councillors Shatford and Butler—

That the Report be received and adopted by this Council.

A long discussion followed, and the motion was lost, the vote being 12 for and 14 against.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That the application for County Treasurer be ballotted for in the usual way.

The vote stood—16 for and 14 against. The motion passed. Names were called and shewed: For—Henley, Smith, Raine, Madill, Burris, Sellars, Gladwin, Lydiard, Hall, Hayes, O'Leary, Cole, Butler, McCallum, Shatford, Wilson—16. Against—Thompson, Scott, Negus, Stewart, Smith, O. Dauphinee, Johnson, Webber, I. Dauphinee, Fleming, Vaughan, Munro, Lapierre, Walsh—14.

The ballot was then taken for the Treasurership, the names of applicants being, Fader, Archibald, Studd, DeWolf and Esson.

On being counted, there appeared for Archibald, 16; Fader, 14; the others nil. Parker Archibald was declared elected.

Councillor Henley gave notice of reconsideration.

The Warden stated that he was doubtful whether reconsideration of a vote by ballot could be admitted, but that he would take legal advice and report on Monday.

The Clerk said that there was nothing in the Bye-Laws allowing that course, and that the Parliamentary rule was opposed to it, unless some irregularity in the balloting or in the count was adduced.

The question of salary of the Clerk and new Treasurer was mentioned, as referred to in the Report.

Moved by Councillors Madill and Scott—

That the salary of the County Clerk be \$1,200 per annum. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Butler—

That the Treasurer's salary be \$600 per year.

Moved in amendment by Councillors C. E. Smith and Stewart—

That the Salary of the Treasurer of this County be Five hundred dollars.

On being put, the resolution was carried by 14 to 12.

G. P. Henry, Inspector of Meats for the City of Halifax, addressed the Council on the advantages of a regular inspection of their herds for the purpose of detecting the existence of tuberculosis and preventing the contamination of healthy animals. The services of Dr. Jakeman could be obtained when required. Animals in which the disease is not badly developed should be fattened and killed. Heat of over 250 degrees kills the germs, and in milk heated to 180 they die. Mr. Henry showed that good times are ahead for Nova Scotia

raisers, and they should see that their herds are in the best of health, in order to make the most of the demand. Cattle are worth to-day 5½c. per pound, live and ready for shipment. To-day, there is more good beef in Halifax than for ten years, and most of it Nova Scotia beef, too.

Several questions were asked of Mr. Henry and answered, after which the Council adjourned to Monday, at 10.30 A.M.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899.

The Council met at 10.30. The Warden and 30 Councillors present. The Minutes of Saturday were adopted.

The Warden called for Reports of Committees, if any were ready, and none forthcoming, recommended that the afternoon be devoted to Committee work.

Read, a Petition from W. G. Naylor, County Crier, requesting an increase of salary, stating that his present pay is inadequate, that his duties are onerous, continuous and so constant, as to prevent his obtaining other employment when any interval occurred, etc.

It was mentioned that Naylor managed his brother John's affairs.

The Clerk said that was Charles, not W. G. Naylor.

The resolution of last Session which requires that requests for increase of pay should be accompanied by the resignation of the party, was referred to, and a motion of Messrs. Negus and Stewart, favoring an increase, was then temporarily withdrawn, and it was moved by Councillors Negus and Gladwin—

That the County Court Crier be asked to send in his resignation with application for raise of salary before this Council consider the matter.

Passed.

Mr. Naylor complied therewith and sent in his resignation.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Madill—

That the salary of the Crier of the County Court be increased \$50.00 per year.

Passed.

Read, the amended Report of the Committee on opening a section of Road in District 17, Cobequid Road to Fall River siding.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Butler—

That the Report from the Committee appointed to lay out the new road in District 17 be received. Passed.

The Warden submitted a letter from the Herald Publishing Company, containing a more definite proposal as to reporting the proceedings of the Council than that made previously. They will print a special edition containing a full summary of the doings of the Council at this Session, similar to the reports hitherto made in pamphlet form, and supply 4000 copies of the paper. Also mail said edition to the Councillors and other people, as they may be instructed to do, etc. The sum named was \$75.00.

The Clerk said that as no regular reporter had attended for any of the papers, it would not be possible for the Herald to do the work for this Session, but the proposal, if accepted, could be put in operation at next Session. The terms named (\$75 for the Session), however, would be considerably greater than the present charge for printing by the Halifax Printing Company.

After further discussion, it was moved by Councillors O'Leary and Butler—

That the matter of the Herald printing be held over till January meeting of the Council. Passed.

The following motions for Assessment for Support of Poor were made by their several Councillors, and passed, viz.:—

Districts No. 11—Thirty Dollars
 13—Twenty Dollars
 15—Fifty Dollars
 28—Sixty Dollars
 29—Twenty Dollars

Moved by Councillors Burriss and Madill.

That the expense of Committee laying out new road in District 21 be assessed on that District. Passed.

By Councillors Fleming and Lydiard—

Resolved, That the new road from Long Lake to Cobequid Road be made a separate Road Section, and that Mr. Arthur Wilson be Overseer of it. Passed.

James Fraser was appointed Constable for District 11, and Charles Bell, Constable for District 31, in place of John Bundy, who is not qualified.

The Warden read the opinion of his legal adviser respecting reconsideration of a vote by ballot, as in the case of the Treasurer's election. The opinion sustains his own, that there was no precedent for that course, and the result could not be altered.

He referred to the nature of the Bond to be required from the Treasurer, whether personal security or through a Guarantee Company. The latter mode would be attended with some moderate expense, but was being adopted generally in the present day preferentially.

The Clerk said that many Banks and financial institutions adopted it and paid the premiums for certain officials.

It was finally agreed that the matter be left to the Warden to use his discretion therein.

Councillor Fleming mentioned a case of double taxation on a resident of his District, No. 17, and moved, seconded by Councillor Stewart, as follows:—

Resolved, That as David Smeltzer, Sackville, has been assessed twice for the same property and paid in District 17, and as the City refused to give up its claim, that this Council pay back to the City the amount of \$4.74 which they claim. Passed.

The Councillor stated that Mr. Smeltzer had been taxed by the City and had moved to Sackville, where the Assessors valued the same property.

In order to further Committee Reports, the Council adjourned. The roll to be called at 2 P.M., and Council to meet next day at 10.30 A.M.

Afternoon Session.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. The Warden and all the Councillors present. The Minutes of Morning Session were confirmed, and Council adjourned for Committee work.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1899, A.M.

The Council met at 10.30 A.M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors.

Submitted and read, Report of Committee on Poor Farm, with new rules and regulations for the management of it annexed.

The Report was read clause by clause and passed, and the Rules, etc., also read and discussed.

The subject of appointment of a Night Watchman at the Poor Farm was considered at length and approved by vote of 16 to 12.

The amount to be paid the Night Watchman and his subsequent duties, was debated.

Councillor Henley thought that the officer in most cases was unreliable as to vigilance.

The question was asked, should he have charge of the female department.

Ex-Warden Shatford was opposed to his being granted free board. As elsewhere, he could come at the time for duty and leave when time was up each day.

The question of Salary turned on this point. He moved, seconded by Councillor Madill—

Resolved, That not over \$100 per annum be paid for a Watchman for the Poor Farm. Passed.

The matter of his board was left to the Committee. It was stated by Councillor McCallum that John Ward, one of the inmates, who was quite capable and healthy, would be suitable for the position.

The Report then passed as a whole.

Moved by Councillors Stewart and Henley—

That Raymond Fisk, of Musquodoboit, be appointed Supervisor of Roads for District 22, vice Fenwick Kent, who is leaving the District. Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Henley—

That C. W. Hart be appointed Supervisor of Roads for District 9, in accordance with the new Road Act. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That Matthew Gaston, of Pope's Harbour, be appointed Supervisor of Roads for District 26, Halifax County, for the present year. Passed.

Ex-Warden Shatford asked if the allotment and former mode of paying out the Government grant would be continued. Also, whether the same blank forms would be used and issued.

The Warden explained that Chapter 46 R. S., so far as

concerns Halifax County, was not in force. He read from the County Road Act of 1898 the Section relating to the matter, and which delegates the expenditure of the grant to the Supervisors. In the Act just passed by the Government, Halifax County is exempted from its provisions.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and C. E. Smith—

That Geo. L. Keans be Supervisor of Roads for District 32. Passed.

The Clerk mentioned that some necessary work in completion of the improvements last year to the Court House had been done by Saml. Grant, and there was in his hands at credit of the Commissioners' Loan \$37, which would cover the expense.

The Warden asked Councillor Shatford if the balance could be so applied.

Councillor Shatford said it could be used for the purpose mentioned.

Moved by Councillors Hall and Flemming—

That the Bridge in District No. 25, known as Little Falls Bridge, be placed under the Bridge Act of 1883 and amendments thereto. Passed.

An Account from Dr. Gourley for services in connection with the Board of Health in District 26, amounting to \$8.00, was referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Butler—

Whereas, in the past persons have been admitted to the City Poor Asylum without the knowledge of the Overseers of Poor of the District to which said paupers belong,

Therefore Resolved, That the Superintendent notify the Overseers of Poor of the District claimed by said pauper as soon after his or her admission as possible. Also, that notification be given to the said Overseers of Poor when any inmate is discharged. Passed.

The Clerk stated that the main trouble was caused by female paupers from the County direct or having been at service in the city becoming pregnant and getting admission to the City Poor Asylum before confinement. He referred to a former resolution that all paupers should come before the Stipendiary for enquiry and examination, and be sent thereafter to the Poor Farm to await definite information respecting their Settlements. This should be a By-Law.

The following Assessments for the Support of Poor were duly moved, seconded and passed :—

- District 34—Forty Dollars
 30—Twenty-Five Dollars
 9—Forty-Eight Dollars
 20—Seventy-Five Dollars
 25—Forty Dollars in addition to the amount voted at Jan. Sess'n.
 32—One Hundred and Twenty Dollars.

Councillor Butler alluded to the unsatisfactory system of Assessments in this County, and the loose and discreditable way in which many of the Assessors reported Valuations of Real and Personal Estate. The main object seemed to be with some of them to reduce the Assessments, so as to lighten the burden on their own District and lay it on others already more highly valued. This was both unjust and unequal. He found that his District paid about a 12th of the whole County Assessment, and unless some remedy was adopted, would have to follow the general course. It was the same with individual cases, many who were liable to higher taxation escaped with less. He thought a mortgage or insurance basis would be a more correct way, and the increase of valuations would tend to reduce the rate if that was adopted.

The Warden recommended, that after calling the roll at the Afternoon Session, the Council adjourn to complete Committee Reports.

Council adjourned to 2 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of Morning Session were read and adopted.

Read, a Petition from District No. 14, reciting that Sir Sanford Fleming had donated to the County a strip of land through his property 30 feet wide to the Arm settlement, but the road constructed was not wide enough for vehicles to pass, and traffic has increased so that it is absolutely necessary to widen and put the road in a proper state of repair. They ask for a vote of \$600 for that purpose, the interest on that sum to be paid out of the yearly grant to the District. Accompanying the Petition was a Bill passed by the Legislature this Session, authorizing the sum of \$600, to be a loan to the Municipality out of the amount to be apportioned under Chapter 20, Acts of 1893, the interest to be paid

by District 14 out of its grant for roads yearly, and the work to be done under the supervision of the Provincial Engineer. The County Council to vote the amount and appoint the officials to see to the expenditure of the loan, etc.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors McCallum and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be obtained from the Governor-in-Council for expenditure on Lower Arm road, in District No. 14, under authority of an Act to provide for the widening and repair of a road at Lower Arm, District No. 14, County of Halifax.

Further Resolved, That said sum be expended in said District under the superintendence of the Supervisor of Roads for such District.

Further Resolved, That there be deducted hereafter from the portion of the Government grant apportioned to said District No. 14 a sum sufficient to reimburse the said Municipality of the County of Halifax, the interest payable to the Government on the said sum of Six hundred dollars.

Objection was made to the loan from the measure not being first submitted to the Council before the passing of the Act referred to. It was finally referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Submitted Report of Custodian of Draw Bridge, Jeddore, District 27. It and Navy Pool Bridge are in need of repairs. Referred to Councillor of District.

Moved by Councillors Munro and Dauphinee—

That William Holland and John Fleming be appointed Constables for District 8, in place of Michael Johnson and Daniel Fleming. Passed.

The Council adjourned for Committees to complete reports to 10.30 Wednesday, April 5th.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1899.

The Council met at 10.30 A.M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

Moved by Councillors Raine and Lydiard—

That John Munroe be appointed Constable, instead of George Brown, in District 13. Passed.

On motion of Councillors for the Districts named below—

Seventy-five dollars was assessed for Poor on District No. 16, and Twenty-five dollars for Poor on District No. 14, for 1899.

Read, a Petition from people of District No. 24 (Moser's River) asking that the old Road Section through lands of David H., Jacob P., and William N. Moser, of Moser's River, which is to be abandoned on construction of the new Section be closed, as the Statute provides.

Moved by Councillors A. F. Smith and O'Leary—

That the prayer of the Petition for closing up of an old road in Moser's River, District 24, be granted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Isaac and Oswald Dauphinee—

That the Minutes of the present Session be printed as heretofore. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Gladwin—

That the Councillors' pay for the present Session be Two Dollars per day and Mileage, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Sellars and Negus—

That the sum of Fifty Dollars be allotted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Property Committee, being the regular allowance. Passed.

D. W. B. Reid, Esq., Inspector of Licenses, attended to report in reference to his account for past quarter. He could only report verbally at present. Had 10 cases, with the result of 6 convictions. Collected of old cases, \$21.00, and may get \$27.00 more. Some of the parties not able to pay the fines and two were jailed. Issued 3 Licenses and paid over to the Treasurer, \$350.00. Unpaid fines amount to \$156.00. Will give a detailed account of Standing Convictions and also of Expenses. He trusted that he had got on well with his duty during his twelve years of service, and felt that he had no enemy in this Council, though they may have had no sympathy with the work, yet he was assured of their good will, and will settle accounts as soon as possible, say 1st May.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Shatford—

That the Report and Account of ex-Inspector D. W. B. Reid be handed in to the County Clerk not later than the first day of May of this present year, to be dealt with by the Warden and Clerk, and to be brought before the Council in January next. Passed.

Councillor Negus (Chairman) presented and explained the Report of Committee on Settlement with Dartmouth of the long outstanding claim of the County for balance of County Assessment.

The Dartmouth Council confirmed the agreement made by the Committee by the following letter:—

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Dartmouth, N. S., April 3, 1899.

To Councillor Negus and Members of the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by the Town Council of Dartmouth to say that they hereby offer you the sum of One Thousand Dollars in full of all claims by the County of Halifax against the Town of Dartmouth to December 31, 1898. The Town to pay the said amount within twelve months from date, provided they can obtain the necessary legislation for them to do so if such is required. Interest to be paid at six per cent per annum from this date.

I am your obedient servant,

ALFRED ELLIOT,
Town Clerk.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Councillor C. E. Smith (Chairman) submitted the Report of Committee on Support of Poor, so far as the Districts had made returns for year 1898.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Ex-Warden Shatford (Chairman) presented a Supplementary Report of the Finance Committee for additions and omissions in the Estimate for 1899, voted to be paid at the present Session. The Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors Munro and C. E. Smith—

That the Bounds of Statute Labor Sections in District No. 8, be amended as follows:—Sections 2 and 3 shall become one Statute Labor Section, and shall be known as Section No. 2, and that Charles Petipas be appointed over the whole Section, as amended, and that the appointment of Peter White be rescinded.
Passed.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Vaughan—

That the Supervisors of Roads may have all discretionary power to expend any money collected from Statute Labour Sections into any other Section of his District, providing that the sum shall exceed One Hundred Dollars.
Passed.

Submitted and read, the Report of the Committee on Assessments, with a Schedule of Deficits of the several Districts for County Rates for 1893. The Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Councillors C. E. Smith and Vaughan—

That Jas. W. Henneberry be appointed in District 9 Collector of Rates, in place of J. M. Henneberry, who is leaving the District, and that E. T. Hart be appointed Assessor, in place of J. M. Henneberry, who is receiving the appointment of Collector. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and C. E. Smith—

Whereas, the Legislature of this Province of Nova Scotia has recently seen fit to alter and re-arrange certain Districts of the Municipality of Halifax without consulting the Councillors of such Municipality, and has thereby unnecessarily added to the representation, and has materially increased the expenses of the County.

And Whereas, this Council deprecates the recently introduced practice of the Legislature in dealing with the vital interests of the Municipality without consulting the duly elected and responsible representatives of the County.

And Whereas, in the opinion of this Council the Municipal Councillors represent more largely and are more vitally interested in the welfare of the County, and are more conversant with its needs than are the gentlemen who represent this County in the Legislature, or the body of representatives of the Province at large.

Therefore Resolved, That this Council views with alarm, and desires to place on record its disapproval of the recent legislation which has created a new District by cutting off parts of Districts 21 and 22, and carving out a new District, unnecessarily.

Resolved further, That in the opinion of this Council, all further proposed legislation of this character should be submitted to this Council before the introduction of such measures into the Legislature of this Province. Passed.

The Council then adjourned to 2 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1899.

The Council met at 2 P.M. Present, the Warden and 30 Councillors. The Minutes of Morning Session were read and adopted.

Moved by Councillors Lydiard and Henley—

Whereas, the time taken to collect County Rates has no limit named, be it

Resolved, That the Collectors of the said Rates be compelled to have the total amount of said rates paid in not later than December 31st of current year, in so far as said rates are collectible by law, and that the County Clerk be instructed to notify Collectors accordingly. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Butler and Thompson—

Resolved, That the Road known as the Kearney Road, from Birch Cove to the Roman Catholic Chapel, be placed under the control of the Councillor of District 16 for the current year. Arrangements as heretofore. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Henley and Stewart, and

Resolved, That in view of Stipendiary McDougall being the legal adviser of the County in cases affecting County interests, his salary be increased the sum of One Hundred Dollars annually. Passed.

Submitted and read, the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, clause by clause.

The first clause passed without comment.

In re clause 2, the resolution referred to the Committee at previous Session, was read by request of Councillor Fleming—

Resolved, That this Council requests the Provincial Government to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1000 for the construction of the road between Lakeview and Bedford, said sum to be borrowed and expended under the terms and conditions which applied to the special loan procured by this County Council through the Provincial Government in the year 1887.

The clause passed.

Clause 3 evoked much discussion, largely on account of the uncalled for legislation in that behalf passed unknown to the Council. It was finally disposed of by resolution moved by Councillors McCallum and C. E. Smith—

Resolved, That the Petition from District 14 be granted on the same conditions as money was granted to District 17. Passed.

The Schedule of allotments of the Government Road grant (amounting to \$8859.68) to the several Districts, was read and accepted without comment.

Moved by Councillors Negus and Gladwin—

That the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be received and adopted. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Sellars and Lydiard—

Whereas, a certain piece of Road being in District No. 31, but is used chiefly by the people of Districts 28 and 29,

Therefore Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-One Dollars be taken from the allotment of District No. 31 and added to that of District No. 29, and that the Councillor and Supervisor of District 29 is hereby empowered to expend said sum of \$21, together with such further sum to be taken from the allotment of District 29 as the Councillor and Supervisor may deem necessary for the repair of said road, and that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to make the change from District 31 to District 29. Passed.

Moved by Councillors Shatford and Madill--

That the new Treasurer, Parker Archibald, commence the duties of his office the 20th day of April, 1899. Passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORTS APRIL SESSION, 1899.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

HALIFAX, N. S., MARCH 31, 1899.

Warden and Councillors Municipal Council.

GENTLEMEN,—The Public Properties Committee met in the Committee Room of the Court House, on Thursday, and the following Report was prepared for your consideration.

Since the appointment of this Committee very little could be done in regard to the improvement in the Management of the Poor Farm, as a new Keeper had to be appointed and installed. The present incumbent being unfit through sickness to undertake the work of placing the Institution under new regulations that might from time to time be adopted, and which might have to be repealed, if not endorsed by this Council. We therefore place before you for your consideration a complete set of rules which will govern each individual on the staff of the Institution; and we are confident, if they are adopted by you that an immense improvement will be apparent in a very short time. These rules are not the work of the Committee, but they are the rules adopted by similar Institutions all over the country.

You will also find a diet list, which is considered one of the best possible ways to secure the necessary amount of nourishment for inmates, and protect the Institution against waste.

Your Committee advertised for applications for the position of Keeper of Poor Farm, and quite a number were received; of the number about two-thirds were utterly unfit or qualified for the position.

Your Committee met and spent quite a time in examining into the references and merits of each of the applicants, and they decided that Mr. Henneberry was the man best fitted to hold the position, and we therefore recommend him to the Council for appointment, believing that he will fill the office of Keeper with the approval of the citizens of the County and credit to himself. Anyone of the Councillors wishing the names of applicants, can receive them from the County Clerk.

Your Committee ask the Council to give them power to appoint a Night Watchman for the Poor Farm, knowing, as we do, that this Council has set its foot down on anything that will increase the already heavy burden of taxation, and that the appointment of this official will necessitate an increased expenditure. Your Committee would not, unless they considered it absolutely necessary, ask the Council for this new appointment, but they think it their duty to the people of the County and in the inmates that some person should be in charge of the Institution at night. We therefore appeal to you to empower us to make this appointment to relieve ourselves of the responsibility of not having such an officer in the Institution, for should anything happen by which loss of life would occur, it would not be the Council, but your Committee would have the whole burden of the indignation of the people of the County to bear. Therefore, we hope that the Council will give this matter serious consideration.

The Jail has been visited, and found in good condition, and your Committee has introduced oakum-picking. About one ton of rope was purchased at 2 6/10 cents a pound, of that amount about 1600 pounds has been picked, for which we will get 5 cents a pound. So you will see we paid out \$50.00, for which we will receive \$100.00. The prisoners pick from two to two and-a-half pounds a day, and having at present quite a number, we turn out about 30 pounds a day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. EDW. BUTLER, Chairman.
S. W. LYDIARD.
DAVID VAUGHAN.
SAMUEL THOMSON.
C. E. SMITH.
HUGH MUNROE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS, 1898.

The Committee on Assessment report as follows:—

That the Board of Revisors having examined the Returns of Assessors from the several Districts in the County, it is not necessary for your Committee to refer specially thereto. They notice, however, that the Board added 5 per cent. to Districts 9 and 28, but did not define the mode of doing so.

The Clerk states that since their Report, he has received quite a number of corrections and amendments to the Rolls from various Districts. Additions have been made, omissions rectified, changes notified, wrong names struck off, and errors corrected.

With regard to Collections, 1898, the Treasurer reports that in the Shore and some other Districts, it has been exceedingly difficult to collect the County and Poor Rates. Throughout the County the beginning of payments was later than hitherto, and consequently the deficits at this time are greater than in previous years. Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, however, those Districts that usually pay up, have done so once more, leaving it a subject of enquiry why such a good example should not be followed by the majority. These deficits are given in the annexed List, shewing the amounts assessed and the amounts still due. For most of these, the Collectors say they will be able to collect, but will take much longer time, and stringent measures should be adopted. The causes of the annual non-collection of rates in some districts are to be attributed to the defective Assessment Law, the mistakes and wrong valuations of Assessors, the leniency of Collectors, and the non-performance of duty by District Constables. Until some better system is adopted to remedy these delinquencies, your Committee and the Council can only expect their recurrence from year to year, and the addition of deficits to the taxes of many Districts failing to pay up.

GEORGE H. MADILL.
JOHN BURRIS.
JOHN HAYES.
HENRY HALL.
OSWALD DAUPHINEE.
SAMUEL THOMSON.

Statement of Deficits in County Rates for 1898 Assessment.

District.	Assessed.	Deficit.	Remarks and Explanations.
No. 7	\$ 213 44	\$ 6 94	Most part will be got.
8	216 43	18 60	Not likely to get all this.
9	217 92	....	Paid in full.
10	334 98	259 66	Chronic state of this District yearly.
11	451 40	15 40	Cannot collect any more.
12	377 92	....	Paid in full.
13	356 08	18 17	Collector expects to collect greater part.
14	1246 70	403 32	Greater part will be got. Wrong Assts.
15	1697 05	379 87	Will get most of this, some large items.
16	428 31	43 27	This is on warrant, some uncollectible.
17	1336 23	272 19	Being gradually collected, some errors.
18	937 81	14 34	Stands as a deficit for 1900.
19	853 33	....	All collected.
20	483 30	34 02	Greater part uncollectible.
21	1154 47	28 93	To be accounted for later.
22	1050 74	11 96	Uncollectible, stands as a deficit.
23	146 05	57 67	District impecunious. Want time.
24	527 90	13 78	Part of this may be collected.
25	874 40	56 45	Collector has yet funds to remit.
26	744 44	21 76	Collector expects to get part of this.
27	1045 52	9 85	Wrong Asst., \$3.31. No more to get.
28	631 37	12 16	No more can be got. Wrong Assmnts.
29	517 77	....	Paid up in full.
30	285 18	78 50	Warrant to be renewed. Hard to collect.
31	1499 19	84 05	Warrant running.
32	716 10	....	All collected.
33	690 24	3 22	All collected. This is Widow's exemp.
34	488 60	17 80	More will be collected out of this.
35	344 98	100 00	Collector will get all in time.
36	818 00	....	All collected.
38	183 58	18 38	Greater part likely to be got.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE DARTMOUTH AND THE COUNTY.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Halifax Co.

Your Committee appointed to affect a settlement of the debt due the Municipality of Halifax Co. by the Town of Dartmouth, beg to report as follows:—

The Town Council of Dartmouth placed the matter in the hands of their Finance Committee. After having had a number of meetings with the Chairman of said Committee, and not being able to come to a decision, with no prospect of getting one in the near future, we pressed for a meeting of the whole Council.

We attended a meeting of Dartmouth Council, convened for the purpose, and after the matter being discussed by both sides, the Dartmouth Council decided to offer us One Thousand Dollars as a settlement in full, the same to bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

After due consideration, your Committee decided to accept the offer, believing it the best possible terms could be received.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. F. NEGUS.
S. W. LYDIARD.
SAMUEL THOMSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

The Committee on Poor having carefully examined the return of the several Districts for the present year, beg to Report as follows :—

District.	Rece'd from Collector.	From other Sources.	Bal. from last Acct.	Pd. on Acct. of Paupers.	Due on Acct. of Paupers.	Amt. to be Ass. fr 1899	Balance on hand.	Remarks.
7	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40 00	\$ 8 00	No Report
8	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	39 00	13 21	60 00	. . . .
9	63 18	. . . .	. . . .	39 00	. . . .	48 00	12 13	
10	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	14 71	. . . .	. . . .	No Report
11	33 00	18 49	. . . .	39 00	. . . .	35 00	8 93	
12	40 00	. . . .	. . . .	80 03	59 71	44 00	. . . .
13	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	20 00	. . . .
14	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	115 00	25 00	. . . .	No Report
15	50 00	. . . .	17 43	49 00	. . . .	50 00	18 43	
16	. . . .	2 41	. . . .	81 90	. . . .	75 00	. . . .
17	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	No Report
18	100 00	20 57	132 50	138 04	48 03	100 00	115 05	
19	50 30	. . . .	5 60	30 35	. . . .	. . . .	25 55	
20	65 00	. . . .	18 40	80 00	. . . .	75 00	7 40	
21	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	No Pauprs.
22	124 87	41 88	115 16	200 11	. . . .	80 00	81 80	
23	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	80 13	. . . .	. . . .
24	. . . .	. . . .	43 98	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	43 98	
25	162 76	. . . .	38 71	161 69	. . . .	200 00	39 02	
26	. . . .	16 00	39 68	55 68	45 14	. . . .	. . . .
27	86 00	6 00	5 21	50 15	23 65	150 00	47 06	
28	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	50 00	. . . .	No Report
29	. . . .	9 33	62 70	. . . .	. . . .	20 00	72 03	
30	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	40 06	. . . .	. . . .	No Report
31	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
32	102 85	. . . .	39 00	152 63	10 78	140 00	. . . .
33	112 26	40 00	0 50	134 28	. . . .	120 00	18 48	
34	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	30 03	. . . .	. . . .
35	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	No Poor
36	. . . .	100 18	. . . .	27 00	. . . .	. . . .	73 18	
38	69 73	. . . .	. . . .	69 73	58 63	60 00	. . . .

CHARLES E. SMITH.
THOMAS COLE.
JAMES H. WALSH.
THOMAS E. STEWART.
A. H. GLADWIN.
CHARLES RAINE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommend that Dr. Gourley be paid \$5.00 for his Account against the Board of Health of Spry Bay.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

\$350 00 for Sinking Fund Court House Repair Loan.
 100 00 Watchman Poor Earm.
 50 00 (Add.) Salary Crier County Court.
 100 00 to Salary of Stipendiary.

That the above amounts be taken from the General Fund of the County.

That the amount to be received from the Town of Dartmouth be placed to the credit of the General Fund of the County.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, Chairman.
 H. M. McCALLUM.
 GEO. H. MADILL.
 J. BURRIS.
 HENRY HALL.
 W. CHARLES HENLEY.

In addition to the foregoing, we recommend that the balance remaining over from the \$7,000 borrowed for Court House be appropriated towards paying for extra work lately ordered by the present Warden.

JOHN E. SHATFORD, Chairman.
 H. M. McCALLUM.
 GEO. H. MADILL.
 W. CHARLES HENLEY.
 HENRY HALL.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

The Road and Bridge Committee with reference to the sundry matters referred to them, beg leave to Report as follows:—

1. In regard to a communication from District No. 7, in re a dangerous portion of the road leading to Bear Cove, they would recommend the same to the care of the Councillor of that District, and the Supervisor of Roads for District 7.
2. Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition for a road from Lake View to Bedford be granted.
3. With reference to the matter of the proposed widening of the road on the west side of North West Arm, in District 14, your Committee, after the most careful consideration, have unanimously arrived at the conclusion that they cannot recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition. They are of the opinion that the proposed change is highly

desirable, and would recommend the petitioners to apply for Government aid with regard to the matter, but do not believe that this Council should deal with it as asked for in the petition.

W. CHARLES HENLEY.
 JAMES H. SELLARS.
 THOMAS E. STEWART.
 ISAAC DAUPHINEE.
 ARTHUR WEBBER.
 JOHN S. FLEMING.
 J. H. BARTLETT.

DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS.

District No. 7.....	\$ 108 32
8.....	124 56
9.....	160 46
10.....	127 32
11.....	197 74
12.....	355 96
13.....	357 52
14.....	100 08
15.....	40 16
16.....	301 96
17.....	334 62
18.....	397 00
19.....	382 38
20.....	400 42
21.....	535 68
22.....	599 90
23.....	80 61
24.....	225 16
25.....	450 80
26.....	637 16
27.....	512 30
28.....	200 78
29.....	309 92
30.....	237 10
31.....	379 56
32.....	134 64
33.....	200 26
34.....	220 54
35.....	200 88
36.....	285 48
38.....	160 41
Total.....	\$8859 68

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE IN THE YEAR 1898.

Samuel A. Marshall—Account for Mason and Brick Work.....	\$1739 39
Samuel Grant—Account for Carpenter Work.....	1975 87
Farquhar Bros.—Account for Plumbing Work, &c.....	1997 53
Frank Reardon—Account for Painting, Varnishing and Glazing.	964 97
H. S. Tremaine—Architect for Plan, Inspecting, &c.....	285 00
Samuel Grant—For Extras and Supplementary Work.....	37 24
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	\$7000 00

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Debentures issued for the above under sanction of the Legislature, March, 1899, viz., one of \$5,000 and two of \$1000 each, dated April 1st, Interest at 4 per cent., payable half-yearly, maturing in 20 years, and payable by a sinking fund of \$350 yearly\$7000 00

JNO. E. SHATFORD, Chairman }
 E. D. MCLEAN, } Commissioners.
 H. M. MCCALLUM, Secretary, }

Bye-Laws and Rules for the Management of the County Poor Farm.

The Management and Control of the Poor Farm of Halifax Co. being vested by Act of Parliament in the County Council of Municipality of Halifax Co., and the said County Council having delegated its powers, in so far as the working of the Institution is concerned, to a Committee, consisting of six Councillors, who shall be elected annually by the County Council, at their Annual Meeting in January, the following regulations have been framed by the Committee, confirmed by the County Council, and assented to by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and are binding upon all who are in any way connected with the government of said Institution.

THE PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The name of the Institution is the Halifax County Poor Farm.
2. The name of the governing body acting under the County Council of the Municipality of Halifax County is the Public Properties Committee.
3. The duties of such Committee in connection with the Poor Farm, are the general supervision and management of all matters connected with said Institution, to purchase all supplies of food, clothing, and other necessaries and requisites, by tender and otherwise, to frame and enforce Regulations, Rules, Bye-Laws and Orders for the government of the Institution, its officials, its employees and its inmates, and to render an account of its doings and acts, and also to render an account of its expenditures and such other information as said Committee shall see fit, and to furnish an annual statement of its doings, to be published for the information of the citizens, with the other reports and accounts of the Municipality.
4. The Chairman and two other members of the Committee, or three in the absence of the Chairman, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. The Committee shall meet at least once every month, when accounts for purchases shall be submitted, and orders for all supplies authorized.

6. All articles of Clothing, Dry Goods, Groceries, Meat, Hay, Straw, Boots and Shoes, Leather, Crockery, Tinware, and other necessaries, shall, as far as possible, be furnished by tender and contract. Such articles as cannot be supplied by tender and contract shall be purchased at the lowest possible price after due inquiry.

7. Accounts will be paid monthly by warrants issued by County Clerk on the County Treasurer in the usual manner.

8. In cases of emergency, any supplies not authorized by the Committee may be obtained on requisition of Superintendent, countersigned by one member of the Committee, and such special requisition shall be reported to the Committee on their first meeting thereafter.

9. The Members of the Committee will, as often as possible, visit the Poor Farm, and it will be the duty of the Chairman to see that some member of the Committee visit the Institution once a week.

OFFICIALS.

The officials of the Poor Farm shall be appointed annually by the Council, and shall be a Superintendent, Matron, and Physician, and such others as may be found necessary by the Public Property Committee, who shall determine their compensation and define their duties, when such duties are not fully set forth in these regulations.

In each ward room or workshop, one of the inmates shall be designated by the Superintendent or Matron as the ward or work overseer, who shall carry out the instructions of the Superintendent or Matron, and the Committee shall have power to compensate such inmates for services rendered.

RULES FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Superintendent shall have charge and supervision of the Institution in all its departments. He shall make out and sign requisitions for all goods and supplies required by the Institution, after being duly authorized by the Committee, and unless covered by accepted tenders, shall be purchased by him on the best possible terms.

2. The Superintendent shall enter names of all persons admitted to the Institution in a book kept for that purpose, stating the day of arrival and the District to which such person is chargeable, shall cause him or her, as the case may be, to be thoroughly cleansed and the clothing examined, and if not clean, the clothing to be taken off and clean clothing substituted until those taken off are cleansed, then if found suitable the same clothing to be put on again. The inmates shall be suitably classified, having reference to their age, condition and general character, those who require medi-

cal treatment in the Hospital Ward and those who are Insane in the Insane Ward, there to be examined by the Doctor. The Superintendent shall be especially careful that the infirm, sick and insane are treated with considerate care and kindness.

3. The Superintendent shall make all regulations for the domestic management of the Institution, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee, shall enforce obedience on the part of the inmates to the rules prescribed for them, shall keep a record of all cases of discipline, which shall be open to examination by the Committee.

4. He shall see that the general and other regulations for the management of the Institution and the government and employment of the inmates are duly enforced, and that the subordinate officers and others employed about the Institution discharge their duties faithfully. Any inmates refusing to work on the plea of being sick shall be examined by the Doctor at his next visit, who shall decide whether the inmates are capable of doing the work assigned to them.

5. He shall see that the provisions furnished to the inmates are of good quality and in sufficient quantity, and that they are properly stored and distributed, and no waste is permitted. He shall not permit the use of intoxicating drink by any officer or inmate, except on the order of the Doctor. He shall see that the building is kept clean, warm, and well ventilated, and that such of the inmates who are able to perform labor are kept employed, and that all concerns of the establishment are well ordered and conducted.

6. He shall cause to be collected at the end of each month all bills of goods contracted for during the month, sign the same on being found correct, and hand them over to the County Clerk. He shall also pay the employees on the first Wednesday of each month and sign the pay sheet after it is made out.

7. He shall immediately inform the Committee of any insubordination on the part of any employee of the Institution, and shall suspend any person pending an investigation.

8. He shall report to the Committee monthly the state of the Institution under his charge, the list of all paid employees, and the amount of their pay; also, the stock of supplies on hand and their value. He shall inspect all goods that are contracted for upon their arrival at the Institution, and if not found according to specification he shall have the same returned to the contracting person.

9. One of the staff of paid officials shall be appointed Assistant Superintendent, and he shall be notified when the Superintendent is leaving the Farm, and he (the Assistant) will remain in charge till the Superintendent returns. In no case shall both Superintendent and Assistant be away at same time.

DUTIES OF MATRON

The Matron, subject to the Superintendent, shall see that all female inmates are provided for, according to their respective agreement; that the law of cleanliness, both in their persons and their apartments, are strictly carried out; that good order and decorum be observed at all times, and shall report delinquents to the Superintendent for discipline. She shall have charge of the goods and furniture in her department, and see that none are lost or destroyed. She shall assign to the women under her charge such labor as in her judgment they are best fitted to perform, subject to the approval of the Doctor. She shall at proper and stated times have all the clothing of the inmates in the Institution changed; also, all the bedding and mattresses. She shall have the general direction and oversight over the whole domestic management of the Institution, and shall see that her Assistants faithfully perform the duties assigned to them.

WATCHMAN.

The Watchman shall be on duty from eight o'clock in the evening until six o'clock in the morning; shall keep vigilant watch, and see that none of the inmates leave the building during the night; see that no matches are being used by the inmates. Also, that there is no smoking by the inmates during the night; shall give instant alarm to the Superintendent in cases of fire or accident of any description; shall report to the Superintendent before going off duty in the morning any breach of the rules of the Institution coming under his observation during the night, viz., smoking, using of matches, etc.; he shall visit the sleeping apartments of the inmates and all other parts of the Institution at least once in two hours.

THE DOCTOR.

The Doctor shall visit the Poor Farm at least once a week; he shall have sanitary supervision over all inmates therein; he shall attend and prescribe in all cases of sickness; shall report to the Superintendent after each visit; shall have oversight of attendants in the Hospital and Insane Wards; he shall examine all inmates that are reported to him sick, and decide whether they are able to work or not. He shall be subject to the Superintendent's call for urgent cases at the Poor Farm at all times.

ATTENDANTS.

1. The male and female attendants shall see that all medicines prescribed by the Doctor are administered to patients at the correct time; that all orders from the Doctor are strictly enforced;

the food to be properly distributed, the rooms, beds, bedding and all clothing to be kept in a wholesome condition; that the comforts of the sick and infirm are in every way promoted. They shall strictly guard against smoking at night.

2. The attendants shall see that their wards and rooms are kept clean, warm and ventilated; that all inmates are bathed once a week, and more often if found necessary; that a sufficient quantity of food is furnished each person, and if any person refuses food provided that notice thereof be given to the Doctor; they will notify the Superintendent of all persons that they may find capable of working. From time to time they shall report to the Superintendent the state of their wards; also, any complaints that may be made by the inmates; also, any insubordination that may arise or any breaking of the rules of the Institution.

3. All attendants shall, in addition to the rules specified, hold themselves in readiness to perform any service that may be reasonably required of them by the Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. From the First of October until the First of April in each year, inmates shall rise at six o'clock a.m., and retire at eight p.m. From the First of April to the First of October in each year inmates shall rise at five-thirty a.m., and retire at eight-thirty p.m.

2. All inmates, unless excused by the Doctor, shall be bathed at least once a week; cleanliness shall always be enforced by appropriate discipline; the mattresses shall be refilled with clean straw at least twice per annum.

3. Discipline may extend to the diet, the labor, the confinement, of the inmate, according to the offence, and shall be exercised by the Superintendent or by his order, subject to the approval of the Committee. But in all cases of discipline or restraint, a record shall be kept of the cause and duration of same.

4. Inmates may be visited by their friends every
., between the hours of one and five o'clock; but in urgent cases they may visit any day in the week by obtaining an order from one of the members of the Committee or County Clerk. Visitors are strictly forbidden to give an inmate or bring into the Institution intoxicating liquors of any description. All persons violating this rule shall forfeit their right to admission to the premises and cannot be admitted to the Institution unless by order of the Committee.

5. The inmates of the Institution will attend religious services on Sundays when held. Inmates will be obliged to attend only services of their own religious belief.

6. All employees of the Institution shall avoid the use of

improper language; shall treat each other and the inmates with courtesy; and any violation of this rule shall be sufficient cause for dismissal.

7. The Insane shall be treated in a kind and gentle manner, but subject to strict discipline; sympathy and kindness shall be the rule—force and restraint the exception. No attendant shall be permitted to strike an inmate under any circumstances.

8. No quarrelling or using profane language will be tolerated at any time; and if any person has any complaint against another, the complaint must be made to the Superintendent or Matron.

9. All inmates of the Institution who shall soil or deface the walls or ceilings, or by any dirty habit, carelessness or design, or shall misuse their clothes, their working tools, or any article committed to their care; destroy the furniture, the windows, or anything in connection with the Institution, shall be punished at the discretion of the Superintendent.

10. No clothing or other articles shall be allowed to be brought into any ward; any such articles or clothing that may be owned by any inmate shall, on entry, if of any value, be placed in the custody of the Superintendent, who will deliver the same to the owner, as they may require to use them.

11. The hours of labor shall be from 7.30 a.m., to 11.30 a.m., and from 1 p.m., to 5 p.m. On Saturday afternoon, the men will work only when special cases require the same to be done.

The Farmer or Outside Overseer shall, under the Superintendent, have charge of all Live Stock, Barns, Farming Implements, and shall see that inmates detailed to assist him shall do good work, and that the greatest care should be used that no waste or extravagance is allowed in the Feeding of Horses and Cattle.



