

Less due, as per answer to question No. 50.....	\$5,172	
To pay interest due on Debentures and to Wentworth,..	1,714	
		6,885
Balance,.....		\$19,687
From which deduct, to replace Sinking Fund, which had been applied to other purposes on previous years,.....		1,746
Total balance cash on hand, and due from the Municipalities,.....		\$17,941
Amount brought down, levied for 1858,.....		\$21,326
From which deduct the above balance cash available from 1857,		17,941
Balance,.....		\$3,385

Now, there is a great difference between \$21,326, levied for this year, and the small sum of \$3,385, which would suffice if this amount on hand at the end of last year was credited to the County by the Treasurer!!

The above results form matter of serious consideration. The over-estimates, and the commercial crisis and scarcity of money, in years of unexampled trials to the Province in general, were hard to be endured by the people of this County. We are exceedingly sorry that the business of this County is conducted in such an unsatisfactory manner, and that the community, in trying times like these, had to bear the burdens, in our opinion, unnecessarily imposed upon them, and which should have been avoided but for the conduct of those who had the control of affairs.

The third charge, is, "That the Treasurer appropriated monies received by him contrary to law."

This is admitted by the Treasurer himself, and not only by him but by other members of the Council. The responsibility is not confined to the Treasurer. Every member of the Council from the Warden downwards is involved.

The fourth charge, is, "That the Treasurer borrowed monies from private individuals for public purposes not requisite, and charged certain sums as interest therefor in his Accounts."

We find in May, 1855, Mr. Brown paid out to parties of his own funds

On or before the 12th May, the same year he received from various sources.....	£23 19 5	
Leaving in his favour.....		£16 0 0
On that same day we find placed to his credit, £75		
Borrowed from James Harrison.....	125 200 0 0	
Balance on hand on the same date.....		£152 0 7

We find that at the end of every month during that year by his own cash book, he had large balances on hand precluding the necessity of borrowing more than the £147 19 5 as we find on the 30th June the same year that he had on hand the sum of £790 6 0 available.

We think that in consequence of the balance at the Treasurer's credit at the Gore Bank, he could easily have effected a temporary loan instead of borrowing monies for a larger period than was requisite, the County thus sustaining a loss.