

ings of the Corporation of which he shall be Clerk, and to make regular entries of all resolutions and decisions, and to record the vote of every person present entitled to vote on every question submitted if required by any member present, and to PRESERVE AND FILE ALL ACCOUNTS acted upon by the body of which he is Clerk, and TO KEEP the books, RECORDS and ACCOUNTS of such body, which shall be open, without fee or reward to the inspection of all persons, at all reasonable times and hours.

Thus it will be seen that the most important duties, imperative upon this officer, by the Municipal Act have been set at defiance. I regret to say that no data essential to my purpose could be found with him!

I now refer you to a careful perusal of the answers given by the Clerk to my questions. They are full of admissions and contradictions unworthy of Mr. Hanburg, and show conclusively how the interests and trusts committed to the Council and their officers have been protected. I am sorry for his conduct.

After submitting to a good deal of unnecessary abuse from the parties implicated, but still determined that no obstacle should thwart my exertions in educating the real facts,—this being an act of justice, both to the parties accused and to the people of Halton,—I secured the valuable assistance of John Stewart, Esq., of Esqueville, and with his co-operation prosecuted the examination.

The Treasurer having refused to give answers to my first three queries, I handed to him the charges printed in the preliminaries of the investigation.

NOW FOR THE CHARGES.

The First.—"The existence of embezzles and interdications in the several books of Accounts of the Treasurer."

The best proof of this is an inspection of the books. A glance is sufficient to convince any one that this is the case; although we are far from imputing to the Treasurer any intention to pervert the Accounts.

The Second.—"That the Treasurer prepared and submitted to the Municipal Council of the County of Halton exorbitant Estimates, purporting to be sums of money required to meet the liabilities and contingent expenses for the current years 1856, 1857, and 1858."

For the year 1856, we believe that the Estimate was correct, except that sufficient provision was not made for the payment of monies due the County of Wentworth, falling due early in the ensuing year.

For 1857, we regret to find a wrongful and exorbitant Estimate made. We believe that there was raised, over and above what was necessary for that year, no less a sum than \$19,000, or thereabouts!

For 1858, the Estimate made by the Treasurer to meet the current expenses, amounting to..... \$20,279 we believe would be correct; but the Council, not satisfied with this, levied..... 21,323 and the Treasurer omitted to deduct from such Estimate the cash balance on hand, amounting to..... 6,051 To which add amount due from the Municipalities,.... 29,518

Total,..... \$26,572