

**THE ACADIAN,**  
WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 23, 1888  
EDITORIAL NOTES.

For assessing this county last Dec. the assessors ask the modest little sum of \$895.05, and for which service they have been allowed \$698.20. Contrast this with the sum allowed last year, viz, \$417.00 and we have an increase in taxation from this source of \$291.29 over last year.

Last year Horton asked for \$2,000.00 for the support of the Poor and was allowed \$1400.00, the actual expenditure was \$2506.00. This year it asks for \$3,957.00 and is to receive \$2,958.00, probable expenditure, judging from last year, will be \$4,000.00 or upwards. Encouraging.

Would it not be well for our Municipal Council to insist upon the prompt collection of taxes and to give the different collectors notice that they would be expected to pay over to the Treasurer of the County the whole amount of collectable rates by the first of Dec. next? It is a standing disgrace to our county that so large a sum has to be reported from year to year as uncollected. The longer a debt is allowed to remain unpaid the harder it becomes to collect it.

Is there any economy in refusing to vote a sufficient sum for the support of the poor? It appears that a sum has been voted for that purpose for the Horton district less by \$1000, than, the estimate of the overseers. In the event of the overseers being right, what are they to do without funds? Should they borrow, as heretofore, and pay bank interest?

We understand that the ship owners in this county intend to appeal from their assessments in April next, to the extent of some \$200,000 which has been assessed upon them, on account of ship property, they claim there is no law to compel them to pay any poor or county tax on ships. Why was this matter not looked into before the instructions were issued to assessors authorizing them to assess ships for a half present value? Such a mistake (if it is a mistake) only tends to increase taxation, and occasion annoyance and trouble.

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**

Petition presented in reference to the Parade Ground near Samuel Chipman's, deferred until further information be obtained concerning title thereof.

Petition received from S. P. Benjamin in reference to an expenditure of \$185 in 1883, which on motion was referred to committee of Councillors, J. Davison, F. G. Curry and N. E. Bishop to examine into and report.

\$12.02 was struck off County rate in Ward 11 as bad. Jas. Bligh, at his own request, struck off the list of Stipendiary Magistrates of Cornwallis.

Resolution to expend Government monies by tender and contract deferred until spring term.

The following additions were made list of County officers.

**ASSESSORS.**

Ward 6.—A. E. Calkin, W. H. Lingley  
" 6.—Robert Harrington, Cornwallis

**PRESIDING OFFICERS.**

- Ward 1.—Chas. R. Northup.
- " 2.—William Smith.
- " 3.—Wm. Edwin Harris.
- " 4.—C. B. Lemont.
- " 5.—A. T. Baker.
- " 6.—John Redden.
- " 7.—Russell Coldwell.
- " 8.—Jas. S. Morse.
- " 9.—James Leard.
- " 10.—A. D. Nichols.
- " 11.—Martin Franey.
- " 12.—Geo. M. Roach.
- " 13.—John M. Parler.
- " 14.—Joseph H. Rawding.

**STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.**

(Cornwallis.)  
E. M. Beckwith, R. D. West, Thos. Craig, Jas. S. Witter, A. A. Pineo, J. M. Parker, H. E. Jefferson.

(Horton.)  
William Eaton, D. D. Reid, G. A. Davison, E. J. Ross, John L. Gertridge, J. B. Davison, J. W. Hamilton, J. W. Taylor, Geo. E. Cox, A. deW. Bares.

(Aylesford.)  
J. A. Wilson, Wm. Magee, S. G. Baker, Stephen Taylor, A. D. Nichols.

**HEALTH WARDENS. INSPECTORS.**

Ward 11.—Wm. Smith, J. A. Wilson  
" 10.—S. G. Baker, A. R. Andrews

Bounty on bears to be increased from \$2.00 to \$4.00. On loupervier from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Petit on from ratepayers of Ward 7 stating that the sum of \$427.27 had been expended in 1884 and asking for investigation.

Councillors Clark and Dr. Fitch were appointed a committee with power to add to their number to make such investigations.

Resolved, that the amount of Leander Palmeter's contract on the bridge near Long Island be paid equally out of Gov't fund of Wards 8 and 9.

Resolved, that \$18.75, being amount realized from sale of oolt and paid into County treasury, be repaid to Frank Trenholm.

Auctioneers' licenses to be \$6.00 each, to be issued by Clerk of Council as hitherto.

**PETITIONS FOR ROADS.**

Alteration of Deep Hollow Road. Joshua Chase, com.

For road between Church and Belcher streets. John P. Lyons, com.

For road near Wm. H. Forsyth's. A. O. Brown, com.

From Port Williams to Jas. Kennikles. Wm. Smith, com.

For road across lands of Handy Kelly in Horton. David Dorman, com.

From near Jas. Allens to west point Long Island. Jas. Allen, com.

From Evan's Aboiteau to the old highway on Boot Island. Geo. Harvey, com.

To establish public landing at White Waters and widen road to John Rogger's west line. Elijah C. West, com.

Committee to gather statistics in reference to poor farms—J. P. Fitch, Reuben F. Reid, Fisher, and Mack.

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

For Aylesford.—John Bishop, H. L. Baker, Thos. A. Wilson.

For Horton.—Elijah Neary, George Harvey, Wm. Eaton.

For Cornwallis.—H. G. Bill, Leander Rand, Geo. W. Kinsman.

Committee of Councillors appointed under regulations and rules of instruction to overseers. For Aylesford,—Taylor, Fitch, Mack. Horton,—Reid, Curry, Bishop. Cornwallis,—Roscoe, Fitch, Cox.

Bad rates in Ward 9 amounting to \$17.20 to be struck off.

Council acquiesced in petition to Legislature that 5 acres of school land in Lower Horton be sold.

Overseers of poor to render accounts of time, and pay will be fixed by Council.

J. A. Woodworth, H. Chipman and J. W. King, appointed to examine and adjust the poor books and accounts in Horton.

W. E. Roscoe presented a bill for professional service in connection with the Cornwallis school suit, amounting to \$631.95 was ordered to be assessed upon the township of Cornwallis to be included in the County rate, and in addition to the sum of \$631.95 to be assessed on Cornwallis, the sum of \$18,250 to be assessed upon the County by a County rate.

Resolved, that the Council request the sum of \$650 be paid by the Gov't out of the bridge fund and charged against the Municipality, for the rebuilding of the Simpson Bridge.

Resolved, that the Treasurer enforce the collecting of last year's rate bonds immediately.

Council appoint themselves the general committee for exhibition, Warden, Chairman.

Resolved that the regulations as read and passed by the Council be printed as usual with a list of town officers for 1888.

Council adjourned until the last Wednesday in April next.

**Vacation Notes.**

BY HARRI HARLEE.

(Continued.)

To travel, in a northerly direction, from North Brookfield for a distance of twenty-four miles will take you over a very uninviting and uninhabitable country. In the twenty-four miles there are two or three small houses, and a few hemlock trees; the remainder of the district is stones. The whole tract of country is worth about twenty cents, all the buildings and a Dutch yoke at the "Halfway" included. An accident to our conveyance detained us for some time at one of the houses, and by that means we got acquainted with most of the inhabitants. The men smoke, the girls wear curl-papers, and the mothers do the work, just as in other places. These people appear happy, and can nearly all whistle, yet they lack many of the comforts of life. There are no stores near where they can buy on credit; they have no sewing circles, for they have no neighbors to talk about; there is not a school-house or division-room in the community, and oyster suppers and Sabbath school picnics are things unknown. They possess, however, many of the modern miseries, such as whitlows, catarrh and peddlars, and in this respect if in no other, are on an equality with people less isolated. At the end of this stone road as at the beginning, there is a house where the women never get, cross no matter how late you come to your meals.

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