The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23RD, 1883.

— Owing to the report of the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Municipal Council being so much in excess this year of the usual amount, and containing also a very large quantity of tabular work, we were unable to have it all ready in time to issue on Wednesday; and believing our subscribers would prefer to have it all at once, we concluded to postpone publication one day. For the same reason, and owing to lack of space, we have excluded all local matter, but will insert in our next week's issue, which we hope to get out on the usual day.

Proceedings of Council.

ANNAPOLIS, SS.,

In the Municipal Council, Annual Meeting, 1884.

Council met in the Court House at Annapolis, on Tuesday, 8th day of January, A. D. 1884, at ten o'clock a. m.

Present: The Warden, Councillors Roach, Leonard, Vidito, Young, Kennedy, Roop, Mills, Whitman, Bent, Oakes, Charlton, Buckler.

The minutes of the Semi Annual meeting were read and adopted.

Upon motion it was ordered, That Councillors Mills, Roach and Leonard, be a Committee to appoint the standing Committees.

Upon reading and considering the petition of William Warwick, in reference to railway damages on the N. S. Nictaux and Atlantic Railway, in reference to damages awarded to Joseph Freeman in Springfield, it is ordered that the same lie on the table.

RECESS.

After Recess. Upon reading and considering the petition of James M. Gilliatt, in reference to a deficiency in payment as assessors for Ward No. 6, it is upon motion ordered, that the petitioner receive $3.00 in addition to the sum already allowed.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis: —

Your Committee to appoint the standing committees beg to report as follows:

1st. *Public Accounts and Finance.*—Councillors Roop, Leonard, and Roach.

2nd. *Tenders and Public Property.*—Councillors Vidito, Bent and Young.

3rd. *Licenses.* — Councillors Kennedy, Clark and Oakes.

4th. *Roads and Bridges.*—Councillors Roach, Leonard, Vidito, Young, Kennedy, Thorne, Roop, Clark, Whitman, Mills, Bent, Oakes, Charlton, Dukeshire, Buckler, Roy and Phinney.

5th. *Assessments.*—Councillors Mills, Dukeshire and Charlton.

6th. *Lunatics.* — Councillors Whitman, Kennedy and Buckler.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. MILLS,
J. S. LEONARD,
GEORGE ROACH,
Committee.

Annapolis, Jan. 8th, 1884.

Ordered, That the report of Col. W. E. Starratt and John P. Murdoch, a special Committee appointed to audit the Clerk's and Treasurer's books of the County from 1879 to date, as per order of the semi-annual meeting, and ascertain the true assets and liabilities of the County, and report at the present January meeting, lie on the table.

The following charge was then preferred by Councillor Kennedy, against Councillor Buckler.

"*Whereas*, certain reports from apparently good authority are circulated, that Councillor J. Buckler has subjected himself to disqualification, under Sect. 36, chap. 43, Vic., and that in my opinion, this Council should acquaint itself of the justice or injustice of said reports, I hereby charge the said Councillor J. Buckler, with having violated the provision of said Act."

Whereupon it was ordered, That the following Councillors be a committee to investigate said charges, viz: Councillors Whitman, Leonard and Dukeshire.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Robert E. FitzRandolph, et als, asking for the appointment of a Police Constable in Bridgetown, it is ordered that the same lie on the table.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Arod Grant, asking for assistance from the Municipality to aid in the support of his family, the prayer thereof was upon motion granted, and the sum of twenty five dollars per year allowed. The same to be paid out of the funds allowed for the support of the poor.

Upon motion of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Roach, it is ordered, That a committee consisting of Councillors Kennedy and Leonard be appointed to prepare a suitable address to the family of the late T. Ainsley Margeson, the late Councillor for Ward No. 1.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joel Edgett, and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County, praying for a road from the east and west road to the Bluff Cove, in Hillsboro, (so called); It is ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety and necessity of said road as prayed for, and if necessary and proper, to lay off the same in manner prescribed by law. Committee, Elias Halliday, William Armstrong and Walter Mills.

Messrs. Roy and Phinney, the Councillors elect for Ward No. 1 being present, the same were sworn into office, and took their seats as Councillors accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9th.

Council met at ten o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Warden and all the Councillors.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion it is ordered, That Councillors Roy and Phinney be added to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered, That Councillors Clark, Oakes and Vidito be a committee to revise Jury lists.

Ordered, That the Council go into committee of the whole, to examine road returns; Councillor Whitman in the chair.

Committee adjourned. Council adjourned.

RECESS.

After Recess. Upon reading and considering the petition of E. D. Smith, J. E. Farnsworth and F. Farnsworth, asking for a change of a name of a locality on the Bay Shore. It is ordered, that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Council resolved itself into committee of the whole on road returns, Councillor Whitman in the chair.

The following is a report of the districts which have returned statute labor, those not returned and the Wards in which situate as follows:—

Ward 1, No. returned, 21, not returned, 15; Ward 2, No. returned, 15, not returned, 2; Ward 3, No. returned, 13, not returned, 8; Ward 4, No. returned, 15, not returned, —; Ward 5, No. returned, 10, not returned, 5; Ward 6, No. returned, 10, not returned, 2; Ward 7, No. returned, 7, not returned 3; Ward 8, No. returned, 11, of which three were not in form, not returned, 3; Ward 9, No. returned, 17, not returned, 8; Ward 10, No. returned, 6, not returned, 13; Ward 11, No. returned, 7, not returned, 2, work done; Ward 12, No. returned, 18, not returned, 10, work not done in one Ward; Ward 13, No. returned, 13, not returned, 1; Ward 14, No. returned, 7, not returned, 6, work all done; Ward 15, No. returned, 6, not returned, 4. Total number returned, 176, Total not returned, 82.

Ordered, That the commissioners for making out Statute Labor Lists in each ward be inspector of statute labor, whose duty it will be to see that the statute labor in his Ward is duly performed, and that the return of each surveyor of highways is before the Council.

Ordered, That there be but one person appointed for each Ward to prepare statute labor lists.

Ordered, That clerks appointed to prepare Statute Labor Lists be allowed 25c. on each list prepared by them in addition to the two days exemption allowed by statute. Council adjourned.

THURSDAY.

Council met at ten o'clock a. m. Present the Warden and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Foster Farnsworth, and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County, in reference to a certain road between Chute's Cove or Hampton and Phinney Cove; the report of the committee thereon, and on motion the report of said committee was received.

Ordered, That the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the Clerk's and Treasurer's books up to date, be now taken up, which after discussion the same was upon motion adopted.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis:—

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Council, 1883, to examine into and report upon the financial position of the Municipality from 1879, the last year of the Court of Sessions, up to Jan. 1st, 1883, respectfully submit the following report.

"A." 1880.

Amount of presentment,		$19,297 48
" Rate bills	$19,143 17	
" received fr. collectors,	16,242 37	
" uncollected up to Dec. 31 '80,	———	$2,899 80

Detailed statement for 1880, uncollected rates:—

Ward No.	Collect'd cash, 1881.	Commission.	Uncollected.
1	$624 40	$32 02	$75 90
2	94 95	22 16	92 01
3	7 40	18 21	*31 26
4	561 06	26 27	57 91
5	10 57	12 49	19 19
6		12 18	12 54
7		6 45	†14 15
8		16 31	20 53
9		19 50	7 12
10	1882 100 00		
10	1883 113 13	59 40	75 89
11	220 44	14 72	57 23
12	1882 98 32		
12	1883 70 93	15 97	53 33
13		19 28	11 02
14	106 55	8 81	30 62
15	86	4 56	8 45
	2,008 61	298 33	567 15

*Error in roll, $34 71
†And warrant out.

"A." 1881.

Am't of presentment,		$18,537 23
" Rate rolls,	$18,535 96	
" received from collections,	15,583 28	
" uncollect'd up to Dec 31 '81	———	2,953 68

Ward No.	Collect'd cash, 1882.	Commission.	Uncollected.
1	$143 19	$31 98	$37 04
2	3 17	14 72	63 11
3		17 29	8 90
4	757 19	21 80	216 94
5		8 78	14 91
6		14 09	17 77
7	10 30	10 33	24 08
8	61 40	20 24	10 94
9	306 93	11 76	309 10
10	60 00	51 69	45 28
11	15 00	6 89	33 17
12	422 27	22 80	47 89
13		11 39	6 34
14	30 94	9 16	40 82
15	1 31	8 34	4 43
	1,811 70	261 26	880 72-2953.68

"A." 1882.

Presentment,		$17,917 38
Am't of Rate bills,	$17,158 12	
" paid by collectors,	15,903 86	
		1,254 26

Ward No.	Commis'n.	Uncollected.	
1	22 59	312 08	
2	16 96	23 82	
3	32 84	7 33	
4	22 98	84 43	
5	32 92	no loss	
6	19 35	9 00	
7	13 20	26 92	
8	27 07	59 98	
9	22 89	10 24	
10	60 04	157 02	
11	8 65	17 06	warrant
12	36 24	163 63	
13	15 25	15 10	
14	6 52	16 11	
15	7 00	7 04	
	344 50	909 76	$1,254 26

"B"

Yearly statement of the balances, income from assessments and other sources, and expenditure in Treasurer's general account from 1879 to Jan. 1st, 1883.

1880.

Balance from 1879,	$8,949 07
Income from assessments	16,243 37
Receipts from other sources	3,197 72
	28,390 16
Expenditure per accounts	21,458 02
Balance credit	$6,932 14

1881.

By balance from 1880	$6,932 14
Receipts from assessments	15,582 28
Receipts from other sources	4,523 49
	27,037 91
Expenditure	20,889 72
Balance credit	$6,148 19

1882

By balance from 1881	$6,148 19
Receipts from assessments	15,903 86
Receipts from other sources	2,145 63
	24,197 68
Expenditure	18.613 46
Balance to credit of Municipality up to Jan. 1, 1883	$5,584 22

"C."

Yearly statement from Nova Scotia Hospital for Insane, Halifax, showing the balances due, the cost of maintenance and sundries supplied, as also the payments made, with dates from 1879 to Oct. 1st, 1883.

1879	Dr.	
Jan 1,	Balance forward	$ 618 33
	Maintenance	1170 83
	Sundries	95 75
		1884 91
1879	Cr.	
Feb 27,	To Cash paid	618 33
June 30,	Peachy's acct. transferred	83 00
Dec 30,	Balance forward	1183 58
		1884 91
1880	Dr.	
Jan 1,	Balance Forward	1183 58
	Maintenance	1053 35
	Sundries	134 25
1880	Dr.	
Feb 23	To Cash	1183 58
May 25	do	315 60
July 18	do	350 75
Dec 31	do	521 25
		2371 18
1881	Cr.	
Jan 1,	Balance brought down	521 25
	Maintenance	1048 72
	Sundries	151 65
		1721 62
1881	Dr.	
Feb 28	To Cash	521 25
Dec 31	To Balance forward	1200 37
		1721 62
1882	Cr.	
Jan. 1,	*Balance brought down	1200 37
	Maintenance	1314 35
	Sundries	166 85
		2681 57

1882	Dr.	
Dec 31	Balance forward	2681 57
1883	Cr.	
Jan 1,	Balance brought down	2681 57
Oct 1,	Maintenance	1240 21
	Sundries	179 45
		4101.23
1883	Dr.	
Sept. 6	To Cash	1000 00
"	Balance	3101 23
		4101 23
1883	Cr.	
Oct 1,	By Balance due	3101.23

We find at Sept. 30, 1883, the number chargeable to the Municipality receiving support at the Nova Scotia Hospital of Insane is 15, of the following names:—

John Marshall,	Maria Taylor,
Jesse Henshaw,	Elizabeth Milberry,
Minard Chute,	Nancy Rice,
John Clements,	Margaret Welsh,
Morsin Clarke.	Florence Cummings,
Lucy Bockman,	Eliza Brooks,
Caroline Gilliatt,	Sophronia Walker,

J. S. Eagan.

"D."

A summary statement of amounts expended in the purchase of Poor Farm and buildings and furnishing of the Alms House from 1881 to Jan. 1, 1883.

Dr.	
Cost of Farm	$2,500 00
Building Almshouse (contract).	3,250 00
Outbuildings and repairs on old house	102 40
1 horse and 2 cows	123 56
Furniture and sundries, as per bills accepted	863 43
Balance forward	160 61
	7,000 00
Cr.	
By cash borrowed at different times and from different parties	$7,000 00
Dr.	
Dec. 1882. To amount paid out and vouchers with committee	$160 61
Am't drawn from Treasurer as recorded	2,727 72
Balance forward	272 28
	3,160 61
Cr.	
Jan. 1, '82. By balance	$160 61
Am't allowed as per presentme't	3,000 00
	3,160 61
Dr.	
Jan. '83. To amount carried to general acc't of Municipality.	$272 28
Cr	
Jan. 1, '83. By bal. br't down	$272 28

"E."

Receipts from Government on Road and Bridge Grant, and expenditure from July 17th, 1882 to Dec. 31, 1882 as Shown on Treasurer's account.

1882.	RECEIPTS.	
July 18.	From Hon W B Troop	$1,000 00
July 25.	" Bank N. Scotia.	1,000 00
Aug 14.	" " "	1 700 00
Sept 26.	" " "	1.600 00
Nov 16.	" " "	1,552 86
		6,852 86
Paid out as per vouchers held by Treasurer		6,065 44
Balance due 31, '82 on hand		787 42

"F."

Assets and liabilities of the Municipality of Annapolis up to Jan. 1st, '83.

ASSETS.

Poor Farm, Alms House, Buildings, Farmhouse and stock at Bridgetown as per schedule D	$6,839 39
Poor Farm and buildings at Clements	1,000 00
Court House, Jail and Grounds at Annapolis	5,000 00
Court House at Bridgetown	400 00
Ferry Slips Granville and Annapolis and Wharf Property on Granville side	400 00
County Safe for Clerk $300. Safe at Registrar's Office $50	350 00
Treasurer's balance in hand, per Auditors report Jan. 1, '83	5,584 00
Balance in hand Dec 31, '82 from Road and Bridge Grant, schedule E	787 42

We find on careful examination that the undermentioned sums of money were duly credited to Collectors whose accounts were not balanced at the time of audit, but said sums were omitted to be carried forward to the credit of Municipality in Treasurer's account.

Roll '79.	Ward No. 8.	
	Paid by order	$23 60
No. 9, Feb 10, '82, c'sh		70 00
" 11, Jan 15, 80, "		5 34
Roll '80.	Ward No. 12,	
	April 21, '81	45 00
No. 14, Jan 12, 81		83 00
		$226 94
		20,587 97

We find uncollected roll from '79 as per schedule A.

1880.	Uncollected	$601 85
'81.	"	880 72
'82.	"	909 76
		2,392 33

This amount we consider of but little value.

Liabilities of the Municipality of Annapolis up to Jan. 1st, '83.

Due Nova Scotia Hospital for Insane, Halifax, as per schedule C Statement from '79 to Oct 1, '83	3,101 23
Due as per advice (previous balance to '79) from Hon A Gayton, Comr. Public Charities	3,620 00
	6,721 23

The last amount was ascertained by a telegram sent to the Hon A Gayton, and answer received, that repeated demands for payment had been made.

R'y debentures N & A R R	9,500 00
Alms House & Poor Farm loans	7,000 00
Total liability	23,221 23

For the R R debentures and Poor Farm loans we have not been able to ascertain the parties who hold them and the amount due on them, as the Books of the Municipality do not show any record by which the information can be obtained.

W. E. STARRATT,
JOHN P MURDOCK,
Special Committee.

Bridgetown, Dec. 31, '83.

RECESS.

After Recess. Upon reading and considering the report of the committee on Tenders and Public Property the same was upon motion adopted. The following is the report:

ANNAPOLIS, SS.

In the Municipal Council, Annual Meeting, 1884.

To the Warden and Members of Council, in Annual Session convened:

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Tenders and Public Property, beg leave to submit the following as our annual report:

The total amount of funds under the control of your Committee, at the adjournment of the annual meeting in 1883 was follows, viz: appropriation as per presentment, $2500.00; surplus to poor account $442.98; appropriation as per presentment for defraying expenses of various poor districts for 1882, $208 73,—making a gross total of $3151.71, out of which was paid, as per vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer, $2971.68, leaving a balance to credit of your Committee of $180.03. Out of the gross expenditure of $2971.68 the the sum of $292.85 has been paid since the 31st Dec., 1883, at which date the Treasurer balanced his books.

In reference to the credits that appear in the Treasurer's account rendered to us, we beg leave to say that the sum of $101.02 has already been accounted for in our annual report submitted at January meeting 1883, and the balance of $64.40 is now an asset of the County to the credit of poor funds.

The proceeds arising from the farm during the last year will appear from the following statement furnished us by Mr. Clark, the keeper of the Alms House, as follows:

21 bbls. of Apples; 200 bush. Potatoes; 35 bush. Oats; 16 bush. Barley; 3. bush. Beans; 3 bush. Peas; 35 bu's. Turnips; two Hogs weighing 830 lbs.

Cash realized by Mr. Clark keeper of Alms House $32,16.

We have sold one yoke of oxen to Mr. Clarke for $105.00, after the springs work was done, and purchased another pair in the autumn of 1883 for $87.75, which is now on the farm.

We also fattened one cow and made beef for the inmates and purchased another cow in her stead for $30.00, which is now on the property.

We had the misfortune to lose the horse on the poor farm, and were in consequence compelled to purchase another, involving an unforeseen expenditure in the purchase of another of $135.00.

However, we are glad to be able to report that the stock on the farm is up to number it was at the date of our last annual report.

We have done our utmost to improve the farm having during the last year, expended moneys under our control as follows: for grafting about $40.00; ditching $20.00.

At the May meeting of Council your Committee was under the impression that the Clements Poor Farm was sold to Mr. Morgan, but subsequent events proved that the purchaser was not able to meet his payments, and we were thereby prevented from purchasing the marsh in which the cash to be realized from the said poor farm was intended to be invested. As a matter of course not being able to purchase marsh we were driven to the necessity of purchasing 3 acres of grass which we did at a cost of $27.00. We considered this an advantage, inasmuch as the price of the grass was less than the interest of the purchase money of the marsh would have been.

We built the wood house 36x18, and completed the same at the cost appropriated by the Council for its erection. We also repaired the barn and pig stye at the cost of $95.00.

The buildings are now, after these repairs, in good condition, and will not require any additional repairs for some years to come. The ninty-five dollars was a charge against the poor fund.

We invested twenty dollars in the purchase of wool to be manufactured into socks stocking and mittens by the inmates of the Alms House for their use, and after the wants of the inmates had been supplied there was a balance on hand sufficient to realize a sum equal to the first cost of the wool.

During the year ended Dec. 31st, 1883 there have died out of the number of inmates 16. We have provided places for 17. Admitted during same year 28, and at the date of this report there are 47 now in the Alms House.

In connection herewith your committee take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Council the fact that in their opinion the utmost care should be exercised in the admission of inmates to the institution. Within the last six weeks we have had to take the examination of five applicants for admission, and with one exception we found their place of settlement to be elsewhere than in the County of Annapolis.

We would suggest to the Council that we consider it highly necessary in the interests of the County that the most careful examination of all applicants for admission to the Alms House should be had before admission thereto. In this connection we beg to refer to the case of an infant brought to the Alms House by Mr. James Stoddart of Albany.

We have made but slight repairs on the Alms House during the past year, having put in but one door.

The following are the receipts of the Clements Poor Farm:

Wheat 5 bushels; Buckwheat 1 bushels; Barley 2½ bushels; Oats 2 bushels; Rye 5 bushels. We have now on hand as follows: Wheat 10 bushels; Buckwheat 5 bushels; Rye 11 bushels; Oats 11 bushels; Barley 8 bushels. Received for grass and pasture $24.00.

We have expended on the Clements poor farm in repairing the mill dam and road $19.84. We have on hand, as supplies in the Alms House at the date of this report an amount equal in value to $100.

During the year we have been obliged to make extensive repairs on the Court House and Jail in Annapolis. This work was under the immediate control of one of your Committee, Mr. Young, and every effort has been made to make the repairs of a most substantial and permanent character. The cost of the repairs was $307.70. For these repairs there was appropriated by the Council the sum of $250, thus showing a balance against the appropriation of $57.70.

Mr. Rufus Hardwick was contractor for a portion of the work at day's labor—the whole work was done by day's labor.

We have endeavored to have the work done in the most substantial manner, and have laid down drains, and have had cesspools built with a view to the sanitary improvement of the gaol and Court House.

On the first of September last past we advertized for tenders for the supply of the Alms House and awarded the contract to Mr. John Lockett of Bridgetown.

Annexed hereto is the report of Dr. DeBlois, the attending physician to the Alms House.

We would take this opportunity in rendering our annual report, of expressing our continued confidence in the management of the Alms House by Mr. and Mrs. Clarke.

In reference to the disposal of buildings on W. C. R. and Nictaux and Atlantic Central Railways, your Committee beg to say that no sales have taken place of buildings on the respective lines. We instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Attornoy General with a view of ascertaining whether the Municipality could dispose of the buildings without authority from the government, whose reply was duly received asking to be referred to the law on the subject since which communication no correspondence or other proceeding has been had or taken place.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. VIDITO,
STEPHEN E. BENT,
WM. H. YOUNG,

Dated Annapolis, Jan. 18th 1884.

The Honorable, the Municipal Council.

I have the honor to submit this my second annual report in regard to the Alms House, Annapolis County, for the year ending December 31st, 1883.

Number of admissions during the year, including 2 births, 28; discharges &c., 17; deaths, 16; present number, 48. The deaths during the year have occurred on the dates and from the cases following:—

Jan. 3rd, infant, age, 13 days, convulsions; Jan. 22nd, woman, age 77 yrs., debility and old age; Feb. 19th, man, age 84 yrs., paralysis; Mch. 28th, man, age 76 yrs., Bright's disease of the kidneys; Mch. 31st, woman, age 76 yrs., Debility and old age May 2nd, child, age 12 mos., hydrocephalus, water on the brain; May 24th, man, age 87 yrs., chronic bronchitis and old age; Aug. 2nd, woman, age 83 yrs., debility, resulting from fracture of the thigh; Sept. 4th, woman, age 96 yrs., old age; Sept. 8th, man, age 30 yrs., tubercular consumption, (brought to the house a few days before death;) Sept. 21st, woman, age 76 yrs., valvular disease of the heart; Oct. 3rd, infant, age 5 mos., hydrocephalus; Oct. 8th, man, age 43 yrs., typhoid fever; Oct. 29th, woman, age 75 years, erysipelas of the face and head; Nov. 10th, woman, age 40 yrs., tubercular consumption; Nov. 29th, child, age 18 mos., hereditary syphilis.

The following cases of disease have been under treatment during the past year:

2 cases of erysipelas; 9 cases of typhoid fever; 3 cases of rheumatism; 1 case of Bright's disease of kidneys; 1 case of psoriasis; 1 case of paralysis; 2 cases of chronic bronchitis; 1 cases of varicose ulcer; 2 cases of syphilis; 2 cases of hydrocephalus; 1 case of gangrene senilis; 2 cases of Tuberculosis; 2 cases of Epilepsy; 1 case of pneumonia; 1 case of compound fracture of arm; 1 cases of fracture of hip-joint.

There has been a great deal of medical attendance necessary for the whole twelve months. I have made one hundred and sixty six visits to the house during that period, generally having to prescribe for several patients at each visit.

We have had quite an epidemic of typhoid fever in the house extending over the past eight months. Almost all the inmates have felt the effects of it, more or less, and although there has been only one death directly from that cause yet it probably had an influence over the mortality among the aged.

The Municipal Committee Messrs. Bent, Vidito and Young, deserve a great deal of credit for the able manner in which they have conducted the general management of the institution, and my individual thanks are due to those gentlemen in seconding my efforts with regard to appliances for the sick.

I have also to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Clark for the care they have so cheerfully given to my patients and in following my suggestions with regard to diet, &c.

In conclusion, I would earnestly commend the claims of the Alms House to the continued and generous support of the County

LOUIS DEBLOIS, M. D.

Ordered, That the report of John Harris, Esq., in reference to the width of the Croscup Road from Victoria Road to Union Road be, and the same is hereby adopted, and that said road be four rods wide. Council adjourned.

FRIDAY.

Council met at ten o'clock a. m. Present the Warden and all the Councillors.

The minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Ordered, That the recorded opinion of Messrs. J. N. & T. Ritchie *in re* Nictaux and Atlantic Railway be adopted and acted upon.

The following is the case submitted and the opinion given thereon.

"*Whereas*, Doubts have arisen as to the liability of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to pay interest on damages awarded to claimants for right of way on the Nova Scotia, Nictaux and Atlantic Central Railway previous to the passing of chap. 22, A. D., '82,

And Whereas, At the annual meeting of the Municipal Council for the County of Annapolis, '83, it was ordered that a case should be prepared by John B. Mills and J. G. H. Parker on the part of the County to be submitted by Messrs. J. N. & T. Ritchie, Solicitors, of Halifax, for the purpose of obtaining their opinion as to the liability of the County."

The question submitted for an opinion is as follows:—

"Is the Municipality of the County of Annapolis liable to pay interest on amounts awarded claimants previous to the legislation of '82, the damages having been paid, and beg to refer to the case of *Re* Nictaux and Atlantic Railway Co. reported in Russel and Geldert, vol. 2, page 252, which refers to all the statutes bearing upon the subject except the act passed in '82.

JOHN B MILLS,
J. G H. PARKER.

Annapolis, August 9th, '83.

OPINION.

"If the damages were still unpaid and over due, interest would be payable under the 53rd section of chapter 70, Rev. Stat. 3rd series, the Supreme Court having decided in the suit above referred to that beyond doubt the sections of that chapter mentioned in the Judgment and including 53, constituted a part of the Incorporating Act of the Atlantic and Nictaux Railway as plainly as if they had been specially referred to in the Act by their members; the Court having also in the same case sustained the legality of the assessment. Besides this, section 14 of chapter 22 of the Acts of '82 is retrospective and would probably now give the interest if the Court had not so decided.

"The remaining question, as we understand it, is, whether or not the payment of the damages before the passing of the Act of '82 would prevent the person who received them from claiming to be paid interest thereon now, from the time the damages were payable until they were paid; and we are of opinion that it would not; the claimant was entitled to be paid one half in twelve months, and the balance in two years after the appraisement, and to receive interest at six per cent., if the payments were delayed beyond those periods, and a part payment of the amount he was entitled to receive, would not extinguish the debt unless he agreed to receive it in full of his claim, or in some other way released the balance then due."

J. N. & T. RITCHIE.

Halifax, August 10th, 1883.

Ordered, That the Warden be authorized to borrow an amount equal to the interest on the respective awards now accruing due on N. S. and At. R. R. awards since last statement, and pay off said amounts forthwith to the respective claimants.

The list of County and Town Officers were read and passed. (List of Town and County Officers will be published on our outside next week.—ED.)

RECESS.

After recess. Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarah Ann Cropley and Maria Cropley, also the petition of B. H. Parker, et als, in reference to relief from rates being afforded the said Sarah Ann Cropley and Maria Cropley, the same was on motion granted.

Ordered, That Corneleus Handly and Williard Early be allowed to perform their statute labor on their respective private roads, under the supervision of highways for the district in which he resides.

Ordered, That Andrew Foster and Stephen Banks, residing in road district No. 22, Wilmot, be allowed to perform each one half their statute labor on their private roads, under supervision of the surveyor of highways for the district in which each resides.

Upon reading and considering the petition of William V. Vroom and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County, praying for a road from the Virginia Road to the Liverpool Road, commencing at the Mill Road of Wallace Wright on said Virginia Road, and running in an easterly direction, till it strikes the Liverpool Road at what is known as Spurr's Hill's. It is ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety and necessity of said road as prayed for, and if necessary and proper to lay off the same in manner prescribed by law. Committee, Chas. Ditmars, E. Barteaux, Jr., and Ezekiel Banks.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas S Whitman, and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County, praying for an alteration in the Liverpool Road at Mickey's Hill, the precept thereon addressed to Edward Barteaux, Hugh McDoul and Edward Orde, as a committee, the return of said Committee, and it appearing that the law has in all respects been complied with; upon motion it is ordered, That the said petition and all proceedings had thereunder be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that the said alteration of said road be henceforth known as a public road.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Vidito.

"*Whereas*. It has come to the knowledge of the Council through the report of the Auditors, appointed at the last Semi-Annual Meeting to investigate the financial condition of the County, that certain sums of money have deen borrowed for which the County is liable, which sums do not appear on the Treasurer's Books.

And Whereas, It is desirable that to a proper understanding of the exact financial condition of the County, that all the assets and liabilities of the County should appear on the Treasurer's books.

Therefore be it Resolved, That all sums borrowed, or that may be hereafter borrowed, by the County since the passing of the County Incorporation Act, be entered upon the Treasurer's books, showing from whom borrowed, when payable, and to whom, and likewise, the rate of interest, and whether paid by instalments or in full."

Ordered, That the report of the auditors be read, which was accordingly done, and on motion the same was adopted.

The following is the report:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis County.

We, the undersigned Auditors, appointed by you to examine into and report on the books of the Municipality, beg leave to report as follows:

In examining and checking the several entries in Treasurer's account, we find an error of $6.93 overcharged, as shown in Amberman's account.

We find that with this exception, the vouchers agree with the several entries.

We also find in the contingent account the sum of $67.00 paid as bounty for killing 14 bears and 39 wild cats, as also sixty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents, charged on October the 8th, 1883, as lossage on P. E. Island notes.

We would call your attention to the fact that only $22.00 appears on the Treasurer's books as collected from licenses and fines for the year 1883.

We would suggest that in future all special loans go through the hands of the Treasurer, so that the assets and liabilities of the Municipality can be more readily ascertained.

We would further suggest, that the Clerk of the Muncipality keep a marginal index in his record book and also that a record of all orders drawn on the Treasurer be kept by him stating the services and years for which they are drawn, as we find amounts paid which do not appear on last year's Presentment, although actually due from previous years.

Please find annexed statements.

W E STARRATT.
A SHEARER.
Auditors.

Annapolis Royal, Jan. 10th, 1884.

Statement as per books of Treasurer of Municipality of Annapolis as at 31st December, 1883.

Dr.		
Balance from last year		$5,584 22
Prothonatory's fees		80 00
Licenses		5 00
Fines		17 00
Education		3,059 00
Cash for Hogan Bridge		160 00
Bal. R'y monies per late Warden.		480 76
Other sources		11 18
Collectors 1883		15,635 84
Collectors '82		533 12
Omitted Ward 14, '80		83 00
Omitted Ward 9, '79.		70 00
Poor farm		165 49
Cr.		
Pd School purposes	$ 9,161 39	
Poor House	2,678 83	
Clements Farm	1,819 88	
Debentures paid	4,691 77	
Public charities	1,001 25	
Municipal expenses	536 10	
Contingent fund	282 00	
Grand and Petit juries	208 50	
Sundry amts. in Presentment	3,102 50	
Bal. on hand of Treas	2,402 39	
	25,884 61	25,884 61

ABSTRACT FOR YEAR 1883.

AMOUNTS ON PRESENTMENT NOT PAID DEC. 31ST, 1883.

Dr.		
Clerks salary	$ 350 00	
Debentures Mrs Roop	1,477 00	
Insane asylum	1,000 00	
Granville Ferry subsidy	100 00	
Sundry claims	209 93	
		$3,136 93
Cr.		
Balance on hand of Treasurer	2,402 39	
Uncollected rates 1883	1,650 04	
Actual Bal. on hand of Treas. after all outstanding bills are paid		915 50
	4,052 43	4,052 43

General Account of the Municipality of Annapolis, Dec. 31st, '83.

Due Insane Asylum from 1879 to October, 1883		$3,101 23
Balance due Insane Asylum previous to 1879		3,620 00
Mrs. Roop's deb. Poor House		1,477 00
" " year 1884		1,400 00
" " year 1885		1,400 00
S. Pickup " year 1886		1,400 00
Mrs. Roop's deb. Nictaux and Atlantic R'y, years '84, '85, '86, and '87		7,400 00
Deb. Pickup. (Hogan Bridge)		160 00
Sundry claims, 1883		209 93
Cr.		
Bal. in Treasurer's hands	$2,402 39	
Uncollected taxes, 1883	1,650 04	
Poor farm, &c. at Bridgetown	6,839 39	
Poor farm, Clementsport	1,000 00	
Court House, Annapolis	5,000 00	
" Bridgetown	400 00	
Ferry Slips and Wharf property	400 00	
Safes (Clerk's and Registrar of Deeds)	350 00	
Due from Treasurer for errors	86 87	
Taxes, '80, '81, and '82 unpaid	1,859 21	
Balance due from Roads and Bridges	305 07	
Bal. to credit of County		118 81
	$20,285 97	$20,286 97

Detailed Statement, showing amount of Rate Bill of each Ward, with name of Collector, and amount of each uncollected.

Ward	Name	Rate Roll	Still due
1	R E Spinney	$1,587 16	$464 16
2	Judson Balcom	1,419 89	
3	Judson Balcom	1,799 58	
4	Leslie M Stone	1,866 81	
5	Campbell Willett	1,161 98	
6	John McCormick	1,351 20	51 30
7	James Clark	467 87	
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