

3rd. *Marian line of road to Sydney, towards Gabarus, and erecting bridges thereon.*

Granted for this service,	£400 0 0
Paid to W. H. Munro, commissioner, as per account,	391 8 3
Amount undrawn,	£8 11 9

4th. *Bridge at Little Bras d'Or Ferry.*

John D. Clark, account as commissioner,	£195 17 0
Granted and paid to his order,	160 0 0
Over expenditure,	£35 17 0

The committee are fully aware of the desire of former assemblies to stop rash and extravagant over expenditures, by sometimes refusing any pay, at others ordering payments by installments to run over a number of years ; and feel that they might perhaps be justified in recommending some signal act of disapproval, as the claims are so extensive ; but in consideration of the death of one of the commissioners, and other causes, do recommend that the members of Cape Breton be required to provide out of their road money for the present year, the sum of £209 3s. 8d., which, with the sum of £8 11s. 9d. undrawn, will pay and square up all accounts for the foregoing services, which have been presented in due form at the receiver general's office, previous to the first of November, 1851.

G. W. McLELAN,
JNO. ESSON,
JNO. LOCKE.

Halifax, April 3rd, 1852.

No. 86.

(See page 188.)

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the rate-paying franchise—as far as relates to the payment of the clerks of the peace for copying the assessment roll—report as follows :

The committee recommends that there be paid to the clerk of the peace for the county of Pictou, £7 10s. ; to the city treasurer for the city of Halifax, £7 10s. ; to the other counties, (excepting Pictou and Halifax,) five pounds each ; for their services previously to the late general election, in making out copies of assessment rolls, and the other duties connected therewith.

The committee recommend that hereafter such services be provided for by the counties.

J. W. JOHNSTON, chairman.

No. 87.

(See page 188.)

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the rate-paying franchise, report as follows :

Objections to the details of the bill that passed last session for extending the franchise, are universal.