

able to meet, in consequence of the accounts not being audited by the Finance Committee, as per resolution of last session.

As to the interest due the county on the \$1,257.08, the Niagara Falls council thinks the county playing sharp in exacting the interest, and will pay if they are obliged, and ask to have the matter laid over until the Committee on the Award meet.

The committee appointed at the last session, in the arbitration between the town of Niagara Falls and the County, will make their report during the session, which I hope will meet your approval.

Also the committee appointed to make enquiries respecting Poor Houses and Homes of Industry will report at an early date, which will require your earnest consideration

With reference to the resolution passed in January last, instructing the Clerk to notify the Corporation of Welland that this Council would require \$25.00 a year rent, for the use of the lock-up, used by them in this building, he was pleased to say the Council had consented to pay that sum. He was also instructed to collect from the town of Welland, \$25.00 for the use of the gaol for lock-up purposes, for the year ending December 5th, 1886. He had not done so as yet, and was under a strong conviction that a settlement could be made without recourse to law, the expense of which in all probability would exceed the debt.

He also answered Sir Charles Tupper's letter, respecting the exhibits at the Colonial Exhibition, after getting the assent of the town of Niagara Falls, regarding their portion, with a copy of the resolution of this council. The Clerk has received a Commemorative Medal from the Colonial office.

You will recollect the Grand Jury last spring made a complaint respecting the water closets in the County buildings. The Jail Committee have given the matter their best attention, and will report fully on the alterations made.

There has been paid on the Marsh lands since the last session \$977.88, and there is still due on Marsh lands \$1,200, and some of the mortgages are in Mr. Raymond's hands for collection. There is also a number of correspondence which will be read.

The Warden concluded by presenting several communications,