

*104.	Wilmot,	Arthur Gibbon.
105.	Wallace River,	David Purdy.
106.	Whycocomah,	Laughlan McDougall.

~~✍~~ All way office keepers in Nova Scotia receive a salary of £2 currency per annum ; those marked thus * receive an additional allowance of £2 as compensation for loss of franking privilege.

F. M. PASSOW,
Clerk account branch.

General post office, Halifax, 10th February, 1852.

No. 85.

(See page 187.)

The committee to whom was referred the papers on over expenditure of road money in the county of Cape Breton, beg leave to report that they have found the accounts in a high state of confusion.

That the report of C. E. Leonard, Mr. John Ferguson, and James P. Ward, contains an account from two hundred and seventy-six persons, claiming sums varying from thirteen pence to thirty-three pounds, and sixteen merchants' accounts varying from £2 11s. to £119, amounting in the whole to £1501 15s. ; but being unaccompanied by any account of the work done, or under and by whose authority, or any thing to show that the money may not have been drawn, the committee are, therefore, of opinion that this report does not come before them in that shape to warrant them in taking any action upon it.

As some of the bills are headed as against the province of Nova Scotia, it may not be out of place for your committee to remark that they are at a loss to see any difference between accounts against road commissioners and any other account, especially if the money has been drawn from the treasury ; and that as commissioners are required to furnish fair and full accounts of all and every particular under oath, they see no good reason why men rendering their own accounts should do less ; or how merchants can claim road money, unless under the name of laborers they have paid.

It appears there has been granted for the following services from the treasury £1375 ; by private subscription, £110. That accounts have been presented in due form to the receiver general, amounting to £1583 6s. 8d., up till 1st November, 1851, and on which there has been paid £1366 8s. 3d., viz :

1st. *Victoria Bridge at Fresh Water Creek.*

Expended by W. H. Munro, esquire, as per account,	£315	0	0
Paid to his order, April, 1851,	315	0	0

2nd. *Albert Bridge, Burke's Ferry, Miré River.*

J. G. McKenzie's account,	£681	18	5
Paid to his order,	500	0	0

Over expenditure,	£181	18	5
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3rd.