

The Warden presented communication from Lieut. Col. Morin and others, inviting the council in a body to visit camp at Niagara.

Com. from Col. Morin.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that this council tender their hearty congratulations to John A. Orchard, Esq., upon his appointment as Commissioner of Niagara Falls Park, and express their satisfaction at his selection for this post.

Congratulation

Mr. Orchard in a few appropriate remarks thanked the council for their congratulations.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Miller, that it is the opinion of this council that the Government of Canada should take such steps as may be necessary to co-operate effectively with the efforts now being made by certain citizens of the State of New York, to prevent further pollution and contamination of the waters of the Niagara river, and that a memorial to that effect be passed and transmitted to the Secretary of State, and copies of this resolution be sent to Jno. Ferguson, Esq., M. P., J. C. Rykert, M. P., the Clerk of the County of Lincoln, the *Toronto Globe*, *Toronto Mail*, *Buffalo Express* and *Buffalo Courier*.

The contamination of Niagara River.

By permission the Special Committee re Poor House was allowed to retire.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Macklem, that leave be given to introduce a bill to establish the equalized value of assessed property in the County of Welland, for the purpose of imposing county rates for the year 1887.

County rates imposed.

Leave granted and bill read, a first, second and third time, and passed, entitled, "A By-Law to establish the equalized value of assessed property in the County of Welland."

The Standing Committee presented report on education, which was read to council.

Report on Education.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. C. D. Emmett, that the report of the Standing Committee on education just read be adopted. —Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. C. D. Emmett, that leave be given to introduce a bill to raise a sum of money by assessment, in aid of public schools in the Townships in the County of Welland, for the year 1887.

Public Schools money.