

The standing committee on Agriculture beg leave to make their first report.

They have had before them a letter from H. S. McDonald, M. P. P., dated 22nd January, 1873, directed to the Clerk of the Counties' Council, calling the attention of the Counties' Council to an act introduced by the Government respecting drainage, which Bill passed its first reading on the 17th January, 1873.

Your committee would not think it advisable to take any steps at the present time to carry out the provisions mentioned in the Municipal Drainage Act, as it appears to us that the Act is calculated to apply to the various municipalities interested therein, and not to this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed,]	S. S. SCOVIL, <i>Chairman.</i>
"	B. F. BEACH,
"	ROBERT BARLOW,
"	WILLIAM C. STEVENS.

Committee Room, 30th January, 1873.

The standing committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to make their first report.

1st. Your committee have had before them a letter from the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of a petition from these United Counties, praying for an amendment to the Act relating to Joint Stock Road Companies, and that it will receive immediate consideration, also a copy of the Bill relating to the same.

2nd. Your committee have also had before them a petition from Samuel H. Shipman, and others, from the ratepayers of the Township of Elizabethtown and the Township of Front of Yonge, relative to a road between the said Townships, praying the Council to take action to enforce said road to be opened. Your committee have consulted the Reeves of said Townships, who have agreed to take immediate action in the matter.

3rd. Your committee have also had before them a petition of Wm. Hall, and others, ratepayers of the Township of Augusta, praying for aid to improve a certain road in said Township, which your committee cannot recommend.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed,]	WM. LAMBERT, <i>Chairman.</i>
"	ANDREW WILSON,
"	WILLIAM BELL,
"	THOMAS CORNETT,
"	JAMES MILLAR.

Council Room, Brockville, 31st January, 1873.