

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, in Parliament assembled :

*The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Lambton,*—RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

That this Council has no sympathy whatever with those Municipalities which have contracted large debts, and now wish to throw the burden of repayment upon the Province.

Your petitioners believe that those debts were contracted by such Municipalities with their eyes open, and for the purpose of aggrandizing their own immediate localities. That they now see their mistake, is no more than Municipalities, in common with private Companies, are apt to do when placed in embarrassing circumstances through their extravagances or miscalculations; and if entitled to relief, all Joint Stock Companies would be equally entitled to relief in the same manner.

Your petitioners therefore pray that no relief be granted to Municipalities that have contracted debts in such a manner.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

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The above was adopted at a Special Session of the County Council of the County of Lambton, on the 26th day of February, 1862.

ALEX. SCOTT.  
COUNTY CLERK, LAMBTON.