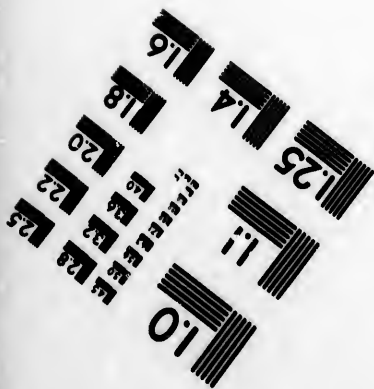
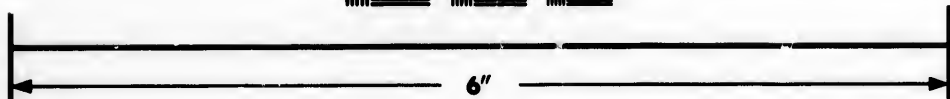
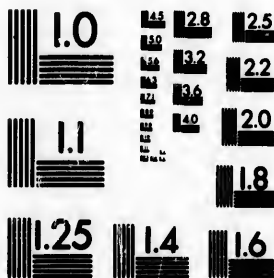


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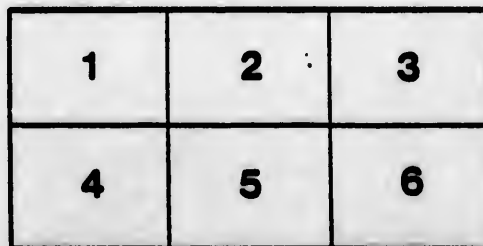
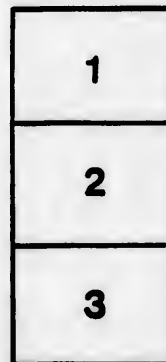
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DECEMBER SESSION.,

WELLAND, Tuesday, December 1st, 1885.

Pursuant to the call of the Warden the Municipal Council of Council met the County of Welland met in the Grand Jury Room in the Court House, at the Town of Welland, this day at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cron- Present.
miller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson,
Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard,
Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.--22.

The Warden remarked to the Council that he had thought it advisable to call the Council together at the present time as being the most opportune time before the holidays, as next week was court and the following week preceded Christmas, which he understood was not altogether agreeable to many members of Council to hold Session.

Warden's address.

That it would be necessary at this Session to revise the Insane Destitute List, and also necessary to pass a by-law governing hawkers and pedlers, of which notice had been given at June Session. It would also be necessary to appoint a High School Trustee to fill vacancy in Drummondville High School, caused by the death of Rev. Ingles; also congratulated the Council upon the reprieve of Easterbee and thereby extending the time for this county to have the unpleasant duty to perform of hanging any individual, and trusted that it would be a long time before anything of the kind would be required at the hands of the Sheriff of this county. And concluded by presenting to Council a communication from the Minister of Agriculture.

Also from Minister of Education.

Also from Department of Crown Lands.

Also from Secretary of State.

Also from J. E. Morin.

Also from Attorney-General.

Also from County of Ontario.

Also from County of Lincoln.

Also report of Grand Jury.

Also from County Inspector of Schools.

Also from E. Morden.

Hours of meeting and adjournment.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson, that the hours of meeting and adjournment of this Council during the present session, be as follows:—Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at 6 p. m.—Carried.

Notice given.

Mr. Orchard gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill for the appointment of a trustee in the Drummondville High School, caused by the death of the Rev. C. L. Ingles.

Furnish statement of liabilities.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the Warden do cause a statement to be laid before this Council during the present session, not later than the afternoon of Wednesday, showing the amount of liabilities of the county, the amount of cash on

hand, and the June session.

Moved by communication from

And moved amendment, to be expunged, instead. Amended were taken as

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NAYS.—Wilson.—5.

Amended

Moved County Treasurer a statement Imperial Bank the county factors' report the same.—

Moved communication standing committee.—Carried.

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Moved communication Colonial Bank Orchard, —Carried.

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hand, and the amount of interest received on county deposits since the June session of the Council of present year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the communication from Mr. Gross be referred to the Gaol Committee.

Motion on Gross' communication.

And moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, in amendment, that the words, Gaol Gommittee, in the original motion be expunged, and that the words, Finance Committee, be inserted instead. Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:—

Amendment moved.

YEAS.—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruikshank, Ellsworth, Gainer, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler and Turner.—17.

Amendment carried

NAVS. — Messrs. Brown, Emmett, Griffiths, Orchard and Wilson.—5.

Amendment passing in the affirmative, majority 12.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, that the County Treasurer lay before this Council during the present session, a statement showing the amount of interest paid by the county to the Imperial Bank since 1st January last; also the interest received by the county from the municipalities in arrears, as shown in the Auditors' report for the year 1884, and if any balances are yet due from the same.—Carried.

Motion for statement from Treas.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. McCleary, that all communications laid before this Council be referred to the different standing committees having power to report thereon, in so far as they may be determined by their contents to be the subject of said committee.—Carried.

Communications to be referred to standing com.

Mr. Wilson gives notice that he will, to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill to confirm By-law No. 8 of the Township of Thorold.

By-Law 8—Tp Thorold.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the communication from the Department of Agriculture *Re* Indian and Colonial Exhibition, be referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Orchard, Hobson, Sisler, McCleary and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

Indian and Colonial Exhibition communication referred to committee.

The Warden presented report from Local Committee on roads

Report of Local Bridge committee. and bridges for Humberstone and Crowland, which was read to the Council.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, that the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The Warden suggested that the insane list be taken up and revised, which was not completed at the hour of adjournment, and laid over by consent.

Mr. Cronmiller presented statement *re* Mrs. Harney, insane and destitute, showing a balance unexpended at her death of \$7.50.

Appointing 2 additional names on B. of E.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the names of Richard Harcourt, Inspector of Public Schools for the Town of Welland, and Rev. James Gordon, Inspector of Public Schools for the Town of Niagara Falls, be added to the Board of Examiners for Public Schools for the county, in accordance with Chap. 48, Sec. 169, 48 Vic.

The foregoing resolution not disposed of at the hour of adjournment, when the Warden left the chair.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd, 1887.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—MESSRS. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruikshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner, and Wilson.

Minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by the Council.

The Warden presented an account from A. Misener of \$10.93.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

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That the account of Mr. Misener for plank for bridge on Town Ace't referred Line between the Townships of Crowland and Willoughby, be referred to the Reeves of the two townships in question, to report at next meeting of this Council.—Carried.

The Warden presented report of Local Committee on roads and bridges for Humberstone and Port Colborne, which was read to the Council. Report of
Local Bridge
Committee

Moved by Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to appoint a trustee for Drummondville High School, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Charles L. Ingles. By-law re ap-
pointment of
H. S. trustee

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the Bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the Bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the Bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the Bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled A By-law to fill vacancy in Drummondville High School,

The Warden presented report of Local Committee on roads and bridges for Crowland and Willoughby, which was read to the Council. Report of
Local Bridge
Committee.

Moved by Mr. Barnhard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

By permission of the Council, Mr. Raymond, County Solicitor, addressed the Council as to appointment of Board of Examiners, and County Soli-
citor's opinion.

by request of the mover and seconder, with consent of the Council, the motion referring to the same not disposed of at yesterday's session was allowed to be withdrawn.

Report of
Local Bridge
Committee.

The Local Committee on roads and bridges for Bertie and Wiloughby presented their report which was read to the Council.

Moved by Mr. Barnhard, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Report of
Standing
Committee on
education.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up their special report *re* arbitration between Pelham and Gainsborough school section, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock the Council resumed.

Statement
from Co.
Treasurer.

The Warden presented statement from County Treasurer pursuant to resolution of yesterday, which was read to the Council.

Finance
com. report.

The Finance Committee presented report which was read to the Council.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the report of Finance Committee *re* communication from J. F. Gross, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Local Bridge
com. report.

Local Committee on roads and bridges for Thorold and Pelham, presented report which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

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That the Treasurer shall show in the yearly account of the different municipalities the number of the lot, in what concession, side line or street on which arrears of taxes, non-resident or otherwise, have been paid during the year, and by whom, so that it shall appear in the auditors' report.—Carried.

Motion re
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taxes paid.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the communication of the County of Ontario respecting assisted immigration, be referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Orchard, Hobson, Miller, mover and seconder.—Carried.

Communica-
tion referred.

The Local Committee for Pelham and Gainsborough brought up report which was read to Council.

Local Bridge
com. report.

Moved by Mr. Metler, seconded by Mr. Wilson,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The matter of Mr. Baldwin, who claims to have had a horse injured on a bridge between Thorold and Pelham, was taken up for consideration.

Moved by Mr. Metler, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That a special committee composed of Messrs. Cruikshank, Hobson, Barnhard, Orchard and Brown be appointed to consider the claim of Mr. Baldwin in regard to damages sustained to his horse on town line between Pelham and Thorold.—Carried.

Special com.
on Baldwin's
claim.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY December 3rd, 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cron- Present,
miller, Cruikshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson,

Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by the Council.

Moved by Mr. Hobson seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

Bill for licensing hawkers, &c.

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for the licensing, regulating and governing hawkers and peddlers.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the Bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the Bill be read a second time.

Upon the second reading being proposed Mr. Hobson moved, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the blank in the Bill be filled as follows: Pedlers on foot, \$8.00; with one animal and vehicle, \$20.00; each additional animal, \$5.00; for sail or other boat, \$30.00.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion the blanks were filled up accordingly.

Bill read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the Bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the Bill.—Carried.

Bill passed

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled a "By-Law Governing Hawkers and Pedlers."

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barnhard,

Wm. Burns' salary passed.

That the Warden do issue his cheque in favor of Wm. Burns for \$50.00, it being for one year's salary as caretaker of Montrose bridge, ending 31st Dec., 1885.—Carried.

Report of Local committee

The Local Committee for Humberstone and Crowland presented report, which was read to Council.

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Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The Special Committee *re* Niagara Falls Award presented their report, which was read to the council. Report of special committee.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,
That the report of Special Committee *re* Niagara Falls Award just read be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Council resumed.

The Special Committee *re* Concession Line between the 3rd and 4th Concessions of Wainfleet, brought up their report, which was read to the Council. Report of Local committee

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,
That Edward Lee be paid \$12.00, the one-half expense incurred by having survey of lots 15 and 16, in 4th Concession, of Wainfleet, the same having been made by Mr. Law, P. L. S. Motion to pay E. Lee.

The yeas and nays being called were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown and Mawhinney.—2

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Hobson, Metler, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Shrimpton, Sisler and Turner.—16.

Motion passing in the negative, majority 14.

Moved by Mr. Mawhinney, seconded by Mr. Brown,
That the Warden be authorized to issue his check in favor of George Lee, constable, to the amount of \$20.00, being the sum Motion to pay Geo. Lee.

offered by this county for the arrest and conviction of horse thieves, the same payable to Mr. Lee upon the order of Wm. McChesney.

The yeas and nays being called were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Hobson, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, Neff, Orchard, Shrimpton and Turner.—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, McIntyre and Shisler.—8.

Motion passing in the affirmative, majority 2.

Report of gaol
committee.

Gaol Committee presented their report, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Griffiths,

Names added
to insane des-
titute list.

That the name, Solomon Dwight, be added to the insane destitute list for the town of Welland, and that a sum of \$3.00 per week be allowed for his care.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion the name Solomon Dwight was placed on the insane destitute list. A certificate accompanying the application.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Turner,

That Wm. White be placed on the insane destitute list for the town of Thorold, for the sum of \$3.00 per week.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion the name Wm. White was placed on insane destitute list. A certificate accompanying the application.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

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FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Dec. 4th, 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment the council met at 9 o'clock.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cron-
 miller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson,
 Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard,
 Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.

Members present.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved
 by the Council.

The Warden announced that the insane destitute list would now
 be taken up and completed.

Moved by Mr. Shrimpton, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That Philip Henry Reeler be placed on the list of insane desti-
 tute, and the sum of \$2.00 per week be granted him ; residence,
 Niagara Falls Village.—Carried.

Names added to insane destitute list.

Pursuant to motion the name Philip H. Reeler was placed on
 the list. A certificate accompanying the application.

The Special Committee *re* Baldwin claim presented their report.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the report of Special Committee *re* Mr. Baldwin's claim for
 damages be adopted.—Carried.

Report of special com. *re* Baldwin.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That in accordance with Chapter 49, Section 169, Victoria 48th,
 and Section 148 of Regulations of Education Department, respecting
 public schools and high schools for the Province of Ontario, 1885,
 that Richard Harcourt, M. A., inspector of public schools for the
 town of Welland, and Rev. Jas. Gordon, inspector of schools for the
 town of Niagara Falls, be appointed members of the county Board
 of Examiners for the County of Welland.—Carried.

Motion respecting the appointment of school examiners.

The Gaol Committee presented their report, which was read to
 the Council.

Report of gaol committee.

Moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Ramsder,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The school examiners. Mr. Cruikshank gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill confirming the appointment of Rev'd James Gordon and Richard Harcourt, M. A., on Board of Public School Examiners for this county.

Several committees were allowed to retire, and before their return the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The Special Committee re Colonial and Indian Exhibition brought up their report, which was read to the Council.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Hobson,
That the report of the Special Committee re Colonial and Indian Exhibition just read be adopted.—Carried.

The Special Committee re County of Ontario brought up their report which was read to the Council.

Com. on immigration. Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,
That the report of Special Committee on assisted immigration be adopted.—Carried.

Report road & bridge com. The Road and Bridge Committee brought up their report, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Metler,
That the report just read be adopted.

A discussion arising thereon, the adoption of the report was laid over for the present.

Re grant to Indian Ex. Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,
That this Council appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of obtaining information and other matter to place in the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

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NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Ellsworth, Metler, Mawhinney, McIntyre and Neff.—7.

Motion passed in the affirmative—majority 6.

Mr. Wilson's motion for the adoption of the report of Roads and Bridges Committee was again read, and carried without a division. R. & B. report adopted.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Barnhard, that whereas there is a large amount of important business still to be transacted, and that it is desirable in the interests of the public that we should give the matters before the Council careful and deliberate consideration, therefore be it resolved that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at 7.30 p.m.—Carried. Re evening ses. of council

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 o'clock the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Barnhard, seconded by Mr. Carter,

That the following named gentlemen be appointed a Special Committee to carry into effect the object contained in report Com. re Col. Exhibition. Colonial Exhibition, viz. : Messrs. Cruikshank, Hobson, McCleary, Ramsden and Orchard.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That no Standing Committee, or other Committee of this Council, shall in future spend any sum exceeding \$500 at any one time, without the direct and special instruction of this Council assembled in general session, special or regular.—Carried. No Com. to expend more than \$500.00 without permission.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That this Council do now adjourn.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, December 5th, 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruikshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner, and Wilson.

Minutes of Council of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by the Council.

Re Board of Audit.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That this Council go into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the special report of the County Board of Audit.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. Orchard in the chair.

The hour of adjournment arrived before the committee reported.

 AFTERNOON SESSION.
Council resumed.

At two o'clock the Council resumed, and went into the Committee of the Whole *re* Report of Board of Audit.

Com. report progress

The Committee rose and reported progress, and the Warden resumed the chair.

Report received.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Barnhard,

That the Report of the Board of Audit to this Council be received and printed in the minutes of the Council, and that the thanks of this Council is due the Board of Audit for their able report. Carried.

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Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the Gaol Committee be authorized to obtain possession of the Russian Trophy Cannon, mentioned by Mr. Ramsden in his verbal report to this Council, and have the same removed to the Court House grounds in this place. Carried.

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The Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Thorold and Welland brought up their report, which was read to the Council.

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Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Griffith,

That the report just read be adopted, and

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden in amendment,

That whereas the bridge named in the aforesaid report lies wholly and solely within the Township of Thorold, and that the road allowance or road upon which the same is situate lies wholly in the Township aforesaid, it is the opinion of this Council that the responsibility of maintaining said bridge lies with the Township of Thorold, therefore the report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges between Thorold Township and Town of Welland be not adopted.

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Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton in amendment to the amendment,

That the report of the Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Thorold and Welland be laid over till the January Session to get legal advice in the matter.

The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Emmett, Gainer, Griffith, Mawhinney, McCleary, McIntyre, Shrimpton, Turner, and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Hobson, Metler, Miller, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden and Sisler.—9.

The amendment to the amendment passing in the affirmative, majority 2.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

That whereas it appears by the report of Board of Audit that the County Gaol of Welland is used by the Town of Welland as a lockup instead of providing one for their own use, and all municipalities of this County are obliged to provide for one, therefore be it

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Resolved, that the Town of Welland be charged the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum for the use of the gaol as lockup hereafter. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

Motion — re erecting poor house

That whereas it has come to the knowledge of this Council that the amount paid by the County for the support and maintainance of the insane destitute and indigent poor of the County has of late assumed a very large amount and appears to be continually on the increase, this Council is of the opinion that in the near future some provision should be made that would be more satisfactory and economical either by erecting of a house of industry, or other place where the labor of this class can be utilized, and that the clerk communicate with Superintendents or Managers of the different poorhouses and houses of industry in the Province, asking for information relative to the cost and management, and present the same at the January Session of this Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

Motion to recommend Con. Dowd as Co. Constable.

That from information received from various sources in regard to the usefulness and efficiency of Welland Town Constable Dowd, be it

Resolved, that this Council do respectfully recommend the re-appointment of him for a county constable at the next meeting of the Bench of Magistrates for the County of Welland, inasmuch as he has been sufficiently dealt with, in the opinion of this body, for any offence he may have committed, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairman of that honorable body.

The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Turner, and Wilson.—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Cruickshank, Metler, McIntyre and Orchard—4.

Motion passing in the affirmative, majority 9.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr Shrimpton,

Motion to recommend Con. White as Co. Constable,

That from information received from various sources in regard to the usefulness and efficiency of Welland Town Constable A. D. White, be it

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The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Turner and Wilson.—15.

NAYS—Mr. Orchard.

Motion passing in the affirmative, majority 14.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Turner,

That in consideration of the services rendered to the County by Mr. Griffiths in connection with County Buildings, for which he has put in no committee time, be it

Motion to pay
Mr. Griffiths.

Resolved, that the sum of \$25.00 be paid him for his services, and that the Warden issue his check in favor of Mr. Griffiths for the same.

The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Turner and Wilson.—12.

NAYS—Mr. McIntyre.—1.

Motion passing in the affirmative, majority 11.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the Warden do leave the chair, and Mr. Shrimpton do take the same.

Pursuant to motion the Warden left the chair, and the same was taken by Mr. Shrimpton.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered the Warden for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Council for the year now closing. Carried unanimously.

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Pursuant to the motion, the Chairman conveyed to the Warden the thanks of the Council in terms of the motion, who in a few appropriate remarks accepted the good wishes of the Council, and expressed satisfaction if he had been successful in his endeavors to preside over the Council in a satisfactory manner, and after wishing the Council generally the compliments of the season, resumed the chair.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden. seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That this Council do now adjourn. Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 5.30 p. m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable Justice Ross, Judge of the Court of Assize:

The Grand Jurors for the Court of Assize, for the County of Welland, on their oath present as follows :

That we have visited and examined the gaol and gaol yard and found everything in a neat, clean and orderly condition. The prisoners expressed themselves as well satisfied with their food and treatment, and they appear to be in a comfortable condition.

Upon our inspection of the prison we found the corridors in use furnished with new earth closets which appear to be very satisfactory, and in the opinion of the jurors the system is a great improvement on the one formerly in use.

We would strongly recommend that some arrangement be made by which convicted prisoners may be provided with suitable employment while serving their sentence.

We would recommend that some provision be made for furnishing suitable reading matter for the prisoners.

We would recommend that chairs be provided for the Judge's room and the Queen's Counsel rooms, and also that more chairs be provided for the Pett Jury room.

Grand Jury Room,
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JOS. GARNER
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REPORT *RE* SCHOOL SECTION—PELHAM AND GAINSBORO.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the account of the arbitrators for forming a union school section between portions of Pelham and Gainsboro, beg leave to submit this their report:

Your Committee are of the opinion that the account of the arbitrators should be paid by the parties concerned in the same, in accordance with Section 72 of the High and Public Schools Act of 1885.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GAINER,
JOHN A. ORCHARD,
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E. NEFF,
WM. BROWN,
G. L. HOBSON,
EDWARD SISLER,
EDMUND MILLER,
GEO. SHRIMPTON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to submit this, their first report, and recommend that the following accounts be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his check in payment thereof:—

W. H. Gainer, committee time.....	\$ 6 90
Edward Sisler.....	3 40
C. Riselay.....	13 00
David Metler.....	40 30
J. A. Orchard.....	17 00
I. H. Allen.....	45

J. A. Ramsden.....	\$ 28 90
E. Cruikshank.....	13 70
E. Neff.....	6 60
H. Cronmiller.....	6 00
Wm. Brown.....	9 60
W. P. & P. House.....	35 56
John McIntyre.....	17 50
Thorold Post.....	3 10
Ross & Co.....	1 75
J. J. Sidey.....	12 12
Sawle & Snartt.....	3 00
N. F. Review.....	3 60
E. Miller.....	34 60
Wm. McCleary.....	6 00
H. Griffiths.....	14 00
J. H. Ball.....	15 39
J. C. Page.....	5 00
H. W. Hobson.....	13 41
Duncan Kennedy.....	2 25
George Shrimpton.....	10 20
M. Barnhard.....	38 60
John Mawhinney.....	34 60
John Wilson.....	76 00
George Ross.....	4 25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ORCHARD,
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 WM. McCLEARY,
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Council Chamber, Welland,
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REPORT LOCAL COMMITTEE—BERTIE AND WILLOUGHBY.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled :

The Local Committee on roads and bridges for the townships of Bertie and Willoughby, beg leave to submit this their first report :

Your Committee were notified of the dangerous state of two bridges on the town line between Bertie and Willoughby, and found it necessary to rebuild.

The contract was let to Wm. Morningstar for the sum of \$68.00, which was paid by Warden's check.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND MILLER,
M. B. BARNHARD.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE THIRD AND FOURTH CONCESSIONS, WAINFLEET.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the purchase of concession line between the 3rd and 4th Concessions, of Wainfleet, beg leave to report that they have completed the purchase of the necessary quantity of land from Messrs Lee and Shields for the sum of \$200.00 each, and the necessary deeds have been executed, the amount due Mr. Shields having been placed to his credit on mortgage account, and the amount due Mr. Lee your Committee would recommend to be paid by the Warden's check.

Your Committee have also to report that in the purchase from Mr. Shields the question of shortage on Lot 14, in 4th Concession, of Wainfleet was brought up by him. By reference to the original purchase your committee are satisfied that Mr. Shields bought from the county in the year 1855; that Mr. Shields has been assessed for and paid taxes on 84 acres since above date till about two years ago, when Mr. Law made a survey of the property and found the same short by 12 acres.

As Mr. Shields bought at \$5.37 per acre, your Committee would recommend that Mr. Shields be allowed for eight acres shortage at the original price, with interest on same from date of purchase at six per cent. to 1st of June, 1885, being the date of the renewal mortgage, and the same endorsed thereon, the other four acres having been bought from Mr. Shields.

Your Committee also incurred an expense of \$5.00 to Mr. Law for plan *re* Shields, which they would recommend to be paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

C. RISELAY,
WM. BROWN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 3rd, 1885.

REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE—HUMBERSTONE AND CROWLAND.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The Local Committee on roads and bridges for the townships of Humberstone and Crowland, beg leave to submit this, their first report.

Your Committee were notified of the dangerous state of a bridge on the Town Line between Humberstone and Crowland, near Netherby, and found it necessary in the interest of the travelling public to have a new bridge constructed. They accordingly awarded the contract for the construction of the same to Jacob Schneider for the sum of \$32.00, which was duly paid by Warden's check.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

J. A. RAMSDEN,
JOHN McINTYRE.

Council Chamber, Welland.

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REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The Standing Committee on gaol and county buildings beg leave to submit this, their first report, showing amounts that have been paid since the last session of Council, which are as follows:—

George Cronmiller.....	\$ 5 00
Dr. Cook, professional services to John Jones....	30 00
H. Schumaker, painting fence.....	23 65
Ellsworth & Johnson, building fence.....	45 84
James Blackwell, for coal.....	408 34
E. A. Gill, repairs to gaol.....	21 00
C. J. Page, expense <i>re</i> gallows.....	27 30
James Blackwell, coal for registry office.....	61 31
J. F. Gross.....	50 00

All of which has been paid by Warden's check.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

H. GRIFFITHS,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
GEO. SHRIMPTON,
EDWARD SISLER,
JOHN A. ORCHARD.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 3rd, 1885.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* IMMIGRATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution from the County of Ontario respecting immigration to Canada, beg leave to submit the following report :

That your Committee are not in possession of any information to form an opinion on the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN A. ORCHARD,
JOHN A. RAMSDEN,
EDMUND MILLER,
ERNEST CRUIKSHANK,
GEORGE L. HOBSON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* BALDWIN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Special Committee appointed to consider the claims of Mr. Baldwin, in reference to damages alleged to have been sustained by a horse upon the Town Line between Thorold and Pelham, beg leave to report that they cannot recommend the payment of the whole, or any part of said claim.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,
E. CRUIKSHANK,
GEO. L. HOBSON,
M. B. BARNHARD,
JOHN A. ORCHARD,
WM. BROWN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1885.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Standing Committee on roads and bridges, beg leave to submit this, their first report.

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The Joint Committee of Lincoln and Welland built a fence along both sides of the embankment at the approach of Wellandport bridge by contract of Stephen Cronk, at a cost of \$10.00 to this county, and a like sum to the County of Lincoln, which has been paid by check of Warden.

Your Joint Committee also rebuilt a bridge east of DeCew Falls, on line between Lincoln and Welland, at a cost of \$14.50 to this county, and a like sum to the County of Lincoln. Same paid by check of Warden. Contractor, William Davis.

Also some repairs on a bridge over twelve-mile creek at a cost of \$3.50, and a like sum to the County of Lincoln, work done by Wm. Robinson, same paid by check of Warden.

Your Committee are, at the present time, rebuilding Beckett's bridge.

Your Committee advertised for tenders for a wooden bridge ; also wooden approaches with iron span of 80 feet, contractors to furnish their own plans. The tenders were received at the following prices :—

F. W. Crafft, wooden bridge.....	\$ 1,600 00
“ wooden approaches with iron span of 80 feet.....	3,300 00
Hairy Selway, wooden bridge.....	1,943 00
Thos. Ray, wooden approaches, with iron span of 80 feet.....	2,500 00

Your Committee, after carefully considering and examining the different plans and tenders, accepted that of Thomas Ray, considering it the best and cheapest. The contractor has the work well under way, and is at the present time putting on the iron work, and the bridge will in a few weeks be open for public travel. The contractor has, up to the present time, been paid the sum of \$1,100.00, by check of the Warden.

Your Committee have also had a fence built along both sides of the approaches to the O'Reilly bridge at a cost of \$20. The work was done by Harris Herrick, and would recommend payment of same.

Your Committee would recommend that the Warden issue his check in favor of the following parties :—

McCleary & McLean, for plank.....	\$ 2 50
Wm. Hixon, for plank and stringers.....	2 90
W. H. Crow, for plank.....	7 92
Geo. W. Terryberry, for cleaning earth off Port Robinson bridge.....	1 50
Albert Strong, plank.....	1 34
Oliver Beatty, for plank.....	3 22
Jacob Strong, for work done on Ladlow bridge....	2 33

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed,

JOHN WILSON,
JOHN MAWHINNEY,
DAVID METLER,

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1885.

MINORITY REPORT OF MEMBERS OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The undersigned being members of the Roads and Bridge Committee, beg leave to submit this, their minority report.

WHEREAS, a report has been made by the Road and Bridge Committee, which contains some matter that is objectionable to the undersigned, namely, the building of the Beckett's bridge with iron span, and do not wish to sign said report, and at the same time wish to confirm the other matters contained in said report.

Your Committee desire to make this minority report in order to explain their position in reference to said report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

EDMUND MILLER,
M. B. BARNHARD.

Council Chamber, Welland,
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REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE RE J. F. GROSS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the account of Mr. John Gross, beg leave to report :

That your Committee had an interview with Mr. Gross, who explained that he would have some difficulty in negotiating the notes that he would receive from the county, should the terms of his proposal made last June be carried out. He stated that in view of this he would be willing to make such a discount on the amount as would make it an object for this corporation.

Your Committee, therefore, in consideration of the fact that Mr Gross has completed his agreement with the corporation and done a satisfactory piece of work, would recommend that the Warden issue his check in favor of Mr. Gross for the sum of \$370 settlement in full of all claims on account of building and constructing hydraulic ram, thus making the total cost of the work completed, \$420, an amount which in the opinion of your Committee is very satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JOAN A. ORCHARD,
WM. McCLEARY,
ERNEST CRUIKSHANK,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
G. L. HOBSON,
H. CRONMILLER,
GEORGE TURNER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE—PELHAM AND GAINSBORO.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

First report of Local Committee on roads and bridges for Pelham and Gainsboro.

Your Local Committee on roads and bridges for Pelham and Gainsboro, beg leave to submit this, their first report.

Your Committee let by contract the building of a bridge, and the approach, to Albert Strawn, for the sum of \$15.00; one approach to Joseph McIntyre for the sum of \$9.50, finished by John Ostrosor for the sum of \$5.00, which sum was deducted from the original contract; also a bridge and one approach to Peter Ecker for the sum of \$8.50, which sum has not yet been paid; one approach to Chancey Denis for the sum of \$8.00, finished by John Ostrosor for the sum of \$5.00, which was deducted from the original contract, which has been paid by Warden's check, excepting \$8.50 to Peter Ecker, which sum we would recommend payment of.

Lincoln pays a like sum in every case.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

DAVID METLER,
JOHN WILSON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

REPORT LOCAL COMMITTEE—WILLOUGHBY AND CROWLAND.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Local Committee on roads and bridges for Willoughby and Crowland beg leave to submit this their first report :

Your Committee advertised for the rebuilding one bridge on the town line between Willoughby and Crowland, and let the contract to Stephen Dell for the sum of \$67.00. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of your Committee, and the above amount has been paid by the check of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. BARNHARD,
JOHN McINTYRE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
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REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES FOR
THOROLD AND WELLAND.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

The Local Committee on roads and bridges for Thorold and Welland, beg leave to submit this, their first report.

Your Committee caused to be rebuilt a bridge on Town Line, near the residence of E. A. C. Pew. The contract was let to Thomas A. Clark at a cost of \$75.00. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of your Committee, and the amount has been paid by check of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN WILSON,
H. GRIFFITHS.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* NIAGARA FALLS AWARD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of settlement of sums payable under the award *re* Niagara Falls, beg leave to present this their report :

On the 28th day of August last the Mayor and Clerk of the town of Niagara Falls met your committee for the purpose of arriving at the amount payable under the award, and found the balance due the county on the 1st day of January, 1885, to be \$1,257.68. This amount has been paid to the Treasurer of this corporation.

Your Committee have considered it advisable to submit the accompanying itemized statement, shewing the sources from which the several amounts are derived, and on which the different sums are payable :

Amounts payable to the county under Sec. 4 of Award.....		\$204 72
Under Sec. 6.....		23 64
1-14 of the printing account.....	\$ 109 77	
Gaol repairs and furnishings.....	7357 04	
Witnesses in criminal cases.....	316 25	
Jurors pay.....	1124 10	
Summoning and selecting jurors.....	68 00	
Insane destitute.....	2080 00	
Administration of criminal justice.....	6823 02	
Fuel account.....	832 91	
Incidental inquest.....	24 80	
Registry Office repairs.....	233 83	
5-6 of Treasurer's salary (600).....	500 00	
Caretaker's salary.....	96 00	
Messenger salary.....	48 00	
Auditors' salary.....	41 66	
Gaol Committees.....	198 75	
Postage, stationery, &c.....	114 15	
Sheriff checking and marking jurors lists...	50 00	
Insurance.....	226 18	
Welland Fire Co. flooding sewers.....	50 00	
Interest.....	191 00	

1-14 of \$20485 46 1463 25
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Amounts payable to the town 1-14 of the fol- lowing amount received from govern- ment—1-14 of \$1,943.87.....	\$138 85
One year's interest on \$4,928.....	295 68

\$434 53

Balance due the county 1st Jan. 1885..... \$1257 08
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. RAMSDEN,
 WM. McCLEARY,
 E. CRUIKSHANK.

Council Chamber, Welland,
 Dec. 3rd, 1885.

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**FIRST REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES
FOR PELHAM AND THOROLD.**

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Committee on roads and bridges for Thorold and Pelham, beg leave to submit this their first report.

Your Committee caused to be rebuilt a bridge on Town Line, near the farm of John Brown. The contract was let to Mr. Atkinson for the sum of \$80.00. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of your Committee, and the amount has been paid by check of the Warden.

Your Committee also let contract for bridge and grading to amount granted by this Council last December session, \$100 to Timothy O'Brien and John Rolland. The last named person failed to fulfil his contract on account of death. Your Committee relet it to D. G. Holcomb. All the work has been done to the satisfaction of your Committee, and paid by check of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON,
DAVID METLER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

**REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR HUMBERSTONE AND
CROWLAND.**

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The Local Committee for the townships of Humberstone and Crowland, beg leave to submit this, their second report.

Your Committee were notified that there were several small bridges on the Township Line, in the vicinity of Lyons' Creek, out of repair, and upon examination found it necessary to rebuild two small bridges and repair two others.

We accordingly let the contract for the whole work to Martin Michiner for the sum of \$25.00, and the work having been completed to the satisfaction of your Committee was accepted by them, and paid by Warden's check.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

J. A. RAMSDEN,
JOHN McINTYRE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 3rd, 1885.

REPORT *RE* INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Department of Agriculture, relating to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, ask leave to submit this, their report.

Your Committee are of the opinion that it will be of advantage to this County to place in the Exhibition all that may be of advantage to this County as mentioned in the circular, and recommend that a Committee be appointed by your honorable body to determine the several features that shall be so placed, and that an appropriation for that purpose be made to meet the expenses in connection therewith, and that prompt action be taken in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN A. ORCHARD,
E. CRUIKSHANK,
GEO. L. HOBSON,
JOHN A. RAMSDEN,
EDWARD SISLER,
WM. McCLEARY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1885.

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REPORT LOCAL COMMITTEE—HUMBERSTONE AND PORT COLBORNE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

The Local Committee on roads and bridges for the township of Humberstone and Port Colborne, beg leave to submit this their report :

Your Committee having been notified that two bridges on the Town Line between Humberstone and Port Colborne were out of repair, and upon examination found it necessary to have the same rebuilt, they accordingly awarded the contract for rebuilding one bridge to Jessie Ramey for the sum of \$15.00, which sum has been paid by Warden's check. The other bridge was rebuilt to the satisfaction of your Committee by John Mehagen for the sum of \$25.00.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that the Warden do issue his check in favor of John Mehagen for the above named amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIHU NEFF,
HENRY CRONMILLER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

REPORT OF BOARD OF AUDIT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

We, the members of the Board of Audit of the said County of Welland, beg leave to call attention to a state of facts relating to the commitment of persons charged as vagrants, which, in our opinion, calls for action of some kind. The nature of such action we do not feel called upon to suggest, as that is a matter for the Council itself to decide.

We obtained a copy of the report of the Inspector of Legal Offices in the Province of Ontario for the year ending 31st December, 1884, from which it appears that the total number of commit-

ments for vagrancy in the whole Province for that year, was 830, and that no less than 185 of that number, or about 21 per cent. were in the County of Welland, which thus has the pre-eminent distinction of standing at the head of the list of counties, as far as numbers are concerned, the County of Oxford next in number, having only 54, or 131 less than Welland.

With a very few exceptions, all the commitments in this County have been made by the Police Magistrate of the Town of Welland.

We have endeavored to ascertain as far as is practicable what the expense of those commitments has been to this County during the year in question. We have only been able to make the annexed approximate estimate, which, however, we believe will afford a fairly accurate idea of it.

We have reason to believe that certain constables have for a considerable time past, industriously fostered and encouraged the commitment of persons for the crime of vagrancy, with a single eye to the obtaining of fees for themselves.

We have also been credibly informed that the Police Magistrate of the Town of Welland, has been in the habit of supplying various constables with blank warrants of remand, signed by him, which they kept in their possession, and that it has been a common occurrence for persons from idleness, disinclination to work, or other causes, to go to those constables and represent that they desired to be sent to gaol, whereupon the constables have filled up the blank warrants in their hands, they themselves designating therein the offence charged and conveyed the applicants to the gaol as vagrants, in some instances the person thus committed were never, as appears by the gaol books, sentenced to any punishment.

We desire also to draw attention to a very objectionable custom that has prevailed for a very considerable time in the county town. Nearly all the other towns and villages in the county have established places for the temporary detention and maintenance of persons under arrest charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, vagrancy, &c., pending trial, but the town of Welland has no lock-up. It uses the county gaol as such, whereby the county is put to expense that should be borne in justice by the town in question.

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We further beg leave to state that in our opinion persons are sometimes committed to gaol as vagrants when they are actually indigent poor, which should be supported by the municipality to which they belong instead of being compulsorily thrown into contact with convicted criminals, and that we consider it an extremely reprehensible practice to convert the gaol into either a poor house or a lock-up.

We also beg leave to state that an account has been presented to us for the performance of services as a constable by a person who had been struck off the list of county constables by the Bench of Magistrates and afterward appointed a town constable by the town of Welland. That account we have deemed it our duty to refer to the Department of the Attorney-General.

The absence of authority enabling the Board to examine persons upon oath touching accounts before them is to be regretted. We are convinced that if such authority existed the duties of the Board could be performed with much more satisfaction to ourselves and benefit to the public.

Estimate alluded to in the annexed report :

4409 days of commitments for vagrancy cost per day	
for food, fuel and clothing, at 25 5-6.....	\$ 1138 99
Constables fees in reference to the same paid by the	
county.....	350 75
Sheriff's fees for return, discharges, &c., for same....	165 00
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Total charge.....	\$ 1654 74
The total cost of maintaining the gaol under all heads	
was.....	3805 00

SECOND REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Gaol Committee beg leave to submit this, their second report, and recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz.:-

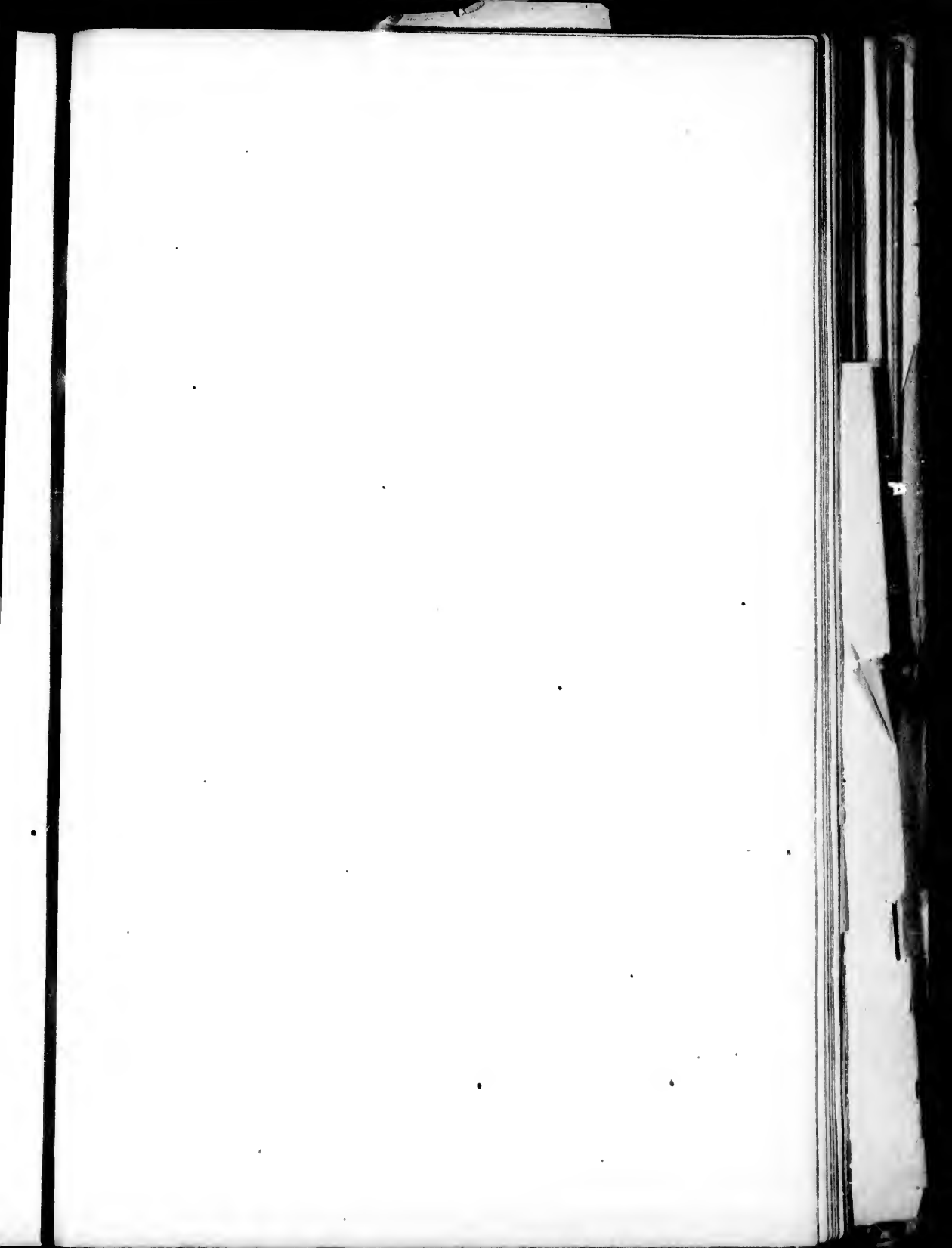
Frank Ott.....	\$ 3 50
D. Kennedy.....	5 62

M. Vanderburgh.....	7 80
John Gross.....	1 00
John Richardson.....	18 75
M. Beatty & Sons.....	4 00
Robertson & Bros.....	4 00
A. B. Cook.....	45 00
James Foster.....	6 75
P. McMurray.....	25 00.
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. GRIFFITHS,
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 EDWARD SISLER,
 JOHN A. ORCHARD.

Council Chamber, Welland,
 Dec. 4th, 1885.



COMMUNICATIONS, &c.

SECRETARY OF STATE *RE* POLLUTION OF NIAGARA RIVER.

OTTAWA, June 13th, 1885.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a memorial from the Municipal Council of the County of Welland, praying that action may be taken to prevent further dumping of refuse into the waters of the Niagara River as more particularly set forth therein, and to state that the matter will receive consideration.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. POWELL,

Under Secretary of State.

C. RISELAY, Esq.,

Warden of the County of Welland.

COUNTY OF ONTARIO *RE* IMMIGRATION.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, WHITBY.

August 1st, 1885.

To the County Clerk, County of Welland, Ont :

SIR :—I have the honor, pursuant to instructions of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Ontario, to forward the enclosed resolution passed at the June session of said Council, and request that you will be good enough to lay same before your County Council at next meeting.

JOHN E. FAREWELL,

County Clerk, County of Ontario.

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RESOLUTION.

Mr. Percy, seconded by Mr. McRae, of Mara, moves that the Warden be instructed to sign and have forwarded a memorial of this Council to the Dominion and Ontario Governments, containing in substance the following matter :

1. That, in the belief of your memorialists, a large portion of the monies which of late years have been expended for the purpose of inducing immigration to Canada, has resulted in bringing a large number of persons into Canada for whom no employment can be obtained.

2. That a large number of persons were brought to this country, who have become criminals shortly after their arrival in the country, and have become a charge upon it.

3. That your memorialists believe that those who have been assisted by payment or part payment of passage money to this country, who would have made the best citizens, a large number have gone to the United States.

4. That, in the opinion of your memorialist, it is not expedient for any further sums to be granted by your Government to pay, or aid in paying, passage money of any immigrants to this country.

5. That the Clerk communicate with the Clerks of other counties in this Province, and request the co-operation of their County Councils in memorializing the Dominion and Ontario Governments in the terms of this resolution.—Carried.

J. F. GROSS *RE* WATER WORKS.

OFFICE OF JOHN GROSS, WELLAND,
Nov. 30th, 1885.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,—

Pursuant to the notice of your acceptance of my offer to you *re* constructing of water works, and upon orders from the Gaol Committee, I proceeded with the work, and had the hydraulic rams in

operation early in July. The work was soon after accepted by your committee, they finding it according to agreement in every particular.

During the time the rams were at work, in addition to supplying water for beautifying the grounds of both Court House and Registry Office, they have flooded over 5,000 barrels of water through the sewers, thereby doing away with that much complained of smell.

According to the terms of my proposal, upon the acceptance of the work I was to have \$50 cash, and \$450 in negotiable notes or bonds of \$50 each, payable annually, but owing to some misunderstanding or neglect the committee did not have the necessary power to make the settlement, so that at considerable inconvenience to myself I have been obliged to wait.

Owing to some legal difficulties and trouble in issuing bonds for so small amounts, it has been suggested that I make you an offer to settle the matter on a cash basis.

I had an unfortunate accident in raising the truss work for the tank, by which I lost a considerable sum, and considering the low rate of interest at which these bonds could be disposed of, I would like if you could give me the balance of \$450 in cash, which would only leave a fair margin of profit. If you think this would be too much give me as near that as in your wisdom you think would be right and fair.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN F. GROSS.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL, *RE* PRISON LABOR.

TORONTO, 8TH JULY, 1885.

SIR,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt from you of a petition addressed to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, having reference to the employment of persons sentenced to imprisonment in common gaols, outside the gaol walls.

As no duplicate of the petition has been sent to the Lieutenant-Governor, the rules of the Assembly will not allow the petition to be presented.

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As, however, an Act was passed last session, 48 Vic., cap. 52, by the Legislature of Ontario, dealing with the subject in the manner suggested by the Council, this, I presume, is of no importance.

The Dominion Government was also asked to promote a similar Bill in the Parliament of Canada, and I have no doubt such a Bill will receive the sanction of the Governor-General at the close of the present session of Parliament.

Your obedient servant,
J. G. SCOTT,
Deputy Attorney-General.

J. C. PAGE, Esq., County Clerk.

ORDER OF WILLIAM McCHESNEY.

WAINFLEET, 3rd Dec., 1885.

To Mr. J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

SIR,—

Please pay to George Lee, constable, the amount passed in County Council for the arrest and conviction of Adam Lambert.

(Signed) WILLIAM McCHESNEY.

Witness, W. H. LOGAN.

J. E. MORIN, *RE* POLICE FORCE, FORT ERIE.

RIDGEWAY, June 19th, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—

Your favor of the 15th inst, enclosing memorial *re* police service at Fort Erie, and as requested I have forwarded same to the Honorable the Attorney-General, at Toronto.

I remain, truly yours,
JAS. E. MORIN.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk, Welland, Ont.

CERTIFICATE *RE* SOLOMON DWIGHT.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 2, 1885.

To the Mayor of Welland:

This is to certify that the patient sent by the Town of Welland, named Mr. Solomon Dwight, who has been and is still an inmate of the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital, is insane and destitute.

O. S. GREENWOOD, M. D.,
Medical Supt.

COMMISSIONER CROWN LANDS, *RE* SURVEY PELHAM AND GAINSBORO.

TORONTO, June 22nd, 1885.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge receipt of memorial from the corporation of the County of Welland, dated June 4th, 1885, praying that P. L. S. Gardner survey of line between Pelham and Gainsborough be not confirmed.

It appears that the survey was made on the petition of your council, dated August 1st, 1883.

Will you inform me whether the council has paid Mr. Gardner for his services.

Your obedient servant,
THOMAS H. JOHNSON,
Assistant Commissioner.

J. C. PAGE, Esq.,
County Clerk, Welland, Ont.

CERTIFICATE *RE* PHILIP H. REELER.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, Ont., Dec. 1st, 1885.

I hereby certify that Philip Henry Reeler is insane and is incapable of supporting or caring for himself.

(Signed) JAMES MCGARRY, M. D.

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JAMES B. GREY, P. S. INSPECTOR, LINCOLN.

ST. CATHARINES, Nov. 30th, 1885.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WELLAND,

To ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

Judge Baxter, 1 days service.....	\$3.00	
“ mileage.....	1.00	
		\$4.00
Inspector Ball, 3 days services	9.00	
“ mileage.....	2.00	
		11.00
Mr. Glashen, 3 days service.....	9.00	
“ mileage.....	3.00	
		12.00
		\$27.00

DEAR SIR,—

This arbitration was appointed to consider the advisability of forming a union school section between portions of Pelham and Gainsboro, and as the above three parties were acting for Pelham, they look to your Council for their expenses.

The arbitrators appointed for Gainsboro will be paid by the County Council of Lincoln.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES B. GREY,
P. S. Inspector.

STATEMENT COUNTY TREASURER.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, WELLAND,
Dec. 2nd, 1885.

Amount of indebtedness of the County of Welland to the Imperial Bank of Canada, viz.:

Joint note Warden and Treasurer, due Dec. 29 \$14000 00
 Amount overdrawn to date. 4351 20

\$18351 20

Nov. 30—To am't. of interest on overdrawn acct. 93 12

By amount received on account \$7.15

As most of the municipalities in arrears at the end of December last were paid up in January of this year, no interest was paid. The Township of Bertie paid the balance due, \$1,289, on 30th June, but no interest was paid on this. There are no balances due by any but a small balance will be due to nearly every municipality for non-resident taxes collected this year.

(Signed) JAMES McGLASHAN,
 County Treasurer.

STATEMENT RE MRS. HARNEY.

Mrs. Harney, insane destitute.

Received from County Council for half year, July
 to Dec., 1885 \$52 00
 Payment to her, weekly, \$2.00, until her death,
 Sept. 17th, 13 weeks \$26 00
 George Morgan, undertaker, for burial 16 00
 John Burns, digging grave 1 00
 J. Barnhart, for team 1 50

\$44 50

Balance unexpended \$7 50

I certify that this report is correct.

(Signed) H. CRONMILLER,
 Reeve.

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CERTIFICATE W. H. BLACKSTOCK.

THOROLD, Dec. 2nd, 1885.

WM. McCLEARY, Esq.,
Reeve of Town of Thorold.

SIR,—

This is to certify that William White, of the Town of Thorold, is afflicted with diseases that are in my opinion incurable, rendering him idiotic or imbecile, and wholly unable to support himself by his own exertions.

Yours, &c.,

W. H. BLACKSTOCK, M. D

BY-LAWS.

A BY-LAW RESPECTING HAWKERS AND PEDLERS.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to pass a By-law for licensing, regulating and governing Hawkers and Pedlers or petty chapmen and other persons carrying on petty trades within the County of Welland,

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that from and after the passing hereof, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell or offer for sale in the county, without a license, tea, dry goods or jewellery, or showing sample for such goods, to be afterwards delivered to any person not being a wholesale or retail dealer in such goods, wares, or merchandise, provided always that no license shall be required for selling any other goods, wares or merchandise, the growth, produce or manufacture of this Province, or fruit of any description.

2nd. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Clerk of this Corporation, for the time being, to issue such license or licenses, under his hand and under the corporate seal of this Council, in such form as he shall approve, all such licenses to expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which the same may be issued, provided firstly that the person or firm named in such license as licensee or licensees, may have the same endorsed over from time to time to such one person to be used by him as pedler, for the sole benefit of the licensee or licensees as he or they request, not more than one person at one time to act as pedler under one license ; and provided secondly that the said Clerk shall be entitled to demand and receive from the licensee or licensees, the sum of one dollar for each license issued by him, as his fee therefor, but shall not be entitled to any fee for so indorsing over the licenses from time to time, to the pedlers.

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3rd. And be it further enacted, that the price to be paid for such licenses, shall be as follows, exclusive of the Clerk's fee.

For a hawker or petty chapman or petty trader who may go or carry on his business on foot, the sum of \$8.00; for one who goes or may carry on his business with one animal, bearing or drawing goods, wares or merchandise for sale, \$20.00; every additional animal, the sum of \$5.00; or in or with any boat, vessel or other craft or otherwise howsoever than on foot, the sum of \$30.00.

Which license money shall belong to and form part of the general funds of the county, and shall be paid over by the County Clerk to the County Treasurer on or before the 31st day of December in each year, and such payment shall be accompanied by a statement in writing, certified by him to be correct, giving the names of the several licensees and the sums paid by each.

4th. And be it further enacted that for any breach of this By-Law the person or persons convicted of the same before one or more justice or justices of the peace having jurisdiction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$20.00 for each offence, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, or for any part thereof, the person or persons convicted shall be imprisoned in the common gaol of the County of Welland for any period not exceeding twenty days.

Passed in Council this 3.d day of December, 1885.

Signed,

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Signed,

C. RISELAY,
Warden.

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BY-LAW NO. 491, TO APPOINT TRUSTEE DRUMMONDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of High School Trustee.

WHEREAS, the Rev. Charles L. Ingles, trustee of the Drummondville High School, having lately died, thereby causing a vacancy in the Board of Trustees, and it is necessary to fill such vacancy;

Therefore, the Corporation of the County of Welland enacts as follows :

That George Goldsborough, of the Village of Niagara Falls, be and he is hereby appointed trustee to fill the unexpired term of the said Charles L. Ingles.

Passed in Council, this 2nd day of December, 1885.

J. C. PAGE, { L. S. } C. RISELAY,
County Clerk, Warden.

INSANE DESTITUTE LIST, REVISED AT DECEMBER SESSION,
1885, UNDER BY-LAW 425.

MUNICIPALITY.	Name of Insane Destitute.	Weekly allowance.	Due for 1/2 year.	Total due.	Name of Reeve receiving same.
Bertie	Catharine Cienick..	\$1 50	\$39 00	\$ 39 00	C. Riselay
Crowland.....	Mary Forsyth.....	2 00	52 00	52 00	John McIntyre
Niagara Falls Town	David H. Ferguson	2 00	52 00	52 00	
Humberstone..	Jacob Neff.....	2 00	52 00		
	John Harper.....	1 00	26 00		
	James Boyle.....	1 50	39 00	117 00	J. A. Ramsden
Niagara Falls South	Philip H. Reeler..	2 00	52 00	52 00	G. Shrimpton
Pelham.....	John Clark... ..	2 00	52 00		
	Israel Tice.....	2 00	52 00		
	David Smith.....	2 00	52 00	156 00	D. Metler
Port Colborne.....	Mrs Chambers....	1 50	39 00		
	Ellen Clifford....	2 00	52 00	91 00	H. Croumiller
Stamford..	Barbara Sour.....	1 00	26 00	26 00	J. A. Orchard
Thorold Town.....	Hugh McGiven....	2 00	52 00		
	James McCaffery..	1 50	39 00		
	Mrs McLeod.....	2 00	52 00		
	Wm. White.....	3 00	78 00	221 00	Wm. McCleary
Thorold Township..	Charlotte Dabold..	2 00	52 00	52 00	John Wilson.
Wainfleet	Wm. Smith.....	1 50	39 00		
	David Sider.....	2 50	65 00		
	Caroline Taggart..	1 75	45 50		
	Lucy Rogers.....	1 50	39 00	188 50	Wm. Brown
Willoughby.....	Mary Robinson....	2 00	52 00	52 00	M.B. Barnhard
Welland	John Jones.....	5 00	130 00		
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