

THE
Nineteenth Annual Report

OF THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR
Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR THE
YEAR 1885.

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, ETC.

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THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

Improving the Condition of the Poor.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

President :

JOHN DOULL.

Vice-President :

W. H. NEAL.

Supervisors :

S. M. BROOKFIELD,	JAMES FORREST,
H. P. BURTON,	JOHN H. SYMONS,
WM. DUNBAR,	JOHN FARQUHARSON,
D. H. MacGARVEY,	C. C. BLACKADAR.

(With power to add to their number.)

Treasurer :

W. L. LOWELL.

Secretary :

DAVID BLACKWOOD.

Auditors :

S. M. BROOKFIELD, JAMES FARQUHAR.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held pursuant to notice, on Monday, 30th November, 1885, in the Class Room of the Y. M. C. A. building. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Secretary read the following reports and accounts, which, upon motion, were adopted and ordered to be printed for circulation, as customary.

ANNUAL REPORT.

This is the Nineteenth Report of the Directors of the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. They have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of \$1289.75 in donations, particulars of which will be found in the list appended.

LEGACIES.

There has been received from the estate of the late Edward Smith, Esq., the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to be invested, and the interest applied for the objects of the Association. The Bequests which have been received in previous years, and which have been heretofore acknowledged, amount to the further sum of One Thousand Dollars.

Five shares of the Bank of British North America were purchased as an investment, at a cost of \$1334.55.

The balance, \$665.45 is invested in broken stone, having been used for operating the stone shed. As capital will be required to carry on this branch of the work, it is better to use funds of the Society for this purpose, than to borrow the money from the bank, as when not wanted, the amount can be placed upon deposit, bearing interest.

The Directors have noticed in the published copy of the late Mrs. E. Binney's will, that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars has been left by her for the use of this Association.

In the management of the real estate, devised by the late Mr. Hugh Elliot, jointly to St. Vincent de Paul's Society and this Association, considerable repairs had to be made to the buildings, which have been paid for in part, from the rents accruing, but involved beyond the amount thus received, a further expenditure of \$89.38, which sum will be found in the Treasurer's statement. There also appears a credit of \$25 from rents in the list of donations. Interest due by the City, \$337.50, referred to in previous reports, has been paid.

STONE SHED.

The Board of Works met the Directors in the most courteous spirit, and by their hearty co-operation the work at the stone shed was greatly facilitated. It is a matter of regret, however, that the quantity of broken stone required by the City was only one-half the quantity broken during the winter of 1885, so that it will be a serious question for consideration whether it will be possible to open the stone shed or not, for the winter of 1886. The Directors beg to express their grateful thanks to Messrs. Neal and Burton, for the time and attention given to this most useful branch of the Association's work. The statistics will be found appended.

The disbursement of \$2784.58 during the winter season, must have relieved a large amount of poverty in the best form in which aid can be given.

A. K. DOULL'S LEGACY.

The estate of the late A. K. Doull, Esq., included an amount left in trust to the session of St. Matthew's Church for management. In consequence of the owner failing to pay interest upon the mortgage which represented this bequest, no funds are available from this source for the next year, but we understand that legal steps have been taken to place the investment upon a more productive basis.

CASH BALANCE.

The actual balance in cash available for the work of the Association is now \$39.20. A list of the donors who faithfully support the Association, will be found at the close of this report. There are far too many of our citizens whose names are only conspicuous in this connection from their absence. Will those who are able to do so kindly remember this Association in their benefactions. The Treasurer is W. L. Lowell, Esq., of the banking house of W. L. Lowell & Co. Small favors are thankfully received. This statement is made not to limit the amount given, but to encourage those who might desire to add their assistance, but whose ability is limited.

CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN.

R. H. Brown, Esq., of Sydney Mines, having kindly sent \$25, with a request that the amount might be applied to furnishing a few little children with clothing, his desire was most thankfully carried out. The amount having been applied to the purchase of material, the assistance of some ladies was invoked. It is impossible to render particular thanks to all who kindly aided in this work, but Mrs. Dr. Burns and Rev. F. R. Murray were the channels of communication. Through them were received and distributed by our visitor, 73 children's garments, underclothing of various names, which kept many poor little folk from shivering with the cold.

Kind friends also sent in a quantity of worn clothing, receipt of which was acknowledged in the press, which was also most useful.

Any donations of the above will be thankfully received and applied to the relief of the most needy cases. Our visitor, in his calls, finds many homes where children's clothing is very much needed.

RELIEF GRANTED.

The statistics of relief granted are as follows:—4274 bushels of coal, 1745 loaves of bread, 3036 lbs. of oatmeal, 960 quarts of molasses, 116 lbs. of tea, 191 lbs. of sugar, and 3 bushels of potatoes.

The work of distributing was carried on through a board, which met daily at the office of the Association. The visitor, Mr. Alexander McDougall, acted under the instructions of this board, and the relief granted was given with due regard to the circumstances of the applicant. No distinction in creed is made a barrier in dealing with a case. In the year 1884 there were 325 families relieved, and in 1885, 275 families.

The Clerk, Mr. R. G. Halls, and the Visitor, Mr. Alexander McDougall, discharged their delicate and responsible duties to the satisfaction of the Directors.

OFFICE.

The premises kindly placed at the disposal of the Association last winter, not being available, Mrs. Fishwick has kindly permitted the use of an office free of charge, No. 241 Hollis Street, one door north of Fishwick's Express Office.

The Directors beg to thank the *Morning Herald*, *Recorder* and *Morning Chronicle* for services rendered without charge.

JOHN DOULL,

President.

STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1885.

Memo. of work done at Stone Shed Jan. 3rd to April 3rd, 1885.

Week ending.	Bushels of Stone Broken.	Paid for Stone.	Paid labor breaking.	Overseer and Measurers.	Sundry expenses, Repairs of tools	Total.
January 10....	3580	\$53 70	\$138 52	\$13 00	\$ 6 40	\$211 62
" 17...	5078	76 17	193 72	15 00	1 25	286 14
" 24...	2700	40 14	105 82	13 50	60	160 06
" 30....	3728	55 92	144 89	15 50	59 10	275 41
February 6...	4036	60 54	155 63	15 00	50	231 67
" 13....	1622	24 24	64 36	16 00	.....	104 60
" 20....	4310	64 65	163 78	15 00	.....	243 43
" 27....	4976	74 64	187 88	15 00	50	278 02
March 6....	3558	53 37	136 64	15 00	.....	205 01
" 13....	3665	54 97	139 42	15 00	25	209 64
" 20....	3160	47 40	121 30	15 00	.....	183 70
" 27....	4076	61 14	154 78	15 00	.....	230 92
April 3....	2808	42 12	107 24	15 00	.....	164 36
Total.....	47,297	\$709 00	\$1813 98	\$193 00	\$68 60	\$2784 58

Paid for new roofs on 2 sheds \$240, city paying one
half the cost, the Association the other half.... 120 00

Interest on advances to purchase stone, etc..... 59 19

47,297 bushels of stone @ 6 cents..... 2837 82

Showing a loss on amount broken..... 125 95

Owing to the increased applications at the stone shed last winter for employment, a larger quantity of stone was broken than was needed by the City Board of Works, this leaves the Association with about half the above total of 47,297 bushels on hand, or as much as will be required for city use next summer, so that under present circumstances I fear it is almost impossible to open the shed for work during the coming winter. I may add, the City Board of Works have shown a desire to aid the Association in every possible way, and would

return thanks for the assistance rendered on several occasions last winter.

I have already had several enquiries for employment at the stone shed, and fear if work cannot be given as usual, its absence will be severely felt by many industrious men who are willing to work at anything if they can only get the work to do.

The loss on the broken stone this year is very little, as a large item of repairs to roofs of sheds will not be needed again.

The items under sundry expenses includes the purchase of new hammers, sledges, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc., including repairs of the old ones, and is about the same every year, and cannot be reduced, as all proper economy in this department has been practised.

I must add that Mr. H. P. Burton had entire charge of the shed during my absence in England in February and part of March, and rendered most valuable assistance in carrying on the work.

W. H. NEAL,

Chairman Stone Shed.

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REPORT.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A. D. 1884.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. John Doull, William H. Neal, Samuel M. Brookfield, William L. Lowell, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the Association hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor."
2. The Association hereby incorporated may take, purchase and hold real estate and personal property, and may sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same for the purposes of the said Association.
3. The Association hereby incorporated shall have power to make by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the said Association, the admission of members, the appointment of officers, and for the promotion and carrying out of its purposes.
4. The Annual Meeting of the said Association shall be held in the month of November in each year, and at such Annual Meetings the officers of the Association for the then next ensuing year shall be appointed. The persons who at the passing of this Act hold office in the said Association shall continue to be the officers thereof until the first Annual Meeting is held.
5. No officer or member of the Association hereby incorporated shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the said Association, unless he shall agree to be answerable therefor.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Dr. *Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in account with the Treasurer.* Cr.

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Audited Nov. 27th, 1885.

JAMES FARQUHAR, }
 SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, } *Auditors.*

W. L. LOWELL, *Treasurer.*
 Per J. LYLE.

Audited Nov. 27th, 1885.

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SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, } Auditors.

W. L. LOWELL, Treasurer.
Per J. LYLE.

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GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. *The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in account with President, Vice-President and Committee.* Cr.

To Requests.....	\$2000 00	1885.	By balance in hands of W. L. Lowell, Esq., Treasurer.....	39 20
Cr.			By amount due by City of Halifax for broken stone, when delivered.....	1417 14
Dr.	1334 55			
To balance due for investment, at present loaned to Association to discharge current liabilities.....	\$ 665 45			
To balance of loan due to President and S. M. Brookfield.....	310 39			
To balance forward.....	480 50			
	<u>\$1456 34</u>			<u>\$1456 34</u>

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1885.	By balance Treasurer.....	\$39 20
Nov. 26.	" to credit when City stone acct is discharged, bequests invested and loan repaid.....	441 30
		<u>\$480 50</u>

Audited Nov. 27th, 1885.

JAMES FARQUHAR, }
SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, } Auditors.

*ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE
ASSOCIATION IS TO BE GOVERNED.*

1. To consider each applicant for relief as entitled to charity until a careful examination proves the contrary.

2. To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case, by visitation and enquiry.

3. To relieve no one except through the visitor.

4. To give the necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary.

5. To give what is least susceptible of abuse.

6. To give only in small quantities, and in proportion only to immediate need; and of coarser quality than might be procured by labor, except in cases of sickness.

7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond the duration of the necessity which calls for it; but to extend, restrict and modify relief according to that necessity.

8. To require of each beneficiary abstinence from intoxicating liquor as a drink; of such as have young children of a proper age that they be kept at school, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances; and that those of suitable years be apprenticed to some trade, or sent to service. The design being to make the poor parties to their own improvement and elevation; the wilful violation or disregard of these rules shall debar them from further relief.

9. To give no aid to persons who, from infirmity imbecility, old age, or any other cause, are likely to continue unable to earn their own support, and consequently to be permanently dependent, except in extreme cases, for two or three days, or until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or the churches to which they belong.

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10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support, and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of this Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitor, he will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be his duty moreover, to render a written report of his labors, and also an account of his disbursements, to the Supervisors, at the office of the Society.

Most of the Rules will, doubtless, commend themselves at once to approval. As it respects others, the propriety of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered:—

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependent are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary objects—the elevation of the moral and physical condition of the poor—be defeated. Such persons should become a public charge, which is far preferable to reliance or incidental relief.

The 10th Rule refers to those who have become so pauperized in spirit by long-continued vagrancy or gratuitous relief, or so debased by other causes, that there is no hope of inciting them to self-support and to aid whom would encourage sin and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing Rules deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who constantly persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the

Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

☞ The visitor, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct his attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify him for an intelligent and judicious discharge of his highly important and responsible duties.

☞ The attention of members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitor most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

☞ It will be noted that relief is granted without distinction of class or creed.

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DONATIONS RECEIVED, 1884-5.

Estate A. K. Doull.....	\$100 00	J. Norman Ritchie.....	\$ 10 00
His Lordship Bishop Binney.	30 00	Mrs. J. Norman Ritchie.....	10 00
The Lieut-Governor.....	25 00	L. H.....	10 00
The Mayor.....	25 00	R. W. Fraser.....	10 00
Sir William Young.....	30 00	Peter Lynch.....	10 00
His Grace the Archbishop....	10 00	A. Stephen & Son.....	10 00
Doull & Miller.....	50 00	S. S. B. Smith.....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co.....	50 00	J. R. L.....	10 00
John Gibson.....	30 00	Mrs. Jeremiah Northup.....	10 00
"Better late than never," 3		Dun, Wiman & Co.....	10 00
donations, \$10.....	30 00	John Crerar.....	8 00
Mrs. E. Binney, Brooklyn...	30 00	W. J. Fraser.....	8 00
Estate Hugh Elliott.....	25 00	Wm. Dunbar.....	5 00
Colonel Black.....	25 00	Wm. Twining.....	5 00
Burns & Murray.....	25 00	J. S.....	5 00
H. F. Worrall.....	25 00	Thos. Forhan.....	5 00
M. P. Black.....	25 00	A well wisher.....	5 00
Farquhar & Forrest.....	25 00	Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.....	5 00
Brown & Webb.....	25 00	Miss Black.....	5 00
Pickford & Black.....	25 00	Geo. Thomson.....	5 00
R. H. Brown, (Sydney Mines)	25 00	F. H. Reynolds.....	5 00
Jas. A. Moren.....	24 00	C. Macdonald.....	5 00
Thos. A. Ritchie.....	20 00	T. M. Braine.....	5 00
Judge Ritchie.....	20 00	Wm. Crowe.....	5 00
Thos. S. Reid, (Hamilton,		Peter Ross.....	5 00
Bermuda).....	20 00	J. H. Symons.....	5 00
D. Cronan.....	20 00	M. S. B.....	5 00
S. Cunard & Co.....	20 00	Buckley & Allen.....	5 00
Dr. Avery.....	20 00	A. B. Reid, M.D.....	5 00
Hon. Robt. Boak.....	20 00	A friend.....	5 00
Mackintosh & McInnis.....	20 00	Geo. Fraser.....	5 00
Mrs. Lionel Marshall.....	20 00	Rev. Dr. Pollok.....	5 00
A. & W. Mackinlay.....	15 00	C. C. Blackadar.....	4 00
Hesslein & Sons.....	15 00	W. E. Hyde.....	4 00
Rev. Dr. Burns.....	12 00	Lady friend.....	4 00
Friend.....	12 00	C. A. Creighton.....	4 00
B. A. Taylor.....	10 00	Creighton & Marshall.....	4 00
W. H. Bigby, (London, Eng.)	10 00	D. H. MacGarvey.....	3 00
Mrs. W. P. West.....	10 00	F. Laurie, (New Glasgow)...	3 00
H. McD. Henry.....	10 00	F. H. Oxley.....	2 00
Wm. Jordan.....	10 00	No. 27.....	2 00
T. Ritchie.....	10 00	Friend per D. B.....	2 50
Alex. Dow.....	10 00	F. F. C.....	2 00
E. A. O'Dell.....	10 00	No name.....	2 00
W. C. Silver.....	10 00	Thos. Duncanson.....	2 00
Mrs. C. E. Wiswell.....	10 00	D. S.....	1 25
John Farquharson.....	10 00	No name.....	1 00
Muir & Blackadar.....	10 00		
T. E. Kenny.....	10 00		
Peter Jack.....	10 00		

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APPEAL.

It is hoped that this report may fall into the hands of humane persons who would like to aid in this work. A little is being done, though but a little to aid the poor. The contributions which have been received for nineteen years have been purely voluntary. To the best of their ability these funds have been doled out by the officers of this Association. The burden has not rested equally on the shoulders of all, for but a small list will be found, who make up the annual contributors. Some are working through other channels. Some are blessing themselves as well as the poor they aid, by doing their charity in person. It is not to the citizen who does his share of the work, that this appeal is addressed, but to some who may, up to this time, have overlooked the claims of the poor, who are always with us. Winter is a hard time with them. Work is scarce and the wind is cold. Children cry for bread and the pantry is empty. There is no coal to make a fire. Have you a dollar to spare?