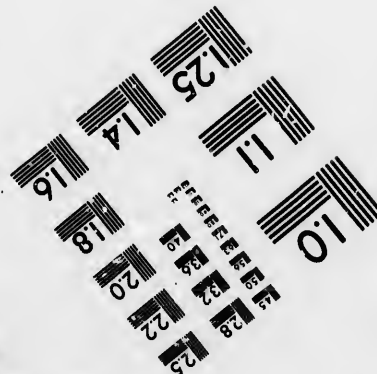
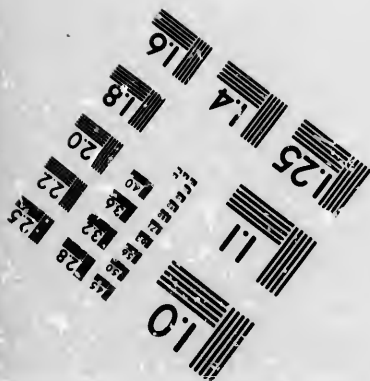
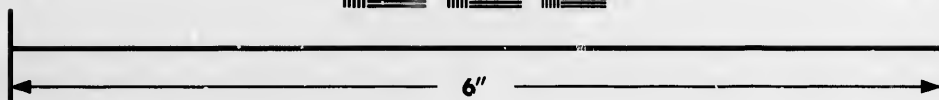
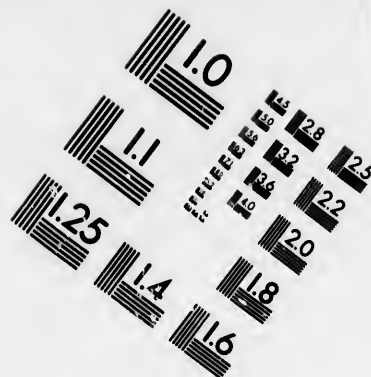




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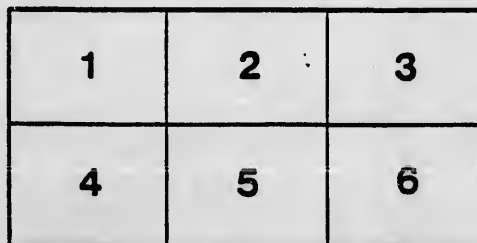
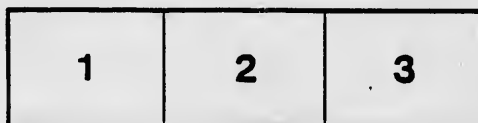
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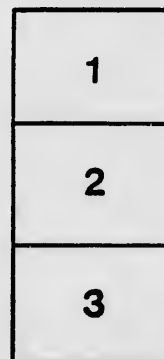
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WELLAND, JANUARY 25TH, 1881.

Pursuant to the Act respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario, the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the several municipalities comprising the County of Welland, met in the Grand Jury Room, in the Court House, at the Town of Welland, on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1881, at 5.30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organization as the County Municipal Council of said County. Council met.

The Clerk *ad interim* in the chair.

The following named Councillors presented certificates of election, and having made and subscribed the declaration of office and qualification as required by law, took their seats accordingly :— Certificates filed.

Bertie, Township of, Edwin Hershey, Esq., Reeve.

do Levi Baker, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

Chippawa, Village of, Charles Keller, Junr., Esq., Reeve.

Clifton, Town of, John Coulson, Esq., Reeve.
do Thomas Wilson, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Crowland, Township of, Edwin Morris, Esq., Reeve.
Fort Erie, Village of, Ernest Cruickshank, Esq., Reeve.
Humberstone, Township of, E. Furry, Esq., Reeve.
do J. A. Ramsden, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Pelham, Township of, Joseph Garner, Esq., Reeve.
do do D. Metler, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Port Colborne, Village of, W. B. Pringle, Esq., Reeve.
Stamford, Township of, Geo. J. Duncan, Esq. Reeve.
do do Anson Garner, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Thorold, Township of, Stephen Beatty, Esq., Reeve.
do do John Willson, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Thorold, Town of, A. Fraser, Esq., Reeve.
do do R. J. Johnston, M.D., Deputy-Reeve.
Wainfleet, Township of, Edward Lee, Esq., Reeve.
do do John Misener, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Welland, Town of, J. H. Burgar, Esq., Reeve.
do D. A. Johnson, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.
Willoughby, Township of, James Smith, Reeve.

Roll called.

The roll having been called, the following named Councillors answered to their names :—

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, Joseph Garner, Anson Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Smith, Thos. Wilson and John Willson—23.

Mr. Jas. Smith
proposed as
Warden.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that James Smith, Esq., Reeve of Willoughby, be the Warden for 1881.

Mr. Furry proposed.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, in amendment, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged and the following be inserted, "Elisha Furry, Esq., be Warden for the present municipal year."

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs.
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NAYS—Messrs.
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YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and John Willson—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—13.

Amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6.

Amendment
lost.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Dr. Johnston, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and the following be inserted, "John Coulson, Esq., Reeve of the Town of Clifton, be Warden for the current year."

Mr. Coulson
proposed.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee, and John Willson—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—16.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 10.

Amendment
lost.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Johnston, in amendment, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and the following inserted, "Edwin Hershey, Esq., Reeve of Bertie, be Warden for the current year."

Mr. Hershey
proposed.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Lee and John Willson—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A.

Johnson, Keller, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—17.

Amendment
lost.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 12.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Mr. Bugar
proposed.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Lee, in amendment, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and the following inserted, "J. H. Bugar, Esq., Reeve of the Town of Welland, be Warden for the present municipal year.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee and John Willson—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—16.

Amendment
lost.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 10.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Mr. J. Garner
proposed.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser, in amendment, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and in lieu thereof the following be inserted, viz., "that Joseph Garner, Esq., be elected as Warden for 1881."

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Lee and John Willson—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Metler, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—16.

Amendment
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The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 11.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council,

and the yeas follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Duncan, Furry, Johnson, Metler, Wilson—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Lee and Johnston—9.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Mr. Smith, duly signed the resolution, and Thomas D. C. the Council seat as such.

Moved by Mr. Lee, that the hours of the session be as at 12:30 p.m. at 6 o'clock p.m.

The motion was

Moved by Mr. Lee, in amendment, during the p.m., adjourn and adjourn hereafter to be ing each even

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The original motion and the yeas follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Garner, D. A. J. Willson—

and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Misener, Morris, Ramsden, and Thomas Wilson—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee and John Willson—6.

The original motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 9. Mr. Smith
elected as
Warden.

Mr. Smith, being informed by the Clerk of his election, Warden takes
oath. duly signed the declaration of office as such Warden before Thomas D. Cowper, a Commissioner, and, after thanking the Council for the honor conferred upon him, took his seat as such Warden for the year 1881.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener, that Sessional
hours. the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present session be as follows :—meet at 9 o'clock a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. ; meet again at 2 o'clock p.m. and adjourn at 6 o'clock p.m.

The motion being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, Amendment in amendment, that the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present session be as follows :—meet at 9 o'clock a.m., adjourn at 12:30 o'clock ; meet again at 2 o'clock and adjourn at 6 o'clock ; and that the several committees, hereafter to be appointed, prepare reports and papers during each evening for the following day's work.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, was lost Lost. on a division.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Fraser, J. Garner, A. Garner, D. A. Johnson, Lee, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and J. Willson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Metler and Thomas Wilson—9.

Original motion carried. The original motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 2.

Adjournment At 7:30 o'clock p.m. the Warden left the chair.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26, 1881.

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

The Warden in the chair.

Present. Members present:—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—22.

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

Communications. The Warden presented several communications.

Notice of motions. Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the appointment of the members of the Board of Audit.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the appointment of High School Trustees to fill the vacancies about to occur in the several High School Boards throughout the County.

Appointment of Auditors. Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Furry, that Benjamin Rooth, of the Village of Petersburg, be appointed Auditor of Treasurer's accounts on behalf of this Council for the current year.

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Moved by Mr. Pringle, and seconded by Mr. Hershey, in ^{Joseph Priestman proposed} amendment, that Joseph Priestman, Jr., be appointed Auditor of Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was ^{Amendment lost} lost on a division.

On the original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Coulson, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in ^{B. Rooth proposed} amendment, that the name of Benjamin Rooth be erased and that of John Robinson be inserted as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Metler, in ^{J. B. Crow proposed} amendment to the amendment, that the name of John Robinson be erased and the name of John B. Crow be inserted as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The amendment to the amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division. ^{Amendment to the amendment lost}

The amendment being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson, in ^{R. A. Campbell proposed} amendment to the amendment, that Robert A. Campbell be appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The amendment to the amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division. ^{Amendment to the amendment lost}

The amendment again being proposed to the Council, was ^{Amendment lost} lost on a division.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{J. E. Morin proposed} in amendment, that James E. Morin be appointed as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in amendment to the amendment, that the name of James E.

Morin be erased and that of Lanty S. Lundy, Esq., be inserted thereof as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

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The amendment to the amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

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The amendment, being again proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

The original motion, being again proposed to the Council, it was

T. D. Cowper
proposed.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, in amendment, that the name of Benjamin Rooth be erased and that the name of T. D. Cowper be inserted instead.

Amendment
lost.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

The original motion, being again proposed to the Council, it was

Jas. A. Howell
proposed.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Duncan, in amendment, that the name of Benjamin Rooth be erased and that the name of James A. Lowell be inserted.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Gavin Robin-
son proposed.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. J. Garner, in amendment to the amendment, that the name of Mr. Rooth be erased and the name of Gavin Robinson be inserted.

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Wm. Russell
proposed.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson, in amendment, that the name of Mr. Rooth be erased and the name of William Russel be inserted in place thereof.

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Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{E. A. Dickout proposed.} in amendment, that the name of Benjamin Rooth be erased and the name of E. A. Dickout be inserted thereof as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost ^{Amendment lost.} on a division.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in ^{J. A. Orchard proposed.} amendment, that the name of B. Rooth be erased and the name of John A. Orchard be inserted instead thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost ^{Amendment lost.} on a division.

The original motion, being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, ^{George Lewis proposed.} in amendment, that the name of Benjamin Rooth be erased and that of George Lewis be inserted instead thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost ^{Amendment lost.} on a division.

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in ^{C. Mewburn proposed.} amendment, that the name of B. Rooth be erased and that of Harrison C. Mewburn be inserted thereof as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{J. J. Sidey proposed.} in amendment to the amendment, that J. J. Sidey be appointed auditor of Treasurer's accounts on behalf of this Council for the current year.

The amendment to the amendment being proposed to the ^{Carried.} Council, was carried on a division, appointing J. J. Sidey as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

The Warden announced that he appointed, on behalf of ^{E. R. Hellems appointed by Warden.}

the head of the Council, E. R. Hellems as the other Auditor of Treasurer's accounts.

Committee to strike Standing Committees.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle, that the following named gentlemen be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees of this Council for the present year, viz.:—Messrs. Joseph Garner, Thomas Wilson, Beatty, Fraser, Hershey, Furry, Lee, Duncan and Pringle.

The motion being proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. T. Wilson, in amendment, that the following named gentlemen be appointed a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the year, viz.—Messrs. Duncan, Frazer, Bugar, J. Garner, Lee, Hershey, Ramsden, and the mover.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment to the amendment.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Bugar, in amendment to the amendment, that the following named gentlemen, members of this Council, be appointed a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year, viz.:—Messrs. Fraser, Hershey, J. Garner, Lee, Furry, Coulson, and the mover and seconder.

Amendment to the amendment lost.

The amendment to the amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

Amendment carried.

The amendment, being again proposed to the Council, was carried on a division.

Treasurer's statement.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the Warden do cause a statement to be laid before this Council as soon as practicable showing the amount of cash on hand, the several sums due by municipalities, if any; also a full statement of the indebtedness and financial standing of the County at the present time.—Carried.

Special Committee on Communications.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Duncan, that the communications of A. M. Ross and E. A. Macnaughton, be referred to the following Special Committee, with instructions to report thereon as soon as possible, viz.:—J. Garner, Fraser, Beatty, and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

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By permission, the Special Committee to strike Standing Committees were allowed to retire.

And the hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden Adjournment left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Council resumed.

The Warden presented a statement from the County Treasurer pursuant to a resolution passed at this morning's session. ^{Treasurer's Statement.}

Mr. Duncan, from Special Committee to strike Standing Committees, brought up their report. ^{Report of Committee to strike Standing Committees.}

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of the Special Committee to strike Standing Committees for the current year, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Warden read the report.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of the Special Committee to strike Standing Committees, just read, be adopted. ^{Motion for adoption.}

The motion being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Metler, in amendment, that the report of the Committee for striking the Standing Committees be referred back to the said Committee with instructions to amend the said report so as to limit the number to three members on each of the paid committees of this Council. ^{Amendment}

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division. ^{Amendment}

The original motion for the adoption of the report being again read, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Metler, in amendment, that whereas this Council is composed of a number of members of considerable experience as Councilors; and, whereas it is desirable to extend the representation of different municipalities as much as practicable and still secure efficiency and economy,

Therefore be it resolved, that the report be referred back with instructions to amend, so that no gentleman shall appear on two of the paid committees, and that the Gaol Committee be reduced from six to three in numbers.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and John Willson—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Keller, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—14.

Lost.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 8.

The original motion for the adoption of the report being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, in amendment, that the report be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend the same by striking off the name of Mr. Beatty from the Educational Committee.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the report be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend the said report by striking the following names off the Gaol Committee, viz.:—Messrs. A. Garner and Cruickshank; also the name of A. Garner from the Committee on Equalization.

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The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division.

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Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by D. A. Johnson, in ^{Amendment} amendment, that the report of the Special Committee to strike Standing Committees be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend the same so as to reduce the number on the Goal Committee to three.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, A. Garner, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle and John Willson—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, Hershey, Keller, Lee, Ramsden and T. Wilson—12.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 4. ^{Lost.}

The original motion being again proposed, it was

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Beatty, in ^{Amendment} amendment, that the report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend the same by striking the name of W. B. Pringle off the Committee on Education and inserting the name of Mr. Bugar instead.

The motion being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty and Pringle—2.

NAYS—Messrs. Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—17.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 15. ^{Lost.}

The original motion being again proposed, was carried on ^{Original motion carried.} a division.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the communication from the County of Elgin, *re* conveyance of prisoners to the Provincial Penitentiary, be referred to the

Standing Gaol Committee, with instructions to report thereon.—Carried.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill for the appointment of Auditors of Treasurer's accounts for the current year, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Several members being engaged, the Warden left the chair.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27, 1881.

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

The Warden in the chair.

Present. All the members present.

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

J. J. Sidey's resignation. The Warden presented the resignation of J. J. Sidey as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts.

Accepted. Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the resignation of J. J. Sidey, Esq., as Auditor be and it is hereby accepted.—Carried.

Auditor of Treasurer's accounts. Moved by Mr. T. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Pringle, That whereas Mr. J. J. Sidey has tendered his resignation as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts, and whereas it is necessary and expedient to appoint another person,

Be it therefore resolved that Mr. Joseph Priestman, Jr., be elected Auditor of Treasurer's accounts instead of Mr. Sidey.

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Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Keller, in ^{B. Rooth proposed} amendment, that the name of Joseph Priestman in the original motion be erased, and the name of Benjamin Rooth be inserted instead.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Keller, Lee, Misener, and Ramsden—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—13.

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 7.

Amendment lost.

The original motion, being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Burgar, in amendment, that all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and the following inserted: "That Robert A. Campbell be Auditor of Treasurer's accounts." ^{R. A. Campbell proposed.}

The amendment being proposed to the Council, was lost on a division. ^{Amendment lost.}

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, was carried on a division. ^{Original motion carried.}

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Keller, that the report of the Committee on Salaries be received and read. ^{Report of Committee on Salaries.}
—Carried.

The report was read in pursuance of motion.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Keller, that the report of Committee on Salaries, just read, be adopted. ^{Motion for adoption.}

The motion being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Metler, in amendment, that the first report of the Committee on Salaries be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend said report by making the salary of the Treasurer \$500. ^{Amendment}

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

YEAS—Messrs. J. Garner, A. Garner and Metler—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—18.

Lost.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 15.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Pringle, in amendment, that the report of the Committee on Salaries be referred back to said Committee, with instructions to erase that part of the report recommending the extra payment of fifty dollars to Mr. Duncan for his services as Warden last year.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Dr. Johnston, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and J. Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller and Thomas Wilson—10.

Carried.

The amendment passing in the affirmative—majority, 1.
Pursuant to motion the report was referred back to said Committee.

Amended report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fraser presented the amended report of the Committee on Salaries.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Keller, that the amended report of the Committee on Salaries, just read, be adopted.

The motion, being proposed to the Council, and Mr. J. Garner calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Cruickshank, Fraser, D. A. Johnson, Ramsden, Th

NAYS—Messrs.

The motion of the Committee on Salaries, by majority, 17.

The hour for adjournment having left the chair.

At 2 o'clock

Moved by Mr. Pringle, that the first report of the Committee on Bridges be referred back to said Committee.

The report of the Committee on Bridges, by majority, 17.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, that the report, just read, be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, that the amendment, to the report of the Committee, now on Salaries, with instructions to the Committee, for the repair of the bridge, be adopted.

The amendment, to the report of the Committee, now on Salaries, by majority, 17.

Pursuant to motion the report of the Committee on Road and Bridges, by majority, 17.

By permission of the Council, Mr. Pringle was allowed to retire.

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and J. Willson—19.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Garner and Metler—2.

The motion for the adoption of the amended report of the Committee on Salaries passing in the affirmative—majority, 17.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, p.m., the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the first report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be received and read.

The report was read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the report, just read, be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Baker, in amendment, that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, now on the table, be referred back to the said Committee, with instructions to recommend either the construction of a new bridge at Chippawa, or the temporary repair of the old one.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was carried on a division.

Pursuant to motion, the report was referred back to the Road and Bridge Committee for addition.

By permission, the Road and Bridge Committee were allowed to retire.

Amended report on Roads and Bridges.

The Road and Bridge Committee brought in their amended report.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the amended report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Instructing Committee to adopt Plan 3.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Thomas Willson, that the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to adopt Plan No. 3, as furnished by Mr. Ray, for the bridge spanning the Welland River, at the Village of Chippawa, with any minor alterations which the Committee may recommend.

Mr. Ray addresses Council.

By permission, Mr. Ray was allowed to address the Council in reference to the construction of Chippawa Bridge, now under consideration.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, in amendment, that the Road and Bridge Committee be requested to make a careful examination of the several plans laid before the Council for a new bridge at Chippawa, and report which (if any) of the said plans it would be desirable in the interests of the County to adopt, strength durability and cost considered; and, be it further resolved that, if the said Committee can suggest any modification of the plans referred to, by which a better structure can be built, they be requested to report the same to this Council.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Amendment to the amendment

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, in amendment to the amendment, that the question under discussion be taken into consideration at the June session.

The amendment to the amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty and John Willson—2.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey,

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Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—20.

The amendment to the amendment passing in the negative—majority, 18. Amendment
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The amendment being again proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Hershey, D. A. Johnson and Pringle—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Coulson, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—15.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 8. Amendment
lost

The original motion, being again proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Cruickshank, Hershey and John Willson—5.

The original motion passing in the affirmative—majority, Original mo-
tion carried.
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The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden Adjournment.
left the chair.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28, 1881.

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

The Warden in the chair.

Present.

Members present—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—22.

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

Report of
County School
Inspector.

The Warden presented the report of the County School Inspector.

Bill to fix sal-
aries of off-
cers.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that leave be given to introduce a bill to fix the salaries of the several officers of the County.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the bill to fix salaries of the several officers of this Council be read a first time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a first time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the Bill be read a second time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a second time pursuant to motion.

Passed.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the Bill to fix salaries 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.

Pursuant to motion the By-law was read a third time and passed, entitled "A By-law to fix salaries for County Officers.

Bill for ap-
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Board of Audit

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that leave be given to introduce a Bill for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit for the current year

Leave granted.

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Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Bill for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit be read a first time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a first time, in blank, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the names of John Coulson and Fletcher Swayze be inserted in the Bill appointing Auditors of Criminal Justice accounts for the present year.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion the Bill was filled in with the names of Messrs. Coulson and Swayze.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Bill for the appointment of the members of the Board of Audit be now read a second time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, 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.

The motion being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Fraser, in amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze, in the Bill now before this Council, be struck out and the name of James Munro, of the Town of Thorold, be inserted instead.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Kellar, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and John Willson—8.

NAVS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6. Lost.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

F. B. McPherson proposed.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Kellar, in amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze be struck out of the Bill, now before this Council, and the name of R. B. McPherson inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Kellar, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and J. Willson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

Lost.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

G. J. Duncan proposed.

Moved by Mr. Coulson, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in amendment, that the name of John Coulson, in the Bill before this Council, be struck out, and the name of G. J. Duncan be inserted instead thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Coulson, J. Garner and A. Garner—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Kellar, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and J. Willson—19.

Lost.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 16.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Col. Morin proposed.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser, in amendment, that the name of F. Swayze in the Bill be struck out, and that of Col. J. E. Morin be inserted instead thereof as a member of the Board of Audit.

The amendment lost on a division.

The original motion, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, in amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze be struck out of the Bill and the name of R. B. McPherson inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Kellar, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and J. Willson—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Coulson, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in amendment, that the name of John Coulson, in the Bill before this Council, be struck out, and the name of G. J. Duncan be inserted instead thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Coulson, J. Garner and A. Garner—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Kellar, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and J. Willson—19.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 16.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser, in amendment, that the name of F. Swayze in the Bill be struck out, and that of Col. J. E. Morin be inserted instead thereof as a member of the Board of Audit.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, was ^{Amendment} lost on a division. _{lost.}

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, in ^{Alexander} amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze be struck out of ^{Reid proposed} the Bill and the name of Alexander Reid, of Crowland, be inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and John Willson—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—13.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 4. ^{Amendment} _{lost.}

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner, that ^{Previous} the previous question be now put. _{question.}

The motion, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Metler, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Lee and Misener—3.

The motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 16. Carried.

Pursuant to the motion, the resolution for the third reading of the Bill for the appointment of the Board of Audit was again read, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

R. B. McPherson proposed.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Kellar, in amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze be struck out of the Bill, now before this Council, and the name of R. B. McPherson inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Kellar, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and J. Willson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

Lost.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

G. J. Duncan proposed.

Moved by Mr. Coulson, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in amendment, that the name of John Coulson, in the Bill before this Council, be struck out, and the name of G. J. Duncan be inserted instead thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Coulson, J. Garner and A. Garner—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Kellar, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and J. Willson—19.

Lost.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 16.

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Col. Morin proposed.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser, in amendment, that the name of F. Swayze in the Bill be struck out, and that of Col. J. E. Morin be inserted instead thereof as a member of the Board of Audit.

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The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, in ^{Alexander} amendment, that the name of Mr. Swayze be struck out of ^{Reid proposed} the Bill and the name of Alexander Reid, of Crowland, be inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and John Willson—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—13.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 4. ^{Amendment} _{lost.}

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner, that ^{Previous} the previous question be now put. _{question.}

The motion, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Metler, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Lee and Misener—3.

The motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 16. ^{Carried.}

Pursuant to the motion, the resolution for the third reading of the Bill for the appointment of the Board of Audit was again read, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, Keller, Lee, Misener, Ramsden and John Willson—8.

Motion for
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The resolution for the third reading of the Bill, entitled a By-law for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit, was passed in the affirmative—majority 6.

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Accounts.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Morris, that leave be granted to introduce a Bill for the appointment of Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, and that the Bill be read a first time.

Leave granted, and the Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Morris, that the Bill be read a second time—Carried.

The Bill was read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle, 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.

Passed.

The By-Law was read a third time and passed, entitled a By-Law for the appointment of the Auditors of Treasurer's accounts.

Inspector of
Schools report
to be printed.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Baker, that the report of the Inspector of Schools, now on the table, be printed for the information of those concerned in the proceedings of the Council.—Carried.

Gaol Commit-
tee's report.

Mr. Bugar, from Gaol Committee, brought up their Special Report, *re* conveyance of prisoners to the Penitentiary, which was read to the Council.—

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Special Report of the Gaol Committee, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Motion, *re* ex-
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Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Keller, that, whereas, for some years past, the salary of the Warden of this County has been one hundred dollars per municipal year;

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And, whereas, last year the Council deemed it advisable in the interests of the County to erect a Registry Office ;

And, whereas, appeals had been entered against the County before his Honor Judge Macdonald to have the assessments of the various municipalities placed on an equitable basis ;

And, whereas, the large amount of labour having to be performed by the Warden without receiving any compensation therefor, and this Council believes that, in justice to George J. Duncan, Esq., late Warden, he should receive remuneration for services so rendered ;

Therefore, be it resolved, that James Smith, Esq., Warden ^{Carried.} of this County, be and is hereby instructed to issue his cheque on the Treasurer of said County in favor of George J. Duncan, Esq., aforesaid, for the sum of thirty dollars.—
Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden ^{Adjournment.} left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, ^{Appointment of High School Trustees.} that leave be given to introduce a Bill for the appointment of High School Trustees to fill the vacancies about to occur.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustees be read a first time in blank.—Carried.

The Bill was read a first time in blank.

G. Baxter appointed for Thorold High School.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the blank in the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee in Thorold High School be filled up with the name of George Baxter, Esq.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the blank in the Bill was filled up with the name of George Baxter, Esq., as Trustee of Thorold High School.

G. J. Duncan and Rev. C. L. Ingles for Drummondville High School.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Coulson, that the blank in the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee be filled up with the names of George J. Duncan and Rev. Charles L. Ingles, for Drummondville High School.—Carried.

The blank in the Bill was accordingly filled up with the names of George J. Duncan and the Rev. Charles L. Ingles for Drummondville High School.

S. H. Glasgow proposed for Welland High School.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson, that the blank in the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee in the matter of Welland High School be filled up with the name of S. H. Glasgow.

Petition for appointment of Dr. Schooley.

The Warden presented a petition from James Bridges and others praying that Dr. Schooley be appointed High School Trustee for Welland High School.

Motion proposed.

Amendment

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, in amendment, that the Bill before the Council be referred to the Committee on Education.

The amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Dr. Johnston and John Willson—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and Thomas Wilson—16.

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Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, in ^{Amendment} amendment, that the blank in the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee for the Town of Welland be filled with the name of J. W. Schooley, in accordance with the petition presented to this Council.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Furry, Dr. Johnston, Misener, Ramsden and John Willson—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Thomas Wilson—15.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 9. ^{Lost.}

The original motion being again proposed to the Council, it was carried on a division.

Pursuant to motion, the blank in the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee for Welland High School was filled up with the name of S. H. Glasgow. ^{S. H. Glasgow appointed.}

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustee be now read a second time.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Bill for the appointment of High School Trustees 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.

The By-Law was read a third time and passed, entitled ^{Bill passed.} a By-Law for the appointment of High School Trustees.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, second by Dr. Johnston, that ^{Bill for borrowing money} leave be given to introduce a By-Law to authorize the

Warden of the County of Welland to borrow a sum of money.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Dr. Johnston, that the Bill to authorize the Warden to borrow money be read a first time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a first time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Dr. Johnston, that the Bill be read a second time.—Carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Dr. Johnston, 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.

Passed.

The By-Law was read a third time and passed, entitled a By-Law to authorize the Warden to borrow a sum of money.

Re Chippawa
Bridge.

Moved by W. B. Pringle, seconded by J. A. Ramsden, that, whereas the Chippawa Creek, between Niagara River and Port Robinson, is a portion of the canal system under control of the Dominion Government;

And, whereas the bridge crossing the said stream at Chippawa Village has fallen into such a dilapidated condition that it is necessary it should be rebuilt;

And, whereas the maintenance of facilities for bringing vessels from Niagara River to the Welland Canal requires a swing in said bridge and the employment of a bridge-tender;

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Council deem it the duty of the Dominion Government to bear an equitable portion of the cost of building and maintaining such a bridge as may be approved of by the said Government, and that the Government be respectfully requested to direct a resident engineer in charge of a portion of the Welland Canal enlargement, or some other agent, to examine said

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bridge and to report the portion of cost which the Government should bear; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of this Council to the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Canals, through C. W. Bunting, Esq.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{Report of Registry Office Committee.} that the report of the Special Committee in connection with the removal of the Registry Office, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

The report was read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{Adopted.} that the report of the Special Committee in connection with the removal of the Registry Office be adopted as read.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, ^{Paid Committees.} that the paid committees of this Council furnish at each session hereinafter a detailed statement of all expenses incurred by them, not alone in regard to public improvements, but also the number of days' labor and mileage performed by any and every member.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, ^{Expenses of Equalization case.} that, whereas certain municipalities believing that for equalization purposes some of the municipalities were assessed too high or too low relating to others; and whereas, in an appeal made by virtue of Chap. 31, Sec. 33, and sub-sections thereof, Statutes of Ontario, 1879, the case was decided in favour of the Appellant; and, whereas, the general principle in reference to litigation is, that costs abide the result of suit;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Warden do issue his cheques in favour of the Treasurers of the following municipalities for the sums placed opposite to each, viz.:—

Welland	\$ 25 00
Fort Erie	25 00
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Chippawa	25 00
Clifton	300 00

After a long discussion arising on the resolution, it was

Amendment

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry, in amendment, that the question, now before the Council, be considered this time six months.

Previous to the consideration of the amendment,

Mr. Beatty moved the adjournment of the debate, and the Council, till 9 o'clock, a.m. to-morrow.

Carried on a division.

Adjournment.

The Council adjourned pursuant to motion at 5.45 p.m.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Jan. 29, 1881.

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

The Warden in the chair.

Present.

Members present—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—22.

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

**Petition re
Welland
Bridge.**

The Warden presented a petition from the citizens of the Town of Welland asking for grant, *re* Chippawa Bridge in the said town.

**Report of the
County Clerk.
Amendment
to motion re
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Also, the report of the County Clerk.

The Warden announced that the first business to be considered by the Council, was, Mr. Garner's amendment not read at adjournment last evening, which he would again read.

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YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Metler, Misener, Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee and Thomas Wilson—9.

The amendment in favor of considering the costs of appeal case this day six months, passing in the affirmative—majority, 3. Amendment carried.

Moved by Mr. D. A. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Johnston, that the prayer of the petition of the citizens of Welland, Motion to grant petition re Welland bridge.
re the grant for iron bridge, be granted.

The motion, being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry, in amendment, that the resolution now before this Council, be considered this day six months. Amendment.

The amendment, being proposed to the Council, it was

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Coulson, in amendment to the amendment, that this Council do grant the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars to the Town of Welland, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheque in favour of the Treasurer of the said town for such sum. Amendment to the amendment.

The amendment to the amendment being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee and Thomas Wilson—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Duncan, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson—13.

The amendment to the amendment passing in the negative—majority, 4. Lost

Amendment
carried.

The amendment, being again proposed to the Council, was carried on a division.

Clerk instructed to renew
policies and
mortgages.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, that the Clerk receive it as an instruction to renew any policies of insurance that may expire on County buildings during the present year, on as favorable terms as practicable, in a first-class Stock Company or Companies; and that the same officer be hereby instructed to renew any mortgages held by this County that are in danger of lapsing by non-payment, in such cases as it may not be considered prudent by the Committee to press collections.—Carried.

Communication from Co.
Clerk.

The Warden presented a communication from the County Clerk as to the sale of Marsh Lands.

Referred to
Marsh Lands
Committee.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. John Willson, that the communication from County Clerk, *re* Marsh Lands, be referred to the Committee on Marsh Lands, with instructions to report at the earliest convenience of said Committee.—Carried.

Adjournment.

By permission, several Committees were allowed to retire, and before their return, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, p.m. the Council resumed.

Finance Committee's report

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bugar, that the first report of the Standing Committee on Finance, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bugar, that the first report of the Standing Committee on Finance, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

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Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty, that the report of the Special Committee on the communication of Mr. A. M. Ross be received and read.—Carried.

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Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty, that the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty, that leave be given to the Special Committee on the communication of A. M. Ross, Esq., to draft a memorial to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

Motion to
draft memo-
rial.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty, that the memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario be received and read.

Memorial read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Garner, that the memorial, just read, be signed by the Warden and Clerk, affixing the Corporate Seal thereto, and transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor.—Carried.

Memorial
signed and
sealed.

Memorial signed by the Warden and Clerk and the Corporate Seal attached, and transmitted accordingly.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of Special Committee *re* audit of Criminal Justice Accounts, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report of
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Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of Special Committee *re* Criminal Justice Audit, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Thomas Wilson, that, inasmuch as the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Criminal Justice Accounts have reported that they have been unable to complete the work for which they were appointed from the fact that they could not get the proper documents ;

Motion to re-
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Therefore, be it resolved, that the said Committee be and

they are hereby instructed to complete the investigation, if possible, and report to this Council at its next sitting.

The motion being proposed to the Council, and the yeas and nays being called for, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Duncan, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thomas Wilson and John Willson—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Furry, Keller and Lee—3.

Carried.

The motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 12.

Report of Special Committee for Northumberland and Durham communication.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of Special Committee on communication from Counties of Northumberland and Durham, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Gaol Committee's report.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report of Standing Gaol Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the Gaol Committee report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges, Crowland and Humberstone.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the first report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Crowland and Humberstone be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Communication from D. D'Everardo.

The Warden presented a communication from Mr. D'Everardo, referred to in the report of Gaol Committee.

From Mr. Bridges.

Also a letter from Mr. Bridges in reference to remarks said to have been made when the appointment of High School Trustee for Welland was under consideration.

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Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Furry, that a committee, composed of Messrs. Bugar, J. Garner and Lee, be appointed, on behalf of this Council, for the purpose of superintending the completion of the improvements on the Registry Office Grounds.—Carried.

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Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the first report of Committee on Marsh Lands, on communication referred to them with instructions to report thereon, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Marsh Lands
Committee's
report.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hershey, that the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Duncan, that this Council do now adjourn, to meet at the call of the Warden.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, p.m. Adjourned.

APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER CCCCXXXII.

A BY-LAW to fix Salaries of County Officers.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to provide, by By-Law, for the payment of the salaries of the several officers of this Council ;

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that there shall be paid to the several officers of this Council the following yearly salaries, that is to say :

To the Warden.....	\$100 00
“ Clerk.....	450 00
“ Treasurer.....	600 00
“ Auditors (each)	20 00
“ Messenger.....	60 00

And, be it therefore enacted that the foregoing sums shall be paid monthly by the Treasurer upon the cheque of the Warden out of any funds in his hands belonging to this County, not otherwise appropriated.

Passed in Council this 28th day of January, 1881.

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J. C. PAGE, County Clerk.

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CHAPER CCCCXXXIII.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of Board of Audit.

WHEREAS, in and by the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Cap. 85, Sec. 7, a Board of Audit is to be appointed for the purposes named therein, to be composed of the Judge, or Junior Acting Judge of the County Court, and two other persons, who shall be appointed annually for that purpose by the County Council of such County or union of Counties, at their first meeting in each year, not more than one of such persons being a member for the time being of such Council;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to give effect to such enactment in so far as relates to the County of Welland;

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, that John Coulson and Fletcher Swayze be and they are hereby appointed members of the said Board of Audit for the County of Welland for the current year.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1881.

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CHAPTER CCCCXXXIV.

A BY-Law for Appointment of Auditors.

WHEREAS the Warden has nominated E. R. Hellems as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts on the part of the head of the Corporation, and this Council has appointed Joseph Priestman, Jr., as the other Auditor, and it is necessary to confirm such appointments :

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted that E. R. Hellems, being the nominee of the Warden, and Joseph Priestman, Jr., being the nominee of this Council, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1881.

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CHAPTER CCCCXXXV.

A By-LAW for the Appointment of High School Trustees.

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Municipality of the County of Welland to appoint the High School Trustees for each of the High Schools within incorporated towns in said County, to fill the vacancies about to occur in the Boards of such towns ;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Municipality of the said County to appoint two High School Trustees for High Schools situated elsewhere than in incorporated towns, to fill the vacancy about to occur in such Boards.

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Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that, for the High School situate in the Town of Welland, S. H. Glasgow shall be High School Trustee; that for the High School situated in the Town of Thorold, George Baxter shall be High School Trustee; and that for the High School situated in the Village of Drummondville, George J. Duncan and Charles L. Ingles be High School Trustees.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1881.

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JAMES SMITH,
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CHAPTER CCCCXXXVI.

A BY-LAW to authorize the Warden of the County of Welland to borrow a sum of money.

WHEREAS it is requisite to provide, for County purposes, a sum of money sufficient to meet demands against the County due or maturing due during the present year;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to provide, therefor by By-Law;

Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, that the Warden is hereby authorized to make any necessary loan to meet the requirements of the County that may exist or arise during 1881.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1881.

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JAMES SMITH,
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J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALARIES.

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

The Standing Committee on Salaries beg leave to submit this their first report, and recommend that the following salaries be fixed to the parties named for the present municipal year, viz.:—

To the Warden	\$100 00
“ County Clerk.....	450 00
“ “ Treasurer	600 00
“ Auditors (each)	20 00
“ Messenger.....	60 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. FRASER,
CHARLES KELLER, JR.,
STEPHEN BEATTY,
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Council Chamber, Welland;
Jan. 27th, 1881.

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FIRST REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to submit this, their first report, and recommend the payment of the following certified accounts :—

Hart & Rawlinson, municipal blanks	\$65 48
F. M. Hagar, coal for Registry Office	8 90
John Appleyard, stove, etc. for Surrogate Office ..	10 75
J. J. Sidey, advertising January Session and printing for Registry Office.....	7 71
Anger Brothers, advertising January Session and entrance to High Schools.....	8 60
N. B. Colcock, advertising January Session...	3 20
Wm. Newman, E. Morse and Wm. Mansell, \$2 each, and M. Biggar, \$4, for taking census of the incorporated Village of Drummond- ville	10 00
W. H. Bone, advertising January Session and printing	23 00
Hellems & Garner, stationery, \$5; telegraph- ing, \$3.19	8 19
George Cronmiller, repairs, etc., on Registry Office furniture.....	4 50
T. L. Nichol, glazing Registry Office door.....	3 75
D. D'Everardo, desk, registering deeds and ex- press charges.....	18 85
L. J. Brennan, binding 11 vols. Ontario Gazette, Sheriff's Office	27 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
GEO. J. DUNCAN,
ROBT. J. JOHNSTON,
LEVI BAKER,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
CHAS. KELLER, JR.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 29th, 1881.

AMENDED REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to submit this their amended report.

Your Committee have had plans and specifications for a Swing Bridge to span the River Welland at Chippawa prepared, as directed by your honorable Council at the last session, which we herewith submit for your consideration, and your committee recommend that a new bridge be built.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER,
JAMES SMITH,
JOHN MISENER,
ELISHA FURRY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 27th, 1881.

FIRST REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

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

Your Standing Gaol Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the County Council of the County of Elgin, *re* conveyance of prisoners to the Penitentiary, beg to report that your Committee find that the average cost of conveying a prisoner from Welland to Kingston is about \$70, while the average cost for conveying prisoners from all parts of the Province to the Central Prison is only \$6.71. Therefore, your Committee heartily concur in the

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
ANSON GARNER,
JOHN COULSON,
EDWARD LEE,
E. CRUICKSHANK,
EDWIN HERSHEY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 28th, 1881.

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 report.

Your Committee, in trying to carry out the resolution in regard to the change of offices, as adopted by the report of the Gaol Committee of last year, find that the old Registry Office needs some fittings before it can be occupied by the Clerk of the County Court. The Clerk desires that a part of the iron shelving in the vault be partitioned off into pigeon-holes for filing papers; also, a counter to be placed in the main room of the office, besides some other minor arrangements in connection therewith.

In regard to the removing of the Surrogate Office, your Committee think it not desirable to make any change at present pending the changes about to be made in the new Judiciary Act now before the Local Legislature, as your Committee are lead to believe that such Act may interfere with present arrangements.

Your Committee herewith submit to your honorable body a letter from Mr. D. D'Everardo bearing on his removal.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that such necessary repairs and fittings as your Committee may deem fit may be made.

Your Committee would recommend that the following accounts be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheques in payment of the several amounts:—

James Foster.....	\$ 1 65
F. M. Hagar	38 72
James Bridges	2 70
John Appleyard.....	19 25
Hellems & Garner	6 80

Your Committee find that a prisoner, named Mitchell Paterson, has been in gaoi since the 7th October, 1880, for extradition. Your Committee, therefore, would recommend that the Crown Attorney be instructed to take the proper steps to either have him extradited or liberated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
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Council Chamber, Welland,
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FIRST REPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES ON TOWNLINE, BE- TWEEN HUMBERSTONE AND CROWLAND.

*To the Warden and Ccuncillors of the County of Welland, in
Council assembled :*

Your Committee beg leave to report that, in repairing bridge over Lyons Creek, they became indebted to Mr. Christian Sour for the sum of eight dollars and thirty-two cents (\$8.32) for 416 feet of oak plank, and would, therefore, recommend that the Warden issue his cheque for the above amount in favour of Mr. Christian Sour.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELISHA YOUNG,
EDWIN MORRIS.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 28th, 1881.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARSH LANDS.

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

The Committee on Marsh Lands, to whom was referred the application of A. Williams, Esq., in behalf of others, asking price per acre of unsold Marsh Lands, in cash, or, under By-Law of Council, one-fifth down.

Your Committee beg to report that the application, having been handed in a few hours previous to adjournment of Council, renders it impossible to report intelligently at this session of Council.

Your Committee ask for time to consider the matter, the same being of importance to this County, and if they find that a suitable sale can be effected in the interests of the

County, that the Marsh Lands Committee do immediately notify the Warden to call a special meeting of the Council to consider the matter in question.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD LEE,
JOSEPH GARNER,
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Council Chamber, Welland,
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APPENDIX C.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the current year beg to submit the following report, viz.:—

FINANCE—Messrs. The Warden, Duncan, Bugar, Ramsden, Keller, Dr. Johnston and Baker.

ROADS AND BRIDGES—Messrs. Joseph Garner, Furry, Duncan and Misener.

GAOL COMMITTEE—Messrs. Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Lee, Hershey and Anson Garner.

SALARIES—Messrs. Fraser, Morris, Beatty, Metler, D. A. Johnson, Baker, Keller, Anson Garner and Thomas Wilson.

EDUCATION—Messrs. Dr. Johnston, Pringle, John Willson, Beatty, Misener, Cruickshank, Metler, D. A. Johnson and Duncan.

PRINTING—Messrs. Lee, Baker, Fraser, D. A. Johnson, Thomas Wilson, John Willson, Furry and Morris.

EQUALIZATION—Messrs. Hershey, Joseph Garner, Dr. Johnston, Coulson, Anson Garner, Burgar, Lee, Pringle, Furry, Cruickshank, Morris, Keller, Beatty and the Warden.

MARSH LANDS—Messrs. Lee, Joseph Garner, Ramsden and Hershey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. DUNCAN,
A. FRASER,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
J. H. BURGAR,
EDWARD LEE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 26th, 1881.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE AUDIT CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

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

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the Criminal Justice Audits, beg leave to report.

Having made application to the Treasurer for all papers and documents of any kind calculated to afford information to your Committee in this matter, we obtained abstract returns of Government Audit for certain years, but for certain other years and several quarters it was impossible to get any of these abstract returns ; likewise in regard to the pay lists, many of them were missing, rendering it impossible for your Committee to make comparisons with the returns, and leaving your Committee quite in the dark as to the transactions of recent years into which they con-

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sidered it most important to enquire. We herewith submit a statement of all errors discovered so far as we could obtain papers for comparison and enquiry.

Your Committee understand from Mr. Harcourt that all the missing documents can be obtained from the Provincial Treasurer's Office, if required.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that, if your Council consider the information now laid before you of such a character as to warrant further enquiry, they be empowered to procure the missing documents and report fully at the June session.

Your Committee desire further to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that many accounts payable wholly by the County have been forwarded in such accounts to the Government, which practice, in their opinion, should be discontinued in the future

Also, that the Treasurer has neglected to supply information asked as to certain accounts disallowed by the Government for want of full information, such information not being given, the sums returned have been entirely lost to the County.

We are further of opinion that the Auditors, previous to 1880, have, in many instances, neglected their duty.

Your Committee find in the quarterly abstract returns from the Government for 1873, March quarter, the following overcharges and errors:—

Queen v. Clancy & O'Connor, bringing up for arraignment and not tried, \$2 each	\$ 4 00
Extra notice to Judge.....	1 00
Discharging Loesch and Foley, \$1 each.....	2 00
Arraigning Loesch and Foley, charged in two accounts last, disallowed by Government...	4 00
Crier Wall, calling Petit Jury, not allowed by tariff.....	0 80
June Quarter—Discharging Carter and Tagert ...	2 00
Arraigning the same parties, (not allowed when out on bail).....	4 00

March Quarter, 1874—Sheriff, serving 7 subpoenas	3 50
Deduct 18 miles	1 80
Queen v. Bradley arraignment	2 00
“ v. O. Dorden.....	2 00
“ v. Vanderberg, four notices to Judge.....	3 00
County Attorney Raymond, when prisoners elected to be tried by jury disallowed.....	7 50
Second Quarter, 1874—Wm. Harrington and Har- rison Albright	4 00
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Arraigning John Bradley and discharging same	3 00
Crier Wall, overdrawn.....	7 90
Third Quarter, 1874—Sheriff arraigning Frank Smith, James Golding and Thomas McGee...	6 00
Discharging Smith, Golding and Goodfellow....	3 00
Delivering 10 prisoners to Central Prison Bailiff.....	10 00
Crier Wall, overdrawn in one quarter.....	12 65
First Quarter, 1875—Total overdrawn by Sheriff...	1 00
Second Quarter, “ — “ “ ...	8 00
Third Quarter—No papers.....	
Fourth Quarter—Total overdrawn by Sheriff.....	25 00
First “ 1876— “ “	9 00
Second “ 1876— “ “	44 30
1877—No papers	
First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarters, 1878— Total overdrawn by Sheriff.....	22 60
First Quarter, 1879—No papers.....	
Second “ “ —Total overdrawn by Sheriff..	5 00
Third “ “ —No papers.....	
Fourth “ “ —Total overdrawn by Sheriff..	14 00
Second “ 1880—Discharging Levitts, Camp- bell and Smith, tried by Police Magistrate....	3 00
Discharging Carry and McGregor, tried by Police Magistrate	2 00
Return of fines not made.....	4 00

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JOSEPH GARNER,
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EDWIN HERSHEY,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 29th, 1881.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE A. M ROSS' COMMUNICATION.

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

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the
communication from A. M. Ross, beg leave to submit the
following report :—

That the present system for the selection of Jurors by a
County Board should be discontinued, and endorse the
sentiments of Mr. Ross, from the commencement of his
communication, beginning at the word "from" in the first
line to the word "Jurors" on the fourteenth line.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER,
GEO. J. DUNCAN,
A. FRASER,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
STEPHEN BEATTY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 29th, 1881.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION OF E. A. MACNACHTAN, OF COBOURG.

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

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of E. A. MacNachtan, of Cobourg, beg leave to submit the following report :—

After careful consideration, your Committee recommend that the petition, in blank, submitted to the members from Mr. MacNachtan, be filled in and forwarded by the Clerk to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER,
A. FRASER,
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Council Chamber, Welland,
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APPENDIX D.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF WARDEN AND CLERK *RE* REGIS-
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*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council assembled.*

Pursuant to a resolution of the Council passed on the 8th day of December, A.D. 1880, wherein the Warden and Clerk were instructed to provide the necessary furniture for the new Registry Office, and, when completed, to ask the Registrar to remove the records therein, the undersigned take pleasure in making the following report in connection therewith.

That, immediately after the December Session, the undersigned took action to comply with said resolution by ordering one new desk, as after inspecting those in office concluded that, with one exception, the desks could be used by having them revarnished and repaired, which was accordingly done.

Two of the desks that had been in use for some time in the office belonged to Mr. D'Everardo, and being considered necessary were bought for use in the new Registry Office.

Your Committee caused the stoves to be put up in the new office, and, in doing so, put in an additional small stove on the outside of the counter to guard against the possible danger of dampness, which would be detrimental to health as well as to the records. This additional stove, your Committee do not think, will be necessary another winter, after the walls get thoroughly dry, and it can be then used in some part of the County buildings, and, therefore, will not be an unnecessary expense. The shelving for books in the east vault was found to be (previous to moving) not made according to specifications, as they were two inches wider than was called for, thereby making the uprights such a distance apart that the books would fall through.

Your Committee met Messrs. Vanderburg and Beatty at the office in connection therewith, and after consideration it was decided to put sheet-iron bands of uniform width around the uprights, which was done at a cost of twenty dollars. This sum, your Committee considered, should not have been paid by the County, but as neither Messrs. Vanderburg or Beatty would consent to make good their work after the same had passed the Inspector, the only alternative was for the County to pay.

Your Committee reported to Mr. D'Everardo, that the office was ready for occupation, and accordingly the records were removed on the 10th of this month between the hours of three and five in the afternoon, having been in the County buildings just eight years and one month; having been removed from Fonhill on the 10th day of December, 1872, and are now probably in as good an office as is in the Province, and no doubt beyond the reach of fire.

Your Committee caused the inside door to be improved by having a glass put therein, which adds to the light and comfort of the room, which can be realized only by visiting the office.

Your Committee delayed in getting matting for the floor for some time in hopes that it would not be necessary, but, after a trial for a couple of weeks, it was found impossible

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Your Committee have allowed Mr. Gilchrist, for four weeks' service keeping fire night and day previous to removal of records, the sum of ten dollars.

The accounts in connection with the removal of Registry Office, as far as received, are as follows :—

H. Shumaker, painting and glazing	\$ 5 21
Bull & Ross, matting	32 40
John Appleyard, tinsmith.....	34 50
T. L. Nichols, for lumber and work on outbuild- ings and in new office	24 60
George Cronmiller, cabinet-maker.....	39 50
Griffith & McCollum, leather and work on shelv- ing.....	57 50

The accounts above mentioned are hereto annexed.

Your Committee would recommend that any further accounts received in connection with the new Registry Office, and the same certified as correct by your Committee, the Warden be instructed to issue his cheque for the same, as well as any of the above accounts which have not been been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. DUNCAN,
J. C. PAGE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 28th, 1881.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1880.

To *James Smith, Esq., Warden :*

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report of the Schools under my jurisdiction, for the year 1880.

The number of rural and village Public Schools	
was	84
Additional departments of do. do.	8
Roman Catholic Separate Schools.....	1
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Total.....	93

The general condition of the schools has been, upon the whole, satisfactory, and their progress encouraging. While most of the schools maintain a fair state of proficiency, a number of them occupy a still higher standing, and do credit, not only to their own locality, but also to the County.

The advantages of a good school cannot be overestimated, and the outlay necessary in order to secure it cannot be made to better advantage. In order to maintain a good school, the remuneration to the teacher should be fair, and he should be well treated; and as his efficiency and worthiness become apparent an occasional increase in his salary would be a proper way to show the appreciation of his services and to encourage him, and a good teacher will then rarely be wanting.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

We have now a large number of excellent school houses throughout the County, and those that cannot be classed as excellent, may, with one or two exceptions, be regarded as suitable. In only one section can the accommodations be described as very bad, and in this section the Trustees and a proportion of the ratepayers are desirous of building a new school house, but there are others who are disposed to have the section abolished, and they oppose building, and as the sanction of the section is necessary in order to build, and as the trustees have not been able to ob-

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ATTENDANCE.

In regard to attendance, irregularity is yet a noticeable feature, and it is one of the most difficult to remedy, and appears to be out of reach of a compulsory law.

The number of pupils, between the ages of 5 and 16, entered on the daily register during the year was	5,982
Between 17 and 21	248
Over 21	12
Total	6,242

The number that attended less than 20 days was	592
Between 21 and 50 days	1,129
“ 51 “ 100 “	1,663
“ 101 “ 150 “	1,392
“ 151 “ 200 “	1,149
“ 201 “ the whole year.....	317

The average attendance for the first half of the year was.....	2,795
For the second half of the year.....	2,361
For the whole year.....	2,515

or about 40 per cent. of the number enrolled. Out of the 222 legal teaching days in the year, the schools were kept open, upon an average, 205 days.

CLASSIFICATION.

The pupils are generally well classified, and pursuing the subjects prescribed for their respective classes.

The number in the 1st or lowest class was.....	1,723
“ 2nd “	1,192
“ 3rd “	1,600
“ 4th “	1,278
“ 5th “	424
“ 6th “	25

The number in Writing was	5,391
“ Arithmetic.....	5,302
“ Geography.....	3,834
“ Vocal Music	2,355
“ Grammar and Composition.....	2,929
“ Canadian History.....	585
“ English History.....	1,001
“ Hygiene.....	232
“ Algebra	220
“ Geometry	223
“ Chemistry	88
“ Natural Philosophy.....	10
“ Book-keeping.....	51

CERTIFICATES.

The number of teachers holding first-class Provincial certificates was.....	1
First-class old County Board do.	26
Second-class Provincial do.	15
Third-class new County Board	51
Total.....	93

The number that have attended a Normal School was

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SALARIES.

The highest salary paid a male teacher was \$700, and the lowest \$250, and the average salary \$399.55. The average salary paid female teachers was \$266.35.

EXPENSES.

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THE COUNTY MODEL SCHOOL.

It is a matter of great concern that all who aspire to the profession of teaching should receive suitable training for the profession before receiving certificates of qualification. With a view to supplying that training, County Model Schools are a step in the right direction; it remains to carry them to their legitimate conclusion, to make them in all respects model in their character, and by means of them to supply a body of well trained teachers.

The effects of the Model School training are plainly to be seen, and any measures calculated to enable these institutions still more fully to accomplish their design must be regarded with satisfaction. As a local institution the model school is not looked upon as an unmixed good. The teaching of the teachers in training is regarded as not being so efficient as that of the regular teachers of the school, and some dissatisfaction exists on this score; but the evil is, I fear, inherent in all institutions of this nature.

During the year improvements have been made in the Model School accommodations. Some alterations of the rooms have been made with a view to the more convenient and comfortable working of the two highest departments; the uncomfortable gallery seats have been removed from one of the rooms and new and suitable ones provided, and the premises have been put into better condition.

The teaching staff consists of four teachers—the Principal, holding a first-class Provincial certificate; two assistants, holding second-class Provincial certificates, and one holding a third-class County Board certificate.

The programme drawn up last year by the Town Inspector, R. Harcourt, Esq., M.A., M.P.P., and myself, was found to work well, and we adopted it again for the last two sessions; a copy of it was in my last report.

The number of teachers in training during the first term was 12; in the second, 14—total, 26. Their attendance

was regular, except in cases in which sickness was the cause of absence, and their deportment was satisfactory.

At the end of each term an examination was held, in accordance with the Departmental regulations, and was partly oral and partly written. The candidates were also required by the Board of Examiners to take classes, and teach them in presence of the Board. At the close of the examinations the candidates were all awarded certificates.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES H. BALL,

County Inspector.

Thorold, January, 1881.

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report that the policies on the County buildings at the present time are as follows :—

Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co.	
expires 25th September, 1883, rate 9-10	
per cent.....	\$8,000
In same Company expires 9th April, 1883, at	
9-10 per cent.	4,000
Western expires 7th June, 1883, 9-10 per cent.	9,000
Lancashire expires 12th July, 1883, 9-10 "	6,000
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Canada Fire and Marine, expires 8th February,
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making a total insurance of \$46,000, including \$1,000 on Library, and \$1,000 in the Western on furniture, and leaving \$44,000 on building.

There is outstanding on mortgages on Marsh Lands the sum of \$13,250, including interest for current year. There are about 7,000 acres remaining unsold.

The action taken by the County a short time ago by serving notices on parties in arrears, as I remarked in a former report, is useless if it is not followed up, and if the Council is not disposed to force collections, the parties should at least be required to renew their mortgages, so that the County would not suffer through their indulgence to mortgagors. The time could be extended, if found necessary, to two, three or four years, including amount due at present time in new mortgages.

There has been sold within the last few days 166 acres in Humberstone, at \$6.00 per acre cash. The Robert Foster mortgage has been paid in full this week, amounting to \$482.40, and his mortgage discharged.

The Government have taken for canal enlargement about 19 acres, from lot 27, in the 4th Concession of Humberstone.

There are several applications now in for purchase of lands, and if the sale is completed, will cause a considerable revenue from sales this present year.

The County Treasurer has deposited policies for \$10,000, one for \$5,000 in Citizen Insurance Company, expiring on the 1st day of April, 1881, and another for same amount in Canada Guarantee Company, expiring 1st December, 1881.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

Clerk's Office, Welland,
Jan. 29th, 1881.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER.

Amount due by Bertie	\$1,097 00	
“ “ Thorold Township....	576 00	
“ “ Thorold Town.....	1,184 09	-----
		\$2,857 09
Amount of cash on hand.....		\$9,700 00

		\$12,557 09

Due on Temporary Loan—

Note due on 2nd February.....	\$5,000
“ 8th March	3,000
“ 1st August.....	2,400
“ 23rd “	2,000
“ 14th October.....	4,800

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JAMES McGLASHAN,
County Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office, Welland,
Jan. 26th, 1881.

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APPENDIX E.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

PETITION FROM RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN
OF WELLAND RE IRON BRIDGE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council assembled.*

We, the undersigned petitioners and ratepayers of the
Town of Welland, humbly sheweth, that

WHEREAS the said Town of Welland has been to the
great expense of building an iron bridge over the Welland
River, "a county stream" connecting County roads, and
used by the people of the County generally;

AND WHEREAS the County is obliged to keep up all other
bridges on said river, and have just voted a large sum to
build a bridge in the Village of Chippawa similarly
situated;

AND WHEREAS this town will have to bear its share of
the expense along with other municipalities in the building
of said bridge.

If, through technical errors, we have forfeited our claim,
we believe, in the light of common honesty between man
and man, that such claim should be considered and sus-
tained.

We, the undersigned petitioners, would, therefore, ask that your honorable body do make a grant to this municipality equal to the cost of said Chippawa bridge, or such other sum as your honorable body may feel disposed in justice to grant.

GEO. H. BURGAR,
W. E. TESKEY,
and 100 others.

Welland, Jan. 28th, 1881.

PETITION RE WELLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

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

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the County of Welland, in consideration of the due diligence and deep interest taken in the past by Dr. Schooley, as Trustee of the Grammar School, hereby request and desire him to be reappointed to the Trusteeship of said Grammar School.

For which your petitioners will ever pray.

JAMES BRIDGES,
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Welland, Jan. 24th, 1881.

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MEMORIAL RE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

To his Honor the Hon. John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council assembled:

The memorial of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Welland,

Humbly Sheweth:

1st. That grave misunderstandings have arisen between court officials and the auditors appointed under the Law Reform Amendment Act as to the construction to be put upon many of the charges in the present tariff of fees in connection with the Administration of Justice Accounts, and that a revision and modification of the tariff is desirable.

2nd. That the appointment of Auditors for one year should be increased to during the pleasure of the Council.

3rd. That the appointment of the Chairman of Quarter Sessions as an auditor is incompatible with his position as a Judge when disputes and litigation arise between court officials and County Councils when such are tried before the County Judge, who is *ex-officio* Auditor, and can overrule both auditors in that position.

4th. That the appointment of an auditor by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the Province would give uniformity in the audit throughout the several counties, and would not necessarily increase the expenses in connection therewith.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honor in Council to have the desired changes made, and grant the prayer of the petition.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

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JAMES SMITH,
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J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

Welland, Jan. 24th, 1881.

MEMORIAL RE SELECTION OF JURORS.

*To His Honor the Honorable John Beverly Robinion, Lieut.
Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council assembled :*

The memorial of the Municipal Corporation of the
County of Welland, in Council assembled,

Humbly Sheweth :

THAT WHEREAS under the present system of County
Boards of Selectors of Jurors, it costs the County a large
sum of money without doing any good, are of opinion that
the second selection should be dispensed with and expenses
lessened.

Your memorialists, therefore, humbly recommend that
a change may be effected with a view to economy.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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JAMES SMITH,
Warden.

J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

PETITION RE CONVEYANCE OF PRISONERS
TO PENITENTIARY.

To the Hon. James McDonald, Minister of Justice, Ottawa :

The petition of the Municipality of the County of Wel-
land, ..

Humbly Sheweth :

That the present system of conveying prisoners from the
various County Gaols of the Dominion is very expensive.

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That the system adopted by the Ontario Government in conveying prisoners to the Central Prison is much less expensive, the average expense of each prisoner from this Province being about six dollars and seventy-five cents.

Your petitioners, would, therefore, ask that you would be pleased to make provision, by Statute or otherwise, for conveying prisoners to the Provincial Penitentiary upon some more economical plan than that at present exists.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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JAMES SMITH,
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J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

Council Chamber, Welland,

Jan. 28th, 1881.

APPENDIX F.

COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMUNICATION RE SELECTION OF JURORS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—From an experience of twenty years during which time I have, as County Treasurer, sat as a member of the County Board of Selectors of Jurors, I have become thoroughly convinced of the uselessness of the second selection by that Board, made as it is by parties who can have no intimate knowledge of the qualifications, as Jurors, of those returned by the selectors of the local municipalities. These latter, viz., the Reeve, Clerk and Assessor of each municipality, are certainly the best qualified to make a proper selection within their own municipality, and their power of selection should not be controlled further than is consistent with due regard to preventing, as far as practicable, any packing of the Jury Lists. The County Board of Selectors, on the other hand, all except the Warden, living in the County Town, cannot have any intimate knowledge of the parties returned from the different municipalities, and their selection from these lists is mainly, if not altogether, a mere matter of guess work. Their main duty is to draw \$4 per day.

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The average cost in each County for this service is about \$140. This unnecessary waste of the County funds could certainly be saved without in any way interfering with the impartial selection of fitting men to serve as Jurors.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the second selection by the County Board should be done away with altogether and the jury panels balloted for directly from the lists returned by the local selectors.

I would respectfully ask you to take this into your careful consideration, and if you concur in the views I have expressed, to petition the Local Legislature now in session to so amend the Jurors Act as to abolish the second selection by the County Selectors.

Further, the large expenditure entailed upon each County for providing juries, to try both civil and criminal cases is a serious charge upon the County funds; your own Treasurer can furnish you with the amount it costs your own county. Something has been done within the past two years in the way of lessening the costs, but much more could be yet effected, without impairing the efficiency of jury trial, which it is certainly desirable to maintain, to lessen the burden entailed upon the taxpayer. The most material saving could be effected by lessening the number composing both a Grand and Petit Jury. It seems to many farcical that twenty-four men should be summoned to make a preliminary inquiry to see whether a prisoner should be put on his trial or not, while twelve only are required to definitely pronounce on his guilt or innocence. Again, in civil cases, is not twelve more than is sufficient? I have heard a County Court Judge express the opinion that from his experience he would have more confidence in a Division Court Jury, consisting only of five, than in a County or Assize Court Jury of twelve.

In the Province of New Brunswick they have for the past ten years tried the experiment of reducing the number of their juries in both County and Superior Courts with marked success. Their juries now consist of nine in the

Superior Courts, of whom seven can find a verdict, and of five in the County Courts, of whom four can find a verdict. The Attorney-General of that Province, the Hon. Mr. King, states that since the adoption of that reform he has not heard of any feeling or desire to revert to the original number. If a similar reduction were made in our own Province and a reduction of the Grand Jury to fifteen, it would effect a yearly saving of from \$700 to \$1,000 in each county without in any way impairing the efficiency of the Administration of Justice.

These points, also, are well worthy of your consideration, and if you concur in the proposed reduction, you could embody them also in your petition.

Should you decide upon expressing your views by petition upon one or both of these propositions, please forward your petition to your representatives in the Local Parliament as early as possible.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. M. ROSS.

Goderich, Jan. 17th, 1881.

RESIGNATION OF J. J. SIDEY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Whilst thanking you for the unsolicited and unexpected honor conferred upon me by your selection of myself as Auditor of the Treasurer's Accounts for the current year, I desire respectfully to resign such appointment, as I do not desire the office, and interpreting the terms of Statute strictly, would not feel warranted in ac-

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Regretting the necessity of putting you to the trouble of re-electing an auditor, and hoping that the process may be somewhat easier than upon the previous occasion.

I am, yours respectfully,

J. J. SIDEY.

Welland, Jan. 26th, 1881.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF ELGIN COUNTY RE CONVEYANCE OF PRISONERS TO PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY.

Copy of Resolution of the County Council of the County of Elgin.

"Moved by Mr. John King, seconded by Mr. Edward Hegler, that this Council petition the Hon. James McDonald, Minister of Justice of the Dominion, to make provision by Statute, or otherwise, for the conveying of prisoners to the Provincial Penitentiary from the several County Gaols of the Dominion on some economical plan similar to the existing practice adopted by the Ontario Government; and that the various Municipal Councils in the Dominion be asked to co-operate in said petition.—Carried."

St. Thomas, Dec. 13th, 1880.

SIR,—The above is the copy of a resolution passed at last session of Elgin County Council respecting the conveyance of prisoners to the Provincial Penitentiary, which I will thank you to submit to your Council at its next meeting for their co-operation.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM MCKAY,

County Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM E. A. McNACHTON.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, Cobourg,
Jan. 24th, 1881.

SIR,—I am directed to forward to you the enclosed memorial, so that your Council may co-operate with this and take immediate action thereon while in Council.

These Counties feel that unless a check is at once put upon the charges now made under the tariff of fees, that grave difficulties may hereafter arise.

These Counties have also experienced much difficulty in yearly change of auditors. It is quite impossible for any one to thoroughly comprehend, in one year, the various charges made by the County Court officials, and deem it much better to have them appointed during pleasure.

The changes recommended in the other clauses will at once commend themselves as being more desirable.

Your obedient servant,

E. A. MACNACHTAN,
County Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM COUNTY CLERK.

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

I am requested, by responsible parties, to ask the Council to express an opinion as to price per acre, in cash, for unsold Marsh Lands, and under the By-Law for sale, being one-fifth down.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

January 29th, 1881.

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COMMUNICATION FROM PROVINCIAL
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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, Jan. 3rd, 1881.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst., transmitting a petition from the County Council of Welland with regard to amendments to the Assessment Act.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. E. LUMSDEN,
Assistant Secretary.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk, Welland.

